

**Reigate Park United Reformed Church**  
**SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION**  
**“A hopeful return”**  
**Revd George Watt**

10.00 am on Sunday 2 December 2018



Call to worship as the first Advent candle is lit by the Vance Family:

Living God, as we light the first Advent candle,  
and the first flicker of your coming is kindled in our hearts,  
so may the flame of our desire for justice and peace burn deep within  
us,  
releasing in our lives, and in our churches,  
the hope of your coming –  
and may your kingdom come. Amen.

**Hymn 656 Lo! He comes with clouds descending**

*During the hymn people may bring forward their presents for Home-Start*

Prayers of approach & confession and Lord's Prayer

Family Address

**Hymn 141 Make way, make way**

Notices, Offertory and Offertory Prayer

*Junior church leave*

Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3: 9-13 (New Living Translation) read by  
Sharon Scotton

**Hymn – Your promises are coming true** (Tune: God rest you merry gentlemen)

Sermon

Prayers of Intercession

**Hymn 137 Hark the glad sound! The Saviour comes**

**HOLY COMMUNION**

*(The communion wine is non-alcoholic and there is rice cake and water on each tray as an alternative to the bread and wine).*

**Hymn 663 Love divine, all loves excelling**

Blessing

Our Organist this week is John Knight.

We welcome everyone to our worship this morning. The service includes the celebration of Holy Communion which is open to all who love our Lord. Please join us for coffee or tea in the hall after the service.



We thank Angela Cooke and Redhill Sinfonia for our flowers this Sunday, which have been arranged by Barbara Bristow. Thank you also to our Flower Team for arranging the Advent Ring.

**Offertory Collection/Gift Aid** - For cash donations there are special gift aid envelopes in each seat. Please fill in your name and address and tick the appropriate box or just write your gift aid number if you have one.

Susan Knight and Lynne Skinner will be leading the service at Redhill URC this morning.

## **NOTICES FOR THE WEEK**

Sunday  
2.12.18

**Toys for Home-Start  
Collection for Crawley Open House**

Monday

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8.00pm

**SparkFish Christmas Journey 3-7 December**  
Monday Morning Group - **meeting cancelled**  
Monday Evening Group in the Park Room - A  
strange Christmas: Strange Worship

Wednesday

10.30am  
7.45pm

Midweek Communion at St Luke's Church  
Elders' Meeting in the Park Room

Sunday  
9.12.18

10.00am  
12 noon  
6.30 pm

Morning Service led by our Minister  
**Crawley Open House Collection**  
Church Family Christmas Lunch  
Belfry Christmas Service

## **OTHER NOTICES**

If you have any news or concerns about fellow members who are sick or in hospital, please let our Pastoral Group know. The Welcoming Elder this week is Peter Whipps.

**RPC Christmas Cards** – There will be boards for Church Family Christmas cards in the foyer from 9 December. It has been suggested that we each send just one card to the Church Family with Christmas greetings and donate the cost of sending individual cards to RPC's Christmas Charities – Medecins Sans Frontiers and St Catherine's Hospice.

**Prayer Tree** - From 9 December there will be a prayer tree in the foyer for people to place the names of loved ones who are no longer with us.

**Belfry Carol Service** – 6.30 pm on Sunday 9 December – parking in the belfry will be free after 5.30 pm. Our Minister, Revd George Watt, will be speaking at the service.

**Crawley Open House** –helping homeless and disadvantaged people. We will be collecting for Crawley Open House on Sundays 2 & 9 December. They need sleeping bags, bedding, blankets, socks, underwear, warm coats and casual clothing for men and women. They would also appreciate gifts of tinned and dry food, particularly coffee, sugar and tinned meat.

**Christmas Cakes and Bakes** - Sue Knight is making Christmas cakes and Bakes again this year with proceeds going to Coco’s Foundation. Sunday is the last day for orders so please give any order forms to John Knight. There will be a stall in the hall after the service on 16 December when orders can be collected along with other cakes and bakes for sale. There will also be craft items for sale made by Greta Taylor.

**Reigate & Redhill Choral Society Christmas Classics** - 7.30pm on Saturday 8 December in St. Mary’s Church, Chart Lane, Reigate in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support. Advance tickets £19 (to include a drink and a programme) or £15 (standard ticket) from 07588 730246 or via the website [www.rrcs.org.uk](http://www.rrcs.org.uk). Tickets on the door will be £18.



## CHRISTMAS EVENTS & SERVICES

<b>Sunday 9 December</b>	<b>10 am</b>	Morning Service
	<b>12 noon</b>	Church Family Christmas Lunch (Please add your names to the list)
	<b>6.30 pm</b>	Carols at the Belfry
<b>Tuesday 11 December</b>	<b>6.30 pm</b>	Christingle & Parade Service
<b>Sunday 16 December</b>	<b>10 am</b>	Nativity
	<b>6.30 pm</b>	Civic Service
<b>Sunday 23 December</b>	<b>10 am</b>	All Age Carol Service
<b>Monday 24 December</b>	<b>4 pm</b>	Crib Service
	<b>11.30 pm</b>	Christmas Eve Communion
<b>Tuesday 25 December</b>	<b>10 am</b>	CHRISTMAS DAY FAMILY SERVICE
<b>Sunday 30 December</b>	<b>10 am</b>	All Age Service

**Erratum** – The Christmas Eve Communion on 24 December at 11.30 am was missed out of the Record Diary. Many apologies – Linda Cockerill

**VARB's Festive Feast** – VARB will be holding a community Christmas Day lunch for anyone living in the Reigate & Banstead area, who would like to celebrate Christmas with other people. This will be on Christmas Day starting around 12 noon and includes a free traditional 2 course lunch, entertainment and lots of fun. Please contact Lisa on ☎ 762115 for a booking form.