

Newtownbreda (St. John's) Presbyterian Church
Announcements: 23rd 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.

7.00pm Final Evening Service until Autumn.



Tuesday 10.30am - 12 noon Carers and Tots today.
25th April

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

7.30pm Home Group meets at 93 Greer Park Avenue.
Everyone welcome.

Thursday 7.30pm Home Group meets in Hilary McCourt's home.
27th April New members will be made welcome. Please note change of day.

Friday There will be no Coffee and Chat today. Please support the Cancer
28th April Focus Coffee Morning from 10:30am - 12:00 noon 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 from 23rd April - 28th April please contact
Rev William Haslett on 028 9180 0859 or 077 4298 7589.

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

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.

Sunday 10.30am Rev Anne
7th May No Evening Service

Sunday 10.30am Christian Aid Service.
14th May

May 14th - 20th is **Christian Aid Week**. Today the world is facing the worst humanitarian crisis since 1945. People are starving to death in ever greater numbers. Will you help such people in desperate need? Your support will not only save lives now - it could give the next generation hope and a chance to build a brighter future too. Will you be willing to give up some of your time with the House -to- House Collection in our area. This will take only a couple of hours. Please, please speak to Fiona in the Foyer if you can help. The more volunteers we have the less time it takes!

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.

Sunday 10.30am Rev Wilfred Orr
21st May

Sunday 10.30am 'Save a Heart' with Prof OC and Nigerian Team.
28th May

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.

Girls pants: we have a good supply for age 5/6, 7/8 and 9/10 upwards - so need more for ages 3/4, 4/5, 6/7, 8/9.

Boys underpants: more for all ages up to 10/11, especially from 3-7, would be great.

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.