



## **Formartine Parish Church of Scotland**

**10am Sunday 07 December 2025 Tarves Kirk**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent.**

### **Lighting the candle of Peace**

**Leader:** We read from the prophet Isaiah: ‘Get yourself up on a high mountain, O Zion, bearer of good news, lift up your voice mightily, O Jerusalem, bearer of good news; lift it up, do not fear. Say to the cities of Judah, “Here is your God!”’ – the Advent God of peace.

The second candle is lit

### **Leader:**

As we light our second candle, we give thanks to God for the gift of peace. We remember the Prophets, throughout the ages, who have spoken out for peace against the clamour of violence, bloodshed and war.

Jesus reminds us that ‘blessed are the peacemakers’, yet in our own lives, in our churches, communities and between nations we see conflict and witness those who prepare for war. May we not be content with uneasy peace but find strength as we wait in hope for the reign of the Prince of Peace to build real and lasting peace.

### **Hymn CH4 282 Advent Ring 2 verses**

**Praise:** Hymn 472 Come thou long expected Jesus

### **Prayer of Approach and Dedication of Offering**

**Praise:** Hymn MP 266 I cannot tell why he, whom angels worship

### **The Word of God - Promises of Peace:**

**The prophet Isaiah’s words for then, now and the future: Isaiah 9:6-8**

**Paul said to the Gentiles (that’s you and me!): Ephesians 2:14-18**

**The angels said: to the shepherds and to us and they and we are to tell others: Luke 2:8-14**

**Jesus said to his disciples (and we are his disciples and apostles today: John 14: 27**

**Praise:** Hymn Hymn 528 Make me a channel of your peace

### **Sermon: The gift of peace**

**Praise:** Let there be peace on earth (YouTube)

### **Prayers for our World**

**Praise:** Hymn MP 744 We’ve a story to tell to the nations verses 1-3

### **Blessing and Choral Amen**

## **Worship arrangements**

### **Induction of Rev Aquila Singh**

Thursday 11 December 7.15 for 7.30pm in Pitmedden Kirk. Join us for this special Presbytery service when Aquila will be welcomed as our Parish Minister.

United services of worship alternate between Kirks.  
Sundays at 10.00am

**14 December – Pitmedden Advent 3**

**21 December – Tarves Advent 4**

**21 December – Pitmedden 'Lessons and Carols' 7pm**

**24 December – Tarves Christmas Eve all age 7pm**

**There will not be a service on Christmas Day**

### **Live and recorded services**

It has been decided to use YouTube for recorded services.

Pitmedden Kirk: live services will continue to be available via Zoom. They will also go up on YouTube.

Tarves Kirk: there will no longer be any live services via Zoom as the internet is so unreliable. Services will be recorded and go on YouTube.

### **Accessing YouTube:**

Formartine Parish Church has its own YouTube channel and we hope that recorded services will be available within 2 days.

**NB:** please follow this link and subscribe to our channel.

[www.youtube.com/@FormartineParishChurch](https://www.youtube.com/@FormartineParishChurch)

See posters, our FB and website for more information.

### **Pastoral Care:**

Please contact Susanna Bichard 01651 851345

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