

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

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

Our Harvest Service is conducted by Rev Dr Mark Gray. Mark is minister in Bannside, Banbridge, but had previously been minister in Cooke Centenary.

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

**Harvest Lunch** in the St John's Hall. Everyone is invited to come along and continue the harvest celebrations. Many thanks to everyone who supplied flowers, fruit, vegetable and food stuffs to decorate the church. Also to the merry band of helpers who gave of their time and skill in arranging and adorning our sanctuary for this morning. Harvest gifts will be ready to pick up after lunch today and if you can help in these deliveries please speak to Clare or Allison.



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*Tuesday* 10.30am **Carers & Tots.**  
*16th Oct*

*Wednesday* 10.30am - 12.30pm **Pins & Needles** in the Cairns Room. New members will  
*17th Oct* be made very welcome. Don't forget your coffee mug!!

7.30pm **Bible Study** meets in George and Dorothy Ditty's home,  
117, Shandon Park. New members will be made very welcome.

*Thursday* 10.30am **Koinonia:** Stanley Matchett is an award winning photographer who  
*18th Oct* has been at the pinnacle of his profession in NI for more than 60 years.  
During an outstanding career with the Belfast Telegraph he photographed  
royalty, presidents, prime ministers and hundreds of celebrities including the  
Beatles. His iconic image from Bloody Sunday of the then Father Daly waving  
his bloodstained handkerchief is probably the best-known picture of that day.  
His portfolio covers more than half a century of life in NI and reflects the  
major social, economic and political changes we have experienced.  
All welcome.

6.45pm **Prayer Group** meets in the Megaw Room. Come along and  
pray for the organisations and the Ministerial team.

*Friday* 10.30am **Coffee & Chat.**  
*19th Oct*

*Saturday* **Newtownbreda Strollers:** our first winter walk is at Tollymore Forest Park.  
*20th Oct* Meeting in the church car park at 9.30am to share cars. If you wish to attend  
please text Peter Dawson on mobile: 077 9686 0285.

### **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.

*Sunday* 10.30am Rev Karen Mbayo (Rev Anne in Saintfield Road)  
*21st Oct*

**National Adoption week 2018:** National Adoption Week begins on 15<sup>th</sup> October. Family Care  
Adoption Services is appealing for your help in recruiting new adoptive families for the many  
children who are waiting for a forever family of their own.

We are a specialist adoption agency with offices in Derry and Belfast and we provide an  
adoption service across all of Northern Ireland. We have found that advertising through the  
Church Bulletin is a very successful way of finding adoptive families and we are very thankful  
to you for your support to date. Given that this is National Adoption week and we have an  
ongoing pressing need for new families we are again respectfully seeking your help.

**Moderator's Appeal for Indonesia:** the Moderator has launched an appeal for those caught up in the devastating tsunami of recent weeks. Envelopes are available in the pews over the next few weeks if you wish to contribute to this appeal.

**Autumn Fête: *Thank you*** to all those who sent, brought or made a donation to our Cake Table at the Autumn Fête. You certainly kept the ladies on their toes and gave us a very enjoyable afternoon, which came through your generous giving.

**Christmas Shoe Boxes:** Yes, time to gather items for the shoe boxes. Boxes to buy at 50p will be available from Sunday 21st October in Foyer or cover your own shoe box. Leaflets available in church porches and Hall Foyer. To be ready for Sunday 4th November. Any more information - Helen Pallin 078 0858 7230 and Johanna Shields

*Thursday* 10.30am **Thursday Morning Bible Study:** next Bible Study in the Megaw Room.  
*25th Oct* Chapter 3 'The Grand Invitation'.

*Saturday* Concert in the Agape Centre, Lisburn Road, in aid of *Save a Heart Nigeria*  
*3rd Nov* Performers: Voices Together Community Choir and Celtic Psalms

*Thursday* 7.30pm **'Raising Faith - Helping Our Children Find a Faith That Lasts.'**  
*15th Nov* An event to greatly encourage families & give practical input to parents/carers on building faith into family life. Further info. in Foyer (blue cards) or talk to Johanna Shields or Christine McGibbon 9082 6807 or check 'Care for the Family' website. Please tell others about this event.

### **Cantate!**

A concert of hope and celebration on  
the eve of St Cecilia's Day

7.30pm Wednesday 21st November  
in St Anne's Cathedral, Belfast  
with

Jubilate! Chamber Choir  
St Anne's Girls' Choir

Voices Together Community Choir  
in aid of Corrymeela Community  
and St Anne's Cathedral

Tickets £10 from St Anne's Cathedral and Corrymeela

**Art Exhibition May 2019** The Church has held an Art Exhibition every two years for the past number of years and our next Exhibition is planned for 8th-11th May 2019. This does seem a long way away but we need to begin planning now. This not only provides an opportunity for many local artists to show their work but is a significant fund-raising event for the Church. At our last Exhibition in 2017, over 115 local artists entered over 360 paintings and over £5,500 was raised.

We have a small dedicated band of helpers but we could always use more support. If you would like to become involved in an interesting event, please come along to our Committee meeting to be held on **Monday 15 October at 2.00 pm** in the Church Office.

**Ulster project:** we are looking for teens who are in year eleven and who take an active part in Church life. The dates will be from the last week in June until the end of the third week in July 2019. The cost remains the same at £850. Any interested teen to contact Jenni at [jennibrownowl@msn.com](mailto:jennibrownowl@msn.com) for an application form. The girls' places are filling up really quickly so please do not delay in applying.