

Newtownbreda (St. John's) Presbyterian Church  
Announcements: 1st October, 2017

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

There will be no **Senior Bible Class** as it is Communion.

**Focus** is meeting after church this week instead of on Sunday evening to go get ice cream.



*Tuesday* 10.30am Carers & Tots.  
*3rd Oct*

**Music in St John's**



Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 7:30pm in the Church  
Kiran Young Wimberley & The McGraths Family,  
traditional musicians present

**'An Evening with Celtic Psalms'**

*Come along to hear and sing psalms  
set to traditional Irish and Scottish melodies*

Refreshments will be served.

Admission by donation (£10 suggested)  
Contact: Jacynth Hamill on 9064 0002 or 079 6399 2571

*Wednesday* 10.30am **Pins & Needles** recommences in the Cairns Room. All welcome;  
*4th Oct* bring your needlework and your coffee mug.

*Thursday* **Koinonia:** our programme this year will have speakers on a wide variety of  
*5th Oct* subjects - from local history to international travel, from bee keeping to  
Botanic Gardens, plus a visit from Belfast's very own Lord Lieutenant.  
We meet on the first and third Thursday of each month at 10.30am for tea or  
coffee and a chat, before listening to our guest speaker at 11.00am. We  
finish around 12.00 noon.

Although most of our members are retired, there is no minimum entry age  
and everyone will be made very welcome. This year's programme has some  
really interesting speakers, so why not join us on a Thursday morning? We  
look forward to greeting any new members.

Today our first speaker will be **Catherine Champion, née Charley**, who is a  
local writer. Her talk is entitled '*From Beijing to Belfast*'.

**Catherine** is an author with a great passion for travel. She has travelled all  
over the world, from Peru to the Yemen and from Bulgaria to the Philippines.  
Her experiences included spending two years living and working in China,  
based at a university in Beijing. She has also written a number of non-fiction  
books for children. Her topics range from tales of tombs and treasure to  
stories of polar explorers and Everest adventurers. She has also written on  
art history and on life in modern China.

*Friday* 10.30am - 12.00pm at **Coffee & Chat** today we will be supporting MacMillan.  
*6th Oct*

*Saturday* Harvest: Decorating the Church will take place from 10.00am to 12 noon  
*7th Oct* and from 2.00pm to 5.00pm. All contributions of flowers, fruit and tinned or dried produce will be gratefully received. The tinned and dried items will be donated to the Food Store. After the Harvest Lunch there will be the usual opportunity to distribute these gifts around our congregation.  
As usual each organisation will decorate a window.

## 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 Harvest.  
*8th Oct* 12.00pm Harvest Lunch.

This year we are celebrating harvest with a lunch for all the congregations and members of the L'Arche Community. Root Soup will be catering this event so to assist with numbers please sign up on sheets in Foyer and vestibule. This lunch is open to everyone so please do make an effort to attend as we remember, in this anniversary year, the many blessings we have received.

*NB After the lunch we will be distributing donated flowers and fruit around the congregation.*

*Monday* 7.45pm PW: our opening meeting should be a great night as some of our 'girls'  
*9th Oct* who went on the *Fields of Life* trip to Uganda will be sharing their experiences. Everyone is welcome - ladies and gentlemen!!

*Tuesday* 7.30pm Stated Meeting of Kirk Session in the Cairns Room.  
*10th Oct*

*Thursday* 10.30am Thursday Morning Bible Study: Chapter 1 '*What are you seeking?*'  
*12th Oct*

### 60th Anniversary of Christian Aid Week

We in Newtownbreda will be hosting a '*Thank You Evening*' on **Saturday 14th October**. There will be a short Service at 5.00pm followed by a 'Fish and Chip Supper' with entertainment. All Volunteers (Collectors and Soup Makers) and their families are invited but *please* let me know if you are coming and if you have any special dietary requirements.  
Fiona Doherty Tel 9079 5230.

*Sunday* 10.30am Rev Anne  
*15th Oct* **NO EVENING SERVICE**

**Ulster Project:** any Year 11 student interested in being part of the Ulster Project this year should contact Jennifer Henderson on [jennibrownowl@msn.com](mailto:jennibrownowl@msn.com).

### Fields of Life - Storytellers Tour 2017

An evening of worship and storytelling featuring Nathan Jess and Band.

3<sup>rd</sup> November 7.30pm St Patricks Cathedral, Armagh

4<sup>th</sup> November 7.30pm Wellington Presbyterian, Ballymena

11<sup>th</sup> November 7.30pm Newtownbreda Baptist

Adults £10, under 16 £5