



### **Troqueer Parish Church, Dumfries – 8 January 2017**

**Minister – Rev John Notman Tel: 01387 253043**

Welcome to our Sunday Worship Services particularly if you are visiting. There are welcome leaflets at the ends of each pew – please take one. There are visitors books at either side of the Church – please sign one. Join us for refreshments at the close of the service – in the Centre.

Children leave for the '**Powerhouse**' after the first part of the service and meet in the Centre where they can be collected at the end. There is also a crèche available for babies / children under 3 years.

Our Bible passage is Matthew 2:13-23 read by Ian C.  
Jan P will lead us in our intercessory prayers.

**2pm** Service at Goldielea Nursing Home.

**6.30pm** Evening Service led by Christopher W.  
John N will preach on Titus 1:1-16.

### **Next Sunday – 15 January 2017**

**11am** Morning Worship, John will preach on Genesis 1:1-5 & 3:1-7.

**6.30pm** Evening Service led by John N.  
Raymond W will preach on Titus 2:1-15

## Regular Church Groups

### Monday

- **'Craft Fellowship'** – third Monday of each month in the Centre, 7-9pm  
*Contact Anne A*

### Wednesday

- **'Prayer Meeting'** – first Wednesday of the month in the Centre at 10.30am  
All welcome.

### Friday

- The **'Boys Brigade'** meet weekly in the Hall – the adventure starts here!  
P1-3 meet 6-7.30pm; P4-6 meet 6-8pm; P7 up meet 7.30-9.30pm.  
*Contact Billy I*

### Friday

- The **'Youth Fellowship'** meet weekly in the Centre from 7.30 – 9.30pm  
P7-S6 come & find out more about what Jesus can mean in your life today.  
*Contact Karyn S*

## Small Groups

These groups exist to enable us to grow in our faith through fellowship, study and discussion of God's Word, prayer and sharing together.

### Monday (***not meeting meantime***)

- Meeting at Brian and Kyla's, 7pm

### Tuesday

- Meeting at Margaret's, 7pm

### Tuesday

- Meeting at Steven and Kerry's, 7.30pm

### Thursday (***restarts 12 January***)

- Meeting at Sheila and Stuart's, 7.45pm

***Many of the groups stop during school holidays and over the summer.  
Check with the contact person if group is meeting on a particular date.***

## Church Contacts

Email [troqueer.church@btinternet.com](mailto:troqueer.church@btinternet.com)

## Intimations and Events

### **THIS WEEK**

#### **Guild Meeting – Tuesday 10 January, 7.30pm (Centre)**

The history of policing in Dumfries with John M. All welcome.

#### **Kirk Session Meeting – Wednesday 11 January, 7pm (Centre)**

#### **Lantern Making – Saturday 14 January, 1-4pm (Centre)**

The first of two lantern making workshops organised by the Big Burns Supper. Join Alison & Hannah making lanterns for the Fairtrade Group. Second workshop is on Thursday 19 January same place and time.

### **NEXT WEEK**

#### **Alpha Course – Tuesday 17 January, 7pm (Centre)**

Bring a friend, neighbour or colleague to explore the basics of the Christian faith in a friendly, open and informal environment.

Eleven sessions in total. Sign-up sheets at the side of the church.

### **ADVANCE NOTICE**

- Wednesday 25 January, 1.30pm Burns Commemorative Service (*St Michael's*)
- Saturday 28 January, 10am-12md World Mission Coffee Morning  
*Funds for visit from Hungarian Children's Choir, Debrecen (Dalbeattie Church)*
- Sunday 5 February, 11am Family Service (*Church*)
- Tuesday 7 February, 7.30pm Guild Meeting – Christian Aid (*Centre*)

***Check Centre notice board regularly for other interesting events further afield.***

**The intimation sheet is placed on the website each week.**

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## Sermon Notes

### The baby that cheated death?

**Matthew 2:13-23**

*... an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. 'Get up,' he said, 'take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, for Herod is going to search for the child to kill him.'*

*Matthew 2:13 (TNIV)*

**1. When God speaks he expects us .....**

**2. Often, the 'simple asks' from God .....**

*A voice is heard in Ramah, weeping and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children and refusing to be comforted, because they are no more.*

*Luke 2:18 (quoting Jeremiah 31 vs 15)*

**3. Things happen and God ..... why, and we ..... know**

**why, and we ..... know why.**

*How do we respond when we don't understand why?*

**4. We can pretend .....**

*My God My God why have you forsaken me?*

*Why are you so far from saving me? Psalm 22:1 (TNIV)*

**5. .... accepting that we might never know why**

**6. .... and walk away**

**7. There are times when .....  
when we know he could.**

**8. When God acts in a way we don't understand, or doesn't act**

**when we think he should .....**

*8 January 2017*