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# WELCOME!



Exciting news!

Creche is starting up again during Sunday Services  
commencing this week 16<sup>th</sup> January.

To be able to run creche we need two volunteers each week.

If you feel you'd like to be part of this children's ministry

contact Sonya 07796148090 or

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Thank you to all who contributed to The Leprosy Mission during 2021. £1041.83 (inc £91.30 commission from the sale of items from TLM catalogue).



## Missionary Speaker 30th January Mission Africa

In 1987, Sid & Jean went with Qua Iboe Fellowship (now Mission Africa) to Nigeria with their three young children.



Sid taught first in Samuel Bill Theological College, and then at the Theological College of Northern Nigeria, becoming Deputy Provost in 1991. Hundreds of his former students are now in churches, schools and Bible colleges across Nigeria.



Sid became involved in establishing a strategic ministry known as Africa Christian Textbooks (ACTS) supplying and publishing relevant and affordable evangelical books to church leaders across Africa. ACTS distributes books through seventeen book shops in key seminaries or cities across Nigeria and Kenya.

Organisations are kindly asked to submit a set of 2021 Accounts into the church office by Sunday 23rd January.

Thank you.

### ALL CONGREGATION PLEASE NOTE...

- Last month our accounts transferred to DANSKE BANK.
- If you have Standing Orders with us, they transferred automatically and no action is required.
- However, if you make online contributions periodically, please ensure you have our new bank details (before your next transaction) by contacting the church office. Thank you.

# PCI Young Adults

## COMING SOON...!

We're excited to share that PCI is planning an evening event to gather together young adults from across our church later this term.



# YOUNG ADULTS

More info to follow, but you might want to keep *Friday 4th March* free in your diaries.

This will be a great opportunity to worship with other Christians your age and also receive specific teaching geared to your life-stage.

We plan to go together as a group. To provisionally book a place, contact Sonya Boal on 07796 148090 or [sonya\\_firstcarrickpres@hotmail.com](mailto:sonya_firstcarrickpres@hotmail.com)



## Ladies

Empowered is starting back on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> January @ 7.30pm. We will be using a resource called

Life on the Frontline by LICC.

There are six sessions which will run every other week. Each week consists of Introduction, Film, Discussion and Bible Reflection as well as a takeaway section.

So ladies, if you are aged 18+ you will most welcome to come along. Bring bible, mug, pen. To sign up contact

Sonya 07796 148090 or  
[sonya\\_firstcarrickpres@hotmail.com](mailto:sonya_firstcarrickpres@hotmail.com)



The Men's Breakfast scheduled for 29th January has been cancelled on this occasion.



## Youth Week 2022

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> - Friday 5<sup>th</sup> August

If you can help in any way,  
please speak to Rachael  
07883 424260



## Tots & Co!

**Tuesdays 10-11.30am**

**No need to book in  
advance anymore !**



**Needle & Natter** meets Friday mornings at 10am in  
the Upper Room. Bring your own flask and your chat  
for a good wee get-together.

## Youth Club

**Saturdays 7.15-9.15pm**

## Junior CE

Tuesdays 6.30-7.30pm Upper Room

All children P1-P7 very welcome!

Recommences 18th January

**Sun 16 Moderator** *Presbyteries will seek to elect a new Moderator of the General Assembly on 1 February. Pray for a successful outcome, and for the Moderator elect, as they will begin a journey of preparation for their new responsibilities in June.*

**Worship: Part of something bigger** | *'Praise the Lord, all you nations; extol him, all you peoples.' Psalm 117:1. As we worship today ask God to increase our awareness that we participate in the worship of the worldwide people of God.*

**Mon 17 Peter & Valerie Lockwood (Nepal)** *Give thanks that the Lockwood family arrived safely back in N Ireland in December having completed their work in Nepal. Give thanks for their dedicated service with United Mission to Nepal and pray for them as they settle back here and undertake deputation.*

**South Sudan** *Pray for the work of the Presbyterian Church of South Sudan. Pray for those dependent on food aid and for the church as they seek to help. Pray for peace, justice and political progress.*

**Tues 18 Roberta Irvine (deaconess, Greystone Rd)** *During the covid-era vacancy, pray that members would not just 'tread water' spiritually, but would take discipleship and disciple-making even more seriously. Pray they rise to the challenges of the era and area, with cultural intelligence and biblical lives.*

**Cahir (Co Tipperary) & Fermoy (Co Cork)** *Pray for members of the congregation as they engage in outreach ministries. Pray in particular for the continued efforts to reach out to young people.*

**Wed 19 Naomi Leremore (Kenya)** *Pray for Naomi and her colleagues on the Theological Education by Extension team. Pray that the new mentorship course will be well used throughout the Presbyterian Church of East Africa and be a useful tool in reaching out to and discipling teenagers across Kenya.*

**Pakistan** *Pray for leaders and members of the Presbyterian Church of Pakistan as they live out their faith. Pray for strength and protection for Christians suffering persecution in Pakistan and around the world.*

**Thurs 20 Graham Stockdale (prison chaplain, Maghaberry)** *Pray for Graham as he provides pastoral care and reaches out to prisoners and staff. Give thanks and pray for those who have committed themselves to following Jesus, many of whom continue to struggle with the legacy of their pasts.*

**Carndonagh, Greenbank, Malin, Moville (Co Donegal)** *Pray for these congregations as they continue to navigate the pandemic, prioritising discipleship in church life. Pray too for their minister, Rev Philip Poots.*

**Fri 21 Social Witness** *The New Year can be especially difficult for those with mental health problems. Give thanks for volunteers who staff helplines at this demanding time of year. Give thanks too for resources and tv campaigns that promote the importance of seeking help and of talking through issues.*

**Education** *Preparations are underway for PCI Talks Education at Assembly Buildings on Saturday 29 January. Give thanks for all those across PCI who serve in various roles in the education sector, and pray that this morning would provide an opportunity to encourage and envision all those involved.*

**Sat 22 General Council** *The General Council is the most representative body within PCI after the General Assembly. Pray for its convener, the Very Rev Dr Noble McNeely, giving thanks for his wise leadership. Pray for its significant work in coordinating the activities of all its Councils, in addition to making responses on major issues which arise during the year.*

**Training in Ministry** *Licentiates, or assistant ministers, are placed in congregations to continue their training 'on the job'. An important part of this is supervision by the minister of the congregation. Pray for these ministers as they meet to be trained in this vital role on Thursday 27 January. Pray for Professor David Leach as he leads this.*

## Change of Church Treasurer

Barry Clarke has decided to step down from the role he has occupied as our Church Treasurer for the past ten years.

As a Church family, we want to thank Barry for his excellent work and acknowledge the significant responsibility he has managed on our behalf over such a long period of time.

Barry's dedication to the role of Treasurer has been an example and encouragement to us all.

As of January 2022, Neil Anderson has taken up the role of our Church Treasurer. Neil may be contacted by

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Friday 14 <sup>th</sup>	10am	Bowls Practice
	10am	Needle & Natter
	6-7pm	GB Explorers
	7.15-9.15pm	GB Company Section
Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup>	8-9am	Saturday Prayer Meeting
	7.15-9.15pm	Youth Club
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup>	11am	Morning Service, Kids Crew & Creche
	7-8.30pm	YF
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup>	8pm	Badminton Club
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	10-11.30am	Tots & Co
	6.30pm	CE
	7pm	Bowls
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup>	6-7pm	Anchor Boys
	7-8.30pm	Junior Section
	7.15-9.15pm	BB Company Section

The LORD your God is with you, the Mighty Warrior who saves.  
He will take great delight in you; in his love he will no longer rebuke you,  
but will rejoice over you with singing.' Zeph 3:17