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CHURCH NOTICES
(In the will of God)

24th November 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" (24th – 30th Nov)

11.30am **Morning Worship:** Rev. Collins leads today's service. We read Acts 4:32-37 & think upon the Generosity of God. **Our Praise Group will lead our singing today.**
United Appeal: please do use your United Appeal envelop this November & make a generous donation to the wider work of our church (PCI) at large.

Praise: Gath. MP990 **1)** *"The Lord is my Salvation"* **2)** *"I've got that joy"* **3)** MP 755 & **4)** Pr. Sup 160

3pm **Choir** Christmas practices continue. All most welcome.

7-9pm Youth Fellowship at the Radcliffe's. Looking forward to seeing everyone there.

This Week:

Wed. 27th (1pm) No **CRAFTERS**. **Friendship Group Christmas lunch.**

(7.45pm) **Homegroups 1 & 2 meet – week 4.**

Thurs. 28th (10.15am) **Ladies Bible Study** with Pastor Billy Jones (Dunseverick Baptist) All welcome.

(7.45pm) **Homegroup meets.**

Sat. 30th Nov. (3.00pm) **NI Voiceless are holding a 2nd event in Stormont Estate.** This will be a silent protest against the new liberalisation law here in NI. Join with thousands of others expressing sorrow for the lives of the unborn & shining a light for life (www.nivoiceless.com). For all citizens; wear black and bring a pebble painted with a message!

Next Week:

Sun. 1st Dec. (11.05am) Congregational **Prayer time**. Everyone welcome.

11.30am **Morning Worship:** taken by Rev. Eddie Kirk, retired from 1st Ahoghill PCI.

3.30pm BB Battalion Carol Service in Ballywatt Church (Anchors and Juniors)

7.00pm **Network 8 – the 8 local churches** invite us to a **family oriented Christmas event in Ballywillan PCI Hall.** Guest Speaker: Aaron Ditty, former PCI youth worker & minister of Scrabo PCI, N'ards. Offering: Oasis Foodbank, Coleraine. Come prepared to donate foodstuffs or Christmas gifts incl. treats etc.

Further Ahead:

Fri. 6th Dec. (8-9pm) Coleraine Street Pastors are holding a School Pastor Information Evening in St Andrews Church of Ireland, Ballysally. **School Pastors** is a sister initiative to Street Pastors with the same values: Christians from different Churches caring, listening and helping, this time in schools. If you are interested in finding out about supporting students in our local schools, please come along.

Sun. 8th Dec **AM Worship: Our Annual Christmas Toy Appeal** given to the Salvation Army, Coleraine will be collected this morning. Rev. Collins will lead.

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.

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.

Finvoy Presbyterian Church are holding a **Christmas Tree Festival** from Thursday 28th November to Sunday 1st December. Thursday 7-10pm, Friday 10am-10pm, Saturday 10am-10pm and Sunday 2-6.30pm. (Closing service 7pm) For further information, contact: Clare Gamble 07761433372 or Mabel Campbell 07748516596.

ACT NOW! Let our 1st Minister Arlene Foster know how you think & feel on violence against the unborn child. Please take a postcard from Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (NI) on the vestibule table. Take a moment to read and if in agreement, write on your contact details and place in the shoe box available (no stamp needed). Rev. Collins will ensure delivery, en masse, to Belfast. Deadline: Start of December.

Protecting the right to disagree with same sex marriage – defending Gospel freedom & liberty of conscience in NI. Please consider writing to your MLA in light of changing laws to abortion and marriage. Helpful tips are provided by The Christian Institute in the sheets on the vestibule table. 10 minutes needed to write to our MLAs.

Write an email to The NI Secretary of State with your concerns to: **sos.smith@nio.gov.uk** When same-sex "marriage" was introduced in mainland Britain, specific legal safeguards were created. If marriage is redefined in NI, we need the same protections. There should be freedom for teachers & public sector workers to disagree. Same-sex "marriage" should not be promoted in schools. Churches and her ministers should not have to endorse same-sex weddings and there ought to be protections for religious and other organisations so that we do not lose our charitable status.
https://www.c4m.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/FINAL_C4M_NI_protections-leaflet_Oct2019.pdf

The Evangelical Alliance have provided a free downloadable resource called Transformed: the resource to help us understand & respond well to transgender individuals & the broader ideological movement. This brief pastoral introduction came from their website www.eauk.org

Book Aid (Templepatrick) – *providing Christian Literature in areas of need* – if anyone has any new or 2nd hand books or Bibles they would like to donate to this worthy cause, please contact Rev. Collins. He will store & arrange for books to go to: Haven Christian Centre.

Rotas	Sunday 24th November	Sunday 1st December	Sunday 8th December	Sunday 15th December
Crèche	Alison Collins Pamela Knowles	Alison Collins Pamela Knowles	Judith Lyons Linda Campbell	Judith Lyons Linda Campbell
Children's Church	Janetha Irvine Valerie McCrory	Janetha Irvine Valerie McCrory	Alison Radcliffe Linda Nevin	Alison Radcliffe Linda Nevin
Door Welcome	James Caldwell Richard McClure	AM: James Caldwell Richard McClure PM: James & Richard	John Campbell John McCrory	John Campbell John McCrory
Offering	Stephen Sharpe Aaron Barnes Andrew Lyons Adam McAfee Stephen Sharpe	Gavin Hartin David Curry Richard Lyons Drew McClure Andrew McCrory	Stewart Lyons Emma Curry Alistair Lyons Clifford Ruddell Richard Lyons	M Caldwell W Taggart Jonathan Lyons Guthrie Barnes Chris Nevin
PowerPoint	Gavin Hartin Jack Kirk	AM: Thomas McCrory David Radcliffe PM: Drew McClure	Judith Lyons Thomas Nevin	Matthew McCurdy Andrew McCrory