

# 1st October 2017



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## Services

*Welcome to our Communion Service this morning.*

Following on from our 'Close to Home' campaign, as an experiment, we will have our celebration of communion earlier in the service than usual to allow the children to see what happens during it.

### Sunday 1st October

**11:00am Morning Worship**

**COMMUNION** Rev David Brice

**7:00pm Evening Worship COMMUNION**

Discovering Jesus. Sermon: 'Why did Jesus die?' Rev David Brice

### Sunday 8th October

**11:00am Morning Worship** Series: Journey Like Jesus. Sermon: 'Big Ambitions' Scripture: John 17 v 1-5 Rev David Brice Including infant baptism of baby Smyth

**7:00pm Evening Worship** Series: Discovering Jesus. Sermon: 'What the cross teaches us about ourselves' Rev David Brice

If you are visiting here this morning:

- There is a crèche in the Minor Hall (ask for directions).
- Primary school aged children can join our Sunday Club; watch for children leaving during the service.
- Kids Bags: If your child is staying during the sermon there are kids packs available at the library corner (back left of church). Please feel free to get them before or during the service.
- If your child needs a break during the service feel free to leave and go to the entrance area.

If you don't wish to take your announcement sheet or sermon notes home please return them to the holder in entrance.

## Discipleship Events

**MID WEEK BIBLE STUDY:** Wednesday 4th October at 7.30pm Series: God the Father. (2) God - Life Support. Psalm 146 Rev David Brice

**LIFE GROUP:** The Brackens Life Group meets on Wednesday 4th October 7:00pm - Essential 100: The Living Word p84-90.

## Leadership Notices

**FOUNDATION TRAINING:** Thursday 5th October Whiteabbey Presbyterian Church at 7:30pm

**SAFEGUARDING/CHILD PROTECTION REFRESHER TRAINING** Monday 9th October 2017 at 7:30pm in Mosaic. See list on rota board of those who need to attend - please check it!

**ADVANCE NOTICE: KIRK SESSION MEETING** Tuesday 10th October at 7:30pm in the Burney Room.

## Organisation Notices

**PW (Presbyterian Women)** next meet on Monday 2nd October 2017 at 8:00pm in the Burney Room. **SPECIAL SPEAKER:** Mr Arthur McClelland. **ALL LADIES WELCOME** to join with us.

**THE WALKING CLUB** will meet on Wednesday, 4th October at 9:30am in the Burney Room. We plan to walk at Stormont. New walkers/coffee drinkers are always welcome.

**THURSDAY TOGETHER:** This week our guest speaker will be Unagh McCullough talking about the history of lace making (bobbin). Unagh will also be demonstrating other crafts. We welcome visitors to our meeting this week in the Burney Room on Thursday 5th October at 2:30pm.

**GUIDES:** Anyone who would like to become part of our Girl Guide Leadership Team please get in touch with Isobel Davidson.

## Church Notices

Our caretaker is off on holidays until second week in October. Please make sure all items are returned to their usual storage place and all bins are emptied. Bin storage cage keys are hanging above the bin in the kitchen and also in the kitchen in Mosaic.

**PRESBYTERIAN HERALD:** The October issue of The Presbyterian Herald is available for collection from the Library Corner.

**SHOEBOX APPEAL - LAUNCH 2017:** There will be two short videos and reminder details about the Shoebox Appeal during the children's address this morning. The Shoebox Donation Box will be in Mosaic for three weeks.

**DIARY DATE - SATURDAY 21ST OCTOBER 2017 - CRAFT, CRAIC & CAKE:** An afternoon to enjoy demonstrations and hands on experience of six different craft activities with company and a cuppa! More detail to follow

**CARE FOR THE FAMILY:** Parenting Teenagers, getting them (and you!) through with Rob Parsons and Katharine Hill in Lurgan on Tuesday 14th November.

**SUNI 150 YEARS:** Join the celebration at the Waterfront Riverside, Belfast on 18th November at 7.00pm. Tickets available online: [SUNI.CO.UK/150](http://SUNI.CO.UK/150)

**IRISH MEN'S CONVENTION:** Saturday 24th February 2018, Spires Conference Centre, Belfast. Tickets go on sale Monday 16th October at 1:00pm. [www.irishmensconvention.com](http://www.irishmensconvention.com)

## Community Notices

**BELFAST COMMUNITY GOSPEL CHOIR:** St Bernard's Church on Friday 6th October at 8:00pm. Tickets are £10 per adult and £5 per child and can be bought at the Parish Office or online at [eventbrite.co.uk](http://eventbrite.co.uk)

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DATE	CRECHE		
1/10/17	Lorna Madeley	Ann Hardy	Susan Law
8/10/17	Lesley Bell	Kerry Newman	Lorraine Metson
15/10/17	Paula Boland	Laura Semple	Fay Babalola

DATE	OPENING/CLOSING
1/10/17	John Hutchinson
8/10/17	John Armstrong
15/10/17	Harry Clarke

**OPEN DOOR:** Rev Brice will be available in the Minister's Room on Thursdays from 11:30am to 12:30pm. You can call in or you may wish to phone in advance.

**RECORDINGS OF SUNDAY SERVICES** are available from the sound team in the balcony.

### PRAYER BOX:

Please leave any prayer requests in the box in entrance

### OFFICE HOURS:

Thursday 12:30-3:30 pm and Sundays 9:45-10:45 am

Like our facebook page to get our announcement sheet or look up our website



## Prayer Diary

**Monday 2nd October:** "So here's what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life—your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life—and place it before God as an offering" [Romans 12:1]. Take time before the busyness of another week begins to consider the words above. Resist the temptation of going through the motions of life rather than living each day for God's glory. Ask that God would use our everyday interactions as expressions of His love.

**Tuesday 3rd October:** Continue to pray for our brothers and sisters in Christ who are facing persecution for their faith. Ask the Lord to protect them and keep them faithful to Him. Pray that the Lord would provide wisdom and safety to our government leaders and give them the confidence to speak out against this cruelty.

**Wednesday 4th October:** Ask our Heavenly Father to be close to those who are battling with cancer. Pray that the Lord will draw near to them and provide them with the strength to make it through each day. Remember their families and carers; that they will feel God's comforting presence as they provide support and reassurance to their loved ones.

**Thursday 5th October:** Pray for our young people who have finished school and are moving on to the next chapter of their lives. Pray for those that are beginning

university or college courses, either at home or away, that they will settle in their new environments and make new friendships. Remember those who are starting new jobs, that they will be given good training and guidance. Ask God to draw near to those who have faced disappointments. While their future is uncertain at present, let them be assured that the Lord has a plan for their lives also.

**Friday 6th October:** Pray for our church treasurer, Mark Stevenson, as he undertakes the busy job of looking after the church finances. Thank God for his dedication and service as he gives of his time to ensure the practicalities are in place to ensure that the spiritual work can continue.

**Saturday 7th October:** Remember in your prayers those who have been victim to the recent natural disasters caused by hurricanes Harvey and Irma. Pray for those who have lost their lives so suddenly and the families forever changed by grief and loss. Bring them consolation and comfort.

**Sunday 8th October:** Thank God for the blessing of new life into our church family. Today we once again witness the sacrament of baptism, which reminds us all of God's rich promises to us. Remember our young families and ask that they will instil a happy upbringing reflected in God's teachings.