



West Church

Celebrating and Serving Jesus Together

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.

BELFAST BIBLE COLLEGE are recruiting to their Staff Bank to provide cover for staffing shortfalls in a range of areas. No specific minimum hours or pay is guaranteed for any given period and availability of work is not guaranteed. To apply, contact Jill Dunlop on 02890 301551 or email jdunlop@belfastbiblecollege.com

RULING ELDERS' FELLOWSHIP meeting on 13 November at 8.00 pm in 1st Broughshane PC. Speaker will be Mr Jim Crooks on the subject of Science and the Bible.

RADIO CRACKER CONCERT on Friday 17 November at 7.45 pm in High Kirk Presbyterian Church, featuring The Morrisons, Kathryn Mitchell, Alex Robb, Warren Smyth, Billy McFarland and Laura Dowey.

| ROTAS | 12 November | 19 November |
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| Church Grounds | Sam McLean Rodney Cole | Eric Boyce Alan McCluney |
| Welcome Desk | Lynda Given | Anne Crutchley |
| Pulpit Bible | Alison Ramsey | Alan Sheppard |
| Tea and Coffee | Wilma Wilson Linda Headen | Julie Kyle Ellie Kyle |
| Creche | Louise Lynn Lorraine McKane | Jo Anne Kennedy Hiliary Taylor |
| Prayer Ministry | Peter Crutchley Mary McCormick | |
| Audio/Visual | Derek (S), Michael (V) Hugh (S), Iain (V) | Stuart (S), Michael (V) Hugh (S), Derek (V) |
| Money Count | Wilma Wilson, Maureen Hunter, Willie Wilson, Jennifer McCluney, Desmond & Roberta Kennedy (November) | |
| Welcome Stewards | William Wilson, Derek Scullion, Charlie Lynn, Beatrice Kane, Janet Wilson, Julie Kyle, Reid Burnett, Neil Scobie (5 & 12 November) | |

12 November 2017

10.55 am Rev D J Kane - Remembrance Service

11.15 am Switch

5.00 pm Hope Café - Mr Keiron Forbes

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

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| Various: | Home Groups | |
| Monday: | Bowling | 7.30 pm |
| | Read Mark Learn | 7.30 pm |
| Tuesday: | Congregational Committee Meeting | 7.30 pm |
| | Football | 8.00 pm |
| Wednesday: | Buddies & Bundles | 9.45 am |
| | Men United | 10.30 am |
| | Cubs | 6.30 pm |
| | Life Explored | 8.00 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: | Squirrels | 6.30 pm |
| | Beavers | 6.30 pm |
| | Scouts & Explorer Scouts | 7.45 pm & 8.00 pm |
| Saturday: | Junior (P1-P5) & Senior (P6 +) Youth Club | 6.30 pm & 7.45 pm |

The Sunday Flowers were kindly provided by Mrs S B Orr and Mr R Orr.

Hall Fund: £1,011,715.94

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| Rev Daniel J Kane 028 2565 3111 | Mrs Phyllis Linton 028 2588 1848 | Mrs Tania Boyd 07936 909171 | Mr Chris Wilson 07739 003784 |
| *Sunday to Thursday only | | | |

Church Office: Tel: 028 2564 8327 westchurch.ballymena@btinternet.com
Tuesday to Thursday 9.00 am - 3.00 pm, Friday 9.00 am - 2.00 pm. Bulletin 6.00 pm Wednesday

SUNDAY PRAYER TIME - 10.30 am in Meeting Room 3 (the old church office) and 4.30 pm in the new Meeting Rooms. *Everyone welcome.*

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.

PRESBYTERIAN HERALD Those wishing to take a subscription for the Presbyterian Herald for the first time in 2018, please speak to Annie Erwin before 31 December. The price remains the same at £10.

CUPBOARDS - FROM THE OLD OFFICE We are disposing of these cupboards and anyone interested in having them should contact Tom Bloomer (07974 688932).

EARL HAIG FUND Loose collection from the Remembrance Service will be donated to the Earl Haig Fund.

CONGREGATIONAL COMMITTEE will meet on Tuesday 14 November at 7.30 pm in the Meeting Rooms.

KIRK SESSION meeting will be on Tuesday 21 November at 7.30 pm in the Meeting Rooms.

ELDERS' PRAYER TIME Elders are reminded of the Elders' Prayer Time next Sunday, 19 November, at 9.45 am in the Minor Hall.

MEN UNITED will be meeting on Wednesday 15 November at 10.30 am, when our speaker will be Eamonn Loughran, ex-WBO Welterweight Boxing Champion.

CONFERENCE Any elder wishing to attend the 'Human Sexuality' conference in First Kilrea Presbyterian Church on Monday 20 November please speak to the Clerk today at the latest.

FLOWER FESTIVAL. Prior to this major event we would like to carry out a "deep clean" of church property, ready for the displays and associated activities. This is planned for the morning of Saturday 18th November. If you can help in any way, for whatever time available, please put your name on the list on the welcome desk. Thanks.

GB ENROLMENT will take place next Sunday, 19 November, at morning service.

BALLYMENA CHURCH MEMBERS FORUM AUTUMN CONVERSATIONS. Reverend Dr Johnston McMaster will lead four conversations on the theme 'Engaging with Politics for the Common Good'. These will be held in The Old Schoolhouse Gracehill continuing at 7.30pm on Wednesday 15th November 2017 and 6th and 13th December 2017. Titles of the November talks are 'Building the Common Good and Equality' and 'Equality or Public Justice'. All members and friends welcome.

CHRISTMAS TREE & FLOWER FESTIVAL STEWARDING – The time of our Christmas Celebration is fast approaching and we need to put in place teams of stewards who will assist members of the public as they visit West Church. We urgently need to organise stewarding teams (6 people in each) which will be on "duty" for around 2 hours. If you can help out as a steward at anytime over the Festival please contact Alan Sheppard asap (tel. 2564 4988 or e.mail sheppard468@btinternet.com).

BALLYMENA FLORAL ART GROUP presents 'Holly, Ivy and a Little Bling' by Richard Haslam (RHS Chelsea Gold medal Winner) on Wednesday 22 November at 7.30 pm in Tullyglass House Hotel. Trade/craft stalls from 6.00 pm so come early. Admission £10 at the door.

SCRIPTURE UNION NORTHERN IRELAND 150TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION. You are invited to join SU as it celebrates the past, present and future of its ministry around the world, and our part in that story here in Northern Ireland. The event takes place in **The Waterfront Riverside, Belfast – 18 November 2017 – 7.00pm.** Tickets are priced at £10 for adults and £7:50 for under 16s. For more information and tickets go to www.suni.co.uk/150 or speak to Alan & Anne Sheppard.

ROAD TRIP EVENT for youth and children's leaders will take place on **Thursday 16th November in Ballyloughan Presbyterian Church** at 7:30 pm. Participants will be able to attend 2 seminars from a choice of 6 addressing various matters of concern for those working with **children and young people** in the church. Please note there will also be a seminar suitable for **parents** as well as leaders in youth and children's ministry. For more information or to book, contact clw@presbyterianireland.org or telephone 90322284.

VOICES OF PRAISE Annual Gospel Concert on Saturday 25 November at 7.00 pm in Wellington Presbyterian Church. Tickets priced at £10 are available from Faith Mission Bookshop.

SAMARITANS PURSE Sincere thanks to each person who decided to be part of something very special, so special that it will impact the life of a child and their family this Christmas! This year we are delighted to have received the following: 95 gift filled boxes, a large box of fillers, a bag of soft toys, a bag of lovely knitted items and £100 of money (over and above the cash donations received in the boxes). Thank you for your support! Please remember to pray for the child who will receive your gift that it will bring a lot of joy into their life no matter their personal circumstance ;that they will be encouraged by their parents to go to a local church and hear about the love of Jesus in the follow up Discipleship classes called 'The Greatest Journey'. Pray for the local Pastors and church families as they reach into their communities where Christianity is not always welcomed. Every blessing, Linda.