

10th December 2017

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Services

Sunday 10th December

11:00am Morning Worship

Sermon: 'Through the Looking Glass - Living with Life's Absurdities' Scripture: Ecclesiastes 1 v 1-9 Rev David Brice

6:00pm Evening Worship Whitecity Carol

Service in Whitecity Community Hall
NO EVENING SERVICE IN GLENGORMLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday 17th December

11:00am Morning Worship

Sunday Club Christmas Service

7:00pm Evening Worship

Songs for Christmas Service

If you are visiting here this morning:

- There is a crèche in the Minor Hall (ask for directions).
- Primary school aged children can join our Sunday Club; watch for children leaving during the service.
- Kids Bags are being revamped, please bear with us.
- If your child needs a break during the service feel free to leave and go to the entrance area.

If you don't wish to take your announcement sheet or sermon notes home please return them to the holder in entrance.

Christmas Events

Sunday 10th December, 6:00pm - Whitecity Carol Service

Sunday 17th December, 11:00am - All Age Christmas Service lead by Sunday Club

Sunday 17th December, 7:00pm - Traditional Carol Service (followed by mince pies)

Sunday 24th December, 6:00pm - Christmas Song Café

Monday 25th December, 10:00am - Christmas Morning Service

Wednesday 27th December, 3:00 to 5:00pm - Christmas Football

Thursday 28th December, 7:30 pm - Annual Christmas Quiz

Sunday 31st December - please note there is no evening service

Monday 1st January, 1:00pm - New Year's Walk

Discipleship Events

MID WEEK BIBLE STUDY: will recommence on Wednesday 3rd January at 7:30pm in the Burney Room.

Leadership Notices

KIRK SESSION CONVENERS: There will be a brief meeting of Conveners after the morning service in the Minister's Room.
SESSION AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS PLEASE COLLECT YOUR CHRISTMAS BUNDLES FOR DISTRIBUTION BEFORE CHRISTMAS 2017!

LEADERS please inform Sue McKinstry of Christmas closing dates and New Year opening dates ASAP.

Organisation Notices

WALKING CLUB meeting Wednesday 13th December at 10:30am in the Burney Room. We are hoping to have a short walk before our Christmas Dinner.

THURSDAY TOGETHER: Our Christmas meal takes place this week in the McKinley Hall at 1:00pm. Would drivers please have all passengers there at 12:45pm. Afterwards we will be entertained by the choir from Mossgrove Primary School and plan to finish by 3:15pm. This is our final meeting before the holidays and we take this opportunity to wish everyone a very blessed Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year. Thursday Together meets again on the 4th January 2018 at 2:30pm.

SUNDAY CLUB: The children and leaders of the Sunday Club invite you to join them to celebrate the birth of Jesus as they lead the morning service on Sunday 17th December. This is an all age service and everyone is invited.

Church Notices

CARETAKING: Our caretaker will not be available this week due to a family bereavement. Organisations please ensure halls are swept and left tidy. If you could help during any of the following times it would be greatly appreciated. Please see the sheet on sign up desk for tasks to be completed:

Tuesday 3:00-4:00pm

Wednesday 9:30am-12noon

Thursday 12:30-3:15pm and 7:30-9:00pm

CATERING TEAM B to meet in the Burney Room after this mornings service.

EVENING WORSHIP: Please note there is no service this evening in our church building. Please come to White City Community Hall and join with us at 6:00pm for our Community Carol Service.

Why not take out a Herald subscription for 2018? The Presbyterian Herald is the monthly magazine of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. Containing news, features and general information about our Church's work, both at home and overseas, it is a useful way to keep up to date with what is going on in PCI. Why not give someone a subscription for Christmas this year or think about taking a subscription out for yourself. A yearly subscription of 10 issues cost just £10 through our congregational agent. For a sample copy or to subscribe please contact Margaret Gormley.

THINKING OF DONATING INSTEAD OF SENDING

CHRISTMAS CARDS THIS YEAR: With the ease of sending greetings electronically and wanting to reduce paper usage many people are choosing to donate to charity. Well this year you can triple your giving to one of our favourite charities Tear Fund and also Gift Aid it. This Christmas, Tearfund together with SPAR, EUROSPAR, VIVO and ViVOXTRA stores in Northern Ireland are offering the ultimate 3-for-1. Every penny customers donate to Tearfund will be matched by the UK government and also matched by SPAR, EUROSPAR, ViVO or ViVOXTRA. For further information: <https://www.tearfund.org/en-NI/>

CHURCH ACCOUNTS will close 31st December 2017. Any donations received after this date will be included in 2018 accounts.

If you were thinking of sending a card, Beatrice's address is: Beatrice Kibolo Gembu, 18 Harrington Road, London E16 3NP - I'm sure she would love to hear from you

POPPY APPEAL: We received a letter of thanks from The Royal British Legion for the donation of £520.10 which was collection on Remembrance Sunday by way of retiring offering. The Poppy Box also contained £11.87.

Prayer Diary

Monday 11th December: "Do not be afraid Mary, you have found favour with God. You will be with child." (Luke 1:29) On the lead up to the Christmas season let us remember the reason for our celebrations. Thank God for fulfilling His promise of a Saviour, who came into the world as a baby and ultimately, through His death, provided us with eternal life.

Tuesday 12th December: "So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth... to Bethlehem, the town of David" (Luke 2:4) There will be many of us also travelling over the coming weeks, to visit and share Christmas with loved ones. Pray for safety as we commute to these places and bless the time that we spend together.

Wednesday 13th December: "There was no room for them in the inn" (Luke 2:7) Remember those living on the streets at this time of year, when the weather is getting colder. Praise God for the tireless work of many charities who try to provide food and shelter to those in need. We are urged by God to care for those less fortunate than ourselves and create a more equal community.

Thursday 14th December: "And there were shepherds living out in the fields near by, keeping watch over their flocks at night." (Luke 2:8) God sent angels to shepherds who, at that time were regarded as being the lowest of humanity. When they visited Jesus that night in the stable they had nothing to offer Him, but their praise and worship. Let us not overlook those of lower circumstance, for Jesus came "for all the people."

Friday 15th December: "After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea... Magi from the east came to Jerusalem." (Matt 2:1) In our communities, we are seeing more people from other countries travelling here to make a home for themselves. Pray that they feel welcomed and included as they integrate into our society. Pray also for Beatrice Kibolo, who continues to raise the necessary funds to bring her family safely to the UK.

Saturday 16th December: "The people living in darkness have seen a great light" (Isaiah 9v2) Our response to this verse is expressed perfectly in this week's Tides devotional, "Walk with unburdened shoulders, free from the guilt of sin, and allow it to bring out increased joy in the way that you speak and act."

Sunday 17th December: As the children of the Sunday Club present to us the nativity story this morning, reflect on what we have prayed for this week. Praise God for sending us His Son on that first Christmas Day.

With Regret

With regret we announce the death of Miss A Smiley, Jordanstown Private Nursing Home. The funeral will take place on Tuesday 12th December at 12noon at Bairds Funeral Church, Antrim. We extend our sympathy to her niece Irene and the family circle.

DATE	CRECHE		
10/12/17	Lorna Madeley	Ann Hardy	Susan Law
17/12/17	Lesley Bell	Kerry Newman	Lorraine Metson
24/12/17	Paula Boland	Laura Semple	Fay Babalola

DATE	OPENING/CLOSING
10/12/17	John Lindsay
17/12/17	Kenneth McKinstry
24/12/17	John Armstrong

OPEN DOOR will resume on Thursday 23rd November from 11:30am to 12:30pm. You can call in or you may wish to phone in advance.

RECORDINGS OF SUNDAY SERVICES are available from the sound team in the balcony.

PRAYER BOX: Please leave any prayer requests in the box in entrance

OFFICE HOURS: Thursday 12:30-3:30 pm and Sundays 9:45-10:45 am

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