

# Happy New Year

from the



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## Thought for the Week

*"Walk wisely in this world.*

*Listen before you speak.*

*Look deeply before you leap.*

*Share love with those who walk beside you.*

*And, on long winter nights,*

*when the moon is hiding and frost crusts the soil,*

*do not be afraid to try out something different,*

*something wild, something joyful,*

*just for the hell of it*

*and hope that it leads you to heaven."*

*Ruth Burgess*

## ORDER OF SERVICE

for Sunday 1 January 2017 - New Year's Day  
including the Sacrament of Holy Communion

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Today's Mission Offering

is for **STICHTING MAMRE**

Call to Worship - (congregational lines **in bold**)

Come, on this New Year's Day,

to continue your Christmas celebrations,

but also to look to the future with hope:

**to bring God our praise and thanks**

**for the wonder of his coming to us;**

to put last year behind us –

reflecting on the good and bad that came our way;

**to come to the Lord's Table**

**to share communion together**

**and to be inspired and renewed**

**as we take our first steps into this New Year.**

*Welcome & Prayer of Approach*

**Praise: O God, our help in ages past** (MP 498)

*Children's Message*

**Praise: He came down that we may have love** (CH4 359)

*Prayer of Confession and The Lord's Prayer*

Reading: **Matthew 2: 13 – 23** (p. 966)

Post- Christmas Reflection

**Praise: Unto us a boy is born!** (MP 714)

Reading: **Revelation 21: 1 – 6** (p. 1249)

*New Year Reflection*

**Praise: This is a day of new beginnings** (CH4 526)  
Tune: Spiritus Vitae

*Offering & Prayer of Dedication*

*Church News*

*Prayers for Others - Elder*

*Introduction to the Sacrament & Prayer*

**Praise: For everyone born, a place at the table** (CH4 685)

*Invitation to the Sacrament*

*Prayer of Thanksgiving - in which please join in saying, after the words, "...that creation sings back to you:"*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest!**

*Sharing of the Bread and Wine*

**Praise: Joy to the world, the Lord has come!** (MP 393)

*Closing responses -*

Lord Jesus Christ, at the start of a New Year,  
you have called us to share in God's story of hope.  
**and so we offer ourselves to its telling.**  
**Breathe your life through ours  
that the story may continue on  
in us, and through us,  
until the world is remade. Amen.**

*Benediction and 3-fold Amen*

- followed by the sung Benediction

**Go now in peace, never be afraid,  
God will go with you each hour of every day.  
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.  
Know he will guide you in all you do.  
God now in love and show you believe.  
Reach out to others so all the world can see.  
God will be there watching from above.  
Go now in peace, in faith and in love.**

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**Sunday 15 January at 7.30 p.m.**

**Songs of Praise Service with your favourite hymns.**

**Next Sunday - 8<sup>th</sup> January - Soup & Christmas Pudding Lunch**  
immediately after the Service -

please come along to share a time of fellowship, but put your  
name on the list, so we know how many to cater for!

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**Are you in need of prayer or pastoral care?**

Or do you know someone who is? Please put your requests in the  
prayer box on Sundays. Prayers can also be sent via the Prayer  
Coordinator, Irene Jardine, at [pray.sicr@gmail.com](mailto:pray.sicr@gmail.com)  
For pastoral care or a visit by an Elder or Minister, contact your  
Elder, the Church Office or the Minister.

**Birthdays**

This week we congratulate Helena Brhel/Brhelova, Jana  
Brhel/Brhelova, Stefan Stifanos, Cindel Fleming, Prince Adarkwah  
and Peace Acquaaah on their birthdays.

*Would you like your birthday mentioned? Inform the Office Team!*

**What's on the agenda?**

Sunday 8 January

**Prayer Meeting at 9.00am**

Service at 10.30am –

followed by Soup & Christmas Pudding Lunch

Sunday 15 January

**Bible Study at 9.00am**

Service at 10.30am

**Who's who Today** - Minister: Rev. Derek Lawson

Elder: Bob Hensen

Children's message: Virginia Hendriks

Pianist: Allen Foster Bible Reader: Elizabeth Dorn-Lee

Welcome: Joke Cromwell & Margriet van Overbeeke

Crèche: no crèche today

Deacons-Counting: Eric Wenfua & Evelyn Koomson

Door: Anthony Evovo

Beamer and Recording: Andre v.d. Velden

Hospitality: Irene Jardine Flowers: Christmas Decorations

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## For the Beamer

### The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and for ever. Amen.

*English Language Liturgical Consultation Text 1998*

*'Do all the good you can, By all the means you can, In all the ways you can, In all the places you can, At all the times you can, To all the people you can, As long as ever you can.'* - John Wesley (Methodist Anglican cleric 1703 - 1791).