

SERVICES FOR SABBATH 29th December 2012

BIBLE STUDY HOUR – 10:00 am

The topic for this quarter is: *“Growing in Christ”*

This week’s study is on the topic: “When All Things Become New” led by Goodmore

DIVINE SERVICE

Praise and Worship	
Welcome and Announcements	John Walton
Opening Hymn	SDAH# 197 “The King of Love My Shepherd Is”
Prayer	Pr. Neil Robertson
Scripture Reading	Philippians 2: 5-11.
Tithes & Offerings	Pr. Neil Robertson
Hymn	SDAH# 574 “O Master Let Me Walk With Thee”
Address	“Looking to Jesus” – John Walton
Ordinance of Foot Washing	
Children’s time	Dr Bankole Davies-Browne
Hymn	SDAH# 319 “Lord, I Want to be a Christian”
Communion Service	Pr. Neil Robertson
Closing Hymn	SDAH# 206 “Face to Face”
Prayer	Pr. Neil Robertson

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Sunset Times:

Sabbath 29th December – 3:44 pm
Friday 4th January – 3:52 pm

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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Apocalypse-shy?

Over the past months, the media was increasingly reporting on the ending of the Mayan calendar on 21/12/12 and the expected end of the World. Like medieval Chiliasts, people gathered around mountains believed to serve as arks able save those who believe.

The day before THE DAY, a website article listed 10 major previous “apocalypse” events. I read it eagerly to learn what the secular perspective might be on the Millerite movement – undoubtedly one of the biggest “end of the World” events ever. The article spoke of the year 1000, of Jehovah’s Witnesses and 1914, but not one word on the Millerites or Advenists. My feelings were mixed. On one hand, I was relieved not to see Adventists publicly listed alongside ‘weirdos’ and panic maniacs. On the other, it raised a serious question.

In 1844, 1 million (out of total of 17 million) US citizens anticipated the fulfilment of Bible prophecies and the end of the World. At the same time, Christians in many other parts of the World, England and Scotland among them, studied the same prophecies and came to the same conclusions about Christ’s imminent second coming. The Seventh-day Adventist Church, the largest of the movements then sprung out of Millerism, grew to the current membership of over 17 million.

Yet, when it comes to talking about the end of the World, we are not even worth mentioning?

Not only is the world silent about us. We are silent too. If 21/12/12 got at all mentioned in our church, whether our local congregation, the Messenger or the Internet, I must have missed it. I am not suggesting we joined! But wouldn’t you expect the end time movement to reflect on people shouting that the end of the World is around the corner? In our effort to stay within mainstream Christianity, are we shying away from the Apocalypse message?

Are we really the angel that we believe ourselves to be; flying in the middle of the sky and shouting with a loud voice?

We may have a huge membership in some parts of the World, lots of nice schools and hospitals, an overdose of church institutions in the UK, but the question remains: Are we the angel? Do we fly in the middle of the sky? Do we cry with a loud voice? Or are we afraid to be classed with people who cause panic, so we keep our mouth shut?

If we don’t cry loud, who will?

Pavel Novotny

ANNOUNCEMENTS

* **Welcome.** The pastor and congregation 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 every good wish to you all for the festive season. As you celebrate together with friends and families, may the joy of heaven be yours during this time of the year! May you share it with those who are in various difficulties!

* We extend a warm invitation to all who wish to join us for a **fellowship meal** immediately after the service.

* **Thanks** – many thanks to all who contributed to last week's festive "money tree" offering collection. We are pleased to announce that the goodly sum of £430 was raised.

* **Time off** - Marcel and Claudette will take a wee bit of time off during the last week of December and the 1st week in January. Should anyone need to speak with an elder during this time, please do not hesitate to contact any of them.

* **Bible Study/Prayer meeting** –The Wednesday Bible Study/Prayer meetings will have a **short break**. It is planned to resume in early February.

* **Night of Prayer:** night prayer **Tonight**. Fasting and prayer after the communion service @ dundee church from 7pm -7am, open to all, fasting is up to each person. For more information about what we will be praying for on the night of prayer contact Rhoda Fleming.

* **Lost Property** There are quite a few items that have been left behind in church. Please look on the pegs in the small corridor if you have mislaid an item.

* **Mother & Toddler's Group Holiday.** The Mother and Toddler group will be having a short break over the next week; but will re-start on Tuesday 8th January 10-12 noon (£2 per family). Happy New Year everyone!

* **Bulletin.** Meeting organisers please Email details of themes, hymns and other items or announcements for next week's Bulletin to Petra (petra.spacilova@gmail.com) on or before the Wednesday preceding the Sabbath. Want to know what's happening but missed getting a Bulletin? Surf the web to www.adventistdundee.com and then click on "Bulletins".

Future Preachers:

5th Jan – Dr Bankole Davies-Browne

12th Jan – Pr. Marcel Ghioalda

19th Jan. – Pr. Ian Sweeney

26th Jan. – Pr. Nathan Stickland

2nd Feb. – Pr. Marcel Ghioalda

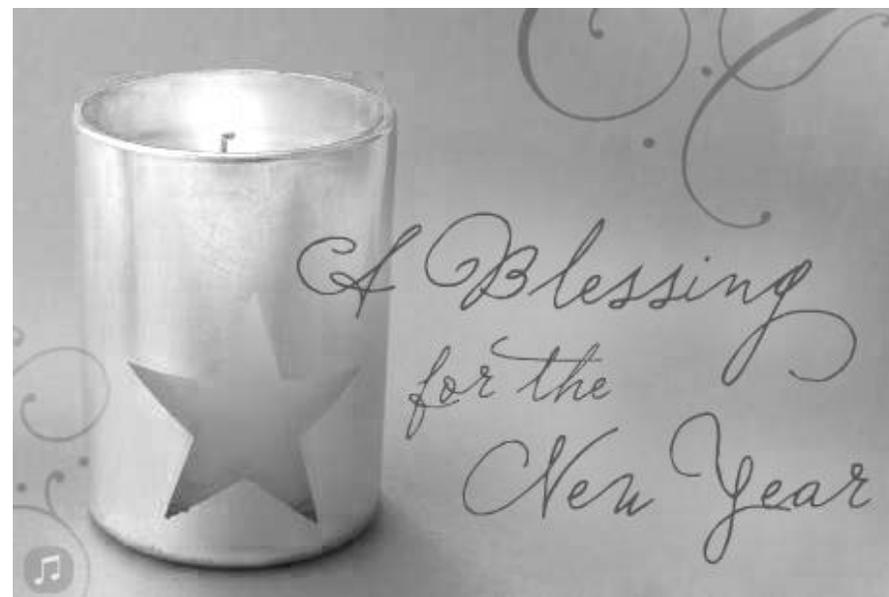
Future Events:

29th Dec. - Night-long prayer & fast



SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

DUNDEE CHURCH BULLETIN



-- December 29th 2012 --

We extend a warm welcome to you and hope you enjoy worshipping with us today!

Receiving God's grace in our hearts
Responding to God's grace in worship
Reflecting God's grace to each other
Revealing God's grace in service