



## Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> Aug

7:30 Kirk Session (Graham Room).

## Friday 1<sup>st</sup> Sept

7:30 **Church Barbeque and Fun Night** the Manse on Friday 1st September. (Cost £1 / person) All members of the congregation and friends welcome. Please put your name on the sheet or let Rev Curry know if you plan to attend. Please use the car park at bottom of the Fairhill. (An All age Church Event)

## Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept

8-10pm **YOUTH@First LEADERS MEETING** – A planning and preparation meeting will be held for all leaders and helpers of YOUTH@First on Saturday 2nd Sept from 8-10pm. All who are willing to help this year please come along? Further Details from Heather Palmer or Judith Evans

## Next Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept 2006

10:30 **Prayer Time** (Minister's room). Everyone Welcome.

10 am **Sunday school and Bible Class**

11 am **Morning worship** All age Service - Speaker – Rev Jonathan Curry (*Everyone is invited to join us for a cup of tea after the service in the main hall*)  
(Crèche - pre school children (Minor Hall), No Junior Church).

6pm **Evening Service** (Minor Hall) Speaker - Rev Jonathan Curry.

*S for Sin a dreadful thing,  
A for Adam, who first fell,  
V a victory Jesus won,  
I the one He came to tell,  
O pen now your heart to Him,  
U can know his peace within,  
R the ransom paid for sin,  
Which will bring us back to?  
JESUS (GOD).*

## Other Church Notices

1. **Suggestions for prayer for Sept** issue (re organisations, missionaries & personal requests) should be given to Lorna by Tue 29<sup>th</sup>.
2. **Parent and Toddlers** resumes Wed 13<sup>th</sup> Sept. We look forward to working with our committed band of helpers. Any new volunteer helpers are very welcome. **Helpers to meet on Wed 6<sup>th</sup> Sept** at 10am to sort out toys and prepare for the new season.
3. **Midweek meetings** (Minor Hall) resume 7<sup>th</sup> Sept @ 8pm - Pre-communion
4. This autumn we will be running the **Christianity Explored** course on Sunday evenings 6-7pm starting on 15<sup>th</sup> October. This course has run very effectively in many congregations throughout the UK and covers the Gospel of Mark. It looks at who Jesus is, why He came and what He calls us to do. The format will be a cup of tea, discussion groups and a Talk. It is open to all who are interested in exploring what Christianity is really about. You can ask any questions you want or simply come and listen. **Further details** are on the invitation cards. Please put your name on the 'sign up' sheet if you are interested in coming along. We hope to have helpers who will take care of pre-school & primary school children, and a discussion group specifically for young people. If you would be willing to help in any way please take one of the "Helpers" leaflets.
5. **J Team (Jr Youth@First)** recommences on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September 7-8pm for P3 – P7. A preparation evening for helpers will be held on 9<sup>th</sup> September 6-8pm. Anyone interested in helping with this group please contact Melanie Boyce or Lorna Curry.
6. **Prayer Triplets** will be re-launched on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> Sept, if you are interested in becoming part of a prayer triplet come along and find out more.
7. **A Christianity Explored information and preparation evening** will be held on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September at 8pm in the Minor Hall. If you are willing to help with the course in any way please come along.
8. **Gospel Concert** – Friday night 22<sup>nd</sup> September in the church hall. Artists taking part include Victor Gregg compare and gospel singer, Kenny Archer gospel singer and yodeller, and Macosquin Presbyterian church orchestra and choir. Proceeds will be in aid of church building fund. Tickets available from Frances Gillespie, Bobby McKeown and Iris Hamilton.

## Prayer line ([www.presbyterianireland.org/](http://www.presbyterianireland.org/))

**SPAIN** Derek French reports that the July GBU camps student organisation in Spain) went well. Two of the students at the camp – Jonathan and Marta –have obvious gifts and a real desire to serve God in evangelism / full-time ministry.

During the camp, the students held a two-night evangelistic event in Sacedon, a typical Spanish village close to the campsite which has about 3,000 residents but no evangelical witness. Many of the villagers attended both evenings when the



(Grupos Bíblicos Unidos – a Christian

students gave a clear presentation of the gospel and arranged events for all ages. One woman came to faith in Jesus Christ was put in contact with missionaries living in a nearby town. *Prayer Points –*

- Jonathan and Marta as they seek God's guidance.
- The lady who became a Christian. Praise God for bringing her into His Kingdom and pray that through her others in the village may also come to faith.
- That all who came to the evangelistic nights, will consider what they heard

## MIDDLE EAST

The ceasefire between Israel and Hezbollah forces in Southern Lebanon continues to hold, despite both sides accusing the other of violations of the ceasefire. Many thousands of people who had fled the area because of the heavy fighting are now returning in the hope that they may be able to settle back there, even though the damage to buildings is considerable.

*Prayer Points –*

- Thanks for the ceasefire and that it is holding. Pray it will lead to lasting peace.
- The UN is seeking to gather together a peace-keeping force to back up the ceasefire. Pray that more countries will commit to sending troops in sufficient numbers to enable an effective peace-keeping force to be deployed and soon.
- The thousands of innocent people who are still suffering as a result of this conflict – either through bereavement, injury or loss of their homes – and for those seeking to help them.
- Those seeking to negotiate a lasting and peaceful resolution to the conflict.
- That Christians will be enabled to demonstrate true peace and reconciliation in practical ways through the love of God in Christ Jesus, Our Lord.

## **CARE Prayer Points – human trafficking** ([www.care.org.uk/](http://www.care.org.uk/))

**FACT** Human trafficking is the fastest growing means by which people are caught in the trap of slavery. It generates \$7 billion a year, the third largest source of income for organised crime, exceeded only by arms and drugs trafficking. ([www.stopthetraffik.org](http://www.stopthetraffik.org))

*'The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is upon me, for the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to comfort the broken-hearted and to proclaim that captives will be set free ... he will give a crown of beauty for ashes, a joyous blessing instead of mourning, festive praise instead of despair.'* ISAIAH 61:1-3 (NEW LIVING TRANSLATION)

*Lord Jesus, You who suffered at the hands of evil men; help us to care more and more for people who are treated as if they are worthless. Please rise up the Church by Your Spirit's power to rescue and protect women, children and men who are trafficked and enslaved. .*

*Father, Thank You for the dedication of British abolitionists like Wilberforce two centuries ago. Help us to take up the challenge of today's slave trade wholeheartedly; fighting this evil and setting free the captives in your name. Amen.*

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**Rotas** (Please speak to those who arrange rotas if there are any changes).

**Welcoming Committee** (Rota by Jr. Todd).

August - E. Wylie, R. Britton, J. McRobert, W. McGinnis, J. Hogg, W. R. Brown, H. Palmer.

Sept – I Brown, W Currie, J Dawson, A Crossett, C Currie, H Stewart, D Steele.

**Crèche (For Pre School children)** (Rota by Janet Gregg).

Aug 27<sup>th</sup> Edna Stewart and Maisie Smyth.

**Junior Church (For Primary School Children)** (Rota by Anne Crossett).

Aug 27<sup>th</sup> Jacqueline & Jennifer Brown and Lorna Curry, Sept 3<sup>rd</sup> Family Service

**Flowers** August - 27<sup>th</sup> Carol Henderson, **Delivery:** Lorna Stewart.

Sept – 3<sup>rd</sup> Anna Hughes **Delivery:** Edith Johnston

**Projection** (Rota by Wesley Currie). 27<sup>th</sup> Jacqueline Currie, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept Laura Crossett.

**Sound Desk** (Rota by Jackie Smyth). 27<sup>th</sup> Billy Smyth, 3<sup>rd</sup> W Smyth, 10<sup>th</sup> G Duncan

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