Autumn Teaching Series

The Way of the Servant



Morning Worship

Sunday 29 November 2026

Making Advent Real, Relevant and Revolutionary!

Luke 21:25-31; 34-36

Rev. Jim Campbell

Welcome to worship!

Whether you are a long-time member, here for the first time, exploring faith, or simply passing through, **we are glad you are here.**

If you are unfamiliar with Presbyterian worship, please don't worry about knowing when to stand, sit, or respond — simply join in as you **feel comfortable**.

Crèche is available at the back of the church — noise is welcome! **Children and youth** programmes are available during the service. The welcome team will be happy to help direct you.

Refreshments are served in the church halls after the service — please stay if you can.

New to Church?

Scan the QR code to connect or receive our weekly email.

Breeze Translate

Scan the QR code to follow the service live in your heart language.

Newtownbreda Presbyterian Church (St. John's)

ORDER of SERVICE

Welcome and Announcements	
Call to Worship	
Introit	*Advent Candles Tell Their Story*
Prayers of Adoration & Confession	
Song: IPH 299	**O come, O come, Emmanuel**
Lighting of Advent Candle	Gwyneth and Mark Compston
Song: SfW 38	**He came down that we may have love**
Children's Talk	Ben Smyth
Song: (Offering)	**Light of the World**

Children leave for Sunday School (P1-5); Sunday Club (P6-7); Bible Class (Yr 8-10)

Dedication of Offering	
Reading:	Muriel Bloomer
Luke 21:25-31; 34-36 p 61	
Sermon:	Making Advent Real, Relevant and Revolutionary!
Anthem:	*I am the Light*
Prayers of Intercession	Margaret Robinson
Song: IPH 399	**From heaven You came, helpless babe**
Benediction	

Please join us for refreshments after the service in the church halls.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

KNOCKBREDA COMMUNITY WILDLIFE GARDEN: Jars of chutney, apple jelly etc will be on sale in the Rosetta Hall after the service **today**, also some lovely Garden greetings cards. The proceeds will go to our fundraising for a disabled access toilet at the Garden. A card reader will be available if you don't have any cash! See Ken for details.



Messy Church will be celebrating with a Light Party and the Christmas Lights Switch On, **today** from 4.00-5.30pm. We'll have refreshments after and a special visitor will be making an appearance too!

ST. JOHN'S WOMEN - Attention all Quizzers! Please remember **today** is the last day to give or email your completed quiz sheets to Hilary McCourt**.** Many thanks.

FREEWILL OFFERING ENVELOPES for 2027 - I will be preparing envelopes for 2027 for distribution by the elders early in December. If you normally receive envelopes but would prefer to change to contribution by standing order, or if you have never received envelopes but would like them for 2027, please speak to me by **Sunday 29**. Marj (Marjorieguiler@gmail.com)

DECEMBER NEWSLETTER - The December newsletter will be published on Friday 4 December - please make this a bumper Christmas edition by sending me (by email or WhatsApp) your news, photographs and stories by **Tuesday morning 1 December** latest. Marj (Marjorieguiler@gmail.com, 07740 823756)



CHRISTINGLE TEA - The list of Church events over the next few weeks includes the Candlelight Carol Service on **Sunday 20th December** at 5pm. After the Carol Service we will be holding the annual Christingle Tea. Traditionally all donations received are given to a charity connected to someone in church. Habitat for Humanity, where Emma Lutton is now working, has been selected as this year's charity.
Although it is busy time of year if you can help or assist with catering it would be greatly appreciated. Please speak to Clare Pollock after church or phone on 07788668144. Many thanks.

UNWANTED FOREIGN CURRENCY - Do you have unwanted foreign currency?
Foreign currency often ends up forgotten in drawers or wallets. Mary's Meals is a charity whose mission it is to provide nutritious school meals to children living in some of the poorest countries in the world and they can utilise foreign currency to provide these meals for hungry children. They accept coins and notes, former or current, from **any** country, as well as UK currency no longer in circulation. Mary's Meals partner organisation, Leftover Currency, will add an extra 5% to all donations except US dollars and Euros. There are envelopes in the vestibule at the back of the church which **can be returned up until Christmas**. As we approach the Advent season, please consider donating your leftover holiday money to help provide daily school meals that give children the energy to learn, grow and build brighter futures.

FOOD STORE at COOKE - Food store at Cooke are running short of the following items and would appreciate donations: tea bags, coffee, cooking oil, tinned fruit, shampoo, shower gel, washing powder/ liquid and toothpaste.

Christmas packs will be given to Women's Aid families. The following items for women and children of all ages would be most useful: gloves, socks, pants, leggings, books, small gifts, sweets and selection boxes.
Last day for donations will be **Sunday 6 December**. Thank you.

ENGLISH CLASS: Good News! Our English Class, Homework Club and Children's activities are thriving. We could do with some additional help from time to time. If you are interested in volunteering on a Tuesday evening, please speak to Janet at coffee or contact on 07736523374.
A big thankyou from Najad for all the items you have kindly donated to her and her family.

SUNDAY COFFEE ROTA - volunteers needed! The new coffee rota from end of December to end of March has now been posted on the notice board in the foyer. If you can help, please sign rota or speak to Margaret Robinson.

Christmas Events and Services

Messy Church Party and Christmas Lights Switch On

Sunday 29 November | 4.00–5.30 pm

Come and celebrate the start of the Christmas season with our Messy Church Party and the switching on of the Christmas lights!

Morning Worship during Advent

Sundays 29 November, 6 December and 13 December | 10.30 am

Join us on Sunday mornings as we prepare for Christmas and hear the good news of Jesus. Everyone is welcome.

Remembrance Service

Sunday 6 December | 5.00 pm

A reflective service to give thanks for and remember those who have died. If you have been bereaved, you are warmly invited to join us.

Lunchtime Liturgies for Advent

Wednesdays 2, 9, 16 and 23 December | 1.00–1.20 pm

A quiet pause for reflection, music and prayer as we prepare for Christmas.

Nativity Service

Sunday 20 December | 10.30 am

Join us as we celebrate the Christmas story together. Everyone is warmly welcome.

Carols by Candlelight

Sunday 20 December | 5.00 pm | Followed by Christingle Tea

Join us for a traditional candlelit service of carols and readings, followed by a festive Christingle Tea.

Christmas Day Service

Friday 25 December | 10.30 am

Celebrate the birth of Jesus with us on Christmas morning in this relaxed, family service.

If you would like to have a notice included in the announcement sheet, email announcements@newtownbreda.org , please note the email address has changed.
Please try to send your announcements to us by the **Thursday** prior to the Sunday service.