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As gifted by the Father, and following the leading of His Spirit, we seek the building up of Christ's church in love, reaching out with the Good News of Jesus Christ to the community of Hilton and beyond, all for God's glory.

Welcome!

If you are visiting with us today, please stay after the service (**10.30am**) for tea/coffee which is served in the large hall.

Pastoral Care Team - The Care team's role is to provide help and support in various ways. If you or someone you know needs assistance please contact:

Margaret Lamond (tel:225494) or email: maggielamond162@gmail.com

Caroline MacDonald (tel:230278) or email: edenhouse@btinternet.com

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Lectionary Readings:

	Passages:
02 Dec	Exodus 1:8-14,22; 2:1-10; Acts 7:17-22
09 Dec	Judges 13:2-14,24; Numbers 6:2-5

Preaching:
Duncan MacPherson
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Congregational Letter: A letter from Duncan is enclosed with this bulletin. If you do not get a copy please email the office and one can be sent to you (office@hiltonchurch.org.uk).



Messy Church: Messy Church will take place in the church this afternoon from 4pm to 6pm. If you would like to help out please speak to Simeon or Jonathan. Donations of home baking would be most welcome. Thank you.



Christmas Lunch: On Sunday 16th December Sunday Club are hosting a Christmas lunch in the large hall after the morning service. Everyone is invited to attend. If you are able to help contribute by bringing some food there are sign-up sheets in the link corridor.

Congregational Board Update: A summary of the most recent Congregational Board meeting can be found at the end of this bulletin.

Monthly Elders' Prayer Meeting: A monthly prayer meeting for elders will take place downstairs in the Light House on the first Sunday of each month at 9am. There will be a meeting this morning and the next meeting will be 6th January.

Hilton Parent Support Group: Many thanks to everyone who recently supported the group by choosing to place their Tesco 'Bags of Help' tokens in the slot allocated to them. The group secured second place and have been awarded £2000. This is fantastic news for the group.

New Board Members Required: The Board are looking for new Board members to take on the following roles:

- Clerk to the Board – New Clerk required from March 2019. Interesting role supporting the Board and a handover will be provided.
- Data Protection Officer

To find out more, please contact Iain Ross via email iain.ross999@gmail.com or 07766781287

Congo News: A newsletter from Dr Matthias & Sabine Holmer is available in the foyer.



Afternoon Tea: The next monthly afternoon tea for over 60's will be on Wednesday, 19th December at 2pm. Pupils from Hilton Primary School will be providing some entertainment.



Hilton Church Toddlers: Our baby & toddler group meets in the large hall every Friday morning during school term from 9.30 – 11.15. All parents and carers are very welcome.

Time Out: The next Time Out is on Wed 5th December. Start time 10:00. Crèche provided. Everyone welcome! Cards with the dates are available in the foyer. Try your hand at a new skill, felting, mosaics, card making or bring along your own project.

Weekly Offering Envelopes: The offering envelopes for 2019 are available to collect in the large hall today. If you would like to begin using the envelopes for your regular giving please speak to Jane. Please note that some envelope numbers may have changed, if you are given envelopes with a different number than this current year this is not an error.

House Groups: There are currently 2 evening house groups meeting to study bible passages and share fellowship together. If you would like to know more or would be interested in joining one of these groups contact details are below:

- Fortnightly on a Thursday - Peter Naulls (tel: 234208)
- Weekly on a Monday - Carolyn Cload (tel: 713799)

Kingdom Tots (crèche): We are looking for some new names to join the Kingdom Tots rota. Some of the people on the rota are currently helping/leading at both crèche and Sunday Club and some have been on the rota for a good number of years now and would like to take a break. If you feel that you could help out please speak to Jane or Iwona or email the office (office@hiltonchurch.org.uk). You should only be required to help once every 5 or 6 weeks.



Foodbank: If you are able to donate, the following items will be greatly appreciated at this time: Tins of Ham, Jars of Pasta Sauce, Packets of Sweet Biscuits, Tins of Custard, Tins of Potatoes, Shower Gel/Shampoo
Donations of supermarket 'Bags for Life' are also extremely useful. Donations can be placed in the container in the Church vestibule. The Blythswood Care Superstore on Harbour Road also receives donations from Mon to Sat, 9am to 4pm. Foodbank Contact: email - lorna.dempster@blythswood.org or call 07875 332696



'The Wise Men': Out of the Box and the Todd Brothers present, 'The Wise Men', an Out of the Box Pantivity. Thursday 13th December 2018 - Show starts at 6.30pm. Hosted by Inshes Church, Inverness. This is a FREE event. There will be a stall selling a variety

of puppets, mugs, posters and more. Hotdogs and refreshments will be served from 5.30pm and everyone is most welcome to come and join us for some dinner before the show. There will also be mince pies and other goodies after the show.

Reasons for Hope Event: CCC (Culduthel Christian Centre) is hosting 'REASONS FOR HOPE AT CHRISTMAS' on Sunday 9th December. It is an opportunity to be equipped for living out and sharing our faith at Christmas. Details as follows:

Afternoon Seminars: 4.30-5.30pm

Seminar 1: Witness at Work - A fresh look at witness in the workplace


Speaker: Chris Dowling (Pastor of Kings Church, Inverness and Director of Cairngorm Windows)

Seminar 2: Overcoming Anxiety - Finding the promised peace.

Speaker: Alasdair Macleod (Pastor, CCC)

Main Session: 6pm – 7.15pm

'The perfect gift' – Speaker: Andy Bannister (Solas Centre for Public Christianity). To sign up for this event please go to www.culduthelchristiancentre.org and select 'news' and then 'events'.

 **Acclaim Christmas Concert:** Come along to Acclaim's annual Christmas concert and also join with the choir to sing favourite Christmas Carols. Tickets are available from CLC Bookshop, Inverness and also from choir members. Tickets are free but there will be an opportunity to give towards Out of the Box (Scotland). Saturday, December 15, 2018 at 7:30 pm in the Free North Free Church of Scotland, Bank Street, Inverness.

Farming Community Service: The annual Farming Community Service will take place on Sunday, 16th December at 2.45pm in Dingwall Mart with Highland Gospel Male Voice Choir. All are most welcome to attend.

SILVERDAZE JEWELLERY OPEN DAYS! - Early Bird Christmas shopping days!!

Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th December, 1 - 5pm, at 1 West Heather Road, IV2 4WS. Great offers and gift ideas. Bring your friends. Contact Fiona Maclauchlan for details - 07546453845 or fiona.silverdaze@gmail.com Website - www.silverdazeuk.com

Inverness Street Pastors: Next Prayer Support meetings: Sat 15 Dec, 10.30am - 12.30pm - focus on Christmas patrols. At the Hub (but venue to be confirmed). Especially for those unable to come into town at night to pray.

Sat 22 Dec, 9.00 pm - 1.30 am at the Hub, Castle Street Baptist Church. Supporting the City Centre patrol.

Church of Scotland Vocations Information Day: The next Vocations Information day will be on Saturday 9th February at St John's Episcopal Church, Princes Street, Edinburgh. More information can be found on the poster in the link corridor.

Refuel 2019: Tickets are now on sale for Refuel 2019 which will take place from 21st to 27th July 2019 at Gordon Castle Estate, Morayshire. For more information go to www.refuelscotland.org.uk



Christian Union at the University of the Highland and Islands (UHICU):

UHI Christian Union, Inverness College Campus UHI, Tuesday @ 5.30-7pm in room 106.

The Highlands Support Refugees: The Highlands Supports Refugees is still collecting clothes and shoes etc and needs volunteers to sort it. There is currently a desperate need for men's clothing. If you have time on a Friday morning to help with the sorting of donations, Audrey Whyte would be happy to help with transport if required. If you can let Audrey know if and when you might be available she will let you know when she is going. (audwhyte@aol.com) <https://www.facebook.com/groups/thehighlandssupportrefugees/> If you'd like to bring things to Church to be taken on to the sorting centre in Conon Bridge I'll make sure they get them. It would be very helpful if bags could be labelled, 'men's, women's or children's'. Any queries anne.katherine.thomas@gmail.com or Tel 01463731303.

Noticeboards: If you have any posters or notices which you wish displayed please place them in the tray on the lower shelf of the table in the foyer. Thank you.

Bulletin by email: If you would like to be added to the email distribution list for the weekly bulletin please let Jane know by sending an email to office@hiltonchurch.org.uk
If you have any notices for the bulletin please make sure they are in the office by 4pm on Wednesday. Thank you. Call 233310 or email: office@hiltonchurch.org.uk

Sunday Morning Groups for Children and Young Teenagers

There are various groups meet on a Sunday morning for children and young teenagers. You will see below where each group meets. If you are new or visiting please ask for directions. The minister or person leading the service will announce when the children should leave. Parents/carers are responsible for taking their children to and from these activities. Visiting children are very welcome to join in.

- Kingdom Tots (Under 3s) & Kingdom Kids (3-5 year olds) – Small Hall
- Sunday Club Juniors (P1 – P3) – Upstairs in Lighthouse (meet in Large Hall)
- Sunday Club Seniors (P4 – P6) – Large Hall
- P7 - S2 Group – Downstairs Lighthouse

A group for S3-S6 pupils meets every Sunday evening at Jonathan's house, from 7.30pm. Please speak to Jonathan or one of the teenagers for more information.

Speaker Facility: A speaker is located in the small hall (kitchen entrance) to allow people to hear what is being said in the sanctuary. If you need to leave the sanctuary but still wish to hear the sermon, you may use this facility [especially useful for those with babies].
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Congregational Board Summary

The latest meeting of the Congregational Board was on Tuesday 13th November where we discussed the latest finance and property issues. The main points of interest were:

- *The Treasurer reported that we are on budget for 2018 so far but need to continue to be cautious with expenditure*
- *We had an update on property issues. The priorities for urgent repairs are the guttering at the front of the Church, the concrete ramps/steps and the Light House door and the work is being organised.*
- *Other repairs in progress are the heating in the large hall and some works to prevent bats getting inside the hall*
- *The sound system is continuing to deteriorate and so an up-to-date report is being done to investigate the best way to replace the system.*
- *There are other areas of work required including on trees in the grounds, but given the budget constraints they will need to wait until the priority work is addressed.*