

# Christmas 2018

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## Services

### 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

### Sunday 30th December

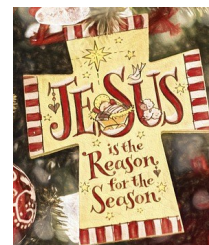
**11:00am Morning Worship** Rev George Moore

**No Evening Worship**

### Sunday 6th January 2019

**11:00am Morning Worship** COMMUNION SERVICE. Series: Jesus Comes. Sermon: 'Jesus comes to Bethlehem' Luke 2 v 1-7

**7:00pm Evening Worship** Mr Nathaniel McQueen



## Forthcoming Events

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

**Wednesday 26th December, 10:30am-12:30pm** - Boxing Day Bash

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

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

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

## Discipleship Events

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

**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.

## Leadership Notices

**ADVANCE NOTICE: KIRK SESSION MEETING** Tuesday 8th January 2019 at 7:30pm in the Burney Room.

## Organisation Notices

**SUNDAY CLUB:** There will be no Sunday Club on Sunday 30th December 2018. We will resume on Sunday 6th January 2019. Wishing everyone a very Happy Christmas and look forward to seeing you all again in the New Year!

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

**PW (Presbyterian Women)** - Monday 7th January 2019 for our Winter Warmer in Trinity Restaurant at 12:30pm. Meet in Church Car Park at 12:15pm. Or go direct to the Restaurant.

**PW ALLOCATIONS** A cheque for £2000 has been forwarded to PCI towards our Missionary Funds. The amount collected in our Mission boxes amounted to £1174. Many thanks to all who contributed.

**PARENT AND TODDLERS** starting again on Thursday 10th January 2019 at 10:00am.

**RAINBOWS, BROWNIES AND GUIDES** will start back on Thursday 10th January 2019.

**FRIDAY CLUB** will start back again on Friday 11th January.

## Church Notices

**BOXING DAY BASH** is from 10:30am to 12.30pm all are welcome for some unihoc and volleyball fun.

**NEW YEAR'S DAY WALK:** Wrap up well and walk off the chocolates and Christmas cake on New Year's Day at Castle Gardens (Clotworthy House) Antrim. We meet at 1:30 pm sharp for a convivial stroll in the fresh air and a cuppa afterwards! Why not invite some else to come along with you.

**HAPPY CHRISTMAS:** Thank you to all who conveyed the best wishes of the season to the manse. We wish all the congregation a very Happy Christmas and a blessed New Year. Love David and Essie Brice

**WORLD DEVELOPMENT APPEAL:** Envelopes have been circulated to every home in the congregation. Please donate generously by bringing your envelopes over the next two Sundays.

**PRESBYTERIAN HERALD:** Subscription for one year has had to be increased to £15. If you would like to order a magazine for the first time or change your order please see Margaret Gormley.

**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.

#### 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. Though they are only a week apart, Christmas Day and New Year's Day hold the rest of the year between them in many ways.

### News

Congratulations to Jonny and Olwyn Reaney on the birth of third baby boy, Ethan.

### Prayer Diary

Leading up to Christmas we look back at the timeless account of Jesus being born into this world. Take time to read and hear the thrilling words that tell us about this

wonderful event and give thanks for God's love shown for all mankind. It was in the darkness of the night when light from heaven shone on the shepherds and they heard the angels telling them the good news of the Saviour's birth. Pray for those you know who feel their lives are darkness. Maybe they feel that illness, worry, loneliness or grief have closed in on them and they have lost their way. Pray that the light of God's living words will break through to them, renewing hope and peace.

#### IMMANUEL - GOD IS WITH US

Give thanks for those who have touched our lives down the years. We may only hear from them at Christmas but as cards or letters are received, pray for them in whatever circumstances their lives are in now.

#### IMMANUEL - GOD IS WITH US

Give thanks for those who have worked so hard for our Church family this year. Ask God to bless them for the many unseen acts that we take for granted. Pray that as we come together to worship, we may all be truly part of it and willing to share the load.

#### IMMANUEL - GOD IS WITH US

The wise men followed a star. It shone in the darkness, showing them the way to go. They were looking forward, looking ahead. As the New Year approaches, with the unknown, may each of us hold fast to that precious promise of Christmas.

#### IMMANUEL - GOD IS WITH US

Especially pray for those facing a new year without a loved one. Pray for all that they need to be met by the Saviour's presence with them. As a church family we sorely miss those who have been taken to be with the Lord. Pray for their families.

#### IMMANUEL - GOD IS WITH US

Pray that the coming year brings many opportunities to tell of God's love in Jesus in a needy world. Ask that God will give new energy and enthusiasm to all involved in events and organisations, Elders, Committee members and Leaders. Thank God for them all as we seek to enable people to Begin, Belong, Become - part of God's family here.

#### IMMANUEL - GOD IS WITH US

Pray that we, like the wise men, will follow the way He is showing us in the days ahead. In our personal lives and as a congregation. Pray in thankfulness for all His many blessings - that we would be as 'Strong and Courageous' as He commands us to be as we put our trust in Him.

#### IMMANUEL - GOD IS WITH US

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

**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.**

DATE	OPENING/CLOSING	CRECHE		
23rd December	Bryan Marshall	Lorna Madeley	Ann Hardy/Susan Law	Hannah McKinstry
30th December	Ray Gormley	Ann Robinson	Pam Murray	Ali Cooke
6th January	Kyle Irwin	Lynsey McQueen	Helen Horner	Olwyn Reaney
13th January	Robin McBride	Lesley Bell	Fay Babalola	Lorraine Metson

**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.**