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CHURCH NOTICES
(In the will of God)

8th December 2019
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NI Registered Charity **(NIC105348)**

Welcome to all visitors at our service today. Please feel free to sign our Visitors' Book.

Today:

(11.05am)	Congregational **Prayer Time** in committee room. Please take a copy of **PCI's "Let's Pray"** (8th – 14th Dec')
11.30am	**Morning Worship: Rev. Ross Collins takes this morning's service.** We will be considering **from Acts 4:32-5:11** two contrasting attitudes within the community towards possessions. To prepare us for making a generous donation to the **PCI World Development Appeal 2019**: 'Farming God's Way,' we will receive a flyer & envelope for use **on 15th & 22nd December.** A video will be shown today in the service also.
Praise:	1) Hymn 1 2) Hymn 629 3) Carol: Hymn 46 & 4) Unnumbered "Oh to see the dawn"
3.45pm	This afternoon at 3.45 pm is to be the **first choir practice for the Girls' Brigade Anniversary service.** All past and present members of GB - girls and staff - are encouraged to come along.
7.00pm	**Evening Worship** in committee room: Rev. Ross will take the service preaching from 1 John 5:6-12"The evidence of faith in Jesus"

This Week:

Tues. 10th (@7.45pm)	**Congregational Committee meeting** in committee room.
Wed. 11th (7.45pm)	**Homegroups 1 & 2** meet up for last session in this series ***"Life on the Frontline."***
Thurs 12th (7.45pm)	**Homegroup 3**
Sat. 14th (7.00pm)	**Portstewart Presbyterian** warmly welcome us and other local churches to come to their ***Christmas All-Age Social Dance Party*** in their hall. Supper served. Music to suit ALL: from the Gay Gordons, Cotton Eyed Joe to the Macarena & so much more…

Next Week:

Sun. 15th Dec' (11.05am)	**Congregational Prayer time**. Everyone welcome.
11.30am	**AM Worship:** Rev. Collins will lead the service today preaching from Acts 5:12-16 *"The ongoing growth of the church."*

Further Ahead:

Sun. 22nd (@11.30am)	**Carol Service** with participation from members of the congregation & our own choir.
Mon. 23rd (6.30pm)	Carol Singing – Please join us on Monday 23rd December at 6.30pm. We will be meeting at Ballywatt Church Hall to travel in cars to visit and sing Christmas Carols to Ballywatt members and their friends in local residential nursing homes and private homes. If you know of anyone who would benefit from this outreach please speak to Leta Lyons. This is strictly not for "good" singers or choir members only so please come

along for what will be a wonderful experience for those from 9months to 99yrs. For more information speak to Janetha Irvine and sign up.

Tues. 24th (7.00pm) **Christmas Eve All-Age Family Service** – participation from praise group, choir and children and youth.

General:

Ballywatt Christmas Cards. A few packs are still available. These can be found on the vestibule table and in the foyer of the hall. Pack of six assorted cards were £2.50 - any donations accepted. Proceeds to Ballywatt Outreach Fund.

Christmas gift idea: ***PCI Calendar 2020*** available to handle in vestibule. Contact Alison or Rev. Collins or place an order on the sign up sheet on the vestibule table. Cost: £4.00 or if calendar is given as a gift there is 20% discount (£3.20). To guarantee delivery before Christmas, place an order with Alison/ Ross **by Wednesday 11th Dec**

F.W.O. United Appeal & Property Fund. Anyone wishing to contribute to F.W.O. for the first time on a weekly envelope or standing order basis, please speak to Richard Lyons (07732170965) or Property Fund on a monthly envelope or standing order basis, speak to David Radcliffe (2074 2115) before the end of November. Please note that the Church Accounts close on 31st December – all monies must be in by that date to be entered for 2019. **Financial Report.** Anyone wishing to be listed by number only in the Financial Report please speak to Richard Lyons before the end of November.

URGENT Message via postcards to Arlene Foster, NI 1st Minister. Please take a moment to fill in a postcard in vestibule from SPUC NI (The Society for the Protection of the unborn Children) & pop in the provided shoe box provided. Church Deadline for postcards: Monday 9 Dec.

The Christian Institute flyers entitled "Protecting the right to disagree with same sex marriage: defending Gospel freedom & liberty of conscience in NI" are available on vestibule table. Please share your concerns with your MLA's.

Scripture Union NI are hosting a Schools' Ministry conference: inspiring & supporting Christianity in our school communities on Sat. 1st Feb. 2020 @ Stranmillis College, Belfast (£20 before 31st Dec/ £25 after). This conference is for parents, teachers & assistants, governors, church leaders, people passionate about education. Flyers available in church hall foyer.

Rotas	Sunday 8th December	Sunday 15th December	Sunday 22nd December	Tuesday 24th December
Crèche	Judith Lyons Linda Campbell	Judith Lyons Linda Campbell	No Creche	No Creche
Children's Church	Alison Radcliffe Linda Nevin	Alison Radcliffe Linda Nevin	No Children's Church	No Children's Church
Door Welcome	John Campbell John McCrory	John Campbell John McCrory	Drew McClure Stephen McElnay	Drew McClure Stephen McElnay
Offering	Stewart Lyons Emma Curry Alistair Lyons Clifford Ruddell Richard Lyons	M Caldwell W Taggart Jonathan Lyons Guthrie Barnes Chris Nevin	Helen Lyons Stephen McElnay Ivan Curry Samuel McClure Stephen Lyons	N/A
PowerPoint	Judith Lyons Thomas Nevin	Matthew McCurdy Andrew McCrory	Christopher Nevin Jack Kirk	