

Newtownbreda (St. John's) Presbyterian Church
Announcements: 30th June, 2019

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

Crèche is having a graduation party for the pre-school children moving on from crèche into Sunday School during the usual crèche time. All those 0 - 5 years are warmly invited! Please RSVP to Hannah or Gwyneth.

Wednesday 5.30pm - 7.30pm **Community Pizza Nights** for the congregation and community continue on Wednesday *3rd July* evenings until August 28th.

Thursday 7.00pm **Newtownbreda Strollers: Cregagh Glen/ Lisnabreeny.** Park at Loughview Drive on the upper side of the dual carriageway. We will be aiming for the Rath at the top, and since it's Independence Day, we'll visit the American Cemetery on the way down. Steep with many steps, can be muddy after rain.

7.00pm **Volunteers needed:** the Property Committee is appealing for volunteers to come on Thursday 4th July to help with cleaning and separating recyclable materials in connection with the ongoing works in the St John's Hall. The works have been moving on apace but we need a little help with a few tasks. Many thanks in anticipation of seeing you!

Friday 10.30am **Coffee & Chat.** We will be taking a break during *5th July* the rest of July and resume on 2nd August. Many thanks to all the volunteers and to each of you who join us on Fridays. Barbara and Jacynth.

General

Pastoral Care: Rev Anne will be off from 24th June - 10th July. If you require a minister during this time please contact Rev Karen on 078 8230 0401 or Rev Bill on 028 9180 0859.

Sunday Morning Coffee: volunteers required to serve tea and coffee after morning worship during the summer. Please see rota on Foyer notice board for dates available. PLEASE SIGN UP!

Halls Allocation: all Leaders/Secretaries of church organisations should return a Halls Allocation form detailing their requirements for next year to Lynn Orr by the end of June. Forms have been sent out by email; if you need a printed version of the form please see Lynn.

South Belfast Foodbank: we are in need of adult shampoo, soap, baby wipes, size 5 nappies and baby milk. If you could give any items to Jacynth or Jennifer by Tuesday that would be very helpful.

The foodbank continues to be busy and we owe a great debt of gratitude to our van teams who faithfully restock all our venues each week. We really need more volunteers to join a rota for the Wednesday evening van team between 7.00pm and 9.00pm. It involves transporting crates of food from the warehouse to a distribution centre where it is unpacked ready for the next shift. Anyone interested can email our manager Bruce for more details or to put their name forward. bruce@southbelfast.foodbank.org.uk.

Activity Bags: within St John's we try to be as welcoming to all ages as we possibly can and with that in mind, we will be developing activity bags for the children. These will be kept in the church and will include short activities, appropriate to different age groups.

We are so blessed to have all ages of children each Sunday and to encourage them it was felt that a special bag just for them would make them feel part of everything going on before they leave for Sunday School, Creche or Children's Church.

If families wish their children to use a bag, we would ask that it is not taken out of the church as they go out to their next activity in the Church Hall. Activity sheets or crafts completed can be taken home and the bag simply left in the pew or the foyer to be used for the following week.

Sunday Rev Bill
7th July

Sunday Rev Karen's leaving service, followed by reception in
14th July Foyer.

Sunday Rev Anne
21st July

Sunday Rev Anne
28th July