

Newtownbreda (St. John's) Presbyterian Church  
Announcements: 16th 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.

No Evening Service.



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*Tuesday*            There will be no Carers and Tots today.  
*18th April*

*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.

8.00pm Fields of Life Fundraising Quiz! at the Errigle Inn,  
Ormeau Road. Maximum - 6 people per team Cost - £5 per person.  
Any further details please ring Raymond on 077 4247 0289.  
Look forward to seeing some people at this event!

*Friday*            There will be no **Coffee and Chat** today or on 28th April. Please support  
*21st April*        the Cancer Focus Coffee Morning from 10:30am - 12:00 noon on 28th April,  
taking place at Knockbreda Parish Church Halls. We will resume on May 5th.  
Barbara and Jacynth

### 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 Rev Anne  
*23rd April*        7.00pm Evening Service

*Wednesday*    **Lunch Club** meets at 12.15pm in the Rosetta Hall. A warm welcome awaits  
*26th April*        everyone.

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

*Wednesday*    7.30pm **Homegroup** meets in Hilary McCourt's home, Galway Avenue.  
*3rd May*            Everyone welcome. PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE.

*Thursday*        2.00pm **PW Rally**. Ladies who wish to meet for lunch beforehand should be  
*4th May*            at Howard Street Restaurant at 12 noon.

The next major concert in our 175th Anniversary Programme is

***A Night at the Musicals***

Saturday 6th May at 7.30pm

It will feature well known songs from a wide range of shows including *Evita*, *Les Misérables*, *The Lion King*, *Miss Saigon* and *Sunshine on Leith*.

Presented by Fusion Theatre.

All proceeds will go towards Youthlink and the Fields of Life organisations.

Tickets are £12.50, under-16s £8, and are available from Hazel Francey and Neal Brown.

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**

We've reached our washcloth target, thank you, so no more of them are needed. We still need nailbrushes and pants/underpants. The school starts with a nursery class and the early classes are biggest so we need more pants/underpants for children aged 3- 8 years. Thank you all so much.

**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.