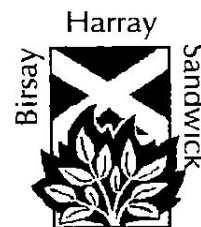




# ***Milestone Community Church***



***December 2017***

## ***Services and Readings***

Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Communion	'Word of Warning.'	Daniel 3:1,8-30
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup>		'Word of Life'.	Ezekiel 37:1-14
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Nativity Service	'Word of Welcome'.	Isaiah 55:1-12
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Christingle Service	'Word of Flesh'	John 1:1-18
	Watchnight Service	'Word of Wonder'	Luke 2:1-14
	10.30pm	Tea and Mince Pies	
	11.00pm	Carol singing	
	11.30pm	Watchnight Service	
Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup>		'Word of Advice'	Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

1. **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> at 6.30pm** Dounby Village Tree Lighting with Santa's Grotto at the kirk, organised by Friends of Dounby School.
2. **Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup>**. Children's Forum meets in MCC, 7 - 8.30pm
3. **Smiddybrae House Services** led by us are in the Day Care Wing on **3<sup>rd</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> at 2.30pm**. Come along for a chat, some singing and a cup of tea shared with your neighbours there.  
**Smiddybrae Coffee Afternoon is on Thursday 14th at 2pm.**
4. **Monday 4<sup>th</sup>** The Guild have a musical evening at 7.30pm in MCC featuring *The Polkadots*. This is an **Open Meeting for all the congregation (men included)**, so do join them and enjoy the entertainment.
5. **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>** Youth Group meets in MCC, 2.15 - 4pm.
6. **1<sup>st</sup> Coy. Dounby Boys Brigade** meets in Dounby Centre every Tuesday from 6pm.
7. **Knit n'Natter** meets every Thursday in MCC, 2-4pm. All welcome.

**No Messy Kirk this month.** Instead, a Messy Kirk activity will be included in the end of term Christmas Service on 22<sup>nd</sup> December.

**Membership Classes** - there are a number of people wanting to explore what it means to be a member of the church - if you would like to join them as they explore what faith and membership means, please speak to David.

**Christmas Services** - postcards with details of the Christmas services will be available next Sunday (3rd) - please invite family and friends along to any or all of the services

1<sup>st</sup> Company Dounby Boys Brigade will be operating their Christmas card delivery service in Birsay, Harray and Sandwick this year again. Their blue postbox will be in the Co-op from early Dec. until **5pm on Friday 15<sup>th</sup>** with deliveries on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup>. **Only 30p a card.**



**Pastoral care cards** - the Sunday Club children have been busy making cards you can take when you visit someone. It's a way of letting someone know that the church is thinking about them - they are for anyone to use not just for 'official' visits from an elder though they can be for that too. Please make use of them when visiting friends and neighbours who are having a hard time. A stock of cards is available on the communion table in the foyer.

**Kirklink** - a new edition of Kirklink is available, please take one and pass it on!

David is on holiday from the 29th December to the 5th January. John Butterfield (850203) is providing pastoral cover.

**If you know of anyone who is ill at home or in hospital, please let David know after the service. He can be contacted on 771599**

**or by email at [dmcneish@churchofscotland.org.uk](mailto:dmcneish@churchofscotland.org.uk)**

**Please let David know of anyone who finds it difficult to get to church and who would like a CD of the service.**

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