

Regent Street Methodist Church



To Know God's Love and to Share it with Others
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Welcome to Our Service Today

Sunday 10 December 2017

Second Sunday in Advent - Peace

“Jesus the Son of God, born for Everyone”

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of Advent Candle

Carol (MP 539)

“Once in Royal David's City”

Symbols of Christmas (Primary and Seniors)

Reading

“Luke 2 v 1-7”

Sketch

“Shepherds Part 1”

Carol (MP 337)

“In the Bleak Mid Winter”

Reading

“Luke 2 v 8-14”

Sketch

“Shepherds Part 2”

Carol

“O Holy Night”

Sketch

“Shepherds Part 3”

Offering

Prayers of Intercession

Carol

“Mary's Boy Child”

Talk

“Play It By Ear”

Carol (MP 393)

“Joy to the World”

BENEDICTION



PRAYER Prayer Ministry will be available at the Prayer Corner at the back of the Church after the morning service each week (except Communion Sunday). If you would like to use our Telephone Prayer Link, contact Mary Mulligan on 9181 4486 / 07702701726 or mulliganmary727@gmail.com at any time. Please remember that any Information given will be treated with the strictest confidence.

SUNDAY 10 December

10.45am Church

3.00pm Church

7.00pm Epworth Rm

Regent Street

Mill Street

Scripture Reading

Flower Rota

Prayer Request Bk

Coffee Rota

Second Sunday in Advent

Morning Worship - Ark Gift Service

Blue Christmas Service

Evening Worship - Rev Daphne Twinem

Trevor Spencer, John Henderson,

Kerri Cunningham

Desmond, Anna and Olivia Elder

Ark Service

Mr & Mrs M Skimin

John Steen

Anna and Desmond Elder

MONDAY 11 December

12.30pm Halls

7.30pm Movilla

Luncheon Club Christmas Dinner

Circuit Executive

TUESDAY 12 December

1.00pm Church

6.30pm Halls

7.00pm Epworth Rm

7.15pm (Committee Members to set up tables at 2.00pm)

Lunchtime Prayer (Holy Communion)

Boys' Brigade

MWI Christmas Dinner (Meal Served

WEDNESDAY 13 December

10.00am Halls

Little Ark Christmas Party

THURSDAY 14 December

12.30pm Epworth Rm

7.30pm Halls

Tournament

Luncheon Club Christmas Dinner

Bowling Club Christmas

FRIDAY 15 December

7.30pm Halls

Element Christmas Dinner

SATURDAY 16 December

10.00am Halls

Art Class

SUNDAY 17 December

10.45am Church

11.00am Halls

7.00pm Epworth Rm

Regent Street

Trevor Spencer, John Henderson,

Kerri Cunningham

Third Sunday in Advent

Morning Worship -

Sunday School and YP's Group

Candlelight Carol Service (Mulled Wine and Marshmallows being served)

Desmond, Anna and Olivia Elder

Ark Service

Mr & Mrs M Skimin

John Steen

Anna and Desmond Elder

MONDAY 18 December

6.30pm Carol Singing (leaving from Mill Street Car Park)

USED STAMPS I am still collecting used stamps for Mercy Ships.

Thank you to those who have given me their stamps throughout the year. Helen Dunwoody



Girls' Brigade Christmas Hug a

Mug

evening.

Cancer Fund for

Thank you to everyone who support the Girls' Brigade at their Christmas Hug-a-Mug A total of £313 was raised for NI Children.

Methodist Newsletter The Methodist Newsletter provides an information channel to all Methodists throughout the length and breadth of Ireland. The regular features include our President's letter keeping all Irish Methodists informed about the President's travels and key messages such as "Prayer is Crucial". The regular items and the special features combine together to inform teach and support our Church Members, be they young or not so young, lay or ministerial, academic or non-academic. The Newsletter is published 11 times per year and all our research indicates that it is considered to be an excellent publication providing a wide range of interesting and informative articles about the Methodist Church in Ireland. Maintaining the price at £12.50 for 11 issues per year requires that the circulation is maintained or increased. We are therefore appealing to you to place an order with their local Church Agent Mr Desmond Elder for 2018. The Newsletter Committee would also like you to convey a word of appreciation to Desmond who collects subscriptions and distributes the Newsletter.

Special Christmas Services

3pm: BLUE CHRISTMAS Memorial Service. Mr Ian Stewart, a Counsellor with Christian Guidelines will share a short meditation.

Sunday 17th 3pm: MESSY CHURCH CHRISTMAS SPECIAL is an opportunity for the Church family to celebrate the meaning of Christmas in a relaxed and informal way. We will do this through crafts, activities, story telling and we will also share food together.

7pm: SERVICE OF LESSONS & CAROLS. The choir will lead this perennial favourite. Come early for a bite of shortbread and warmed berry juice.

Monday 18th 6.30pm. CAROL SINGING. Meet at the Church at 6.30pm sharp. Gather at the Manse for a few festive games afterwards.

Christmas Eve (Sunday 24th) 11.15pm: CHRISTMAS EVE COMMUNION. Christmas Day 9.30am: Short FAMILY SERVICE. Children are invited to bring along a present.

Quayside Christmas Hamper Appeal 2017

It is that time again when we ask for your help to supply Christmas hampers for the Quayside families. This year we are asking for a monetary donation, which will be used to buy much needed items. Please give your donations to Caroleen, Laura Irvine of Margaret Cairns in the next few weeks. Thank your for your continued support.

Fields of Life Christmas Concert
With
Ards Voice Community Choir
Movilla Abbey Church, Newtownards
Friday 15 December at 7.30pm

Suggested Donation £8 All proceeds go towards the building of a Primary School in Rwanda.

The Candles of Advent Second Sunday of Advent: PEACE

VOICE 1: Last Sunday we lit the first candle in our Advent ring, the candle of hope. We light it again as we remember that Christ, who was born in Bethlehem, will come again to fulfil all of God's promises to us. *(A person lights the candle of Hope).*

VOICE 2: The second candle of Advent is the candle of Peace. Peace is a word that we hear a lot. It is one of the things that we hope for. Christ brought peace when he first came to us and he will bring everlasting peace when He comes again.

VOICE 1: The prophet Isaiah called Christ "the Prince of Peace". When Jesus came he taught people the importance of being peace makers. He said that those who make peace shall be called the children of God.

VOICE 2: We light the candle of peace to remind us that Jesus is the Prince of Peace and that through Him peace is found. *(A person lights the candle of peace).*

VOICE 1: Peace is like a light shining in a dark place. As we look at this Candle we celebrate the peace we find in Jesus Christ.

VOICE 2: Let us pray—Thank you God for the hope you give us. We ask that as we wait for all your promises to come true, and for Christ to come again, that you would remain present with us. Help us today and every day to worship you, to hear your word, and to do your will by sharing your hope with each other. We ask it in the name of the one who was born in Bethlehem. Amen.

SONG:

A candle is burning, a flame warm and bright,
A candle of hope in December's dark night.
While angels sing blessing from heaven's starry sky,
Our hearts we prepare now for Jesus is nigh.

A candle is burning, a candle of peace,
A candle to signal that conflict must cease:
For Jesus is coming to show us the way;
A message of peace humbly laid in the hay.