

First Larne Presbyterian Church

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

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"Now let me at the truth which will refresh my broken mind."
Mumford & Sons (British folk rock band)

WORSHIP @ First

Sunday 17th January 2021

The Journey Begins.....

The BIBLE

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Hymn *"I come in joy and wonder"*

Prayer

READING: Psalm 119 v.105-112

Hy. *"I love You, Lord..."* from Ps.18

The BIBLE..... What's in it for me?

Prayers of God's People

Praise: *"Before they leave the Upper Room...."*

BENEDICTION

Services, reflections and input from other sources continue to be posted on FaceBook, YouTube and our website

www.firstlarne.org.uk

SERVICES – online in January

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?

Available at 11am each Sunday

January

24th The Bible and Life on Earth

*31st In the beginning... at the centre: Artist or Boffin?
(Princess Victoria 68th anniversary Commemoration)*

February

7th "The Lord is my shepherd" - an All-Age Service

Kids Church in January

Posted each week on Facebook AND a short "Zoom" at 2pm each Sunday in January just to say "Hello!"

IN GOD'S HANDS:

Discover how God protects David in his early life

10th Close to God's heart (1 Samuel 16 v.1-13)

17th Larger than life? (1 Samuel 17 v.1 – 18 v.5)

24th Kept safe (1 Samuel 19, 20)

31st Wait for God's time (1 Samuel 24)



YOU'RE INVITED TO

THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD

ALL AGE SERVICE
Sunday 7th February 2021

11 AM



A selection of BIBLE READING RESOURCES

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



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



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 bulletin from the Leremores.



"RUTH: A Migrant's Story"

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

Below are details of the first three groups:

TUESDAY 26th at 11am (2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month)

Email Bev Moore: bevandnat@gmail.com

WEDNESDAY evenings at 7.30pm (fortnightly)

Email Sandy Lindsay: sandy30654@gmail.com

WEDNESDAY 27th at 7.30pm

Women's Group: **THIS Wednesday 13th January**

Email Jax Murphy: jaxmccallum@gmail.com

Blog of the Week

The Secret of Contentment

How contented are you?

PRESBYTERIAN HERALD & WIDER WORLD

There will be four editions in 2021. No subscriptions are due for 2021.

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.



THIS Wednesday 20th January
1-4pm & 5-7.30pm
By appointment only
Book on 08085 534 653

HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS and other pastoral information

Even though routine visiting by ministers and chaplains is curtailed, continue to inform the Rev. McClure of any relevant pastoral issues, such as hospitalisation or illness at home.

Scripture Union E3 Workers in Schools throughout East Antrim

The latest edition of their prayer letter is now available. Go 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).



**Message from Captain Philip Cole
(Larne Corps)**

It is with great appreciation that I write on behalf of all those involved with our Family Appeal, to thank you all for your kind donations received throughout December.

Your generosity ensured many children in the Larne area were able to experience the joy of Christmas by receiving gifts, despite challenging circumstances.



**A letter from the Moderator to the
Chief Commissioner, Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission,
expressing regret at the Commission's legal action against health
authorities regarding the implementation of the Abortion (Northern
Ireland) (No2) Regulations**



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**Mr Les Allamby
Chief Commissioner
NI Human Rights Commission
Temple Court
39 North Street
Belfast
BT1 1NA**

14th January 2021

Dear Les,

I imagine that ordinarily, more than 6 months into my term of office as Moderator, we would have had an opportunity to meet before now. It is regrettable that this has not yet been possible, but I understand that you are due to meet via video-conference with some of my colleagues early next week.

In advance of that, it is with great regret that I convey our sadness and surprise about the decision of the NIHRC to pursue legal action against the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, the Northern Ireland Executive and the Department of Health regarding the implementation of the Abortion (Northern Ireland) (No2) Regulations.

Lodging judicial review proceedings on this matter whilst every news report is highlighting the pressure on NHS resources, including the cancelling of transplant procedures, cancer operations and other elective surgeries as a consequence of the fight against Covid-19, seems ill-judged at this time.

Of course, for us, there is no 'good' time to bring forward such action, as we do not believe that the legislation honours, or adequately provides support for, women, their unborn children, and their families. However, against the backdrop of unprecedented workloads within our health and social care sector, and all of our collective actions directed towards the saving of as many lives as possible, to take this action at this particular time appears crass and inconsiderate.

There are of course other areas of human rights on which we can find more common ground, and I look forward to pursuing those at another time. However, it is our belief that the right to life begins before birth, and that the abortion regulations do not afford this right, just as they do not honour women, their unborn children and their families. I therefore wish to put on record the Presbyterian Church's opposition to this legal action.

Yours sincerely,

**Rt Rev Dr David Bruce
Moderator**

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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 (10-17th 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

Call for Volunteer “Meet & Greeters” at Covid-19 Vaccination Centres

Detailed information on our website.

Interested? Email: events@volunteernow.co.uk

A programme of vaccination of volunteers begins on 28th January.



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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