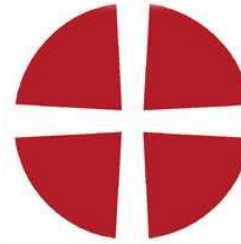


Next Sunday, 23 December: Fourth Sunday of Advent
11.00am All-age Carol Service led by Revd Robin Waugh
7.00pm Carols by Candlelight led by Revd Robin Waugh



SYDENHAM METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday 16 December 2018
Third Sunday of Advent

Advent Prayer

Gracious God, you are the source of all that is good and holy. On this third Sunday in Advent we give you thanks for the joy that you bring to our lives through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Even when life is tough, your joy within us brings us encouragement. As the Light of the world, shine in our lives and in your world with your lifegiving joy. We offer our prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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For prayer requests our Prayer network phone number is 073 9850 1495

Sermons are available on the website.

Contact Linda on 90 283948 or email: lindanicholson33@gmail.com
re: Notice Sheet. Cut off 7.00pm Tuesday

Please have any items for the PowerPoint slides with Susanne by 6.00pm on the Thursday evening.



Lord Jesus, Light of the World, John told the people to prepare, for you were very near. As Christmas grows closer day by day, help us to be ready to welcome you now.



The flowers on the Communion Table were donated by Jean McGuffin



The stewards in the vestibule in December are Brian and Irene Waring

Sunday 16 December Morning Worship at 11.00am

Led by Revd Robin Waugh

We offer our silent prayers to the Lord before worship commences

We offer our praise to God

Call to Worship	
Lighting the Advent Candles (Joy)	<i>Desmond Ferguson</i>
Praise Time	
Church News	<i>Brian Maxwell</i>
Children's Address	<i>Peter Morris</i>
(Children & Young People leave for KidZone & Focus)	

We hear the Word of God

Scripture	Isaiah 11: 1-10	<i>Brian Waring</i>
Scripture	Luke 2: 1- 12	<i>Brian Waring</i>
Hymn	While shepherds watched their flocks	<i>120 H&P</i>
Sermon	Who is Christmas for?	

We respond to the Word of God

Offering & Prayer of Dedication		
Prayers of Intercession & Lord's Prayer	<i>Sam Anderson</i>	
Hymn	God rest you merry, gentlemen	<i>103 H&P</i>
The Grace		

Tea/coffee in the Hall following Morning Worship

Sunday 16 December

'Messy Christingle' at 4.45pm
in the Church Halls

Sunday 16 December

Christingle service at 6.30pm
All welcome

sydenham this week

Monday 17 December

7.30pm MWI Outing to Stormont Presbyterian Church

8.00pm Football in the Watson Hall

Tuesday 18

10.00am Knit and Natter

Wednesday 19

10.00am 'Little Stars' Parent and toddler group (closing session)

Thursday 20

2.30pm Seniors' Fellowship – Christmas Tea

church notices

- ◆ Robin will be leading Carol Services in Palmerston Care Home on Tuesday 18th at 2.30pm and in Tudordale Care Home on Thursday 20th at 11.30am. Anyone who wishes to help to lead singing carols, please speak with Robin.
- ◆ Treasurers of All Organisations are asked to complete their 2018 accounts and to submit them to Derek Cottney as soon as possible for audit please. Include bank statements also.
- ◆ Belfast Central Mission have requested support for their annual Christmas Eve street collection. Collection boxes, badges etc may be collected from Grosvenor House, 5 Glengall Street from 8.30am and returned no later than 4.30pm. Please bring your I.D. if it's your first time collecting. Complementary refreshments and lunch will be provided for all collectors.
- ◆ A BIG Thank You to all who contributed to the Kiwoko Christmas Sale in the Ulster Hospital by baking, donating craft, money or items to sell. It raised the amazing total of £2712. All those involved are delighted at the response. This money will make a significant difference in Uganda. Thanks also to all who have bought Christmas and gift cards. There is still time to make further purchases!
- ◆ **Gifts for Life 2018** – As we celebrate the birth of our King this Christmas, let us make his Kingdom known here on Earth by giving gifts that transform lives! 'Gifts for Life' 2018 catalogues are now available in your church. You can also buy online: www.methodistworlddevelopment.org/gifts Gifts range from £10 to £80 and include lap desks for children in Southern Africa, seeds for farmers in Ghana and watering cans for gardeners in Bolivia.