



Clontarf & Scots Newsletter



October/
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Message from our Minister

I recently looked through the file I keep on all the historical bits and pieces that I have been keeping and came across this welcome:

TO VISITORS

In Christ's name we bid you welcome to this church; to its work, to its comfort and its peace. Within these walls let no one feel himself a stranger. If you are fighting a hard battle, find sanctuary here. Our aim is fellowship as well as devotion. Forgive us if we fail in any way to live up to it. Some of us are shy – as perhaps you are. We hope you are comfortable where you sit. If you desire a seat or pew of your own, please ask one of the office-bearers. If you would like the minister to call on you, please leave your name and address or send a post card to the Church.

The language is a little archaic in places but the warmth does come through. It can be difficult to let others know, especially visitors of our intentions but fortunately our actions always speak out. May God continue to give us the grace to welcome all who come through our doors, those who have attended for years and those who have just popped by.

Lorraine

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Announcements

In late September Sylvia Santos' grandmother Albertina Mota passed away in Brazil.

In September Mrs. Kay Duncan passed away - a wonderful lady with huge amounts of energy. She will be sadly missed especially as the new hall is so near completion and she was so very keen on the congregation building the hall.

More pictures of the church building work are now 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.

Minister	Session Clerk	Deputy Session Clerk
Rev. Lorraine Kennedy -Ritchie The Manse 48 Kincora Grove Clontarf, D3 (01 833 2588)	Hugh Borland Woodlands Limekiln Lane Saint Doulagh's Fingal, D17 (01 867 2247)	Myrtle Bailey 16 Rosedale Mill Farm Dunboyne Co. Meath (01 825 5297)

5th Company of the Girls' Brigade



Our new Session has now started back and we're very pleased to see the girls back with us again. We've lost a couple of girls since last year as they have gone on to new Schools/Colleges, but we're delighted to report that we've welcomed approx. 10 new members to the Company.

If anyone in the Congregation knows of a girl who would like to join our Company, please give them my telephone number and assure them that they'd be made to feel most welcome. Just to remind everybody, our Classes meet each week as following:

SATURDAY	Explorer Class (3yrs – 8yrs)	2.00pm to 4.00pm
MONDAY	Jnr/Snr Class (9yrs – 13yrs)	6.00pm to 8.00pm
MONDAY	Brigader Class (14yrs – 17yrs)	8.00pm to 9.30pm
THURSDAY	Associate Class (18yrs +)	7.30pm to 9.00pm

All Classes take place in Howth Road School Hall (by kind permission).

We've already begun to work on the varied GB Programme and look forward to taking part in the forthcoming Feis and Choral Speaking Competitions which take place in November/early December. We also look forward to participating in a combined Enrolment Service on Sunday 13th November 2011 and anticipate eagerly the wise words that Rev. Lorraine will share with all of us that morning.

Another busy Session ahead of us – let us hope that it's a good one!!

Jacky Anderson (Captain)
086 3336089

Volunteers Invited

There are a number of areas in the church that are available for volunteers to offer their time. Some of these are set jobs needing names on rotas, these include:

Church Cleaning Flower rota Tea/coffee after service Taking up collection
Opening/closing church for weddings and funerals.

Then we have special events that we need assistance at such as helping with the Christmas Fair.

We are looking for people that can help with worship and already a number have offered to do readings on a Sunday morning and lead the prayers - we can fit in more people. If you would like to lead worship (yes, plan and lead the service), sing in a worship team, play an instrument or anything we have not thought of - let us know - let us see how we can make it work.

If you would like to be involved in teaching Sunday school then let us know.

We need someone to liaise with our Fas worker who does all the church gardens.

In the near future we will need assistance with running the new hall.

Here is an interesting one - is anybody familiar with applying for grants (government etc.) - we could do with someone interested in taking on this task. We don't know what is available and how to apply for it - hopefully you do.

Speak to Lorraine or Samuel or Hilary and let's see how we can connect you to the right person.



The Building Blocks conferences are now firmly established as a key training event for Christian children's ministry leaders in both Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland. Participants are also challenged by a wide range of seminars and work shops relevant to their area of work with children and young people, whether they are just starting out or have many years of experience. There is also the opportunity to view and purchase a wide range of resources for working with children. The cost of the conference is €35 for the Dublin conference and the guest speaker this year is Nick Harding.

The Dublin Conference will be held on Saturday 19th November 2011.

Look at www.buildingblocks.ie for more info.

Church Fair

This year our church fair is on **Saturday 5th November** from 11am until 2.30pm.

There will be a cake stall, gifts & crafts, the miscellaneous stall, plants, endless books, guess the weight of the cake (€2), guess how many beans (€1) and games including a Bran dip.

It costs €3 per individual to enter or €7 per family and this includes a cup of tea/coffee and even a biscuit or piece of cake.

Harvest Thanksgiving Rhyme

The year has turned its circle
the seasons come and go
the Harvest all is gathered in
and chilly north winds blow
orchards have shared their treasures
the fields their yellow grain
so open wide the doorway
thanksgiving comes again

Anon

Free Will Offering News

I am delighted to be able to inform you that the church has received an amount of €14,711.96 from the Revenue Commissioners in respect of repayment of income tax under the eligible charities scheme. Thank you to all those people who completed and returned the PAYE certificate to me. You have played a part in the church obtaining this refund.

The FWO total to the end of September 2011 amounts to €43,657.90. This compares to €44,695.80 for the same period in 2010. Again thank you to all who contribute for your valued support.

Charlie Porter



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Congregational Dates for October 2011

9	Harvest Service, 11:00 Rev. Lorraine Kennedy-Ritchie
9	Thank You Service, 18:00 Wear your favorite team shirt and bring something that represents what you are thankful for.
12	Evening Bible Study, 20:00, Manse
13	Afternoon Bible Study, 14:30, Manse
16	Morning Service, 11:00 Marianne Knoetze
20	Afternoon Bible Study, 14:30, Manse
23	Morning Service, 11:00 Guest Speaker
27	Afternoon Bible Study, 14:30, Manse
30	Morning Service, 11:00 Guest Speaker Children stay in the service
30	Evening service at Adelaide Road Presbyterian church at 19:00 The Moderator of the General Assembly, the Right Rev. Ivan Patterson is preaching.

Thank you to all contributors to this months newsletter. As I am away for a while this newsletter is to cover both October and November months.

I am looking for input from all sectors of the church - If you have something for inclusion in the November newsletter, then send it to me using my email address .

(samuel@atlanticisle.com).

The Editor

Choir Practise

10:00 on each Sunday morning in October except the bank holiday Sunday .

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2	Presbyterian Women's meeting, 20:00, Manse
3	Afternoon Bible Study, 14:30, Manse
5	Church Christmas Fair - see page 3
6	Morning Service, 11:00 Rev. Lorraine Kennedy-Ritchie
7	Endowments Committee, Church, 20:00
9	Evening Bible Study, 20:00, Manse
10	Afternoon Bible Study, 14:30, Manse
13	Remembrance Sunday Service, 11:00 Enrolment service for the Girls Brigade and the Boys Brigade Rev. Lorraine Kennedy-Ritchie
17	Afternoon Bible Study, 14:30, Manse
17	Congregational Committee, Church, 20:00
19	Building Blocks Conference - see page 3
20	Morning Service, 11:00 Rev. Lorraine Kennedy-Ritchie
25	Afternoon Bible Study, 14:30, Manse
27	1st Sunday of Advent, 11:00 Rev. Lorraine Kennedy-Ritchie
29	Kirk Session, Church, 20:00



Truly the light is sweet, and a pleasant thing it is for the eyes to behold the sun.

Ecclesiastes 11.7