

Announcements

**There will be NO Evening Service tonight.
Advent Communion will take place next Sunday Evening**

- (1) **PW** members are reminded that their Christmas Party is tomorrow night, Monday 9th December at **7.30pm**. (please note the slightly earlier time)
- (2) The church is open on a Wednesday morning for anyone who would like to spend time in **prayer and quiet reflection**.
- (3) **The Christmas Lunch** will be held this Wednesday, 11th December. A sign - up sheet is in the vestibule.
- (4) There will be a **choir practice** in the church at 7.30 pm this Thursday 12th December 2019, as previously arranged.
- (5) **Advent Communion** will take place at 7.00pm next Sunday 15th December.
- (6) The last **film club** this year will be held on Tuesday 17th December when we will show "Scrooge" the musical, with Albert Finney in the lead role. Everyone is invited to attend
- (7) **A Youth Fellowship games night** will be held on Saturday 21st December from 7.30-10pm at the Manse. Talk to Paul or Heidi for more information.
- (8) **Carols by Candlelight** will take place at 7.00pm on Sunday 22nd December. The congregation are invited to partake of **mulled wine and mince pies** after the Service. Please use the signup sheet in the vestibule if you are able to come along- we need to have an idea of the numbers likely to attend. Thank you.
- (9) **Porch Duties** for January are as follows:
5th January – George Purdy and Jennifer Boyd
12th January – Elaine Nixon-Shepherd and Gilbert McCutcheon
19th January – Bill and Margaret Caughey
26th January – Caroline Lowry and Brenda Boyd
- (10) **World Development Appeal 2019**. This year's World Development Appeal is helping develop sustainable farming techniques in Mozambique. The WDA is not the same as disaster relief or the United Appeal for Mission. It is about giving people the tools to lift themselves out of poverty with the help of our partner organisations, Christian Aid and Tearfund. Please read the leaflet in the pews and as it suggests, 'learn, pray and give'. Thank you for your kindness and generosity.
- (11) **BIBLE READERS FOR 2020**
If you do not have access to the internet/email and would like to read for a Sunday morning service in 2020 please put your name and contact details on the sheet in the vestibule.
If you do have access to the internet/email and would like to read in 2020, please email Rev. Paul to record your interest minister@pauldazell.uk. (Those who are already receive invitations to read via Signup Genius email do not need to do this)

Next Sunday: Children's Church is with Sharon Goldie and Barbara Shepherd

Prayer & Bible Study

Last study in a series of three, taking place,
this Wednesday 11th December - 7.30 – 8.45pm
Led by Heidi Biermann
Based on Jonah
Considering the joys and challenges of following God's call



Sunday 8th December 2019

Thought for the Week

Into this world, this demented inn where there is no room for him, Christ comes uninvited.

Thomas Merton

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.

Organ Prelude & Preparation for Worship in quietness before God

Welcome & Announcements

INTROIT

Scripture Sentences

PRAISE Lo! He comes with clouds descending (Helmsley)

Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Scripture Reading Isaiah 9:6-7 (page 694)
read by Mary Cargill

PRAISE How lovely on the mountains are the feet of Him

Talk with the girls and boys The Candle of Peace

PRAISE 561 Jesus bids us shine
(*Children leave for Children's Church*)

Offering & Prayer of Dedication

Scripture Reading Luke 1:26-38 (page 1025)

Mission Focus World Development Appeal by Michael Steele

Intercessory Prayer

PRAISE 304 Your kingdom come! on bended knee (Irish)

SERMON Mary – she said, "Yes"

PRAISE 301 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord! (Woodlands)
Benediction & Choral

GROOMSPORT PARISH

Carol Service for Valued Friends and Families

Friday 13th December 2019, 2.30pm
in the Church Hall

If you have any queries regarding this event or if you
require a lift, please email gpcoffice@btinternet.com,
or
Telephone Mae Burke on Mobile 07810 440492

The Annual Sunday School and Bible Class Gift Day will be Next Sunday 15th December.

We will lay gifts at the foot of the Christmas tree.
These gifts will be taken to the
Belfast Central Mission.

The number of children attending this year is small,
therefore we are inviting the congregation to also bring
gifts, if they wish.

During the service the children will collect any
congregational gifts and take them to the tree.
Gifts should not be wrapped but placed in a Christmas bag
to facilitate distribution.