

Newtownbreda (St. John's) Presbyterian Church
Announcements: 9th April, 2017

Welcome to everyone, especially any visitors with us this morning.
Please join us for tea and coffee in the Foyer after the service.

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.

There will be the usual Traidcraft stall after the morning service
for you to make your Fairtrade purchases.

7.00pm Evening Service - continuing *The Lord's Prayer*.



Tuesday There will be no Carers and Tots today, or on
11th April Tuesday, 18th April.

7.30pm '*Standing By*' - Corrymeela and Ormeau Churches Together.
A Reflection for Holy week in the Rosetta Hall.

The latest film from Corrymeela is a collection of six true stories about
individuals wrestling with how to behave and act when confronted with
sectarianism, violence and prejudice. The stories range over a 30 year
period(1972 - 2002) and offer a fresh take on the options available for
people during the Northern Ireland Troubles and post-ceasefire.

Friday 11.30am **Good Friday Service** in Ormeau Park followed by a service in
14th April Cooke Centenary.

8.00pm **Tenebrae Service** in Newtownbreda.

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 10.30am **Easter Morning**
16th April **No Evening Service.**

Wednesday 6.30pm **Stated Meeting of Kirk Session** in the Megaw Room.
19th April **PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF DAY, AND THE EARLIER TIME OF THE MEETING.**

Sunday 10.30am Rev Anne
23rd April 7.00pm Evening Service

Sunday 10.30am Rev Anne & Rev Bill
30th April No Evening Service

May 14th - 20th is **Christian Aid Week**. Please consider doing a small house-to-house collection or become part of a team. If you can manage this please speak to Fiona Doherty.

PW Outing: We are planning an outing on Wednesday, 14th June. We will have lunch at 12.30pm in the White Horse Inn in Saintfield and go on to Rowallan Gardens just outside Saintfield. If you would like to go please let Hilary know ASAP

Update on Uganda Trip

Thank you to everyone who has already contributed to the appeal for items for Bethel Christian Primary School. Your generosity has been amazing. We have now sorted through the different categories and the things we still need are washcloths and underpants for children, so no more bras are needed. We are unable to take soap, shower gel, toothpaste etc. because of the weight restriction in our luggage allowance. Also we CANNOT take trainers, shoes or clothing apart from football shirts.

Thank you again for your kindness and support for the children in Mbarara and we will keep you updated as to how the appeal is progressing. Weebale! (Thank you)

Presbyterian Moderator, Rt. Rev. Dr. Frank Sellar, has launched a church-wide special appeal to support the international relief effort in East Africa, following the worst drought to hit the region in over half a century.

Launching his appeal Dr. Sellar said:

'Parts of South Sudan, Ethiopia, Kenya and Somalia have all suffered two seasons of prolonged dry spells and crop failures leaving a shocking 16 million people at risk. Famine was declared in parts of South Sudan in February - making it the first official famine in any part of the world in the past six years. Given the scale of this disaster, and following consultation with colleagues, I am launching a special Moderator's Appeal today towards the emergency relief effort. I would take the opportunity to encourage our members to respond in a generous and timely way, just as they have on many previous occasions.'

The Church is immediately releasing £60,000 (€69,100) to be distributed to PCI's partners, Christian Aid, Tear Fund and the Presbyterian Church of South Sudan's Relief and Development Agency (PRDA). All are already engaged in long term sustainable development work in the affected regions, and all are now well placed to direct additional efforts to the unfolding crisis. Despite this challenging situation, these agencies and the PRDA will ensure that contributions are used wisely in the provision of immediate relief of those struggling the most in East Africa.

Dr. Sellar concluded by saying:

'In Nepal last year I had the privilege of seeing first-hand the very real and practical results of our giving following the 2015 earthquake and our subsequent appeal. I would encourage you to continue to pray and to give generously to this new urgent request, so that we may play our part in saving lives and restoring hope to the many caught up in this catastrophic situation.'

Should you wish to contribute please use one of the marked envelopes and complete with your name and address if you are able to gift aid your donation.

Death: Mr Harold Burnison, 44 Roddens Park
died Friday 7th April