

Next Sunday, 16 December: Third Sunday of Advent
11.00am Morning Worship led by Revd Robin Waugh
4.45pm Messy Church in the Church Halls
6.30pm Christingle Service led by Revd Robin Waugh

notices

- ◆ **'Carols in the Car Park'** @ Belfast Sydenham Salvation Army, next Sunday 16 December @ 4.00pm. All welcome.
- ◆ **The Ben Clark Christmas Concert** – Monday 17th December 2018 @ 8.00pm in Stormont Presbyterian Church, Upper Newtownards Road. Supporting the Moving Mountain Early Childhood Development Unit in Ulamba, Kenya. An evening of Christmas Classics with award winning chamber choir Concentio. No ticket required. Donations gratefully received on the evening.

Advent Prayer

Gracious Lord, this chaotic and painful world needs your peace. We gather on this second Sunday in Advent to offer to you our worship as the Prince of Peace. Forgive us for the busyness of Christmas time, that we often forget that it is all about celebrating your birth. As the Light of the world shine in our lives and in your world with your everlasting peace. We pray through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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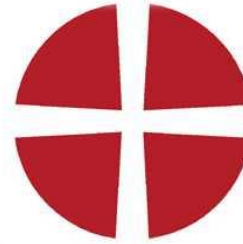
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For prayer requests our Prayer network phone number is 073 9850 1495
Sermons are available on the website.

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.



SYDENHAM METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday 9 December 2018
Second Sunday of Advent



Lord Jesus, Light of the World, the prophets said you would bring peace and save your people in trouble. Give peace in our hearts at Christmastide and show all the world God's love. Amen.



The flowers on the Communion Table were donated by Heather McGregor



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

Sunday 9 December Morning Worship at 11.00am

Led by Sammy Stanfield & the 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 (Peace)	Alan & Eleanor Gray
Praise Time	
Church News	Carolyn Hall
Introducing Emma-Jayne Speers (Community & Family Worker)	
BCM Toy Appeal	
Children's Address	
(Children & Young People leave for KidZone & Focus)	

We hear the Word of God

Scripture	Luke 1: 67-80	Joanne Young
Scripture	Luke 3: 2b-17	Joanne Young
Hymn	On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry	84 H&P
Sermon	John the Baptist: Clearing the way for Christ	

We respond to the Word of God

Offering & Prayer of Dedication		
Prayers of Intercession & Lord's Prayer	Alan Hall	
Hymn	Long ago, prophets knew	83 H&P
The Grace		

Tea/coffee in the Hall following Morning Worship

Sunday 9 December 'Blue' Christmas at 7.00pm

Led by the Revd Robin Waugh

Reader is Brian Maxwell

We offer our silent prayers to the Lord before worship commences

Welcome & Church News		
Call to Worship		
Hymn	O come, O come, Immanuel	85 H&P
Responsive Opening Prayer		
O.T. Scripture	Isaiah 9: 2; 6-7	
Responsive	Psalm 121	
Gospel Reading	Matthew 11: 28-30	
Hymn	Come, thou long-expected Jesus	81 H&P
Reflection	Walking in darkness	
Offering & Prayer of Dedication		
Remembering our loved ones (by lighting tealights)		
Prayers for others & ourselves followed by the Lord's Prayer		
Word of Encouragement		
Hymn	Love came down at Christmas	105 H&P
A Blessing		

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Monday 10 December

7.00pm	Mixed Bowls
8.00pm	Football in the Watson Hall

Tuesday 11

10.00am	Knit and Natter
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Wednesday 12

10.00am	'Little Stars' Parent and toddler group
7.00pm	WNTMG (finishes for Christmas)
7:30pm	Bible Study

Friday 14

7.00pm	Young Youngs
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Other activities this week:

Tuesday	Beavers 6.30pm; Cubs 6.30pm; Scouts 7.30pm
Wednesday	Squirrels 6.30pm
Thursday	Girls' Brigade 6.00pm; Seniors and Brigaders 7.00pm

church notices

- ◆ Christmas News sheets are available. Church visitors are invited to deliver them to those on your lists who would appreciate a copy, especially to those who are unable to attend church. We also need people to deliver the news sheets around the neighbourhood to help publicise our Christmas services. These are in bundles with street names attached. Please take a bundle and deliver them during this week if possible.
- ◆ 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.
- ◆ Prayer Partners – Please pick up your copy of the December update which you will find on the vestibule table.
- ◆ **Storehouse Christmas Hampers** – Storehouse have asked us to donate 'Stuffing mix' to help make up the Christmas Hampers this year. Please leave any contributions in the shopping trolley in the vestibule. Thank you.
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ Kiwoko Christmas cards are on the vestibule table, some are priced at £10 each intended as a living gift and some are 50p each. Please leave money in the box beside them. Thank you.