

500th Anniversary of the Reformation

The legendary account tells us that on 31 October 1517, Catholic priest Martin Luther defiantly nailed his protest notice to the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany. These Ninety-five Theses were a list of abuses and errors that he understood were a corruption of the purpose and mission of the Church. The list was not really a defiant protest as much as it was a sincere call for the Church to begin addressing its problems that obscured the Gospel message.

The powerful passage from Romans 3:19-28 had fired Luther's soul and he was so overflowing with joy after years of guilt and a need for forgiveness that he had to share the truth with everyone. His willingness to stand up to pope and emperor in the name of the Gospel of Christ changed the face of history, and the face and direction of the entire Christian Church.

Prayers for Others - if you or someone you know would like to be included in our prayers at morning worship please speak to Chris, your district elder or email cglover@presbyterianireland.org

Walking Group: meets this Tuesday 31 October at 10 am for a trip to Lurgan Park and visit Brownlow House.

Morning Worship DVDs - this free ministry is available to all who would like a copy of the morning's service. There is a suggested donation is £1 per disk for those who wish to support this ministry.

Request Cards are available in the pew if you would like to request a visit or prayer for someone, or to arrange to meet the minister to discuss a wedding, baptism, etc. Please hand the card to the minister or place in box in porch.

Antrim&Newtownabbey Council provide free home safety checks and advice for anyone over 65 - phone 028 9034 0160.

Car Parking - Please remember not to obstruct traffic when parking and use both our church car parks.

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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2017 - 500 YEARS OF REFORMATION

Reformation Sunday

Welcome and Announcements Robert McMillen

Reformed Remembrance Chris Glover

Junior Praise 160 Majesty, worship His Majesty

Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Children's Talk

Song The B-I-B-L-E
(Children and Young people leave for Sunday School)

Scripture Reading 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8
Rosemary McIlwaine

The Eldership The role of the Elder

A Vision of Renewal David Beattie

Hymn 588 Brother, sister, let me serve you

Scripture Reading Deuteronomy 34: 1-12 Oliver Long

Hymn 147 Lord of the Church

Sermon

Offering and Doxology

Prayer of Thanksgiving
(The congregation stand as the offering is brought forward and sit during the prayer)

Hymn 666 For all the saints (vv. 1,2,4,7,8)

A Blessing



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."