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CHURCH NOTICES
(In the will of God)

24th & 31st 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:

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

11.30am **Morning Worship:**
Rev. Collins to preach on the **Incarnation** – *the Protection of Jesus* (**Matt.2:13-23**).

Crèche is available in the church hall (before & during the service).

Please prayerfully consider giving to the **PCI World Development Appeal** today. Envelopes available in your pew or on vestibule table.

7.00pm **Evening Worship:**
Christmas Eve Family Service (involving Sunday School & Church Choir).

This Week:

There will be no organisations meeting this week.

Next Week:

Sun 31st Dec **11.10am** **Pre-Service Prayer time** in the minister's room. Everyone welcome.

11.30am **Morning Worship –** Rev Andrew Mullan returns to conduct worship, to preach from the Word of God and to lead us in our prayers.

Mon 1st – 5th Jan 8.00pm **Week of Prayer** commences - Immanuel - starting 2024 with the LORD our God: *"You will seek me & find me when you seek me with all your heart"* - **Jer.29:13**
- Prayer times held in Committee room @ 8.00pm unless indicated below.
- An elder to lead at evening sessions. *Please do plan to attend.*

Mon 1st Theme: Children
Tues 2nd Theme: Teens & young adults
Wed 3rd Theme: Church Family - Worship/ Services & mission
Thurs 4th Our **Ladies** will have a prayer time @ 10.00am – spread the word.
Theme: Men
Fri 5th Theme: Women – Meet over in the vestibule of the church building

Tues 2nd **(2.00pm)** **Afternoon Bowls** resumes in the hall for the new year.

Friday 5th (6.15pm onwards) **Boys' & Girls' Brigades** resume for 2024 in the church hall.

Sun 7th Jan **11.05am** **Kirk Session** meet in committee room.

11.30am **Morning Worship:** The Rev Collins will conduct the service & preach the Word.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will also be administered. This will be an additional occasion to the November and May services, when believers gather to remember the death of Christ for the forgiveness of our sins & the new Life He has won for us. Participation from our **Praise Group.**

7.00pm **Evening Worship:** Rev Collins will conduct the service & preach from **Proverbs 8 – '***the worldview of wisdom for 2024.***'**

General:

Rev Ross will be taking his final week (6/6) of annual leave from Mon 25th - 31st December 2023. Should anyone need to avail of emergency pastoral care, please do contact our clerk of session, Mr John Campbell on 07840986928.

Sabbatical leave: the Rev Collins has been given permission this month by the Coleraine & Limavady Presbytery to take leave. The PCI General Assembly (2016) agreed that all ministers are required to take an approved sabbatical, of at least 4 weeks & up to a maximum of 7, before the end of their tenth year following ordination. Rev Collins will take leave from 8th January – 11th February 2024, and Pulpit ministry and pastoral care has been scheduled. Rev. Collins will be considering worship in the family home and local congregation.

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.

Thank you sincerely to everyone, who made a contribution recently to the **Causeway '*Christmas*' Foodbank.**

There will not be a church notice sheet for Sunday 31st December. Our next notice will be on 7th January.
If you would like to make an announce for your organisation for the start of 2024 – please email **ballywatt@email.com** by **12noon on Thursday 4th January**. Thank you.

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Door Welcome	Richard McClure Stanley Keys	David Curry Winston Taggart	David Curry Winston Taggart	Sammy Sharpe Malcolm Rankin
PowerPoint & Sound	Stephen Lyons Drew McClure	Tim/Joshua Beattie Richard Lyons	Emma Radcliffe David Radcliffe	Stephen Lyons Drew McClure
Crèche	No Crèche	No Crèche	Joyce Lyons Phyllis Cochrane	Joyce Lyons Phyllis Cochrane