

WELCOME TO OUR SABBATH SERVICE!

(DECEMBER 24, 2011)



"Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

Luke 9:11,12 (NIV)



"CHRISTMAS is coming", is the note that is sounded throughout our world from East to West and from North to South. With youth, those of mature age, and even the aged, it is a period of general rejoicing, of great gladness. But what is Christmas, that it should demand so much attention? This day has been made much of for centuries. It is accepted by the unbelieving world, and by the Christian world generally, as the day on which Christ was born. When the world at large celebrate the day, they show no honor to Christ. They refuse to acknowledge him as their Saviour, to honor him by willing obedience to his service. They show preference to the day, but none to the one for whom the day is celebrated, Jesus Christ.

Today, we know Jesus wasn't born on Christmas day, but some early Christians -- following Jewish traditions -- choose a date to celebrate the fact God loved the world enough to send his Son as a baby.

So how should Seventh-day Adventists respond to Christmas? We should focus our attention on the event it celebrates and witness to the world about our Savior. Finally, following the example of Adventist Church co-founder, Ellen G. White, we can use this opportunity to respond to the needs of the world around us.

(<http://youth.stluciaadventist.org/directors-blog/86-directors-blog/198>)

(<http://news.adventist.org/en/archive/commentary/2010/12/17>)

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!



From Your Wimbledon Seventh Day Adventist Church!

Welcome to WISDAC Today!

Programme:

Announcements	Rosemay
Praise & Worship	Raylene, Rethel & Talent
Welcome	Caroline
Opening Hymn	'A Child of the King' (468)
Main Prayer	Alda
Special Item	"The sisters"
Tithes & Offerings	Jonathan
Children's Story	Robert
Scripture Reading	Matthew 1:18-25 (by Sadyiah)
Sermon	"From the shed to the throne" (by Sam)
Closing Hymn	'When I Survey the Wondrous Cross' (154)
Benediction	Sam



Refreshments just after Divine Service;
Please stay and enjoy fellowship with us!

Announcements:

- PASTORAL TEAM:

- A mother with two young children is appealing for stop gap accommodation with a church family. Any offers please contact one of the elders.

- COMMUNITY SERVICES:

- Want to help with the Merton Night Shelter Project starting on the 7th of January? Please see David; Sleeping mats donations are welcome!

- 2010 Christmas CD by WISDAC members: some copies still available! Please contact Keith for more information...

- **Full Keyboard + Stand to go...** Interested? Talk to Keith!



Diary:

- **Today** - Sabbath School, 9:45am; - Family Service, 11:30am.

- **Wed 27/12** - Prayer meeting, 7:15pm.

- **Sab 31/12** - Sabbath School, 9:45am; - Family Service, 11:30am.

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Prayer Hotline: Please phone/text this number to request special prayer: 07522 088 001.

Pastoral Assistant: Dianne Sobers is currently the PA. Her contact details are: 07956 374 383 or diannesobers2004@yahoo.co.uk.

Violin Lessons: Please contact Song-Ah if you are interested on songahchoi@hotmail.com **or** 07590 201 577.

Bulletin Entries: Please contact the Communication Dep. (wisdac.comms@gmail.com) by 6pm on the Thursday before the weekend you would like your announcement published.

WISDAC Community Services: Any ideas on how to help others and want to engage into shaping up your community? Share your thoughts with the elders and start making a difference today!

COMMUNITY POLICE OFFICER MEETING in the back hall every last Wednesday of the month.

CHURCH LIBRARY: Our librarian invites you to pop in there and take a look at what you can borrow - Books, CDs/DVDs and more!

BIBLE STUDIES on Friday Nights at 7:30pm at WISDAC. Any particular study topic you wish to explore please tell Chris at cgungaloo@yahoo.com.

CHILDREN'S FACILITIES: Available to the parents of little children in the back of the Church is a room equipped with a TV screen, so they can watch the service in comfort and quietness.

SPORTS AND LEISURE ACTIVITIES in the parks nearby Wimbledon Church on Sundays!!
Contact Jafter(07949749954) or Morris(07766240314.)



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Obs.: For a complete list of all elders and how to contact them, go to www.mywimbledon.org/pastoral-team.

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SUNSET TIMES

Today 3:55pm

Friday 4:00pm