

# NEWMILLS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## NEWS SHEET February 2012



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[www.newmillspresbyterian.org](http://www.newmillspresbyterian.org)

### Our Purpose ...

Newmills Presbyterian Church exists to:

- Enjoy worshipping God.
- Encourage fellowship amongst its members.
- Enable its members to be effective followers of Christ through Bible teaching and prayer.
- Enhance members' gifts and skills in ministry.
- Engage relevantly in mission locally and beyond.

As most of you know for the past nine months I have been acting as Clerk of the Iveagh Presbytery, standing in for Dr Ivan Patterson during his Moderatorial year. It has been an extremely demanding time, with many more meetings and engagements than normal. I do want to thank you here in Newmills for your patience with me as I've been taken away a lot from the work here. I will be handing back the responsibilities in the summer time, so I'm beginning to see the end in sight.

One of the most challenging aspects of the Clerkship which I have found is seeing so much negativity that exists in some congregations. I have been brought into disputes and complaints, some of which are very sad, and whilst many people feel their complaints are very justified, the big danger in it all is that it uses up people's energies and distracts them away from 'Kingdom' work. We all end up spending our time on less important matters than advancing forward Christ's Kingdom.

I think we can do little better than think of Paul's words – that we might fill our minds with whatever is noble, right, pure, lovely, admirable, excellent and praiseworthy. In that way, we will guard our minds and thoughts against negativity and resentment, we will reflect more on our responsibilities to God and others, rather than on our rights, and we will aim to make the most of each

day and each opportunity, for God and for good. If we live by that scriptural maxim, then in the words of the Psalmist....“Surely goodness and mercy will follow me all the days of my life.” And if we have a church full of people who follow that principle, then it will be a very positive, affirming, encouraging and attractive place to be part of and to welcome others into. May Newmills never become a place marked by petty disputes and pride-motivated self-interest, but a fellowship where Christ is truly honoured through mutual encouragement and obedience to His living Word.

Please take a look through the dates for your diary this month and please pray very especially for the Health Fair coming up at the start of March. Think of those whom you could invite to come along with you – friends and family who maybe are not so used to coming into a church environment. You will hear more about this over the coming weeks.

As we continue to serve the Lord through the various organisations and spheres of responsibility, may we know His continued blessing and enrichment. As we give ourselves wholeheartedly to Him, He will repay us back abundantly. As Paul wrote to Timothy – “we thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given us strength, that He considered us faithful, appointing us to His service”.

**SUNDAY SERVICES**

	<b>11.30am</b>	<b>6.30pm</b>
5 <sup>th</sup>	Communion Service : Rev Best	Testimony Service featuring Mr David Blevins
12 <sup>th</sup>	Gordon Stewart : AsiaLink	Rev Best
19 <sup>th</sup>	Rev Best	Rev Best
26 <sup>th</sup>	Andrew Boreland	Rev Best

**MIDWEEK MEETINGS**



We meet each Wednesday evening for prayer time at 7.45pm in the Blue Room, followed by our small group Bible Studies at 8.15pm in the Minor Hall. Our series for this session is "Kingdom Builders".

Our **Pre-Communion Service** will be held on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February at 8.00pm in the Minor Hall.

**COMMITTEE MEETING**

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February  
8.00pm  
Minister's Room

**SUNDAY SCHOOL & BIBLE CLASS**

**Sunday School (S.S. 5-11)**

10.55 - 11.25am, Campbell Hall, P1-P7's.

The children leave the service at the start of the offering for a short praise time followed by Children's Church.

**Bible Class**

Years 8-10 (Junior High), held during second half of the morning service in the church halls.



**YOUTH FELLOWSHIP**

Meets Sundays, 8-9pm  
Church Halls, Year 8 +

Come and join us for fun, fellowship,  
Bible study and food.  
Everyone welcome!



**Meets Fridays**

7.30 - 9.30pm  
Church Halls, P7 +

**Rota for February**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Team C
- 10<sup>th</sup> Team D
- 17<sup>th</sup> Team A
- 24<sup>th</sup> Team B

Come along for fun, sports, tuck and a chill out after a week at school!



**Mondays**

Girl Inters/Craftsmen  
Year 8+, 7.30-9.00pm  
NOT meeting Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January

**Tuesdays**

Eagles: P1/2, 6.45-7.45pm  
Boy Junos : P3-P7, 6.45-8.00pm  
Girl Junos : P3-P7, 6.45-8.00pm  
After Eights : Year 8 - Upper 6<sup>th</sup>  
7.45-9.15pm

**CAMPAIGNER CHIEFS MEETING**

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February @ 7.30pm  
Blue Room



**LITTLE LIGHTS**

**Toddler Group**

Meets Thursdays  
10am-12 noon  
Campbell Hall

**YOUNG PEOPLE'S BIBLE STUDY**

Sixth form +  
Friday evenings  
7.30pm  
@ Suzie & Dave's



Dates for February: 10<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>



"Prayer is one way  
God has provided  
for us to commune  
with him, and when  
we accept his  
invitation to  
commune with him,  
he will transform  
our hearts and  
change our lives."  
*Elizabeth George*

**ROTAS FOR FEBRUARY**

**CRECHE**

5<sup>th</sup> Denyse Ashe, Tracey Rolston, Olivia Sharpe  
 12<sup>th</sup> Jillian Geddis, Beverley Doake, Susan McKeown  
 19<sup>th</sup> Debra Lee, Winnie Herron, Olivia Sharpe  
 26<sup>th</sup> Susan Guiney, Jill Guiney, Naomi Sharpe

**FLOWERS**

5<sup>th</sup> Suzanne Sloan  
 12<sup>th</sup> Elizabeth Malcomson  
 19<sup>th</sup> Beverley Doake  
 26<sup>th</sup> Valerie Sharpe

**CAR PARK SECURITY**

5<sup>th</sup> Gary Hanna, Kenneth Guiney  
 12<sup>th</sup> Dessie Joyce, Simon McDowell  
 19<sup>th</sup> Stephen Sharpe, David Nelson  
 26<sup>th</sup> Edmond Hodgen, Trevor Campbell

**WELCOME AT DOOR**

Ian McConaghy, John Chambers

**CHURCH CLEANING**

Joan & Bertie McIlwaine  
 Sally Turkington  
 Jim Freeburn

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH**

	Float	P2/3	P4/5	P/6/7	Topic
5 <sup>th</sup>	Cheryl Heare	Lynn Neill	Philip Neill	Lee Heare	Make no idols Exodus 20:4-6, 31:1-35
12 <sup>th</sup>	Cheryl Heare	Lynn Neill	Philip Neill	Lee Heare	Speak well of God Job 1:1-2:13 & 42:7-17
19 <sup>th</sup>	—	Emma Gordon	Debbie McDowell	Simon McDowell	God's special day Exodus 20:8; Matt 12:1-14
26 <sup>th</sup>	—	Emma Gordon	Debbie McDowell	Simon McDowell	Many people follow Jesus Matthew 13:31-33



**"ROOM FOR IMPROVEMENT"**

Speaker : Linda Irvine

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February @ 8pm

Minor Hall

Come along and enjoy an evening of interior design ideas.

Faith ♦ Friendship ♦ Fellowship ♦ Fun



**BOWLING CLUB**

**FIXTURES FOR FEBRUARY**

2<sup>nd</sup> Practice Bowls 8.00pm Thurs  
 9<sup>th</sup> St Pauls Gilford Home Thurs  
 16<sup>th</sup> Tullylish Presbyterian Home Thurs  
 23<sup>rd</sup> Pairs Competition 7.30pm Thurs

**FRIENDSHIP HOUR**

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February @ 2.30pm in the Minor Hall

Speaker : Ruth Lavery, Faith Mission

Anyone requiring a lift please contact James (38342195) or Olive (38831550)



"She clothes herself with strength & dignity" Proverbs 31:25

**Focusfest 2012**

Friday 8<sup>th</sup>/Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> June

Theme : "Born for such a Time as this" Esther 4:14

Speaker : Valerie Murphy

Pink leaflets are available on the back table  
 More details at [www.focusfest.co.uk](http://www.focusfest.co.uk)



**SANDWICH TRAYS & PLATES**

Trays and plates have been left in the kitchen from various events in the run up to Christmas. If ladies could reclaim any belonging to them that would be much appreciated.

**GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- CAMPAIGNER CHIEFS MEETING      Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February @ 7.30pm, Blue Room
- PRAYER ACTION TEAM MEETING      Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February ,Blue Room, time TBC
- OPEN DOORS PRAYER MEETING      Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February @ 8pm, Minor Hall
- MISSION FOCUS GROUP MEETING      Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February @ 8pm, Manse
- MISSIONARY COMMITTEE MEETING      Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> February @ 8pm, Manse

**PRELIMINARIES FOR MARCH/APRIL**

- 4<sup>th</sup>            Connect Service @ 11.30am
- 11<sup>th</sup>          Bowlers Service @ 6.30pm
- 18<sup>th</sup>          Tearfund Service @ 11.30am
- 18<sup>th</sup>          Presbytery Rally Service @ 7.00pm
- 20<sup>th</sup>          Kirk Session Meeting
- 25<sup>th</sup>          Campaigners District Parade @ 6.30pm
- 30<sup>th</sup>          Campaigners Display
- 1<sup>st</sup>            Holy Week Opening Service

**MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTIONS**

Any outstanding subscriptions to the Presbyterian Herald or Reach Out should be given to Aileen Harper as soon as possible please.



**HEALTH & WELLBEING FAIR**  
**Caring For You - Mind, Body, Soul**  
**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 10am-1pm,**  
**Newmills Church Halls**



*We look forward to seeing you at our Health & Wellbeing Fair which will have a programme of exhibitions, seminars and come-and-try-it events suitable for people whatever their age or stage in life. Please drop in at any time throughout the morning to browse the information stands or attend the seminars.*

**Key Exhibitors**

- Chest, Heart and Stroke Association
- Action Cancer
- Ulster Cancer Foundation
- Diabetes UK
- Action on Hearing Loss
- Citizen’s Advice Bureau
- Asthma UK
- Allergy NI

**Come-and-try-it-Activities**

- Cholesterol & Blood Pressure Checks
- Diabetes Risk Assessments
- Blood Glucose Testing
- BMI Calculation
- Healthy Food Sampling
- Neck & Back Stress Relief
- Hearing Tests
- Prayer techniques

**Seminar Programme**

10:30	NI Fire & Rescue Service	Fire Safety in the Home
11:00	Community Dietician	Healthy Eating
11:30	Citizen’s Advice Bureau	Financial Wellbeing
12:00	Rev Gordon Best	Spiritual Health

**Need a Room for a Meeting?**

Please remember to phone the Church office to check availability and book it in the diary.

**EDITORIAL NOTE**

All items for inclusion in the March News Sheet should be forwarded to Karen by Wednesday 22nd February please.

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**CHURCH RECORDS**



Have you moved house? Changed your email address? If any details have changed please let Karen know at the church office so that records may be updated.

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