



CROWN COURT
CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
COVENT GARDEN

Second Sunday before Advent

Sunday 17th November 2024 at 11.15am

Minister: The Rev Scott Rennie MA BD STM FRSA
The lessons are read by Harry MacKrill

Look forward to the coming of the day of God, and work to hasten it on.

2 Peter 3: 12

Subversive God, deconstructing temples of power in which we would keep you trapped and tamed: lead us through violent times, unafraid to speak for peace, untempted by those who promise easy answers; may we follow him alone who renews the world in love; through Jesus Christ, who sits at God's right hand. Amen

** Indicates where those who are able should stand*

VOLUNTARY

A warm welcome to worship at Crown Court Church of Scotland – ‘*The Kirk of the Crown of Scotland.*’ Whether you are visiting for the first time or are with us occasionally or often - we are delighted to be able to welcome you today in person or online.

We regularly stream our services. The camera will mainly be focused on the minister and the front of the sanctuary. However, should you wish to ensure you are not included in the livestream, please may we ask that you sit to the rear of the sanctuary by the stained-glass windows.

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

M: Let our hearts exult in the Lord;

P: our strength is exalted in God.

M: Let our mouths be ever fixed in praise;

P: God has given us the victory.

M: There is no Holy One like the Lord;

P: there is no Rock like our God.

Praise the Lord!

*** HYMN 162 The God of Abraham Praise**

LEONI

PRAYERS OF APPROACH WITH LORD’S PRAYER

And we pray together:

**Our Father,
who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power, and the glory, for ever.
Amen.**

WELCOME AND STARTER FOR SUNDAY

SHARING THE PEACE

We share the peace by saying to our neighbours,
'Peace be with you' and exchanging a handshake or a wave.

*** HYMN 738 Glorious things of thee are spoken**

AUSTRIAN HYMN

SCRIPTURE READING: Daniel 12:1-3 (p.898)

ANTHEM

SCRIPTURE READING: Mark 13:1-8 (p. 1019)

SERMON

*** HYMN 565 My life flows on in endless song**

HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING

OFFERING AND DEDICATION

As the Offering is brought forward the congregation stand and sing the doxology:

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise God all creatures here below;
praise God, the Trinity of love,
before, beneath, around, above.**

PRAYERS FOR OTHERS AND THE WORLD

M: The Lord is our strength.

P: He alone is our salvation.

***HYMN 445 Alleluia sing to Jesus**

HYFRYDOL

*** THE BLESSING & SENDING**

*** SUNG AMEN (Hymn 819)**

POSTLUDE

All are welcome to join us for tea and coffee in the Hall downstairs after the service.

Remember to take your Order of Service with you to stay up to date with all the events taking place at Crown Court Church.

INTIMATIONS:

- Sunday 17 November** **Additional** Kirk Session meeting in the hall at 13:00.
- Monday 18 November** Advent Bible Study on Zoom at 19.30.
- Thursday 21 November** Kirk Session Meeting in the hall at 18:45.
- Saturday 30 November** St Andrews Day Coffee Morning and organ recital. More details to follow.
- Sunday 1 December** Joint service at St Columba's Church.
No service at Crown Court Church.
- Sunday 8 December** Sunday morning service at 11.15am with the Sacrament of Baptism and Holy Communion.

Advent Bible Study

The inaugural meeting of this year's Advent bible study will be tomorrow evening at 19:30 via Zoom. Rev Scott Rennie will be leading the study, which will focus on the book "Walking Backwards to Christmas" by Stephen Cottrell. For more details, please contact Rev Scott Rennie on minister@crowncourtchurch.org.uk.

The St Andrew's Book Festival

From the 25 November through the 1 December London will host the St Andrew's Book Festival organized by Scots in London. The event is a star-studded line-up of best-selling Scottish authors and international household names. For more information, please visit the website www.standrewsbookfestival.org.

Weekly Church Email

If you would like to receive our weekly church email, please contact the church administrator at office@crowncourtchurch.org.uk.

Donations under the Gift Aid Scheme

Visitors who are UK taxpayers are invited to make use of the yellow Gift Aid envelopes which are available both in the pews and at the back of the church. Completed envelopes may be placed in the offering plate.

Prayers & Pastoral Support

The Pastoral Care Team often remember people in the congregation in their prayers. If you have any requests for prayers for yourself or someone you know who is ill or bereaved or may simply have a situation in which they would welcome being remembered in prayer, then please contact Rev Scott Rennie.

If you require support, please contact the Pastoral Care Group via the minister – all information is kept confidential.

Church Membership

We are always delighted to welcome new members to Crown Court. If you are a regular attender, but have not yet joined the congregation, we would encourage you to consider becoming a member or an adherent. If you have been a member of a Church of Scotland elsewhere, transferring your membership is a very simple process; please contact Laura Daniels, Church Administrator to ask for your lines to be transferred.

If you are not yet a member of any church and would like to explore your faith journey through baptism or confirmation, please do speak to our minister, Rev Scott Rennie.

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