



Clontarf & Scots Newsletter



September 2011

Message from our Minister

This summer I spent long periods of time visiting with my sister, in hospital, in South Africa. It made me reflect on many things; the most surprising one is that, being sick is hard work. Although I have known short illnesses, I have never known extended periods of being sick nor having to spend time in hospital.

I do visit folk who are ill and some with extended stay in hospital but it is only now that I came to the realization that being sick is hard work. As I sat with my sister, and chatted to her, it dawned on me just how exhausting being ill is. It takes emotional and spiritual effort to be constantly in hospital, constantly having to be fed or washed or given medicine. And in realising this I saw how important it is to visit and show grace to those who are ill for extended periods of time. Or those who have to live with constant pain.

Visits don't have to be long, in fact it is best if they are not. And we can show our concern in other ways too, a note or sms txt or phone call. But it is also important to be kind to ourselves when we are unwell. As we pray for members of our family and congregation who are ill, or ourselves, we need to ask God to give the grace and strength to see the illness through. We also pray for those who help to care for the people who are ill. Of course we pray for healing and believe God will answer in His time, but being ill needs more than healing to get through.

Lorraine

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Sunday School

Sunday School will begin again in September. Therefore we will need more helpers and two more people who would be willing to teach. The teachers are asked to teach for one month at a time. Programmes are put together for the teachers to follow and are gone through beforehand. If you are willing to help, please speak to Lorraine or myself, John Simpson. Please give this some thought over the coming weeks as it is very worthwhile.

Pictures of the church building work are now going up on our website - go to www.clontarfchurch.ie and then select "C&SPC in Pictures" on the left hand menu and then select "Gallery" - weekly updates as work progresses.

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Congregational Dates for September 2011

4	Morning Service, 11:00 Sunday School Starts Again Rev. Lorraine Kennedy-Ritchie
11	Morning Service, 11:00 Rev. Lorraine Kennedy-Ritchie
14	Evening Bible Study, 20:00, Vestry
18	Morning Service, 11:00 Rev. Lorraine Kennedy-Ritchie
24	Kirk Session,
25	Morning Service, 11:00 Rev. Lorraine Kennedy-Ritchie

Choir Practise

10:00 on each Sunday morning of the 11, 18 and 25 September.

Early Notification of Dates for October 2011.

2	Morning Service, 11:00 Stated Communion Rev. Lorraine Kennedy-Ritchie
5	Presbyterian Women, Manse, 19:45
6	Afternoon Bible Study, 14:30, Vestry

Thank you to all contributors to this months newsletter - If you have something for inclusion in the October newsletter, then send it to me using my email address - the deadline is the 29 September 2011.

(samuel@atlanticisle.com).

The Editor

PW Fund Raising Coffee Evening

Helen Sparksman is hosting a Coffee Evening in her home at 10 Asgard Road, Howth, on Friday 16th September, from 7:30 pm.


There will be a 'bring and buy' cake stall. All donations of cakes, etc will be most gratefully received! Please come and bring your friends to support the worthy work of PW at Home and Overseas.

PW Meetings for 2011-2012

The new session of PW will begin on Wednesday 5 October at 8pm in the School. We hope to have some interesting speakers this session.

PW meets on every first Wednesday of the month and new members are welcome to any meeting.

I am grateful to Lorraine and the Session for their support of the work of PW. Camilla Wemyss, Flo Blythman, and Audrey Lawler, together with myself, are the Branch Committee. Any suggestions for speakers or meetings will be well received.

 I look forward to welcoming you all to our first meeting.

Helen Dawkins

Ormond Quay & Scots Presbyterian Endowments

Applications for Educational Book Grants

Application forms for 2011 Educational Book Grants are now available in the Church Porch or from Margaret Conologue, Secretary of Endowments.

The closing date for applications is the end of September 2011.

Applications for Grants to Outside Charities

The Governors of the Endowments are considering their charitable donations for 2011 & would welcome suggestions from the congregation.

If would wish to nominate a charity, please apply in writing to Margaret.

Closing date for applications is end of October 2011.

Therefore, if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

2 Corinthians 5.17.