

\* \* \* SERVICES FOR SABBATH 16<sup>th</sup> MAY 2015 \* \* \*

“Meet Your God” - Prayer Session 9:45 -10:00 - with Johnny Addai-Peprah

**BIBLE STUDY HOUR: 10:00 am**

Welcome	Priscilla Bhebhe
Opening Song	251 “I Serve A Risen Saviour”
Opening Prayer	Thandie Bhebhe
Lesson Study	Dr Gifford Rhamie “Ancestry - How we Got the Bible”
Offering Prayer	Priscilla Bhebhe
Closing Song	99 “Be Not Dismayed What E'er Betide”
Closing Prayer	Jane Walton

**DIVINE SERVICE: 11:15 am**

Opening Hymn	“As The Deer Pants For the Waters”
Opening Prayer	
Tithes and Offering	Dr Bankole Davies-Browne
Special Music	Annina Engelbrecht
Children’s Story	Pr. Neil Robertson
Special Music (A Medley)	Adrian Felaar
Scripture Reading	Mark 3:31-35 - Tobias Houlton
Sermon	Dr Gifford Rhamie – “Whose Man Is He Anyway”
Closing Hymn	341 “To God Be the Glory”
Closing Prayer	Dr Gifford Rhamie

**AFTERNOON PROGRAMME**

Saturday afternoon Programme with Gifford Rhamie: ‘Which Version is it?’  
Saturday evening Programme with Gifford Rhamie: ‘How to Read the Bible\EGW?’

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**Sunset Times:**

Sabbath 16<sup>th</sup> May– 21:22 pm  
Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May – 21:33 pm

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\* \* \* THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK \* \* \*

**A Small Act of Kindness**

I have benefited from the kindness of many in my church community and I am eternally grateful for this. But let me share a story that strongly resonates with me. I was moved by the recent real life story on Channel 4 entitled “The Stranger on the Bridge.” This is a true inspirational story of a young man, Jonny Benjamin who one January morning sat on Waterloo Bridge with the intention to end his life. As he sat there, amidst the frenetic toing- and – froing of people in busy London, a stranger stopped and successfully talked him out of jumping off Waterloo Bridge in 2008. Consequently, Jonny was picked up by the police and subsequently hospitalised. He never had the opportunity to thank the Good Samaritan who he said helped him turn things around when he thought his life was over and could see no hope for the future. Channel 4 focuses on Mr Benjamin’s global search for this stranger, he calls Mike. It is an uplifting and powerful true story of Jonny’s journey in search of Mike.

While Jonny’s story can be understood from the perspective of his journey in search of Mike and his desire to demonstrate his appreciation of what a stranger did for him. Many of us can relate to the story in the light of Jesus’ healing of the ten lepers in Luke 17: 11-19. Only one returned to say thank you. Moreover, I cannot help but be reminded of Jesus’ parable of the sheep and goats recounted by Matthew (25:31-46). In Matthew 24 when the disciples pressed him with the question relating to the coming kingdom and the end of the age he responded by shifting their attention from the “when and what” of the kingdom to the “who.” He proceeded to illustrate his point by describing four parables, one of which relates to the predicament of the sheep and goats. The twist in the parable is that Jesus sees Himself as the stranger in the parable. There is a sobering concern—the stranger’s perspective. It is even a more poignant lesson for us who live in an age reeks with suspicion and distrust. The world is a dangerous place. We constantly tell our kids not to speak with strangers. We often distance ourselves from those who do not speak or dress like us. Let me ask you, when was the last time you invited a stranger home for tea? Who? I mean a stranger, not your neighbour, not the church member with whom you get on well. When a stranger walks through our doors are you keen to engage with him/her despite his/ her appearance. If we see the stranger as Jesus, would we treat him differently? Do we relate to others as a means to an end or as someone puts it, “treat each person as an end in himself.” Beneath that seemingly shabby appearance there is a story to tell. Perhaps the stranger is right in our midst. A pertinent and challenging question for me: Do I see Jesus in the people around me?

When Jonny eventually found Mike --Neil Laybourn, little did Mike know the impact of his small act of kindness in 2008. The world can be a cold, harsh and lonely place, but just a few kind words from someone, even a complete stranger, can change lives---just a small act of kindness. The religious people walked right past the broken, bruised person. I may have all the right doctrine but do not demonstrate this in my actions. This is not what God’s Kingdom is all about. God cares about how I live my life, how I act out my faith, and who I care for. May God suffuse you with his blessings throughout this week.

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\* \* \* 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.

\* **"Agape Feast"** every Sabbath! We will have a variety of bread, spreads, fruit, nuts and salads, etc. Please plan to join us and all contributions are greatly appreciated!

\* **Study Weekend.** 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> May with Dr Gifford Rhamie of Newbold College "Adventism For the 21<sup>st</sup> Century." Friday evening at 7:00 pm in the church: 'Evangelism - Church Without Walls.' Saturday, Sabbath School: - 'Ancestry - How we Got the Bible.' Saturday, Divine Service: Sermon. Saturday afternoon Program: 'Which Version is it?' Saturday evening Program: Application - 'How to Read the Bible\EGW?'

\* **ADRA Appeal.** The final total raised for the Dundee 2015 ADRA Appeal is £860. Grateful thanks to all who collected and donated.

\* **ADRA and the Deadly Nepal Earthquake.** ADRA has been active in Nepal for many years, and is on the ground helping the people of Nepal right now. ADRA's initial emergency relief is focusing on the Dhading Besi district, not far from the epicentre. The Adventist Sheer Memorial Hospital near Kathmandu did not sustain any damage and continues to operate. Help ADRA bring relief to the people of Nepal by donating at the following website: <http://is.gd/k14HEh>

\* **Newly published NKJV Pathfinder Bible** £19.50 /available in four colours and NKJV Woman's Bible £29.50 are available to order now from Stanborough Press. Bibles are also available in French and Spanish. All Bibles can be viewed on line: [www.adventistbookcenter.com](http://www.adventistbookcenter.com). Should you wish to order, payment should be made in advance if possible. Any orders will be available towards the end of May or early in June. For more details see Romana.

\* **Pastor's Blog:** Pastor Marcel's FaceBook 'blog' at <https://ichewon.wordpress.com/> is updated with news about Claudette each week.

\* **Elder's meeting** will take place on Sunday, 31<sup>st</sup> May 2015 in Crieff SDA Church 10.30am-4pm.

\* **Toddler Group** – on **Tuesdays in the church hall** from 10:00 – 12:00 noon. Please see Jane if you would like to come along and lend a hand.

\* **Adult Bible Study** –on **Thursdays** from 18:00 – 19:00 - please arrive on time.

\* **Church Library** There's a good selection on the bookshelves in the Fellowship hall. Just write your name on the borrowing sheet and return the books promptly so others can enjoy them.

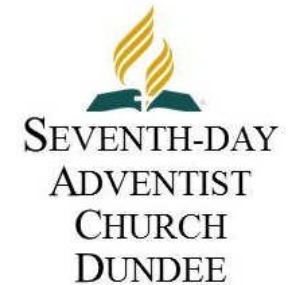
\* **Online Bulletins** at: [www.adventistdundee.com](http://www.adventistdundee.com). Email announcements and items for the Bulletin to: John Walton on or before Wednesday (Email: [jcw@st-and.ac.uk](mailto:jcw@st-and.ac.uk)).

**Forthcoming Preachers:**

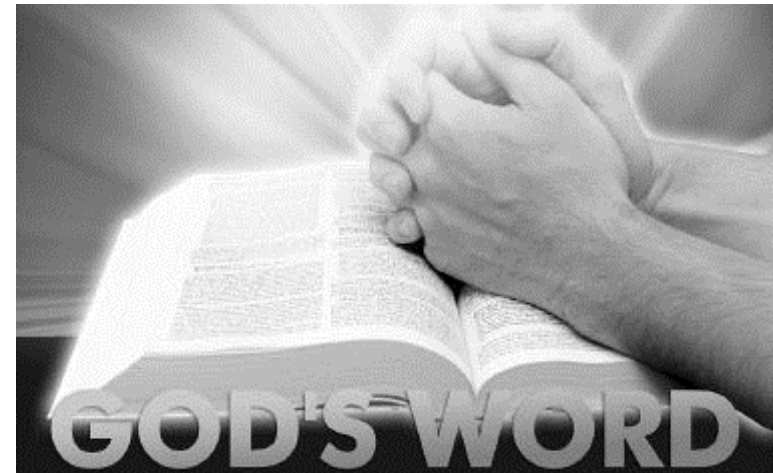
16<sup>th</sup> May – Pr. Gifford Rhamie  
23<sup>rd</sup> May – Pr. Marcel Ghioalda  
30<sup>th</sup> May – Service Day  
6<sup>th</sup> June – Pr. Marcel Ghioalda  
13<sup>th</sup> June – Elder Brenya Obeng  
20<sup>th</sup> June – Pr. Marcel Ghioalda  
27<sup>th</sup> June – Pr. C. Sweeney

**Forthcoming Events:**

15-16<sup>th</sup> May – Study Weekend, G. Rhamie  
23<sup>rd</sup> May – Pathfinder & Adventurer Investiture.  
30<sup>th</sup> May – Service Day  
31<sup>st</sup> May - Elder's meeting, Crieff  
20<sup>th</sup> June – Messy Church



## BULLETIN FOR 16<sup>th</sup> MAY 2015



*We extend a warm welcome to you and hope you  
enjoy worshiping with us today*

**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**