

**Newtownbreda (St. John's) Presbyterian Church
Announcements: 27th January, 2019**

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

6.45pm Run through of music for Taizé service.

7.00pm Taizé Service in the Megaw Room.

*Monday
28th Jan* 7.45pm Another 'In House' evening at PW. We've entitled the evening 'Poetry and Praise' and this means some of our own ladies have chosen a piece of poetry or a reading to share with the group and some have chosen their favourite hymn which we will all enjoy singing together. It's a very informal and enjoyable evening so please, any ladies in the congregation and your friends, come along and join us.

*Tuesday
29th Jan the* 10.30am **Carers & Tots.**

7.30pm **Stated Meeting of Kirk Session** in the Megaw Room. Will elders also please let Bruce know by Tuesday evening if they plan to attend the Elders Conference on Saturday 16th February 2019. The guest speaker is the Rev Dr. Ruth Patterson. The conference will be held at Bannside Presbyterian Church, Banbridge and we need to give our attendee numbers to their Catering Committee next week.

*Wednesday
30th Jan* **Lunch Club** meets in the Megaw Room at 12.15pm. Everyone is welcome.

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

*Thursday
31st Jan* 7.45pm After the Christmas break **South Belfast Historical Society** will resume its monthly meetings. Gerry Ward's topic will be 'Up the Malone Road'.

*Friday
1st Feb* 10.30am **Coffee & Chat.**

*Saturday
2nd Feb* 10.00am - 12 noon **Christian Aid - 'Bring a book, buy a book'**. 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.

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.

The Ballynafeigh Clergy fellowship and Ormeau Churches Together would like to thank everyone who supported the breakfast so generously last Saturday: we raised £700 for Root Soup. The Christian Unity service collected donations for the Homeplus Charity and £150 was raised. Thanks to everyone for this great support.

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.

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

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.

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