

## Local Events

**Ballyclare Area Joint Churches Service** this Thursday night 18th April at 7:30pm in St John's Church of Ireland halls, Doagh Rd, Ballyclare. We are inviting along a number of people from within the Ballyclare community to speak about issues affecting the town, which we as joint churches can then pray into. Please do come along as members of our congregation to support our town through prayer.

United Parish of St Johns & Christ Church Easter Sunday to **Dawn Service** in **St Augustine's, Ballyeaston** at 6.45am Everyone welcome.

**Ladies Breakfast** on Sat 27th April 9-11am in Kilbride Presbyterian Church Hall Cost £7 Speaker Jill Boyd, Crown Jesus Ministries Topic: Holding on to God's promises. For tickets Jayne Wright 07545 957560.

**Service for the Farming Community** in Second Ballyeaston on Sunday 28th April 2019 details to follow.

**SPARK Newtownabbey 2019** Applications for SPARK 2019 (10th-18th August) online at [www.sparknewtownabbey.com](http://www.sparknewtownabbey.com). If you are currently in Year 9 or older and would like to be a part of this great week with young people from other local churches. Launch Night 8th June 2019.

**Left To Their Own Devices?** on Tues 21st May in Orangefield Presbyterian Church, Belfast. Topic: Impact of the digital world on parenting, including: Being digitally native -The social revolution - Selfies and self-worth - Safeguard your family. **Tickets:** Standard ticket: £7 each, Concession\* ticket: £4 each **Time:** 7.30-10pm (doors open at 7pm) **To book** [www.cff.org.uk/owndevices](http://www.cff.org.uk/owndevices) or phone 029 2081 0800.

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# First Ballyeaston Presbyterian Church



**Sunday 14th April 2019 11.30 am**

Good morning and  
Welcome to  
Worship.



## Order of Service

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

**Praise: IPH 413 Make way, make way, for Christ the King**

Prayer

Dramatised Reading: Matthew 21: 1-11 (*The Triumphal Entry*)

Children's Talk

**Praise: IPH 403 Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest**

Prayers

Offering & Dedication

**Praise: CMP 271 (Pr. Supp 56) I give you all the honour**

Sermon: Behold your King comes.

**Praise: Hymn 296 Rejoice, the Lord is King**

Benediction

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**Supervised Crèche** is available for children aged up to and including preschool in the Patterson room on the upper level of the vestibule. You are welcome to join this at any time during the service. **Children's church** P1-P7 only. Children go out to Galbraith Hall behind the church after the children's talk.

## Church Information

**Newtownabbey foodbank.** Please continue to support the work of the local foodbank when you can. Current requests: tinned fish & pasta sauces.

**Prayer Ministry.** We offer everyone an opportunity to ask for prayer whether it be for themselves, a friend or a loved one. Contact me by phone, text or email. Jean Woodside Tel: 07484767751 or Email: woodside880@btinternet.com

**Moderator's 'Cyclone Idai Appeal'.** Envelopes are available over the next few weeks. Please remember to Gift Aid your contributions if you can.

**Let's Pray** is a weekly email and A5 booklet resource, providing prayer topics and requests for the coming week running from Sunday to Saturday. It features prayers and requests concerning all aspects of the life and work of the Church, with a major emphasis on Global Mission and Mission in Ireland. To sign up to receive the emails go to [www.presbyterianireland.org/prayer](http://www.presbyterianireland.org/prayer). If you wish to receive the booklet in paper format then please speak to Claire McDowell.

**Minister's Holiday.** Eddie will be on annual leave from Monday 22nd April for 1 week. Back on duty Monday 29th April. Anyone requiring the services of a minister please contact your district elder. Rev Chris Glover, 2nd Ballyeaston is covering for emergencies.

**Information for the bulletin.** If you have any details, please email to [bulletin@firstballyeaston.org](mailto:bulletin@firstballyeaston.org) by Thursday evening at 9pm. Thanks.

## This Week & Next

Tonight	<b>Easter Praise &amp; Pizza Celebration</b> 5pm
Thursday 18th	<b>Maundy Thursday</b> Service at 2nd Ballyeaston 8pm
Friday 19th	<b>Good Friday</b> Service of Reflection 8pm
Sunday 21st	<b>Dawn Service at 2nd Donegore</b> 6.30am <b>Sunday School &amp; Bible Class</b> 10.30am <b>Prayer</b> meeting 10.30am <b>All Age Worship</b> Easter Sunday 11.30am
Sunday 28th	<b>No Sunday School/Bible Class</b> <b>Prayer</b> meeting 10.45am <b>Morning Worship</b> 11.30am Speaker: Mark Rodgers, Student for ministry

## Prayer for the week

Dear God,  
we greet another day of these strange times.~  
Like sitting in a city square at twilight,  
at the mercy of unknown faces  
making choices beyond our control,  
we wonder what will come –  
abandonment or care?  
Isolation or generosity?

God, we ask for courage in this uncharted territory,  
where language and motive and intention  
are not fully understood.  
You are God-with-us,  
so we ask – is it safe to let down our guard?  
You are God-with-us,  
so we ask – is it wise to stay on our guard?

Like serpents and doves,  
we are fearful and trusting,  
savvy and innocent,  
living in the presence of our own discomfort,  
bearing with fracture and frustration.  
We did not choose this turmoil.  
We do not welcome this crisis.

God, how we hunger and thirst  
for a spacious, welcoming existence,  
for kindness in politics and co-operation in neighbourhoods,  
that our everyday encounters will be with smiles and not stares.  
Keep us hopeful in our efforts  
to transform strangeness into belonging,  
and Your world into an ever more hospitable place.

In Jesus' name we pray,

Amen