

Church Information

Vintage Tea Party on Saturday 27th January at 3pm. Tickets are now available. The cost will be the same as last year £10. We would invite you to come along and support our outreach. Tickets are available from Jean Woodside, Marlene Davis or The Secret Place.

Prayer Ministry. We offer everyone in our Church Family an opportunity to ask for prayer for different situations that may arise, whether it be for themselves or a friend or a loved one. If you have any requests please contact me by phone, text or email. Jean Woodside Tel: 07484 767 751 Email: woodside880@btinternet.com

End of Year Financial Arrangements. The final date for contributions towards 2017 accounts is Sunday 31st December 2017, please make sure you put your WFO number and the amount on the 53rd week envelope. Any money received after this date will be allocated to 2018. Any outstanding money from organisations should be given to the treasurer ASAP. Reminder that Organisation accounts should be with the treasurer no later than 14th January 2018.

Prayer Ministry Course. We are hosting a 6 week course from Thursday 1st February - Thursday 8th March. It will provide training and practice in prayer ministry. Full details are in the December Link magazine pages 24 & 25 and application forms are in the vestibule.

Any information for weekly bulletin please send to Claire by Thursday at 9pm 93322578 /Email: bulletin@firstballyeaston.org.

Local Events

The ladies of the Church are invited to a **Ladies Breakfast** at Templeton Hotel on Saturday 20th January from 9am to 12noon Speaker: Sharon Caldwell on the Theme of Freedom. Tickets costing £14 available from Jean Tel: 9332 4185 or Jane Tel: 9334 1533. Further details are on a poster displayed in the Church Vestibule.

Pray for Revival on Saturday 13th January in OC Randalstown 8-10am for corporate or personal private prayer. All welcome.

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Sunday 24th December 2017 11.30am

Welcome to All Age Worship Nativity Service



*On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary,
and they bowed down and worshipped him.*

*They opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold,
incense and myrrh. Matthew 2: 11*

Theme: Word of Joy

Order of Service

Welcome & Announcements Eddie McDowell

Praise: IPH 305 Angels from the realms of glory

Prayer Edee Rankin

The Birth: Luke 2: 1-7 Emma Cross

Praise: IPH 335 Silent night, holy night!

The Shepherds: Luke 2: 8-16 Megan Wilson

Praise: IPH 340 While Shepherds watched their flocks

The Wise men: Matthew 2: 1-12 Calum Conn

Praise: CMP 740 We three kings of Orient are

Sunday School Nativity
(Congregation join in to sing Joy to the World)

Talk Eddie McDowell

Offering (Collectors sit down afterwards)

Prayer for Others

Praise: Immanuel (Michael Card)

Benediction

No Supervised Crèche today although if you feel your child is getting restless please do use the MacConnell Hall where there are some toys available.

Many many thanks to all who have taken part in this morning's worship, in particular members of Sunday school and Bible class.

The Next Few Weeks

Tonight

Service of Reflection 11.30pm -12.10am in Second Ballyeaston. Refreshments beforehand.

Christmas Day

Morning Worship 10.30am

Thursday 28th

YF Christmas/New Year Night out for dinner and to the cinema in Larne. Time yet to be confirmed. Cost £10 see Katie Gardiner /Tom McKnight for a consent form or download from fb page.

Sunday 31st

No Sunday School & Bible Class

Prayer meeting 10.30am Galbraith Hall

Morning Worship 11.30am

Rev James Rogers (Ballynure Presbyterian)

Friday 5th Jan

GB resumes at usual times in First Ballyeaston

Saturday 6th

Monthly Prayer meeting 9-10am Galbraith Hall

Sunday 7th

No Sunday School or Bible Class

Prayer meeting 10.30am Galbraith Hall

Morning Worship 11.30am Communion

Evening Worship 7pm

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Christmas Post. Thank you to members of the Bible class for distributing all our Christmas cards.

Presbyterian Children's Society. A Massive thanks to all who have supported the collection again this year. £1622.78 has been collected. Thanks for your big-hearted generosity.

Coming Soon: Saturday Night Fellowship - Ballyeaston Presbyterian Church (welcoming both 1st and 2nd).

We are excited to be launching a new fellowship group for 20's - 40's in January 2018, meeting on the 2nd Saturday night of every month alternating Bible Study in a relaxed atmosphere with social activities. We will be a self-funded group meeting together for craic and fellowship. Please contact Steven or Judith on 07763 352 348 or WhatsApp if interested in joining us.

Wider World magazine. If you are interested in receiving this magazine please speak to Mrs Agnes Grimason. Annual Cost £5 (For 4 magazines) Subscriptions are due now for 2018.

Praise Sheet Sunday 24th December 2017

Angels from the realms of glory

Angels from the realms of glory,
wing your flight o'er all the earth;
ye who sang creation's story
now proclaim Messiah's birth:

Chorus:

*Come and worship,
come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn king.*

2. Shepherds, in the field abiding,
watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing;
yonder shines the infant light:

Chorus

3 Sages, leave your contemplations,
brighter visions beam afar;
seek the great Desire of nations;
ye have seen his natal star:

Chorus



Silent night, Holy night

Silent night, holy night!
All is calm, all is bright.
Round yon Virgin, Mother and Child.
Holy infant so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace,
Sleep in heavenly peace

Silent night, holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight.
Glories stream from heaven afar
Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia,
Christ the Saviour is born!
Christ the Saviour is born

Silent night, holy night!
Son of God love's pure light.
Radiant beams from Thy holy face
With dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus Lord, at Thy birth
Jesus Lord, at Thy birth

While shepherds watched

1. While shepherds watched
Their flocks by night
All seated on the ground
The angel of the Lord came down
And glory shone around
2. "Fear not," he said,
For mighty dread Had seized their
troubled minds
"Glad tidings of great joy I bring
To you and all mankind."
3. "To you in Bethlehem this day
Is born of David's line
A Saviour who is Christ the
Lord And this shall be the sign."
4. "The heavenly Babe
You there shall find
To human view displayed
All simply wrapped
In swaddling clothes
And in a manger laid."
5. Thus spoke the seraph,
And at once
Appeared a shining throng
Of angels praising God, who
thus Addressed their joyful song
6. "All glory be to God on high
And to the earth be peace;
Goodwill henceforth from highest
heaven
Begin and never cease!"

Praise Sheet Sunday 24th December 2017

We Three Kings of Orient are

We three kings of Orient are;
bearing gifts we traverse afar,
field and fountain, moor and
mountain,
following yonder star.

Chorus:

*O star of wonder, star of light,
star with royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding,
guide us to thy perfect light.*

2. Born a King on Bethlehem's plain,
gold I bring to crown him again,
King forever, ceasing never,
over us all to reign.

Chorus

3. Frankincense to offer have I;
incense owns a Deity nigh;
prayer and praising, voices raising,
worshiping God on high.

Chorus

4. Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume
breathes a life of gathering gloom;
sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,
sealed in the stone-cold tomb.

Chorus

5. Glorious now behold him arise;
King and God and sacrifice:
Alleluia, Alleluia,
sounds through the earth and skies.

Chorus



Joy to the World

1. Joy to the World, the Lord has come!

Let earth receive her King;

Let every heart prepare Him room,

And Heaven and nature sing,

And Heaven and nature sing,

And Heaven, and Heaven,
and nature sing.

2. Joy to the World, the Saviour reigns!

Your sweetest songs employ;

While fields and streams and hills and plains

Repeat the sounding joy,

Repeat the sounding joy,

Repeat, repeat, the sounding joy.

3. He rules the world with truth and grace,

And makes the nations prove

The glories of His righteousness,

And wonders of His love,

And wonders of His love,

And wonders, wonders, of His love.

Immanuel

A sign shall be given

A virgin will conceive

A human baby bearing

Undiminished deity

The glory of the nations

A light for all to see

That hope for all who will
embrace

His warm reality

Chorus: Immanuel

Our God is with us

And if God is with us

Who could stand against us

Our God is with us

Immanuel

For all those who live in the
shadow of death

A glorious light has dawned

For all those who stumble in
the darkness

Behold your light has come

Chorus

So what will be your answer?

Will you hear the call?

Of Him who did not spare His
son

But gave him for us all

On earth there is no power

There is no depth or height

That could ever separate us

From the love of God in Christ

Chorus x2