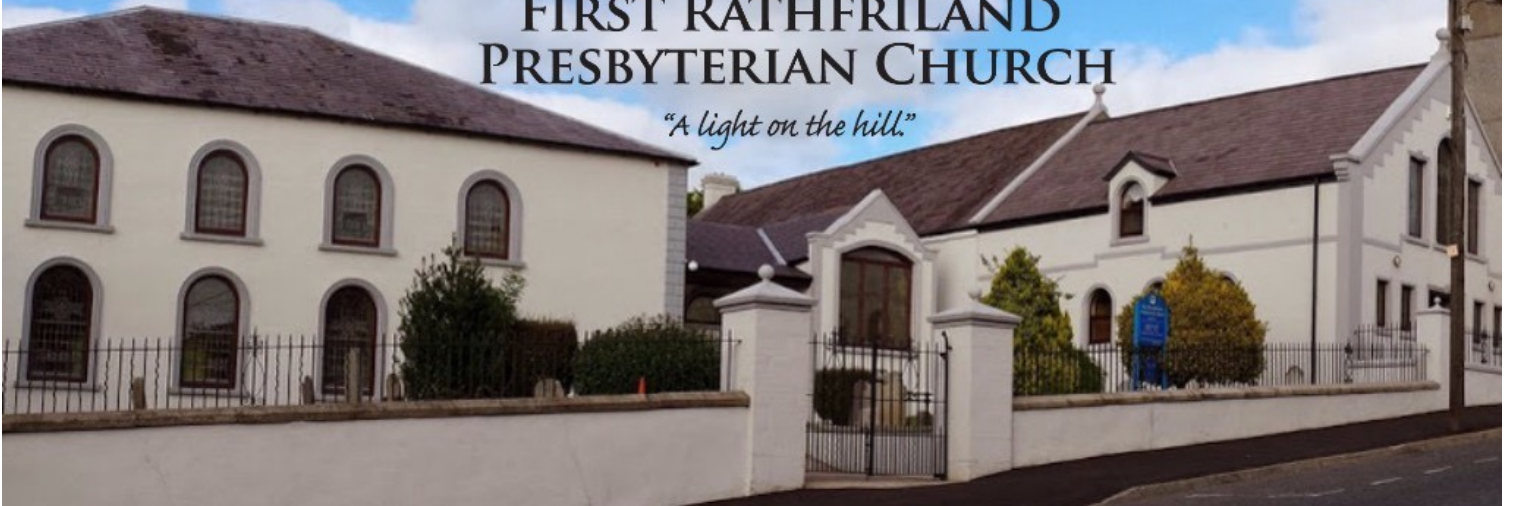


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FIRST RATHFRILAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

"A light on the hill."



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Jesus said, "A city on a hill cannot be hidden... in the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven." Matthew 5: 14&16

We exist as a congregation:-

COMMITTED to the weekly worship of the Lord
DEDICATED to learning and obeying the Word of God
MOTIVATED to witness to our Community by Word and
Action that **JESUS** is the only way to
SALVATION



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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY - SUNDAY 23RD APRIL 2017

Morning worship at 11.30am conducted by Rev Boyd who will speak from 1 Peter 1:13-25 on "Sanctification"

Evenings Worship at 7.00pm conducted by Mr Mark Annett.

PRAYER MEETINGS 11.00AM AND 6.30PM

Morning worship at 11.30am conducted by Rev Boyd who will speak from John 6:43-59 on "The Lord's Table"

NEXT WEEK - SUNDAY 30TH APRIL

Pre-Communion Service at 7.00pm conducted by Rev Boyd who will speak from Romans 14:1-23 on "The Holy Communicant"

PRAYER MEETINGS AT 11.00AM AND 6.30PM

Website: www.1strathfriland.co.uk
Facebook: www.facebook.com/FirstRathfriland

ANNUAL PRAYER MEETING

SATURDAY 13TH MAY

The annual prayer meeting to pray for the ministry of the Rev Boyd will be held on Saturday 13th May at 8.00pm in the Morrison Room. This is an opportunity to give thanks for the past year of ministry and to pray for the year ahead.

SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLY

SUNDAY 21ST MAY

Iveagh Presbytery Sunday School Rally will be held in First Rathfriland on Sunday 21st May in the afternoon. It would be a great encouragement to our Sunday School and to Iveagh Presbytery if our congregation could make a special effort to support this service.

There will be NO evening service on 21st May.

APPEAL FOR FOOD CRISIS IN EAST AFRICA

In recent weeks, aid agencies have been warning that millions of people are at risk of food shortages and possible starvation following the worst drought to hit East Africa in over half a century. Parts of South Sudan, Ethiopia, Kenya and Somalia have all suffered two seasons of prolonged dry spells and crop failures leaving a shocking 16 million people at risk. Famine was declared in parts of South Sudan in February– making it the first official famine in any part of the world in the past six years.

Given the scale of this disaster, and following consultation with colleagues, today I am launching a special Moderator's Appeal towards the emergency relief effort, and would take the opportunity to encourage our members to respond in a generous and timely way, just as you have on many previous occasions.

Background information to assist you with highlighting this Special Appeal in your congregation is attached and also available on the PCI website www.presbyterianireland.org

In anticipation of your generous response we are immediately releasing £60,000 to be distributed to PCI's partners, Christian Aid, Tearfund and the Presbyterian Church of South Sudan's Relief and Development Agency (PRDA). All are already engaged in longer term sustainable development work in the affected regions, and all are now well-placed to direct additional efforts to the unfolding crisis. Despite this challenging situation, these agencies / church will ensure that your contributions are used wisely in the provision of immediate relief of those struggling the most in East Africa.

Rt Rev Dr Frank Sellar

Moderator

Envelopes are available in the vestibule
Cheques should be made payable to First Rathfriland Pres. Church.
We will close this appeal at the end of May

PW MISSIONARY BOXES

The new pound coin is now in circulation. In a few months time, the old pound will cease to be legal tender. We would, therefore, ask that all who put one pound coins in their Mission Boxes would use the new one pound coin please as our boxes will not be open again until February 2018 and this may be too late for the bank to take them.

ONCE AGAIN MANY THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT THROUGH OUR MISSION BOXES

THURSDAY 27TH APRIL

PW COMMITTEE MEETING at 8.00pm in the Manse.

THURSDAY 4TH MAY

ANNUAL PW MEETING in Assembly Buildings. Annual meeting at 2.00pm and Evening Celebration at 7.30pm. If interested in attending please add your name to the sheet in the vestibule.

SATURDAY 6TH MAY

IVEAGH PW LINK Coffee Morning at 10.30am in Donacloney Presbyterian Church Hall. Ladies leaving Rathfriland at 9.30am. There are still two invitations available and if interested in going contact Barbara Boyd.

PW TRIP 27TH MAY 2017

Will include a visit to **CREATIVE GARDENS, DONAGHADEE SHOPPING IN NEWTOWNARDS AND AN EVENING MEAL IN THE HALFWAY HOUSE**
Bus leaves church at 9.00am sharp and returns at approximately 8.30pm
Please add your name to the list in the Vestibule with your choice of menu

HOLIDAY BIBLE CLUB

Would anyone who would be willing to help with the Holiday Bible Club 2017 please put their name on the list on the vestibule. The HBC will run from **21ST - 25TH AUGUST** from 7.00pm-8.30pm. There will be a planning meeting at the end of May.

SUNDAY 28TH MAY

A Commission of Iveagh Presbytery will conduct a service for the Ordination of Mr David Hanna and Mr Lindsay Gracey as Elders on Sunday 28th May at 7.00pm.

MORE DETAILS LATER

SUMMER TEAMS 2017

Anyone planning to take part in a Summer Team this year please let the Rev Boyd know so our congregation can support you.

EXODUS SOUTH DOWN have invited us to a **PRAYER EVENT** on **MAY 13TH** on top of Slieve Croob. This is an inter-generational event for Youth Groups and also the older generations of the Church. Ascend the Hill, May 13th, 11am—DREE HILL ROAD CAR PARK, SLIEVE CROOB



TUESDAY MORNING 25TH APRIL

Tea and Scones served from 10.00am

GUEST SPEAKER:

Mrs Ruth Hamilton from Kilkeel

TUESDAY MORNING 2ND MAY

PRAYER MEETING AT 10.15AM

ANNUAL OUTING ON TUESDAY 16TH MAY TO TULLYGLASS HOUSE FOR CARVERY LUNCH FOLLOWED BY VISIT TO GALGORM GARDEN CENTER AND/OR BALLYMENA



Monday 24th April 2017 at 7.30pm

Bible Study

in the home of Anne Annett

Thursday 27th April 2017 at 10.00am

Bible Study

In The Manse

CHURCH FAMILY PICNIC

This year our church family picnic will be on Sunday 25th June at Murlough House, Dundrum after the morning service. We are using this opportunity to meet up with the American Team who will be working with our congregation from 24th-30th June. Please keep this date free and we will have further details closer to the time. There will be NO evening service on 25th June.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

FRIDAY 28TH APRIL AT 8.00PM

The Annual Report will be published before this meeting. Anyone with a written question is asked to submit it and their name to David Scott before 23rd April 2017. Questions which are submitted without a name will not be responded to.

ROTAS

FLOWER LIST

23rd Apr - Mrs Mary Parke
30th Apr - Mrs Doreen Newell
7th May - Mrs June McKnight
14th May - Mrs Ida Weir
21st May - Mrs Janet McConnell

CRECHE

23rd & 30th Apr - Julie Wilson & Julie Prescott
7th & 14th May - Lynne McDowell & Jayne McDowell
21st & 28th May - Lorainne McConville & Heather McDowell

AUDIO VISUAL

23rd Apr - William & Aaron McConville
30th Apr - Derek & Johnathan McDowell
7th May - Robert & William McConville
14th May - David Scott & A Warburton

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

23rd & 30th Apr - Pamela & Rebecca Dickson
7th & 14th May - Jill Morrow & Debra Kinley
21st & 28th May - Noelle Hanna & Margaret McConnell

COUNTING MONEY AFTER MORNING SERVICE

APR - Mr & Mrs John Hanna,
Mr & Mrs Roy Annett,
Mr & Mrs Mark Wilson
MAY - Maudie Gracey & family,
Mr & Mrs George Dawson,
Mr & Mrs David Scott

If Children's Church and Crèche dates don't suit, please swap with someone else on the rota or in emergency contact Anne Annett on 028406 38954 Please check list in Vestibule.

CHURCH DOOR WELCOME

APRIL - David Scott, Trevor Dunbar & Richard Edgar

If you have any information to share with the congregation please forward it to **Andrew Warburton** by 6pm on the Thursday prior to publication
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