

Newtownbreda (St. John's) Presbyterian Church
Announcements: 24th February, 2019

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

Voting for Congregational Committee

Voting lists have now been drawn up and each voter will have received their voting papers from their district elder.

We are looking for 18 members of congregational committee and would encourage the congregation to think prayerfully as they consider possible names.

The deadline for reception of voting papers is 8.00pm today.

Chronicle: today is the deadline for the March edition of the **Newtownbreda Chronicle**. Please send articles to the editors by email at newtownbredachronicle@hotmail.com.

6.45pm Music Practice for **Taizé Service** - Service at 7.00pm.

Monday **PW** 7.45pm Our speaker will be Linda King who has entitled
25th Feb the evening '*God's Perfect Wardrobe*'. All ladies and
 friends are very welcome.

Tuesday 10.30am **Carers & Tots**.
26th Feb

Wednesday **Lunch Club** meets in the Rosetta Hall at 12.15pm.
27th Feb Everyone welcome.

Thursday 7.45pm **South Belfast Historical Society** will meet in the
28th Feb Rosetta Hall. Hugh Forrester will speak on '*The History of the*
 RIC and RUC'.

Friday 10.30am **Coffee & Chat**.
29th Feb

General

Pastoral Care: if you require a minister from 24th - 28th February please contact Rev William Haslett on 028 9180 0859 or Rev Karen Mbayo - 078 8230 0401 as Rev Anne will be away.

The **Ranger Guides** would like to thank all those who donated at the refreshments following the Founders Day/Thinking Day Service. The sum of £139.51 was raised for the Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award Expedition to the Netherlands this summer.

Would you like to be more involved with our food donations? One of the organisers of the South Belfast Food Bank will come to chat - and share Root Soup Lunch - on Tuesday 26th February from 12.30pm. If you would like to meet please let Jacynth know. Tel.028 9064 0002.

Church Grounds: after 30 years George Turkington needs someone to take over the gardener/groundsman's duties and organise a rota etc. He will still be down at the church gardens on Wednesday nights, but after all these years he feels it is time for someone else to take over the organising duties. If you can help please ring him on 077 6619 6228.

Sunday 9.45am **Communion** for Sunday School and Crèche Leaders
3rd March 10.30am **Communion & Confirmation Service.**

Thursday **Koinonia: Rev Dr Johnston McMaster.** Rev McMaster is a
7th March Methodist Minister and lecturer associated with the Irish School of Ecumenics and Trinity College Dublin. He is a regular contributor to Radio Ulster's Thought for the Day. He has a particular interest in reconciliation, commemoration, ethical remembering and inter-faith dialogue and is the author of many books and articles on these areas. Rev McMaster will speak on the topic '*Uneasy, Unsettled and Unsettling: Religion and State Relations*'. The once close bond between religion and state has been eroded both north and south and the faith community faces a real challenge in developing a new relationship.

Sunday 10.30am Rev Doug Baker
10th March 7.00pm **Choral Evening Prayer** with Jubilate! Chamber Choir
A service of quiet meditation to mark the beginning of Lent, using a liturgy from the Iona Community

Koinonia Outing to Killymoon Castle Thursday 23 May 2019

This year the Koinonia group will be visiting Killymoon Castle near Cookstown on Thursday 23 May 2019 for our annual outing.

The original castle on this site dates back to 1671, however the present one, designed by John Nash, the famous London architect, was built in 1802. Currently Killymoon Castle is a private residence, although the recent addition of a tea room has opened the castle to public visits. The grounds and interior are popular for wedding photographs, with very well-kept gardens and period internal decor. The cuisine is highly recommended.

The cost will be £25, to include transport, a guided tour of the Castle, and lunch. Please contact Donald Milliken or Hazel Francey if you are interested.