

# 16th December 2018



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## Services

### Sunday 16th December

**11:00am Morning Worship** Series: Jesus Comes. Sermon: 'Jesus comes to the shepherds' Scripture: Luke 2 v 12, 15, Matthew 2 v 1-2, 7 v 7 Rev David Brice

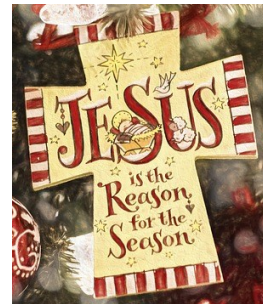
**7:00pm Evening Worship** Rev David Brice

### Sunday 23rd December

**11:00am Morning Worship** All age Service by Sunday Club

**6:00pm Evening Worship** 'Sing Christmas' Our Song Cafe

Christmas Service followed by tea and mince pies



## Forthcoming Events

**Sunday 23rd December, 11:00am** - Children's Christmas Service

**Sunday 23rd December, 6:00pm** - Sing Christmas

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

**Friday 28th December 3:00-5:00pm** - Soccer Shed

**Friday 28th December, 7:30pm** - Christmas Quiz

**Tuesday 1st January, 1:30pm** - New Years Walk

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

**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.
- If your child is staying during the sermon there are kids packs available at the library corner (back left of church). Please feel free to get them before or during the service.
- If your child needs a break during the service feel free to leave and go to the entrance area.

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

**PRAYER BOX:** Please leave any prayer requests in the box in the entrance area—beside the sign up desk.

**YOUR CONTACT DETAILS:** If these should change, please notify the office so that we can keep our records up to date.

## Discipleship Events

**MID WEEK BIBLE STUDY:** Winter Recess. Starting back again on Wednesday 9th January 2019 at 7:30pm in the Burney Room.

## Organisation Notices

**SUNDAY CLUB CHRISTMAS SERVICE:** The children and leaders of the Sunday Club warmly invite you to their special Christmas Service which will be held on Sunday 23rd December at 11:00 am. Please invite your family and friends to come along too as we celebrate the birth of Jesus together.

**PARENT AND TODDLERS** has finished for Christmas, starting again on Thursday 10th January at 10:00am.

**THURSDAY TOGETHER** has finished for Christmas. We will resume on Thursday 3rd January 2019 at 2:30pm.

**RAINBOWS, BROWNIES AND GUIDES** have finished for Christmas and will start back on Thursday 10th January 2019.

**FRIDAY CLUB** has finished for Christmas and will start back again on Friday 11th January.

**MOSAIC** will not be open on Friday 21st December - see you in the New Year!



## Church Notices

**CATERING TEAM B** please meet after this morning's service in the Burney Room.

## Prayer Diary

**UNITED APPEAL:** Thank you to all who contributed to our annual United Appeal. We have posted a cheque for £12,701 to Church House.

**MODERATORS APPEAL:** Thank you to all who contributed to our recent Moderators Appeal. We have posted a cheque for £1,860 to help those who have been affected by the INDONESIA TSUNAMI

**WOMEN'S AID:** Many thanks to all who contributed to the Women's Aid White Ribbon appeal - a cheque for £61 has been sent. The ribbons are still available in Mosaic for anyone who would still like to contribute.

**CHURCH ACCOUNTS 2018:** The Committee has confirmed that the last day for contributions received to be included in the 2018 financial accounts is Sunday 30th December 2018. Any contributions received thereafter will be recorded in the 2019 figures.

**BEATRICE** has a new address. If anyone wants to send a card, please speak to Hazel in the church office.

### PRAYER REQUEST MINISTRY

1. Leave your requests in the prayer box (beside the sign up desk)
2. If anyone would like to join the prayer circle that performs this ministry, please see Dorothy Marshall


**FOOD BANK:** For the month of December we are making a basket available so that you can donate non-perishable food items that would be used weekly to feed a family. Any items from your kitchen cupboard or grocery shop would be greatly appreciated. These will then find their way to struggling local families in the aftermath of Christmas.


**UNION THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE Public Lecture:** 'The Making of the Hibernian Patriot: Jonathan Swift and Ulster Presbyterians' with Professor Ian McBride Foster Professor of Irish History, University of Oxford Tuesday 15th January at 7:30pm in Union Theological College, Belfast. Open to all. No booking required.


## Project Romania


**PROJECT ROMANIA COOKBOOK:** Parent and Toddler Cookbook is available to purchase from any Parent and Toddler Leader at the cost of £5. All money raised will go towards the cost of building a house in Romania.


**OPEN DOOR** Rev Brice will be available in the Minister's Room on Thursdays from 11:30am to 12:30pm. You can call in or you may wish to phone in advance to make an appointment. **There will be no Open Door on Thursday 27th December.**


 **Monday 17th December 2018:** Across this world there is suffering and grief. Evil forces are at work and we could easily become afraid. But as Christians we don't rely on this world. We are blessed by having a loving Heavenly Father. Pray for his protection in these present times. Also that He would uphold and strengthen us in our journey through life.


 **Tuesday 18th December 2018:** Pray for those in our congregation who have lost loved ones. Christmas will be particularly difficult for them. May they know Gods blessing and be comforted.

 **Wednesday 19th December 2018:** Remember missionaries throughout the world at this time. They are far from friends and family. May they be conscious of our prayer support and not feel isolated in the work that they have been called to.

 **Thursday 20th December 2018:** Remember the work of our Thompson House staff as they provide supported housing and rehabilitation for men after they leave prison. Pray especially for David Farrow and his staff as they seek to communicate the gospel message to residents this advent season.

 **Friday 21st December 2018:** Give thanks for all the outreach work that has been undertaken by our congregation during the past year. Pray that seeds of faith are being planted and that in due course many will come to know the Lord Jesus as their friend and saviour.

 **Saturday 22nd December 2018:** It will soon be Christmas. Let us pause and join in the prayer of Robert Louis Stevenson: "Loving Father, help us remember the birth of Jesus that we may share in the song of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds, and worship of the wise men."

 **Sunday 23rd December 2018:** Pray for our minister as he leads us in worship today. Ask that he would be inspired and enabled by the Holy Spirit. Also pray that we as a congregation will be receptive to the Lords message.

**OFFICE HOURS:** The Church Office normal opening hours are Thursdays 12:30-3:30pm & Sundays 9:45-10:45am. Any announcements for next week to be with the office by 12noon on Thursday. Over Christmas the Church office will be closed on Thursday 27th and Sunday 30th December. All announcements for this period are to be with the office by **12 noon on Thursday 20th December.**

DATE	OPENING/CLOSING	CRECHE		
16th December	Gareth Lenaghan	Jane McClelland	May Horner	Anna Wright
23rd December	Bryan Marshall	Lorna Madeley	Ann Hardy/Susan Law	Hannah McKinstry
30th December	Ray Gormley	Ann Robinson	Pam Murray	Ali Cooke