

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 2 December 2018

Rev Andrew Kingston

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

Advent Candle (Lappin Family)

Praise Group

Prayer (Communion Book Pg 117)

Children's Talk (Laura)

Hymn HP 81 "Come Thou Long Expected Jesus"

(Young People leave for Sunday School)

Offering

Scripture Reading "Luke 8 v 16-18" (Read by Patricia Burns)

SERMON

Prayers of Intercession

Hymn HP 710 "Fight the Good Fight"

(If you wish to leave, you may do so now)

HOLY COMMUNION (Pg 124)

Hymn MP 757 "When Peace Like a River"

FINAL PRAYERS (Pg 128)



PRAYER Prayer Ministry will be available in 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 / 07702701725 or mulliganmary727@gmail.com at any time. Please remember that any information given will be treated with the strictest confidence.

SUNDAY 2 December

10.45am Church
Communion)

11.00am Halls

3.00pm Congregational

7.00pm Scrabo Rm

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Regent Street Trevor Spencer, John Henderson, Kerri Cunningham
Mill Street

Scripture Reading

Flower Rota

Prayer Request Bk

First Sunday in Advent

Morning Worship (Holy

The Ark Sunday School & YP's Group

BB Carol Service

Evening Worship - Sarah Reeve

Sunday Night YP Group

Laura Irvine

Patricia Burns

Mr & Mrs J Steen

John Steen

MONDAY 3 December

6.30pm Halls

Section)

7.30pm Halls

Section)

7.30pm Scrabo Rm

Church Council Meeting

TUESDAY 4 December

10.00am Living Rm

1.00pm Living Rm

6.30pm Halls

Alpha Course /6:2

Prayer Time

Boys' Brigade

WEDNESDAY 5 December

10.00am Halls

1.00pm Epworth Rm

7.30pm Church

Little Ark

Friendship Group Christmas Party

Choir Practice

THURSDAY 6 December

10.00am Epworth Rm

7.30pm Halls

Craft Class

Bowling Club

FRIDAY 7 December

7.00pm Halls

7.30pm Halls

Soul Kidz

Element

SATURDAY 8 December

7.30pm Halls

Badminton

SUNDAY 9 December

10.45am Church

Service

3.00pm Church

7.00pm Halls

Regent Street Trevor Spencer, John Henderson, Kerri Cunningham
Mill Street

Scripture Reading

Flower Rota

Prayer Request Bk

Coffee Rota

Second Sunday in Advent

Ark & YP'S Group Christmas

Blue Christmas

Sunday Night YP Group

Desmond, Anna & Olivia Elder

Ark Service

Mr & Mrs M Skimin

John Steen

Desmond & Anna Elder

MONDAY 10 December

7.30pm Scrabo Rm

GB Hug ad Muq Christmas Evening

Gifts for Life 2018 'Gifts for Life' 2018 catalogues are now available. www.methodistworlddevelopment.org/gifts Gifts range from £10/€12 to £80/€93 and include lap desks for children in Southern Africa, seeds for farmers in Ghana and watering cans for gardeners in Bolivia.

Volunteer Treasurer Needed Irish Methodist World Development & Relief enables the Methodist Church in Ireland to tackle global poverty and injustice. WDR continues to grow, in terms of its income and its supporter and volunteer engagement. A new treasurer is required from June 2019. If you're interested and have the relevant skills, please contact Tim at worlddevelopment@irishmethodist.org for full details. This is a voluntary post. Closing date is 1st February.


Christmas Events

9 December 10.45am Ark Gift Service (BCM Toy appeal - no soft toys, Dolls, Football Accessories, books, toiletries, clothing for children (0-5), educational toys for birth to 3 and other gifts for children.)

4pm Blue Christmas Rev D Campton (BCM)
This is a time when we can, in company with each other, acknowledge the sadness we may be feeling at Christmas time. Joy and Hilary will be present to write the name of a loved one or loved ones on a card that can be placed on a Christmas tree of remembrance.

- 16 December 7pm Service of Lessons and Carols
- 20 December 6.30pm Carol Singing
- 22 December 10.30am Christmas in the Square

GB Hug-a-Mug Christmas Evening

Monday 10 December 2018 at 7.30pm
All proceeds to NI Cancer Fund for Children

Christmas Hampers It is that time again when we ask for your help to provide Christmas Hampers for the Parent Support group families. We are asking for a monetary donation which can be given to Laura Irvine, Caroleen Cunningham or Mgt Cairns.

Friendship Group Christmas Party

Wednesday 5 December at 1.00pm in the Epworth Room

First Sunday in Advent: HOPE

V1 Today is the first Sunday in Advent. Advent means 'coming' and in this season we prepare for the coming of Christ. One of the ways we prepare for His coming is by making an Advent wreath and lighting its candles to remind us of the gifts Christ brings to the world.

V2 The Advent wreath includes many symbols to help us think about Christ and His gifts. A circle has no beginning and no end. This reminds us that there is no beginning and no end to God and that God's love and caring are forever.

V1 The light from the candles - which grows stronger each Sunday in Advent, reminds us that Jesus is the light of the world.

V2 Today we light the candle of hope. The people of Israel hoped in God's promises and were not disappointed. Again and again God delivered Israel from its enemies. We too have the same experience of salvation. That is why we believe in God's promise to send Jesus to us once again to judge the world and establish his kingdom forever upon the earth. (*A person lights the candle*).

V1 Hope is like a light shining in a dark place. As we look at the light of this candle we celebrate the hope we have in Jesus Christ.

V2 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 everyday 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.

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.