

Newtownbreda (St. John's) Presbyterian Church
Announcements: 28th May, 2017

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

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.

Chronicle: today is the deadline for all articles for the Chronicle - if you have a problem please contact the editor via email at newtownbredachronicle@hotmail.com



Tuesday 10.30am - 12 noon **Carers and Tots.**

30th May 7.30pm **Open Youth Meeting** in the Rosetta Hall.

All youth organisations, leaders, parents, helpers and interested parties are invited to an open meeting to discuss and consider youth work within Newtownbreda. This will be an informal get together with the usual tea & coffee etc. but it will also be a time to share what is happening over the next few months and co-ordinate different events. Letters will be sent/emailed to all the leaders with details of this evening, and anyone in the congregation who is free to attend will be most welcome.

Wednesday 7.30pm **Homegroup** meets at Barbara & Raymond's home. This will be
31st May our last meeting for this season. All welcome at 93 Greer Park Avenue.

Friday **Coffee and Chat.**
2nd June

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.

Crèche is continuing to be a busy place on a Sunday morning (which is great news!) but that means we need lots of helpers to look after our little ones. We would like to say a big thank you to our very willing volunteers but if anyone else would like to help, particularly during the summer months, then please do get in touch with either Hannah (077 0871 7108) or Gwyneth (077 3296 5840).

Newtownbreda Strollers: the new programme of Thursday evening walks is now ready! Pick up your copy, hot off the press, in the Foyer after the service, or ask Ken for a sheet. Walks begin with a gentle stroll along the Lagan on Thursday 8th June. There will be a mix of easy and harder walks through the summer, so make a plan to come at least once or twice and meet some of the congregation you haven't spoken to before!

We would like to run **Coffee & Chat** over the summer months when other activities are having a break. Can you help? There is a new volunteer sheet on the notice board in the Foyer - many thanks, Barbara & Jacynth.

Christian Aid: thank you to all who helped with the house-to-house collection. £2974 was given, so along with the bread-and-cheese lunch we raised a total of £4069. Thank you Newtownbreda. The new Christian Aid News is available for everyone in the porches today.

Sunday 10.30am Communion Service.
4th June

Tuesday 7.00pm Halls Allocation Meeting: all organisations should send a
6th June representative to book their required rooms for next year.

Sunday 10.30am Children's Day Service.
11th June

Wednesday PW Outing: We are planning an outing on Wednesday, 14th June. We will
14th June 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 Cradle Roll Service.
18th June

Sunday 10.30am Ugandan Team Dedication Service.
25th June

Uganda Trip: we will be teaching some sewing in Uganda and would like to give the girls a hand sewing kit each. We need: Needles, pins, thread, scissors, tape measures, buttons, poppers, thimbles. If you could supply any of these we would be grateful.

The *Fields of Life* team is currently putting together craft ideas to use with the children in Mbarabara. One activity involves using buttons. If you would be in a position to donate these items please speak to Deborah Doherty or contact her on 078 8520 8635 or debs53@hotmail.com.

Just to let you know- the target for nailbrushes has not yet been reached.

Squirrels fundraising for Uganda: The Squirrels are having a duck race to raise funds to buy sewing machines for Bethel Christian Primary School. Ducks, price £2 each, can be purchased from Marjorie or Catherine (or any Squirrel) in the foyer after the service. Please help if you can.

Great News!!

In Other Words has been shortlisted for funding from the Co-op Community Fund. *In Other Words* is L'Arche Belfast's Art Project. This means that we are one of three causes who will receive some funding from this initiative. People who are members of the Co-op can vote for their favourite cause. The more votes our charity gets the more funding we will receive. With enough votes we could benefit from funding of up to £2,000!

If you have a membership card of the Co-op, we are asking you to consider voting for us! Simply go online and select your chosen cause.

In Other Words is a project which supports local adults with learning disability to express themselves creatively. We provide a safe and welcoming space for people, regardless of communication limitations, differences in language or social constraints to explore their own creative power. We support people to exhibit and showcase their works and we work closely with each individual to develop their artistic skills and individual styles. Please spread the word and help us to boost this important project!

CHURCH HOLIDAY

Monday 4th to Friday 8th September 2017

Coach Holiday staying in Templeglentine, West County Limerick, with tours to Killarney, Ring of Kerry and Dingle Peninsula. The total cost of the trip is **£245** with single supplement of **£40**

If you and/or your friends are interested please contact Irene Younge on 9065 9895, 07708414009 or atireneandmaud@btinternet.com.