

Cummertrees, Mouswald & Ruthwell Church



Sun 24 December 2017
Christmas Eve
and the
Fourth Sunday in Advent



A Festival of Lessons and Carols

The Kirk Session, Board and Nomination Committee met the Presbytery Ministry and Resources Committee last week. Rev Bill Holland received the following message from Rev Stuart Mill: *Thank you for organising last night's meeting, introducing us and sharing your wisdom with us. I do think the elders and office-bearers are a great asset to the congregation. Could I ask you to convey best wishes from David Matheson, David Gibson and myself to the Congregation.*

The Rev Robert Nicol sends lots of love and blessings to everyone for Christmas and the New Year— He writes that his health is not so good and that he has many happy memories of his ministry in Ruthwell.

Sun 24 Dec	11.30 pm	Watchnight Service by Candlelight Please bring a candle lantern or torch.
Sun 25 Dec	10.30 am	Christmas Day Service with Rev Bill Holland Please come along and join together in this short traditional worship service on Christmas morning
Sun 31 Dec	10.30 am	End of Year Reflection Service
Sun 7 Jan	10.30 am	Service for the New Year and Epiphany



Sun 21 Jan 11.30 am **New Communicants Class**
 A New Communicants Class will start after the service. Please tell anyone you know who might be interested in exploring church membership. There will be two other classes on dates to be agreed by the group. The Confirmation Service will be on Palm Sunday with the Communicants' first communion on Easter Day.



Fri 2 March 7.30 pm **World Day of Prayer Service**



Small change can make a big difference!

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Please take a an empty jar from the back of the church and fill it with spare 1p, 2p & 5ps and let's see what we can raise together in 2017!

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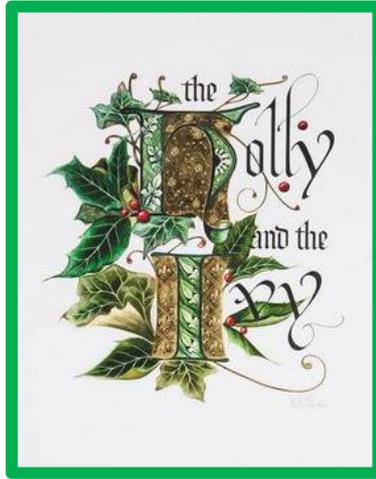
An Anthology for Lent based on the carvings of The Ruthwell Cross
 by Rev Evelyn Hope. The book provides meditations for study of Lent.
 All proceeds will be donated to help preserve the Ruthwell Cross.
 The book cost is £10 and we have copies available in Church. See any Elder today

If you know of any member of the congregation who is unwell and would like the Minister to visit them; or if you know of anyone who lives in the parish who is in hospital and would like a pastoral visit; please pass a note to Gerald or any Elder.

Our Locum Minister: Rev Gerald Moule Contact Number 01683 220 667
Our Interim Moderator: Rev Bill Holland Contact Number 01387 256 131

Our congregation seeks to be like our ancient Ruthwell Cross: standing united and strong and working together to share the message of the Gospel with our rural Solway community

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The holly and the ivy,
When they are both full grown,
Of all trees that are in the wood,
The holly bears the crown

[Refrain:]

O, the rising of the sun,
And the running of the deer
The playing of the merry organ,
Sweet singing in the choir.

The holly bears a blossom,
As white as lily flow'r,
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ,
To be our dear Saviour

Chorus

The holly bears a berry,
As red as any blood,
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ,
To do poor sinners good

Chorus

The holly bears a prickle,
As sharp as any thorn,
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ,
On Christmas Day in the morn

Chorus

The holly bears a bark,
As bitter as the gall,
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ,
For to redeem us all

Chorus

The holly and the ivy,
When they are both full grown,
Of all trees that are in the wood,
The holly bears the crown

Chorus

