

SABBATH: 16th. December **Sunset:** 16.08

Choruses: 1350, 23 10.20 S/F

SABBATH SCHOOL: 10.30

Leader: Lori Cameron

Hymn: 79 Dear Lord And Father Of Mankind

Prayer:

Mission Reading:

Offering

Lesson Study: Pat Eastwood

11 The Elect

Hymn: 408 O Come All Ye Faithful

Announcements & outreach report

DIVINE SERVICE; 12.00

Preacher: Ina Douglas-James

Acting Elder:

Hymn: 91 While Shepherds Watched Their
Flocks

Scripture Reading: Rev. 19: 4-10

Prayer

Offering

Hymn: 469 We Have Not Known Thee As
We Ought

Sermon Title: Not Just For Christmas

Hymn .697 Blessed Assurance

Benediction

Hymn: 366

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Missions Offering Last Week £ 31.36 24

Church Budget Offering Last Week: £ 38.20 16

Please remember the can collection in aid of the
Women's Aid Centre in Carmarthen

Wednesdays Pray for Church Members 20.00

**16 Dec. Carol service for the residents of
Johnstown care home.**

23 Dec. Christmas Service 11.00

I ask then, has God rejected his people? I cannot believe it!
I am an Israelite myself, of the stock of Abraham, of the tribe
of Benjamin. No! God has not rejected the people which he
acknowledged of old as his own, You know (do you not?)
what Scripture says in the story of Elijah -- how Elijah pleads
with God against Israel: "Lord, they have killed thy prophets,
they have torn down thine altars, and I alone am left, and
they are seeking my life." But what does the Divine voice say
unto him? "I have left myself seven thousand men who have
not knelt to Baal." In just the same way at the present time a
'remnant' has come into being, selected by the grace of God.
Rom. 11:1+

Christ is the desire of nations, the joy of angels, the delight of the
Father. What solace then must that soul be filled with, that has the
possession of Him to all eternity! *John Bunyan*

If there be ground for you to trust in your own righteousness, then,
all that Christ did to purchase salvation, and all that God did to
prepare the way for it is in vain. *Jonathon Edwards*

No one can be saved - in virtue of what he can do. Everyone can be
saved - in virtue of what God can do. *Karl Barth*

PRAYER LIST: Wendy & Felix Ikuomola

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Sylvia & David Jones
Harry James
Samantha Griffin
Jessica Brown-Williams
Erma & Ron Lockham
Maria & Bill Kellaway
Norman Phillips family
Len Eastwood
Vera Colledge
Beverley Malcolm
Phillip Nolan
Fred Sneed

Earlene Sharleen Kayla Olivier
Verity Hender
Alex Freeman
Vicky Chilvers
Rosemary West

SABBATH: 23rd.December **Sunset:** 16.11

Christmas Service

11.00

Followed by drinks and mince pies

For God does not want to save us by our own but by an
extraneous righteousness, one that does not originate in
ourselves but comes to us from beyond ourselves, which does
not arise on earth but comes from heaven. *Martin Luther*

The Apostle is hence telling us that inasmuch as sinners cannot
be saved through their efforts, so we who have been regenerated
likewise cannot be perfected through any righteous acts of our
flesh. How vain do such righteous deeds continue to be!
Watchman Nee

Salvation is from our side a choice, from the divine side it is a
seizing upon, an apprehending, a conquest by the Most High
God. Our "accepting" and "willing" are reactions rather than
actions. The right of determination must always remain with
God. *A. W. Tozer*

He who created us without our help will not save us without our
consent. *Augustine*

And now let me address all of you, high and low, rich and poor,
one with another, to accept of mercy and grace while it is
offered to you; Now is the accepted time, now is the day of
salvation; and will you not accept it, now it is offered unto you?
George Whitefield

Since no man is excluded from calling upon God the gate of
salvation is open to all. There is nothing else to hinder us from
entering, but our own unbelief. *John Calvin*

Alexander Solzhenitsyn was a prisoner in Russia on a programme
of hard labour.. One day he felt like giving up. He felt his life could
not make a difference. He sat down on a bench knowing that when
he was spotted by a guard he would be ordered back to work when
he failed to respond the guard would bludgeon him to death. As he
sat waiting, head down, he felt a presence. slowly he lifted his eyes.
Next to him sat an old man with a wrinkled, utterly expressionless
face. Hunched over, the old man drew a stick through the sand at
Solzhenitsyn's feet deliberately tracing out the sign of the cross.
As Solzhenitsyn stared at the rough outline his entire perspective
shifted. Yet in that moment, he knew that the hope of all mankind
was represented by that simple cross - and through its power
anything was possible. Solzhenitsyn slowly got up , picked up his
shovel and went back to work - not knowing that his writings on
truth and freedom would one day enflame the whole world