

**Newtownbreda (St. John's) Presbyterian Church  
Announcements: 4th February, 2018**

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

**No Evening Service.**



*Tuesday* 10.30am **Carers and Tots**  
*6th Feb*

6.15pm **Junior Badminton**

8.00pm **Asante** meets in the Cairns Room. Our speaker will be Brian McKee, who will give a talk on 'The Prison Service Today'. All members of the congregation will be most welcome at this meeting. (Men included).

*Wednesday* 10.30am **Pins & Needles** meets in the Cairns Room.  
*7th Feb* Everyone welcome.

7.30pm **Homegroup** meets in Hilary McCourt's home, Galwally Avenue, New members would be made very welcome as we commence a new study on The Twelve Disciples by Douglas Connelly.

7.30pm **Homegroup** will meet in 93 Greer Park Avenue. All are very welcome to join us for bible study and fellowship.

*Thursday* **Koinonia:** our guest speaker will be **Alan Jones**. Alan has been  
*8th Feb* keeping bees for over 30 years and helps to run courses for new bee-keepers in the Belfast area. He is keen to promote their work and will talk about the fascinating life of bees and honey production. We meet at 10.30am and any new members will be most welcome.

*Friday* 10.30am - 12.00 noon **Coffee & Chat.**  
*9th Feb*

*Saturday* **Sewing and Knitting Day for I am Girl Project, Uganda 2018**  
*10th Feb* 11.15am - 4.30pm We are holding another sewing/knitting day in the St John's hall. If you are free for all or part of that time, we would love to see you with your sewing machine or knitting needles - or if you don't sew or knit, we will find something for you to do so just come for the craic. For catering purposes could you please let us know in advance if you think you will be there over lunchtime.  
Marjorie & Catherine

**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 758.

**Announcements:** would anyone with announcements for 11th February please send them in by Thursday 8th February at the latest. Thank you.

*Sunday* 10.30am Rev Bill.  
*11th Feb* 7.00pm Evening Service.

*Thursday* 8.00pm Celebration of communion under the banner of 'In Joyful Hope' will  
*15th Feb* in Cairnshill Methodist Church.

*Tuesday* 7.30pm **Stated Meeting of Kirk Session** in the Megaw Room. Reminder to  
*20th Feb* all elders that an important item of business at this meeting will be the approval  
of the Annual report for submission to the AGM on Friday 23rd February.

The Baby Jesus Pebbles slideshow is now available on the website to view.

**New Communicants:** anyone wishing to take communion for the first time in March, please speak to Rev Anne. All ages welcome and never too late to make the decision to become a communicant.

### **Date for your Diary!**

*Friday* You are all invited to the **Church AGM**. Our meal will be served at 7.30 pm.  
*23 Feb* If you could volunteer to make a casserole or dessert and/or host a table please sign up with Clare or Marjorie. A list will also be available for sign up in foyer. Please sign on slips provided in pews to avoid disappointment!!!!

### **Uganda 2018**

Thank you so much if you have contributed sewing, knitting and craft items so far - we have had a wonderful response and now have enough of some items. We could still use the following items if you have any to spare:

Fabric - fleece and felt only

Hand and machine sewing needles - all sizes

Sewing machine thread, sewing scissors, tape measures, pins, thimbles, embroidery thread, poppers.

Crochet hooks and lots of wool (or cotton for knitting).

Card making materials - Pritt stick and PVA glue, double sided tape, foam dots, large and small scissors, rulers

Reading glasses (+1.5, +2, +2.5) - also available from pound shops

Many of you are also knitting pencil cases - thank you. If anyone else would like to help (we need 500 pencil cases, one for each Bethel child) here is the pattern:

#### **Pencil cases**

With 4.5mm needles and either 2 strands of double knitting wool or 1 strand chunky wool cast on 30 stitches. Work 8 inches in garter stitch (all knit). Cast off 15 stitches at beginning next row. Knit 3 rows on remaining stitches then decrease 1 stitch at each end of following row and alternate rows until 9 stitches remain. Next row - knit 2 together, knit 2, wool over needle, knit 2 together, knit 1 knit 2 together. Decrease 1 stitch at each end of next and alternate rows until 3 stitches remain. Cast off. Sew up bottom and side and add button.

We hope you all feel part of the Bethel team, we can assure you that everything you have contributed will be put to good use and will be really appreciated by the children and village ladies.

Thank you all, Marjorie and Catherine.

**Death:** Mrs Susannah (Su) Nicol, Nazareth Care Village  
Died 2nd February