

Announcements

- (1) Elders: **Eagle Wing, Communion Tokens and Free Will Offering Envelopes** are all ready today for collection.
- (2) **IBRA reading** notes are now ready for collection in the vestibule, for those who ordered them.
- (3) Our annual **Carols by Candlelight** service with music and readings will be held in the church this evening at 7.00pm.
- (4) The **church office** will be open this week on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Please note the slight change in the days.
- (5) **The Tuesday Club** next meet this Tuesday 18th December to watch the film "It's A Wonderful Life" with James Stewart. Open to everyone. Unfortunately Mary cannot get a single seat for **the pantomime** in Belfast, either matinee or evening performance. We will arrange something else. Sorry to disappoint so many.
- (6) The church is open on a Wednesday morning for anyone who would like to spend time in **prayer and quiet reflection**.
- (7) Our **Christmas World Development Appeal continues**. This year we are supporting vulnerable women in Brazil who have been victims of gender violence. There is a leaflet in the pews which gives a brief overview and how we can help. There are also special envelopes that can be returned over the next few weeks or during our Christmas morning service. Thank you for your support
- (8) Subscriptions are due for the **Herald**, now costing £15. All returns to be placed in the collection plate in the envelope provided. Envelopes are available in the vestibule for those who may wish to subscribe for the first time.
*Someone in the congregation placed their **Herald subscription** in the envelope provided, but did not put their name on it. Could that person please contact the church office. Thank you.*
- (9) As we are nearing the year end, this is a reminder that the last day for **givings** for 2018 is Sunday 30th December. Any monies received after that date will be recorded in the year 2019. We thank you for your continued financial support.
- (10) **Need a lift to church** or can you provide a lift for someone who may live close to you? If this is the case, please contact Mervyn Nelson.

Next Sunday: Children's Church is with Elaine Carmichael and Poppy Shepherd



Sunday 16th December 2018

Thought for the Week

Christmas means that, through the grace of God and the incarnation, peace with God is available; and if you make peace with God, then you can go out and make peace with everybody else...
Christmas, therefore, means the increase of peace - both with God and between people - across the face of the world

Tim Keller *Hidden Christmas*

A WARM WELCOME is extended to members and visitors to our Services today. We hope you feel at home in our Worship.

THE VISITORS' BOOK is in the front porch for signing.

THE YELLOW WELCOME CARDS in the pews are for your convenience and may be placed on the Offering Plate.

MORNING WORSHIP at 11.30am

All hymns will be projected on the screen as the words of the traditional carols will be taken from the older hymn book

Organ Prelude & Preparation for Worship in quietness before God

Welcome & Announcements

INTROIT Christ is born within a stable (Russian Air)

Scripture Sentences

PRAISE Angels from the realms of glory (Iris)

Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Scripture Reading Isaiah 49:1-6 (page 736)

Lighting of the Advent Candles - Love

PRAISE Once in royal David's city (Irby)

Talk with the girls and boys The Christmas Tree

PRAISE Child in the manger (Bunessan)
(Children leave for Children's Church)

ANTHEM O little town of Bethlehem (J. Barnby arr. M. Archer)

Offering & Prayer of Dedication

Scripture Reading Luke 1:46-55 (page 1026) Sharon Goldie

Prayer of Intercession

PRAISE Silent night, holy night! (Stille Nacht)

SERMON Magnificat anima mea Dominum

PRAISE See! in yonder manger low (Humility)

Benediction & Choral Amen