

# what's going on in **DECEMBER?**

- 2 Dec Ladies' Bible Study; 7pm
- 4 Dec Deeside Care Home service; 2.30pm – *see opposite*  
*Please pray for the team going to bless the residents.*
- 5 Dec Alpha: "What about the church?" 7.30pm
- 6 Dec Elders' meeting
- 7 Dec Prayer meeting; 10.15am
- 11 Dec Kintore Community Church; 3pm, Kintore Public Hall
- 18 Dec Carols by candlelight; 6:30pm – *see opposite*
- 20 Dec Elders' meeting
- 21 Dec Prayer meeting; 10.15am
- 23 Dec Ascend Christmas party; 7-10pm – *see opposite*
- 24 Dec Christmas eve service; 6.30pm – *see opposite*
- 25 Dec Christmas day celebration; 10.30am – *see opposite*
- 31 Dec Hogmanay ceilidh; 8pm – *see opposite*

mainly music – 1, 8 and 15 December at 9.45am  
GOALSIDE every Friday 6.30-7.30pm or 7.45-8.45pm  
small groups – on throughout the week in various homes

**Pre-service prayer meeting:** We meet in the lounge from 10:00-10:20 to commit the day to God. Hope you can make it – it's a brilliant way to prepare for our worship service. The last prayer meeting before Christmas will be 11 December and resume again 8 January 2017.

**Crèche & Children's Church:** We're so blessed to have so many infants and children. On Sunday mornings we have a new provision for our children; crèche (0-3 yrs.), as well as Climbers (4yrs-P1), Trekkers (P2-P4) and Xplorers (P5-P7). [*For our US friends, P2 = 1st Grade, P3 = 2nd, etc.*]

**Young people:** On Sunday evenings, our youth group, *Ascend*, meets from 6pm - 8pm. Check out the Ascend Facebook page to keep up with the news.

**Freely Bin:** As part of our regular weekly rhythm of giving to God, we take offerings of non-perishable food that will be distributed – in partnership with City Church – to the needy in Aberdeen. Information and shopping lists are available at the Connect Desk.

## SERMON SCHEDULE

4 Dec	Dominic Smart
11 Dec	Scott
18 Dec	Martin
24 Dec	Martin
25 Dec	Scott

Advent:  
Waiting on Hope

Christmas Eve service  
Christmas Day celebration

### WELCOME...

...especially, if this is your first time here! Please come and introduce yourself to us at the Connect Desk, we'd love to meet you!

Whether church is a familiar place or not – you can relax and just be yourself. We're so glad you're here.

Please let us know if there's any way we can serve or help you.

### Prayer

If you need prayer, come and speak to one of the people leading the service, or fill out a new visitors' card, or email us at [prayer@hillview.cc](mailto:prayer@hillview.cc).

### Membership

On the back page of this sheet, you can see our membership covenant.

If you consider Hillview your spiritual home, why not make it official?

### Gift aid

Do you pay tax in the U.K.? If so, and you give to the church financially, make sure you've signed a Gift Aid Declaration.

## MISSION FOCUS

### ANDREW BEVAN

Andy lives in Edinburgh and works for International Justice Mission (IJM). As the largest anti-slavery organisation in the world, he asks us to pray for seven trafficking survivors and their families during the trial in the Dominican Republic. Also give praise to God that three crucial convictions were secured recently in one of IJM's longest running trafficking cases. Pray too for healing and restoration of nine children, rescued from homes in the Philippines, where they were being exploited.

### Children's Church memory verse for December

Then the glory of the Lord will be revealed, and the whole human race will see it. The Lord Himself has promised this. Isaiah 40:5

### Children's Church at Deeside Care Home

On **Sunday 4 December** at 2.30pm children's church will join Billy and the team for a special advent service during which the children will share some Christmas songs and gifts with the residents. Lunch will be provided at Hillview for everyone planning to attend. Please sign up your family at the connect desk if you can make it. See Clare Deddiss or Billy Munro for more information.

### Carols by Candlelight

Come along on **Sunday 18 December** at 6.30pm and enjoy some carol singing and café style refreshments, a great opportunity to invite friends and family. If you are able to help by making a tray bake, can you please sign up at the connect desk or speak to Karen Watt or Jane MacDonald.

### Ascend Christmas party

On **Friday 23 December**, the Ascend Christmas party will be held in the church from 7-10pm for food, fun and games.

### Christmas Eve service – 6:30pm

A traditional service of carols and readings – all ages welcome.

### Christmas Day celebration – 10:30am

Time to rejoice at Jesus' birth! Join us for a 45 minute all-ages celebration. Children, bring along a toy to share with us.

### Hogmanay ceilidh

Join us on **Saturday 31 December** for lots of family fun, food, party games and ceilidh dancing. More details to follow!

### Holidays

Martin will be on holiday from 25-29 December and 2-4 January. Scott will be on holiday from 26 December - 8 January. Karen will be on holiday from 26 December - 8 January. Jane will be on holiday from 24 December - 8 January.