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CHURCH NOTICES
(In the will of God)

7th December 2025

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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:

Sun 7th Dec	**10.15am**	**Christmas Choir Practice** with Amanda.
	11.05am	**Prayer time** in the Minister's Room. Everyone welcome.
	11.30am	**Morning Service** conducted by the Rev. Ross Collins (1 Timothy 2:5-7). The Praise Group will lead our singing. The children have an opportunity to bring unwrapped gifts up to the front for **The Salvation Army Toy Appeal** (see details at bottom of our notices). **Causeway Foodbank Appeal** for 7th & 14th December - please leave items in church vestibule (see notice under General).
	3.30-4.15pm	**Boys' Brigade**: Coleraine & District Battalion of the Boys' Brigade for Anchors & Juniors Carol Service in Portrush Presbyterian Church. Offering for Cancer Fund for Children. Boys meet in Mark Street Hall beside the church at 3.15pm sharp in uniform including armbands. Parents are welcome to attend this short service.
	7.00pm	**Evening worship** in the Committee Room with the Rev. Collins leading. Theme: Church Revitalisation - Remember, Repent & Recover (the Gospel).

This Week:

Tue 9th		**No more Tea & Tots** until the New Year. Happy Christmas from the team! **NO PW Crafters.**
Wed 10th	**8.00pm**	**Midweek: congregational prayer time** in the Committee Room. Everyone welcome.
Thurs 11th	**9.45am**	**Ladies' Prayer time** in the **Manse**.
	6.30pm	**Revival Prayer Meeting** in the Clark's Home. Everyone welcome.
Fri 12th	**6.15pm**	**GB Explorer section and BB Anchor Boys & Juniors.**
	7.30pm	**GB Company Section** (Juniors, Seniors and Brigaders) **and BB Company Section.**

Next Week:

Sun 14th Dec	**10.15am**	**Christmas Choir Practice** with Amanda.
	11.05am	**Prayer time** in the Minister's Room. Everyone welcome.
	11.30am	**Morning Worship** lead by the Rev. Collins. Envelopes distributed today for the World Development Appeal 2025 - "Hives of Hope: working together for a better" will be distributed and can be returned on 21st and 28th December, 2025.

Wed 17th	**8pm**	**Home Groups**. Both Home Groups are having a joint Christmas meet up at Alastair and Phyllis's house for a time of sharing and singing. All welcome. Please contact Alastair &/or Thomas for more information.
Thurs 18th	**9am**	**Special General Assembly** in Assembly Buildings, Belfast - registration 9am and prayer immediately after registration. 11am Service of worship. Business Session starting at 1.30pm until close of business. It is planned that the entire assembly will be livestreamed online via PCI website. Members of congregation are warmly invited to attend.
	9.45am	**Ladies' Prayer time** in the Committee Room.
	6.30pm	**Revival Prayer Meeting** in the Clark's Home. Everyone welcome.
Fri 19th	**6.15pm**	**GB Explorer section and BB Anchor Boys & Juniors.**
	7.30pm	**GB Company Section** (Juniors, Seniors and Brigaders) **and BB Company Section.**
	7.30pm	**Sing Carols with Coleraine Community Choir** @ 1st Coleraine Presbyterian Church. Conductor: Roberta Scott, friend of Ballywatt. Guest Speaker: Kathy Matthewson. Offering in aid of The Boom Foundation: Sophie's Clinical Nurse Specialist.

Further Ahead:

Sun 21st	**11.30am**	**Christmas Carol Service** - Lessons and Carols - participation from our choir and members of the congregation, young and old. Invite someone along, who perhaps doesn't come or attend regularly.
Wed 24th	**7.00pm**	**Christmas Eve Service** - a family service to invite family, friends and neighbours along to.

General:

On **Sunday 7th December** at our morning service prior to "*the Children's address,*" we will have our Annual Toy Collection for the Ballymoney Salvation Army.

Suggested Gift List for Children and Young People: The Salvation Army believe every child deserves a new gift at Christmas so we are unable to take used or second-hand items for the Christmas Present Appeal.

- **0-3 years:** dolls, teddy bears, cot mobiles, baby clothes, bath toys, puzzles.
- **3-5:** dolls and action figures, cars, lorries, colouring sets, pencils, crayons, books, puzzles.
- **5-9:** educational games & toys, stationery (colouring sets, pencils, crayons, school sets), books, puzzles, wordsearch, crosswords.
- **9-12:** games and toys, stationery, books, t-shirts, hair accessories, gloves, scarves, hats.
- **13-16:** books, make-up and toiletries (please try to ensure non-allergic ingredients if possible), gloves, scarves, hats, t-shirts, hair accessories and gift vouchers.

Over the years, millions of children and young people have benefited from gifts donated to The Salvation Army. By giving a gift to our Christmas Present Appeal, you can make a real difference in someone's life at Christmas.

Causeway Foodbank Christmas Collection in Ballywatt on Sundays **7th & 14th December** in the church vestibule. The Foodbank intend distributing to those in need from Monday 15th December. Items required: Christmas sweets & treats, biscuits, UHT milk, tinned meat, super noodles, rice sauces, long life juice, Shloer, shampoo, toothpaste, shaving gel, tinned fruit and tinned veg.

Rota	Sun 7th Dec	Sun 14th Dec	Sun 21st Dec	Sun 28th Dec
Door Welcome	Louise Kirk Sammy Sharpe	Louise Kirk Sammy Sharpe	TBC	TBC
PowerPoint & Sound	Roy Wilson Emma Wilson	Emma Radcliffe David Radcliffe	Stephen / Lydia Lyons Drew McClure	Tim/Josh Beattie Richard Lyons