

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

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



Tuesday 10.30am **Carers and Tots.**
6th March

8.00pm **Asante:** George Busby will give a talk *The Secret Listeners of Gilnahirk*. This meeting is open to all, especially any gentlemen interested! We look forward to seeing you all there.

Wednesday 10.30am **Pins & Needles** meets in the Cairns Room.
7th March

7.30pm **Homegroup** meets at Barbara and Raymond's home, 93 Greer Park Avenue. All welcome.

Thursday **Koinonia:** Our guest speaker will be Jenny McBriar, whose great-grandfather was curator of the Botanic Gardens in the 19th century and who oversaw the construction of the original Tropical Ravine (recently restored). Jenny will discuss '*Charles McKimm: a Victorian Gardener.*'
8th March
We meet at 10.30 and all are welcome.

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

7.30pm **Women's World Day of Prayer** in Cooke Centenary Presbyterian Church. (This event was postponed from Friday 2nd March due to the bad weather).

Saturday 2.00pm **Chronicle:** Volunteers needed to collate the Chronicle in the
10th March Church Office. The reward is the usual coffee and craic!

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.

Ballynafeigh Clergy Fellowship & Ormeau Churches Together

Invite everyone to

Lenten Reflections: The Divine Grace Fr Richard Rohr

7.30pm 40 Derryvolgie Avenue

This year our Lenten reflections will be organised by Ruth Patterson's Restoration Ministries. Restoration Ministries are inviting us to join with them to listen to some CDs by Father Richard Rohr. After listening to his CDs we will explore the Trinity, opening up the central and hidden mystery of Father, Son and Holy Spirit and showing us the practical and pastoral implications for community, family, church, politics, sexuality and spirituality.

Tuesday 6th March
13th March
20th March

Choir at Easter: to all our 'Newtownbreda Irregulars' who join us for special occasions, please come along to sing Easter music this year. The Easter practices start on Thursday 8th March at 7.30pm in the Megaw Room - we will be delighted to see you all there.

Monday 7.30pm **PW Visitors Night** in the St John's Hall, when we will welcome ladies from neighbouring churches to join us for what promises to be a great night's craic. *12th March* **An Evening of Shoes, Hats and Bags**, lead by our own Olive Turkington and members of the PW. A night not to be missed!!!! 🍷 🍷 🍷

Tuesday **St Bernadette's Bethany Bereavement Support Group** invite you to a talk given by Alan Mc Bride of WAVE Trauma Group. *13th March* St Bernadette's Parish Centre, 113 Rosetta Road Belfast BT6 0LS at 8.15pm. The topic of Alan's talk is how Faith has helped him deal with his loss. This will be followed by a cup of tea to which you are all invited.

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL HALL USERS

We have recently had a number of incidents with intruders gaining access to our church halls, one involving theft. I would stress once again the importance of ensuring that doors are secured at all times or supervised as appropriate. In addition to securing our property, personal safety is paramount as we have a duty of care to provide a safe environment for all, especially our children and young people. In view of this we must now look at a number of security measures which can be taken to deter intruders and prevent further occurrences of this nature. In the meantime I would ask for your full cooperation in this important matter.

Brian Compston

Tuesday 7.00pm **Finance Sub-Committee** in the Church Office.

20th March 7.45pm **Congregational Committee** in the Megaw Room.

Friday **Good Friday Prayer Walk and Service** followed by hot cross buns etc.

30th March 11.00am Service in Ormeau Park

11.30am Service in Cooke Centenary

Volunteers Needed for School Pick-up Time Drop-In

Responding to a need expressed by some Rosetta Primary School parents who have younger children to collect at 2.00pm and older children at 3.00pm we are going to be making the Foyer available from 2.00-3.00pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays as a space where they can wait inside and meet each other. The parents will be responsible for those younger pupils and any pre-school children with them.

We do need volunteers to host those who avail of this space and to serve tea/coffee and juice, but not to be responsible for the children. (Therefore, volunteers will not need to have Child protection screening.) Doug Baker has agreed to coordinate a rota for the remainder of this school year. If you would be willing to offer to help for that one hour on one, two or three dates, please speak to him or contact him at doug.r.baker@gmail.com or 077 6495 0230.

Koinonia Outing
Thursday 24 May 2018

Our annual outing will be to Ballyscullion House, on the shores of Lough Beg, near Bellaghy. It is the home of the Mulholland Family who will be our hosts for the day.

On arrival, we will be shown the beautiful garden and grounds, home to varied wildlife. Having enjoyed lunch we will then take a tour of the Victorian Manor House designed by Sir Charles Lanyon and hear the history of the Estate, including its use in WW2.

The total cost of this visit will be £27, which includes transport, tea/coffee on arrival, a two course lunch and tours of both the garden and historic house. All members of the congregation and friends are welcome – please see Irene Younge or any member of the Koinonia Committee to sign up for this outing.

CHURCH HOLIDAY

Monday 10th to Friday 14th September 2018

Coach Holiday staying in Westport Woods Hotel, Westport with
Coach tours on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, possibly to
Kylemore Abbey, a boat trip on Killary Fjords
and Achill Island. The total cost of the holiday plus tours is:

£315.00 sharing and £375 for single accommodation

If you and/or your friends are interested please contact:

Irene Younge on 07708414009 or at ireneandmaud@btinternet.com

or

[Donald Milliken on 9081 3286 or at donald@milliken2.plus.com](mailto:donald@milliken2.plus.com)
as soon as possible so that we can assess if the holiday is viable.