

VACANCY SUNI is seeking to recruit a Camps and Admissions Administrator (part-time). Application packs are available from joanne@suni.co.uk. Closing date for applications is Wednesday 18 October 2017.

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.

BELFAST BIBLE COLLEGE Open Day will be held on Tuesday 24 October from 10.00 am to 2.00 pm. Those who are interested in studying Theology are encouraged to come along and explore their options.

ROTAS	15 October	22 October
Church Grounds	Jim McKendry Rodney Wilson	David Guthrie Brian Ward
Welcome Desk	Patricia McGookin	Pat Lane
Pulpit Bible	Victor Mahon	Anne Millar
Tea and Coffee	Megan McKane Amy King	Margaret McKane Ann Nicholl
Creche	Hazel Houston Gillian Wharry	Emma Legg Gemma McFetridge
Prayer Ministry	Anne Sheppard Jo Anne Kennedy	
Audio/Visual	Hugh (S), Neil (V) Derek (S), Iain (V)	Stuart (S), Neil (V) Hugh (S), Iain (V)
Money Count	Rodney Cole, Mark Livingstone, Jean Kernohan, Janet Wilson, Anne & Ivor McElfratrick (October)	
Welcome Stewards	Margaret McKane, Ruth McKane, Anne McElfratrick, Darren Houston, Alan Sheppard, Tommy Nelson, Alex McKee, Laura Craig (15, 22 & 29 October)	



West Church

Celebrating and Serving Jesus Together

15 October 2017

11.00 am Rev D J Kane

5.00 pm Hope Café

6.30 pm Youth Fellowship - The Bible: How do we use it?

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

Various:	Home Groups	
Monday:	Bowling	7.30 pm
	Read Mark Learn	7.30 pm
Tuesday:	Boot Camp	6.45 pm
Wednesday:	Buddies & Bundles	9.45 am
	Men United	10.30 am
	Hamper Packing	12.00 pm
	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:	Squirrels	6.30 pm
	Beavers	6.30 pm
	Scouts & Explorer Scouts	7.45 pm & 8.00 pm
Saturday:	Flower Festival Workshop	11.00 am
	Junior (P1-P5) & Senior (P6+) Youth Club	6.30 pm & 7.45 pm

The Sunday Flowers were kindly provided by Miss Hiliary Taylor.

Hall Fund: £1,005,341.94

Rev Daniel J Kane 028 2565 3111	Mrs Phyllis Linton 028 2588 1848	Mrs Tania Boyd 07936 909171	Mr Chris Wilson 07739 003784
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**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.

LIFE EXPLORED An informal 7-week course for anyone who wants to find contentment and happiness in life. Commencing Wednesday 25 October at 8.00 pm.

WILD WEST PARENTAL CONSENT FORMS AND CHILDREN'S RECORDS 2017 Parents and guardians are reminded to return Consent Forms and confirmation of children's records to Jennifer as soon as possible please. These are an essential requirement under our current Child Protection Policy.

HARVEST APPEAL Thanks to all who contributed to the Harvest Appeal. A total of £4,884.50 was raised.

MEN UNITED Our Annual Church Service will be held in West Church at 11.00 a.m. next Sunday 22 October. The service will be conducted by the Rev. Daniel Kane and members of Men United will form the Choir. A warm invitation is extended to everyone.

READ, MARK LEARN will restart on Monday 16th October @ 1930 HRS in the lounge to continue our DVD study with Desi Maxwell entitled "Reign is Forecast" which looks at the establishment of Christ's kingdom on earth. All welcome. (To catch up or study this course on your own, visit www.xplorations.org or download the free app: "THE YOKE".

WESTWORDS If you have any articles, or photographs, you think would be suitable for inclusion in the next magazine, please send them to the church office by Friday 27 October. Please note that any photographs must be sent in full resolution.

FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE will meet on **Tuesday 24 October at 2.00 pm**, when our **guest speaker** will be **Sara Ramsey**, Nurse Services Manager with Ballee and Ballykeel Pharmacies. Sara will be explaining how local company PillPacPlus is helping to make medication simple and safe for people in the community. Everyone is very welcome, especially new members.

WORKSHOP will be held by Richard Haslam on Saturday 21 October from 11.00 am - 1.00 pm for members of the congregation to provide items to be used at the Flower Festival. This is not flower arranging, everyone can get involved.

SAMARITANS PURSE Leaflets and flatpack shoeboxes are available in the vestibule. If you wish to support this but cannot fill a box, please donate what you can, or pair off with others. Please check the list of items that can go into a shoebox and

please do NOT donate clothes (except hats, scarves and gloves), or chocolate. Please consider the age of the child and purchase age-appropriate items. Please remember the £5 requested donation which will support in covering transport costs. Finally, pray for the child who will receive the box and the love they feel as a result of your gift to them. Gift filled shoe boxes should be returned to church on Sunday 5th November. Any queries please contact Linda @ 07894 865 773. Thank you from all at OCC. Your generosity and support are appreciated!

HAMPERS Thanks to everyone who donated items to the Hamper Ministry. Hampers will be packed on Wednesday 18 November at 12.00 pm. If you can spare 1/2 to help, please come along.

IBRA BIBLE READINGS Any member of the congregation wishing to take IBRA Bible Readings for the first time in 2018 is asked to sign the list on the Welcome Desk. **The annual subscription is £7.**

REMINDER At the start of a new church year people are reminded that there is a fridge with an ice-box in the Minor Hall kitchen. This contains bottles of cold water and milk for anyone requiring tea or coffee. Mugs are also provided in the unit which contains the boiler.

FAITH AT THE CROSSROADS A celebration of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation will be held on Thursday 19 October at 7.30 pm in the Assembly Hall, Belfast. The keynote speaker is Dr Conrad Mbewe from Lusaka, Zambia. This is a free event and you can register at <https://www.presbyterianireland.org/Events/Faith-at-the-Crossroads-%E2%80%93-Rediscovering-the-Reform.aspx>

THE "P" CONFERENCE 2017 – CARE and Naked Truth Ministries are running this conference on **20th October 2017** at **Belfast Bible College, Dunmurry**. It aims to provide a practical Christian response to pornography for all Leaders. For further information and to buy tickets visit www.pwordconference.com

STANDING STRONG – A one-day celebration of God's faithfulness in places where faith costs the most organised by Open Doors in **Assembly Buildings Conference Centre, Belfast** on **21st October 2017** (from 10:00- 16:00). Tickets are priced £20 (which includes lunch & drinks) and can be obtained from www.opendoorsuk.org or by phoning 01993 460015.

REFORMATION SERVICE on Tuesday 31 October at 7.30 for 8.00 pm in West Church. Guest speaker will be Rev Robert Campbell, with praise led by the choir. Tea will be served afterwards. A warm welcome is extended to everybody.

RADIO CRACKER will be holding a Table Quiz on Friday 27 October at 7.30. pm at Eaton Park.