

SERVICE OUTLINE FOR SABBATH 25th JANUARY 2020

MORNING PRAYER SESSION: 9:45 - 10:00

BIBLE STUDY HOUR 10:00

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| Welcome: | Priscilla Bhebhe |
| Opening Hymn: | 286 – 'Wonderful Words Of Life' |
| Prayer: | Priscilla Bhebhe |
| Lesson Study: | Eld. Tarzan Bhebhe |
| Mission Offering: | |
| Closing Hymn: | 312 – 'Near The Cross' |
| Benediction: | Elder Brenya Obeng |

DIVINE SERVICE 11:15

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| Welcome & Announcements: | Elder Johnny Addai-Peprah |
| Opening Hymn: | 309 - 'I Surrender All' |
| Opening Prayer: | Elder Johnny Addai-Peprah |
| Scripture Reading: | Luke 16:13 |
| Tithes & Offering: | Sandra Nel |
| Children's Story | Mervyn Owusu-Ayim |
| Meditational Song | 306 – 'Draw Me Nearer' |
| Sermon | 'Have You Decided Yet?' – Mervyn Owusu-Ayim |
| Closing Hymn | I Have Decided To Follow Jesus – Praise Team |
| Benediction: | Mervyn Owusu-Ayim |

AFTERNOON SESSION 14:30

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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: Secret Signs



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| Ι | = | Ἰησους | Jesus |
| χ | = | Χριστος | Christ |
| θ | = | Θεου | God's |
| υ | = | υιος | Son |
| ς | = | σωτηρ | Saviour |

The mysterious sign you see below was found carved into a marble slab in the ruins of the ancient city of Ephesus. Can you guess what it means?

Look closely and you should see the following symbols: Ι C θ Υ S

These are Greek capital letters. They spell the word ιχθυς which in English letters is ichtus, a word that means fish.

In the first centuries AD Christians were cruelly persecuted and put to death by various Roman Emperors. In order to recognize one another without giving their identity away to the Roman authorities, Christians adopted secret signs. Fish was a good sign because the first Greek letter stood for Jesus, the second for Christ, the third for God, the fourth for Son and the final letter for Saviour. Furthermore, the fish sign was appropriate because Jesus had told His followers they would become fishers of men. Then too, the statement "Jesus Christ, Son of God, Saviour" affirmed the belief of early Christians that Jesus Christ was both fully human and fully divine.

The fish symbol is made by drawing two arcs with two of their ends overlapping. According to one ancient story, when a Christian met a stranger in the road, the Christian would sometimes draw one arc of the simple fish outline in the dirt. If the stranger drew the other arc, both believers knew they were in the company of friends. Can you think of other secret signs used by early Christians to identify themselves?

In the 1970s the "Jesus Fish" started to be used as an icon of modern Christianity. It has been adopted by several music festivals in the USA and Australia and it can sometimes be seen as a car badge or window sticker or as pendants or necklaces as a sign that the owner is a Christian.

Of course, the Adversary always has his counterfeit, so recently the picture of a fish with short stubby legs is being adopted as a symbol of 'evolutionary creation.' Can you think of other Christian symbols being polluted in the service of sin?

Jesus said "Whoever acknowledges me before others, I will also acknowledge before my Father in heaven. But whoever disowns me before others, I will disown before my Father in heaven." [Matthew 10:32-33]. Will others recognise that you are an active Christian? By what signs will they recognise your commitment to Jesus as Lord?

John C. Walton

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.

HEALTH CLUB: The first meeting will be on Sunday 2nd Feb from 1:45pm till 3-pm. We will be looking at the Respiratory System and natural remedies for colds and flus.

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.

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

01/02 – Pr. Jim Botha
08/02 – Elder Tarzan Bhebhe
15/02 – SM Youth Day
22/02 – Dr. John Walton

Forthcoming Events

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



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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**

SUNSET TIMES:

Friday 24th January – 16:24
Saturday 25th January – 16:26
Friday 31st January – 16:39
Saturday 1st February – 16:41

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