

West Church Ballymena

Celebrating and Serving Jesus Together

CHRISTMAS TREE & FLOWER FESTIVAL WITH ART EXHIBITION

'A CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION'

Friday 1st December - Sunday 3rd December 2017

OPENING TIMES

Friday: 12.00pm - 5.00pm

Opening Service: 7.30pm

Saturday: 10.00am - 8.00pm

Sunday: 1.00pm - 6.00pm

Closing Service: 7.30pm

ARTISTIC DIRECTOR
Richard Haslam
(Chelsea Gold Medal Winner)

ROTAS	26 November	3 December
Church Grounds	Mark Montgomery Derek Millar	William Wilson Mark McKane
Welcome Desk	David Linton	Wilma Bloomer
Pulpit Bible	Hilary Taylor	Scott Wharry
Tea and Coffee	Dominique Van Den Broeck Anna Morison	Mari Baxter Pat Cole
Creche	Tania Boyd Louise Lynn	Megan McKane Emma Thompson
Prayer Ministry	Tom Bloomer Anne Dines	
Audio/Visual	Hugh (S), Iain (V) Hugh (S), Amy (V)	
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)	



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11.00 am Michelle Purdy - Women's Ministry

5.00 pm Hope Café

8.00 pm Senior YF @ Scott's house

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
	Women's Ministry Book Club	8.00 pm
Tuesday:	Friendship Circle	2.00 pm
	Football	8.00 pm
Wednesday:	Buddies & Bundles * No meeting *	Off
	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:	Flower Festival	12.00 pm - 5.00 pm
	Flower Festival Opening Service	7.30 pm
Saturday:	Flower Festival	10.00 am - 8.00 pm

The Sunday Flowers were kindly provided by Mrs Samina Bonar.

Hall Fund: £1,014,595.00

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

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.

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.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY SERVICE - All ladies who attend the Book Club, Craft Class or Women's Ministry who are not already in the Ladies Choir are encouraged to sit together in the front pews this morning. Any loose cash in this morning's offering will go towards Women's Ministry Funds

WOMEN'S MINISTRY BOOK CLUB Our next meeting will be held on Monday 27 November at 8.00 pm in the Meeting Rooms. The book to be discussed is 'The Uncommon Reader' by Alan Bennett.

PRAYER BREAKFAST will be on Saturday 2 December at 9.00 am in Montgomerys.

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.

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

FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE will meet on **Tuesday 28 November at 2.00 pm**, when our **guest speaker** will be **Rev Dr Norman Hamilton**. We will also be finalising arrangements for our Christmas Lunch. Everyone is very welcome, especially new members.

2018 IBRA BIBLE READINGS are now available for collection from the tables in the vestibule.

BRIEFING SESSION - CHRISTMAS TREE & FLOWER FESTIVAL STEWARDS – This will be held in the church on Thursday 30 November at 7.30 pm, led by Richard Haslam and Janet Wilson. All stewards are encouraged to attend.

A FAMILY FILM NIGHT has been arranged for Thursday 28th December at 7.00pm. 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.

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.

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.

NI BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICE The next blood donation sessions will be held in St Patrick's Church Hall, Trostan Avenue, on Monday 27 and Tuesday 28 November, 1.30 - 4.00 pm and 5.15 - 8.00 pm.

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

HAMPER MINISTRY COLLECTION When doing your shop this week would you please consider buying an extra item or two from the shopping list, **bringing it with you to church NEXT SUNDAY** and put it into the hamper collection trolleys in the vestibule. This is an ongoing ministry and if you're not at church that particular Sunday, we will welcome your contribution any Sunday or through the week, as the trolleys will stay in place. *Thanks.*

Hamper shopping list
Flour, Sugar, Tea/Coffee, Rice/Pasta, Porridge/Cereal (inc kids), Tinned vegetables, Tinned fruit, Tinned meat/Fish, Tinned soup, Tinned beans, Pulses ie lentils, beans, Pot noodle, Passata/Chopped tomatoes, Crisps Maxi Packs, Angel Delight, Tinned custard/Rice Pudding, Jelly, Toilet roll/Kitchen roll, Washing Powder

ELDERS are asked to take their new FWO boxes as soon as possible. Magazines will follow shortly.