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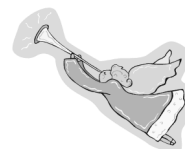
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## Services

### Sunday 20th December



**11.00am Morning Worship** All Age Christmas Service led by Sunday club. Rev George Moore

**7.00pm Evening Worship** Traditional Carol Service. Rev David Brice

### Sunday 27th December

**11.00am Morning Worship** Sermon: 'Angels Praise'. Luke 2 v 8-20 Rev David Brice

**7.00pm Evening Worship** No Evening Service

### Sunday 3rd January 2016

**11.00am Morning Worship** Series: Serving God in hard times. Sermon: 'Enoch walked with God'.

Scripture: Genesis 5 v 18-24 Rev George Moore

**7.00pm Evening Worship** Rev George Moore

#### If you are visiting here this morning:

- There is a crèche in the Dunlop Hall (ask for directions).
- Primary school aged children can join our Sunday Club; watch for children leaving during the service.
- If your child needs a break during the service feel free to leave and go to our foyer.
- Kids Bags: If your child is staying during the sermon there are kids packs available in the Library Corner. Please feel free to get them before or during the service.

# **Forthcoming Events**

**Friday 25th December** - Christmas Morning Family Service at 10.30am

**Sunday 27th December** - Morning Worship 11am - Please note no evening service

**Tuesday 29th December** - Family Quiz at 7.30pm

**Sunday 10th January** - Evening Service will include admission of new communicants

**Sunday 17th January** - Communion Service at 11am

**Sunday 17th January** - 'An evening with Ben' at 7pm. Ben Smith is working with Tearfund for 6 months in Peru.

**Sunday 24th January** - Vision Sunday at 11am. We will be considering the future direction of the congregation in the months and years to come.

## **Discipleship Events**

**MID WEEK BIBLE STUDY:** Winter Recess. Recommences Wednesday 6th January 2016 at 7.30pm.

**ADVANCE NOTICE: KIRK SESSION.** Meeting after the morning service on 10th January 2016 to meet with the Communicant class.

**ADVANCE NOTICE: CONGREGATIONAL COMMITTEE.** Meeting Tuesday 12th January 2016 at 8pm in the Burney Room.

## **Organisational Notices**

**SUNDAY CLUB:** There will be no Sunday Club on Sunday 27th December. We will recommence on Sunday 3rd January 2016.

**THURSDAY TOGETHER:** The next meeting of Thursday Together will be on 7th January 2016.

**FoG** is now on Christmas break. We will return on Friday 8th January 2016 at 7pm.

## **Congregational Notices**

**2015 SHOEBOX APPEAL UPDATE:** The total number of shoeboxes that left Northern Ireland this year was 45,545 which included 8,035 the total for the Belfast area. The overall total is an increase of 2,500 boxes on previous years. Six container lorries left Northern Ireland for the following countries:- 2 for Serbia, (which included the Belfast area boxes), 2 for Romania, 1 for Macedonia, 1 for Ukraine.

We pray that they all get to their destination safely and that nothing prevents the children receiving the "Love in a Box" that they deserve. Ann & Maureen

**ROYAL BRITISH LEGION:** Thank you to all who contributed to Annual Poppy Appeal; £494 was donated through retiring offering and £8.22 in The Poppy Box.

**OFFICE HOURS:** Will resume on Thursday 7th January 12.30—3.30pm and Sundays 10—11am.

**OPEN DOOR:** will resume on Thursday 7th January 2016, 11.30am—12.30pm

**PRAYER BOX:** Please leave any prayer requests in the box in vestibule.

**RECORDINGS OF SUNDAY SERVICES** are available from recording desk in balcony.

The Congregational Committee have decided that Sunday 27th December will be the last day when donations can be received for inclusion in the 2015 accounts. Anything received after this will be included in 2016.

**PRESBYTERIAN HERALD & REACHOUT MAGAZINES:** If anyone would like to order either or both magazines or to change an existing order please speak to Margaret Gormley. ( tel: 9080 4576 )

**WORLD DEVELOPMENT APPEAL:** Please place envelopes in collection plate today or next Sunday.

**ANNOUNCEMENT SHEET:** The next issue of the announcement sheet will be 10th January 2016, please retain this combined announcement sheet for future reference.

**CHURCH OFFICE:** The church office will be closed during the Christmas period. It will re-open on Thursday 7th January.

**Mosaic** will open again on Thursday 7th January 6.30 - 8pm & Friday 8th January 8.45am - 12noon & 6.45 - 8.30pm

**Happy Christmas!**

Many thanks for all who conveyed greetings to the manse. Essie and I wish you all a very merry Christmas and healthy and happy New Year.

God Bless.  
David and Essie



**With Regret**

With regret we announce the death of Mr John Montgomery, 3 Church Crescent, our former Church Officer. The funeral took place on Wednesday 16th December in Glengormley Presbyterian Church. We extend our sympathy to his wife Mary, son Maurice, daughter Susan and the family circle.

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27th December		Mrs Hewitt	Mr McLaughlin
3rd January		Mrs Cooke	Mrs Elliott
DATE		OPENING/CLOSING	SECURITY
20th December		Brian McKenna	Sam Raphael
27th December		John Armstrong	Gareth Lenaghan
3rd January		John Armstrong	

# Prayer Diary



*Better is one day in your court than a thousand elsewhere;  
I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than  
dwell in the tents of the wicked.*

*Psalms 84: 10*

**Monday 21st December:** Give thanks to God for the services on Sunday and all who took part. Pray that his message in word, action and song will live long in everyone's heart. Pray for those who are unable to come to worship due to family commitments, ill health or grieving because of the death of a loved one in the family. Continue to up-hold them in your prayers in the months that are ahead.

**Tuesday 22nd December:** Pray for all the leaders, helpers and members in the various organisations that they would enjoy the Christmas break and return in the New Year refreshed for the remaining months of this session. Give thanks for their faithfulness in preparation and in carrying out their particular tasks.

**Wednesday 23rd December:** Pray for true peace in the world. Remember our brothers and sisters in Christ who face cruelty, even death because of their faith in Jesus Christ. Pray they would know God's love and presence in these days of trial. Pray that God would soften the hearts of governments in all anti Christian countries. Pray for our own government that they would be better protectors of all who follow the teachings of the Christian faith.

**Thursday 24th December:** Pray for the preaching of God's Word and for receptive hearts especially over the Christmas Season. Pray that we all would know the true meaning of Christmas.

**Friday 25th December:** Pray that those who are able will come and enjoy our informal Christmas morning service. Pray for travelling mercies as family members visit each other over the Christmas period, and pray for those who are away from home at this time.

**Saturday 26th December:** Pray for our Ministry Team, giving thanks for their preaching of God's Word throughout the years. Pray that they will have time to enjoy the company of family and friends over the Christmas period and feel refreshed for the New Year.

**Sunday 27th December:** Pray for The Word preached to us this morning. May it draw us closer to God. May our worship be acceptable and pleasing to Him. As we face the New Year pray that God would give us boldness and strong faith in Him to be His agents in this dark world.