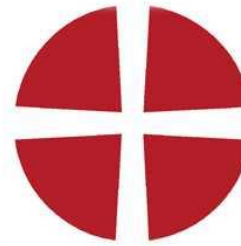


# SYDENHAM METHODIST CHURCH

**Sunday 23 December 2018**  
Fourth Sunday of Advent

## Advent Prayer

God of hope, who brought love into this world,  
be the love that dwells between us.  
God of hope, who brought peace into this world,  
be the peace that dwells between us.  
God of hope, who brought joy into this world,  
be the joy that dwells between us.  
God of hope, the rock we stand upon,  
be the centre, the focus of our lives  
always, and particularly this Advent time. 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](mailto: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.



*Loving God, we know that you are love itself. On this fourth Sunday in Advent, as we draw closer to Christmas Day, we offer our worship to you as the God of love. We thank you for the love that you have shown to us, and for the love that we experience amongst our families and friends. As the Light of the world, shine in our lives and in your world your unending love. We pray through Christ our Lord. Amen.*



The flowers on the Communion Table were donated by  
Claire Martin



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

**Please take this notice sheet home and refer to it over the coming weeks**

### **Sunday 23 December Family Carol Service at 11.00am**

Led by the Revd Robin Waugh & Emma-Jayne Speers

We offer our silent prayers to the Lord before worship commences

Welcome & Call to Worship	
Lighting the Advent Candles (Love)	
Carol Come and join the celebration	<i>The Hamilton family</i>
Church News	<i>97 H&amp;P</i>
Offering & Prayer of Dedication	<i>Carolyn Hall</i>
Scripture Luke 2: 1-7	<i>Hannah Fullerton</i>
Scripture Luke 2: 8-20	<i>Sara Fullerton</i>
Carol It was on a starry night	
Opening the first gift	
Opening the second gift	
Carol See him lying on a bed of straw	<i>118 H&amp;P</i>
Opening the third gift	
Opening the fourth gift	
Carol Away in a manger	<i>94 H&amp;P</i>
Prayers for others & Lord's Prayer	<i>Steph Neilands</i>
Carol Angels from the realms of glory	<i>92 H&amp;P</i>
The Grace	

*Tea/coffee in the Hall following Morning Worship*

### **Sunday 23 December Carols by Candlelight at 7.00pm**

Led by the Revd Robin Waugh

We offer our silent prayers to the Lord before worship commences

Welcome & Introduction	<i>Revd Danny Rankin</i>
Prayers of Adoration & Confession	<i>Revd Danny Rankin</i>
Carol Once in royal David's city	<i>114 H&amp;P</i>
Lesson 1 Isaiah 9: 2, 6-7	<i>Elizabeth McQuillen</i>
Lesson 2 Micah 5: 2-5a	<i>Emma-Jayne Speers</i>
Carol O little town of Bethlehem	<i>113 H&amp;P</i>
Lesson 3 Luke 1: 26-38	<i>Audrey Watters</i>
Carol Silent night, Holy night	<i>112 H&amp;P</i>
Offering & Prayer of Dedication	
Lesson 4 Matthew 1: 18-23	<i>Sammy Stanfield</i>
Carol The first Nowell	<i>119 H&amp;P</i>
Lesson 5 Luke 2: 8-20	<i>John Johnston</i>
Carol O come, all ye faithful (vs 1-5)	<i>110 H&amp;P</i>
Lesson 6 John 1: 1-14	<i>Laura Gray</i>
Prayers for Christmas & Lord's Prayer	
Carol Hark! The herald-angels sing	<i>106 H&amp;P</i>
A Christmas Blessing	

### **Tuesday 25 December 2018 at 9.30am Christmas Day All-age Service All welcome**



*Lord Jesus, Light of Light, you have come among us,  
Help us who live by your light to shine as lights in your world.  
Glory to God in the highest!*

### **Next Sunday, 30 December 2018 First Sunday of Christmas**

**11.00am Morning Worship** led by Mrs Carolyn Hall  
**NO Evening Service**

### **Sunday 6 January 2019: Second Sunday of Christmas Covenant Service & Holy Communion**

followed by tea and coffee in the Watson Hall

**11.00am Covenant Service & Holy Communion**  
led by Revd Robin Waugh  
**7.00pm Evening Worship** led by Revd Robin Waugh

## **church\*notices**

- ◆ 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.