

## Notices for Advent Sunday 2 December 2018



Selly Oak Methodist Church, Langleys Road, Birmingham, B29 6HT  
www.somc.org.uk Minister : Rev Dr Vincent Jambawo

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Welcome to Selly Oak Methodist Church. If this is your first visit or if your contact details have changed please do fill in the contact form on the back page and return it to us.

Following morning service we are all invited to the church hall for tea / coffee.

Donations go to our Benevolent Fund



Lectionary **Jeremiah 33:14-16** **Psalm 25:1-10**  
**1 Thessalonians 3:9-13** **Luke 21:25-36**

8.30 am **Holy Communion led by Rev Dr Vincent Jambawo**

10.30 am **Morning worship with Holy Communion led by Rev Dr Vincent Jambawo**  
*Junior Church meet at 10.30 then return to church for celebration of Holy Communion. If you would like a gluten-free wafer please ask for this when you are offered the bread. Crèche is available in room 3. There will be a retiring collection in aid of our Benevolent Fund. The Traidcraft stall will be open in the welcome area after the service.*

4.00 pm **Circuit Service at Villa Road MC**

**NO EVENING SERVICE AT SELLY OAK METHODIST CHURCH**

**The funeral of Mary Clarke will take place at Lodge Hill on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December at 1.30 pm. Please remember Mary and all her family in your prayers.**

We ask as many as possible of you to come and assist us at a church clean-up on Saturday December 8<sup>th</sup> any time between 09.00 and 12.00. We will be focusing primarily on the outside - leaves, drains and gutters but there will be inside jobs as well for those, who feel better suited to these e.g. cleaning internal windows, shampooing carpets, painting in some areas.

### Alternative Christmas Card

A way to send greetings to all your church friends and support the World Church: write your name, with a message if you wish, on the large card in the Welcome Area and make a donation in lieu of individual Christmas cards. The card will be available Sundays 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> December. *Rachel Stephens & Alison Geary*

Congratulations to Vincent on losing 31 lb (14 kg) and collecting sponsorship for Jun's Wheelchair Appeal in the process. He has done this discretely over the last 3 months and is going to keep going. If you'd like to add to his sponsorship total please do speak to a steward or add to the collection in one of the white pew envelopes and label it "Wheelchair Fund". Please note that we hope to complete our collections before Christmas.

**Church Carol Service will be held on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> December at 6.30 pm. Anyone interested in joining the choir for this event please contact Joe Biddlestone. Rehearsals on Fridays 7, 14, 21 Dec. at 7.30 pm.**

**B30 Foodbank: Urgently Required:** Custard, Fruit Juice, Macaroni Cheese, Food for Christmas Dinner :tinned meats and salmon, tinned fruit and mince pies (see posters in the welcome area and hall).

**Currently Well Stocked:** Pasta, Tea, Noodles, Baked Beans, Dry Spaghetti.

Please be aware that we are not allowed to distribute any Christmas items such as Christmas Puddings that have even the Slightest Trace of Alcohol in their ingredients

**The Cash Offertory for 25<sup>th</sup> November was £337.78 plus donations to the church of £600. Thank you.**

## Class meetings in December

Mon 3	2.30 pm	Alison & Ann's class at 31 Westholme Croft
Wed 5	7.30 pm	Karen & Judith's class meet at the home of Tom Bischoff
Sun 9	12 noon	Class 5 meeting at 26 Weoley Hill : <i>Advent Party &amp; Readings</i>
	7.45 pm	Maureen and Dave Osborne's class at the home of Jean Sterne <i>Advent evening of readings and carols</i>
Thu 20	7.00 for 7.30 pm	No. 11 class meet at Bournville Gardens : <i>Poetry and music for Advent</i>
Tue 11	7.30 pm	No. 2 class meeting : <i>led by Muriel Tetley</i>
Thu 13		Valerie Edden's Class : <i>Wrapping sweetie bags for the Christmas Food Bank parcels.</i>



**Lord our God,  
keep us your servants alert and watchful  
as we await the return of Christ your Son,  
so that when he comes and knocks on the door  
he may find us vigilant and in prayer,  
with songs of praise on our lips.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen**

### This week our prayers are asked for:

Communities where there is conflict; Those who mourn  
Those experiencing difficulty; Those in or returned from hospital or residential care.

### **Our Church, the local community & the world:**

Selly Beans      Selly Oak Live at Home Scheme  
London District of the Methodist Church  
Christians in West Africa and Britain

### **Those named on our prayer cards:**

**Doreen Appleton, Hazel Bethell, Barbara Clark,  
Ken Goostrey, Tom Hill, Rachel Hughes,  
Mary Lea, Winnie Salter, Shash Shroff, Wyn Stimson,  
Norma Thorpe, Doris Turland, Terry Turner.**

If you would like to request a prayer, prayer cards are available  
by the leaflet rack near the entrance of the Church

## Diary for the coming week

<b>Tue 4</b>	<b>9.30-11.30</b> <b>10.00 am</b>	<b>Selly Beans Stay &amp; Play</b> <b>Open House : "Shake Rattle and Roll"</b> <i>Exercise Hour with Tanya</i>
<b>Wed 5</b>	<b>10.00-12</b> <b>1.30 pm</b>	<b>Community coffee morning</b> <b>Tai Chi in the hall - £5.00 per session</b>
<b>Thu 6</b>	<b>8.00 pm</b>	<b>Badminton Group in the hall</b>
<b>Fri 7</b>	<b>10.15-12</b> <b>7.00 pm</b>	<b>Coffee Shop in welcome area</b> <b>Rehearsal for Carol Service</b>
<b>Sat 8</b>	<b>9.00-12.00</b>	<b>Church clean up : see page 2</b>

## Sunday 9 December

<b>8:30 am</b>	<b>Holy Communion led by Rev Dr Vincent Jambawo</b>
<b>10:30 am</b>	<b>Morning worship led by Mauricio Silva</b>
<b>12 noon</b>	<b>Zimbabwean Fellowship</b>
<b>6.30 pm</b>	<b>Evening Worship led by Rev Cleopas Sibanda</b>

*If you wish an item to be put in the notice sheet please inform Brian Noake by email (bnoake@blueyonder.co.uk) or by leaving a message on his answering machine (0121 604 5422) by 6pm on Wednesday before issue or 'N' pigeon hole by 10.30 am on Sunday before issue.*

<b>Minister :</b>	<b>Rev Dr Vincent Jambawo</b>	<b>0778 476 6911</b>
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Please note that Friday is Vincent's day off. Please try to avoid phoning or e-mailing him on Fridays unless the matter is extremely urgent and cannot wait until the next day.		
<b>Circuit office :</b>	<b>Sue Saunderson</b>	<b>0121 472 1060</b>
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<b>Stewards:</b>	Richard Kirby (senior steward), Moses Dakunivosa, Colin Foxall, Vengai Jamanda, Margaret Nicklin, Heather Rose & Richard Stanley	

If you are new to the church, and would like someone to contact you, or your contact details have changed please complete the form below and return it to the people collecting the hymn books at the end of the service or one of the stewards. PLEASE USE BLOCK LETTERS.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Post Code \_\_\_\_\_

Tel No \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Are you new to the church? yes / no      Are you a student? yes / no