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CHURCH NOTICES
(In the will of God)

3rd December, 2023

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In the Name of the Triune God, a warm welcome to every visitor at our service today, please sign Visitor's Book.

This Lord's Day:

10.30-11.10am **Bible Class meets** in the manse**. See Jesus -'***Enemies of Compassion:'* John 9:1-7

11.10-11.20am **Pre-Service Prayer time** in the minister's room. Everyone welcome.

11.30am **Morning Worship:** Rev. Ross Collins will conduct worship & preach from **Nehemiah 6:15-7:4** '*The completed project.'* Have a read in advance.
Our **Praise Group** is taking part in service.
Crèche is available in the church hall (before & during the service).

Thank you for your Christmas Family Appeal donations during this morning's service. Your new and unwrapped Gifts will be handed over in-person to the **Salvation Army** in Ballymoney on Monday 4th December.

Straight after today's morning service (3rd) a very brief **congregational meeting for ALL voting members** concerning the *'Holding Trustees for congregational property.'*

2.30pm **Christmas Choir Practice** in the church building. See ***Amanda*** for further details.

7.00pm **Evening Worship:** Rev Collins will conduct & speak on *'Why our Sexuality is important to God*' from **Proverbs 6:20-7:27.** Held in the Committee Room.
Cuppa tea & mince pies served afterwards!

This Week:

Tues 5th **10 - 11.30am** **Tea & Tots** meet in the church halls. Last one until January 2024.

2.00 - 4.00pm **Afternoon bowls** in hall.

7.30 - 9.30pm **Bowling Club** meets for practice.

7.30pm **Presbytery** meets in Terrace Row, Coleraine.

Wed 5th **8.00pm** **Joint Homegroups** meet up for '*Pudding & praise night'* in committee room.

Thurs 6th **10.00am** **Ladies' Prayer time** in committee room.

Fri 7th **Boys' Brigade** – Anchor Boys & Junior Section from 6.15 – 7.30pm;
Company & Senior Section from 7.30 – 9.30pm
Girls' Brigade – Explorers from 6.15 – 7.30pm;
Company Sections from 7.30 – 9.30pm.

Next Week:

Sun 10th Dec (10.30-11.10) **Bible Class** meets in the manse.

11.10-11.20am **Pre-Service Prayer time** in the minister's room. Everyone welcome.

11.30am **Morning Worship:** Rev. Collins to conduct and preach from Nehemiah 7.
We are collecting for the Causeway Foodbank.

2.30pm **Christmas Choir Practice** in the church building. See ***Amanda*** for further details.

Mon 11th	**7.45pm**	**Men Behaving Dadly** meet in the committee room. Last session of this series. If you haven't attended before, please know that you are most welcome to sit in and take part.
Tues 12th	**2.00-4.00pm**	**Afternoon bowls** in hall.
	7.30-9.30pm	**Bowling Club** meets for practice.
	7.45pm	**Presbyterian Women** meet in church halls**.** **Christmas Theme: '***Praise & Sweet Treats'*
Wed 13th	**8.00pm**	**Congregational Prayer Time** in the committee room.
Thurs 14th	**10.00am**	**Ladies' Prayer time** in committee room.
Fri 15th		**Boys' Brigade** – Anchor Boys & Junior Section from 6.15 – 7.30pm; Company & Senior Section from 7.30 – 9.30pm **Girls' Brigade** – Explorers from 6.15 – 7.30pm; Company Sections from 7.30 – 9.30pm.
	8.00pm	'**Sing Carols**' with *Coleraine Community Choir* in 1st Coleraine Presbyterian Church. Conductor: Roberta Scott; Accompanist: Julie McClelland; Organist: Peter Wilson. **Offering** in aid of '*Brain Tumour Research*.'

Further Ahead

Services to invite friends, family and neighbours along to:
Sunday 17th December @ 11.30am – ***Carol Service*** with our Church Choir participating.
Sunday 24th December @ 7.00pm – ***Christmas Eve Family Service*** (involving Sunday School & Church Choir).

We will be collecting for the Causeway Foodbank Christmas Appeal at our morning services **10th & 17th Dec.** Please consider giving generously to this important cause. **Essentials include:** Tinned meat, long life juice, UHT milk, super noodles, bottles of *'Shloer,' Christmas chocolates/sweets, Christmas biscuits/ shortbread, mince pies.* The Causeway Foodbank advise that we can also help transform more lives with a financial donation too.

General:

Please do prayerfully consider giving to the **wider work of PCI mission** through the **United Appeal** in your envelope box.

You are invited to **'The Seasons of My Life,'** book launch at **Ballyrashane Presbyterian Church** on **Thursday 7th December at 7:30pm**. Author, Diana McClelland, tells of how God led her into business and helped her overcome numerous obstacles, describing how she was inspired to start Tullans Country Holiday Park.

If congregational organisations would like to make a donation for use of the church halls in 2023 (heating & lighting etc.), please see David, our Treasurer, or place an offering on the plate at services of worship before 31st December, 2023. Thank you.

PCI Family Holiday from Tues 2nd to Friday 5th April, 2024 in Castlewellan Castle, Co. Down. A great opportunity for you & your loved ones to get away for a few days over the Easter break and be part of something special. To find out more, including prices, scan the code on the card in the vestibule or go to: www.presbyterianireland.org/familyholiday .

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Door Welcome	John McCrory Stanley Campbell	John McCrory Stanley Campbell	Richard McClure Stanley Keys	Richard McClure Stanley Keys
PowerPoint & Sound	Stephen Lyons Drew McClure	Tim Beattie Richard Lyons	Emma Radcliffe David Radcliffe	Stephen Lyons Drew McClure
Crèche	Leanne Beattie Anne Curry	Emma Cochrane Louise Kirk	Claire McAfee Cheryl Lyons	No Crèche