

## Welcome to Fullarton ConneXions!

### 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Advent

**A Warm Welcome to our worship services!** Please relax, you're among friends, and join us for a cuppa in the café after the service. This morning: The Sparklers (3–5year olds), Trailblazers (5–10year olds), & FBI (Fullarton Bible Investigators / 11-16year olds) exit as usual. **Creche** (for babies & weans up to 2/3 years old) is available in the studio from 10.30am. Vicky Black will lead the morning service, and Bryan Fisher will deliver the focus. The 6.30pm Prayer Service will take place and be led by some of our young worship leaders: Josh Ferguson, Fay MacKie, & Benjamin Judge. Support for them will be greatly appreciated!

### 6.30pm Evening Services

**Rotation is usually:** 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month – Prayer / 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday – Praise Night / 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday – Healing / 4<sup>th</sup> – Guest Speaker / 5<sup>th</sup> – Café Church.

**Next Sunday** Rev Neil will lead the service. 6.30pm Praise Night.

**Irvine Parish Church (IPC):** On 1<sup>st</sup> October Fullarton officially became a branch of Irvine Parish Church of Scotland, Fullarton's charity number to become the number for the new parish (IE remaining the same). Our

first two Kirk session meetings went well, exploring our shared values with a view to growing Jesus centred vision. Sheena Kinmond has been appointed Session Clerk, with the 4 other previous session clerks helping as deputies; Sandy Dickson has stepped up to become the transition treasurer to help our congregations bring our finances together. Do pray on for Sandy, Sheena, Jamie, Neil & other leaders involved and for guidance in filling other roles; also, as we advertise for a half time pastoral assistant, youth pastor/evangelist, and administrator. It is a time of flux, challenge, and opportunity requiring prayer, patience, and perseverance from us all. Please pray for God's Grace to nurture courageous and creative vision for sharing Jesus' sacrificial Love and growing many mini-Jesus's in and around Irvine. Thank You!

### Future Worship Services in Irvine Parish Church from November:

Times of services will remain the same for the time being, with Revs Jamie & Neil leading in Fullarton to lead 10.30am services at least once every 4 Sundays, our Worship Team leading on the other Sundays, with Revs Tom Cant & Linda Bruce (nee Godfrey) helping too. Evening services will continue as normal, with our growing worship team involved. Your patience & prayerful support is appreciated as Christ leads us in our worship, work, walk and

witness together with our sister congregations!

**Masks** are no longer obligatory in places of worship. Please continue to wear a mask if it helps you feel safer and continue to respect each other's space.

**Favourite Worship Songs?** Do you have a hymn, chorus, or worship song that we haven't sung for a while, or maybe could learn? Then speak to Neil or one of the praise band and we'll see what we can do to include them in future services. Thanks.

**'Blokes' Blog' & 'Marthas & Marys' (M&Ms) Groups:** 2 separate monthly groups for men & women, running on the first & second Tuesdays of each month. The December gathering will be united as one on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December 7pm. in Connexions. Bring a friend!

### ConneXions Cafe

Tuesday - Thursday, as before for teas, coffees and scones and cakes and lunches. 10am - 2pm.

**Also SATURDAY BREAKFAST CAFE 10am -1pm**

**Grub and Gospel:** here at Fullarton ConneXions every Friday at 6.30pm. All welcome for food and fellowship.

### Other opportunities to receive ministry:

Via Fullarton ConneXions Facebook Page. Rev Neil's daily 60 Second Sermons, from 9am Mon' - Sat', and

on Instagram @fullartonconnexions and Neil's twitter feed @NU4Yoo Previous Worship Wednesdays & Services are also available there.

**You are warmly invited** to come along to the Guild at 7pm. Both men and women will be welcome. On 4<sup>th</sup> December there will be a Christmas meal.

**Not on Facebook:** If you don't want to (or can't) sign up to Facebook you can still view the services by going to <http://fullartonconnexions.co.uk> & clicking on the front photo of Rev Neil inside a mobile phone. This will take you to the livestream and the library of previous services.

**At Your Service:** Let us know if there is anything The Fullarton Family can do or pray for you: Neil Urquhart (01294 279909), Kate Gibson (Pastoral Care Team) 01294 276148 or Teresa Goodwin [secretary@fullartonchurch.co.uk](mailto:secretary@fullartonchurch.co.uk)

**Christmas crafting group** to raise funds for the Kanyanda Clinic. Starting on Wednesday 29th November at 6.30pm - 8.30pm in the studio, for 3 weeks. All welcome.

**Church Secretary:** Email [secretary@fullartonchurch.co.uk](mailto:secretary@fullartonchurch.co.uk)  
**If you want to place, remove or update a notice in this sheet please email**

[indigols345@gmail.com](mailto:indigols345@gmail.com) by  
**Wednesday evening at the latest.**

**The Prayer Room** - The Prayer Room is set up for Advent and is open for anyone to spend some quiet time. If you visit in the morning, feel free to open the scroll for that day, they are all numbered; just leave the scroll open so it can be easily read. If you wish, you can write a prayer or some scripture and hang it up. Thank you to those who wrote for the scrolls last year; we are using them again. If you have written a prayer on the white board, although it will be cleaned to make room for prayers in the New Year, don't worry, we have taken a copy and be praying over each individually.

**Contemplative Christmas Service** - As this year's Festive Season approaches, you may find that it's going to be a difficult time for you and your family. We are holding a Contemplative Christmas Service on **Sunday 10th December 2023 at 3:00pm** in Fullarton Connexions. Please come along on your own, with a friend, or with family members, and join us for this special service. The service will last approximately 40 minutes, and tea/coffee will be served afterwards. All will be made most welcome.

**Next Sunday 10<sup>th</sup>**, we hope to deliver Parish Christmas card to all in the Parish. It would be great if you

could take a street/streets and deliver them for us. Rev. Neil and Alistair Graham will be on hand, to hand them out.

**Used Postage Stamps** - Used by World Mission to fund Christian Projects overseas. There is a box in connexions foyer for any donations.

**Anyone wishing to use Free Will Offering or Gift Aid envelopes**, or better still, set up a Standing Order from your Bank or Building Society instead of just putting money in the Open Plate, should contact Sandy Dickson or Mike Rennie who will be happy to help organise this for you”  
[-Treasurer@fullartonchurch.co.uk](mailto:-Treasurer@fullartonchurch.co.uk).

**Contact Magazine should be available for delivery Friday 8<sup>th</sup> - Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December.**

**Irvine Parish Church** (Church of Scotland). Visit  
<http://fullartonconnexions.co.uk>



**Sunday 3 December 2023**

**10.30 am – Live Service**

CHS 165 O Come O Come Emmanuel  
FSB9 Blessing and Honour (Ancient of Days)  
Kids': Advent Candle  
JP 258 This Little Light of Mine  
Text Message:1 Peter 1:3-9 (NIV)  
Offering :CH4 774 Jesus Name above All Names  
FSB 59 How Great Is Our God  
Focus : Bryan Fisher  
FSB 15 Because of You  
Blessing

**6.30pm**

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**Irvine Parish Church of Scotland**