

22nd January 2021

Welcome!

For he himself is our peace

Ephesians 2:14

Join us online for our Morning Service
on Sunday 24th January at 11am.
Read Ephesians 2:11-22 in preparation
for worship and teaching.
Coffee & Chat on Zoom follows
at 12 noon for half an hour.

SUNDAY 24TH JANUARY: VIDEO (FACEBOOK PAGE) 10:30AM
SUNDAY 31ST JANUARY: VIRTUAL KIDS CREW (10-10:45AM)



**We really would love more volunteers
to join the Online Kids Crew team.**

**Are you available and
willing to help?**

If so, please contact Rachael.

Thank you !

Thank you to all who contributed to The Leprosy Mission during 2020. A total of £804.99 (including commission of £51.59 from the sale of items from the Christmas catalogue) was raised.

You are the beginning of a chain of support that reaches out in love to transform and touch the life of a person affected by leprosy.

At a time when Covid-19 is threatening the survival of TLM hospitals, your support is critical in keeping them open, retain skilled doctors and nurses and ensure that help and support is available. On behalf of those affected by leprosy, **thank you!**



**The Leprosy
Mission**

Ladies...

*Women of the Word
Session 4 of Book Club
Monday 25th January*

Zoom room opens at 7.20pm

Bring a cuppa!

Meeting ID: 317 512 8712

P/w: 411773

This session will be a little different!



Online Meetings this week

GB

Friday 22nd

Kids Crew

Sunday 24th

YF

Sunday 24th

Women of the Word Book Club

Monday 25th

Session

Tuesday 26th

Young Adults

Wednesday 27th

BB

Thursday 28th

Prayers and thanks for our leaders as they continue to hold creative meetings online. It's not easy!

Thank you!

**Would you like to make a difference in
our community?**

**Play a role in shaping the education for
our children?**

**THEN WHY NOT CONSIDER SERVING AS
A SCHOOL GOVERNOR?**



Currently we are looking for a Governor in Sunnylands Primary School. You don't have to have attended the school or had children there. You don't have to have any special qualifications or experience. Just enthusiasm!

*Please contact Cecil 07989 353732.
Also, Rosalind can email/print a booklet about
the role for you, if you are interested in
finding out a little bit more.*

Sunday 24 January

Moderator | *As the Holocaust Memorial Day approaches (27 January) we pray against ideologies that would demean the created dignity of all people made in the image of God, and for whom he sent his Son as redeemer.*

Hope in worship | *Today as we worship, ask God to help us know hope in him, helping us to find fresh strength for the week ahead.*

Monday 25 January

Peter & Jayne Fleming (global mission workers, Nepal) | *Pray for them as they keep in contact with Nepali colleagues online, despite time differences. UMN and KISC face many challenges including working effectively, keeping staff, maintaining finance, working with government officials and keeping people safe.*

Middle East | *Pray for National Evangelical Synod of Syria & Lebanon as it continues to reach out in many practical ways to people, including to the internally-displaced and refugees, all more difficult due to Covid-19.*

Tuesday 26 January

Eleanor Drysdale (deaconess in Wellington, Ballymena) | *Pray for the mental health of all involved in pastoral care during this time of lockdown as more people than before are now being impacted by Covid-19, directly or indirectly. Give thanks for the strength God gives us and that his mercies are new every morning.*

Ballina, Ballymote and Killala Presbyterian Churches | *Pray for these home mission congregations, for wisdom and strength for the minister Rev Molly Deatherage and the kirk sessions during the pandemic.*

Wednesday 27 January

Csaba & Ilona Veres (global mission workers, Romania) | *Give thanks for the partners who provided laptops for Roma children to access online education. Pray for the Diakonia staff who have an increased workload providing online schooling for marginalised children. Pray for open hearts to the gospel.*

Myanmar | *Pray for the people of Myanmar suffering due to the pandemic. Pray for the Presbyterian Church of Myanmar and Tahan Theological College which is starting its second semester of online learning.*

Thursday 28 January

Tom Dowling (Irish mission worker, Kilkenny) | *Pray for the online Bible studies, giving thanks for new people attending them. Pray for salvation. Give thanks that despite lockdown, God's Word is not chained.*

Donabate Presbyterian Church | *Give thanks that God has sustained the church families in Donabate and Balbriggan and that online services have allowed them to continue to connect as a church family. Pray for home groups as they restart online. Pray for ways to reach and engage with teenagers during lockdown.*

Friday 29 January

Social Witness | *Pray for all who are experiencing abuse in their lives - for children, young people, men and women; that they may find courage to seek out help. Give thanks for all those individuals and organisations who work tirelessly with survivors of abuse - following God's command to love one another.*

Human dignity | *Pray for Rev John Mullan and the members of a new Council for Public Affairs Panel on Human Dignity, that they would have the discernment and wisdom necessary to articulate the views of PCI on complex issues in the public square.*

Saturday 30 January

General Council | *Pray for the General Assembly Standing Commission which meets on 11 February and for the planning and preparation towards it, including the meetings which will endeavour to provide an overview of the financial position in relation to the United Appeal.*

Training in Ministry | *Karen Henderson and Alan McCormick have recently begun working in Union as Head of Academic Administration and Head of Operations respectively. Give thanks that they are so suited to these posts and pray that they will contribute greatly to the effective operating of the College.*



Mission Africa January Central Prayer Meeting Thursday 28th January at 8pm

The Zoom address is: <https://tinyurl.com/y3m9q4y3>



YF on Zoom in January

Sunday 24th January: Prayer Time (7-7:30pm)

Sunday 31st January: James (7-8pm)



Rosalind will take annual leave on Thursday 28th & Friday 29th January, therefore the church office will be closed on these two days.

Any announcements are to be in with Ros by Tuesday morning 26th, please. Thank you.

A little reminder:

Never give your envelopes to a stranger at your door. (The church has not sent anyone to collect them from you.)

Please do not store up envelopes of cash at home.

If you're concerned about your offering, please phone Rosalind in the office and we'll talk it through reassuringly.

The logo for the Presbyterian Herald, featuring the word "Presbyterian" in a small font above the word "Herald" in a large, bold, blue font.

Publication of the Herald has resumed. The first edition of 2021 is due to arrive in the church office w/c 25th Jan, although we are not expected to distribute the magazine until after the current lockdown restrictions come to an end on 6th February.

NEW FOR THIS YEAR ONLY!

The Herald will be published online, accessible to everyone and free of charge. If you've never read the Herald before or have maybe got out of the way of reading it, this is a great opportunity to see what it's all about. Visit www.presbyterianireland.org/herald



Further to the Exhibition in Carrickfergus Museum last year, where some of our church's items of historical interest were displayed, the Council is putting together the following webinars for you to join.

You must book in advance via Eventbrite:

Exploring Your Roots with the experts

Join free on-line webinars presented by Mid and East Antrim Museum & Heritage Service. These specially tailored webinars explore aspects of family history research using local sites and Mid and East Antrim museum collections. The webinars are aimed at people who are interested in family history research or those who may be starting out in their journey of discovery.

16 February 7pm

Leaving Hearth and Home: 18th Century Emigration from Ahoghill Parish with Natalie Bodle of Roots Revealed. Book on eventbrite <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/137605340277>

17 February 7pm

Carrickfergus Churchyards: Stories behind the Stones with Dr William Roulston, Ulster Historical Foundation. Book on eventbrite <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/137607003251>

18 February 7pm

Larne: A Port Town Case Study with Dr William Roulston, Ulster Historical Foundation. Book on Eventbrite <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/137607777567>

Leaving Hearth and Home webinar is being led by genealogist Natalie Bodle of Roots Revealed <https://www.rootsrevealed.co.uk/> on the theme of late 18th emigration from the Ballymena area to North America featuring Arthur Cottage near Cullybackey and Ahoghill Old Graveyard. The aim is to help explore the theme of emigration and the resources available for family history research.

Two further webinars are in conjunction with the Ulster Historical Foundation <https://www.ancestryireland.com/>

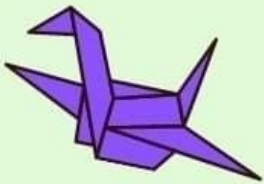
The webinar on 17 February will see Dr William Roulston, Research Director at the Ulster Historical Foundation, explore churchyards and cemeteries within the historic town of Carrickfergus to reveal how they can be an excellent source for family history research. He will also explore the outlying graveyard at Kilroot linking a family burial there with the Andrew Jackson presidential homestead at Boneybefore. The webinar will signpost relevant collections at Carrickfergus Museum and on-line resources to help in your own research.

18 February will again feature Dr William Roulston weave Larne's history as a port town in the eighteenth century highlighting significant Larne families involved in transatlantic shipping and the emigrant trade. Dr William Roulston will demonstrate how churchyards and associated history can be an excellent source for family history research. The webinar will signpost relevant collections at Larne Museum and on-line resources to help with your own research.

Please note all webinars will be recorded. Exploring Your Roots Webinars are produced by Mid and East Antrim Borough Council and funded by the Museum Development Network, the Art Fund and NI Museums Council.



Activity Packs for Older People



We have activity packs available for older people who are shielding alone or with another older person in Ballymena, Carrickfergus or Larne.

Knitting ~ Puzzles ~ Craft
Grow Your Own ~ Origami

Contact us on
028 25658604
to find out more!



Just give
Mid & East Antrim Agewell Partnership
a call on
028 2565 8604
and their volunteers will deliver
the packs out safely.

Due to covid regulations, there are procedures to follow when you come into the halls.

- Wear a mask
- Sanitise your hands
- Sign the Track & Trace book
- Observe the social distancing rule

Covid Guidance - particularly if you have been in our church building in the previous 10 days

Have you been advised to self-isolate?

Then you must! And if you are an active volunteer within our church, please let your leader know that you can't carry out your duties for the next fortnight due to self-isolation.

Are you showing symptoms of Covid?

Stay at home and arrange a test.

Have you tested positive for Covid?

Please inform Rosalind who will deal with your call sensitively.

'He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit.'
Ephesians 2:17-18

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