

Newtownbreda (St. John's) Presbyterian Church
Announcements: 12th May, 2019

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

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

Wednesday There will be no **Lunch Club** until 22nd May,
15th May when a visit to the cinema in Comber is planned.

**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.

Friday 10.30am **Coffee & Chat**. There is a new volunteer sign-
17th May up sheet on the Foyer notice board.

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.

Christian Aid Week: if you have a spare hour or two any evening this week the Christian Aid group would be grateful for your help either to deliver envelopes this evening from 7.00pm or to collect envelopes from a small area any evening from Monday to Thursday. Please speak to John Herron.

Tools for Solidarity: Many thanks for the generous donations from members of the congregation for the Tools Marathon relay team. They had a lot of fun, managed a respectable time and raised a significant amount of money.

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 or see leaflets in the church Foyer.

Thursday **Koinonia Outing:** please remember that we assemble in the Church Foyer at 11.30am for tea/coffee before travelling to Killymoon Castle for lunch and a tour. Expected return time 6.45pm approx.

Sunday **Chronicle:** would all those who have articles for the June Edition of the Chronicle please have them with the editor by 26th May.

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!

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 to confirm you can come along.

29th May

Thursday **Newtownbreda Strollers:** Save the Date: the first
6th June Strollers evening walk for this year will be on Thursday
6th June at 7.00pm. Look out for the full programme
next week!

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

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.

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.

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.