

Reigate Park United Reformed Church

MORNING SERVICE

“Prepare the way of the Lord”

Revd George Watt

10.00 am on Sunday 9 December 2018



Call to worship as the second Advent candle is lit by the Watson Family:

As we light this Advent candle,
may its flame be a symbol of peace;
its warmth be a symbol of God's love for each one of us;
and may it inspire us to speak out words
that challenge, inspire and draw others to your kingdom.

Hymn – Sing to God new songs of worship

Prayers of approach & confession and Lord's Prayer

Family Address

Hymn – Beauty for brokenness

Notices, Offertory and Offertory Prayer

Junior church leave

Reading: Malachi 3:1-5 read by Helen Conway

Luke 3:1-14 read by Richard Garlick

Hymn 127 Hail to the Lord's anointed

Sermon

Hymn 620 For the healing of the nations (Tune: 625 Rhuddlan)

Prayers of Intercession using R&S 401:

Through our lives and by our prayers, your kingdom come.

Hymn 265 I cannot tell, why he whom angels worship

Blessing

Our Organist this week is John Knight.

We welcome everyone to our worship this morning. Please join us for coffee or tea in the hall after the service.

We thank Brenda Ayers for our flowers this Sunday, which have been arranged by Sue Wylie. We thank Doris Bourne for her donation of the Christmas Tree which has been decorated by Susan and John Knight.

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.



NOTICES FOR THE WEEK

<u>Sunday</u> <u>9.12.18</u>	11.00am	Crawley Open House Collection Christingle making during coffee – Please come and help!
	12 noon	Church Family Christmas Lunch
	6.30 pm	Belfry Carol Service - parking in the Belfry will be free after 5.30 pm. Our Minister, Revd George Watt, will be speaking at the service.
<u>Monday</u>	10.30am	Monday Morning Group in the Park Room - A strange Christmas: Strange Welcome
	8.00pm	Monday Evening Group in the Park Room - A strange Christmas: Strange Welcome
<u>Tuesday</u>	11.45am	Playgroup Nativity (refreshments served before)
	2.30pm	Service of Thanksgiving for Pearl Simpson
	6.30pm	Christingle & Parade Service led by our Minister
<u>Wednesday</u>	10.30am	Midweek Communion at St Luke's Church
	2.15pm	Micklefield School Carol Service
<u>Thursday</u>	3.45pm	Holmesdale School Concert
<u>Friday</u>	3.45pm	Messy Church – All Age Welcome
<u>Saturday</u>	9.00am	Nativity Rehearsal
<u>Sunday</u> <u>16.12.18</u>	10.00am	NATIVITY UNICEF Collection in the Foyer
	6.30pm	Civic Carol Service led by our Minister

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 Margaret Samuel.

Helpers needed – to help serve refreshments for the Civic Carol Service on Sunday 16 December. Please let Susan Knight know if you can help.

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.

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.

RPC Bookclub – our next meeting is at 8 pm on Thursday 17 January at Alison Allen's house and we will be discussing "In the Midst of Winter" by Isabel Allende.

Christmas Cakes and Bakes - 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; in aid of Coco's Foundation. There will also be craft items for sale made by Gretta Taylor with proceeds to Church Funds.

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.

RPC CHRISTMAS CARDS

Our Christmas cards are in the foyer which lists all our Christmas services. Please take some for your neighbours, family and friends.