

Southgate Methodist Church

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1st December 2019

1st Sunday in Advent

10:30am Mr Raymond Pettipher
Holy Habit (Making more Disciples) 1

Prayer

Almighty God,
as your
kingdom
dawns, turn us
from the
darkness of sin

to the light of
holiness, that
we may be
ready to meet
you in our Lord
and Saviour,
Jesus Christ.
Amen

Hymns: (StF) 175 185 188 351 167

Scripture: Isaiah 60:1-3 (OT pg 722-733)

Matthew 5:13-16 (NT pg 7)

◆ Church stewards on duty today

Paula Hall 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 Edmonton Methodist Church and their minister the Revd Dr Valentin Dedji. Churches Together in Southgate, Oakwood and Cockfosters Have asked us to pray for Christ Church, Southgate.



All-age Nativity Gift Service

Sunday 15th December, 10.30am

Come dressed as an angel, shepherd or wise 'man' and join in our Pop-up Nativity.

Bring a gift for the Falconer Children's Home;
details elsewhere in the newsheet.

Retiring Collection for the Falconer Trust.

ADVENT CANDLELIGHTING

Sunday 1 December, ADVENT 1

Leader We wait for the coming of Christ,
the light of the world.

All **Come, Lord Jesus.**

StF 706 verse1 and chorus

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.

Longing for truth, we turn to you.

Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.

Christ, be our light!

Shine in our hearts.

Shine through the darkness.

Christ, be our light!

Shine in your church gathered today.

The first red candle is lit.

The true light, which enlightens everyone
is coming into the world.

All **Come, Lord Jesus.**

The light shines in the darkness
and the darkness will not overcome it.

All **Christ, shine in your church today.**

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!

If you prefer to respond by email, that's fine. You can either email Merline Grizzle (smcnewssheet@gmail.com) or me (juliawiktorska@btinternet.com) and we'll print and then paste your response onto the poster.

The posters will be on display until Sunday 15 December so there's plenty of time. In the new year we'll aim to pull your responses together and take a plan to Church Council for implementation.

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

Church stewards and Julia.

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 15th 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.

Angels

PSALM

TAKING AGEING AND FAITH SERIOUSLY
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www.PSALM.org.uk



Bringing Great News

*A workshop
involving
discussion and
sharing, craft
and play reading
and poetry*



Making sense of angels is a delight but also a challenge. Perhaps we aren't meant to make sense of them? As Christmas approaches we look at angels: Angels in the Bible, angels in art and literature and angels that may have come close to us.

*with the Revd Eileen Turner
Adult Educator and
PSALM Associate*

*and Ann Morisy
Community Theologian and
PSALM Associate*

Monday 16 December 2019 11am - 3pm

Venue: St Pancras Church House, 1 Lancing Street, NW1 1NA

Coffee etc at 10.30am, prompt start at 11am. Please bring a packed lunch but drinks will be provided.

Cost £10 (£8 for PSALM members). To book your place return a booking slip to:

PSALM, St Pancras Church, Euston Road, London, NW1 2BA

Or email your details to: psalm@stpancraschurch.org, or leave a message on 020 7388 1461

Please book a place for me on the 'Angels' workshop
(please photocopy additional forms for others who may wish to attend)

Name

Address

Tel Email

I enclose cash/a cheque for (£8 for members of PSALM, £10 for non-members)

Please make cheques payable to St Pancras PSALM

Activities this week

Monday	10:00am	Table Tennis Club
Tuesday	6:30pm	Girls Brigade
Wednesday	9:30am	Toddlers Group
	2.30pm	Table Tennis Club
	5:00pm	Rainbows
	6:30pm	Brownies
	7:30pm	Guides
Thursday	10.00am	Coffee Morning
	2:00pm	Tea Dance
	7:30pm	Faith Studies
	8:00pm	Badminton
Saturday	10:00	Coffee Morning
Sunday	10:30am	Sunday Club

“Help with Decorations Urgently required

Request from Colin Williams.

I urgently need help with decorating the premises this coming week. This will include putting up and decorating the Christmas Trees, and decorating the Welcome Area, the Link, Wesley Hall and Raikes.

If you are available on Monday 1st and/or Tuesday 2nd from 10 am for about 2 ½ hrs, will you please let me know or just turn up.

Currently, as of 28th Nov., it is likely I will have to do it without help and it may not all be done! If you can only manage a shorter time that will help!

Contact me on: (020 8360 2036 or 07 958 322 769)



**The flowers today
have been given by
Stella Sarkodieh
for Birthday celebrations**

**Service Next Sunday
10:30am The Revd Julia Wiktorska
Holy Communion
Holy Habit (Making more Disciples) 2**