



August 2020

Our United Online Services continue during August, and will be hosted by 2nd Ballyeaston from this Sunday the 2nd of August.

The Online services are accessible on our website www.firstballyeaston.org and facebook page facebook.com/FirstBallyeaston as well as on Second Ballyeaston's facebook page facebook.com/SecondBallyeastonPCI/ and YouTube channel youtube.com/channel/secondballyeaston from 11am each Sunday.

Pastoral care and support. Eddie will be annual leave from Monday 3rd August - Sunday 23rd August (3 weeks). During this time, Rev Chris Glover (2nd Ballyeaston) will be covering for emergencies. Please contact your district elder or Clerk of Session, Euel Agnew (07740 074794) in the first instance.

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

UCB daily bible reading notes for August-October are now available. Please contact Euel so these can be delivered to you.

Newtownabbey Foodbank is extremely grateful for all your donations of food, money or time. If you could donate at least one item out of your weekly shop it would really help those who are helping the most vulnerable in our community. Please leave any **donations** in the Foodbank trolley at ASDA or Ballyclare Presbyterian Church each Thursday 2.30-5pm or Ballynure Presbyterian each Wednesday evening 6.30-7.30pm. Current items most in need include: **tinned fruit, tinned vegetables, cleaning products, hand soap/shower gel/shampoo and washing powder/liquid or tablets.** However, if you wish to contribute but cannot leave your home or wish to donate financially then click on the link below for **Bankuet webpage which accepts donations for foodbanks and you can then specify Newtownabbey.** <https://www.bankuet.co.uk/newtownabbey/>

Together for Ballyclare still continues to provide support for the community during the coronavirus epidemic. Phone: **07907 665885.**

Resuming public worship. You will be aware that the NI executive confirmed that churches could reopen for public worship from Monday 29th June, however, before doing so, we need to follow all of the precautions, advised by the General Assembly, to ensure the safety of everyone attending worship. For example, at present we are required to follow the 2 metre social distancing rule and a one-way system of travel within our church buildings.

The Templepatrick Presbytery are advising that Churches within our Presbytery should not open for public worship before the beginning of September. It is the earnest desire of our Kirk Session to bring our church families back together again. They recognise the strong desire of so many who want to return to worship, but they are also aware of the risks involved and the fact that some members are concerned about the dangers of returning to public worship. **Taking all of this into consideration, the Kirk Session have decided not to re-open for public worship before the beginning of September.** We will keep you informed about what this will mean for you nearer the time. presbyterianireland.org/News/June-2020

Church Communication. Please continue to check our website www.firstballyeaston.org and facebook page facebook.com/First-Ballyeaston as these mediums are where we will post updates.

From our Treasurer - If you are able to give to our church finances:
- post your contributions to me at 35 Rathmena Drive, Ballyclare BT39 9HZ. Please make cheques payable to First Ballyeaston Presbyterian Church (do not post cash) and remember to include your name, address or WFO Number on the back: or
- set up a Standing Order for a regular monthly payment. Please contact me on 07889348337 if you want to do so. Many Thanks, Joe Bingham.

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nidirect.gov.uk/covid-19

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