



CROWN COURT  
**CHURCH OF SCOTLAND**  
COVENT GARDEN

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2025 at 11.15am**

Minister: The Rev Chris Kellock CF  
The lessons are read by Moira McEwen

**Rejoice, daughter of Zion! I am coming, I shall make my dwelling among you, says the Lord. Zechariah 2: 10**

*Heavenly Father, you chose the Virgin Mary, full of grace, to be the mother of our Lord and Saviour. Fill us with your grace, that in all things we may embrace your will, and with her rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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:** Isaiah said that the Lord spoke to the king and said, “Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven”. But when the king refused, God would not be stopped. “Therefore, the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son and shall name him Immanuel”.

**P:** **God wants us to know, even when we aren’t sure ourselves. God wants us to experience God’s presence, even when we think we can handle life on our own. God sends us signs of God’s presence with us; all we need to do is keep our eyes open and look.**

**M:** "Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, ‘God is with us.’" When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

**P:** **We light these candles, the candle of joyous hope, of proclaimed peace, of deep everlasting joy, and today of presence that speaks of love, as a sign that no matter our circumstance, we know we are not alone.**

**\* HYMN 277 Hark the glad sound, the Saviour comes**

CREDITON

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 304 O little town of Bethlehem**

FOREST GREEN

SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 80: 1-7, 17-19 (pp. 592-593)

SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 1:18-25 (pp. 965-966)

**\* HYMN Like a Candle Flame**

Gently

Am Em F G C  
C Em7 F G C Am Dm G E7 F G  
Like a candle flame, flickering small in our darkness,  
uncreated light shines through infant eyes.

Am Em F Am Em F G  
- lu - ia, come to save us, al - le - lu -  
come to save us, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu -  
1. 2. C Dm7 G 3. C D.S. 4. C  
- ia! - ia! - ia!

1. Like a candle flame  
Flickering small in our darkness  
Uncreated light  
Shines through infant eyes

God is with us, *alleluia* (Men)  
God is with us, *alleluia* (Women)  
Come to save us, *alleluia* (Men)  
Come to save us (Women)  
*Alleluia!* (All)

2. Stars and angels sing  
Yet the earth sleeps in shadows  
Can this tiny spark  
Set a world on fire?

God is with us, *alleluia* (Men)  
God is with us, *alleluia* (Women)  
Come to save us, *alleluia* (Men)  
Come to save us (Women)  
*Alleluia!* (All)

3. Yet his light shall shine  
From our lives, Spirit blazing  
As we touch the flame  
Of his holy fire

God is with us, *alleluia* (Men)  
God is with us, *alleluia* (Women)  
Come to save us, *alleluia* (Men)  
Come to save us (Women)  
*Alleluia!* (All)

## SERMON

**\* HYMN 475 Christ is Coming! Let creation**

NEANDER (UNSER HERRSCHER)

## 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 320 Joy to the world**

ANTIOCH (COMFORT (MASON))

**\* 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:**

- Wednesday 24 December** Christingle Service at 2pm with Sheena-Jane Clark.
- Thursday 25 December** **No Christmas Day Service.**
- Sunday 28 December** Sunday morning service at 11.15am with Sheena-Jane Clark

## **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**

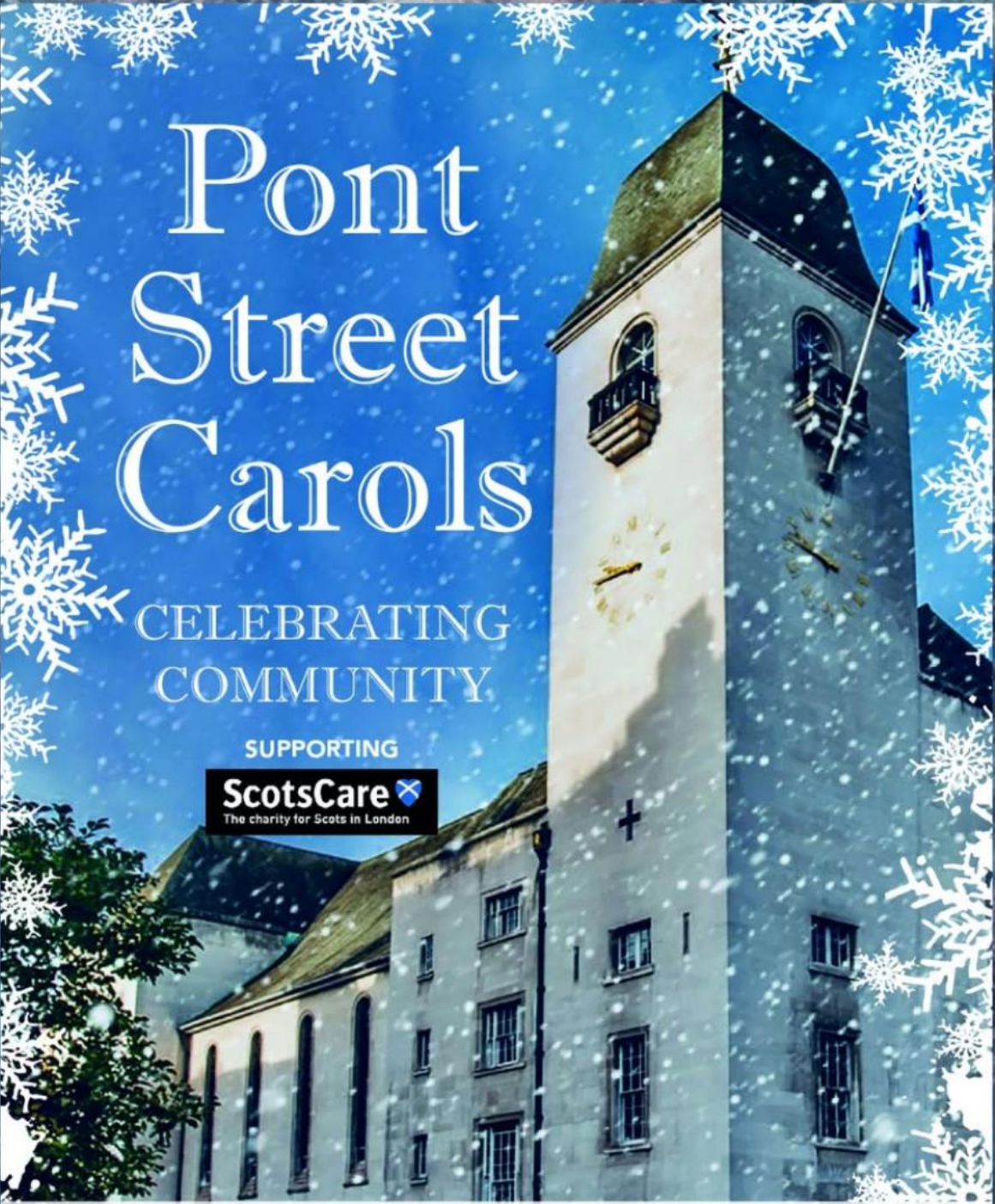
Visitors who are UK taxpayers are invited to make use of the yellow Gift Aid envelopes which are available both in the pews and at the back of the church. Completed envelopes may be placed in the offering plate.

## **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.

## **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.



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