



Minister's Word



Close to Home

I'm sure that all of us who are sincere Christians value our own personal relationship with Jesus Christ. How reassuring is to know that we are God's children through faith in the Lord and that he is with us all the time. There is of course a wider aspect of our life as followers of Jesus, that we are members of His family and part of the community of Gods people in any local area. This concept is something that is at the heart of a growing movement in the Presbyterian Church in Ireland called "**Close to Home**". This movement seeks to rediscover and recapture the importance of covenant theology for the Church today. It is called 'Close to Home' because it seeks to shape church life to keep our children and young people feeling right at home in a joined up community of all ages, a place we all want them to stay.

In order to help us all to engage with this area, PCI has developed a new Bible study resource entitled '**Close to Home**'. Its aim is to help you get your head around the basics of how covenant theology shapes our identity and impacts the basic things we do in church and then unpacks various aspects of church life. Through this winter session, we are going use this material at our Sunday Evening Fellowship. Along with Bible study material there is a DVD providing introductory teaching on the subject and video clips of various people reflecting of the relevance of covenant theology today. Everyone is welcome and I would warmly invite you to come along to what will be informal and relaxed meetings that will hopefully be of benefit to us all.

We will begin by introducing the material at our evening Communion Thanksgiving Service on Sunday 30th October and continuing at our Fellowship on Sunday 6th, 13th and 20th November @ 7pm together with further dates after Christmas.

Please do come along and join us!

Lindsay Blair

St Canices Parish & Faughanvale Presbyterian Churches Youth Support and Outreach Worker ... a word from Claire:

"Hello everyone! My name is Claire Hinchliff and I'm very excited to be the new youth worker. I've enjoyed working with young people since I was old enough to be a leader! I learnt and experienced so much from the groups that I attended and wanted to help other young people have the same chance. After university I chose to take part in a year out programme to be a youth work intern. As hard as the year was, I loved it and felt like this was what I wanted to keep doing.

I really want to get to know the people in the congregations and to find out what everyone wants to see happen in terms of youth work. The work that will be carried out needs to be what is effective, good practice and what is wanted by the people of Eglinton. I want you all to have your say. It will be important for young people, parents and the wider church to think about how you want the future of youth work in the church shaped, and the help us reach that potential. These are exciting times in the church and changes are happening. Prayer is very much welcomed for the future of youth work in the church, the village and for all the people who will be involved – in all capacities from the young people to the volunteers."



Church Records

Baptisms

Logan James Boggs
19th June 2015
Jake Ritchie
21st August 2015

Marriage:

Kirsty
Montgomery &
Alastair Sayers
9th April 2016

Deaths

Elma Hunter
21st May 2016
Anne Wright
23rd June 2016
Jennifer
McKinlay
30th August 2016
Archie Morrison
15th September
2016

Harvest Festival



We want to say a big thank you to everyone who helped make our Harvest Festival a success. Over the weekend we had visitors from far and near, who came to appreciate all the displays in the church together with the

Vintage items and enjoy refreshments. We were very pleased that Children from the three local Primary schools were able to come along to open the event on Friday morning and that City of Derry YFC were able to organise the Tractor Run on Saturday. Our Festival concluded with our Harvest Thanksgiving Services on the Sunday where we were pleased to have Rev Ernest Boggs and Rev Dr Rob Craig together with the Coleraine Community Choir and our own Choir leading the praise. Approximately £8000 was raised over the weekend for Church Funds together with Sunday Offerings of over £2000 towards the work of Stephen Cowan in Kenya. Lots of photographs have been taken – see the church Facebook page. Many thanks again to everyone for the support given.



.....PW Programme

7th November:

Health and wellbeing – Martha Magee, Macmillan Project Manager - WHSCT

December:

Visit to St Columb's Christmas Tree Festival

16th January:

Alison Montgomery – Mseleni Children's Home, South Africa

29th January

PW Service – Speaker from "The Big House", Belfast.

9th February:

Visit to Ballykelly PW

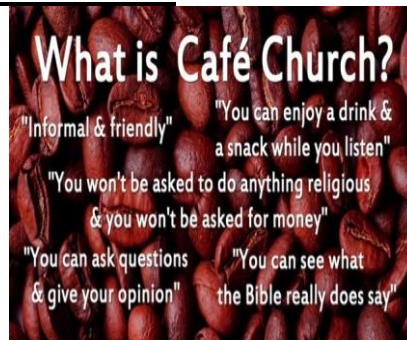
7th March:

The Smiles Foundation – Barbara Morrison

3rd April:

Muriel's trip "Down Under"

Café Church – Sunday 20th November 11.30am



On Sunday 20th November we are going to do Café Church again. Everyone really enjoyed it on the last occasion in May with many favourable comments. This time we are going to be having Paul Clark from u.tv who will be speaking about his life/personal faith story. Please keep this date free and invite your family and friends to come and join with us.

Sunday 20th November 11.30am – in the Church Hall

Some dates for your diary

Sun 30th Oct: Communion & Evening Thanksgiving
Sun 6th, 13th, 20th November 7pm - Sunday Evening Fellowship – "Close to Home" programme
Sun 13th Nov: Remembrance Sunday
Sun 20th Nov: Café Church Service in Church Hall 11.30am, Guest Speaker: Paul Clark (UTV)
Sun 27th Nov: Messy Church 3.30pm
Sun 2nd-4th Dec: St. Canice's Christmas Tree Festival
Sun 11th Dec: Airport Carol Service
Sun 18th Dec: Christmas Family Service & Evening Carol Service 7pm
Sun 25th Dec: Christmas Day Service 11am
Sun 1st Jan: New Years Day Service 11am
Sun 8th Jan: Communion & Evening Praise 7pm
Sun 29th Jan: Presbyterian Women Service – Speaker from "The Big House"
Sun 5th Feb: Family Service
Sun 5th March: Family Service
Sun 16th April: Easter Family Service
Sun 30th April: Communion & Evening Thanksgiving
Sun 14th May: Family Service
Sun 11th June: Children's Day

Signed

Services for the Deaf, the first Sunday of each month (Sept.- May) at 3.30pm. in Ballykelly Presbyterian Church Hall. All are welcome to attend.