

EAST PERTHSHIRE EPISCOPAL CHURCHES
St. Ninian's, Alyth; St. Catharine's, Blairgowrie;
St. Anne's, Coupar Angus; St Michael and All Angels, Ballintuim

1ST DECEMBER 2024
ADVENT SUNDAY

COLLECT

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

AMEN

Readings

Jeremiah	33 : 14-16
Psalm	25 : 1-10
1 Thessalonians	3 : 9-13
Luke	21 : 25-36

Services

9.30 a.m. – Eucharist – St. Catharine's
11.15 a.m. – Service of the Word – St. Anne's
11.15 a.m. – Eucharist – St. Ninian's

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Sunday, 15 th December 6 p.m.	JOINT CAROL SERVICE	St. Ninian's, Alyth	
Sunday, 22 nd December 3 p.m.	CAROL SERVICE	St. Michael & All Angels Ballintuim	
CHRISTMAS EVE	4 p.m. 11 p.m.	CHRISTINGLE COMMUNION	St. Anne's (taken by Kim) St. Catharine's (taken by Kim)
CHRISTMAS DAY	9.45 a.m. 11.00 a.m.	COMMUNION COMMUNION	St. Ninian's (taken by Kim) St. Michael & All Angels (taken by Kim)
	11.15 a.m.	COMMUNION	St. Anne's (taken by Denise Herbert)

ST. NINIAN'S VESTRY meets on Tuesday, 3rd December at 10.30 a.m. at the home of Alison Carver.

BRF GROUP (Bible Reading Fellowship) meets on Tuesday, 3rd December at 10.30 a.m. at the home of Averil Valentine (Cullykhan, Bogside Road, Coupar Angus).

CHURCHES TOGETHER meets on Thursday, 5th December at 7 p.m. in St. Catharine's Centre.

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

We have once again been asked by Churches Together (formerly EFACTS) to make up family Christmas Hampers which will be distributed by the Social Work Department. The aim is to provide a Christmas meal for a family of four, two adults and two children. A list of suggested contents is at the back of the churches and you can put your names alongside the item (or items) you would like to donate. Please bring your donations by Sunday, 10th December.

BLAIRGOWRIE LYRIC CHOIR'S ANNUAL CAROL CONCERT will be held on Friday, 13th December at 7 p.m. in St. Catharine's. Tickets are £8 (children free) including refreshments in the church hall afterwards. They can be obtained from Adrina Flatt or any choir member.

CAROLS IN THE WELLMEADOW

Blairgowrie Parish Church are hosting this at 2 p.m. Saturday, 14th December, followed by hot drinks and mince pies in the Parish Church Hall. In case of bad weather, the event will be held in the Blairgowrie Parish Church Hall. ALL WELCOME.

JOINT PRAYER & PRAISE EVENING FOR OUR YOUTH in Rattray Bowling Club on Wednesday. 11th December at 7.30 p.m.

MOTHERS' UNION are once again collecting toiletries to make up emergency toiletry bags for the Cottage Hospital and Women's Aid. Both are really grateful for them. When in hospital for a long time with no visitors they are given a bag. Similarly, when abused women and families flee they often have nothing other than the clothes they are wearing, so a gift of a bag of basic necessities makes them feel a little better. There will be a box at the back of our churches for the next few weeks, for your kind donations.

Toothbrushes and toothpaste, soap, shampoo, deodorant, shower gel, small packets of tissues, flannels and combs, as well as other basic items are gladly received. We also make up bags for children in the refuge and men in the Cottage Hospital.

Smaller rather than huge bottles are better.
Thank you.

THE CRIB

They are making a crèche at the Saturday morning classes
For the Christmas party – scissors and paper vie
With fingers and plasticine until there are masses
Of sheep and shepherds that kneel and stand and lie.

And cotton-batting angels with cellophane wings
And a golded cardboard star and string to guide it
And pipe-cleaner camels carrying tin foil kings
And a real straw manger with Joseph and Mary beside it.

But the manger is empty. The Saturday classes contain
So many different faiths, there is a danger
Of giving offence; there was once no room in the inn,
Now there is no room for him in the manger.

Of course he will understand, his love is hearty
Enough to forgive and forget the being slighted

And true enough not to offend at the birthday party
By showing up where he is uninvited.

Besides he is long accustomed to the manners
Of centuries that consecrate the snub
Of Christmas honoured, not the one it honours.
Strange they should trouble to give the crèche a crib.

Robert Finch

**SUNDAY, 8th DECEMBER, 2024
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Services

9.30 a.m. – Eucharist – St. Catharine’s
11.15 a.m. – Eucharist – St. Anne’s
3.00 p.m. – Eucharist – St. Ninian’s

Readings

Malachi 3 : 1-4
Luke 1 : 68-79
Philippians 1 : 3-11
Luke 3 : 1-6

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Usual non-working day FRIDAY

Organist : St. Catharine’s and St. Anne’s Austin Wilkie.

St. Catharine’s Centre Coordinator: Julie Sinclair. Normal hours,
Monday, Wednesday and Friday 1.30-5.30 p.m. T. 01250 874583.

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Items for Pew Leaflet to: Mrs. Margaret Linley by 5pm on Wednesday
T.07778 570515 (text only) E. linley314@tiscali.co.uk .

SAINTS ALIVE ARTICLES : e-mail : Chris.Judson E Chris44.judson@gmail.com
01250-872789 or to Saints Alive team (details on back page of magazine).

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St. Ninian’s SC 005907, St. Michael’s SC 009176.

We welcome visitors and newcomers to our Churches. If you are new to the area and/or Church and would like the church to have your contact details, please add your details below and give this to one of the Sidesmen.

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Name/s.....

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For St.Catharine’s please hand to: Mrs. Sarah Gammell or email your details to sarah@thegammells.com

For St.Anne’s please hand to: Mrs. Andrina Flatt or email your details to sec.st.annes@gmail.com

For St.Ninian’s Please hand to: Mrs. Carol Renwick or email your details to cjrenwick@gmail.com