



CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

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Special points of interest:

- Titanic Trip 22nd September.
- Harvest Festival, Sunday 21st October
- Bambou annual dinner Thursday 1st November
- Excerpts from Handel's Messiah 1st December at 7.30pm.
- Shine's Christmas performance, Sunday 2nd December 6pm.



WELCOME TO OUR HARVEST EDITION

We are pleased to provide you with our latest edition of 2nd Ballyeaston Presbyterian's newsletter.

In this second edition of our Newsletter we will be updating you on the progress of building works on our halls.

We will highlight the reasons why we have engaged in this building work, the challenges we have faced in both the planning stages and since the building work began. We will address how these challenges have been overcome and who has been instrumental in this project.

As this is our 250th Anniversary year, we will be entering into a very busy schedule of events over the next twelve to eighteen months. It is an exciting time for our church life and one that we plan to mark with events for all our congregation. We hope to



2nd Ballyeaston Presbyterian Church at Night: By David Holmes

explain all these landmark events in detail with dates to put in your diary.

With the majority of our organisations returning after the summer break there will be a lot of information on what the organisations are planning and who can join or play a part. We will also provide contact details for the leaders of these organisations.

We need the congregation to volunteer their help in a variety of ways and we are compiling a list of tasks that require your help. You may of course, have other suggestions on how you can help and we welcome all suggestions.

As always, this is your newsletter and we welcome any information or suggestions for our next edition. This is planned for release at Christmas.

**"LET US NOT BECOME WEARY IN DOING GOOD, FOR
 AT THE PROPER TIME
 WE WILL REAP A HARVEST IF WE DO NOT GIVE UP."
 GALATIANS 6:9**

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(2 Corinthians 9:6,7)*

UPDATE ON THE BUILDING WORKS

With work now well under way this is an opportunity to keep the congregation informed of our progress. As you know, our halls required updating to ensure that we are compliant with current legislation such as the Disability Discrimination Act 1995 and particularly the Disability Discrimination (Northern Ireland) Order 2006. The updating of our halls will also be of great benefit to our congregational life.

After extensive planning and with the approval of the congregation to move forward with this project, work commenced in July and has moved forward significantly since then. We will now be showing regular photo updates on our progress, on the screens in our Church before our Sunday Worship.

In a project of this scale you can be sure that we will encounter unforeseen factors that only come to light when walls have been stripped back etc. After discovering that a raft foundation had been built



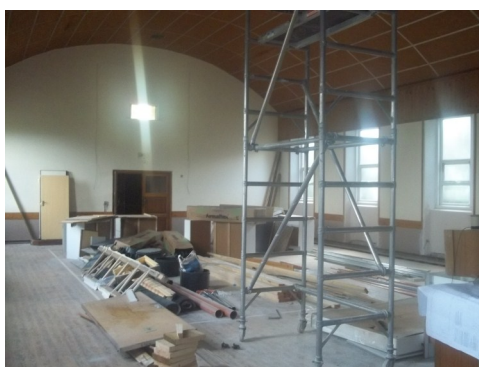
to the existing Halls, we had to redesign the toilet and store layouts. Floor levels also had to be altered to accommodate this. We feel that the redesign has not altered the functionality or quality of the redevelopment.

We have also decided to use suspended ceiling tiles to all ceilings. This will improve appearance and also gives access to all M & E engineers for any on-going maintenance work, for no cost difference.

We are going to alter the entrance screen/wall to our halls as this was originally designed as a temporary structure and are currently looking at our options for this area.

As the toilets will now be out of use we have a portable toilet facility located in the car park area and of sufficient size to comfortably accommodate wheelchair access. This is located beside the Sunday School portacabin.

Nigel Simpson.



WORD FROM THE MANSE

Karen Mains in her book *Open Heart, Open Home* distinguishes between hospitality and entertaining. 'Entertaining says, "I want to impress you with my home, my clever decorating, my cooking." Hospitality, seeking to minister, says, "This home is a gift from my Master. I use it as he desires." Hospitality aims to serve. Entertaining puts things before people. "As soon as I get the house finished, the living room decorated, my house cleaning done--then I will start inviting people." Hospitality puts people first. "No furniture--we'll eat on the floor! The decorating may never get done--you come anyway. The house is a mess--but you are friends--come home with us.'" (Karen Mains, *Open Heart, Open Home*, Cook, 1976)

Our buildings are (temporarily!) a bit of a mess but how wonderful to see our congregation continuing to remember that we are about hospitality, serving our community and sharing our faith, regardless of resources. We've had to borrow and hire some spaces but our organisations continue to meet and welcome young and old with good humour. As your minister I am encouraged and grateful that you remain true to the life and mission of Second Ballyeaston.

The original word - "hospitality" combines two separate words--one meaning friend and the other meaning stranger. So, from the beginning of its usage, hospitality has carried with it the idea of making friends out of strangers.

We will always want to have our buildings look the best but most of all we want to be a welcoming home of faith for all people.

This is the aim of our development programme. May God lead us ever forward.

Your Minister, Chris.



Our upcoming busy schedule will begin with the PW Annual Service taking place on Sunday 23rd September and will be led by Jackie O'Neill, Deaconess from Joymount Presbyterian Church, Carrickfergus.

We are looking forward to our 60th Anniversary dinner which will take place on Tuesday 9th October in Rosspark Hotel.

having a link meeting taking place in Templepatrick Presbyterian Church, commencing at 8pm with the speaker being Anna Morrison.

Our meeting on Tuesday 13th November should prove of great interest with David Duncan educating our members in the workings of our cars in "Mechanics for Ladies".

Anniversary celebrations at 2nd Ballyeaston, we will be hosting a Flower Festival in the Autumn of 2013. We are deep in planning for this festival but have decided on our theme, that being, "To God Be the Glory".

Should anyone wish to join our PW then contact myself on 93322900.

On 16th October we will be

As part of our 250th

Jean Robinson.

"In everything I showed you that by working hard in this manner you must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He Himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" (Acts 20:35)

“If you give to others, you will be given the full amount in return. It will be packed down, shaken together, and spilling over into your lap. The way you treat others is the way you will be treated.”

(Luke 6:38 CEV)

OUR FINANCIAL POSITION

Our budget figure for the work on the halls is £250,000 inc. VAT with Development Fund paying £170,000.

The Executive Committee of the Trustees of the Crescent Fund have agreed to provide a loan of £30,000 over 5 years at a rate of 1.25% interest.

We are applying to the Northern Bank for a £50,000 loan at the charity rate of 4.75% to be repaid over 10 years.

So that is everything paid, or is it? Well we do have to pay off our debts. Everyone is asked to help according to their means, through:

- Direct Giving
- Regular contributions to the Development Fund
- Harvest Appeal
- Interest free loans (bank rate is such at the moment that money on deposit is virtually interest-free anyway –see the Treasurer about payback times)

To reduce the costs the Development Committee agreed that only essential work should go ahead at this time with e.g. a new roof for the Coulter Hall or a link between Church and Halls with all the additional space that would create put on hold until we can accumulate enough new funds.

Already, we have received an interest free loan from an anonymous giver of £1,000. Interest free loans will be repaid in 2018 when the Crescent loan is paid off or at any time before then if a family requires the return of their capital.

Don't forget, the £170,000 from the Development Fund is assuming we receive £10,000 in our Harvest offering this year. We received £9,500 last year so please give generously this Harvest to help us meet our new target!

Wouldn't it be wonderful to move into a new era after 250 years of congregational life with a facility to be proud of and debts to no-one.



During the redevelopment of our halls the BB has sought alternative accommodation in Ballyclare Secondary School.

Boys Brigade

The Anchor Boys caters for boys from P1-P4. They will meet on Monday evenings from 6.30-7.30pm and will be led by Simon Harkness. Simon can be contacted on 90841987.

The Junior Section is attended by boys aged in the P5-P7 years and will meet on Fridays from 7.00-8.30pm

under the leadership of Jennifer Dickey, 93323372

The Company Section is for boys in Year 8 through to Year 14. The Company section will meet on Mondays from 7.30-9.30pm and will be led by Eric Cooper, 93323105.



2ND BALLYEASTON HISTORY

Steady progress is being made on the history of our church. The early history has been completed but does anyone know exactly where the original Rashee Church (1763-1787) was at the Five Corners?

I require assistance with historical information regarding the following organisations :

Sunday School
Indoor Bowling Club
Presbyterian Women
Girls' Brigade
Young Adults' Group
Galactic Blast Holiday Club
The Walking Club
Shine
Junior Youth Club
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Crèche

Hopefully anyone who has been particularly associated with these organisations would be willing to put together a short history, including

photographs etc. for inclusion. Please contact me. Acknowledgement for any assistance will naturally be listed.

Assistance is also required to list Office Bearers e.g. Elders, Committee Members etc over the years. I have already completed early Office Bearers.

I have a challenge for you. Below is an interesting photograph in which I have numbered those present. Has anyone any idea what the occasion was and the date? I have a fair idea but need confirmation. I also require the names of as many of those present as possible - please list names against the numbers and leave your information in the vestibule for me. I'll start you off with no.4: The Rev Brann.

Wilbert Garvin, 07816752166 or
wilbert@leaghtland.fsnet.co.uk



WALKING GROUP

The Group walks on the last Tuesday of each month (but not in December), leaving from the church car park. Throughout the winter the walks are in the morning (leaving at 10.15am); in May and June we take advantage of the lighter evenings and leave at 6.30pm. Walks are

varied in length but are suitable for even the slowest! The tea and coffee stop provides an opportunity for chat at the end of the walks. Copies of the schedule are available in the church vestibule and new walkers are always welcome.
Yvonne Hollinger.



"God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work.."
(2 Corinthians 9:8)

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REACH-OUT COMMITTEE

The following is our schedule, planned for the next year; we hope to add further events during the course of the next few months.

The visit to TITANIC BELFAST will take place on Saturday 22nd September. Over 40 members of the congregation and their friends will travel by coach to the Titanic Quarter where we will learn of the facts and legends which surround the most famous ship to have left Belfast's Harland and Wolff shipyard. In the various galleries we will experience the sights and sounds of the shipyard, imagine the excitement of the launch, and relive the horror of the maiden (and final) voyage.

There will be time to enjoy refreshments in one of the cafes, to visit the shop and (weather permitting) to wander across the Titanic and Olympic slipways.

The coach leaves the church car park at 1pm and returns at 6.30pm.

On Saturday 1st December at

7.30pm there will be a performance of HANDEL'S MESSIAH. This traditional Christmas music will be brought to us by The Abbey Singers and guest soloists, and promises to be an enjoyable and inspirational evening. Set in the sanctuary, we will hear again the familiar soprano, alto, tenor, bass and trumpet solos, accompanied by the rich sound of the church organ. It will be a fitting way to usher in the month of December and the start of the Christmas season.

Admission will be by ticket. Tickets available from members of committee; subscription £10 per person.

CLARE CHORALE has agreed to bring us Music in May. The concert, on 11th May will be part of our Anniversary events, and will be an opportunity for the local choir to perform in our newly refurbished Halls. The choir has a wide-ranging repertoire of sacred and secular music, and the evening promises to be enjoyable and memorable.

Further details about tickets

later.

The 250th Anniversary of Second Ballyeaston will be celebrated in the month of May, and as part of the weekend of events we plan to have a Congregational Dinner for present and former members and their friends. The Dinner will be held in the Brann Hall on the evening of Saturday 18th May.

Again, further details later.

As a celebration of the 250 years of Christian witness in Ballyeaston we intend to produce a SECOND BALLYEASTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ANNIVERSARY CALENDAR for 2013. Featured will be the familiar scenes in and around the church and the village. As well as being purchased by local folk it is hoped that the calendar will find its way, as a Christmas gift, to far and wide destinations. We plan to have the calendar on sale by the end of October.

Yvonne Hollinger.

Praise Band at 2nd Ballyeaston

It was a great honour and privilege for me to be asked to get involved in the leadership of the praise band at 2nd Ballyeaston Presbyterian Church.

The bible talks in Psalm 150 verses 3 and 4 about 'praising on the trumpet, the psaltery and harp, with tambourine and dancing and with strings and flute'. Whilst we haven't yet unleashed our dancing skills (and we don't really plan to in the near future), I think you'll agree that when our voices and instruments unite in worship to God it creates a feeling of joy, not only amongst us but also in the heart of God as is

stated in His word that He 'inhabits the praises of his people'.

I'd like to firstly thank and praise all the members of our team for the fabulous effort and commitment they've given to this project. There were many nerves and jitters before our first service back in the early part of the year but we have grown together as a team of musicians with everyone contributing immensely to what is now our 'praise band'.

It is our aim over the next while not just to introduce 'new songs'

but also to visit some older songs, possibly with new arrangements and integrate them into our worship. We also plan to introduce new musicians, instruments and singers so for anyone with an interest please don't hesitate to get in touch with me, we'd love to have you along.

Rodney Beggs.



Sunday School



Sunday School started back on 9th September and everyone is enjoying the novelty of being in 'The Hut' (Portacabin)!

While the work continues in the hall and the space we have is limited, the preschool and primary age groups are altogether in the one space. Although not an ideal way to start the new session, the children are enjoying getting to know each other and it is very encouraging to see how the younger ones look up to their older companions.

Our aim in Sunday School is to encourage the children to develop a relationship with God and to foster them to live their lives in a

Christian way.

Through bible stories, games, drama, music, art and craft and multi-media, the children are given a full and exciting experience. All the activities are geared towards the children's age and ability, so everyone is catered for.

It has been extremely encouraging to have received so many offers of help from members of the congregation. Many hands make light work, so thank you very much.

A programme is currently being set in place for the post-primary age group. We are excited about

the prospect of having a guest speaker, Matthew Nicholl, coming to join us in October, to lead our older children. Matthew has a lot of experience working with teenagers and we hope his enthusiasm will influence our young people.

We enjoyed two brilliant events at the end of August and I would like to pass on my gratitude to the children and their parents for their help with both. Our post-primary night out at Junction Jacks and Moe's Grill and our primary Fun Day at Six-Mile Leisure Centre, both proved to be a lot of fun for everyone who attended.

Emma Hanna. 93324027

Shine

Shine Drama Group returned on Saturday 8th September. All children from preschool to Year 12 are very welcome to join us from 1-3pm each Saturday. We are meeting in 1st Ballyeaston while our halls are out of use.

Shine is about three main aspects— fun, fellowship and drama.

Fun: We play drama games, dance, improvise and act out plays, all of which are fun for the children to participate in. We want our members to be excited about coming to Shine

and to leave with huge smiles on their faces!

Fellowship: All our activities are aimed at getting our members to work together. When they are on stage they know that they are performing as a team and that they have the support of the whole group behind them.

Drama: We believe that every child should have the opportunity to perform on stage and we encourage all our members to say at least one line. Being part of such a

special occasion gives children an enormous feeling of pride and has a great effect on their self-confidence.

Shine will perform a Christmas play on Sunday 2nd December at 6pm inside our own church. Please keep this date free as our leaders and members really do appreciate the support of our congregation.

With approximately fifty members at present, Saturday afternoons are very busy and a lot of fun! New members are always very welcome.
Emma Hanna. 93324027

"Give generously to him and without a grudging heart; then because of this the Lord your God will bless you in all your work and in everything you put your hand to" (Deuteronomy 15:10)



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mums and Tots will be meeting in 1st Ballyeaston Halls during the next couple of months, every Thursday from 10.30-12pm. Please contact Rosemary McIlwaine for further details on 93340091.

The Bowling club will be meeting on Tuesday nights in 1st Ballyeaston's halls during our own halls' refurbishment. All our matches will be played away at present but we need new members. If you're interested then contact Jim Reid on 93322067.



2nd Ballyeaston's Titanic Experience: Day trip on Saturday 22nd September 10.30-4.30pm. We are expecting 40 in attendance.

Our Harvest Festival will be held on Sunday 21st October 2012.

Bambou annual dinner: Our annual trip to Bambou will be held on Thursday 1st November 2012.

Youth Club will be restarting with their usual Saturday nights when our halls have been refurbished. Their annual Christmas outing will be confirmed on return as will the program for 2013.

Shine's Christmas performance in the Church will take place on Sunday 2nd December at 6pm.

An evening recital of Handel's Messiah will be performed in our sanctuary on Saturday 1st December 2012 by the Abbey Singers.



A gospel concert organised by the Tractor Club will be held in our halls on the 14th February 2013.

Presbytery Choir Festival will take place in the church in Spring 2013.

A concert evening by Clare Chorale will be held on the 11th May 2013 in our refurbished halls.

A Service of Rededication will take place on 21st May 2013.

A congregational dinner will be held in 2013 to coincide with our 250th Anniversary celebrations.

The Flower festival will be hosted by 2nd Ballyeaston in the Autumn of 2013 with our theme being "To God be the Glory".

The "Done in a Day" group continue to look for jobs to help with. Members of our congregation can avail of this service to have minor repairs and gardening jobs etc. completed on their behalf by our dedicated team. Please contact Eric Cooper or Derek Murphy for further details.

Do you have any announcements you would like to see included in our next magazine? If so then do not hesitate to contact me:

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