

Christmas Eve

11am - All-Age Carol Service (Feel free to dress up as a character from the Nativity story)

7pm - Carols by Candlelight in Strand Presbyterian with Christmas Supper at 6pm

Christmas Day

9.30am - Christmas Morning Celebrations



SYDENHAM METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday 17 December 2017

Third Sunday in Advent

- We are delighted that the **Kiwoko Christmas Sale** in the Ulster Hospital has so far raised £2743 which is a fantastic amount! Thanks go to all who made or donated items to sell or gave financial donations and to those who were involved in helping in any way. On behalf of those in Uganda who will benefit, thank you.

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The flowers on the Communion Table were donated by Clare Martin.



The stewards in the vestibule in December are Brian & Irene Waring.

Morning Worship at 11am

Worship led by the Rev Robin Waugh

We offer our silent prayers to the Lord before worship commences

We offer our worship to God

Call to Worship

Lighting the Advent Candle (Love) Russell Rowe

Time of Praise

Church News Carolyn Hall

Children's Talk Tanita Lee

(Children & Young people leave for KidZone & Focus)

We hear the Word of God

O.T. Scripture - Deuteronomy 6: 1-7 Glynis Henry

N.T. Scripture - 1 John 4: 7-21 Glynis Henry

Hymn Let earth and heaven combine 109 H&P

Sermon - The Gift of Love

We respond to the Word of God

Offering and Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of Intercession & Lord's Prayer Alan Hall

Hymn Once in royal David's city 114 H&P

The Grace

Tea/Coffee fellowship in the Watson Hall

Christingle at 6.30pm

Worship led by the Rev Robin Waugh

Followed by carol singing around the neighbourhood

Sydenham this week

Monday 18 December

8.00pm Football (Watson Hall)

Tuesday 19 December

10.00am Knit & Natter (Taylor Room)

Thursday 21 December

2.00pm Senior's Fellowship (Christmas Tea in Newtownabbey)

Friday 22 December

7.00pm Youth Fake All-Nighter

Church Notices

- The **Christmas New Sheets** are available in the vestibule. Church Visitors are asked to ensure that housebound people, and other appropriate people on their list receive a copy.
- 'Gift for Life' leaflets are available on the vestibule table. These are alternative gifts to help people fulfil their potential. For more information about the work go to www.methodistworlddevelopment.org
- **Child Care Society** envelopes are available. Please return them during the Christmas services.
- Our **Home Mission Offering** this year amounted to £1855.20, an increase of 18% on 2016. Thanks to all who generously contributed.
- Thank you to everyone who contributed Christmas crackers to **Storehouse** as we've reached (and surpassed) our target.