

**Newtownbreda (St. John's) Presbyterian Church
Announcements: 21st January, 2018**

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

Today the **Rainbows** will be serving coffee after church in aid of our charity for this year, the *Children's Heartbeat Trust*. Thank you for your support.

There will be the usual **Traidcraft** stall in the Foyer after the morning service for you to make your Fairtrade purchases.

3.00pm **Christian Unity Service in Ballynafeigh Methodist Church.**



Monday 22nd Jan **PW** 7.45pm Our guests will be folk from the Dock Cafe in the Titanic Quarter. It promises to be an interesting evening, please come along.

Tuesday 23rd Jan 10.30am **Carers and Tots**

Wednesday 24th Jan 10.30am **Pins & Needles** meets in the Cairns Room. All welcome; bring your needlework and your coffee mug.

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.

Friday 26th Jan 10.30am - 12.00 noon **Coffee & Chat.**

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 758

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.



Jig2Reels is now delighted to offer two adult Irish Dance classes in the Ballynafeigh area. Classes take place on a Monday evening from 8.00 - 9.00pm in Newtownbreda Presbyterian Church and on a Thursday morning from 10.00 -11.00am in the Jacqui Philpott Dance studio (located behind the Co-op on the Ormeau Road). These

classes provide a full cardio workout for the whole body. Using Irish Dance steps we perform team and solo dances to traditional and contemporary music. Absolutely no experience is required, all you need are trainers, plenty of water and a sense of fun! It is a great way to work out, learn a new skill and meet new people. Classes are £5 on a pay as you go basis, no booking necessary. For further information please do not hesitate to contact Orla on 078 7943 8744.

Orla Lonergan

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 - 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*

*Saturday
10th Feb*

Sewing and Knitting Day for *I am Girl Project*, Uganda 2018

11.15am - 4.30pm We are holding another sewing/knitting day in the St John's hall. If you are free for all or part of that time, we would love to see you with your sewing machine or knitting needles - or if you don't sew or knit, we will find something for you to do so just come for the craic. For catering purposes could you please let us know in advance if you think you will be there over lunchtime?

Marjorie & Catherine