

First Larne Presbyterian Church

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

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"Action springs not from thought, but from a readiness for responsibility."

Dietrich Bonhoeffer



Worship @ First
Sunday 11th April 2021

An Easter Service led by the Rt. Rev. Dr. David Bruce
(Moderator of the General Assembly)

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

Hymn: "Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia..."

Prayer

READING: John 20 v.19-23

Hy.211 "I will sing the wondrous story..."

"PEACE: Locked In or Sent Out?"

Hymn: "Yet not I but Christ through me..."

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Intercession

Hy.408 "In Christ alone..."

Benediction

**A Moment of Respectful Remembrance after the death of
His Royal Highness Prince Philip, the Duke of Edinburgh**

Even though the Meeting House has been open for this morning's Service there is still an opportunity to

[ZOOM @ NOON \(or shortly thereafter!\)](#)

About 20 minutes after the service there will be an opportunity for those who have only been able to join digitally to greet one another for a few minutes.

Meeting ID: 729 7733 2637

Passcode: FLnoon21



from TODAY - Sunday 11th April.

The Kids Church Programme is running in person and online. Extra-special measures will be in place to ensure everyone's safety and comfort.

Children will be greeted at the "Link" door to the Church Halls just prior to the beginning of the service.

Parents are welcome to remain with their children.

Parents in church are asked to remain seated until others have left before going to the Memorial Hall to collect their children.

KID'S CHURCH PROGRAMME

for APRIL

(during service time in the Memorial Hall AND online)

11th Gone Fishing

18th Tree Climbing

25th Hungry Tummies

Each week, in a stimulating format, a key story is introduced by our leaders, including a video and a range of activities encouraging families to creatively and joyfully grow together in their understanding.

Everyone is welcome – in-person or on-line!



NEXT WEEK

Sunday 18th April 11am

“Freedom = Knowing Who is in Charge”

Exodus 7 v.8-24

We continue to discover more about ourselves as we journey with God’s people in the Bible.
Pharaoh v Moses – political or spiritual combat?

The Meeting House is now open for services at 11am each Sunday.
Services will continue to be live-streamed on Facebook & Youtube, as well as being available later on our website.

All Covid-19 protocols are still being observed.
Find details towards the end of these announcements.
If you are planning to attend it would assist efficient stewarding if you could book for each service in advance using “Eventbrite”.
Use the link below or on the website homepage.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/morning-worship-tickets-149516569083>



SISTERS

ENCOUNTERS WITH JESUS

ALL AGE SERVICE

SUNDAY 2ND MAY 2021

with Share Jesus International





“RUTH: A Migrant’s Story”

Chat, videos, sharing, caring and learning...
AT A SMALL GROUP NEAR YOU!

Below are details of the three groups open to you:

TUESDAY 13th April at 11am (2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month)

Email Bev Moore: bevandnat@gmail.com

WEDNESDAY 14th April at 7.30pm

Email Sandy Lindsay: sandy30654@gmail.com

WEDNESDAY 21st April at 7.30pm (fortnightly)

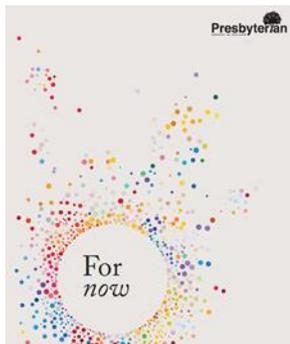
Women’s Group

Email Jax Murphy: jaxmccallum@gmail.com

Have you got yours?

“For Now...” for each household

“SHAKEN” – a book and 20-sided for each teenager



PART OF THE
ON THE TRAIL
SERIES

IN SEARCH OF

Easter

What is Easter really all about?

Scan the code and let the adventure begin!

SCAN ME

Contact your local church for more details:

First Larne Presbyterian Church
Inver Road
Tel. 028 28272441 or 07984030881
Minister: The Rev. Dr. Colin D. McClure
cmccclure@presbyterianireland.org

The trail starts at the front door of First Larne Church and takes you on a trail taking in the war memorial, Station Road and Tullygarley. Go on! Take the walk!

Scripture Union

Please ensure you follow current government guidance around social distancing as you take part in this trail.

**In Search of Easter:
An Interactive Trail**

Starting at the front door of First Larne go for a walk with the people in your “bubble” and search for the “QR Code” video clues to find the hidden word that unlocks the final video message.

TRAIL STILL THERE! But just for another few days!

Statement

9 April 2021

Moderator offers condolences on death of Duke of Edinburgh

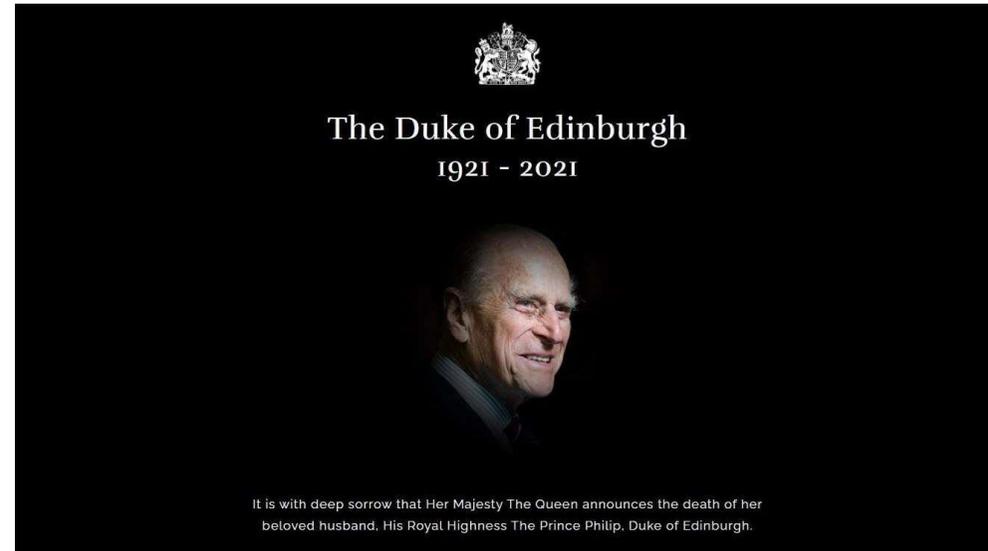
The Moderator of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, Right Rev Dr David Bruce, has written to Her Majesty The Queen to offer the Church's sincere and heartfelt condolences on the death of her husband and consort, His Royal Highness The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, who passed away this morning at Windsor Castle, aged 99.

In paying tribute to Prince Philip, Dr Bruce said, "It is with sadness that I learnt of the death of His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh. On behalf of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, I would like to offer our sincere condolences to Her Majesty the Queen, and the Royal Family, on the loss of someone who was not only so central to their lives, but a figure who played his part, for over 70 years, in the national life of the United Kingdom and Commonwealth."

Reflecting on his long life, most of which has been at Queen Elizabeth's side, Dr Bruce continued, "Given his service to so many charities and organisations across these islands and farther afield, I am sure that people of all generations, will have been encouraged, helped or inspired by him, not least through his famous award scheme for young people, which bears his name."

Dr Bruce continued, "Perhaps the greatest and most personal tribute to Prince Philip has, however, already been paid – in 1997, at a lunch to celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary. On that occasion the Queen said of her husband, "He has, quite simply, been my strength and stay all these years, and I, and his whole family, and this and many other countries, owe him a debt greater than he would ever claim, or we shall ever know."

"At this time of bereavement, I pray that Her Majesty The Queen, her family and all who mourn, may know the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the same yesterday, today and forever, and our ultimate comforter in times of sadness."





First Larne's Youth App is coming.....



Blog of the Week

"Woke Capitalism"

What does it mean to be "woke"?

Refined
Ardens sed Virens

A wealth of resources for this exceptional time in our lives produced by PCI for PCI. Check it out!

A selection of BIBLE READING RESOURCES

- ❖ UCB "Word for Today" (February-April)
 - ❖ "Spiritual Healthcheck" *16 steps to a thriving Christian life*
- Both available by contacting the Rev. McClure**



CONGREGATIONAL COMMITTEE

TOMORROW at Monday 12th April
7.30pm by "Zoom"

An initiative of the Corrymeela Community

On each of the 50 days from tomorrow, Easter Monday (5th April 2021) and Pentecost Sunday (23rd May 2021), **#couragepentecost** will share an image and courageous action that can be taken in the face of sectarianism and paramilitary violence. Each action is invitational rather than aspirational, seeking to equip and encourage individuals to consider and deepen their own journeys of courage towards reconciliation.

There are four ways to join us: [Website](#) | [Facebook](#) | [Instagram](#) | [Twitter](#)

Each week, we will share with you an email update on the previous seven days. If you would like to tell us what you are thinking, learning and experiencing during this process, why not share with us on our email couragepentecost@corrymeela.org. We can then use some of the feedback in the weekly updates.

This journey is an open invitation. We look forward to seeing where the Holy Spirit takes us and if together, we can build a more reconciled society.

Scripture Union E3 Workers in Schools throughout East Antrim

The latest edition of their prayer letter is now available.

Go to the home page of our website and you will find a link with the other resources.

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).

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 Global Mission Workers

The latest update on most of our Global Mission Workers is available clicking on the link on the homepage of our website.

(Please note, there are several whose details cannot be published online for)

Go to the First Larne website link for the latest update from the **Leremores**. Their **APRIL** Bulletin is now available. Check *Resources* on our home page.

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 restricted we are working closely with hospital chaplains to ensure our members are receiving the best possible support.

The Rev. McClure has now completed several rounds of pastoral phone calls throughout the congregation and this continues.

If, for any reason, you would like to speak with him do not hesitate to phone at 028 28272441 or 07984030881

or email: cmclure@presbyterianireland.org to make arrangements

Go to the resources page on our website to discover more of the work of Northern Ireland's leading homelessness charity and how you can respond to their Easter Appeal.



SAFE FAMILIES

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/>

JOURNEYING TOGETHER INTO 2021

After the year we have had what's the 2021 journey going to be like?

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 join us as small step by small step we journey towards greater understanding of the big story for us, as relayed to us in the Bible.

As we attempt to make sense of the new normal we will 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 in 2021?



Christian Aid
Week 2021
10th – 16th May

One of our Larne Christian Aid Group, Bob Loade, from our local Methodist Church, undertook a challenging sponsored walk YESTERDAY whilst carrying an extra weight of water. Find out why the water and why this has a special significance for Bob by reading his letter and going to the justgiving page (Link below).

Dear All ,
Just a short note to let you know that myself along with Allan McCullough are fundraising for Christian Aid Ireland to support their work in Kenya and I'd really appreciate your support.

2020 was tough for us all and I also had a diagnosis of a serious illness requiring 2 operations and 6 months of treatment. I felt blessed to be living in a country where I was well looked after. Hence the Christian Aid campaign this year means a lot. They are working with communities that are struggling to get the basics of life together, with a Covid 19 vaccine roll out being a very remote possibility.

The Christian Aid campaign features Sarah who had to walk miles for water every day, until Christian Aid helped the community to build a dam that retained water that could be used during the dry season. Hence our walk of around 9 miles, along the Ulster way from the Feytown road car park in the sky to Killylane reservoir in Ballyboley forest. The work they do is incredible. Any donation small or large will really help make a difference!

You can donate to my JustGiving page by clicking here or if that does not work by cutting and pasting it into your browser :
https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/walkingforwaterlarnestyle?utm_source=Sharethis&utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=walkingforwaterlarnestyle&utm_campaign=pfp-email&utm_term=87bcd3affd404bd4a2bbd0b1d5b8f6c5.

Donating through JustGiving is simple, fast and totally secure. Once you donate, they'll send your money directly to Christian Aid Ireland, so it's the most efficient way to give - saving time and cutting costs for the charity.

Thank you,
Bob Loade



PRESBYTERIAN HERALD & WIDER WORLD

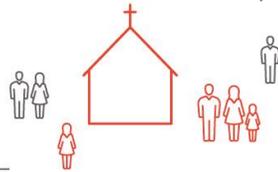
There will be four editions of the Herald in 2021.

No subscriptions are due for 2021.

Printed editions of both magazines have been distributed.

An online version of the Herald is now available on the PCI website.

Stay SAFE at church



S A F E

Stick to the rules

- Follow advice and instruction issued by the kirk session at all times
- Follow arrangements for signing up in advance to attend activities or organisations
- Follow signage for entering, using and leaving the building



Assess the risks

- If you are displaying any of the symptoms of COVID-19, or have been in close contact with anyone displaying such symptoms, do not attend any church activities or organisations
- Take primary responsibility for your own health and wellbeing by carefully considering the level of risk involved in coming to any gathering of people at church
- Do not feel under any pressure to be present if you are uncomfortable about any aspect of attending



Foster good routines

- Wash your hands before, after, and during if necessary, time spent in the church premises
- Arrive in good time and leave promptly to limit unnecessary contact with others
- Be aware of what is involved in applying social distancing from others at all times

Encourage individual responsibility

- Hold yourself and others lovingly accountable for taking advice and instruction seriously
- Resist the temptation to become careless as necessary practices become more familiar as week follows week
- Be understanding of limitations on normal activities remaining so that we might love our neighbour as we love ourselves

KEEPING EVERYONE SAFE

- In order to ensure the safety of our entire community it will be necessary to ensure we keep numbers attending worship within the approved limits.
- Therefore you will be asked to register your intention to attend by using the “Eventbrite” app (link from our website or Facebook age) or phoning or emailing the church office by the Friday morning prior to each service.
- You simply need to give the number from your household who intend to attend.
- For instance: “Four of us are coming on Sunday.”
- As you come into the Meeting House your presence will be recorded.
- You will be asked to complete a sheet giving your name and contact phone number unless you have previously registered with “Eventbrite”.
- You will then be shown to one of the designated seats.
- You will notice stewards filling up the seats in sequence from the front.
- Your details are required should it be necessary to alert you to a possible risk of infection by someone subsequently identified as a carrier.
- You will be directed to a specific seat to maintain the required distancing and thus reduce the chances of cross infection. If we did not do this and anyone subsequently developed symptoms then everyone in the building would have to self-isolate!

PCI'S INTERNATIONAL MEETING POINT

This PCI ministry in Belfast is currently responding to the very immediate and growing needs of over 400 people from 26 countries– mostly asylum seekers and refugees from the Middle East.

If you can help contact the Rev. McClure.

Thanks to those who have already given so generously.



The international Meeting Point want to thank all the congregations who have helped us with our appeal for food and toiletries. We have a tremendous response from your presbytery. It has helped meet the needs of over two hundred families coming to us each week.

Each week is seeing an increase in numbers coming (420 from 26 countries) so we are again asking congregations if they could help us again; any help would be appreciated.

The items we need most are:

Tuna, Tinned Tomatoes, Rice, Vegetable Oil, Sugar, Breakfast Cereal, Toilet Rolls, Tea, Coffee, Jars of Sauces, Tinned Fruit, Biscuits, Tins of Soup and Beans

Shampoo, Shower Gel, Deodorant, Disposable Razors, Toothpaste, Sanitary towels, Washing up Liquid,

We do not need; bedding at present thank you.

Thank you again for your generous help.

The IMP Team

After Easter we hope to reduce the number of days we share out food to one in order to recommence Bible Studies inside the IMP. Gradually reducing further as summer approaches. We will keep you up to date of any changes.



Is there a Common Good?

To mark the 50th anniversary of the Irish School of Ecumenics a new three year education and research programme exploring the theme:

“Is There A Common Good?”

is being launched with a series of civic conversations on zoom.

These will run over two six- weekly series, from Saturday 6 February 2021 to Monday 24 May 2021.

The focus for this: “Is the Past Preventing the Future and the Common Good?” provides an opportunity to explore obstacles to the common good and positive actions for change. The range of speakers are from Northern Ireland, or have lived here for many years, and they will address the theme from their areas of expertise.

The programme is open to anyone who is interested, particularly those living in Northern Ireland and Border Counties.

For more information click on the following hyperlink

<https://www.tcd.ie/ise/assets/pdf/Common-Good-Course-Brochure.pdf>

To register contact Kirstie at kirstie479@hotmail.com.



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!

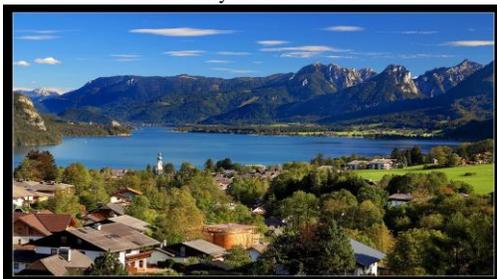
You can then choose from several options, including favourite hymns, the stories behind some hymns, prayers, reflections and other services.

Holiday tour to Austria including the Oberammergau Passion Play (10-17th 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. The prime seats and accommodation in the village of Oberammergau, allocated to the tour company can only be reserved until the early months of 2021.



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 (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

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.health-ni.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.



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