DALMENY KIRK

Christmas Services 2015: Promises.. Promises.. Promises..

Sunday 29th November: 'The Promise Revealed'

11am Morning Worship

Sunday 6th December: 'The Promise Finds a Home'

11am Morning Worship with Communion

Sunday 13th December: 'The Promise is Named'

11 am Morning Worship with Sunday School

Wednesday 16th December

7pm Local Scouts invite us to join them at The Priory in welcoming the annual Peace Light, which has come all the way to Queensferry from Bethlehem! Mulled wine/juice and mince pies to follow.

Sunday 20st December: 'The Promise Brings Light'

11am Please come and join us for our Nativity Play and Service Followed by soup and mince pies in the Church Hall.

Christmas Eve: 'The Promise Fulfilled'

11.30pm Watchnight Service (Mulled Wine & Mince Pies served afterwards)

Christmas Day:' The Promise for Life - not just for Christmas!'

10.30am Christmas Day Joint Service at Queensferry Parish Church bring along your latest gifts – yes, children and adults!

Sunday 27th December: Jesus – 'The Journey of Faith'

11am Morning Worship:

Sunday 3th January: 'Days of New Beginnings' 11am Morning Worship

All Welcome!

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Christmas is often a time of promises:

"A promise not to work late on Christmas Eve"

"A promise to be nice to ALL the relatives"

"A promise to get the gift that everyone wants"

At the heart of the Christmas Story is perhaps the greatest promise of all, the promise that God will be with us, becoming **one of us** and **one with us**.

The clue for where this promise to be found is in one of the names given to the child due to be born in Bethlehem: 'Immanuel'- which literally means **'God with us'**. You'll find it in the book of Isaiah in the Old Testament - Chapter 7 vs 14.

The good news of Christmas is that at the heart of this 'old, old story' is the discovery that the baby, Jesus, born some 2000 years ago was in fact God becoming one of us, identifying fully with us, experiencing what it means to be fully human.

It is suggested that throughout the bible on some 366 occasions a recurring phrase appears – one for every day of the year – including the leap years!

The phrase itself a promise from God: "I will be with you".

Good news then that on our good days and on our bad days: 'God is with us', in our calm times and our crisis times: 'God is with us', in our glad moments and our sad moments 'God is with us'.

Why not come along to our services this Christmas and discover for yourself this amazing promise of God's - It may well turn out to be your best Christmas gift ever!

Wishing you and yours a peaceful Christmas

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QUEENSFERRY PARISH CHURCH

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Sunday 29th November: 'The Promise Revealed'

10am All-age Service 11.30am Morning Service

Sunday 6th December: 'The Promise Finds a Home'

10am All-age Service with Communion and Mini Mess 11.30am Morning Service with Communion 4.30pm Messy Church at the Priory

Sunday 13th December: 'The Promise is Named'

10 am All-age Gift Service – bring a toy for a child in need 11.30 am Morning Service

Wednesday 16th December:

7pm Local Scouts invite us to join them at The Priory in welcoming the annual Peace Light, which has come all the way to Queensferry from Bethlehem! Mulled wine/juice and mince pies to follow.

Sunday 20st December: 'The Promise Brings Light'

10 am All-age Service with Nativity Play 11.30 am Morning Service with lessons and carols

Christmas Eve: 'The Promise Fulfilled'

6.30pm start for our Early Evening All-age Service 11.30pm Watchnight Service, with carols beforehand – come early!

Christmas Day:' The Promise for Life - not just for Christmas!'

10.30am Christmas Day Service – bring along your latest gifts – yes, children and adults!

Sunday 27th December: Jesus - 'The Journey of Faith'

10.30am Joint All-age/Morning Service: Join us for coffee and cake in the St Andrew Hall

Sunday 3th January: 'Days of New Beginnings'

10.30am Joint All-age/Traditional Service: Join us for coffee and cake in the St Andrew Hall