

Announcements

AND UPCOMING EVENTS

SPC - 15th March 2020

Today@SPC

Morning Worship 11:00am

Share: Cultivating Community—My Role [Rev Andras Gilicze]

7pm Share Study Session [Family Room]

Albin will be on leave from 11th – 31st March (incl). Should anyone require the services of a minister during his absence please contact Andras Gilicze, our Assistant Minister either by emailing rev.driss@gmail.com or phone 07459265044

AWAKE STUDY SESSIONS

Wednesday @ 8pm - 25th Mar & 8th Apr

Thursday @10:30am - 26th Mar & 9th April



SHARE STUDY SESSIONS MAR/APR

Sunday @7pm - 15th & 29th March

Wednesday @8pm - 18th March and 1st April

Thursday @10:30am - 19th March and 2nd April.



Due to the current situation with Covid-19 the Evergreens have been cancelled until further notice. Thank you to all the Evergreens who gave to the work of Vision Aid on Wednesday past. Your generosity enabled us to pass on a gift of £200 to help with this invaluable work.

Due to the current situation with Covid 19 the event **WHERE DOES YOUR WASTE GO?** scheduled for 18th March has been **POSTPONED** by the organisers.

Belmont Presbyterian PW Warmly invites you to a performance in the church by **FESTIVAL BRASS** On Friday 20th March 2020 at 7:30pm. Also appearing: Morag Stewart on cello accompanied by Clifford Lowry on piano. Donations will be divided equally between Belmont Development Fund and local charities

22nd March 6:30pm in Cregagh Presbyterian Church, EAST BELFAST PRESBYTERY MISSION SERVICE Guest speaker: Henry Coulter International Meeting Point – South Belfast

PW Tuesday 24th March 8:00pm All ladies welcome to an evening entitled Powder and Paint with guest speaker Helen McCann.

Youth Fellowship - Friday 3rd April, Friday 17th April

We plan to provide an Easter Egg (Traidcraft Real Easter Egg with story booklet) for each family at our **Easter Messy Church on 12th April**. Should you wish to sponsor this initiative please put your donation in an envelope marked 'Messy Church—Easter Egg' and place in the offering plate over the next few weeks. The cost for a Traidcraft Easter Egg is £4.00 Thank you

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Storehouse - Requested donations for March: Toilet rolls Thank you for your support!

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Please note the church office will be closed Tues 17th March.

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Due to essential roof repairs the church and grounds will be closed on Monday 23rd between 8.00 am to 5.00 pm. On the following two days access to the church buildings and grounds will be permitted but there may be some restrictions during both these days. If you have any questions please speak to Gordon Clarke email gordonclarke.r@gmail.com, phone 07587631199.

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Traidcraft Real Easter Eggs can be purchased from the Traidcraft stall on the first or third Sunday of the month or ask Frona Clarke at any other time.

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Rob Parsons will be visiting Northern Ireland on **12 May 2020 - 7:30pm** to host his ***Heart of Communication*** event at the Stormont Hotel in Belfast. It's a unique opportunity to hear him unpack essential elements of public speaking that every communicator will face. For more information sally.moore@CFF.ORG.UK

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Faith and Freedom in the Middle East - *stories of hope and challenge*

Thursday 23 April 2020, 9.30am – 2pm in Assembly Buildings, Belfast

The Middle East, the birth place of Christianity, has undergone much turmoil in recent years. Despite many pressures including the refugee crisis in the region, Christians continue to worship God, live out their faith and people are coming to know and love Jesus Christ. Rita El-Mounayer, the keynote speaker, will address topics including people on the move, the role of women and stories of hope in the Middle East. For details on how to book go to the event website page: [*Faith and Freedom in the Middle East*](#), or alternatively contact the Mission Department on mission@presbyterianireland.org or telephone 028 9041 7266.

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CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

The Presbyterian Church in Ireland issues the guidance outlined below in relation to the Coronavirus (Covid–19). This guidance reflects previous advice provided by the Church as a response to pandemic flu.

While the notes below will be useful for congregations, they do not purport to be comprehensive. **The most important thing to stress is that congregations should follow all public health guidance provided by state authorities** – the Public Health Agency in Northern Ireland (www.publichealth.hscni.net) and the Health Protection Surveillance Centre in the Republic of Ireland (www.hpsc.ie). **Congregations should refer to the relevant website regularly as advice will continue to be updated.**

CURRENT GENERAL ADVICE INCLUDES:

- A common sense approach should be followed at all times.
- Good hand hygiene is the most effective protection.
- Catch your cough or sneeze in a tissue, bin it and wash your hands.
- Hard surfaces and especially often touched areas (e.g door handles, back of pews and seats) should be cleaned regularly.
- Ensure there are good stocks of soap, hand gel and paper towels are available in toilets and kitchens.

CURRENT SPECIFIC ADVICE INCLUDES:

- Members of congregations and organisations should stay at home if they feel ill and display influenza–like symptoms. They should not come to church services and activities until they feel well.
- The symptoms to be aware of in the case of the Coronavirus include cough, shortness of breath, difficulty in breathing, and fever.
- Specifically, members who have been advised to self-isolate should not come to Church Services or other meetings or activities, until they have been advised otherwise by their medical practitioner.

PASTORAL VISITING BY MINISTERS AND OTHERS:

- Pastoral support for parishioners who are unable to attend church services etc because they are exhibiting influenza-like symptoms should be provided by telephone or online (e.g. Skype).
- When possible try to ascertain if there have been any symptoms of the Coronavirus in a home where a visit is intended. If such symptoms exist it is best not to visit in person, but make contact by telephone.
- The Church's duty of care extends to Ministers and other members of Pastoral Care staff. If members have influenza-type symptoms they should not seek visitation from pastoral staff, elders etc.
- Special care should be taken when visiting hospitals, residential and nursing homes. The advice on the Public Health website should be followed (checking regularly for updates), as well as local advice.
- Follow good personal hygiene by using alcohol-based hand gel before and after such visits.
- **PCI are taking necessary precautions to protect the residents and staff of the Social Witness nursing and residential care homes from COVID-19. PCI are asking relatives, friends and the public NOT to visit the nursing and residential care homes until further notice.**

The Homes concerned are:

Adelaide House, Belfast
Aaron House, Dundonald
Carlisle House, Belfast
Corkey House, Belfast

Gray's Court, Belfast
Lawnfield House, Newcastle
River House, Newcastle
Sunnyside House, Bangor

Trinity House, Garvagh
Harold McCauley, Omagh
Thompson House, Belfast
Tritonville, Dublin
Willow Brook, Coleraine

