

# Southgate Methodist Church

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29<sup>nd</sup> December 2019  
1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Christmas  
10:30am Mr Edward Adu

## **P**ayer

God of glory, who wonderfully created us in your own image and yet more wonderfully restored us in your Son Jesus Christ: grant that, as he came to share in

our humanity, so we may share in the life of his divinity; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Hymns: (StF) 212 204 330 214

Scripture: Exodus 2:1-8 (OT pg 57)

Matthew 2:13-23 (NT pg 4-5)

◆ **C** Church stewards on duty today  
Marjorie Ferguson and Verona Cosco



## V isitors

We welcome all visitors today and ask them to sign the visitors' book which is on the table in the Welcome Area. All are welcome to stay for a cup of coffee or tea after the service.

## Circuit Prayers



We are asked to pray for Ponders End Methodist Church and their minister the Revd Alan Combes. Churches Together in Southgate, Oakwood and Cockfosters have asked us to pray for Southgate Christian Fellowship.

## *Christmas appeal for Whitechapel Mission*

For some years now, we have put the Whitechapel Box in the Welcome Area for the Christmas period and throughout January, for any contributions you are able to make for some of the very poorest people in London. Everyday the Mission serves a hot breakfast and provides facilities for guests to have showers. However, they do need help.

There is a great need for breakfast cereals, porridge oats, baked beans, tin tomatoes, tea or sugar, and for shower gel, soap, shampoo, disposable razors and shaving foam.

We hope you will feel able to help again this year. Your kindness will be much appreciated.

***Beryl Heather***

# FUTURE OF SOUTHGATE - LOOKING FORWARD

Throughout October 2019 we have given thanks for and celebrated our 90 years as a church in this community. Our preachers also encouraged and challenged us to look ahead so let's not lose momentum. Let's think and pray and talk together not only about the present but also about our future.

What are your 'Hopes', 'Dreams' or 'Wishes' for this church in this community in the next 5 years? How can we make this happen?

At the back of church, you'll find LOOKING FORWARD cards on the table. Please add your thoughts and ideas to the display board. Be bold and adventurous. The colour felt tips may help!

Let's get thinking/praying/responding ... LET'S LOOK FORWARD TO THE FUTURE OF SOUTHGATE.

***Church stewards and Julia.***



## *Lost Property*

A small black t shirt was found in church last Sunday 15 December. which is now in the Vestry. IF it belongs to you or you know to whom it belongs, Please speak to one on the Stewards.

# **CHURCH FLOWER ARRANGERS'**

## **SIGN-UP LIST 2020**

The 20120 Church Flower Arrangers' sign-up list will also be on display on the Welcome Area noticeboard from Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> December.



## **THANK YOU**

We have received the following in a card from the Revd Alan Combes:

Thank you for your kind and very beautiful gift of a Communion Cup and Plate that will be a precious addition to my ministry.

It has been a privilege to journey with you over recent years.

## **CHRISTMAS GREETINGS**

We have received a Christmas card from Boni-Belle Pickard and a Christmas letter from the Pickard family.

You can find both cards and the letter  
on the Welcome Area table.

# CHURCH FLOWERS 2020

The 2020 Church Flowers sign-up sheet will be on display on the Welcome Area noticeboard from Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> January.

If you wish to contribute to flowers in church on a particular Sunday, please

- **print** your name along with any dedication you wish to be put in the weekly church newsheet e.g. I L M (In Loving Memory of) *NAME*; Th (Thanksgiving for). A dedication is optional; this can be left blank.
- monies should be given to Cordelia Amoah and **not** direct to the named flower arranger. There is no set amount; please contribute as you are able.
- let Cordelia know whether you wish the flowers to remain in church; otherwise they will be distributed following worship. If Cordelia isn't available, please speak with Marjorie or Julia.

Please note that if you act on someone else's behalf and put the name of a person who does not attend church on the sign-up sheet, **YOU** will be responsible for ensuring that Cordelia receives a contribution towards costs.

# THE FALCONER CHILDREN'S HOME

For many years our Church has supported the Falconer Children's Home and orphanage in Kabulamena, a small village in Zambia, by sending practical gifts and money to the Falconer Trust. The home was founded by a remarkable woman, Lilius Falconer, in 1947 and in the 50 years up to her death in 1998, she saved over 600 babies. No child was ever refused admission and the welcome sign in front of the Home still says, "Who so shall receive one such little child in My name, receives me."

Donations will be gratefully received during the Nativity Gift Service on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December, but you can bring your gifts to Church any time up to the end of January. There is also a retiring collection for the Falconer Trust at this service.

## *The items most needed are as follows:*

**Food for babies:** baby milk powder (all ages from birth); rusks, baby food (tins please, *not jars*), powdered baby food eg Milupa, Aptamil/Cow and Gate

**Food for children:** powdered milk, porridge, Weetabix, tinned meat and fish, baked beans (*preferably with a ring-pull top*), powdered soup, pasta and rice

**Clothing** for all ages, *but no heavy coats*, knitted hats, scarves, gloves, knitted/crocheted blankets, fabric for making clothes

**Toiletries:** soap, toothbrushes and toothpaste, baby bath, baby shampoo, nappies (Terry or disposable)

**Stationery:** pens, pencils, crayons (preferably not felt tips), paper, notebooks, rulers, pencil sharpeners etc.

We do hope we can send a bumper collection to the Falconer Trust and thank you all for your support.

# SVYATOCHNY VERTEP



## Marionette Nativity Show with Russian & Ukranian Carols

Southgate Methodist Church  
47 The Bourne, London N14 6RS  
Saturday 11th January at 2.00pm

**Christmas Cards.** Please check the cards still left on the tables at the back of the Church and take any for you and remove any you left that have not been picked up. Thank you.”

**The flowers today have been given  
by Pat Perhamin in loving memory  
of her husband Reg  
and her Parents**



**Service Next Sunday  
10.30am Revd Julia Wiktorska  
Covenant Sunday & Holy Communion**