



Songs in the Key of Life

“When Life Does Not Seem Fair”
Psalm 73

Morning Service
Sunday 24th August 2014 at 11.00am

Call to Worship

Praise Hymn 626 Your kingdom come, O God

Welcome & Announcements

Opening Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Children's Address

Praise Hymn 40 (KS) Don't build your house

(Following the hymn Little Fishes is available for children aged between 0 – 3 years old. Little Fishes is supervised so parents may return into the church service. Children of Kingfisher's age can leave for the Summer Sunday Club, which is also supervised)

Bible Readings John and Sheena McIlwrath

Old Testament Reading Psalm 73

New Testament Reading Philippians 3: 12-21

Sermon Barry McCroskery

Praise & Offering Hymn 120 In heavenly love abiding
(Please remain standing as the Stewards bring the offering forward)

Prayer of Dedication for the Offering and Prayer for Others Lisa Gault

Presentations

Praise Hymn 621 Shine, Jesus, shine

The Benediction

Organ Postlude

(Organ voluntaries – the organ voluntary played at the conclusion of each service is part of the offering of worship. Members of the congregation are very welcome to remain in their seats or come into the choir area to listen to the music)

At the end of the Service please join us for coffee/tea at the back of the church. If you are visiting Fisherwick for the first time please introduce yourself to our ministers, Rev Barry McCroskery, John O'Donnell or any member of the congregation.

Prayer Ministry

Members of the Church's Prayer Ministry Team are available in the Prayer Chapel following morning worship for anyone who would like people to pray for them.

Prayer is available to everyone whether you are a church member or not.

Our prayer ministry team are trained individuals under the authority of our ministers and all matters are treated in strictest confidence.

This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us." (1 John 5:14).

Today

The evening series is about people whom Jesus met. *That why it's called **Close Encounters**.*

Sunday Night Live starts at 7.00pm and John O'Donnell will continue with the series "Close Encounters" from Mark 10: 46-52.

Sunday 31st August

BBC Radio 4 "Sunday Worship" Broadcast from Fisherwick 8.10am to 8.50am.

On Sunday 31st August, the BBC will be broadcasting "Sunday Worship" on Radio 4 from Fisherwick. Grosvenor Chorale will lead the worship along with musicians arranged by the BBC. The Rev Dr Gordon Gray will preach. Although this is not a Fisherwick service as such, the BBC, through Rev Bert Tosh whom many of you will know, will broadcast from Fisherwick. As many of you know we have a long standing relationship with the BBC who have broadcast from our church on many occasions. Michael has been asked to lead the service, which he has agreed to do.

The broadcast is an open service (not a closed broadcast) so those who would like to attend the service are welcome to do so. All we ask is that you are seated in the church before 8.00am as the broadcast will start at 8.10am.

Our 11.00am Morning Service will follow as normal.

Morning Service and Sunday Night Live – 31st August

*The morning series is looking at the book of psalms. We have given it the title "**Songs in the key of Life**" because the psalms touch on every area of human experience.*

Sunday Morning Worship starts at 11.00am and John O'Donnell will continue with the series "Songs in the Key of Life" from Psalm 91.

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Sunday Night Live starts at 7.00pm and Alex Bartholomew will continue with the series "Close Encounters" from Luke 10: 38-42 and John 11: 17-27.

PRAYERS FOR OTHERS

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This week please pray for those in our congregation family who are in hospital, or in need of prayer, especially Pearl, Robert, Diana, Kathy, Gerry, Bob, Eileen, Patricia, Barbara, Jennifer, Sally, Kathleen, Vivien, Miriam, Min, Gladys and Ted.

MISSION IRELAND

Arklow Presbyterian Church

Pray for:

- Pray for the Kirk Session, Committee and Congregation and Vacancy Convener (Rev Dr Kathryn Meyer) and that the congregation will be able to move swiftly to a position of being granted leave to call a new minister.
- Pray for all the churches that will be vacant by the end of June along the south east coast of Ireland – Bray, Blackrock, Greystones and Arklow.
- Pray for great wisdom for BMI, Union Commission and the Dublin and Munster Presbytery as decisions are made about these churches in granting leave to call.

Bangor Worldwide Missionary Convention

Pray for:

- Pray for this event taking place from 22-30 August 2014.
- Once again PCI Mission Boards will be exhibiting in the Mission Resources area. For more detailed information go to www.worldwidemission.org/year/2014.

Naas Presbyterian Church – Revd Mark Proctor

Praise and Prayer for:

- Give thanks for the recently completed repair/restoration project on our church's premises. Please pray that this might make us more visible to passers-by, and for opportunities to engage with those who are curious.
- Our services in August are on a theme we're calling "*The A-Z of Christian living*". Pray that this will be of great benefit to each one of us.

- Pray for Mark in his role as a chaplain in Tallaght Hospital. There are many opportunities to share the gospel with patients. Pray for wisdom to do this graciously, and that the Holy Spirit would use what is shared.

PCI YAC – Summer Outreach Teams

- Pray for the Summer Outreach Team in Ballycastle from 22 – 27 August.

MISSION OVERSEAS

Mission Trip - South Africa - Gareth Clegg is in South Africa where he will be working until late September with Out of Africa Missions. Please find below an update from Gareth received this week:

“Just a quick update 2 weeks into my time here on mission in Blanco, George. Everything has been great so far and I have been incredibly blessed by The Lord through his work here. My friend William (also another volunteer) and I have been getting to put our civil engineering degrees to good use by designing and building a roof over an area at the community centre, plumbing in a toilet and reconstructing the side of one of the locals homes.

The girls with us have been busy too, doing food drops and praying for individuals in the community and running a bible study on a Wednesday. Collectively we have also been setting up a soup and bread stall at the local clinic as many who are given medication cant keep it in their stomachs without some food.

Thank you for all your support and prayers so far! It has been effective and obvious to us. Please continue to pray! Specifically pray against a passiveness amongst those who live in Blanco. Change is hard for them and they seem stuck in their way of life very often despite the huge social problems that they face. Also pray that we could continue to serve faithfully and wholeheartedly and that God would continue to move and stir in the hearts of those we work and live alongside.

*Many thanks and love, In Him,
Gareth’*

London - Alex Cameron is working in an area of London where there is considerable gang fighting. She is working for an organization whose role is to provide a Christian presence in areas of conflict and model a lifestyle of peace and reconciliation. Pray that she may settle in well, be kept safe and that through her ministry that others may find Christ and learn to live in harmony. Pray also that God may provide her with employment as her current position is a voluntary one.

POINTS FOR PRAYER

From MISSION OVERSEAS PRAYERLINE

MIDDLE EAST (SYRIA, IRAQ & GAZA)

News headlines continue to be dominated by the distressing situations in Iraq and Gaza. The conflict in Syria also continues daily and over the past three years, thousands of innocent civilians have been killed and over nine million people have been displaced as a result.

- Pray for Christians and other minorities who are being persecuted.
- Pray too for those suffering as a result of the continuing violence in their region.
- Pray that sufficient humanitarian assistance and medical help will reach all those in need in time.
- Pray also for the leaders in Iraq and other nations; pray that they respond to the challenge of IS (Islamic State) effectively.
- Pray for all efforts to bring a ceasefire and for a peaceful and just end to each conflict in the region.
- Pray for our partner church, the National Synod of Syria and Lebanon (NESSL).

Read about what NESSL are doing to help those in need as a result of the war in Syria - www.pcimissionoverseas.org/news/item/802/

Read about NESSL's cry regarding the ISIS threat - www.pcimissionoverseas.org/news/item/810/

Read PCI Moderator's call for prayer for persecuted Christians in Iraq - www.pcimissionoverseas.org/news/item/805/

South Sudan Famine Appeal 2014

The Moderator, Rt Rev Dr Michael Barry, has written to all congregations of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, urging members to give generously to the South Sudan Famine Appeal, which aims to help the four million people in need of emergency food aid, water and medical treatment.

Over the next few weeks, it is hoped that many PCI congregations will be supporting the Moderator's 'South Sudan Famine Appeal'. The country, which was established in July 2011, is the world's youngest nation. Sadly, conflict broke out last December and since then, well over 10,000 people have been killed and around two million people have fled their homes. Four million people

are now in need of urgent humanitarian assistance, including one million people from the Presbyterian Church of South Sudan - PCI's Partner Church.

Funds raised by the Appeal will be shared between Christian Aid, Tearfund and the Presbyterian Church of South Sudan's Relief and Development Agency.

- Pray that the 'South Sudan Famine Appeal' will be well-supported by PCI members.
- Pray for an immediate ceasefire and lasting peace in South Sudan, believing that 'nothing is impossible' for our God, the One who is Sovereign, ruling over all the nations of the world.
- Pray for the people of South Sudan, particularly for all those who are living in daily fear of meeting with violence, having their homes destroyed or suffering death; and for those who are injured, displaced or grieving the loss of loved ones.
- Pray for all in need of food aid, water and medical treatment. Pray that each person will get the humanitarian assistance they need in time.
- Pray for all working to bring relief aid to those most in need, that their efforts will succeed despite the very complex situation on the ground and the significant 'logistical' challenges they face.
- Pray for the leaders and members of the Presbyterian Church of South Sudan. Pray that they will find strength in the Lord at this time of catastrophe. Remember especially the Moderator, Rev Peter Gai Lual and General Secretary Rev John Yor Nyiker, as they seek to provide wise and courageous leadership.

How to Give

If you wish to contribute to this Appeal, please leave your contribution in the church offering over the next two Sundays in an envelope marked '**South Sudan Famine Appeal**'.

Where possible, The Presbyterian Church in Ireland recommend members contribute through their congregations under the [Gift Aid Scheme](#), with congregational treasurers sending in a total amount.

However, those who wish to channel their donations direct, through Tearfund or Christian Aid, should send their contributions directly to their chosen charity.

For more info go to: www.pcimissionoverseas.org/get-involved/south-sudan-famine-appeal/

CHURCH NOTICES

Congregational Prayers

Throughout August, the congregation is invited to meet for prayer on Wednesday Evenings. This will be held from 7:30pm to 8:30pm. If you can't stay for the whole hour, please come anyway and leave when you have to.

Congregational Prayers
In the Prayer Chapel
Wednesday 7:30pm – 8:30pm

Leading Prayers and Reading Scripture

If you would like to participate in a service by leading prayers or reading scripture please speak to Michael Anderson or Gary McDowell. You can also email michael@fisherwick.net or gary@fisherwick.net.

SMALL GROUPS

For information about Small Groups in Fisherwick check out the information boards beside the Coffee Bar, the website or contact the Church Office. The Small group Co-Ordinators are Peter and Linda Little.

LITTLE FISHES

Little Fishes is in the parlour. It is a place for parents to leave their babies and toddlers during the church service. There are supervised activities, toys and a snack time. There is also a designated baby area with a protective screen with a crèche leader supervising. The co-ordinator is Lynne Guiney. Rota below:

LITTLE FISHES ROTA

Date	Cover 1	Cover 2	Cover 3
31/08/14	Kathryn Ward	Mark Ward	Susan Parksion
07/09/14	Emma Brown	Amy Farrow	Hazel Cowan
14/09/14	Emma Brown	Amy Farrow	Hazel Cowan
21/09/14	Peter Little	Raing McCullagh	Kelli Moulton
28/09/14	Peter Little	Raing McCullagh	Kelli Moulton

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