

# Regent Street Methodist Church



To Know God's Love and to Share it with Other  
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Welcome to Our Service Today  
Sunday 17 December 2017  
Third Sunday in Advent - Joy

## Welcome and Announcements

Introit

Lighting of Advent Candle (Pope Family)

Call to Worship "The Wonder of it All"

Praise Group

Prayer

Children's Story

Hymn (HP 110) "O Come All Ye Faithful"

(Young People leave for Sunday School)

Scripture Reading "Matthew 2 v 1-12" (Read by Ian Pope)

Offering

Worldwatch (Connor Cunningham)

Anthem

Prayers for Others

Hymn HP 128 "Wise Men"

ADDRESS (Mrs Jean Kingston)

Hymn (HP 121) "As With Gladness Men of Old"

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](mailto:mulliganmary727@gmail.com) at any time. Please remember that any Information given will be treated with the strictest confidence.

**SUNDAY 17 December**

10.45am Church

Kingston

11.00am Halls

3.00pm Church

7.00pm Epworth Rm

Happy Prince (Mulled Wine and Marshmallows being served before service and also supper will be served following the service)

Regent Street Trevor Spencer, John Henderson,  
Kerri Cunningham

Mill Street

Scripture Reading

Flower Rota

Prayer Request Bk

Coffee Rota

**Third Sunday in Advent**

Morning Worship - Mrs Jean

Sunday School and YP's Group

Messy Church

Candlelight Carol Service Theme: The

Desmond, Anna and Olivia Elder

Ian Pope

Mr &amp; Mrs G Kennedy

John Steen

Anna and Desmond Elder

**MONDAY 18 December**6.30pm Carol Singing (Meet at Mill Street Car Park - Scrabo  
isles, Blaire House, Ards Hospital, Shuttlefield and back to the Manse.)**TUESDAY 19 December**

11.15am The 6:2 Group will meet at the Potting Shed

6.30pm Halls

Boys' Brigade

**SATURDAY 23 December**

10.30am Christmas Service in Conway Square

**SUNDAY 24 December**

10.45am Church

Kingston

11.00am Halls

11.15pm Church

Service

Regent Street Trevor Spencer, John Henderson,  
Kerri Cunningham

Mill Street

Scripture Reading

Flower Rota

Prayer Request Bk

Coffee Rota

**Fourth Sunday in Advent**

Morning Worship - Rev Andrew

Sunday School and YP's Group

Christmas Eve Communion

Laura Irvine

John Tweed

Mr &amp; Mrs M Skimin

John Steen

Anna and Desmond Elder

**MONDAY 25 December**

9.30am Church

Christmas Morning Family Service

**SUNDAY 31 December**

10.45am Church

Regent Street

Trevor Spencer, John Henderson,  
Kerri Cunningham

Mill Street

Scripture Reading

Flower Rota

Prayer Request Bk

Coffee Rota

Laura Irvine

Kerri Cunningham

Mr &amp; Mrs G Kennedy

John Steen

Anna and Desmond Elder

**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

**Methodist Newsletter** 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**

**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.** .

**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

**PRAYER COURSE** Six weeks, starting on 10 January at 8pm in the Living room. It covers Adoration (Our Father in Heaven), Petition (Give us this Day), Intercession (Your Kingdom Come), Perseverance (Your Will be Done), Listening (our daily bread) Warfare (deliver us from evil). Our hope is that this will relaunch the corporate prayer of our congregation in the New Year. We have already tried our this Pete Greig Course to good effect in Kolkata.

## **Quayside Christmas Hamper Appeal 2017**

A huge thank you to everyone who contributed to the Quayside Christmas Hamper Appeal.

We have been overwhelmed by your generosity and kindness, you have made a real difference to these families at Christmas.

**THANKS** The MacMillan Cancer Sale at the Ulster Hospital, Dundonald raised a total of £903.62. Many thanks to the helpers who got through the snow and to everyone who supported the sale in any way. Thank you Roberta Coffey

**Last Minute gifts?** Why not use the Methodist World Development and Relief Gifts for Life brochure available in the foyer.

**ANNOUCEMENTS** Please note there will be NO announcement sheets for Sunday 24 December or Sunday 31 December. They will resume again for the first Sunday in January.

**EXPLORING DISCIPLESHIP** The Wesleyan DNA of Discipleship Rev Dr Phil Meadows, Director, Inspire Movement on Saturday 13 January 2018 9.30am Gathering and Refreshments. 10-4.30 Teaching and reflection. Cost £5 per person, payable on arrival. Bring a packed lunch. Please sign the sheet in the Meeting area.

### **The Candles of Advent Third Sunday of Advent: JOY**

**VOICE 1:** Last Sunday we lit the candle of peace. We light it and the candle of hope again as we remember that Christ, who was born in Bethlehem, will come again to judge the world and bring it everlasting peace. *(A person lights the candle of hope&peace).*

**VOICE 2:** The third candle of advent is the candle of joy. When the angel Gabriel told Mary that a special child would be born to her she was filled with joy. She sang a song that began with the words: "My soul magnifies the Lord, my Spirit rejoices in God my Saviour."

**VOICE 1:** Just as the birth of Jesus gave great joy to his mother, so his presence in the world gave joy to those who had none before. He healed them and gave them hope and peace when they believed in him. From hope, peace and love grows joy.

**VOICE 2:** We light the candle of joy to remind us that when Jesus was born in us we have joy and that through him there will be everlasting joy on earth. *(A person lights the candle of peace).*

**VOICE 1:** Joy is like a light shining in a dark place. As we look at this candle we celebrate the joy we find in Jesus Christ.

**VOICE 2:** Let us pray—Thank you God for the Joy 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.

**A candle is burning, a candle of joy**

A candle to welcome brave Mary's new boy  
Our hearts will with wonder, and eyes light and glow  
As joy brightens winter like sunshine on snow.