

# Welcome to our E-News for BPC

## CHURCH SERVICE SUNDAY

**28th FEBRUARY 2021 @ 11:00am**

**speaker: Rev Jonathan Moxen**

Please note that for the next few weeks the service will be livestreamed only and not broadcast to the carpark. DVD recordings will also be available.

### Church Office, working from home

Our church office continues to be open on the following days:

**Monday/ Wednesday/Thursday/Friday (from home only)**

The best way to contact Ingrid during the hours of 9am -1pm is to email or leave a message on the answering machine which she will check regularly. The post box will also be checked daily



**LIVE STREAMING  
EACH WEEK ON  
YOUTUBE CHANNEL**

**A RECORDING WILL  
ALSO BE AVAILABLE  
FROM THIS SUN-  
DAYS SERVICE JUST  
FOLLOW THE LINK**



<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCN-MWP9UeCKHkMGUJdiBtdw>

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

We record the death of a member of the congregation that of Mrs. Catherine Moore, Castle Lodge Care Home. We pass onto daughter Diana our condolences and prayers at this time.

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We would love to see you at our Zoom Bible Study and prayer time. 11:00am on Wednesday Morning and 7:30pm Wednesday Evening, just for an hour. Open to young and old, no one is asked to speak. It is good to meet together around the word of God to learn and share and fellowship as God's people.



### Wednesday morning from 11:00am to 12:00 noon

<https://zoom.us/j/91040630661?pwd=b3Q4MUg2dWRkNFZoY2dhSXdJZzFOdz09>

**Meeting ID: 910 4063 0661**

**Passcode: Bible**

### Wednesday evening, 7:30pm to 8:30pm.

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#### This weeks study is on James 3v1-12: Taming the tongue Part One.

1. What is the difference between sharing information and gossip?
2. What are some words that were spoken to you that you will never forget? Or what are some words that shaped your future?
3. Read v1-6. According to James, what does the tongue reveal about our hearts and our minds?
4. How do rudders on ships and bits in horses' mouths relate to the tongue? What is James doing with these illustrations?
5. How have you experienced your tongue making a big impact, either positively or negatively?
6. Describe the dangers that our tongues can get ourselves in. How can our tongues lead us to do good things?
7. Read v7-12 Why do you think James considered the tongue uncontrollable by us? What do you think it looks like to turn to God for the controlling of our tongues?

#### **Personal Reflection**

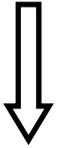
What ways can the tongue be used to hurt or curse others? How can the tongue be used to help others? Under what circumstances are you most likely to let your tongue harm yourself or others? Do you need to use your speech/your thought/your texts, messages in a positive way in order to reconcile with someone you spoke harshly against?



#### **Foodbank.**

Thanks to all your donations of food, and monetary donations that enabled me to purchase food, as a congregation from March to December 2020 we donated 1892.85kgs of food to Newtownabbey Foodbank. This equates to 954 meals to families who are struggling to buy food. As part of my role in Ballyclare Presbyterian I coordinate the distribution centre for Ballyclare, which is part of a wider partnership of congregations and the Newtownabbey Foodbank. These partnerships have proved invaluable to assisting the greater Ballyclare area.

Life at the foodbank was busier than usual during 2020 from April to December Newtownabbey Foodbank fed 4699 people, which included 2068 children. This exceeds the same period in 2019 by 1333. As predicted December was also a busy month and as a whole the foodbank was able to bring Christmas joy and show God's love to 421 families (approximately 80 of these in Ballyclare). We will be accepting donations again from 1st of March and particularly need jam, uht milk, pasta sauces and tinned meat (we have extensive supplies of pasta, beans and biscuits and would request until asked that these items are not donated). Thanks for your interest, generosity and support. Michelle



## Weekly Prayer points

- As restrictions continue further, pray for those who have found lockdown exhausting because of extra responsibilities in their family or working life, have been unable to work or have been unwell; ask that God will motivate and re-energise their lives.
- Pray for residents and businesses around our church building – have they missed our presence in any way?
- Pray for our youth that they will not drift away due to lack of connection with their leaders and each other.
- Continue to pray for your neighbours at home or at work and how you can serve them.
- Continue to pray for those who have been bereaved – pray they know God's love and presence.

## Thanks & Appreciation from the Mairs Family

Florence, Helen, Jane, William, and Grace Mairs would like to thank the many, many people at Ballyclare Presbyterian Church who have prayed for us during what has been a very difficult year.

We were staggered in April/May when Grace was taken into The Countess of Chester Intensive Care Unit with Covid 19. She was so ill we didn't think she was going to survive.

I can honestly say I have never been so frightened in my life and the weeks while she was in ICU took a lot out of us all.

This was made more heart-breaking as we could not visit her. We thank God she recovered and is back doing the job she loves.

The last few months have again been a challenge as Bernard, my husband, was taken into Antrim Area Hospital with Covid 19 while I was admitted, with Covid, to the Mater hospital.

When Bernard died on 28th December, I had not been able to see him or go to his funeral as I was still in hospital myself. Thankfully, Grace was able to nurse Bernard for his last two days. It was a comfort to him and all of us that she was by his side at the end.

At this time, we were strengthened knowing so many were praying for the whole family and especially for my recovery.

The many practical acts of kindness and love shown by so many in the church have been very touching and greatly appreciated by all of us and words cannot adequately express our gratitude to all who went to such lengths to make our life more bearable in the weeks following Bernard's death.

Your ongoing prayers and the other practical efforts you made to ease our heartache, showed us your Christian love in action, it was amazing.

Thank you,

Florence and family.

## ABAANA UPDATE 2021

New Year and lots of good news to share. As many of you know ABAANA set out to raise £20,000 through the 6000 Mile challenge.

This was for

1, Covid 19 Appeal

2 Build a new school

3 Choir Training for 2022 Tour

You will be delighted to hear that they raised their total, with Ballyclare Church contributing £2904. The ABAANA Team would like to thank our church for their wonderful generosity.

And finally, the foundations for the new school in Atukubui have been laid.

We are looking forward this year to supporting ABAANA and continuing this amazing outreach.

**Due to the Covid Pandemic we have had a few of our child sponsors unable to continue with their child sponsorship. We understand that these times are really tough for people here in the UK but we are passionate about ensuring that these children in Uganda don't lose out, so we need your help,**

**3-lifechanging things you can do:**

1. **Sponsor a child if you don't already**
2. **Tell and encourage your friends and family to sponsor a child**
3. **If you already sponsor a child, you can increase your monthly giving to help support these children who are currently unsponsored. What about increasing by £5 a month for a period of time to support?**

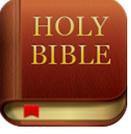
Head to [abaana.org/sponsor](http://abaana.org/sponsor) or contact us on [sponsorship@abaana.org](mailto:sponsorship@abaana.org) for more info



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[Let's Pray A4 21 February - 27 February \(pdf\)](#)

**FWO, Property and Mission Matters Envelopes.**  
**There will be a opportunity to drop in your envelopes to church on**  
**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> February between 10am and 12 pm.**  
**Please only make this trip if you are on an essential journey or your daily exercise.**

Here is a guide to some apps and to some websites that you can look at in these 'strange times' to help you with our bible reading and your listening.  
 You don't need to download or subscribe to them all just a few, maybe a bible app and a sermon app. These are just some examples, you may be using one already and that is good.

	<p>Bible App — completely free. YouVersion includes hundreds of Bible versions, hundreds of reading plans, and dozens of languages. You can add your own highlights and bookmarks, and public or private notes</p>		<p>ESV Crossway App - Get the ESV Bible at your finger tips. Carry your Bible with you wherever and whenever, and share with whomever you want! This is the only free ESV Bible App available on your Android device, with or without an internet connection.</p>
	<p>Bible.is App - Offers mobile access to more languages and Bible translations than any other Bible App, and includes dramatised Bible audio and The JESUS Film Project. You can READ the Bible, LISTEN to the Bible,</p>		<p>The DailyBible App is the most liked Bible app on Android and includes daily Bible Verses, daily Bible reading plans, and easy and fast search of any Bible verse or topic. Daily Bible supports many versions( NIV, KJV, ESV, etc.)</p>
	<p>The Bible teaching ministry of Alistair Begg, Alistair Begg has been to New Horizon a number of times, there are daily bible reading, and sermon series and a whole load of topics to enjoy. You can sign up for daily bible readings via Truth for life daily.</p>		<p>Tim Keller Gospel in life. Listen to Tim Keller speak on a wide range of bible topics. Gospel in Life is the resource site for Timothy Keller &amp; Redeemer Presbyterian Church of NYC. Our library contains over 3000 sermons, talks and studies. Tim is an excellent communicator. Website go to - Tim Keller Gospel in Life App - Gospel in Life</p>
	<p>Sign up for daily bible readings notes, and go as deep into ? God's word as you want. Website go to - <a href="http://scriptureunion.org.uk/wordlive">scriptureunion.org.uk/wordlive</a> You can sign up for daily email. Apps - Daily Bread &amp; Encounter with God</p>		<p>John Piper Desiring God. The site contains the sermons, books, podcasts, video, and daily articles from the ministry of John Piper. Website go to - John Piper Desiring God Apps - Ask Pastor John, Sermon of the Day &amp; Solid Joys Daily Devotionals.</p>

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