



Songs in the Key of Life

Psalm 91

Morning Service

Sunday 31st August 2014 at 11.00am

Call to Worship

Praise Hymn 668 Salvation Belongs to our God

Welcome & Announcements

Opening Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Children's Address Michael Anderson

Praise Hymn 87 God loves you

(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

Old Testament Reading Psalm 91 Alastair Edwards

New Testament Reading Romans 8.31-39 Sharon McIntyre

Sermon John O'Donnell

Praise & Offering Hymn 525 Safe in the shadow of the Lord
(Please remain standing as the Stewards bring the offering forward)

Prayer of Dedication for the Offering and Prayer for Others Michael Anderson

Presentations

Praise Hymn 79 Be still my soul

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 Michael Anderson, 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 Alex Bartholomew will continue with the series "Close Encounters" from Luke 10: 38-42 and John 11: 17-27.

Sunday 7th September

*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. This is the last Sunday of this series.*

Sunday Morning Worship starts at 11.00am and Gary McDowell will continue with the series "Songs in the Key of Life" from Psalm 71.

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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.

ARKLOW SUMMER CLUB

- **Give thanks for the Summer Club which had over 230 children. In addition a small team from Fisherwick visited the Summer Club and spent time understanding the Arklow structures, ministry and summer club implementation. Fisherwick would like to send a team in summer 2015 to assist with the Arklow Summer Club. Please pray for and about this and if you are interested in being part of this next summer please speak to Michael.**

Ballymagrane Presbyterian Church - Revd Ian McKee

Pray for:

- For the first time in many years, Ballymagrane will have its own Sunday School. Having made a great start with a new Crèche facility two years ago, it is thrilling to now have three young boys who need Christian teaching and discipleship training. Please pray for these boys, and that the very fact of this facility now being available – other parents, maybe not presently attending, may consider sending/bringing their children to Sunday School.
- Mrs Andrea Robinson has been appointed as Coordinator for the Sunday School, so please pray for her and for the team that great blessing may ensue, and that the congregation will be greatly encouraged.

Naas Presbyterian Church - Revd Mark Proctor

Pray for:

- Pray for our weekly Tuesday morning classes in the local Church of Ireland National School (Primary) as they restart on 2 September.
- Please pray for the opportunities which these classes give.

Howth & Malahide Presbyterian Church - Revd Alastair Dunlop

Praise and Prayer for:

- Pray for Clifford White (High Kirk) as he comes to help with the youth work for one year from September (VIP - Volunteers & Interns Programme – Scheme).

Jorum Mugari, Community Outreach Worker - Seaview Presbyterian Church Praise and Prayer for:

Praise is due to God for the Summer Holiday Bible Club session, which was held from 11 – 16 August 2014. The Team carried out community work around Seaview. Through your prayers Seaview Presbyterian Church successfully hosted the Summer Bible Club Team. The group ministered to a total of about 70 children from the Seaview Community. They witnessed several conversions and proclamation of belief in Jesus by the children and teenagers during the Summer Holiday Bible Club. Give thanks too that the Team enjoyed complete safety and health during the week and that through God's help the Summer Holiday Bible Club was truly a success.

- Please pray that the team will return next year for more wonderful encounters with God.

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:

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

News headlines continue to be dominated by the very 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).

BIBLE SOCIETIES

The Bible Societies in Ireland request prayer for the '*100 Bible Translations in 1,000 days*' initiative – a drive to complete Bible translation projects that are currently at an advanced stage and which, when published, will have the potential to create access to the Word of God in the languages of 500 million ordinary people.

- Pray for those who are awaiting their first ever Scripture: like the 850,000 *Kalanga* speakers in Botswana, up to three million *Alur* speakers in DR Congo and Uganda, or the two million *Quechua Bolivian* speakers,
- Pray for the completion of the New Van Dyke Study Bible whose potential readers number more than 200 million souls.
- Pray too for the completion of the Hula Bible in Papua New Guinea, spoken only by 10,000 people in a country that teems with hundreds of languages.
- Pray that God will bless all the above people groups as they wait with patience and excitement.
- Pray for the efforts of the translation and publishing staff in the various Bible Societies who are trying to bring these projects to a conclusion by next year.
- Pray that all who are able to access to Scripture in their own language will be thankful for how richly blessed they are.

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 week, 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

Tuesday 2nd

The **Ladies Badminton Club** starts at 10.00am in the Musgrave Hall.

Over 18 Badminton Club starts at 7.30pm in the Musgrave Hall.

Wednesday 3rd

The Wednesday **Table Tennis Group** continue to meet each week 10am-12noon. New members will be made most welcome.

The **Wednesday Club** meet from 10.15am.

Choir Practice begins at 7.45pm meeting in the Parlour - The choir are keen to welcome **new members** to all sections. Some musical knowledge is helpful but

not essential. Perhaps this is your opportunity to use your gifts, serving God through helping lead worship. Why not come along some Wednesday and try it out – you will be made most welcome and enjoy the craic! Please speak to Neale or any choir member for more details.

The Presbyterian Historical Society

The Society is holding a lecture in Ballycairn Presbyterian Church on Thursday 18th September at 8.00pm. Dr Nicholas Railton will speak on “The Rev Dr James Craig, Evangelist, Church Planter and Missionary to the Jews”. All are welcome and refreshments will be provided.

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 |
|-------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|
| 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 |

Kairos Trust Prayer Ministry Training

The Trust has two prayer ministry courses coming up this October/November. This is the basic course, which provides training and practice in Prayer Ministry as offered at the close of services in many churches. The skills learnt and understanding gained are often found to be useful for those who have a desire for Prayer Ministry. However, membership of a Prayer Ministry Team is the decision of the minister in a church.

The practical course is spread across 6 weeks, and available this year in;

- Malone Presbyterian Church, Belfast, Monday evenings from 13 October - 17 November 2014.
- Ballydown Presbyterian Church, Banbridge, Tuesday evenings from 7 October - 18 November 2014 (*excluding 14 October)

Please visit www.kairostrust.net for more information about both venues. A donation of £30 covers course materials and coffee etc.

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