

Newtownbreda (St. John's) Presbyterian Church
Announcements: 5th May, 2019

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

Tools for Solidarity are entering a relay team of young, fit European volunteers in the Belfast Marathon, looking to raise funds for their African projects. There is a sponsorship form sitting on the table below the notice boards in the Foyer if you feel you can help, or speak to Ken Orr.

- Tuesday* 8.00pm **Asante** will meet in the Cairns room for an illustrated talk on Ecuador and The Galapagos. Everyone in the congregation is most welcome at this meeting.
- 7th May*
- Wednesday* There will be no **Lunch Club** until 22nd May, when a visit to the cinema in Comber is planned.
- 8th May*
- Thursday* **PW Rally:** Any ladies wishing to meet up for lunch please come to Howard St Restaurant for 12 noon, prior to the rally which starts at 2.00pm.
- 9th May*
- Friday* 10.30am **Coffee & Chat.**
- 10th May*

Art Exhibition 8th -11th May 2019

As you know, the Church has held a very popular Art Exhibition every two years for the past number of years. Our next one will be from 8th - 11th May 2019 and provides an excellent opportunity for many local amateur artists to display their work.

The Exhibition is also a significant fund-raising event for the Church. The 2017 Exhibition raised over £5,500 and all proceeds from this year's event will go towards Church funds.

Volunteers needed: As at all Church events, we depend on a band of willing helpers - if you would like to volunteer to assist in any way - accepting the artwork on arrival, acting as reception staff or as a steward at the exhibition - please see Clare Pollock in the Foyer after the service.

Children's Art: This year we will have a special section to display art by the children from our Church. Please contact Hannah Dearie at hannahjdearie@gmail.com who is co-ordinating this.

Preview Evening for Art Exhibition - Wednesday 8 May

A special Exhibition Opening and Preview Evening will be held on Wednesday 8 May from 7.30 - 9.30 pm. Our Exhibition will be opened by Daniel Clarke, Head of Ross's Auctions and Fine Arts Valuers and tickets at £7.50 each will be available after the Service from **Lorna Gray**. Tickets will include drinks, a finger buffet and an Exhibition Catalogue. Members of the Congregation and their friends are warmly invited to this evening event where there will be an opportunity to have first sight of the work on display and speak to some of the exhibiting artists.

Art Exhibition Opening Times

The main Exhibition will be open on:

Thursday 9 May from 10.00 am - 9.00 pm
Friday 10 May from 10.00 am - 9.00 pm
Saturday 11 May from 10.00 am - 5.00 pm.

A donation of £3 will include tea/coffee and all proceeds will go towards Church Funds. Please come along and support us.

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 12th May 9.00am This year's **Christian Aid Big Brekkie** will take place in the Rosetta Hall. If you wish to come please complete one of the slips in the pews by Sunday 5th May.

Christian Aid Week begins on Sunday 12th May. Please stand with the world's poorest mums and babies in Sierra Leone by wearing something red to church on that day. It can be anything from a hankie to a pair of red shoes or even red hair if you wish!

Wednesday 15th May 7.30pm **Volunteers invited to learn how to make home-made jam**

Home made jams and chutneys are one of the most popular larder treats, yet many of us don't have the know how to make these. At the Autumn fête each year, as many of us know, jams sell out within the first hour. It would be great to expand our jam making ability so that we can enjoy our own home made produce and also consider helping to stock the jam stall at the fête. To this end Margaret Elliot has kindly agreed to host our very own 'Can't cook, won't cook' with the purpose of teaching

us to make jam. Session will run in the church kitchen on Wed 15th May at 7:30pm (approx. 1 hour duration), so if you are interested in either learning this skill for your own home or helping to stock the jam stall at the fête please come along. Please let Austin (077 5157 4964) know so that we can arrange for adequate ingredients and jars to be made available.

Tuesday 7.00pm **Finance Sub-Committee** in the Church Office.
21st May 7.45pm **Congregational Committee** in the Megaw Room.
7.30pm - 10.00pm in Orangefield Presbyterian '*Left to their own Devices? Confident parenting in a world of screens*'. This is a '*Care for the Family Event*' suitable for all who care for and work with children, including grandparents, childminders, etc. Cost £4 - £7.
To book: cff.org.uk/owndevices or contact C. McGibbon 9082 6807 or see leaflets in the church Foyer.

Wednesday **PW Outing:** all ladies welcome to have lunch in Balloo House at 12 noon going on to 2nd Comber Presbyterian Church to enjoy their '*Festival of Praise Banners*', a display of banners depicting the seasonal life of the church, interpreted in textiles using patchwork and embroidery. Please contact Hilary (077 0875 7165) to confirm you can come along.

Community Pizza Nights: We plan to hold Pizza Nights for the congregation and community from 5:30 - 7:30 pm on Wednesday evenings from May 29th until August 28th - and we need a LOT of help! Details of the times and tasks involved are posted near the hatch in the Foyer during coffee time each Sunday. On the table nearby are sign up sheets indicating what spaces we still need to fill for the coming Wednesday and the next few weeks. New recruits are particularly welcome!

Sunday 7.00pm **Choral Evening Prayer for Pentecost**
9th June with ***Jubilate Chamber Choir***

Jig2Reels is back for the final term, before the summer break, so why not come along, exercise and have some craic. The class is a mixture of aerobic and strength work which is perfect for getting and staying in shape for those summer holidays. All you need are trainers, plenty of water and a sense of fun. Classes take place on a Monday evening from 7.30 - 8.30pm in St John's Presbyterian Church and on a Thursday morning from 10.00 - 11.00am in the Jacqui Philphott Dance Studio. For more information contact Orla on 078 7943 8744

Calling all occasional choir members: if you have black choir folder No.5 we would be very grateful if you could leave it on the table in the Session Room one Sunday morning after the service.

St Johns Newtownbreda Annual Autumn Fete 2019

Organisations competition - Celebrate the bucket - The basic bucket

Decorate your bucket in a creative, artistic or innovative way. This year's competition for the organisations is to design/ decorate a bucket to be an eye catching winner. The bucket is such a basic vessel, yet without it society near or far would struggle to exist.

Voting will be in the usual way with monetary donations on the day of the fete and the chosen charity to support with funds collected is Christian Aid.



Buckets are available from Austin Moore and can be collected any Sunday after church or by alternative arrangement if you call or text 077 5157 4964. Buckets to be displayed as part of the competition should be returned to the Foyer no later than Friday 27th September 2019. If you need help with collection of any items please contact Heather or Austin Moore 077 5157 4964.



Autumn Fête Donations 2019.

We have already received some donations for the fête this year, so thank you to all who have donated so far. Please remember to consider donating any unwanted/surplus household items including furniture, books and toys to the Autumn Fête 2019. Last year we also collected a good number of gift sets, cosmetic sets, perfume, jewellery etc which sold well on the day. Everything helps to stock the various stalls, and even in searching for such items, please remember that broken or unwanted gold jewellery can be of use in supporting the event this year. Single earrings, cufflinks or broken gold jewellery can be gathered and collectively sold ahead of the fête with proceeds going to the fête. If you need help with collection of any items please contact Heather or Austin Moore 077 5157 4964.

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