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TO KNOW JESUS AND SHARE HIS LOVE

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DEAR FRIENDS

Glory at Christmas!

How do you describe 'beauty'?

It's a very difficult concept to put into words, yet you know it when you see it! So with the word 'Glory'.

The Bible has a lot to say about Glory, not least in the book of Exodus which we have been reading together in recent weeks, and yet it is hard to describe.

Moses craved God's glory (Exodus 33:18). Without it he felt it impossible to know if God was with him.

Without God's glory, his people would be indistinguishable from any other people.

God graciously answered Moses' request and the glory of the Lord descended upon the Tent of Meeting, the Tabernacle. (Exodus 40:34) His holiness was made public and God dwelt among His people.

In John's Gospel Chapter 1 we go on to learn an astonishing thing. This great and glorious God incarnated Himself. In Jesus Christ, "The Word became flesh". God made His dwelling among us. Literally God 'tabernacled among us' and "We have seen His glory, the glory of the One and Only who came from the Father, full of grace and truth". (John 1:14) No wonder then at His birth, the angels praised God and said:

“Glory to God in the Highest and on earth peace to those on whom His favour rests”. (Luke 2:14)

This Christmas time may we take special care not to get so caught up with the distraction and idolatry of ‘things’, even good things, that we miss the most beautiful thing of all. God’s Glory.

God’s presence with us in church as we gather around His word.

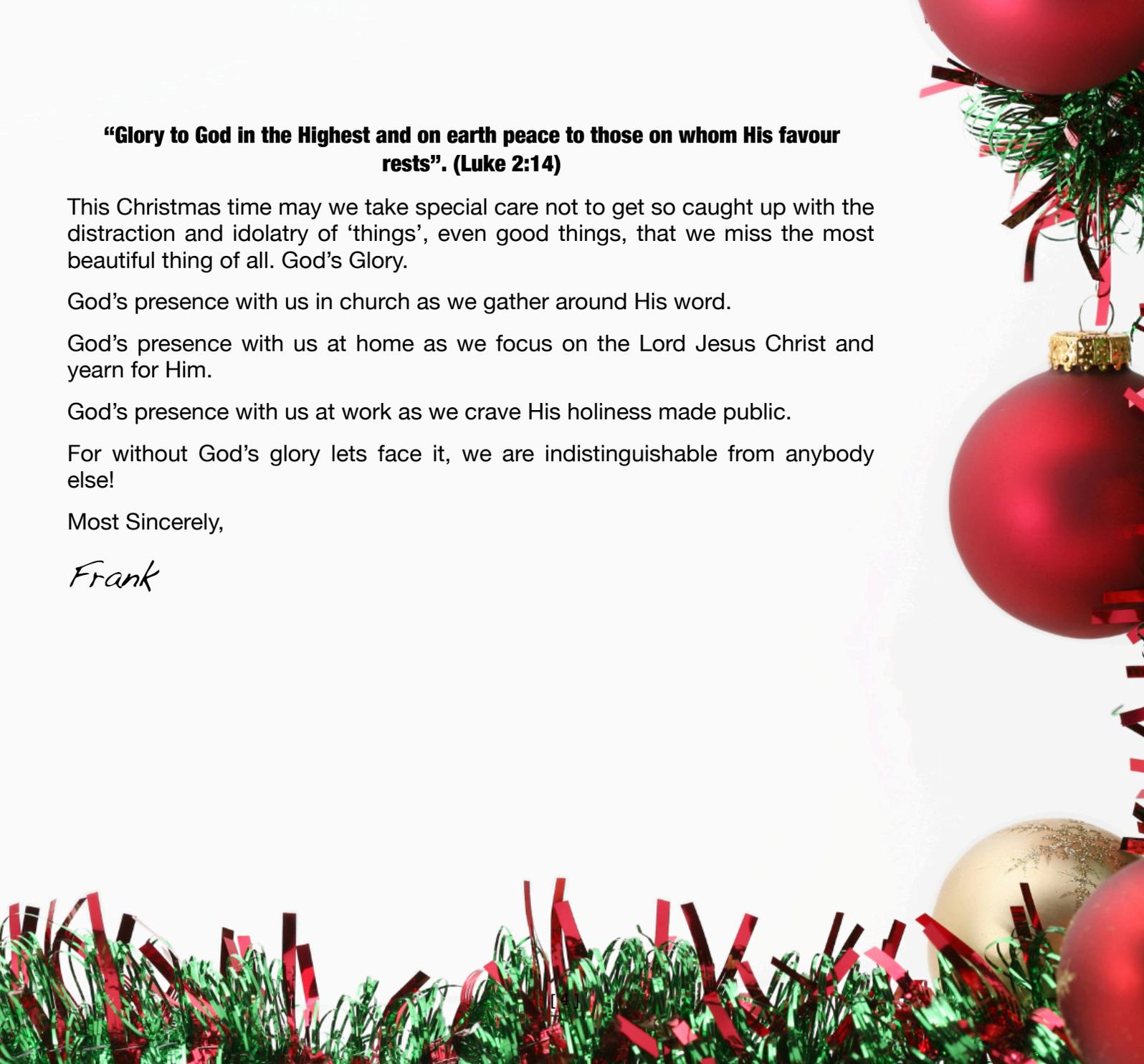
God’s presence with us at home as we focus on the Lord Jesus Christ and yearn for Him.

God’s presence with us at work as we crave His holiness made public.

For without God’s glory lets face it, we are indistinguishable from anybody else!

Most Sincerely,

Frank



100 YEARS TO THE SECOND

On the 11th November 2018 at 1100 hrs, precisely 100 years since the Armistice, the Nation stopped to remember the ending of the First World War.

In Whitehall, as the cannon fired to signify the beginning of the 'Two Minutes Silence', the crowd fell still, young and old came to attention. We, along with the other 74 Officers and Boys of The Boys Brigade and the thousands of veterans joined together to remember those who served and those who did not return.

It was abundantly clear that this was not a celebration but a service of remembrance and an opportunity to give thanks. Although we were further on down Whitehall, all around us the people joined as one to participate in the Service. To hear so many thousands of people say The Lord's Prayer and sing 'O God our help in ages past' was a powerful



and moving experience. Marching past the Cenotaph, through the ranks of service men and women was simply awe-inspiring.

What was also inspirational was the sense of goodwill towards The Boys Brigade. Both Gavin and I were taken aback with the response of the crowds whose enthusiastic applause for us was enormously affirming. Perhaps in contrast to the Veterans, it was the fact these young lads would have been the same age as those who had fought and died or maybe it was the fact that they in some ways represent the future.

The first Captain of The 24th was Lieutenant Lendrick McMaster MBE who served from 1914 – 1922, being honoured with the Military Medal. He received his commission in 1916 around the time of The Somme, so it was fitting that we were able to remember him along with family members.

It was interesting to share this experience with the boys over the weekend, especially to see their level of respect and appreciation grow which they now share with you.

Michael Taylor: “The trip to London was brilliant. It was a great honour to represent my BB, and my country and also my two great-great uncles who died during World War I. I was astonished when I learned that I was one of the four boys going to London from our BB Company. Marching past the

Cenotaph and then on to Horseguards where Princess Anne took the salute was amazing. It was great to be part of something that will only happen once in my life. #lestweforget.”

Michael Coles: "The trip to the Cenotaph was very exciting and I was proud to be part of the 100th Anniversary Remembrance march to mark the end of the First World War. Marching past the Cenotaph with thousands of other people was a great honour and something I will always remember."

Robbie Cooper: “I was delighted to be selected, along with three other boys, to attend the Remembrance Parade for the 100th anniversary of the end of WWI. Despite the rain on Saturday we still had a great day looking around famous London landmarks, starting off with the Imperial War Museum. It was a great opportunity to meet other members of the BB from Yorkshire (1st Ossett) and get to know them while having a Pizza Night (5th London). The next day we set off to gather near the Cenotaph for the start of the parade where the atmosphere was building. I really enjoyed marching with the 80 other BB boys along the route through Whitehall and seeing all the veterans. The crowds were huge and clapped as we passed by and we also saluted Princess Anne on the way to Horse Guards. I returned on Sunday evening very tired but full of memories of the weekend”.

The Source of all life, all people and things,
He's The Word, he's The Author, the King of all Kings.
He Spoke Light into Darkness, opened eyes that were blind.
Powerful, Gentle, Gracious and Kind.
But a life of perfection it wasn't to be, the spot light had
shifted- it's all about me!

My way my wants and my selfish desires,
Now Fall short of the standard that his Law requires.
Adam the first man and Eve was his mate,
Created for Family, now turned to hate!
Rushed in destruction, from sins bitter root,
All stemmed from rebellion by eating that fruit.
Once was perfection, with Him face to face,
Sin now has tainted the whole human race!
Adam and Eve, Cain and the Flood
He wrote a new story with Words in His Blood,
Leaving His throne is His Glory above,
To Rescue the people he'd made out of Love.
Formed by His hand, he created, protected,
Now he dies on the cross despised and rejected.
Darkness and Shadows, the storm on the hill,
He's Dead on the cross, but all part of his Will!
How could death hold The Word, The Author The King?
He Rose up and asked 'Death where is your sting?'
Back to the Father and sits on his throne,
He now pours out his Spirit to call back His own.
Sin still tempts and causes me sometime to drift
But fear not he whispers your head I shall lift.
When lost in my own thoughts, my wants and my ways,
He calls me to sit with The Ancient of Days.
Now what can I do to earn such forgiveness?
He showed me his hands "forgivings MY business"
Now go into each day with limitless grace,
Living life to the full, and running my race!
Wonderful, Counsellor - King of Kings and Friend
He's the Alpha Omega from beginning to end!!

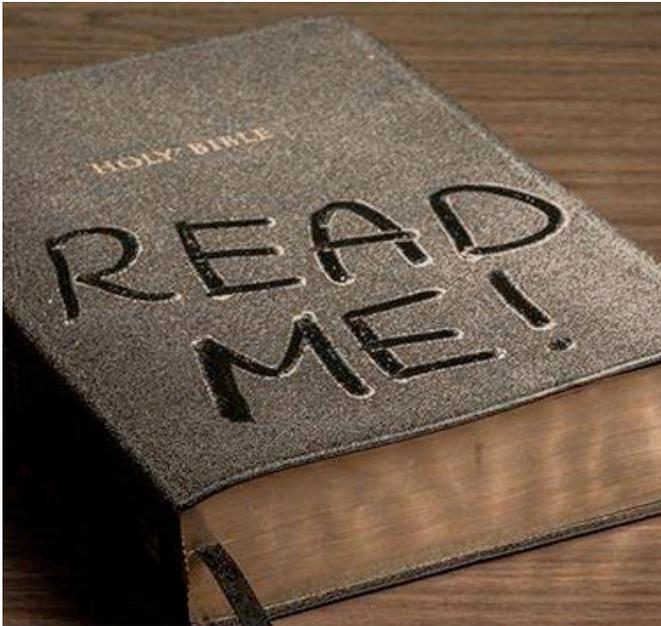
Russell (+ Angela) Bowers



COMMUNITY BIBLE

Statistics suggest that most of us struggle to read the bible each day and many of us have never read through the complete New Testament.

To rekindle our love for the Bible and get back into a good habit of daily reading, our church is going to run an initiative from *Biblica* called Community Bible Experience. Over sixteen weeks, commencing 1st January 2019, we intend to read the whole New Testament.



We will be using a special format of the NIV New Testament called The Books of the Bible. It is a version that is designed to feel more like reading the original text. The books are reorganised in a more chronological order. The verse and chapter numbers have been removed and the words are formatted so that it feels more like reading a book. In fact you will be given page numbers rather than verse numbers.

There is an introductory section to get us into each Bible book. The hard-backed book is very competitively priced at £5.

In addition to the printed version, there is an eBook version available if you would prefer that or if you would appreciate a larger font size. If you would find it easier to listen to the readings each day then mp3 audio files are available to stream or, for a small charge, to download. If none of these appeal and you just want to use

your own Bible, we will provide you with readings for each day.

It is about reading big and getting the big picture and overview. It is about reading real, praying for and expecting God to speak into our lives. And it is about reading together, it is a community bible experience.

To that end, the fortnightly home groups are going to be really important as we are getting together with others to ask five questions of the readings completed:

- 1. What did you notice for the first time?**
- 2. What questions do you have?**
- 3. Was there anything that bothered you?**
- 4. What did you learn about loving God?**
- 5. What did you learn about loving others?**

It's a bit different from your average Bible study. So you should think about the fortnightly gatherings more like a book club and allow the conversation to be free-flowing and wide-ranging.

If you are not already in a home group we are also going to be starting new church groups for these sixteen weeks. We have sign-up sheets on which you can indicate a preference of day and time and we will

try to accommodate you. You can also sign up online. It is really important to be part of a discussion group to share this journey with others. The plan for Sundays is that the preaching will be taken from a passage that we are reading.

Community Bible Experience is for the whole church family. An abbreviated children's version is available in paperback for those of a reading age of 8-12 years and is priced at £5. There are also colouring books available for three year olds.

Please be praying that this will be a special and significant time for us as a church, both as individuals and as a congregation. Ask God by his Holy Spirit to prepare your heart and the hearts of others to hear what He has to say to us. Get ready to have your life changed and to be blessed by God as we together participate in Community Bible Experience. Many churches have already testified about the transforming power of this programme.

If you have any questions about Community Bible Experience, please feel free to contact Andrew Shott or Geoff Gordon.

Bloomfield Christmas Card 2017

This year's Christmas card was designed by the Guides and Rangers and donations will go to WalkWay. The idea is, rather than giving a card to your many church friends, you will be able to make a donation, sign the card and bring joy and Jesus' love to others.

The card is available to sign on the communion table at the front of the church from 2nd - 23rd December 2018. If you have any difficulty in locating it, please ask anyone on reception.

Thank you for your kindness and generosity. We do this in order to share God's love and, as we all know, every little counts!

Mildred McNarry



SAM BOSTOCK

Born in 1984, a trendy red haired English guy with a beard ... you could be forgiven for thinking we are talking about Prince Harry, but no, it's our very own SAM BOSTOCK.

So Sam, you're clearly not a local! Tell us a little about your background...

Originally from a small village in Suffolk, East England, only child of keen Christian parents, my Father was a Baptist pastor and although the congregation in our local church was very small, they demonstrated genuine love and faith to me. There were only two other young people in church and I had a lot of questions growing up, especially about science.

I went to Cambridge University to study Natural Sciences, and went to church, but was not really living as a Christian and even managed to avoid Christian Union for the first few years! Eventually I was really challenged at a group I attended and began to grow in my understanding of the Gospel and started learning what it means to live by faith, not just in appearance, but in really trusting God.

Six months on an island in the Indian Ocean sounds like a dream to some of us! How did that happen?....

It was definitely not as idyllic as it sounds! I went as part of my degree as a conservation worker for six months with 12 other people to an island that had no one else living on it! I studied sea birds, turtles, tortoises and SHARKS! It was a challenging period in my Christian faith, which was deepened during that time away and I learned lessons in not putting faith in humanity and became more aware of the needs of people who are broken.

How did you manage to meet and marry a lovely Irish girl?

After uni, I moved to London to work and was attending St. Helen's Bishopsgate (which is a great evangelical Church of England) Emma also was part of that

church – she'd been living away from home in Bangor for about ten years, studying and working. We got married on New Year's day 2013 (it's good to have a wedding anniversary date you can't forget!), moved to Belfast about six months later where I started working as an intern at Kirkpatrick Presbyterian. It was a real step of faith for us but we were so aware of God caring for us in the move and I started to explore the possibility of entering into ministry in PCI ... now I'm at Union College and was licensed in June.

Now you're living in the glorious East Belfast, what's your favourite local coffee shop?

It's got to be Oliver's on the Belmont Road for a cappuccino! I guess with studies, church and a busy family life, you have no time for hobbies – but, what do you like to do if you have any free time?

We love the outdoors, and enjoy walking and birdwatching. I also enjoy good food and especially good cheese! I don't really play sport anymore, but enjoy watching it! Being from the Suffolk side of the Norfolk/Suffolk border I'm a 'Tractor Boy' (Ipswich Town) by heart. I'm a convert to Ulster Rugby and hoping they can sort things out!

I've also been involved for over a year in an exciting venture called '*Gospel in the City*' which is based in Belfast city centre. It's a network of Christian workers who want to bring honour to God by living publicly as Christians in their workplaces. We host weekly lunchtime gatherings centred on a short bible talk, meeting every Wednesday lunchtime, 1:10 – 1:40pm, to be encouraged and equipped to live as a Christian in the workplace. Please do ask me about it if you'd like to know more!

Sam, how can we at Bloomfield support you while you are with us as assistant?

I hope you'll be patient with me when I'm not doing things very well. I hope you'll also give me constructive feedback on how I could be a better minister of the gospel - either by talking to me or sharing it with Frank. I'm here to serve and I've got a lot to learn so I'd really appreciate your help with that.

What are your hopes / vision for the next couple of years among us at Bloomfield?

Good question! I think if I could be an encouragement to the congregation in Bloomfield Presbyterian to love the Lord

with all their hearts, a help to Frank and other leaders, and perhaps be able to have a deeper impact in the lives of a few, I'll be delighted. If, in two years' time, I thought I knew some good ways to help our generation of Christians in Belfast grow in faith, hope and love I'd be very happy.

Thank you, Sam, we have appreciated getting to know you a little more. You can be assured of our prayers for yourself, Emma, Thea and Immy, and we trust that your time with us will be both a blessing and encouragement, as we continue to learn together what it means to live by faith, for God's Kingdom and glory.



Reminder from the Treasurer

The last day for 2018 FWO is Sunday 30th December 2018. The last date for payment/invoices is Sunday 16th December 2018.

Anyone seeking to have new envelopes or move to standing order should speak to the Treasurer before the start of 2019.

STOREHOUSE

Jill Simpson recently went to Storehouse in the centre of Belfast to see what they have been getting up to over the last few months.

Firstly, it's safe to say that they have been extremely busy and they are now just so much more than a foodbank.

Last week they had 84 families referred to them by local agencies; there's normally around 60 per week.

One of those families was from Syria. The parents had very little English and so their 10-year-old daughter was interpreting. Very quickly it transpired that the family had literally next to nothing and one of the volunteers took the 10-year-old and gathered up a bag with brand new pants, socks etc for all the family. The little girl was completely overwhelmed. They got them other clothing and household equipment too and will be helping them in the coming weeks.

Storehouse are trying to offer not only food, but friendship, community and dignity to these people.

In February, Storehouse started a new programme called *The Table*, which meets one Tuesday evening per month. It is open to anyone and it's not just for people who are hungry; it's for people who are on their own and and who don't have family.

They try to create a Family Dinner environment. They cook a hot meal and put a big table up the middle of the room and everyone serves each other. There is usually around 30 or 40 people, but last week there was 75 people, from many different countries, backgrounds and beliefs. There has never been such a diverse range of people at Storehouse at any one time.

They offer food, they offer clothing, they offer household items, they offer advice, they offer friendship, they give love, they give time, they show respect, they show compassion, they show dignity, they

teach that each person is of value, they teach that each person has significance. Above all they show Jesus.

There are so many stories to tell but, suffice to say, God is using them in a mighty way. And yes, they are forever thankful for your support through donations of food, clothing, household items and also financial donations.

However, they need more people to help pack and sort food and for the van deliveries. The van goes out almost every day to collect food donations from churches and deliver household items to people. You don't need to drive the van, just be able to lift bags, furniture etc. If you are a student, not working at the moment or retired, if you can help, please let me know.

So to Christmas...

They are preparing for Christmas at Storehouse and will be providing 180 Christmas hampers. Included in the hampers are all the fresh ingredients that's needed to make Christmas dinner: turkey, potatoes, carrots and all the trimmings. This year Storehouse asked if we could provide 320 bottles of Shloer.

Once again Shorehouse is doing 'Sponsor a Turkey. Ten pounds will help provide a fresh turkey and if this is something you would like to do, you can either donate online via their website or Facebook page or, if you prefer, you can give the cash donation to me and I will make one big online donation from Bloomfield.

As well as supporting Storehouse, Bloomfield also supports Walkway by providing lots of goodies for their Christmas hampers which are distributed to local folk. So if you'd like to bring any nice goodies like chocolates, mince pies, shortbread, fizzy drinks etc, they would be most welcome.

If you can help in any way, big or small, that would be great. But also, please pray for the work of Storehouse and Walkway, especially at Christmas time, which is an extremely busy time for them.

Pray for Storehouse that they might be a light in the dark world of poverty and addiction, and pray that they may be a blessing and a wonderful witness of God's love and extravagant generosity.



Fun at the Christmas party with Minnie Mouse



Our day out at Streamvale Farm

Thanks to Orangefield Presbyterian for use of their halls during our building project



A special visitor at the Christmas party

The sensory tent



Fun at the farm



BB TEAR FUND LUNCH – Harvest 2018

Over £6,300 was raised on Harvest Sunday, which is a wonderful blessing. Normally we give directly to Tear Fund but on this occasion we wanted to be part of the Moderator's Appeal for Indonesia to provide critical and life-giving aid to that devastated region. The money will be channelled through the Disasters Emergency Committee which seeks to coordinate the resources of five major charities of which Tear Fund is a key player.

As part of the thanksgiving and sacrifice we seek to promote, we served around 200 people with humble bread and cheese along with some very tasty soup. Our thanks again go to Lynn Curry and her team for their efforts to ensure the event was such a success.

For many of the boys it was their first experience and, I have to say, they carried out their duties with great enthusiasm. The Tear Fund Lunch gives us the opportunity, not only to talk about the words of Jesus, but to demonstrate what they mean in practice:

Then Jesus said to his host . . . When you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous. 1 John 3:17

If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? Dear children, let us not love with words or speech, but with actions and in truth. Romans 12:11-13

All that remains to be said is THANK YOU and we trust that GOD will use our contributions to bring necessary relief to a needy people.

24th BB



THE BUILDING PROJECT

After quite a number of years planning, the BPC building project is about to become a reality and Ken Groves outlines some of the changes to expect in the coming months.

Over the past few weeks, separate meetings of Session, Committee and Congregation have been held. At these meetings unanimous support was given to appoint Leo Matheson Ltd as our contractor and that the build would cost in the region of £1.977m. Over half of this cost has already been raised and other fund-raising events are planned.

At the time of writing, details are being finalised and contracts signed. Our contractors are planning to start in the second week of January.

We will soon start to see a change to the rear of our premises with the erection of a perimeter fence and site huts. This will put a considerable strain on our car parking, particularly on a Sunday, but we will have spaces specifically for blue badge holders or those with walking difficulties. As more people will be required to park outside the church we would ask members to be especially considerate to our neighbours.

Building will take place over a 15-month period. Initially we will lose our rear halls

(opened December 1969) and after Easter it is likely that work will then start on the existing church building. To accommodate this, organisations will stop after Easter and there will be some changes to the church's toilet facilities. The effect of this is that, over the summer months, we will only have the Sanctuary in which to meet.

It will be a slightly inconvenient period, but I can assure you that we will work hard to ensure that everyone is comfortable and feels very much at home.

The project is being managed by the Steering Group: David Thompson, Malcolm McClure, Brian Simons, John Armstrong, Ken Groves. The office bearers and others are also heavily involved.

We have been extremely blessed by the amount of money that has been raised for the building fund. We still have a long way to go, but by God's grace we look forward to a day when we have new premises that will be able to cater for both our current organisations and new initiatives for the community.

Questions Questions Questions

As you read this ask yourself these Questions:

- Am I involved in children's ministry in Bloomfield PC?
- Am I over 18 years of age?
- If so ... have I been approved by Kirk Session, Access NI and PCI to be a volunteer helper or leader?

Everyone needs to be Approved by Kirk Session, Access NI and PCI before helping out with any of our organisations from 0-18 yrs.

Q: What do I need to do now?

A: Download and print the Application Form for Leaders (AFL/07) from the PCI website at takingcare@presbyterianireland.org. Go to www.nidirect.gov.uk website and complete Access NI form. Full instructions are on the AFL.

Supply two referees; persons who are unrelated to you and have known you for more than two years. It is preferable to include someone who may have some knowledge of your interaction with children or young people (ministers and leader in charge are exempt).

From 1st May 2018 there are only 11 weeks between registering with Access NI online and for documents to be received by T/ Care office. Photocopied ID must also be sent with application form as per Access NI rules. (See AFL for required documentation).

Remember all new leaders must attend Foundation Training, dates of which can be found on PCI website.

Speak to Pauline Simons (Designated Person for Child Protection) if you have any questions.

Vision for Society Statement

A revised version of the General Assembly's 1994 Peace Vocation, entitled 'Vision for Society' was received by the General Assembly in June 2016.

WE, MEMBERS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND, saved by grace and called by God to grace-filled relationships, in the power of the Holy Spirit as ambassadors of Christ's Kingdom in a broken and divided world;

BELIEVE that the Good News of Jesus Christ challenges and equips us to develop radically new attitudes and relationships with our neighbours throughout the whole of Ireland.

WE CONFESS our failure to live as Biblically faithful Christian peacebuilders and to promote the counter culture of Jesus in a society where cultures clash.

ACCORDINGLY, WE AFFIRM Christian peacebuilding to be part of Christian discipleship and reassert the Church's calling to pursue a peaceful and just society in our day

WE SEEK a more reconciled community at peace with each other, where friend and foe, working together for the common good, can experience healing and the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Presbyterian Church in Ireland's 'Vision for Society' statement supersedes the 1994 Peace Vocation

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GIFT AID

Gift Aid... ever so slightly boring, but very important so please keep reading!

If you are a tax payer and sign up for Gift Aid, the Government will give the Church a further 25% of the amount you give yourself. For example, for every £1 you give to church, the government will give church 25p. This means:

- £100 becomes £125
- £500 becomes £625
- £1000 becomes £1250

All you have to do is fill in a Gift Aid declaration, available at the Welcome Desk. This one declaration will cover all the money you contribute through Bloomfield Presbyterian whether it's for FWO, Building Fund or other mission organisations. Your financial details are not required on the form and the church does not know anything about your financial circumstances.

Last year we received just over £50,000 from HMRC. The benefit is clear! So please, if you pay tax and haven't yet signed up, complete a Gift Aid Declaration and place in the Gift Aid pigeon hole.

If you have any queries or just want to check that you've already signed up, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Jill Simpson

THE GOOD SHEPHERDS

I myself will search for my sheep and look after them. As a shepherd looks after his scattered flock when he is with them, so will I look after my sheep. Ezekiel 34 vs 11-12.

A century ago on the island of Islay all the young men had gone off to war and many had been killed; 150 sons from a population of just 6,000.

A few weeks before peace was declared, a convoy of ships packed with American soldiers bound for the Western Front chugged past Islay in hurricane force winds. But a terrible mistake was to happen. In the confusion of the storm, one of the ships, HMS Otranto, was rammed by another ship, HMS Kashmir, ripping its hull wide open.

But neither the Kashmir, nor any of the other ships in the convoy, could stop to help because they were under orders to keep going no matter what. The reason was that underneath the waves lurked the German submarine - the U-boat - that was always on the hunt for defenceless ships. If the convoy paused for even a moment, they might end up the target of German torpedoes.

The Royal Navy destroyer HMS Mounsey wasn't too far away and despite the ferocious weather came to help and saved 600 men.

By the time the Mounsey left the scene there were still hundreds of men aboard the sinking Otranto. They must have been terrified, in terrible danger and facing an impossible choice; hope the ship would somehow stay afloat or take their chances in the raging seas and pray they would be swept towards one of the beaches on Islay's Atlantic coast.

In the end the decision was made for them. The Otranto was lifted by a huge wave and dumped down onto a reef that broke its back and tore the ship to pieces. Had they come through so much just to die at the very end?

And then from the hills came the island's shepherds who used their crooks to pull 21 men from the sea.

It is good at this time of year to remember the brave men and women who died in the wars so we can be free. It is also good to remember those brave shepherds who came to the rescue that stormy night 100 years ago. It is even better to remember that we are loved by the Great Shepherd who came on the greatest rescue mission to save us from sin and death. And His name is Jesus.

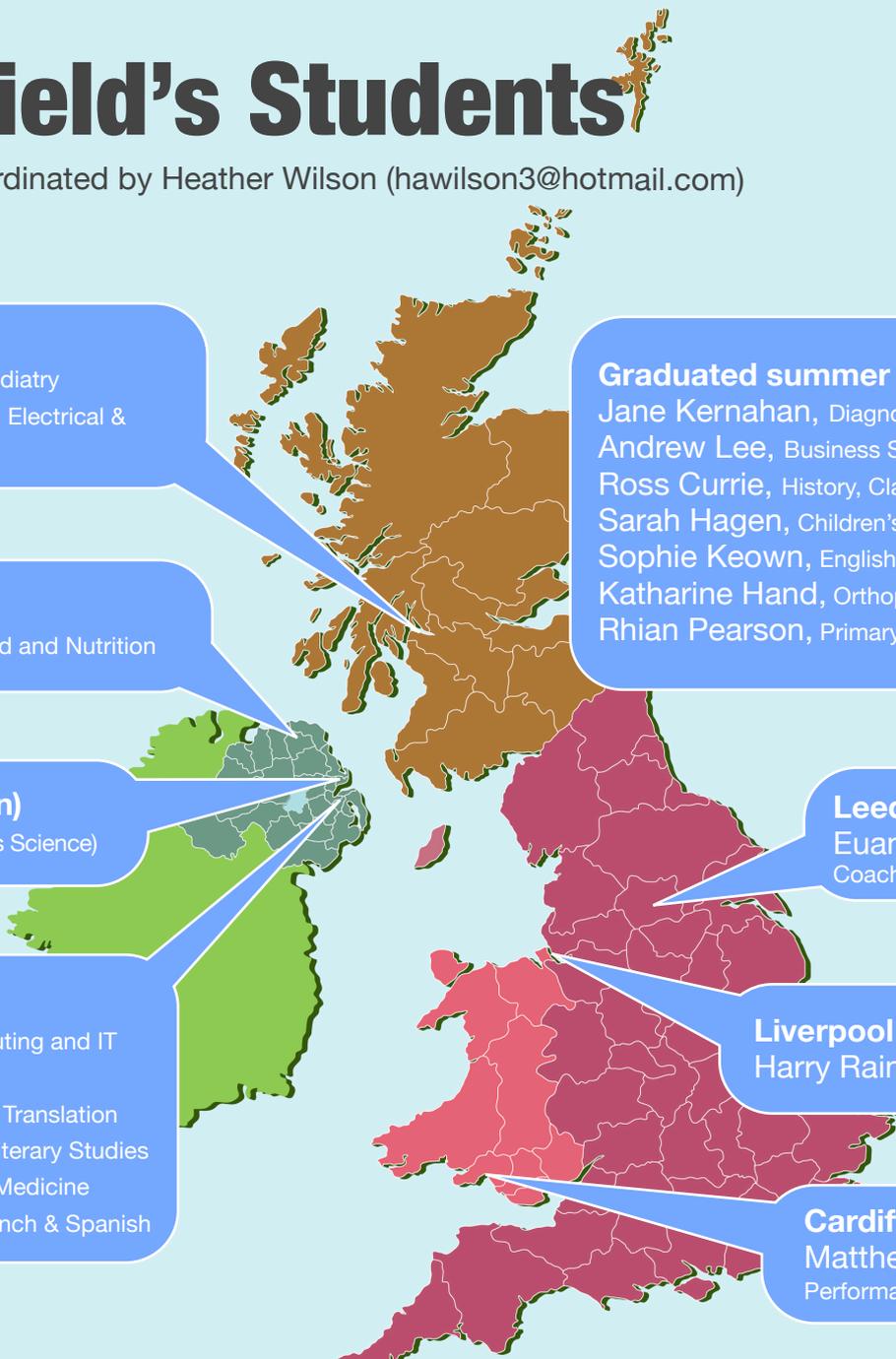
Former Moderator appointed as a Deputy Lieutenant of the County Borough of Belfast

The Very Rev. Dr. Frank Sellar has been appointed and granted Commission as a Deputy Lieutenant of the County Borough of Belfast by Her Majesty's Lord- Lieutenant Mrs Fionnuala Jay-O'Boyle CBE on 30th April 2018.

This is the first time a former Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland has been appointed to this honorary role and he will serve alongside other Deputies Lieutenant, including The Vice Lord Lieutenant Sir Nigel Hamilton, Prof Alastair Adair, Dr Nigel Carr, Dame Judith Hill, Mr Dawson Stelfox, Mr Courtenay Thompson and The Hon Sir Donnell Deeny.



Bloomfield's Students



Student contact co-ordinated by Heather Wilson (hawilson3@hotmail.com)

Glasgow

Grace McCluney, Podiatry
Michael McDougall, Electrical & Mechanical Engineering

Ulster (Coleraine)

Kensey Bowers, Food and Nutrition

Ulster (Jordanstown)

Scott McNarry, (Sports Science)

Queen's, Belfast

Amy Bowden, Computing and IT
Lois Hagen, Law
Caleb Keown, PhD in Translation
Sophie Keown, MA Literary Studies
Rachel McDougall, Medicine
Suzy McDougall, French & Spanish

Graduated summer 2018

Jane Kernahan, Diagnostic Radiology & Imaging
Andrew Lee, Business Studies
Ross Currie, History, Classics & Archeology
Sarah Hagen, Children's Nursing
Sophie Keown, English
Katharine Hand, Orthoptics
Rhian Pearson, Primary Education

Leeds

Euan McKibbin, Sports Coaching

Liverpool

Harry Rainey, Business & Finance

Cardiff

Matthew Foster, Sports Performance Analysis

If you know a student who would like to be involved in student activities please get in touch

NEWS ROUNDUP

Baptisms

- 21 Jan Samuel Greer, son of Alain and Jill Douglas
- 21 Jan Jacob Alain, son of Alain and Jill Douglas
- 21 Jan Emily, daughter of Simon and Barbara Warnock
- 11 Mar Ben James, son of James and Joanne Gordon
- 25 Mar Donovan Draper (Adult)
- 2 Aug Olivia Faith, daughter of Jordan and Nicola Spence

Deaths

- 18 Jan Mrs Jean Townend
31 Sandown Manor, Belfast
- 20 Jan Mr Hugh Philip Jones
56 North Road, Belfast
- 4 Feb Mrs Vera Cardy
Dunlady Care Home, Dundonald
- 10 Feb Mr Samuel Alfred Masterson
Formerly Ballysillan Road, Belfast
- 20 Feb Mrs Alice Philips
Hyndford Street, Belfast

- 10 Mar Mrs Heather Gibson
Dundela Gardens, Belfast
- 20 Mar Mrs Mary Edna Stevenson
Cabin Hill Mews, Belfast
- 8 April Mrs Julie Sarah Pardoe
Sunbury Avenue, Belfast
- 22 April Mrs Carol Hutton
Moorgate Street, Belfast
- 6 Aug Mrs Elizabeth Steele
Dunlady Care Home, Dundonald
- 13 Oct Mrs Irene Hennon
Belfast
- 24 Oct Mrs Jean McBurney
Arches Care Home, Belfast
- 1 Nov Caroline McClinton
Johnston Court, Belfast

Marriages

- 7 Jul Mr James McClure to Miss Heather Alison Wilson
- 8 August Mr Ismael Florit to Miss Philippa Ludmilla McCracken
- 27 Aug Mr John Louis Owens to Miss Leah Catterson

3 Nov Mr Philip Andrew Robinson to
Miss Sarah Ruth Simpson

Flowers

If you would like to provide flowers for the church, please contact Joyce Manson.

Margaret Andrews, Ena Atkinson

Margaret Ball, Esther Drennan

Ethel Galbraith, Lily Getty, Pearl Kerr

Leonora Kyle, Joyce Manson, Edna Manson

Evelyn McDermott,. Jeanette Montgomery

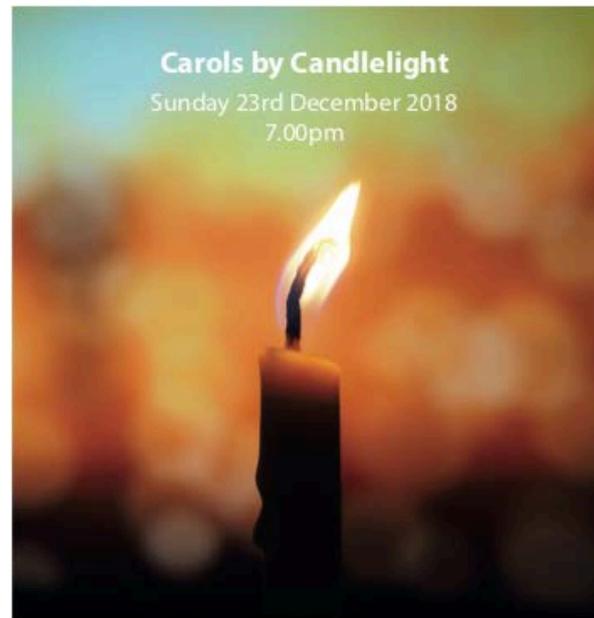
Edith Pearce, Norma Rea, Beth Thompson

New communicants

Rev Dr Sellar with new communicants,
Robbie Cooper, Stuart Leckey, Donovan
Draper, Simon Harbinson and Michael Taylor.



Christmas celebrations



Congratulations

Congratulations to Rhona Stanex who was presented with a BEM by Mrs Fionnuala Jay-O'Boyle CBE, The Lord lieutenant of the County Borough of Belfast. Rhona received her award at Hillsborough Castle on Thursday 27th September 2018 for services to community of East Belfast, where she is Chair and Events Organiser at the Belles of Belmont Ladies Club. Rhona started the club in 2004 with 11 members, which today has grown to 50 ladies.



Rhona at Hillsborough Castle receiving her BEM, along with husband Wilfie and Son, Robin.



Dr Binini and Frank Sellar marking the warm partnership between Gilgal Evangelical Church, Rwanda and BPC.

As I grow old

As I grow old I think more about God

And what he's done for me.

And of the many years I spent

Before my eyes could see.

He gave me friends I never had

A love I never knew.

I wish, dear friend, I could make you see

This love awaits for you.

John Maxwell

Samaritan's Purse

A big thank you to all who left shoe boxes this year. We collected a total of 94 boxes this year. We sold the decorated boxes for 50p each and after expenses plus gifts we were able to donate £21.50 to Samaritan Purse.

The shoe boxes from BPC are going to Albania to local Churches, Hospitals, Orphanages and Schools. They will also be distributed to the villages and Street Children. The collection point at Connsbrook Avenue Church collected 5,1183 boxes.

Thanks also to Victoria for helping me on Sunday mornings selling the boxes and delivering them to the collection point. We were glad it was a dry night this year.

We wish you Gods' richest Blessing this Christmas.

Vivienne & Victoria

9th December 18	16th December 18	23rd December 18	30th December 18	6th January 19
Rhonda Coles Colin Maguire Ilona Hagen Karen Bowers Helen Thompson	Ruth Kennedy Rosemary Orr Robert Bester Fay McMullan Gloria Crooks	Emma Wallace Jacqueline Gregg Catherine Chambers Heather McKibbin Heather Gordon	Ruth Huey Gillian Rainey Nigel Morrison Moira Richmond Barbara Fre	Deborah MacDonald Jamie MacDonald Jill Pearson Jacqueline McDevitt Jen Maguire
13th January 19	20th January 19	27th January 19	3rd February 19	10th February 19
Allison Morrison Malcolm McClure Felicity Leckey Heather Mowbray Karen Shilliday	Angela Dunn Rebecca Knocker Carol Sloan Alison Bester Rick Richmond	Susan Lavery Jennifer McNarry Alison Adair Kirk Shilliday Stephney McClure	Rhonda Coles Susan Taylor Selina Neil Heather Loebnau Jill Douglas	Ruth Kennedy Colin Maguire Ilona Hagen Karen Bowers Helen Thompson
17th February 19	24th February 19	3rd March 19	10th March 19	17th March 19
Emma Wallace Rosemary Orr Robert Bester Fay McMullan Gloria Crooks	Ruth Huey Jacqueline Gregg Catherine Chambers Heather McKibbin Heather Gordon	Deborah MacDonald Jamie MacDonald Gillian Rainey Nigel Morrison Moira Richmond	Allison Morrison Barbara Frew Jill Pearson Jacqueline McDevitt Jen Maguire	Angela Dunn Malcolm McClure Felicity Leckey Heather Mowbray Karen Shilliday
24th March 19	31st March 19	7th April 19	14th April 19	21st April 19
Susan Lavery Rebecca Knocker Carol Sloan Alison Bester Rick Richmond	Rhonda Coles Jennifer McNarry Alison Adair Kirk Shilliday Stephney McClure	Ruth Kennedy Susan Taylor Selina Neil Heather Loebnau Jill Douglas	Emma Wallace Colin Maguire Ilona Hagen Karen Bowers Helen Thompson	Ruth Huey Rosemary Orr Robert Bester Fay McMullan Gloria Crooks
28th April 19	5th May 19	12th May 19	19th May 19	26th May 19
Deborah MacDonald Jamie MacDonald Jacqueline Gregg Catherine Chambers Heather McKibbin	Allison Morrison Heather Gordon Gillian Rainey Nigel Morrison Moira Richmond	Angela Dunn Barbara Frew Jill Pearson Jacqueline McDevitt Jen Maguire	Susan Lavery Malcolm McClure Emma Bostock Felicity Leckey Heather Mowbray	Rhonda Coles Karen Shilliday Rebecca Knocker Carol Sloan Alison Bester

Crèche team leaders: Deborah MacDonald (07894551336), Emma Wallace (07467144730), Rhonda Coles (07849520264), Ruth Kennedy (07792561371), Allison Morrison (07596131746), Angela Dunn (07720384385), Susan Lavery (07800773541), Ruth Huey (07753334621)

2019		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr
Reception	1	Raymond Frew	David Jamison	Bill Stevenson	George McCambley
	2	Gordon Bowers	Beth Thompson	Brian Corrie	Beth Hagen
	3	Jin	David Ogundare	Lucille McKimm	Cecil Carson
	4	Richard Irons	Peter Rainey	John Elwood	Heather McKibbin
Pulpit	6	Colin Adair	Bert Young	David McAllister	Ken Munn
Galleries	7	Gavin Dunn	Alan Galbraith	David Thompson	Dorcas Hinton
	8	James Adair	Glenn Shilliday	Trevor Lee	David Conkey
Cyprus Ave stairs	9	Lorna Young	Honor Kernaghan	Stephen Bush	Robbie Cooper
Supervisor		Janet Hamilton	Jenny McNarry	Wendy Stevenson	Nicola Elwood

Count	Kirk Shilliday	Brian Crooks	Bill Stevenson	Jill Simpson
Bus & Security a.m. Security a.m. Closing	06/01/2019 Gavin Lavery Alan McMullan Colin Adair	03/02/2019 Gavin Dunn Stephen Bush Brian Crooks	03/03/2019 Neil Groom Freddie Foster Bill Stevenson	07/04/2019 Alan Galbraith Gavin Boyd Brian Crooks
Bus & Security a.m. Security a.m. Closing	13/01/2019 Vernon Taylor Gavin Boyd Vernon Taylor	10/02/2019 Ken Groves Trevor Lee Ken Groves	10/03/2019 Gavin Dunn Alan McMullan Raymond Frew	14/04/2019 Vernon Taylor Stephen Bush Vernon Taylor
Bus & Security a.m. Security a.m. Closing	20/01/2019 Neil Groom Stephen Bush Geoff Gordon	17/02/2019 Uel Hagen Alan McMullan Tom Reid	17/03/2019 Ken Groves Gavin Boyd James McClure	21/04/2019 Uel Hagen Trevor Lee Geoff Gordon
Bus & Security a.m. Security a.m. Closing	27/01/2019 Alan Galbraith Freddie Foster Malcolm McClure	24/02/2019 Billy Manson Michael Cooper John Elwood	24/03/2019 Billy Manson Freddie Foster Billy Manson	28/04/2019 Neil Groom Michael Cooper Colin Adair
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