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CHURCH NOTICES
(In the will of God)

19th November, 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**.** ***Scripture: Luke 15:11-24***
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 5. Have a read in advance. **Crèche** is available in the church hall (before & during the service). **Earl Haig Fund –** thank you for all who generously gave around £400 ca.
2.30pm	**Christmas Choir Practice** in the church building. See ***Amanda*** for further details.
6.30pm	**BB & GB Annual Enrolment Service** – come & support the boys and girls. Spread the word, encourage a good attendance and pray for the LORD's favour.

This Week:

Mon 20th	**7.45pm**	**Men Behaving Dadly** in the committee room. Encourage fathers, grandfathers, 'spiritual fathers' & fathers-to-be to come and consider fatherhood & fathering.
Tues 21st	**10 - 11.30am**	**Tea & Tots** meet in the church halls. **PW Crafters** meet in committee room.
	2.00 - 4.00pm	**Afternoon bowls** in the hall.
	7.30 - 9.30pm	**Bowling Club** meets for practice.
Wed 22nd	**8.00pm**	**Homegroup #1 – session 4.**
Thurs 23rd	**10.00am**	**Ladies' Prayer time** in committee room.
	8.00pm	**Homegroup #2 – session 4.**
Fri 24th		**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 26th Nov	**(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 lead our service.
	2.30pm	**Christmas Choir Practice** in the church building. See ***Amanda*** for further details.
Mon 27th	**7.45pm**	**Congregational Committee** meet in Committee room. Full attendance please.
Tues 28th	**10-11.30am**	**Tea & Tots** meet in the church halls. **PW Crafters** meet in committee room.
	2.00-4.00pm	**Afternoon bowls** in hall.
	7.30-9.30pm	**Bowling Club** meets for practice.

Wed 29th Nov (Time TBC) **Friendship Group** annual Christmas Dinner. Moore Memorial Hall. Cost TBC. Please sign clipboard with preference & dietary requirements provided by 'A Bite Above.' **Special Guest**: Victor Hutchinson with his accordion.

8.00pm **Congregational Prayer Time** in the committee room. **Please come.**

Thurs 30th **10.00am** **Ladies' Prayer time** in committee room.

Fri 1st Dec **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.

Sat 2nd Dec **6.30-8.30pm** **Christmas Lights Switch-on** *@ 7pm* – incl. carols singing, craft for kids, face painting, giant snow globe, hot chocolate & toasted marshmallows. Everyone welcome.

Further Ahead

Sun 3rd Dec **Morning Service –** an opportunity to serve the local town through the annual **Salvation Army** *Family Appeal* collection. Your new & unwrapped Gifts will be handed over in-person to the Salvation Army in Ballymoney on Monday 4th December. (The Family Appeal has been helping struggling families in Northern Ireland celebrate Christmas for over 43 years).
Straight after the morning service there will be a very brief congregational meeting concerning 'Holding Trustees for congregational property.'

General:

Please consider responding to the **Relationships & Sexuality Education (RSE)** consultation at www.bit.ly/nirseconsult23. These new regulations require post-primary school pupils to receive *"age-appropriate, comprehensive & scientifically accurate education on sexual & reproductive health & rights, covering prevention of early pregnancy & access to abortion."* Although law has changed, implementation needs to be considered, incl. parents' rights to withdraw their child from teaching & for the DoE to issue guidance on content & delivery. Good responses and sizeable numbers of replies could help restrain RSE teaching generally, as well as abortion & contraception. **Consultation deadline:** 24 Nov @ 5pm.
The Christian Institute & the **Evangelical Alliance** have guidance on the.ci/nirseguide23 & www.eauk.org/assets/files/downloads/Briefing-Consultation-on-changes-to-RSE-in-Northern-Ireland_2023-10-17-140903_enya.pdf

Saturday 25th November Scripture Union North Coast invite you to a **Table Quiz** and **Chinese supper** in **New Row Presbyterian Church Hall** at **7pm**. It would great to have a team from our church go along to support the amazing work of Scripture Union among boys, girls and young people in the North coast area. It will be a night of good fun and good food!

Rota	Sunday 19th Nov	Sunday 26th Nov	Sunday 3rd Dec	Sunday 10th Dec
Door Welcome	Jimmy Caldwell Jeni Caldwell	Jimmy Caldwell Jeni Caldwell	John McCrory Stanley Campbell	John McCrory Stanley Campbell
PowerPoint & Sound	Tim Beattie Richard Lyons	Emma Radcliffe David Radcliffe	Stephen Lyons Drew McClure	Tim Beattie Richard Lyons
Crèche	Laura Cochrane Sarah Lyons	Linda Nevin Alison Radcliffe	Leanne Beattie Anne Curry	Emma Cochrane Louise Kirk