

We give thanks for those who experience
fulness of life:

Lily Sweet - 17 June 2018

Nelty Harbinson - 28 August 2018

Tom Walker - 4 September 2018

Lewis Fisher - 12 September 2018

We rejoice with those who were recently
married:

David Hamilton & Ashleigh Mawhinney
9 June 2018

24/7 Prayer

As per the call of Conference 2017, we held our 24/7 prayer time in late June and many people expressed their appreciation for the thoughtfulness and creativity of our prayer room.

As those who value prayer, let us continue to intercede for others we know, and for our community.

We will continue to host prayer walks, but anyone can do this at any time. Just walk round the neighbourhood and pray for those in their homes, or at school, or in the shops. And don't forget to pray for the work of the churches as you pass by.

A Harvest Prayer

Lord God, you are an awesome Creator. We thank you for the constant cycle of the seasons, for day and night, of seed-time and harvest. We are grateful for the harvest from land and sea, and for those whose work from whom we benefit. You are the God of compassion, so we pray that you would provide for those whose harvest has not been fruitful this year. Help us to be people who share with others, for the sake of your Kingdom. In Jesus' Name, we pray. Amen.

PRAYER PHONE NUMBER

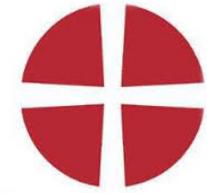
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Sydenham Methodist Church

News Sheet - Autumn 2018

**Give thanks to the Lord,
for he is good; his love
endures forever.**

-1 Chronicles 16:34



Congregational Meeting

Thanks to all who attended the Congregational Meeting on 9 September. From analysing the views of the congregation, it was encouraging to note the good level of support for the appointment of a Community and Family Worker and this is being progressed. There will be a review of the work of our Lay Employees in the Spring with regard to current needs, mission opportunities and financial sustainability. There was also a good level of support for the proposal to refurbish the vestibule of the church and a formal application has been made to the Methodist Church Property Board, and also applications for grant aid are being prepared. If you have any questions don't hesitate to speak with Robin or the stewards.

Our **Annual Congregational Meeting** will be held on **2 December** after Morning Worship.

Notable Worship services

7 October at 11am - Harvest Celebrations

7 October at 7pm - Healing & Prayer service with Holy Communion

21 October at 11am - Girls' Brigade Enrolment

11 November at 10.45am - Remembrance Day

18 November at 11am - Home Mission

18 November at 6.30pm in Woodvale - District Home Mission Service

2 December at 11am - Advent Communion

9 December at 11am - BCM toy appeal

9 December at 7pm - 'Blue' Christmas

16 December at 6.30pm - Christingle

23 December at 11am - All-age Carol Service

23 December at 7pm - United Carol Service

25 December at 9.30am - Christmas Morning



Visit to Clonard Monastery

On the 19th September, 28 of us visited Clonard Monastery (see above photo) to view the church and hear about their work in the past with the Peace Process, and their current work with the ministry of peace and reconciliation. We are grateful to Fr. Ciaran O'Callaghan and Ed Peterson for their generous welcome and hospitality, and look forward to welcoming them back to Sydenham in the future.

Our next Messy Church will be on 7 October at 3.30-4.30pm.

