

Newtownbreda (St. John's) Presbyterian Church
Announcements: 15th March, 2020

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

Tuesday 7.00pm **Finance Sub-Committee** in the
17th March Church Office.

7.45pm **Congregational Committee** in the
Megaw Room.

Wednesday 10.30am **Pins & Needles** will meet in the Cairns Room.
18th March All welcome.

Thursday **Koinonia** 10.30am We regret to announce that our final
19th March meeting of the season, where Donald Milliken was to have
been our speaker, has been postponed, due to ongoing
concern re coronavirus.

6.45pm - 7.15pm **Prayer Group** meets in the Megaw
Room.

Saturday 7.30pm **Instruments and Voices 2: Saintfield Road**
21st March **Presbyterian Church** invites you to an evening of varied
music. Those taking part include Tanya Houghton (harpist
with the Ulster Orchestra) and three members of the
Myles family (Tom: clarinet; Jack: trombone; Isabelle:
clarinet). Tom was a finalist in last year's BBC Young
Musician of the Year and a soloist at Proms in the Park,
September 2019. The programme includes The Big Band
from Regent House School and the SRPC Joyful Singers
Everyone is welcome and light refreshments will be
provided. Admission is free, but donations (suggested
£10) may be made towards the Church Restoration Fund.

General

A reminder that if you know of anyone in hospital could you please let Rev Anne know as the information does not always come through from the Chaplains.

Food donations: requests this week- tinned potatoes; tinned veg; dried rice; dried pulses.

Gardening Rota: would you like to help to keep the Church grounds tidy over the summer months by coming along for a couple of hours on two or three Wednesday evenings between April and September? If so, please contact or phone/text 075 7760 5747 to William Francey who will organise a rota.

Monday 23rd March PW: Dr Marion Gibson was unable to speak to us on Monday 9th March due to ill health, but has kindly agreed to come on Monday 23rd March. This will also be our AGM. Please note EARLIER time of starting, WE WILL MEET AT 7.30pm for the AGM and Dr Gibson will speak after this.

Thursday 25th March 10.30am - 12 noon. **Thursday Morning Bible Study:** in the Megaw Room. '*Charity & Words*' Bible Study notes can be found in the Foyer.

8th April - Money & Reconciliation

HOLD THE DATE!

Tuesday 31st March at 7.30 p.m.

Music in St. John's

A Concert with The Belfast Phoenix Choir

Conductor: Mark McGrath

This event is in memory of Edith Callaghan, a much loved member of both the Phoenix and St John's Newtownbreda choirs.

Entrance by Donation (suggested £10)

Friday 24th April 7.00pm - 10.00pm The **Big Quiz** is back, this time to raise funds for Christian Aid. Suggested donations £5 - Adults, £2 - under 12s. This will be a quiz for all ages. Please come along and support the evening. Complimentary tea and coffee supplied.

Wednesday 29th April 6.30pm - 10.30pm **Christian Aid Open Mic Night.** The evening will consist of acts from all over, taking to the stage to provide an evening of entertainment for a great cause. No entrance fee - however donation buckets will be provided. There will be an opportunity to **purchase** refreshments, all money also going to Christian Aid. Please come along with family and friends and support this entertaining evening!
If you have a talent or act and would like to take part, please contact Aaron Robinson.

The St John's Cup - CALL TO ALL GOLFERS and interested parties. If you are interested in this years 'Annual' Golf Outing please contact Kevin Robinson via email at robinskev.55@gmail.com - OR message Aaron Robinson on 073 9161 4420. Venue to be confirmed following review of numbers.

AUCTION OF QUALITY ITEMS AND TALENTS

You will have read in the Christmas Chronicle that major works are needed to bring our church kitchen up to standard. The kitchen is used daily - we are sure you have all enjoyed morning coffee, afternoon tea, lunches and evening meals prepared in it. To help in a small way towards funding the works, your Catering Committee are planning an auction of goods and talents on **FRIDAY 1ST MAY - PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF DATE.**

This is how you can help us:

- 1) While you are spring cleaning, please gather preloved items which would be suitable for auction. If you would help moving your items, please contact Scott Guiler, Janet Robinson or Marjorie Guiler who will gladly organise collection.
- 2) Consider whether you could offer a talent - in Newtownbreda we have all been blessed with many talents. These could include activities such as baby-sitting, organising children's parties, baking, providing meals, gardening, offering your holiday home for a weekend or perhaps you know a local business/restaurant who would be willing to offer a voucher?

There is a sign-up sheet on the noticeboard in the Foyer - check what others have already offered if you need ideas and please add your name and talent. If you have any queries please speak to any member of the Catering Committee.

- 3) **Put the date in your diary, tell your friends and support your church by coming on Friday 1st May.**

Thank you, the Catering Committee

Advance Notice
Koinonia Annual Outing -
21st May to Glenarm Castle
This outing is still in the diary but members will be aware that it may be postponed/cancelled because of increasing concern re coronavirus.