



## **Third Sunday of Advent**

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2025 at 11.15am**

Minister: The Rev Chris Kellock CF  
The lessons are read by Norma McGoldrick

**I shall stand at my post, I shall take up my position on the watchtower,  
keeping a look-out to learn what the Lord says to me. Habakkuk 2:1**

*God of power and mercy, you call us once again to celebrate the coming of your Son. Remove those things which hinder love of you, that when he comes he may find us waiting in awe and wonders for him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.*

\* Indicates where those who are able should stand

## **VOLUNTARY**

### **WELCOME**

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.

### **CALL TO WORSHIP & LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES**

**M:** Do not be afraid; I bring you good news of great joy for all the people.

We light this candle to remind us that the coming of Christ brings joy to all who believe.

His presence still brings joy that nothing can destroy.  
Even in times of struggle,  
we rejoice in God’s faithfulness and goodness.

*(Luke 2:10)*

*We light the third candle.*

**P:** Lord Jesus, bring joy to our world and to our hearts.  
Help us to share your joy with all we meet.  
Come, Lord Jesus, come. Amen.

\* HYMN 273 O Come O Come Emmanuel

VENI EMMANUEL

## 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.**

**\* HYMN 198 Let us build a house**

TWO OAKS

SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 146:5-10 (p. 632)

ANTHEM

SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 1:46b-55 (p. 1026)

REFLECTION

*The choir will sing, The angel Gabriel from heaven came, which can be found in the hymnal on page 285.*

SERMON

**\* HYMN 189 Be still**

BE STILL

*There is an extra verse. Please see the below.*

4. Be still, for the Lord will soon appear,  
His glory fills the earth.  
With waiting hearts draw near,  
To celebrate His birth.  
See there, the world's true light,  
Will break the power of night.  
Be still, for the Lord will soon appear,  
Rejoice, the King is here!

**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**

**\* HYMN 472 Come thou long expected Jesus**

STUTTGART 325

**\* 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 21 December** Sunday morning worship service at 11.15am with Rev Chris Kellock.
- Wednesday 24 December** Christingle Service at 2pm. Join us at 1.15pm in the hall to make your Christingle.
- Thursday 25 December** **No Christmas Day Service.**

### **Church Email**

If you would like to receive our weekly church email, please contact the church administrator at [office@crowncourtchurch.org.uk](mailto: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**

If you require pastoral support, please contact your Elder in the first instance. For longer term support, please contact the Pastoral Care Team either by phoning the church office on 020 7836 5643 (Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 9.30am-2.00pm) or by emailing [clerk@crowncourtchurch.org.uk](mailto:clerk@crowncourtchurch.org.uk). All information is kept completely confidential.

### **Community Christmas Tea**

Join us this afternoon from 3.30-5.30pm in the hall for a festive afternoon tea for both members of our congregation and our neighbours in Covent Garden.

### **Bruce House**

We are collecting monetary donations to provide 49 gift bags for the residents of Bruce House. Each bag will contain toiletries and a few treats. If you would like more information, please speak to **Margaret Ross** after the Sunday service.

## **Gaelic Service and a Masterclass on Traditional Psalm-Singing**

Before the quarterly Gaelic Service at 3pm, Rev Donald Michael MacInnes of Garbraid Parish Church, Glasgow, will give a masterclass on traditional psalm singing in the church hall. Rev MacInnes is a Mòd double gold medalist and an amazing musician, and this is an event not to miss!

## **ScotsCare Christmas Carol Service**

You are warmly invited to this year's Carol Service which will be held at St Columba's Church of Scotland, Pont Street, Knightsbridge, London, SW1X 0BD on Sunday 21 December from 17.00 to 19:00. The service is open to all and will be followed by refreshments. All donations made at this event will go towards helping Scots in London this Christmas.

For more information, please contact Jacqueline, our Fundraising Officer on 0207 240 3718 or [fundraising@scotscare.com](mailto:fundraising@scotscare.com)

## **Christmas Cards 2025**

Crown Court Christmas cards are back for 2025 with 2 different designs! The first card is a lovely new image of the Christmas Tree and Candles in the Sanctuary, and the second card is the print of Mia Osawa's Crown Court Church in the snow.

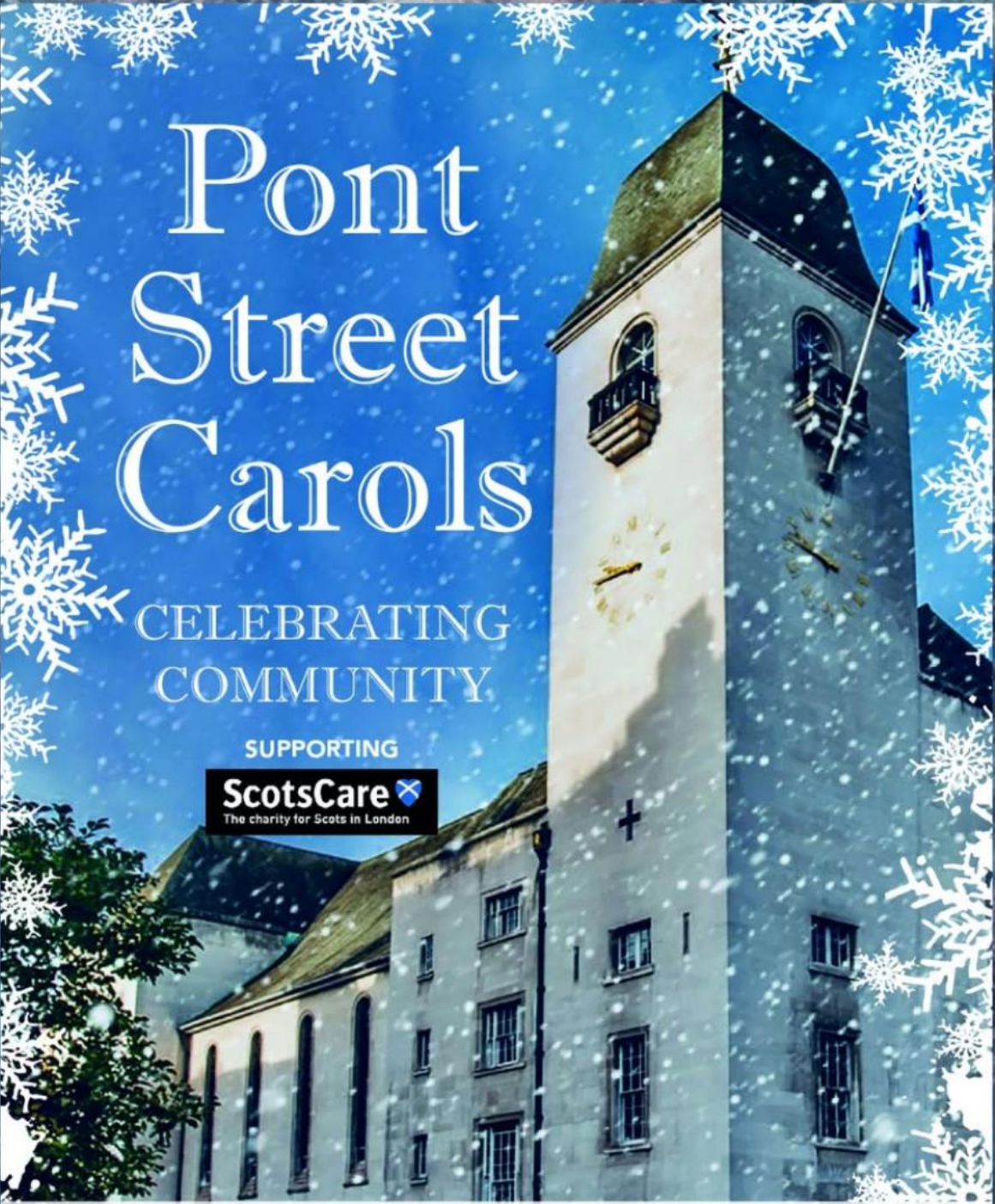
These will be available to purchase in-person after the service in the Church Hall. Cards cost £5.00 for 5 or can be purchased singly at £1.00 each. You can buy them by card or by cash.

If you cannot purchase them in-person, please contact Norma McGoldrick ([normamcgoldrick@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:normamcgoldrick@yahoo.co.uk) or 07912 583285) and she will make arrangements for them to be posted to you.

## **Can you help us?**

We are looking for people to join the duty teams.

Duty is once a month, ideally arriving at church for 10:30am, put orders of services into hymn books which you would hand out or standing at the door welcoming people in. Assisting in taking the offering with the other team members. After the service helping to tidy the church before heading to coffee or home. If you think you can help please speak to the Session Clerk.



# Pont Street Carols

CELEBRATING  
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**ScotsCare**   
The charity for Scots in London

**5PM SUNDAY 21ST DECEMBER 2025**

**REFRESHMENTS AFTER SERVICE**

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