

**Newtownbreda (St. John's) Presbyterian Church
Announcements: 20th January, 2019**

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

The Rainbow leaders will be serving tea and coffee after morning worship.
All proceeds will be going to the Rainbows' chosen charity, Northern Ireland Cancer Fund for Children.

3.00pm Service for **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** in Newtownbreda.

Tuesday 10.30am **Carers & Tots.**

22nd Jan 7.00pm **PW Committee Meeting** to make arrangements for our Visitors Evening and the Barn Dance.

Wednesday 10.30am - 12.30pm **Pins & Needles** in the Cairns Room.
23rd Jan New members will be made very welcome.

Thursday 10.30am **Koinonia:** our special guest speaker during the Week of Prayer for
24th Jan Christian Unity will be the well-known preacher and broadcaster Father Brian D'Arcy. Father D'Arcy is a Passionist priest based at the Tobar Mhuire retreat centre in Crossgar. Born in Fermanagh, he spent many years there and devoted much of his time to building cross-community relationships. He is probably best known to us as a broadcaster and hosts a regular Sunday show on Radio Ulster. He has been the principal contributor to the '*Pause for Thought*' reflection spot on the BBC Radio 2 Breakfast Show and was a long-time friend of the late Sir Terry Wogan. Also a newspaper columnist and writer, he is the author of several books, including *A Little Bit of Religion* and *A Little Bit of Healing*.

We hope that you will be able to join us on 24th. Since this event is being held during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, we have also extended the invitation to our neighbouring Churches within the Ormeau Churches Together network. All visitors will be made most welcome.

Friday 10.30am **Coffee & Chat.** There is a new rota on the Foyer noticeboard
25th Jan for Coffee & Chat volunteers, old and new.

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.

Church Car Park: following a request from the Principal of Rosetta Primary School for the staff to use the church carpark, from Monday to Friday during term time, the Congregational Committee agreed to permit the use of up to thirty car park spaces subject to a number of agreed Conditions of Use. Staff cars will be identified by the display of a school logo badge on the dash-board. This took effect from **Monday, 14 January 2019**. In the event of funerals, weddings etc. the school staff will not use the car park and will be notified by Denis Guiler who has agreed to act as the liaison person with the school on such issues.

Hannah and Gwyneth are delighted with the success of crèche at the moment. With more children we need more toys! We are wondering if anyone has any toys in their house that need a new home, or any unwanted Christmas gifts please?! We are specifically looking for ride on toys, duplo, pretend food and utensils and jigsaws but we would welcome anything that would be appropriate for babies right through to pre schoolers! If you have anything you can donate please leave it in the Cairns room on a Sunday or contact Hannah (077 0871 7108) or Gwyneth (077 3296 5840). Many thanks.

Malawi: thanks to all those who bought socks, mince pies and hats for Malawi. We were able to send £200. Thanks Raymond & Barbara.

Food donations. STOP PRESS! We have a bright, brand new collection bin in the Foyer - waiting to be fed! At the moment the items urgently needed are tinned ham/corned beef/fish. Tinned rice/custard/fruit. Cereal, sugar (500gm), packet rice, instant or tinned potatoes. Long-life milk and fruit juice. Washing-up liquid. Items **NOT Needed** are soup, pasta and pasta sauce. Thank you for your continued support. Jacynth

Sunday 10.30am Rev Anne
27th Jan 7.00pm Taizé Service.

Wednesday **Homegroup:** We will have an evening with both House Groups coming
30th Jan together in Hilary McCourt's home.

Please note there will be NO House Group on 23rd January.

Saturday 10.00am - 12 noon **Christian Aid - 'Bring a book, buy a book'**
2nd Feb A book sale with a difference: entry fee is a book you no longer want, and you pay whatever you want for a replacement (or a couple more). Tea, coffee and scones will be provided.

Voters Lists

A committee election has been planned for February and in accordance with the Code, a voter's list for the congregation must be compiled. The list will be displayed on two successive Sundays 20th January and 27th January.

Code 175. (1) Voting members in the Church are communicants on the roll of the congregation who are listed, whether by name or number, as having contributed to the stipend or weekly freewill offering of the congregation in the last financial year.

(2) In addition to those so listed the following shall also be qualified, if themselves communicants on the roll -

(a) A wife shall be qualified on a husband's contribution, and vice versa, where both are communicants. This shall also apply should the contributor himself or herself not be a communicant. If neither husband nor wife in such circumstances is a communicant, then their contribution shall qualify the eldest child, residing in the family, who is on the communicants' roll.

(b) Should a contributor, who is not a communicant, be a member of a family residing together, then his contribution shall qualify the eldest member residing in the family who is on the communicants' roll.

(c) Those who have been added to the communicants' roll of the congregation since the close of the last financial year, upon confirmation by the treasurer that they have contributed during the current year, shall also be qualified voters.

Code 176 (2) (c) 'Should any member of the congregation who claims to be a voting member desire to make an objection regarding any name on the list, or omitted from the list, he shall lodge his objections, with his reasons in writing, with the Moderator of Kirk Session within a week of the first publication of the lists by any of the prescribed methods; and the Kirk Session shall give its decision thereon or refer the matter for decision by Presbytery.

Jig2Reels is back for a new term and we are delighted to offer two adult Irish Dance fitness classes in the South Belfast area. Classes take place on a Monday evening from 7.30pm - 8.30pm in Newtownbreda Presbyterian Church and on a Thursday morning from 10.00am - 11.00am in the Jacqui Philpott Dance studio (located behind the Co-op on the Ormeau Road). The classes offer a full cardio workout for the whole body using the principles of Irish Dance. They are run by an experienced Irish dance teacher and fully qualified fitness instructor so the best of both worlds!! Why not try something new and come along and have some craic. Classes are £5 on a pay as you go basis and no booking is necessary. For more information contact Orla on 078 7943 8744.

Save the Date

Friday 15th February, 7.30pm
PW Fund Raising Barn Dance
Bring your Valentine (or not!!!)
for a night of fun and dancing.
Further details to follow

