

## Weekly Announcements week beginning 4 February 2018

<b>Sun 4</b>	Sunday School – Ballyclare 10.15am; Ballynure 10.15am; Doagh 10.15am <u>Morning Service</u> Ballyclare 11.45am    Rev Stephen Thompson <i>Holy</i> Ballynure 10.00am    Rev Elizabeth Hewitt <i>Communion</i> Doagh 10.00am        Rev Stephen Thompson <u>Evening Service</u>
<b>Mon 5</b>	Coffee Morning in Doagh 10 – 11.30am League Bowls in Ballynure at 7.30pm MWI in Ballyclare at 7.45pm – MAF
<b>Tue 6</b>	Mothers & Toddlers in Ballyclare at 9.30am GB - Explorers 3-7 years : 6.00 - 7.15pm; Company 8+ years : 7.30 - 9.15pm Bible Study in Ballynure at 7.30pm
<b>Wed 7</b>	Friendship Circle at 10.30am in Ballyclare Bowls in Ballyclare at 7.30pm
<b>Thu 8</b>	Ballynure Sports Club - 6.30–8pm (P1-P7) - 50p per child
<b>Fri 9</b>	Table Tennis in Ballyclare at 6.30pm Bowls in Ballynure at 7.30pm
<b>Sat 10</b>	Fun Bowls in Ballyclare at 7.30pm
<b>Sun 11</b>	Sunday School – Ballyclare 10.15am; Ballynure 10.15am; Doagh 10.15am <u>Morning Service</u> Ballyclare 11.30am    Rev Desmond Curran Ballynure 10.00am    Jim Marshall Doagh 10.00am        Sally McDowell <u>Evening Service</u>

### FEBRUARY DATES

Sunday 18	JMA Presentation in Ballynure morning service
Monday 19	MWI in Ballynure at 7.45pm – Gideon Bibles

**ORGANISATIONS PLEASE NOTE** - It has come to my attention that lights are being left on in the Church overnight. Could leaders please ensure **all lights etc are switched off** after events in the Church. Thank you. Stephen

**THE NEW PRAYER ROOM** is nearing completion; this will be a quiet place of prayer, healing and reflection, including Circuit prayer/ reflection days. There has been a sizeable investment put into the preparation of this room and we hope it will be of great benefit to the wider Circuit. From this week onwards can I ask that the room be used solely for the purposes described above and that all other activities take place in other rooms around the Church. The room will be locked in between the times it is not being used for the purposes described.

It is my plan to include a dedication of the room in one of our services after its completion.

I pray this space will be of great benefit to you as you journey in faith.

Thank you for your anticipated co-operation

Stephen

We urgently require someone to take on the role of **Designated Person re Access NI**. This role consists of ensuring that those working with children have completed the relevant Access NI forms and being the contact person should an incident arise.

**VOLUNTEER BEFRIENDERS** As part of our ongoing mission on the Ballyclare Circuit, we are looking for a few volunteer befrienders to call upon some of our elderly or isolated Church family members who can no longer attend Church due to a variety of medical conditions. The idea would be that each person would have around 2/3 people to call upon, a few times over a couple of months. Pastoral care is an important part of our mission and the addition of befrienders would be a vital link in that area of ministry. Training will be given although the most important attribute will be a loving heart towards those who may feel lonely or isolated.

Can I encourage you to contact me for more details. At this stage all I am doing is collecting names of those interested.

Thank you Stephen (07832774629)

**NEWTOWNABBEY FOODBANK** would like to thank everyone who has so generously contributed to the Foodbank throughout the past year. Your support in this valuable work is very much appreciated.

**‘TOUGH ISSUES’** in Ballynure Presbyterian Church at 7pm

Sunday 4 February - *Living in a Divided Society* (Rev Norman Hamilton)

**FUNDRAISING CONCERT** with Concentio Chamber Choir: An evening of sacred and secular music to raise funds for Newtownabbey Foodbank **on Monday 5 February at 8pm** in St. John's Parish Church, Ballyclare. Free Admittance. Offering taken on night. For more info contact 07900410070.

You are invited to an evening with **BALLYCLARE MALE CHOIR** on **Wednesday 7 February at 7.30pm** in St Bride's Church as part of their 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year. Tickets £10 available from Bill Pauley

**MUSICAL "LUV ESTHER"** Larne YMCA along with a number of local churches have taken the lead in bringing the Musical "Luv Esther" to Larne to be performed at Larne Grammar School on the **23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> February**. The musical will be performed by New Generation Music a Bristol based Christian creative community. Luv Esther is a dynamic and powerful musical based on the Biblical story of Esther. It tells the story of Esther, a young refugee who makes a huge difference in her nation and carries a challenge for each of us being 'called for such a time as this'. This musical tells the story in a way that no church will have ever seen before. Tickets **£10** each are available from Larne Tourist Board office, through the Eventbrite website at <https://luvestherlarne.eventbrite.co.uk> or by contacting Joy McNally at Larne YMCA on 028 2827 9331. There will be a collection at the end of the show for Christian Aids Refugee appeal.

**CREATION CARE NETWORK** will be in Lowe Memorial Presbyterian Church Hall, 191 Upper Lisburn Road, BT10 0LL on **Saturday 10 March at 10.am**. Anyone interested in creation care is welcome to come and discuss or just listen. The group meets to share ideas, problems and successes within the various groups or churches represented.

**NEWTOWNABBEY FOODBANK** - Thank you for your continued support for which we are extremely grateful. We are currently short on the following items: tinned fruit, custard, rice pudding

**ADMIN OFFICE IN BALLYCLARE** – Marjorie will be in the office on Thursday mornings  
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