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Services

Welcome to our Men Together Service.

A special welcome to Rev Trevor Gribben, Clerk of General Assembly.

Sunday 12th May

11:00am Morning Worship Men Together Annual Service,

Guest Speaker: Rev Trevor Gribben

7:00pm Evening Worship Sermon: 'Thriving with God'

Scripture: Psalm 84, Rev George Moore

Sunday 19th May

11:00am Morning Worship Communion Service, Rev David Brice

7:00pm Evening Worship Rev David Brice

Forthcoming Events

Sunday 19th May, 11am - Spring Communion Service

Sunday 26th May, 11am - Children's Day Service followed by farewell lunch in Church Halls. (No Evening Service)

Sunday 2nd June, 11am - Declaration of Vacancy - Rev Colin Morrison, Vacancy Convenor

Discipleship Events

MID WEEK BIBLE STUDY: Wednesday 15th May at 7:30pm in the Burney Room with Rev David Brice.

Leadership Notices

KIRK SESSION MEETING Tuesday 14th May at 7:30pm in the Burney Room.

ADVANCED NOTICE: CONGREGATIONAL COMMITTEE MEETING Tuesday 21st May at 8pm in the Burney Room.

Organisation Notices

THURSDAY TOGETHER: Our guest speaker this week will be Jim Lyttle, our church visitor. We look forward to Jim's visit and message and this will be our final meeting for the season. We thank all those involved with the running of our

group and a special word of thanks to all the car drivers who are so important to our members. D.V. the next meeting will be on the 12th September 2019.

Mosaic QUIZ: Friday 17th May at 7pm.

Church Notices

CARE FOR THE FAMILY: Tuesday 21st May at 7:30pm in Orangefield Presbyterian Church, Left to their own devices? Confident parenting in a world of screens. Tickets £7 each To book visit cff.org.uk/owndevices or phone 029 2081 0800

UNION THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE LIBRARY SUMMER MEMBERSHIP: Cost £15, borrow 8 loans for 28days at a time any time between 3/6/19-13/9/19 for more information www.union.ac.uk/discover/the-gamble-library

Community Notices

Newtownabbey Foodbank: Due to increased demand the Newtownabbey Foodbank has asked for our help. You may remember that we collected for the Foodbank over the Christmas period. A box will be in Mosaic to receive donations of non perishable food items especially

- ⇒ Tinned fish
- ⇒ Tinned tomatoes
- ⇒ Pasta sauce

Roof and Renovation



At a recent meeting the Congregational Committee our Treasurer, Mr Mark Stevenson reported that the week previously, sufficient donations had been received that we were now in the position to repay all Interest Free Loans given by members of the congregation. It was proposed and agreed by Committee that the Roof and Renovation Fund which had been

declared open on 22nd January 2017 should now be closed on 5th May 2019, that all interest free loans should be repaid as soon as possible and that any monies received after this date should be added to the Property Fund. It is an immense delight to me that prior to my retirement the total cost of the Roof Refurbishment should be met allowing your new minister to enjoy planning for the future unburdened by debt repayments. I also rejoice in the amazing generosity of the congregation that this nearly a quarter of a million pound project should be completely funded in the space of 2 years and 4 months. In a very special way we have seen God at work in our congregation as we have made this convincing statement about our future life and witness. Thank you to all who have given so generously, most of monies received has come as a result of direct giving and is all the more indicative of a vibrant faith among our members. Thanks also to those who gave Interest Free Loans, this has enabled use to save on the cost of expensive banks loans.

Exodus 36 v 2-6 Then Moses summoned Bezalel and Oholiab and every skilled person to whom the Lord had given ability and who was willing to come and do the work. They received from Moses all the offerings the Israelites had brought to carry out the work of constructing the sanctuary. And the people continued to bring freewill offerings morning after morning. So all the skilled workers who were doing all the work on the sanctuary left what they were doing and said to Moses, "The people are bringing more than enough for doing the work the Lord commanded to be done." Then Moses gave an order and they sent this word throughout the camp: "No man or woman is to make anything else as an offering for the sanctuary." And so the people were restrained from bringing more, because what they already had was more than enough to do all the work.

If you are visiting here this morning:

- There is a crèche in the Minor Hall (ask for directions).
- Primary school aged children can join our Sunday Club; watch for children leaving during the service.
- If your child is staying during the sermon there are kids packs available at the library corner (back left of church). Please feel free to get them before or during the service.

If your child needs a break during the service feel free to leave and go to the entrance area.

If you don't wish to take your announcement sheet or sermon notes home please return them to the holder in the entrance.

Prayer Diary

Monday: Following the local elections, pray for wisdom for our new leaders as they seek to serve their local communities and work together with other political parties.

Tuesday: Tearfund have called for churches to pray for all those affected by the torrential rain flooding parts of Northern Syria, especially people living in temporary shelter, displaced from their homes by conflict who urgently need shelter, food and health care. Comfort and provide for them.

Wednesday: Thank you for organisations who support those who are/ have been affected by trafficking like No More Traffik and International Justice Mission. Pray that they would have enough provision to meet the needs of everyone who need support and help to raise awareness of the issues facing victims of trafficking.

Thursday: Thank you for the willingness of the political parties to meet to discuss the future of Northern Ireland. Pray for wisdom as they find a way forward to make decisions which will benefit everyone in our communities.

Friday: Thank you for Norman and Linda Patterson and their faithfulness to the work of Project Romania. Pray for strength and wisdom as they continue to serve the Roma people as they continue to share the gospel in such a practical way. Thank you for the team who served over Easter. Pray that they would be blessed by the mission trip and they would be able to share their experiences with people back at home.

Saturday: As exams season approaches for students over the next few weeks, pray that they would know that God has a plan for them and that they will be able to revise without getting stressed about their tests.

Sunday: Thank you for the Rev David Brice and Essie, for their years of service in our Church. Pray for them as prepare to leave and transition into retirement. Furthermore, pray for the Kirk Session as they make preparations for the coming weeks and months.

RECORDINGS OF SUNDAY SERVICES are available from the sound team in the balcony.

PRAYER BOX: Please leave any prayer requests in the box in the entrance area—beside the sign up desk.

OPEN DOOR: Rev Brice will be available in the Minister's Room on Thursday 16th May from 11:30am to 12:30pm. You can call in or you may wish to phone in advance.

OFFICE HOURS: The Church Office normal opening hours are Thursdays 12:30-3:30pm & Sundays 9:45-10:45am. Any announcements for next week to be with the office by 12noon on Thursday.

YOUR CONTACT DETAILS: If these should change, please notify the office so that we can keep our records up to date.

DATE	OPENING/CLOSING	CRECHE	CRECHE
12th May	Paul Symonds	Ali Cooke	Lorraine Metson
19th May	Roy Anderson	Ann Robinson	Pam Murray
26th May	Mervyn Whittle	Lynsey McQueen	Helen Horner