Welcome to Worship

Today is our annual PW service, led by members of our PW, and our guest speaker today is Amy Magee, Deaconess in Muckamore. There is a creche available and activity packs for children are also provided - please ask at the door for more information. Today Lucia Cassie Kinnear, daughter of Janine and Andrew, and Ewan Samuel Graham, son of Ashleigh and Aaron, are presented for Holy Baptism.

Presbytery Service - tonight at 7pm. Speaker Revd Trevor Gribben **BB and GB:** Both organisations would welcome new leaders/helpers. Contact Gardiner McAuley (079 0204 6416, email:

boysbrigade@ballyeaston.org) or Jayne Davis (9077 0300 6640, email jaynedavis77@sky.com). All sections have resumed.

PW Outing: Friday 22 Sep with East Antrim Ladies' Farm Forum to Holywood, Clandeboye Estate and Mount Stewart. Details available from Margaret Wilson 9332 3167 and Meta McIlwaine 9332 3650.

Congregational Dinner Saturday 23 September in the Brann Memorial Hall at 7.30pm. Catering by Bon Appetit. Tickets available -Adults £15, Primary Children £7.50, Pre-school Free.

Walking Group: Tuesday 26 September at 10am in the church carpark. The walk will be from Galgorm Castle to Tullaghgarley bridge. New members especially welcome to join us for some exercise, chat and refreshments. Details are on the sheets available in the vestibule Who Do You Think We Are? Learning about our past and present in Antrim & Newtownabbey Council as part of Community Relations Week 2017. Programme information in the vestibule or book for free online at www.antrimandnewtownabbey.go.uk/events Free transport provided. Remember you can Gift Aid your offering at no cost to yourself and add extra value to your offering. Envelopes are available.



This building is fitted with an induction loop system for the hearing impaired.

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Morning Worship

17 September 2017

Welcome and Announcements Robert McMillen		
Call to Worship		Jean Robinson
Hymn 52	For the fruits of His creation	on
Prayer and Lord's Prayer		Jean Robinson
Sacrament of Holy Baptism		
Hymn 376	Our children, Lord, in faith and prayer	
(Children and Young people leave for Sunday School)		
Prayer of Confession		
Scripture Reading	John 15: 1-17	Christine Dorrat
Hymn 56	It takes an almighty hand	
Scripture Reading	Psalm 1: 1-6	Alfreda Baker
Sermon		Amy Magee
Offering and Doxology		
Prayer of thanks and intercession		
(The congregation stand as the offering is brought forward and sit during the prayer)		
Hymn 408	In Christ alone	
A Blessing		Amy Magee



Selecting New Elders

Christ is the Lord and King of the church. Our goal in selecting elders is to bring honour, glory and praise to Jesus Christ. Leaders, like the members of the congregation, must be people who rely on the grace and mercy of Christ. Be wise and be prayerful as you make your choice and over the coming months we will reflect on the role and character of an elder.

Here is the section from the Code of our church that outlines the qualifications and duties of ruling elders:

"The duty of ruling elders as members of Kirk Session is to work together with the minister in the oversight and government of the congregation, for the upbuilding of God's people in spiritual fruitfulness and holy concord, and for the extension of Christ's kingdom among humanity. Ruling elders, by their calling, share equally with ministers in responsibility for practical witness both within the congregation and in the wider world. In the discharge of her/his duties each elder should be assigned a district or special responsibilities within the congregation in which s/he may more particularly represent the Kirk Session by visitation, private counsel and report. "To be chosen for the office of the eldership in a congregation a person must be a voting member of that congregation and a regular attender on its ordinances. S/he should be circumspect and exemplary in his conduct, both in the Church and in the world, of acknowledged piety, endeavouring to maintain the worship of God in her/his family and held in esteem by the people. Women are eligible for election on the same conditions as men."