

First Carrickfergus Presbyterian Church

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mapping our way out of
the Pandemic

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NORTH STREET HOLIDAY BIBLE CLUB

Monday 26th to Friday 30th July

10:30am to 12pm

YOU'RE INVITED TO THE
INTERNATIONAL
SPY ACADEMY
AGENTS FOR THE ONE TRUE GOD™
Join us online for a week of Bible stories,
Crafts, Drama and so much more!

Holiday Bible Club Leaders Meeting

this Sunday (25th) in the hall at 3.45pm

followed by set up of all venues.

All Leaders and Outreach Team please attend.

Family Service - Sunday 1st August at 11am

(no Kids Crew)

We warmly invite you all to our Holiday Bible Club Celebration Service in the Church on Sunday 1st August. We would love all families to sit together with their children in the middle pews downstairs. The service is for everyone.

We'd LOVE you to join us in person.



We'd love you to use our **Prayer Diary** for each day of Holiday Bible Club. Thank you!

Sunday 25th July:

Please pray for all the leaders as they make their final preparations for Spy Academy. This year in particular will be very different as the children will be in Bubbles and leaders will be wearing masks. Specifically remember the seventy+ children who will be attending and their parents.

Pray also for those who will watch online - that God will speak powerfully through technology. Most of all give thanks that we are able to be there in person this year.



Monday 26th July:

Remember the Outreach team as they seek to initiate conversations through masks and social distancing. Pray that God will break down barriers and that the team will be able to build up good relationships throughout the week. Guide them in their words and actions.

In Spy Academy the children are on a Mission – to find out more about Jesus and why He came to earth. Today's story is Jesus at the Temple (Luke 2: 41-52). The children will learn that even when Jesus was an ordinary boy growing up in Nazareth he had a special relationship with God His Father.



Tuesday 27th July:

In Day 2 the children will hear the story of the ten lepers (Luke 17: 11-19) and learn how Jesus was able to heal people through God's power. Today we are encouraging the children to say thank you to people who have helped them. We also want to remember those who are ill or lonely at this time.

During snack time each day we will ask the boys and girls for their prayer requests so that our team and you as a congregation can pray. It has been such a difficult year for many and we want our children and parents to know that God cares for every single one of them.



Wednesday 28th July:

In today's investigation the Spy Kids will discover that Jesus used his amazing power to perform miracles. The story we are looking at in Mark 4: 35-41 is how Jesus calmed the storm. Give thanks for the drama team who have been able to bring these stories to life for the children and also for Josh who has used his talents so creatively to put our online club together.

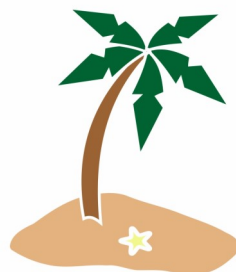
Pray also for our church families as they spend time together in the summer and also for those who are still fearful or anxious about going out into the community again.



Thursday 29th July:

It is so difficult in one week to cover the entire life of Jesus but today we focus on the story of the Good Samaritan to show how Jesus cared for others and how He wants us to do the same. We will also look at the question asked by the ruler, "What must I do to inherit eternal life?" Pray for our leaders as they share this with the children.

Thank God for all who have been placed in a caring role and who so tirelessly look after others. As believers pray for opportunities to go the extra mile and reach out in love to those whom God places in our path.



Friday 30th July:

In Day 5 the Spy Kids reach the end of their mission – to find out why Jesus came to earth. Please remember those telling today's story the climax of the week – to explain how Jesus died for them and then miraculously rose again. His Mission was to save the world! Today we want to share with the children how they have Jesus as their special friend by giving their lives to Him. Pray that the seeds will be sown and come to fruition.



Saturday 31st July:

Give thanks for an amazing week with the children. Although the numbers have been smaller than usual, this has been a blessing in many ways. It has been a privilege to share with the children and their families and get to know them throughout the week. Pray that many of them will attend our Sunday Service and feel God's love through the Worship and the message that Cecil will bring.

Finally pray for ourselves as a congregation looking to the future... that God would guide us as to how we can encourage and help each other to come joyfully together again as God's family.



*“ Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and
you will be saved.” Acts 16:31*

The Summer issue is now available and delivery to subscribers is under way.

For this year only, the Herald is online, accessible to everyone and free of charge in 2021. This is a great opportunity to catch up with it. It's easy to download. Visit www.presbyterianireland.org/herald

Pray for at least four more full-time staff to make up a complete team of six for the Linguistics and Bible Translation Department at the Theological College of Northern Nigeria.



*A box of many colours of **FABRIC** has been located (in the GB cupboard) and we're hoping that it might be useful to someone for making costumes, patchwork or various crafts. If you'd like to have a look, please contact Rosalind first of all.*

Leaders of Organisations - we'd like you to start considering your plans for possible recommencement in the 2021/22 season. You're welcome to phone Rosalind for an initial chat about it 028 9336 1480.

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**If you'd like an announcement made, please tell Rosalind directly either by email, phone or a note in the post box. Announcements to be in by Wednesday mornings please.**

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Any meetings or gatherings must be booked into the church diary and the appropriate paperwork completed. This is to ensure that we don't have any clashes and to ensure that correct sanitising is carried out. Thank you.

At Morning Services please continue to comply with the following guidelines:

- Your attendance will be logged by our Welcome Team.
- Wear a face-covering at all times, inside church and ideally outside when talking to others.
- Please sanitise your hands.
- Maintain social distancing.
- Existing household bubbles are encouraged to sit together in order to create space in other pews.
- Doors remain open to help with air flow and ventilation.
- Individuals must act responsibly, respecting all current health guidelines, within the church premises.
- Announcements delivered to you as they are now, until further notice.

Pastoral Care is ongoing. Our pastoral care team is actively connecting with members of our congregation by telephone.

If you need help from our pastoral care team please contact us by emailing sonya_firstcarrickpres@hotmail.com or phone the office 028 9336 1480



Kids Crew
Sunday 25th July
11am



YF
Sunday 25th July
7-9pm

Young Adults
Wednesday 28th July
8-9pm



Session
Tuesday 3rd at 7.30pm in the Upper Room

Welcome Team for August:

Trevor Norris (Leader)

Sharon Norris

Alan Neilly

Neil Scott

Nicole Scott

Sharon Primrose



Holiday Cover:

Barney & Pat Evans

Rosalind & William Hart

Karen Batten

North Street
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'The LORD watches over you—
the LORD is your shade at your
right hand;
the sun will not harm you by day,
nor the moon by night.'
Psalm 121:5-6

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