

Worship and Connect for December 2018 and Beyond

Coming up:

Friday 30th November at 7:30pm – **St Andrew's Day United Praise and Prayer** - all fellowships across Caithness and North Sutherland are invited to **come together in unity** - to "*humble ourselves and pray and seek His face and turn from our wicked ways,*" as we pray for our community and nation – that He would forgive us and heal our land. As we see disunity all across the nation and beyond, we as the Lord's body here in Scotland, can join together in the opposite spirit – in a spirit of humility and repentance, as we call out to our Lord on behalf of our land. This year we will be meeting in **Thurso Baptist Church** (now at the entrance to Thurso Business Park). We would love to see representatives from all fellowships there, **standing in the gap** on behalf of our communities and nation, and singing glorious praises to our awesome Lord and Saviour.

No Men's Breakfast on Saturday 1st Dec

Sunday 2nd December at 7pm – **Thurso Joint Churches Advent Service** in the West Church, Thurso.

Friday 7th December from 12:00 to 14:00 - **Monthly Eucharist at St Mary's House of Prayer, Tongue** at 12 noon, in Fir Chlis House of Prayer which is located on Old Kyle Road, about a mile from the centre of Tongue village.

Sunday 9th December at 8pm – **Alcohol Concern Prayer Group** – at Castletown & Community Free Church – everyone welcome.

Wednesday 12th December at 7pm – **Carol Concert** at the United Reformed Church, Castle Street, Thurso

Saturday 15th December from 09:30 - 11:00 - **Israel (CHAI) prayer meeting** at the Boys Brigade Hall, Couper Square, Thurso - a focussed time of praying for and learning more about Israel and the work of **Bridges of Peace**. If you have a heart for Israel, or want to know more and have a better understanding of where Israel fits into God's divine plan, then please come along and join in.

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Saturday 15th December from 10:30am to 2pm – **Monthly Prayer and Praise** at Castletown & Community Free Church – an informal opportunity for Christians throughout Caithness to come together to praise, to pray, to spend time in God's Word and to give testimony of God's goodness in their own Christian walk by way of sharing together. It's an inter-denominational gathering and we are always glad to welcome folks from near and far. It is our ongoing desire to be united with our brothers and sisters throughout Caithness and to facilitate opportunities for gatherings to take place.

Some folks come and stay for just a short time and that is absolutely fine! Just whatever time you can manage.

Sunday 16th December at 4:30pm – **Carols by Candlelight** – at Castletown and Community Free Church, followed by festive refreshments.

Sunday 16th December at 7pm – **Nine Lessons and Carols** at St Peter and the Holyrood, Thurso.

Tuesday 18th December at 6:30pm – **Carols in the Square** – Carol singing in Argyll Square, Wick, followed by hot drinks and mince pies inside Pulteneytown Church café (the whole event will be inside if it's wet!) – everyone is warmly invited!

Thursday 20th December at 7pm – **Thrumster Christmas Celebration** – an evening of music, singing and a short message, followed by hot drinks and baking, at Thrumster Church - please join us!

Friday 21st December at 7pm – **Carols by Candlelight with The Pentland Brass Band** and Festive Refreshments – at Thurso Baptist Church, Business Park, Thurso

Saturday 22nd December at 3:30pm – **Nine Lessons and Carols** at St John the Evangelist, Moray Street, Wick

Saturday 22nd December at 4pm – **All Age Christmas Party** with food, games, dancing and fellowship - at Thurso Baptist Church, Business Park, Thurso – everyone welcome!

Sunday 23rd December at 7:30pm – **Carols by Candlelight** – at St Peter's and St Andrew's Church of Scotland, Thurso, followed by mince pies.

Monday 24th December at 7pm – **Joint Christmas Eve Service** – at Orlig Church of Scotland

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Monday 24th December at 7:30pm – **Family Christmas Eve Service** – at St Peter's and St Andrew's Church of Scotland, Thurso

Monday 24th December at 11:30pm – **Watchnight Service** – at Dunnet Church of Scotland

Monday 24th December at 11:30pm – **Midnight Mass** – at St John the Evangelist, Moray Street, Wick

Monday 24th December at 11:30pm – **Christmas Eve Service** – at Pulteneytown Parish Church - see in Christmas morning with carols and a short message.

Tuesday 25th December at 10:30am – Informal Christmas Day Service with fresh Caithness Coffee and Christmas Cake at Thurso Baptist Church, Business Park, Thurso

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Tuesday 25th December at 10:30am – Communion from the Reserved Sacrament – at St Peter and the Holyrood, Thurso.

Tuesday 25th December at 11am – Communion from the Reserved Sacrament – at St John the Evangelist, Moray Street, Wick

Tuesday 25th December at 11am – Short Christmas Day Service at the United Reformed Church, Castle Street, Thurso

Monday 31st December from 8pm – All Age Hogmanay Party – Non Alcoholic, with music, dancing, quizzes, fellowship and later on soup and bacon rolls to keep us going right through to Midnight! - at Thurso Baptist Church, Business Park, Thurso – everyone welcome!

There will be no **Last Sunday at Freswick** in December and probably not in January either.

Saturday 19th January from 9:45am to 3pm – Precept Ministries (see attached poster) will be leading a free day of equipping for Christians from Caithness and beyond to learn the “inductive method” of studying God's Word, applying it to any portion of scripture. This will be hosted by Thurso Baptist Church at the Business Park. Take a pen/pencil and a packed lunch with you. Tea and coffee will be provided. Find out more about this ministry at <http://www.preceptscotland.org/> or by contacting Morag McKellar.

Weekly Events:

Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays 10am-2pm - Café Tempest Community Café - aiming to be "a cafe with a difference at the heart of the community" intent on bringing positive change to the area. We want to bring together all members of the community to help those at risk of isolation, social disadvantage and people going through challenging times. Staffed by volunteers and funded mainly by donations. What we receive freely we will give freely with no stipulation on price. For further info contact thursoharbourlf@yahoo.com

Tuesdays during term-time from 12:30 – 2pm - MOSAIC Ladies Group at the Castletown Manse for a time of encouraging one another, reading & praying together. Ladies from all fellowships welcome. Bring your lunch with you & tea will be provided. Contact Christine Stone for further details - cairstionastone@hotmail.com

Every Wednesday from 12 noon to 2pm – Wind-down Wednesdays at Thurso Baptist Church, Thurso Business Park - Pop in anytime between 12 noon and 2pm for complimentary tea, coffee & biscuits - you are welcome to bring your lunch, meet with friends, meet new folk or simply have a break away from your work environment. Spend some quiet time in the Prayer Room if you wish. Everyone welcome. This is also a great opportunity to drop off donations for Caithness Foodbank, and for “Smalls for All.” (*Smalls for All is a Scottish Charity which collects and distributes underwear to help women and children in Africa, living in orphanages, slums, IDP camps and schools, as well as providing underwear to hospitals to help those suffering from medical conditions like obstetric fistula.*)

Sunday evenings at 6pm – Café Church at Thurso Free Church - We would love friends from all different backgrounds to come and join us in worshipping and praising God.

Looking Ahead:

Refuel 2019 - Plans and preparations for Refuel19 are underway! The event will be from **Sunday evening 21st July to the afternoon of Saturday 27th July 2019** at Gordon Castle Estate, Fochabers Moray, IV32 7PQ

ORCAS 2019 – ORCAS is a partnership of Christians from across the North of Scotland, encompassing Orkney, Caithness, Shetland and beyond (including Norway!) Our next Gathering will be in **SHETLAND** on **Friday 2nd, Saturday 3rd and Sunday 4th August**. Bear this in mind when you are booking your summer holidays! If you would like to find out more or to be added to the specific ORCAS mailing list then please contact me – jennifer@guygordon.plus.com

Christians Against Poverty Money Course – contact thursobaptistchurch.org or walkerhazel@hotmail.com if you wish to find out about the next CAP Money Course running in Caithness.

As always, if you wish to be removed from this mailing list at any time then please reply to this email to that effect.

If you know of any other **inter-church** events to be advertised then please also get in touch with dates, times, venues and a short description – please give me the information in plenty of time (for the following month’s email). If I don’t know about it then I can’t advertise it! You can view a calendar of events (What’s On), whenever you wish at www.lovenorth.co.uk

With every blessing,

Jennifer Gordon (*Light Factory Worship & Connect*)