



DONAGHADEE PARISH CHURCH

24th December 2017

Fourth Sunday of Advent

To-day's services:

8.30am Holy Communion
10.30am Informal Family Service

**** NO SERVICE AT 7.00pm ****

11.00pm Christmas Eve Communion

Collect of the Day

8.30am

Holy Communion

Order One page 180

Epistle: Romans 16: 25-27

Gospel: Luke 1: 26-38

God our redeemer, who prepared the blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son:

Grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour, so we may be ready to greet him when he comes again as our judge; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

11.00pm

**Christmas Eve
Communion**

The Epistle: Romans 16: 25-27

25 Now to him who is able to establish you by my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery hidden for long ages past, 26 but now revealed and made known through the prophetic writings by the command of the eternal God, so that all nations might believe and obey him - 27 to the only wise God be glory forever through Jesus Christ! Amen.

The Gospel: Luke 1: 26-38

26 In the sixth month, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, 27 to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. 28 The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favoured! The Lord is with you."

29 Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. 30 But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favour with God. 31 You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus. 32 He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, 33 and he will reign over the house of Jacob for ever; his kingdom will never end."

34 "How will this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?"

35 The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. 36 Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be barren is in her sixth month. 37 For nothing is impossible with God."

38 "I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May it be to me as you have said." Then the angel left her.



WELCOME TO WORSHIP

God in Christ has revealed his glory.

Come let us worship.

From the rising of the sun to its setting
the Lord's name is greatly to be praised.

Give him praise, you servants of the Lord.

O praise the name of the Lord!

Hymn: 164 *"It came upon the midnight clear"*

**Lighting of the Fourth Advent candle and
the Advent Collect and the Collect of the Day.**

Lord, may your light shine as you speak to us
that we may hear your word.

Lord, may your light shine as you move among us
that we may behold your glory.

Lord, may your light shine as you receive our prayers
that we may learn to trust you. Amen.

Confession

Sentence of scripture

We call to mind our sins.

(Silence)

**O King enthroned on high,
filling the earth with your glory:
holy is your name,
Lord God almighty.**

**In our sinfulness we cry to you
to take our guilt away,
and to cleanse our lips to speak your word,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Announcement of God's forgiveness.

Lord's Prayer

Birthday Box

Worship Songs:

"Men of faith"

"I'm giving you my heart"

Bible Reading

Intercessions

Beginning and concluding with:

Song: *"Emmanuel, Emmanuel"*

Emmanuel, Emmanuel,
His name is called Emmanuel;
God with us, revealed in us;
His name is called Emmanuel.

Affirmation of Faith

**Though he was divine,
he did not cling to equality with God,
but made himself nothing.
Taking the form of a slave,
he was born in human likeness.
He humbled himself
and was obedient to death,
even the death of the cross.**

**Therefore God has raised him on high,
and given him the name above every name:
that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bow,
and every voice proclaim that Jesus Christ is
Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Offertory Carol: 162

"In the bleak mid-winter"

All Age Address

Hymn: 175

"Of the Father's heart begotten"

Blessing



Worship Songs

Men of faith, rise up and sing

of the great and glorious King.
You are strong when you feel weak,
in your brokenness complete.

*Shout to the north and the south,
sing to the east and the west.
Jesus is Saviour to all,
Lord of heaven and earth.*

Rise up, women of the truth,
stand and sing to broken hearts.
Who can know the healing pow'r
of our awesome King of love.

We've been through fire,
we've been through rain,
we've been refined by the power of his name.
We've fallen deeper in love with you,
you've burned the truth on our lips.

Rise up, church with broken wings,
fill this place with songs again
of our God who reigns on high,
by his grace again we'll fly.

.....

I'm giving you my heart,
and all that is within,
I lay it all down
for the sake of you my King.
I'm giving you my dreams,
I'm laying down my rights,
I'm giving up my pride
for the promise of new life.

*And I surrender all to you,
all to you.
And I surrender all to you,
all to you.*

I'm singing you this song;
I'm waiting at the cross.
And all the world holds dear,
I count it all as loss.
For the sake of knowing you,
the glory of your name,
to know the lasting joy,
even sharing in your pain.



Year after year disasters hit different parts of the world. The most vulnerable and marginalised people suffer most when disaster strikes'

There is always a need for immediate aid when an earthquake, hurricane, cyclone, floods or famine strike.

Church of Ireland Bishops' Appeal has, thanks to the generosity of its supporters, been able to respond to calls for emergency help. This contributes to alleviating the suffering of the survivors of a disaster and may help them start to rebuild their shattered lives.

Please give generously this Christmas to our central Church response to world need. Last year Donaghadee Parish gave £1700 to Maridi Diocese at Harvest. Purple Bishop's Appeal envelopes are in the pews. Please place your contribution on the offertory plate over Christmas and Epiphany.

*Should you wish a member of the Parish
Ministry Team to pray with you after
the service, please go to the
Chapel of Healing.*

CHRISTMAS SERVICES



Monday 25th December CHRISTMAS DAY

8.30am Holy Communion

10.30am Short Christmas Family
Communion Service

Tuesday 26th December SAINT STEPHEN'S DAY

11.00am Holy Communion

Wednesday:

11.00am Intercessions for the Sick

Sunday 31st December First Sunday of Christmas

8.30am Holy Communion

10.30am All Age Service

7.00pm Compline on
New Year's Eve



Sunday 7th January Second Sunday of Christmas celebrating THE EPIPHANY

8.30am Holy Communion

10.30am An All Age Family Service
for Epiphany

7.00pm, An Epiphany Service

PRAYER POINTS

- * Remember to pray for our Rector Ian, Debbie, Luke and Jonny.
- * For the other churches in our town: remembering this week Shore Street Presbyterian congregation, their minister Revd Alvin Little, his wife Linda and their family.
- * For our Link Diocese of Albany, Bishop Bill, clergy and people.
- * Diocesan Parish Prayer Focus: remembering this week Christmas in our Parishes.
- * For our a deeper sense of fellowship and community.
- * For continuing growth in our congregation.
- * For our Sunday School and teachers.

**Our purpose is:
that people may find
faith in Jesus.
Pray for someone
who YOU could
invite to church.**



DONAGHADEE PARISH



2018

Freewill Offering

Envelopes

The 2018 Freewill Offering envelopes
are ready for collection at both doors
of the Church.

They are in alphabetical order.
Please do not use until 2018.

Please help us to distribute these to our
parishioners.

See the Parish Website
www.donaghadeeparish.co.uk

CCL 752467/20176

CHRISTMAS SERVICES



Monday 25th December

CHRISTMAS DAY

8.30am Holy Communion

10.30am Short Christmas Family
Communion Service

Tuesday 26th December

SAINT STEPHEN'S DAY

11.00am Holy Communion

Sunday 31st December

First Sunday of Christmas

8.30am Holy Communion

10.30am All Age Service

7.00pm Compline on

New Year's Eve

**MAY YOU KNOW
THE PEACE & JOY OF JESUS CHRIST
THIS CHRISTMAS.**

A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS!

DONAGHADEE PARISH CHURCH

Christmas Eve Communion 2017



The Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us:
and we beheld His glory.

Opening Hymn: 174

"O little town on Bethlehem"

The Gathering of God's People (page 201)

Collect for Purity

Penitence

The Collect for Christmas Eve (see inside)

Proclaiming and Receiving the Word (page 204)

Epistle: Titus 2: 11-14

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

The Gradual Hymn: 168

"Lord, you were rich beyond all splendour"

Holy Gospel: Luke 2: 1-14

All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Creed (page 205)

Address

The Prayers of the People

Response: Jesus, Saviour,
hear our prayer.

Offertory Hymn: 164

"It came upon the midnight clear"

Celebrating at the Lord's Table (page 208)

Post Communion Prayer (see inside)

Closing Hymn: 160

Collect of the Day

Almighty God,
you make us glad with the yearly remembrance
of the birth of your Son Jesus Christ:
Grant that, as we joyfully receive him as our
redeemer, we may with sure confidence behold
him when he shall come to be our judge;
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy
Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.



The Epistle: Titus 2: 11-14

11 For the grace of God that brings salvation has
appeared to all men. 12 It teaches us to say “No” to
ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-
controlled, upright and godly lives in this present
age, 13 while we wait for the blessed hope—the
glorious appearing of our great God and Saviour,
Jesus Christ, 14 who gave himself for us to redeem
us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a
people that are his very own, eager to do what is
good.

The Gospel: Luke 2: 1-14

1 In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree
that a census should be taken of the entire Roman
world. 2 (This was the first census that took place
while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) 3 And
everyone went to their own town to register.

4 So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth
in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of
David, because he belonged to the house and line of
David. 5 He went there to register with Mary, who
was pledged to be married to him and was
expecting a child. 6 While they were there, the time
came for the baby to be born, 7 and she gave birth to
her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and
placed him in a manger, because there was no room
for them in the inn.

8 And there were shepherds living out in the fields
near by, keeping watch over their flocks at night. 9
An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the
glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were
terrified. 10 But the angel said to them, “Do not be
afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will
be for all the people. 11 Today in the town of David
a Saviour has been born to you; he is Christ, the
Lord. 12 This will be a sign to you: You will find a
baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.”

13 Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host
appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,

14 “Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to men on whom
his favour rests.”

Post Communion Prayer

God for whom we wait,
you feed us with the bread of eternal life:
Keep us ever watchful, that we may be ready
to stand before the Son of Man, Jesus Christ our
Lord.
Amen.

