



West Church

Celebrating and Serving Jesus Together

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.

SCRIPTURE UNION COFFEE MORNING – This will be held in the **Welcome area in West Church on Saturday 21st October 2017 from 10:30am – 12:30pm**. Everyone is welcome and please pass the word about this event on to family and friends. All proceeds go to the work of the SU Ballymena E3 which West Church has supported since its inception in 2009.

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

RADIO CRACKER is holding a cake sale on Saturday 14 October from 9.00 am in the Tower Centre. Please come along and support.

ROTAS	8 October	15 October
Church Grounds	Reid Burnett Audrey Heaney	Jim McKendry Rodney Wilson
Welcome Desk	Sheila King	Patricia McGookin
Pulpit Bible	Jennifer McLernon	Victor Mahon
Tea and Coffee	Heather Wilkinson Jean Boyce	Megan McKane Amy King
Creche	Tracey Millar Ashley Montgomery	Hazel Houston Gillian Wharry
Prayer Ministry	Angela McClintock Cathy McCullough	
Audio/Visual	Hugh (S), Michael (V) Stuart (S), Hugh (V)	Hugh (S), Neil (V) Derek (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)	

8 October 2017

11.00 am Rev William McCully - Harvest Thanksgiving
11.15 am Switch
6.30 pm Rev D J Kane

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
Tuesday: Boot Camp 6.45 pm
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
Midweek 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

Harvest Flowers.

Hall Fund: £1,002,000.94

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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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 6.00 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.

FLOWER FESTIVAL Helpers are required for our Christmas Tree Festival 1st – 3rd December. If your name is not already on one of our Catering Teams but you are willing to help at that time please add your name to the list on the vestibule table by Sunday, 8 October, indicating when you would be available to help and if so, whether you would be willing to provide food. Further details will follow.

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.

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.

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.

SAMARITANS PURSE Dear West family, last year we were so encouraged by the generosity of the entire West family for the 142 gift filled shoeboxes that went from West Church to children in Ukraine and to Claire and the girls of GB for their invaluable support. 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 (the only exceptions to this are hats, scarves and gloves), or chocolate. Please consider the age of the child you would like to receive your gift and purchase age-appropriate items. Leaflets and flatpack shoeboxes are available. 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!

ELDERS' PRAYER TIME Elders are reminded of the Elders' Prayer Time next Sunday, 15 October, at 9.45 am in the Minor Hall.

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.

MEN UNITED -- At our next meeting on Wednesday 11 October at 10.30 a.m. in the Lounge our guest speaker will be Mr. Campbell Moore from the Bible Society. His theme will be 'Bibles Where They Are needed'. All men in the congregation and their friends are warmly invited to attend.

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

Help 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

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

CROCUS Special Needs Association Coffee Morning on Saturday 14th October 2017 between 10.30am to 12.30pm at Wellington Church, Ballymena. All welcome. CROCUS stands for **Christians Reaching Out to Children and Carers Under Stress** and is a youth club which meets every other Friday night at Galgorm Community Centre for people with disabilities aged 11 plus. For more information please contact Jo Anne Kennedy on 07825177689 or go to www.crocus-sna.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.

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.