

Southgate Methodist Church

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22nd December 2019
4th Sunday in Advent
10:30am The Revd Dr Valentin Dedji
4.00 pm The Revd Julia Wiktorska
Carols by Candlelight

Prayer

Eternal God, as
Mary waited for
the birth of your
Son, so we wait
for his coming
in glory; bring

us through the
birth pangs of
this present age
to see, with her,
our great
salvation.
Amen

Hymns: (StF) 169 706 185 342 713 94

Scripture: Jeremiah 29:7 & 11-13 (OT pg 726)

Matthew 1:18-23 (NT pg 4)

◆ Church stewards on duty today
Paula Hall and Merline Grizzle



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.

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.

Help needed today

Please come to church at
3:00pm to help set up for
4:00pm Carol Service.

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, Lilia 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.

Sunday 22 December, ADVENT 4

Before the service begins the first, second, and third red candles are lit.

Leader We long for the presence of Christ,
Emmanuel, God with us.

All Come, Bearer of Hope.

StF 706 verse 4 and chorus

Longing for shelter, many are homeless.

Longing for warmth, many are cold.

Make us your building, sheltering others,
walls made of living stone.

Christ, be our light!

Shine in our hearts.

Shine through the darkness.

Christ, be our light!

Shine in your church gathered today

The fourth candle is lit.

Leader Love coming to earth to live among us,
full of grace and truth:

All come, Bearer of Hope.

Leader Do not be afraid: see I am bringing you
good news of great joy for all people.

All Christ, shine in our hearts today.

Activities this week

Tuesday	11.15pm	The Revd Julia Wiktorska
		Christmas Eve
Wednesd	10.30am	The Revd Julia Wiktorska
		Christmas Day Service

CHURCH FLOWERS 2020

The 2020 Church Flowers sign-up sheet will be on display on the Welcome Area noticeboard from Sunday 29th December.

CHURCH FLOWER ARRANGERS' SIGN-UP LIST 2020

The 2020 Church Flower Arrangers' sign-up list will also be on display on the Welcome Area noticeboard from Sunday 29th December.

**The flowers today
have been given by
Barbara Moore
in memory of David**



**Service Next Sunday
10.30am Mr Edward Adu**