

**Newtownbreda (St. John's) Presbyterian Church
Announcements: 14th January, 2018**

Welcome to everyone, especially any visitors with us this morning.

There will not be a Traidcraft Stall after the service today. However, there will be a chance to purchase Fairtrade Goods after the morning service next week instead.

6.45pm Run-through of music for the Taizé Service.

7.00pm **Taizé Service.**



Tuesday 10.30am **Carers and Tots**
16th Jan

7.00pm **Finance Sub-Committee** in the Church Office.

7.45pm **Joint Congregational Committee and Session Meeting**
in the Megaw Room

In order to comply with Charities legislation all elders as trustees are strongly encouraged to attend for the discussion on the draft accounts for 2017.

Convenors and Secretaries of Sub-Committees are reminded that they should prepare a brief written report of their year's activities for presentation to Committee.

Wednesday **Lunch Club** meets at 12.15pm. New members and their
17th Jan friends will be made to feel welcome.

Thursday 10.30am **Bible Study** Chapter 7 'God is Self-Sacrificing'.
18th Jan

6.45pm **Prayer Group** meets in the Megaw Room.

Friday 10.30am - 12.00 noon **Coffee & Chat.**
19th Jan

Saturday 8.30am **Ormeau Churches Together Breakfast.**
20th Jan Ormeau Churches Together invite you all to their annual Community Breakfast which celebrates the week of prayer for Christian Unity. Jimmy Moore from the Christian Mission for the Blind in Zimbabwe will be our speaker. The venue is the Rosetta Hall, Newtownbreda Presbyterian Church. Root Soup will cook the delicious big breakfast. See you there!

General

Pastoral Care: if you need to speak to a minister please contact Rev Anne Tolland on 028 9064 0178 or 077 4036 2390. Alternatively you may contact Rev William Haslett on 028 9180 0859 or 077 4298 7589.

**CLEAR OUT
THE CLUTTER**



If you are tired of keeping unwanted gift sets or cosmetics, putting them in 'that drawer or cupboard' and then forgetting about them, well here is the solution for you.

Here is a call for all such goods - unwanted gift sets or cosmetics, jewellery sets or scarfs that you may have received for Christmas that you simply will not use. Save yourself the bother of storing these and donate them for the Autumn Fete 2018. We have a number of stalls that could sell them.

As we move from Christmas to Spring you may also do the annual spring clear out of garages, roof spaces, spare rooms and that 'cupboard or drawer' so

again if you have any other items which you would love to have out of the house and would consider donating to the autumn fete then please contact Heather or Austin Moore on 077 5157 4964 or austin@cottagecateringni.com who will be happy to store these for Autumn 2018

Sunday 10.30am Rev Anne
21st Jan 3.00pm **Christian Unity Service in Ballynafeigh Methodist Church.**

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 18th -25th January

This year the theme is '**That All May Be Free**' and the material has been produced by churches in the Caribbean. It is based on Exodus 15 which is a song of triumph over oppression.

The Ballynafeigh Clergy Fellowship is coming together to organise a community service for this week – to be held on Sunday 21st January in Ballynafeigh Methodist Church at 3.00pm. All the churches will hopefully be represented and the community choir will be making their debut. Please do come along and celebrate the fellowship and friendship enjoyed in our Ballynafeigh area.

Thursday
25th Jan

Koinonia: our guest speaker will be **Dr Leon Litvack.**

From Canada, Leon is Reader in Victorian Studies at Queen's University and an internationally acknowledged expert on the life and work of Charles Dickens. His talk will centre on the great author's three visits to Belfast in 1858, 1867, and 1869, when he enthralled thousands of people with readings and extracts from his famous stories.

Many of you will have heard Leon's regular contributions on topical issues on BBC Radio Ulster and Radio Four in Thought for the Day.

We meet at 10.30am and any new members will be most welcome.

Since this event is being held in the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, we have extended invitations to the other Churches in the Ormeau Churches Together network, so please come along.

CONCERN Worldwide: shop volunteers required for new Ormeau Road shop, Belfast. If you are interested either call into the shop, email enquiries.info@concern.net, or telephone 028 9033 1100. Full training will be provided.

Uganda 2018

It is now less than 2 months until our follow-up trip to Uganda to work again with the children of Bethel Christian Primary and the village ladies. If you have any of the following items surplus to your requirements, we could use them:

- Fabric - cotton, brushed cotton and fleece cloth (can be old sheets, curtains etc if clean), felt.
- Hand and machine sewing needles – all sizes.
- Sewing machine thread, fabric scissors, tape measures, pins, thimbles, embroidery thread, tapestry wool, buttons, poppers.
- Knitting needles, crochet hooks and lots of wool.
- Card making materials – cards, envelopes, pritt stick glue, PVA glue, pens, colouring pencils, double sided tape, foam dots, coloured/patterned paper, googly eyes, large and small scissors, rulers etc.
- For the school children - pencils, colouring pencils, sharpeners, crayons, staplers, hole punches, erasers.
- Sewing, knitting, crochet and any craft patterns.
- Reading glasses (+1.5, +2, +2.5) also available from Pound Shops

Items can be left in the Church office on Sunday mornings.

Thank you, Marjorie and Catherine