

December 2024 update

Please keep an eye on our website and Facebook page for regular updates. If you have anything you would like us to flag up please email Wendy Brock at admin@parishoftraprain.org.uk

Worship Services

Sunday 1 December

9.30am at Athelstaneford and 11am at Prestonkirk - First Sunday of Advent – Wonderful Counsellor

Sunday 8 December

9.30am at Stenton and 11am at Prestonkirk – Second Sunday of Advent – Prince of Peace

Sunday 15 December

9.30am at Athelstaneford (with baptism of Reuben Ogilvie) and 11am at Prestonkirk - Third Sunday of Advent – A child is born

5pm at Athelstaneford Village Hall – Crafts and Carols

Thursday 19 December

7pm at Prestonkirk – Christmas Remembrance Service – a quiet reflective service to remember loved ones who are no longer with us

Sunday 22 December

9.30am at Stenton and 11am at Prestonkirk – Fourth Sunday of Advent – Carols and Readings

6:30pm – Christingle Service at Prestonkirk

Tuesday 24 December

4pm at Stenton – Christmas Eve All Age Service

6pm at Athelstaneford – Christmas All Age Service

(please note that there is no Watchnight Service this year)

Wednesday 25 December

10:30am at Prestonkirk – Christmas Day All Age Service

Sunday 29 December

11am at Prestonkirk – Joint Communion Service

Across our Christmas services, we will have special collections in aid of CrossReach

At all our services we provide activity sheets for children and a play space for younger children.

If you cannot attend a service, you can catch up with Douglas' sermons online (uploaded to Spotify). To access the sermons just visit our [website](#) and click on the 'sermons' page.



Carols at Stenton - Sunday 22 December, 6pm with the Stenton Singers – in aid of *Keep the Heid*

St Andrew's Day Saltire Service - Saturday 30 Nov 2pm at Athelstaneford Church, with music from Gifford Community Choir. Our annual service held in partnership with the Scottish Flag Trust is taking place this year on St Andrew's Day itself and I hope you can join us for this service that marks the feast day of our patron saint. Haddington Pipe Band will be playing outside from 1:30pm, and there will be refreshments in the village hall afterwards.

Advent Messy Church - 1 Dec at Prestonkirk from 3-5pm – for primary age children and families. Baking, sticking, painting, singing and listening to the story of Christmas – with refreshments in the Stables too.

Advent Prayer Room – at the Village Vestry from Monday 2 December – Sun 22 December
The Village Vestry will be available at the following times during advent as a space for quiet prayer and reflection:

Mon – Fri: 7:30-9:30, 2:30-3:00, 5:30-8:00; Sat-Sun – all day

A number of resources will be available in the room to help guide your prayers. To access the prayer room, please contact Douglas Hamilton or Irene Heron who can provide you with the access code.

The Village Vestry is a new meeting / office space that we are trialling for the next few months, and is located in a unit at the back of the Mart in East Linton, close to the Station car park.

Guild - 10 Dec, 2:15 pm at Prestonkirk Stables – Christmas Tea and Entertainment

Calling all knitters! - Would you like to knit hats, gloves or scarves for homeless people this winter? Crossreach are pleased to accept these and welcome the idea. Patterns can be made available if wanted. Contact Heather at hsdoig@yahoo.com Please hand finished items to any member of Athelstaneford Stitch and Knit group or Athelstaneford Church. Helen Napier will also be happy to take them.

Whitekirk Prayers – please note that there will be no Wednesday afternoon prayer sessions at Whitekirk during December

Origin Scotland are putting on an Origin Christmas Special concert at the Usher Hall on Saturday 7 December at 7.30pm. This is billed as a unique retelling of the Christmas story, where the real message of Christmas is brought to the forefront. It will be an evening of Christmas favourites with the Origin Scotland band, choir and orchestra. Tickets can be purchased at www.originscotland.org

Youth Club – Wednesdays, 5.30-7.30 at the Stables (aimed at S1 and up).

Friendship Group – Wednesday mornings between 10-11.30am at Lynton Day Centre
A chance to meet new people, learn new skills and connect with others in our community. There's tea, coffee and home baking too! People with dementia and their carers are particularly welcome.

The Stables Community Café – Thursday mornings 10am-12pm at Prestonkirk Stables.
Come along for a tea or coffee and a chat. There are also people there who can provide a range of advice and support. This is a partnership between the church, The Ridge, Dunbar Debt Advice Service and East Lothian Foodbank.

If you would like to receive occasional updates from the church via email then please send an email to Wendy with your contact details: admin@parishoftraprain.org.uk