

A CHRISTMAS REFLECTION

During the course of the year we have rejoiced as new babies have been born into our fellowship, but as a church family, we have also shared in sad times when we have experienced the death of many loved ones.

For many people, Christmas will especially be a difficult time. But the promise of Christ's birth prophesied in the Old Testament wasn't about making life easier, but was about how God was going to be intervening in our world. In the midst of darkness, Christ is the Light of the World. In him there is hope and life. In Christ, we have the promise of resurrection and eternal life.

Whatever happens to be your experience this Christmas, may you and your loved ones, know the wonderful Light of Christ in your life. Jesus came that we may have life, life in all its fulness. May each of us know his life and love in us as we worship and serve him each day.



CHURCH NEWS

We expect work to our new refurbished Welcome Area to begin in the New Year, lasting for approximately 8-10 weeks. We will host a Gift Day on Saturday 14th March with a Service of Thanksgiving on Sunday 15th March.

Please keep checking our new Church website for updated news about the church.

www.sydenhammethodist.org

Our Prayer Network is always available to offer your prayers and know that God's people will be praying for you. Text your prayer request to **073 9850 1495**

Church Website: www.sydenhammethodist.org

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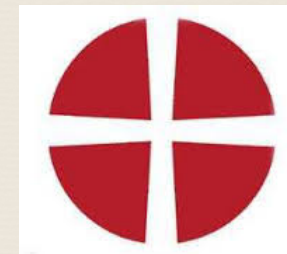
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NEWS SHEET CHRISTMAS

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We begin our Advent Worship with Holy Communion on the 1st December, followed by Evening worship reflecting on the meaning of Advent.

On the morning of the 8th we bring our gifts and toys to support Belfast Central Mission in their Christmas Toy Appeal. A list of what items can be brought are listed in the vestibule and on the church website.

In the evening, we hold our 'Blue' Christmas service which is a gentle pastoral time especially for those for whom Christmas will be difficult after the loss of a loved one.

After Morning Worship on the 15th we have our Messy Christingle which include the likes of crafts and a story for Primary School aged children. This is followed immediately by our annual Christingle service.

On the 22nd we have an all-age Carol service in the morning, and then we join in Strand Presbyterian for our united Carols by Candlelight service.

Then on Christmas morning, we celebrate the coming of Christ into the world, and a chance for the children to bring along their toys.

CHRISTMAS WORSHIP

As together we once again celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, we would love to see you at any of our services where you will receive a warm welcome.



1st December

Advent Communion at 11.00am
Evening Worship at 7.00pm

8th December

Morning Worship with Toy Appeal at 11.00am
'Blue' Christmas at 7.00pm

15th December

Morning Worship at 11.00am
Messy Christingle in the Church Halls at 4.45pm
Christingle Service at 6.30pm

22nd December

All-Age Carol Service at 11.00am
United Carol Service at 6.30pm in Strand Presbyterian

25th December

Christmas Morning Celebrations at 9.30am