

SERVICE OUTLINE FOR SABBATH 4th JANUARY 2020

MORNING PRAYER SESSION: 9:45 - 10:00

BIBLE STUDY HOUR: 10:00 AM

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| Welcome: | Margaret Owusu-Obeng |
| Opening Hymn: | 286 – ‘Wonderful Words Of Life’ |
| Prayer: | Margaret Owusu-Obeng |
| Lesson Study: | Elder Brenya Obeng |
| Mission Offering: | Spotlight |
| Closing Hymn: | 272 – ‘Give Me The Bible’ |
| Benediction: | Elder Brenya Obeng |

DIVINE SERVICE 11:15

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| Welcome & Announcements: | Elder Johnny Addai-Peprah |
| Opening Hymn: | 522 – ‘My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less’ |
| Opening Prayer: | Elder Brenya Obeng |
| Scripture Reading: | Charity Kanyongo |
| Tithes & Offering: | Charity Kanyongo |
| Children’s Story | Laura Kanyongo |
| Special Item | Daisy Kanyongo |
| Sermon | Elder Goodmore Kanyongo |
| Closing Hymn: | 478 – ‘Sweet Hour Of Prayer’ |
| Benediction: | Elder Johnny Addai-Peprah |

AFTERNOON SESSION 14:30

Prayer Ministries

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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

New beginnings with Light, Life and Love

2020 is here -- the beginning of a new decade. This is not a futuristic time, it is real time that you and I are living with its concomitant new challenges, new resolutions and new beginnings. At the end of 2019, I received two inspiring messages as email attachments from two friends, one from Norway and the other from the USA. Both are nonagenarians whom I have known for decades. What is special about their messages is how both uninhibitedly acknowledged God’s blessing despite the setback of age and diagnoses to the quality of their lives. Furthermore, both look keenly to the future with hope, a hope deeply rooted not in life’s vitality, achievements or possessions but in God and His promises. He is faithful despite our unfaithfulness.

I believe it is appropriate and imperative to share one of the familiar quotes of the extremely influential lady: “We have nothing to fear for the future, except as we shall forget the way the Lord has led us, and His teaching in our past history” (Life Sketches, p 196). There is no need to be fearful of what may or may not happen in 2020. Jeremiah (29:11) reassured those of the nation of Israel who were taken into the Babylonian captivity, that despite their present predicament the story doesn’t end there. God has an end game in mind: “For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord. Plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” In 2020, we too can find hope in the same promise even when the reality doesn’t seem promising. How God has led us needs to be remembered and reflected on — I believe the constancy and worthiness of God as revealed in the person of Jesus, is an irrefutable evidence of God’s faithfulness.

My appeal to all of us living in 2020 is when the darkness of evil threatens our certainty of hope, let us be reminded that Jesus is light, life and love. He is the true light that brings hope. We too as Christians can be witnesses to the light, life and love of Jesus in so doing we bring hope to dark places in our world. As J. Welby frankly puts it, “For if you are in darkness what do you desire? You desire Light. If the darkness presses in from within you or without and menaces your existence what do you want? You want Life. If the darkness overwhelms your sense of identity, what do you need? You need Love. In our country, in our world light, life and love, bearing hope on their wings, are the gift we are given by Jesus Christ; they are gifts to be opened to all the world through our actions and words.” (<https://www.archbishopofcanterbury.org/speaking-writing/sermons/archbishop-canterburys-christmas-sermon-2019>)

May 2020 be a year when our words and actions are evidence of His Light, Life and Love.

Christian Blessings

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME: We are delighted to welcome you to Dundee Seventh-day Adventist Church; especially if this is your first visit. May our time together be blessed! We extend a warm invitation to all to join us for a bring-and-share meal immediately after the service.

FAMILY MEETING: On 11th January 2020, the church will have a Family Meeting, starting at 2PM. All are invited. If any member wishes to register an agenda item, please contact Pr Jimmy before 4 January to do so. This meeting will function as a visioning meeting where the church will discuss its mission for the year.

THANK YOU: Grateful thanks to all the willing volunteers who helped to clean the church so well this past year. Many people use the church facilities during the week, as well as on Sabbath; and they are all impressed by the cleanliness of the place! If YOU would like to join this group of volunteers to clean the church once a quarter, on a Saturday evening or on a Sunday, please see Jane Walton or email her on jane.walton48@btinternet.com. Thank you!

- **ALSO** A big thank you to all who contributed to the Member Care Fund, and to those who brought, and continue to bring, food for the Dundee Food Bank.

FOODBANK APPEAL: Please be generous and donate some tins or tasty treats for the local Dundee Foodbank this winter. Everyone needs to eat to keep warm and stay healthy. So please spare a thought for the poorer ones in our community. The collection box for your donations of non-perishable food items is in the fellowship hall. Thank you for thinking of others this Christmas!

MIDWEEK PRAYER: Every Wednesday from 6:00 pm at Church. You are welcome to the Testimony and Prayer Sessions, invite friends and families.

TITHE, OFFERINGS & OTHER PAYMENTS: Sort Code: 83-25-25, Account No: 00172727 and email n.robertson@onetel.net

MEDIA RECORDING: No unauthorised video, still pictures or audio are to be recorded during church services. During special events and other services, only the church's communications team is allowed to record any media and to make it available to the members through the channels available.

CHILDREN SAFETY/CARE: In Dundee, our intention is for everyone to enjoy their worship experience. We therefore request that all parents should always know where their children are; and are responsible for their children's whereabouts on church premises. Thank you for understanding.

BULLETIN ITEMS: Forward to: mervyn007fa@gmail.com or WhatsApp 07412679232 by Thursday evening.

Forthcoming Preachers

11/01 – Pr. Jim Botha
18/01 – Mervyn Owusu-Ayim
25/01 – Elder Brenya Obeng
01/02 – Pr. Jim Botha
08/02 – Elder Tarzan Bhebhe

Forthcoming Events

12/1 – Family Meeting
25/1 – SM Training Day
15/2 – SM Youth DoF (Dundee)
7/3 – Women's Day of Prayer
21-28/3 – Youth Week of Prayer

SUNSET TIMES:

Friday 3rd January – 15:46
Saturday 4th January – 15:48
Friday 10th January – 15:57
Saturday 11th January – 15:59

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BULLETIN FOR 4th JANUARY 2020



Guided by God's sufficient grace
Relying on God's free gift of grace
Acclaiming God's abundant grace
Calling all to live by God's merciful grace
Enlightened by the sure word of God's grace