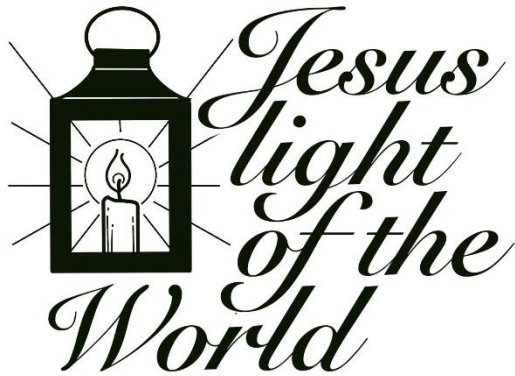


THE BAILIEBOROUGH GROUP OF PRESBYTERIAN CHURCHES



News Sheet - November-December 2022

Light in the Darkness

Dear church family,

As we move from autumn to winter we notice how short the days are getting and indeed how quickly this year has gone by. For many people this is can be a sad time of year. We miss the warmth, the sunshine, and the long days of summer, but winter does have its charms.

When I think of the things I love about winter I think about family and community, celebrations and acts of kindness. We draw near to one another as life seems to quieten down in the colder months. We celebrate Advent and Christmas. Advent is the traditional church season of remembering and preparing for Jesus. We remember the first coming of our Lord Jesus, culminating with the celebration of his birth on Christmas Day. The light of Christ shining in the darkness of this world; God come to be with us to save us.

We also prepare for the second coming of Jesus. Our Lord has promised to return and we look to that day and commit ourselves to following him faithfully. This is an important time to reflect on your walk with Jesus. This journey is not meant to be undertaken alone. God has brought us together as a family in Christ, and it is important that we support and encourage one another. I pray that this season would be one of encouragement and hope for you and your family.

"The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it."

(John 1:5, NIV 2011)

Yours in Christ,
Rev. John.

Prayer Requests

- Pray for the sick in our congregations, that they know healing and God's peace during their illness.
- Pray for those worst affected by the cost-of-living crisis in Ireland, particularly in these colder months.
- Pray for all who find this time of year lonely or difficult.
- Pray particularly for our children in the busy and materialistic build-up to Christmas. May they see past the toys and lights and know the true reason we celebrate Advent and Christmas.
- Pray for peace in Ukraine, in Israel/Palestine and in all areas of conflict.
- Pray for those missing their homes and families because of war.

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Notices

Corglass PW mission boxes to be left in Corglass church porch or given to any PW member by Sunday, 6th November. If anyone would like a box, or to donate, please ask a PW member. Donations all go towards mission work.

Corglass PW will meet on Tuesday, November 8th at 8 PM. This will be the opening of the mission boxes.

Trinity PW will meet in Trinity church hall on 22nd November at 8pm with Rev. Florence Taylor to speak about the work of the Leprosy Mission. Visitors welcome.

Children's Christmas Party will be held in Trinity on 2 January 2023 with a special guest in attendance!

Bailieborough Model School Admissions: Application forms for enrolment for the new school year 2023-2024 are now available to download on the school website (www.themodelschool.ie). Application forms will be accepted from November 1st 2022 and will close January 31st 2023. There are 13 places being made available in Junior Infants.

Trinity Bowling Club meets **Wednesdays** at 8 PM in Trinity Hall.

Focus Youth Fellowship dates for November and December:

4th November, 20:30-22:00, Trinity Hall

18th November, 20:30-22:00, Trinity Hall

2nd December, 20:30-22:00, Trinity Hall

Bible Reading Group meets at the Manse, Thursdays at 8 PM, people can also join in via Zoom.

Bible Readers: We need people to read the Bible at our Sunday services. If you would be interested in helping, please let Rev. John know.

If you would like a notice included in the next news sheet, please let Rev. John know.

Services

November

6 th	Corglass (10:30) Ervey (12:00)	Communion Service "Being a Disciple"	Mark 9:30–50
13 th	Trinity (10:30) Corraneary (12:00)	Communion Service "Family"	Mark 10:1–16
20 th	Corglass (10:30) Ervey (12:00)	"Possessions"	Mark 10:17–31
27 th	Trinity (10:30) Corraneary (12:00)	"Servanthood & Suffering"	Mark 10:32–52

December

4 th	Corglass (10:30) Ervey (12:00)	"The Triumphal Entry"	Mark 11:1–11
11 th	Trinity (10:30) Corraneary (12:00)	"The Tree & the Temple"	Mark 11:12–26
18 th	United Carol Service in Trinity (15:00)		
25 th	United Christmas Day Service in Corglass (10:30)		

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