

First Carrickfergus Presbyterian Church

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Years of Witness

9th July 2021

UNCHARTED:

mapping our way out of
the Pandemic

Genesis 37-41



BB Company Section

**Presentation of Discharge and
Queen's Badges will take place at our
Morning service for a number of our BB boys.
Congratulations boys!**

NORTH STREET HOLIDAY BIBLE CLUB

Monday 26th to Friday 30th July

10:30am to 12pm



**Join us online for a week of Bible stories,
Crafts, Drama and so much more!**

**Most of our in-person spaces are already booked out,
however, everyone can join us online at the dates and
times above. Or watch it later at a time that suits you!
We'd love you to join us.**

**Please continue to pray for our Holiday Bible Club
which will be online every morning of the last week
of July. We also have 70+ children coming into our
halls that week. Isn't it wonderful that guidelines
permit us to do this and that we have dedicated
leaders to make it happen.**



A message from Carrickfergus Model Primary School

Thank you to North Street 1st Carrickfergus Presbyterian and St Nicholas Church for raising money in memory of Johnnie McAlister, our patrol man, who sadly passed away last summer. It is an honour to end this year celebrating his memory.

Both churches wished for books to be purchased for the school with a little insert inside each book which can also be seen here. In the photos you can see our P4-P7 pupils displaying the new 272 books in our school field!



Sunday 11 July

Moderator | *Pray for your own minister today. Why not write them a short message of encouragement as they think and plan for the next number of months.*

Fanning the flame of congregational life: Being realistic | *Ask God to help congregations be realistic about setting the pace of resuming more normal patterns of church life, encouraging as many as possible to get on board while being careful not to run out of steam.*

Monday 12 July

James & Heather Cochrane (global mission workers in Portugal) | *Give thanks for the baptisms and new members received into the church last month. Pray for the new sermon series on the parables of Jesus, for those who have been taking part in 'The Bible Course' and for all opportunities to share the gospel.*

Malawi | *Pray for the Covid-19 situation in Malawi and for work and witness of the Church of Central Africa Presbyterian, especially for its hospitals and healthcare clinics during the pandemic.*

Tuesday 13 July

Forces chaplains | *Pray for PCI's forces chaplains as they serve in the army, navy and RAF, some of whom are currently deployed overseas. Pray for them as they provide pastoral support and seek opportunities to share the gospel. Pray especially for Rev Simon Hamilton, as he commences his service as a naval chaplain.*

Forces | *Pray for all members of the armed forces for their safety, health and spiritual well-being. Pray too for families separated for long periods of time.*

Wednesday 14 July

Edwin & Anne Kibathi (global mission workers to East Africans in the UK) | *Pray for Edwin and Anne as they provide pastoral care and support to East-African ex-pats and restart holding services and meetings in-person.*

Indonesia | *Pray for the worsening Covid-19 situation in the country of Indonesia, for medical staff and resources such as oxygen. Pray for the leaders and members of our three partners churches at this time.*

Thursday 15 July

International Meeting Point | *Pray for those coming to the Bible studies (three in South Belfast and one in North Belfast). Pray for all to be challenged by the gospel and to respond as God speaks to them. Pray too for the growing number attending the socially-distanced English classes, as connections are made with more people.*

International Meeting Point | *Give thanks and pray for all the staff and volunteers. Pray for them as they serve over the summer and for wisdom as they prepare to resume more IMP ministries in September.*

Friday 16 July

Social Witness | *Pray for the Senior Team – Lindsay Conway (Council Secretary and Director), Denise Keegan (Head of Disability), Jacqui Montgomery-Devlin (Head of Safeguarding), Caroline Yeomans (Head of Disability), Laura Kelly (Head of Personnel) and David Hooks (Finance Manager) – as they manage the different aspects of work and witness of the Council. Give thanks for their expertise and dedication and for the strong team that they have become.*

Legislatures | *As the NI Assembly, Oireachtas and UK Parliament move into a period of recess give thanks for the staff who support elected representatives in their work as law-makers, and in their constituency offices. Pray that they would enjoy a period of rest and refreshment over the summer months.*

Saturday 17 July

General Council | *Pray for the work of the staff in the General Secretary's department as they engage with the additional work of preparation for the October 2021 Assembly. Pray that the practicalities will fall into place to enable some very tight deadlines to be met.*

Council for Training in Ministry | *Pray for ministers from other churches serving as assistants with a view to becoming eligible for a call to a congregation: Mariann Gilicze (Hungary) in Gilnahirk; Laszlo Orban (Romania) in Joymount; Tagle Aguir (Cuba) in St Andrew's Bangor, Trevor Kane in 1st Portadown and Mark Haugh in Vinecash, both originally from Northern Ireland.*



Sonya will be on annual leave 12th - 16th July.
The church office will be closed 12th-20th July,
also every Monday in August.

This announcement sheet will be the last until 23rd July.

Kids Crew
Sunday 11th July
11am



YF
Sunday 11th July
7-9pm

Young Adults
Wednesday 14th July
8-9pm



*'Heaven and earth will pass
away, but my words will
never pass away.'
Matthew 24:35*


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