

# First Larne Presbyterian Church

"We are here to worship God, build up His church and share His love."

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*"Christianity, if false, is of no importance  
But, if true, it is of infinite importance.  
The one thing it cannot be is moderately important."  
C.S. Lewis*

## FIRST WORSHIP An ALL-IN Service on 26<sup>th</sup> June 2022 "Going Global"

Welcome

Announcements & News

Call to Worship: Psalm 24 (p.555)

Hy.18 *"All things bright and beautiful..."*

Prayer: "Sing God's praise and exalt Him forever"

### Meet BLAZE

Hy.118 *"He's got the whole wide world in His hands....."*

### Acts 1 v.8 POWER

Hy.152 *"We are marching in the light of God..."*

### Matthew 28 v.20 PRESENCE

"The Colours Song"

Hands On Prayer

Hy.491 *"Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart..."*

Dedication & Benediction



### **FORTHCOMING SERVICES**

**in JULY**

**SUMMER FAMILY Services**

**at 11am**

**3rd** "Unity Under Fire" Acts 11 v.1-18

**10th** "The Real Thing" Acts 9 v.1-19

**17th** "You're on the Team!" Romans 12 v.1-8

**24th** The Rev. Dr. Harold MacConnell

**31st** The Rev. Dr. Harold MacConnell

**Evening Services at 6.30pm**

**3rd** First Larne

"Nail Your Colours to the Mast!"

Acts 4 v.1-22

**10th** First Larne

**17th** Craigy Hill

**24th** Craigy Hill

**31st** Craigy Hill

### CRECHE

*Creche is available from 10.45am for parents, carers and their children. We welcome parents who wish to stay as their child settles in. The service is relayed to the Minor Hall. Each week there will be an accredited volunteer to welcome families.*

### Sunday Morning Prayer Meeting

meet from **10.15am to 10.45am** in the Choir Assembly room.

*Please plan to join us if you can.*

*Drop in/Drop out!*

### Notification of Death

Ann Craig Meadow Park

## BLOG of the WEEK

### *Kate Bush and “Stranger Things”*

Over the last few days it has been hard to avoid the news about how the use of a Kate Bush hit from yesterday has resulted in the song reaching the “No.1” spot. Read this blog for an exploration of some aspects of the “Stranger Things” series.



*Image Source: Twitter/@Stranger\_Things*

**Going Bananas** P1-P7  
(Sept 22)

**Holiday Club**

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> – Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> August  
6:30pm - 7:45pm

**Songs, Crafts, Games  
& Bible Stories**

First Larne Presbyterian,  
Memorial Hall

REGISTRATION ESSENTIAL  
Only 60 places available  
Contact Lorna Swann (07592399090) or  
Jane McClure (07910950624) for registration forms





## **MINISTRY SUPPORT & DEVELOPMENT WORKER**

Full-Time (37½ hrs/wk) 3-year contract

Salary: PCI APP Band B post, starting at £24,307 (+ pension plan)

This unique opportunity will attract a dynamic, experienced and spiritually mature person ready for a fresh, varied and challenging role as a key member of a ministry team seeking to implement an unashamedly ambitious and intentional mission plan based on thorough planning and effective communication strategies.

The nature of this post will require evening and weekend work.

Obtain a full job description and application form from the congregational website or from:

The Rev. Dr. Colin D. McClure

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5 Whitla's Brae, LARNE BT40 3BY

Tel. 07984030881

[cmcclore@presbyterianireland.org](mailto:cmcclore@presbyterianireland.org)

[www.firstlarne.org.uk](http://www.firstlarne.org.uk)

Closing date for applications is 5pm 31<sup>st</sup> August 2022



Until we recruit a new caretaker, there is a need for some cleaning to be done in the church complex over the next few months.

We already have a team of about 10 volunteers – but “many hands make light work!”

**We would love you to help in a way that you can.**

Consequently, in the link corridor noticeboard there is a list of areas – each needing different kinds of attention. Sign up to what suits you. Some areas will need more regular cleaning than others. If you need any further information, please contact Mary Magill, Jane McClure or Sandy Lindsay.



## Explore the Big Story!

### SMALL GROUPS IN FIRST LARNE

Having journeyed together and with God's people through the incredible story of Old Testament our Small Groups are having a break until September

### GET READY TO JOIN US IN SEPTEMBER

## THE BIBLE COURSE @ FIRST LARNE

Welcomes You

**THERE WILL BE A SMALL GROUP NEAR YOU!**

#### TUESDAY GROUP

at 10.30am in Room 4, 2nd & 4th Tuesdays each month.  
For further information speak to Bev Moore (028 28583052)

#### WEDNESDAY GROUP

Email Sandy Lindsay: [sandy30654@gmail.com](mailto:sandy30654@gmail.com)

#### WOMEN'S GROUP

Email Rev. McClure: [cmclure@presbyterianireland.org](mailto:cmclure@presbyterianireland.org)

## The Bible Course



Go to the link in website homepage "Resources for you to share"  
Including SU E3 prayer update  
Leremore's June bulletin



## BLAZE has just Buzzed In to First Larne! Have you seen him?

### USE OF HALLS

Until we appoint a replacement for Sheila Doran (our Church Administrator) the office will not be open on the normal daily basis.

Therefore, if you need to request any use of premises in the next few months please liaise with Stephen Ross (Property Convener) – [stephenjross18@gmail.com](mailto:stephenjross18@gmail.com) – to ensure no double booking.





Be sure to pick up the first in this series of cards to support your prayers for these times. Find them in the pews or in the vestibule.



Keswick at   
*Portstewart*

*Save the  
date!*

**2022**

**Saturday 9th - Friday 15th July**

**SPEAKERS: David Scott, Martin Salter, Glen Scrivener**



# First Larne's Youth App Is waiting for more information from you and for you

## A selection of BIBLE READING RESOURCES

- ❖ "Spiritual Healthcheck" *16 steps to a thriving Christian life*  
*Available by contacting the Rev. McClure*



## WORD FOR TODAY PRAYER NOTES

The latest edition – May to July 2022 has now arrived and is available from stewards in the vestibule.

A small donation towards printing would be appreciated.



There will be a member of the creche team in the Minor Hall to welcome you from 15 minutes or so before the service. They are there to ensure you and your baby/toddler have the best and the safest experience.

For the first few weeks we recognise that parents may wish to stay with their babies and toddlers – and would welcome that.

The service is relayed into the creche room.

## **Perhaps you could help.**

We are keen to recruit helpers to join the rota for the next few months. Speak to the team member on duty, to the Rev.

McClure or contact Heather Murray or Sheila at the Church Office for further details.



## JOURNEYING TOGETHER INTO 2022... and BEYOND

We are now in to 2022!

The choices we make, the priorities we set and the routines we adopt in 2022 will define us for a long time to come.

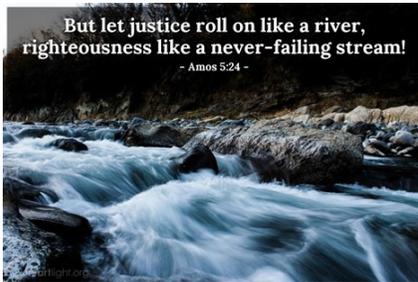
To make sense of any journey you should know where it begins, where it is heading for and how to get there.

In our services throughout 2021 we journeyed towards greater understanding of the big story for us, as relayed to us in the Bible.

As we attempt to make sense of the days and years ahead in 2022 we continue to explore more of the Bible – a story, from beginning to end, that makes sense of life, makes sense of us and makes sense of life for us!

Is this not what you need into 2022 and beyond?

Don't let this time of opportunity pass you by.



Safe Families

Most of us know that if we were facing difficult times our friends and family would be there to support us and help out. But for some people, there is no-one there to turn to for help.

Safe Families are a Christian charity who partner with churches to offer support, hope and belonging to improve the lives of families in crisis.

Safe Families UK started in England in 2013 and came to Northern Ireland in 2021, with over 1100 churches and 4,900 volunteers involved. We have helped church volunteers connect with almost 6,000 families and over 13,000 children – this support has reduced the flow of children into the care system and helped struggling families to cope with difficult situations.



We believe that love in action towards friend and stranger alike is at the heart of the Christian gospel, and that your church is vital for the transformation of your community and the support of families in Larne.

There are 3 ways you can get involved with Safe Families:



- Volunteering - getting alongside someone in the community, such as meeting a parent for a chat or taking a child to the park.
- Giving - donating resources for a family or by supporting our work financially.
- Praying - we would love it if you could pray for us, volunteers and the families they support.

You can keep up to date with us on Facebook @SafeFamiliesUK or via our website [www.safefamilies.uk](http://www.safefamilies.uk) or get in touch with our team at [NorthernIreland@safefamilies.uk](mailto:NorthernIreland@safefamilies.uk)

This Christian charity has been contracted by the Northern Trust to help provide friendship, emotional and practical support for families in vulnerable situations. Perhaps you could help.

Please [CLICK HERE](#) to take a look at how Daphne was helped through the support of a Safe Families volunteer. Please [Click Here](#) to see how Toby's life was changed by the intervention of a volunteer in his life. You can also find more information about Safe on our website: <https://www.safefamilies.uk/>

### Connect with services ONLINE, CD, DVD and by PHONE

Live feeds are still on Facebook and YouTube.

Let the Rev. McClure know if you know somebody who would simply like to watch or hear our services on a DVD or CD player. We can provide audio recordings on a CD or videos on DVD (preferably user's own player).



Go to our website homepage "Resources" for these latest updates and much more...

### Important INFORMATION for Online Users

Our services are now live streamed on Facebook and YouTube.

After the live stream the service is available to view immediately on **Facebook**.

On **YouTube** it can be up to 24 hours after the live stream before the video is available.

Similarly, it can be up to 24 hours before the service recording is on our website.

Listen to the latest service by phoning local number 028 91249550.

### Update on PCI Ministries

#### supported via United Appeal

Check *Resources* on our home page for fresh information and updates from a range of the ministries and initiatives supported by our giving to United Appeal.

This Week: Malawi

"Theological Books Blantyre" –

featuring the Volker & Jinheogg Glissmann



### HOSPITAL and other PASTORAL VISITATION

Continue to inform the Rev. McClure of hospital admissions and other pastoral situations.

Whilst routine in-person visitation is still limited we are working closely with hospital chaplains to ensure our members are receiving the best possible support.

As well as continuing pastoral phone calls throughout the congregation the Rev. McClure is giving priority to a programme of in-person visits, where possible, with our members in care facilities and those unable to attend services. For some this will involve sharing communion.

If you or someone you know could be added to this list please contact the Rev. McClure directly on 028 28272441 or 07984030881

or email: [cmclure@presbyterianireland.org](mailto:cmclure@presbyterianireland.org) to discuss suitable arrangements.

- 1. CLIMATE CHANGE** – A PCI statement issued prior to the COP conference in Glasgow.
- 2. Reflection by the Methodist President** who preached at last year's service in Armagh organised by the Irish Church Leaders.
- 3. Habit Checker**  
What should you keep after "lockdown"? What needs to go?
- 4. State of Hunger Report**  
This prophetic call from the Trussell Trust (who coordinate many Foodbanks) demands our attention as we move forward to the new normal.

## News

Union Theological College is now taking applications for September 2022 to the new BA Hons Theology.

For more information check the website at [www.union.ac.uk](http://www.union.ac.uk)



# PHONE FIRST-24/7

Make sure you PHONE FIRST before going to Antrim or Causeway Hospital Emergency Departments, or Mid Ulster Hospital Minor Injuries Unit.

## 0300 123 1 123

TEXT RELAY NUMBER: 18001 0300 123 1 123  
or Interpreter Now app

Get directed to  
the right care

Avoid busy  
waiting rooms

Stay safe

Save time



**FOR EMERGENCIES - 999**

Including: stroke, heart attack, loss of consciousness, breathing difficulties, severe bleeding or major trauma

**ALWAYS CALL 999 IMMEDIATELY**



Health and  
Social Care



DoH  
www.healthni.gov.uk



Two key areas of our ministry are expanding and need YOUR help.

1. **READERS:** Could you read – live in church or recorded at home?
2. **STREAMING OF SUNDAY SERVICES** – Now that we have the marvellous facility of streaming our services we have realised how important this is going to be into the future. Some of our senior members who are not able to attend will continue to be part of our worshipping community. However, this can only happen if we have more volunteers to assist at the AV desk. We would love you to have a go and see if this is for you. Speak to Neill Murray or the Rev. McClure who can arrange to let you see what is involved.



### Contact Details

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## Not online? USE YOUR PHONE

**First Larne Service** – Dial this local number (028) 91 249550

Normal charges apply. However, for most landlines there will be no charge if phoned at those times your supplier gives free calls of up to one hour. Likewise, mobile charges will vary according to your contract.



### 2. “Daily Hope”

A freephone service provided by the Church of England.

Dial **0800 804 8044**

The Archbishop of Canterbury is still there to greet you!

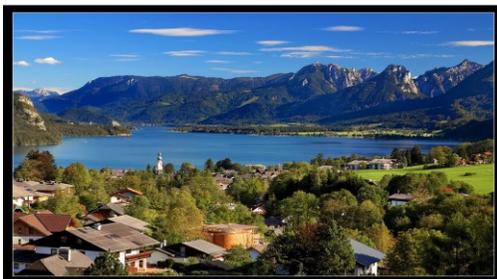
You can then choose from several options, including favourite hymns, the stories behind some hymns, prayers, reflections and other services.

## **Holiday tour to Austria including the Oberammergau Passion Play (10-17<sup>th</sup> August 2022)**

Interested?

Contact the Rev. McClure for  
further details.

Although taking place in 2022 this historic, once-in-a-decade, event books up quickly. As travel opens up the prime seats and accommodation in the village of Oberammergau will come under pressure.



## **TAKE UP THE OPPORTUNITY OF FREE HOME ENERGY SUPPORT**

**Are you or anyone you know struggling to heat your home, have difficulty understanding energy bills, or how to work your heating controls?**

**If so Mid and East Antrim Borough Council have a free home energy service to help with these issues around the home.**

**They can:**

**Refer you to energy efficiency grant schemes available for a range of home improvements (including wall & roof insulation and heating) to maximise the energy efficiency of your home (eligibility criteria apply).**

**Provide advice on current household energy use and managing your heating system.**

**Provide advice on budgeting for fuel.**

**Should you require further information, contact one of the Community Health and Wellbeing Officers.**

**Email [wellbeing@midandeantrim.gov.uk](mailto:wellbeing@midandeantrim.gov.uk) (giving your name, address and a contact telephone number)  
Tel. **028 28 262 498** - open Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm**

**If you need help with getting food, medicine or supplies you can call**

**Mid and East Antrim Community Advice Service.**

**Tel. 028 96 001 333**

**advice line open Monday to Friday,  
9am to 5pm (closed 12-1 for lunch)**

**Email [michele.campbell@meacas.com](mailto:michele.campbell@meacas.com)**

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