

LEPROSY MISSION On behalf of the Leprosy Mission it is now time to collect donations again. Many thanks to those who faithfully support this worthy cause each year, which helps many people. It is greatly appreciated. Donations will be gratefully received by Annie Erwin.

CHURCH FLOWERS Anyone who has received Church flowers is asked to return the container to Church as soon as possible. Thank you.

AUTUMN CONVERSATIONS with Dr Johnston McMaster will conclude on Wednesday 13 December 2017 commencing at 7.30 pm in the Old School House, Gracehill. Topics will be 'Is a Common Good Possible in a Contested Society' and 'Where do we go now?' Everyone welcome.

CASTLE PLAYERS will be performing a Sam Cree play 'The Mating Season' in the Braid Arts Centre on 19 and 20 January. Tickets can be purchased from the Braid in January.



West Church

Celebrating and Serving Jesus Together

10 December 2017

11.00 am Mr Chris Wilson

5.00 pm Hope Cafe

Tea/Coffee is available in the Social Area after both services

Parents/guardians are reminded to pick up their children promptly from the various groups at the end of the service, when supervision becomes the responsibility of parents.

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Monday:	Bowling	7.30 pm
	Read Mark Learn	7.30 pm
Tuesday:	Football	8.00 pm
Wednesday:	Buddies & Bundles	9.45 am
	Men United	10.30 am
	Cubs	6.30 pm
	Bowling	8.00 pm
	Choir	7.45 pm
Thursday:	Coffee & Craft	10.00 am
	GB Explorers & Company Section	6.30 pm & 7.30 pm
	Centurions	7.30 pm
Friday:	Music for Christmas	7.30 pm

Hall Fund: £1,020,089.00

ROTAS	10 December	17 December
Church Grounds	Arthur Lane Andrew Craig	Joey Hayes Ken Herbison
Welcome Desk	Florence Craig	Audrey Heaney
Pulpit Bible	Graham Wilson	Janet Wilson
Tea and Coffee	Helene Stevenson Angela McClintock	Julie Kyle Ellie Kyle
Creche	Laura Hutchinson Ashley Montgomery	Sandra Boyd Hiliary Taylor
Prayer Ministry	Linda Thompson Alan Sheppard	
Audio/Visual	Hugh (S), Michael (V) Derek (S), Iain (V)	Stuart (S), David L (V) Hugh (S), Derek (S)
Money Count	Ned McConnell, Mark Livingstone, Kathy & Reid Burnett, Wilbert Carlisle, Alison Ramsey (December)	
Welcome Stewards	Audrey Heaney, Roy Bonar, Tom Bloomer, George Arthur, Scott Wharry, Josh Wharry, Anna Morison, Siobhan Gilmore (3, 10 & 17 December)	

Rev Daniel J Kane 028 2565 3111	Mrs Phyllis Linton 028 2588 1848 *Sunday to Thursday only	Mrs Tania Boyd 07936 909171	Mr Chris Wilson 07739 003784
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Tuesday to Thursday 9.00 am - 3.00 pm, Friday 9.00 am - 2.00 pm. Bulletin 6.00 pm Wednesday

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Sunday 10 December	5.00 pm	Hope Café
Friday 15 December	7.30 pm	Music for Christmas
Sunday 17 December	11.00 am	Wild West Service * amended date
	5.00 pm	Family Carol Service
Sunday 24 December	11.00 am	Morning Worship (no 6.30 pm service)
Sunday 24 December	11.30 pm	Christmas Eve Service
Monday 25 December	10.30 am	Christmas Day Family Service
Sunday 31 December	11.00 am	New Year's Eve Family Service (no evening service)

PRAYER MINISTRY is available each week after morning Service and on the first Sunday of each month after evening services. This will take place at the front of the Church and is open to everyone who would like prayer.

MUSIC FOR CHRISTMAS will be held on Friday 15 December at 7.30 pm. Guests include: Clover Watts (Soprano), Sylvia Burnside (Soprano), Sarah Adams (Junior Soprano), Rebekah Durston (Violin), Alanis Millar (Sign Language Performer) and Fiona Gormley (Accompanist). Subscription, which includes a light supper, is £10, Concession £7, with children Free. Pay at the door.

FINANCE CONTRIBUTIONS The 2017 Financial Report must conform to Charity Commission requirements. As a result, all contributions to be included in that report must be received on or before 31 December 2017. Unfortunately, there can be no exceptions.

FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE CHRISTMAS LUNCH will be held in the **Adair Arms Hotel** on **Thursday 14 December**. We will meet in the **Glenariff Suite** from 12.45 pm, with **lunch** being served at **1.00 pm**. Parking will be available in the church grounds.

ELDERS' PRAYER TIME Elders are reminded of the Elders' Prayer Time next Sunday, 17 December, at 9.45 am in the Minor Hall.

FINANCE COMMITTEE (Allocation meeting) will be held on Monday 18 December at 7.00 pm in the Office.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY - The total raised this year from mission boxes is £2,255.50 and a cheque has been sent to PCI for this year's special Mission projects. Thank you all for your generosity.

PRAYER TIME at 10.30 am and 4.30 pm in the Prayer Room & Library. Everyone welcome.

GB COFFEE EVENING Many thanks to those who attended the GB Coffee Evening. £200 was donated to NI Hospice with the rest going to company funds.

WILD WEST CHRISTMAS SERVICE 2017 REHEARSALS. We plan to hold rehearsals for our Christmas Service (Sunday morning 17 December 2017) on Sunday 10 December immediately after morning service and Sunday 17 December at 10.15 am. Please encourage your children to keep up their good attendance and to be present for the two short rehearsals. Thank-you.

A FAMILY FILM NIGHT has been arranged for Thursday 28th December at 7.00 pm. This year's film is "Chicken Run". A suggested donation of £2 per person. Tickets are available from Willie Wilson, Elizabeth Nelson and the welcome desk.

ADVENT REFLECTIONS will be held on the following Thursdays: 14 December (All Saints) and 21 December (St Patrick's). Each reflection starts at 12.30 pm and lasts for around 40 minutes followed by tea/coffee. Everyone welcome so plan to come and bring your friends as we prepare to celebrate the world's greatest gift.

SAVE ME – BRINGING HOPE TO THE MIDDLE EAST: Over the past 12 months well over 500,000 signatures in some 142 counties have been made to a petition to support and pray for persecuted Christians in Syria and Iraq. To date some 100 signatures have come from people in West Church. This petition will be presented to Theresa May and the United Nations in December. If you have not already signed please seriously consider doing so in November. Copies are available to sign on the Welcome Desk or by contacting Alan Sheppard.