

PRESBYTERIAN

Election of Elders

Following the submission of proposals from the voting members of the congregation the Kirk Session has met and considered (using the recommended PCI criteria) each of the names proposed. Having obtained their consent, we are delighted to present, in alphabetical order, the following elders elect:

Ben Bovis

Sandra McCormick

Andrew Miller

Alan Tougher

John Tougher

Paragraph 179 of the Code states:

"(1) The list of those selected, when completed as far as possible, shall be read to the congregation on two successive Sundays. (2) Should any voter desire to make any objection to any of them, he shall lodge his objections, with his reasons in writing with the Moderator of Kirk Session within a week from the second announcement. (3) Should the objection not be sustained by the Kirk Session, or should there be no objection, then on a subsequent day, fixed by the Session and not earlier than three weeks after the first reading of the list, there shall be held an official meeting of the congregation to confirm the election and call of new ruling elders. (4) The names of those selected shall be presented individually to the meeting. A poll of the voters present shall be taken and if twothirds of those who vote be in favour he shall be declared elected"

Timescale: Sun 2nd July – names announced

Sun 9th July – names announced

Sun 16th **July** – final date for objections to be received in writing

Provisionally Sun 10th September – congregational meeting to formally elect in accordance with paragraph 179 (4) of the Code.

Please remember the elders elect in your prayers and the election in September.

PRAYER @ DPC

We would encourage everyone to fully participate in the prayer life of our congregation

- Weekly times of prayer: Wednesday at 8pm in Hall café & via Zoom (ID:82692131213 Pass Code: 123456). Sunday morning at 10.15 am in Meeting Room 2.
- Prayer Text ministry: Anyone wishing to have a prayer request on the Prayer Text chain should contact Adrian: 07546770060.
- Sunday Morning Prayer Ministry available (see rota below)
- PCI prayer resources available at <u>www.presbyterianireland.org/Prayer.aspx</u>
- Latest missionary prayer updates on vestibule table

PRAYER ROTA - JULY

Sun 2nd July: Ben Bovis 07780001736 Sun 9^{tth} July: Roy Irwin 07383115999

Sun 16th July: Rosemary Adams 07960950903 Sun 23rd July: Sandra McCormick 07561829565

Sun 30th July: Adrian 07546770060

FLOWER ROTA - JULY

2 nd July	Mrs A Kirkwood
9 th July	Ms L Wade
16 th July	Mrs C Johnston
23 rd July	Miss R Adams
30 th July	Mrs J Jess

WELCOME ROTA – JULY

LEFT DOOR	RIGHT DOOR
David Spence	Roy Irwin
George Lyons	Audrey Robinson

PW NEWS

PW Fund -Raising Walk in Hillsborough Forest Park on Tuesday 22nd August at 7pm. Please keep this evening free and pan to join us. Instead of raising money by filling Smartie Tubes we have PW Money Boxes in which you can put loose change. These will be available on vestibule table. All PW members are encouraged to take one.

CATERING FOR FUNERALS

PW agreed that PW would no longer cater for funerals by providing and serving the food. Most outside catering companies can provide staff to serve the food etc. However, this increases the cost considerably. To help offset this additional cost some PW members feel we should support families by offering, for a donation to P|W funds, to set up the hall, serve the tea/coffee and clear up afterwards. In order for this to work a list of around 30 volunteers, both male and female, would be required to be called upon. A register for those willing to help is available on vestibule table for volunteers to complete. Thank you for your help.

SUMMER NEWSLETTER 2023



Fri 14th - Sun 16th July: Leaflet drop in village

Sat 12th Aug:

3-5pm: Bouncy Castle, face painting and tea & coffee gazebo at Childrens Play area, Titterington

Gardens

Evening: Youth event

Sun 13th Aug:

9am: Pancake breakfast for congregation and

youth team

10am: Café style morning service in the Hall

4pm: Village Prayer Walk

5pm: Afternoon tea and Songs of Praise in the Hall

Mon 14th Aug:

9.30am: Morning guest devotional for team and

people of all ages

10.30am: Walk for everyone at Hillsborough Lake

10.30am-12 Noon: Team community activity

6.30-8pm: Secret Agent Holiday Bible Club (Prayer in Meeting Room 2) and pre-loved clothing exchange

for children/young people.

Tue 15th Aug:

9.30am: Morning guest devotional for team and

people of all ages

10.30-12 Noon: Speciality Coffee & Chat in Café **6.30-8pm:** Secret Agent Holiday Bible Club (Prayer in Meeting Room 2) and CARE for the family rep to

talk with parents.

Wed 16th Aug:

9.30am: Morning guest devotional for team and

people of all ages

10.30-12 Noon: Sewing Bee Open Morning

6.30-8pm: Secret Agent Holiday Club (Prayer in Meeting Room 2) ending with Hot Dog Supper for

kids and parents.

Something for everyone, but we need your help!

Please fill in the sign-up sheet and return to Karen, James or Adrian.

KESWICK AT PORTSTEWART 'UNSHAKEABLE'

8-14TH July 2023

Speakers: Jonathan Thomas (Evening Celebrations)
Andrew Ollerton (Evening Celebrations) Gilbert
Lennox (Morning Bible Studies)
Leaflets available on Vestibule Table

NEW HORIZON 2023

New Horizon 2023 takes place from Saturday 5th
August – Friday 11th August at University of Ulster
Campus Coleraine
Evening Celebrations at 7.30pm and Morning Bible
Teaching at 10am



Sunday Mornings

SALT & FUEL have finished for the Summer. Today, 2nd July all children will remain in church for the service. From next Sunday, 9th July Creche and Primary School aged children will leave during the service for age-appropriate ministry in the Hall.

DRUMBO VINTAGE EVENING

The Vintage Evening will be held on Thursday 20th July from 5.30pm onwards.

Parade will leave at 7.30 pm.

TEARFUND....

A date for your diary!

Our annual Tearfund service will take place on Sunday 3rd September at 11.00 and will be followed by our fund-raising lunch in the church hall. We hope to have as our speaker: Jane Pleace, who is Tearfund's Global Fundraising Director.

Please plan to share with us and be part of Tearfund's vision of identifying with those in our world who have so little materially but are becoming spiritually rich through the truth of the Gospel and practical help.

SAVE THE DATE

There is a proposal for a congregational Christmas Dinner, to be held on 9th Dec, 2023, in the Church Hall. The dinner will be as follows;

Main Courses (3 choices)

Desserts (4 choices)

Followed by Tea or Coffee with Shortbread

The cost will be £23 per person. (Caterer: Posh Nosh).

More details to follow in September.

CHURCH WEEKEND 28-30 JUNE 2024

Following our very successful Church Weekend in 2018 we are considering another Church Weekend in 2024 at Castlewellan Castle. The theme is: Growing Together in Christ

If you would be keen to be part of this exciting venture, please use the Expression of Interest form available. To date we have received a total of 37 expressions of interest. However, there may be those who have forgotten to respond and we have extended the deadline to Sunday 16th July. Booking needs to be confirmed as soon as possible. In order to make this event viable we would need at least 70 people to attend. Alternatively, if there are insufficient numbers, the missionary committee would consider having the church weekend 'at home'.

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