

Welcome!

Welcome to Church on this Remembrance Sunday 11th November 2018.

We are delighted to see you at church this morning, and we are very keen to encourage you to be here as often as possible.

If you are new to our Church, you are especially welcome. We'd love an opportunity to say Hello properly, and if you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask.

We want Sunday@ Church to be for the whole family, helping us all to have life-shaping, hope-giving faith in Jesus - faith that makes a difference to our everyday lives.

Welcome to Church Today

11.00am Remembrance Sunday,
100 years after the end of the 1st World War
Joanne Smith and Robert Bell

3.00pm BB Enrolment

(Please note the time)

Revs Robert Bell and Albert Baxter

6.30pm No Service this evening

Next Sunday 18th November

**11.00 If you are without sin,
cast the first stone. John 8:1-11**

6.30 Café Church*

**Café Church ~This will be the perfect opportunity to bring family members, friends and neighbours who don't feel that church on a Sunday morning is just for them, at least not yet! We want to make our impact as a church as effective as possible, and Café church is one way of doing this - but it depends on how much we care and how much we do to encourage our friends. Café Church begins on the evening of Sunday 18th November and runs for five weeks.*

Church Office opening hours: Monday to Friday, 9:00am ~ 1.00pm, closed Tuesday. We will be very pleased to help you with information & assistance about all aspects of Church life. Telephone 9334 0302. Address: 2 Foundry Lane, Ballyclare BT39 9BQ, email: office@ballyclarepresbyterian.org. To contact Rev. Robert Bell: please telephone 0289 3340 302, or Joanne Smith please telephone 0745 0279 095. Ballyclare Presbyterian Church Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC 104849)



Our Priority this autumn - Making an EPIC impact

We need to be Christian people who care enough about our faith and care enough about our family and friends that we want to encourage and invite them to think more about life, about God, about faith, about church. On Sunday mornings we will focus on people in John's gospel who had who had EPIC, life changing encounters with Jesus, and on people whose lives are the evidence that Jesus still makes the difference that matters.

Therefore, we would love you to encourage and invite people you know to come to these services, and to help us we have produced a simple leaflet which you could use as a helpful conversation starter. Please take some and use them with love!

Prayer Cards ~ Please make sure that you have at least one of these cards - use them in your own prayers - think about one or two people you should care about and could encourage.

You're here to be light, bringing out the God-colours in the world. God is not a secret to be kept. We're going public with this, as public as a city on a hill. If I make you light-bearers, you don't think I'm going to hide you under a bucket, do you? I'm putting you on a light stand. Now that I've put you there on a hilltop, on a light stand—shine! Keep open house; be generous with your lives. By opening up to others, you'll prompt people to open up with God, this generous Father in heaven. (Matt.5:14-16)

1.Church Committee ~ Meets this Tuesday 13th Nov at 7.30 in the Bell Room.

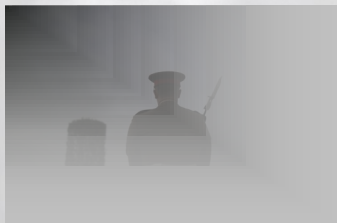
2.The Presbyterian Children's Society ~ If you have not had opportunity to obtain a contribution envelope you can pick one up from the vestibule or cross-link tables. Should you wish to make a donation, just return the envelope to the offering plate on a Sunday convenient to you.

3.Seniors Christmas Lunch ~ Saturday 1st December, Time 12.45pm. Names to Ingrid in office, Elder or any member of the Welcoming Team. All very welcome.

4.Cafe church help required ~ would you be able to help us in the crèche one (or more!) of the cafe church evenings? If so, please contact Joanne.

5.Operation EPIC ~ Promoting Café Church - thank you to those who came along last Wednesday when we knocked on doors and found people very friendly and, we hope to continue to visit homes in several of the housing development areas of our town in the period leading up to Café Church next Sunday. **The more volunteers we have the more areas we can cover.** Please come along this Wednesday 14th November, 7.00-8.30pm and/or Saturday 17th November, 10.30am-12noon. We





Today we remember the Armistice one hundred years ago which ended the Great War; give thanks for the sacrifices made, particularly by members of our own congregation.

We remember the many conflicts which have occurred since. Pray for those who have been wounded with life changing injuries; may God in His mercy heal bodies, minds and spirits.

Pray for the PCI chaplains serving with the armed forces. Pray for guidance as they provide pastoral care and as they share the gospel.

Continue to pray for the members of our congregation who have been bereaved, for those who are unwell, who are in hospital or having treatment.

Pray for the work of our BB company and their Enrolment Service today.

would love as many people as possible to be involved - even if it means making this your Small

Group activity for one Wednesday night. We have lots of Café Church leaflets, so please pick them up in the Vestibule or Crosslink and use them to invite your family and friends.

6.Extended Christmas Choir

~ Practices next Tuesday, 20th November at 7.30 - Everyone very welcome. Practices will continue on 4th and 11th Dec. We hope that eve-

ryone who enjoys singing will come along. Susan Boyd.

Christian Aid Carol singing at the International Airport.

This year we are delighted to have been allocated a prime slot on Friday 21st December from 7:00pm to 9:00 pm in the Arrivals Hall.

Last year we had a record response from the public, so come and join us for a fun night.

Details from Pamela Gray.

7.Regular choir

reminder ~ to be at church each Sunday morning at 10:15am to practise with the musicians.

8.EPIC Volunteers *~ Perhaps our Sunday Evening*

'Empowered' series has been making more of us think

about how we can be people who show and share our faith - this is your opportunity, so we encourage you to join the team. We need as many people as possible.

9. CAP Money Course ~ the Ballynure class is fully booked but spaces are available in St John's Church Orangefield 397 Castlereagh Rd, Belfast BT5 6AB. This a free 3 wk course is aimed at helping everyone get a better grip on finances. It's not for those who are in debt. It's for everyone of us. Wednesday nights: 14th & 21st & 28th Nov 7:30 - 8:45pm, to book go to: www.capuk.org

10. Ladies do you Love Strictly? ~ then come along to Latin Line Dancing every Tuesday morning 10.0am - 11.30am in the Allen Hall, Cost £3. Great fun!

11. Reviewing your attendance at Communion ~ If you have not attended Communion for some time, perhaps it is time you thought seriously about this. It is the responsibility of Session to keep Communicant Members' attendance at Communion under on-going review and where necessary, raise the matter with the people concerned, with a view to encouraging them to be more regularly at Church and at Communion. Session has recently been reviewing our Communion Roll, and will continue to do so over the coming year. (Attendance at Communion is recorded on the basis of the Communion Tokens, so clearly it is important to complete a token every time you are at Communion.) **The Code of the Presbyterian Church states that if someone has been continuously absent from Communion for**

two years, and has failed when approached on behalf of Session to give reasonable grounds for absence, then Session should consider with them whether they should continue as Communicant members. If you would like to chat to your Elder about this, please let us know - we would love to encourage you. A leaflet about Reviewing and Renewing our Communicant Membership is available.

12. 'Hard pressed, not crushed' ~ a window on Christian identity in the Middle East' - Thurs 29th Nov - details from R Bell - booking necessary.
13. 'Presbyterian Herald - 2019. Annual subscription is now due. Current subscribers will be renewed automatically (unless notified) and an envelope provided with the next issue for ease of payment £15.00.

Jim Foster.



14. Children in Need ~ Fundraising Bake Sale.

Ballyclare FF/Gold & Blossom Pre-School on Thursday morning

09:30am - 11:30am Foundry House, Doagh Road. All monies will go direct to Children in Need. Thank you.

15. Space ~ It is not always practicable to insert a full announcement due to space restrictions in this weekly newsheet. Our website will often contain current as well as previous announcements and those which for one reason or another miss the cut off time/date. Our website address is:

<http://ballyclarepresbyterian.org/>

