

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

**SUNDAY, 3<sup>rd</sup> DECEMBER, 2023**  
**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**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**

Isaiah	64 : 1-9
Psalm	80 : 1-7, 17-19
1 Corinthians	1 : 3-9
Mark	13 : 24-37

**Services**

9.30 a.m. – Eucharist – St. Catharine's  
11.15 a.m. – Eucharist – St. Annes'  
3.00 p.m. – Eucharist – St. Ninian's

**There will be NO Communion at St. Catharine's on Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> December.**

**ST. ANNE'S ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** will take place **TODAY** 3<sup>rd</sup> December after the morning service.

**BRF (Bible Reading Fellowship)** were studying the book of Revelation 22:2 in the Bible and especially the text "....On either side of the river is the tree of life .... The leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations". We now have a tree in St. Anne's and a basket of leaves so that members can write prayers and tie them to the tree. We keep Ukraine and the Middle East in our prayers.

**BRF**

The next meeting will be on Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> December at 10.30 a.m. at Averil's home, Cullykhan, Bogside Road Coupar Angus, PH13 9HJ. Please note change of time.

**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 your kind donations for the next few weeks. **Toothbrushes and toothpaste, soap, shampoo, deodorant, 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. Smaller rather than huge bottles are better. Thanks to your generosity, last year we were able to make up 30 bags and still have items over.

**CHRISTMAS HAMPERS**

We have been asked by **Churches Together** (formerly EPACTS) to make up a family Christmas hamper 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 church and you can put your name alongside the item (or items!) you would like to donate. Please bring your donations by Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> December.

**PERTH CHORAL SOCIETY WINTER CONCERT** is on Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> December in Perth Concert Hall at 7.30 p.m.. It is an evening with Beethoven. The programme includes the finale of Beethoven's 9<sup>th</sup> Symphony Choral and his Fantasia. Local well-known pianist Alasdair Beatson will be joining us.

**BLAIRGOWRIE INTERNATIONAL CAFÉ – ALL WELCOME**

The Blairgowrie International Café will meet **EVERY SECOND SATURDAY OF THE MONTH 2.30-4.30 p.m. in St. Catharine's Centre, George Street, Blairgowrie PH10 6EY. Refreshments provided.** There will usually be a theme, an event, on occasion even an outing. **Do join us. All welcome.**

The new **UKRAINIAN GROUP** invites **everyone** on **the other Saturdays of the month, 2.30 to 4.30 p.m. at St. Catharine's Hall, George Street, Blairgowrie PH10 6EY** to join them in celebrating Ukrainian traditions and events. We have already experienced two successful Saturdays, with a drama presentation of a traditional story one week, and a craft session for Teachers Day the other week. Both were enjoyed by all. Details of further activities will be sent soon. **All welcome.**

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**FORGOTTEN?**

Gifts to buy and cards to send,  
Shopping lists that never end,  
Time's so short, so much to do,  
There's no room for such as You.  
Laden down with gifts galore  
As we rush from store to store;  
Who's the next one on the list?  
Is there anyone we've missed?  
In the corner half forgotten,  
Lies the Son of Man begotten.  
Born into this world's dark night,  
He offers us his gift of light.  
If there's no room, will we reject him?  
With hands so full, can we accept him?

*Author unknown*

**SUNDAY, 10th DECEMBER, 2023**  
**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**Services**

9.30 a.m. – Eucharist – St.Catharine's  
11.15 a.m. – Eucharist – St. Annes'  
3.00 p.m. – Eucharist – St. Ninian's

**Readings**

Isaiah	40 : 1-11
Psalms	85 : 1-2, 8-13
2 Peter	3 : 8-15a
Mark	1 : 1-8

**Our Website :** [www.abcsaints.co.uk](http://www.abcsaints.co.uk)

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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.

Name/s.....

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