

**Newtownbreda (St. John's) Presbyterian Church
Announcements: 29th January, 2017**

Welcome to everyone, especially any visitors with us this morning. Please join us in the Foyer after the service where tea and coffee will be served by members of our Explorers who are heading to the Jamboree in Bodo, Arctic Norway in July 2017. There will be a couple of other fund raising events later. Our famous Beetle Drive will be on Friday March 24th and Hilary McCourt will host a coffee morning on Saturday 8th April. Watch for details.



The **Crèche** for babies and toddlers is found in the Foyer of the St John's Hall; access by the main Hall doors and across the Hall.

No Evening Service.

<i>Tuesday</i> <i>31st Jan</i>	10.30am - 12.00 noon Carers and Tots. 6.15pm Junior Badminton Club. New members welcome. 7.30pm Home Group meets in Hilary McCourt's home. Everyone welcome.
<i>Wednesday</i> <i>1st Feb</i>	10.30am Pins and Needles meets in the Cairns Room. 7.30pm Homegroup meets at Barbara and Raymond's home, 93 Greer Park avenue. Everyone welcome.
<i>Thursday</i> <i>2nd Feb</i>	Koinonia: <i>'Prince's Trust in Belfast'</i> , speaker, Cecil Graham. Come and bring a friend for coffee and a chat at 10.30am and then listen to the talk between 11.00am and noon.
<i>Friday</i> <i>3rd Feb</i>	Coffee & Chat.

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.

Boys and girls up to the age of 11 years - if you attend church why not join the League of Church Loyalty Scheme. For more information, or to get your 2017 card, speak to Scott Robinson in the Foyer today.

Sunday
5th Feb 10.30am Mr Richard Spratt - Fields of Life. Project Bethel Christian
School Mbarara
No Evening Service.

Tuesday
7th Feb **The Northern Ireland Inter-Faith Forum** in association with **the Four Corners Festival - Harmony & Healing** - an evening of encounter and celebration around a musical theme.
7.30 pm, in the Grosvenor Hall, Glengall Street, Belfast.
The programme will include music and words from a range of faith traditions, including the Jubilate Chamber Choir (musical director: David Stewart), a Jewish cantor, young musicians from the Bahá'í community, Hindu tabla music and others, with reflections on harmony in relations between people of different faiths.
The meeting is open to all and will conclude with light refreshments.
For further details please contact Norman Richardson.

*Wednesday
8th Feb* It is with regret that **Cinnamon Network** has had to take the decision to postpone the Civic Prayer Event planned for the 8th February. The collapse of the Northern Ireland Assembly and the commencement of the election campaign means that public events cannot take place in the Parliament Buildings. Whilst we could have considered another venue, one of the primary objectives of the Stormont Civic Prayer Event was to create a space for political and government members to meet and pray together with Church leaders. When we feel it is again right to host the Civic Prayer Event we will send you an invitation.

*Sunday
12th Feb* 10.30am Baptism - Max Guiler
No Evening Service.

*Tuesday
14th Feb* 7.30pm **PW** ladies have been invited by Cooke Centenary PW to their visitors night when Jim and Nell McDowell will speak on '*Songs and Stories from the Trenches*' Ladies who wish to go please let Hilary know in order to inform Cooke re catering.

*Wednesday
22nd Feb* **Uganda Fields of Life Project Fund Raiser.** We have reserved tickets for the performance of *Educating Rita* at the Lyric Theatre. The evening includes a light meal, bowl food and opportunity to meet the cast after the show. Food will be served at 6.30pm, performance starts at 7.45pm. Tickets cost £25 and will be on sale Sunday 29th January. Please contact Bruce or Janet Robinson. Every ticket sold will produce a contribution of £10 to the project.

*Sunday
5th March* 4.00pm - 6.00pm McCracken Memorial Presbyterian Church - *Toccata in Concert* - featuring singers from West End shows. Donations £12.50 - children £5. All monies raised for church and PW projects. For tickets please ring Sheelagh Brown - 9066 1582.

*Monday
6th March* 7.30pm By popular demand John Herron will be showing his Powerpoint presentation on Australia again in the Megaw Room. Everyone is welcome including those who have seen it before as it will be a much improved presentation.

4 Corners Festival Programme now available in Church Vestibule and Foyer. Please pick one up and have a look at the different events that will be happening over the next few weeks.

Adoption: Family Care Adoption Services is presently seeking to recruit adoptive families for babies and young children. For a free information pack please contact us at: 028 9069 1133, or visit our website www.familycaresociety.co.uk.

Help Needed! Hi Newtownbreda Family!

I wanted to seek your help for an exciting project that I am putting together here in Nebraska. At the start of July I am bringing 4 adults and 12 youth from 3 churches in Lincoln to Belfast. We will undertake a time of mission work, some cultural sight-seeing as well as a time of personal faith exploration. In the planning stages, one of the things that became very evident was a hope from these young people to experience life through the eyes of some of the locals.

If you are in town between June 30th and July 13th I wonder if you would please consider hosting some of these young people.

For safety reasons, we can't allow any young person to stay alone but if you could have 2 or 3 of them to sleep in your house, we would greatly appreciate it. You would only be responsible for providing a place to sleep and some breakfast and dropping them at the church. We have hired vehicles to transport us to most locations and will eat most of our meals as a group. If you have a child of similar age (15-18) it would be especially good if you could consider hosting, who knows - perhaps your child might make a friend!

We hope to have everybody in place by the start of March. If you think you might be able to help please speak to Rev. Anne. She will be able to connect you with me should you have any questions. Blessings and thanks in advance for your help! Steve Pointon
steve@fourthpreslincoln.org

Church Holiday

Monday 4th to Friday 8th September

Coach Holiday staying in Templeglentine, West County Limerick, with tours to Killarney, Ring of Kerry and Dingle Peninsula.

The cost of the trip is **£245 per person sharing** - single room supplement is **£40**. Booking forms available from Irene Younge to be returned with deposit of £50 no later than 25th February. Irene's contact details 9065 9895, 077 0841 4009 or at ireneandmaud@btinternet.com.

Anyone wishing to have notices included on the announcement sheet please contact Janet McMullan at janet.mcmullan3@btinternet.com or Tel. 9079 5478.

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