

MINISTER'S LETTER

At the time of writing this letter, the political future is entering another one of those uncertain periods which many of us dread. On Sunday 30th November, after morning Communion, I took some of the flowers from church to the home of the heartbroken mother of James McMahon, the young man who was beaten to death close to his Lisburn home. I assured the family of our prayers and sympathy. All of this makes the task of building a community based on tolerance, acceptance and Christian standards, not least of which is respect for life, one to which we should all be equally committed.

Since the last edition of *Wavelength* I have been encouraged by a number of things. Let me share them with you:

- The Response to ***Future First***. And what a response! To have reached our target so quickly gives us all confidence and a sense of looking ahead with hope and excitement. This is good for First Lisburn. Both Presbytery and Union Commission have warmly endorsed the vision of ***Future First***.
- Some new faces. It has been encouraging to see new faces integrating into the life and work of the Church – even if one of those faces, Denise Kane, has already 'gone' from our ranks to work with Africare in Uganda. We wish Denise well. And, not that I should be shocked, a visit to Uganda is planned by two of our members, Margaret Perry and Marion Craig in January 2004.
- Relocation and reinvestment in our crèche. As the final stages of the move are made, we are better placed to be a child friendly church, where mums, dad or whoever, can be near their baby - or indeed with their toddler in the Vestibule - and still feel part of the service which they can 'listen in' to.
- The steady work of our volunteers. We are fortunate to have so many people doing so many things - in one way or another using their gifts to build the church. It never ceases to amaze me just how committed and dedicated so many of our folk are.
- Session's response to the issues of the day. In the last year Session have continued to grapple with the real issues of overseeing a congregation. Our session meetings tend to deal most with live issues and in a mature and unified way which makes the work of Session rewarding and worthwhile. By the time you read this we will have experienced on Dec 7th our possible solution to the problems of the inability of folk in the gallery to see all that goes on in church.

It hardly seems like a full year has passed since my installation. For some the year has gone quickly - for me it has been a long year - one filled with changes and new experiences. I want to thank you all for the privilege of being part of First Lisburn's life and work in the last year. The Kirk Session has encouraged Evelyn to take a sabbatical marking her 25 years service. Early in 2004 Evelyn will be heading off to England to join a hospice team where she will reflect on palliative care ministry. We wish Evelyn well and look forward to hearing about her sabbatical.

Your Minister, John Brackenridge

From your Editor

As we mark the first anniversary of the installation of the Rev John Brackenridge, I am sure we all agree that it has been a very positive year for our congregation - and isn't it good to greet some new faces beside us in the pew on a Sunday morning! Mr and Mrs Brackenridge and their family have quickly and easily entered into all aspects of congregational life and, in the midst of his very demanding schedule, Mr Brackenridge has visited every District in the congregation during his first year and has been a very welcome visitor in our homes.

With Christmas approaching, please note the diary dates, especially the Christmas Services on Sunday 21st December when there will be special music by the Choir and the Youth Choir; and we look forward to welcoming Dr Gray to our pulpit on Sunday 28th December.

Wasn't it good to have Ross and Ruth with us for a few weeks recently and to see them in the choir, and also to welcome Stephen and Fang Fang on their first visit since their marriage in Shanghai. I also understand that the Rev Barry Keating, our former Assistant Minister, is due home on a short visit soon, so perhaps he will come and see us while he is here.

Thank you for your interesting contributions to *Wavelength*. Please keep them coming! I am happy to receive items at any time – my file is always open – so, to take the pressure off yourself, don't feel you have to wait until you see my request for articles on the Announcement Sheet.

I wish you all warmest greetings for Christmas and the New Year.

Mary McNeight

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sun 7 December	6.30 pm	Worship First Service
Mon 8 December	7.30 pm	Congregational Committee Meeting
Wed 10 December	8.00 pm	Cross Community Meeting
Sat 20 December	1.30 pm	UPFRONT Carols & Christmas Message
Sat 20 December	7.30 pm	The Simon Dickey Memorial Concert Island Hall, Lagan Valley Island
Sun 21 December	11.00 am	Children's Carol Service
Sun 21 December	5.30 pm	Carols by Candlelight followed by festive refreshments, and
	7.30 pm	Service at St Michael The Archangel
Thur 25 December	10.00 am	Christmas Morning Service
Sun 28 December	11.00 am	Morning Worship led by Rev Dr Gordon Gray
Wed 31 December	3.00 pm	Christmas Outing to the Panto "Goldilocks & the Three Bears"
Sun 4 January 2004	11.00 am	Morning Worship
	6.30 pm	Worship First Service
Mon 12 January	7.30 pm	Property Committee Meeting

Also...

Sat 6 & 13 December Marion and Margaret will be serving tea/coffee at front of vestibule in aid of the Uganda Project.

FROM YOUR TREASURER

At the end of our financial year - December 31 - each congregation within the Presbyterian Church is required to prepare, as well as the Annual Report and Accounts for the congregation, a very substantial schedule of statistics for our 'Head Office' - Church House. Before presenting these statistics, however, they must first of all be inspected and given the seal of approval by, in our case, a panel of members from Dromore Presbytery. They set a very strict deadline - they have to be ready by the last week in January. Because of this, it is essential that everyone brings their Freewill Offering etc. for 2003 up to date **not later than Sunday 4 January 2004**. Any donations received after that date will be credited in the 2004 Accounts.

I look forward to your co-operation as January is a very busy month for all church treasurers.

Jimmy Lynn (Treasurer)

FUTURE FIRST APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTOR OF YOUTH MINISTRIES

A BIG THANK YOU TO THE CONGREGATION!!

I would like to thank the congregation on behalf of the Session Youth Sub-Committee for your **magnificent** pledge, and for your total and unanimous vote in support of **Future First**.

We would value your prayers as we move towards advertising the post and preparing for interviews in 2004.

Everyone who has pledged financial support should have been contacted by post regarding the honouring of your pledges; if you have not received any communication please let me know.

Richard McNeight
Convener of Session Youth Sub Committee
Tel: 9267 6668

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Sunday School is delighted to report very consistent attendances since September, and we are pleased to welcome several new families to boost our numbers. We also have four new teachers: Miss Lyndsay Parr, Mrs Jacque Brackenridge, Mrs Gillian Parker and Miss Jayne Price.

Bag Packing at Marks & Spencer – Saturday 31st December

Proceeds will go to the 'Looking Up' Project. Parents and Teenagers are especially encouraged to help – also, any other volunteers from the congregation will be made most welcome. Please speak to any teacher.

Christmas Outing to Panto 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears'

Wednesday 31st December - Bus leaves for Group Theatre, Belfast, at 2.00 pm. Names to be given to Maureen Staniland by 20th December.

Maureen Staniland

"BUILDING BLOCKS" - CHILDREN'S MINISTRY CONFERENCE

On Saturday 29th November, thanks to two cancellations in 1st Holywood PCI, we were able to attend the Children's ministry conference in Wallace High School. We attended under the pseudonyms of Jane and Rob and, whilst Lyndsay quite liked the idea of being called Jane for a day, Jacquie's name badge stayed hidden inside her folder!

The day began with coffee and worship, followed by an address by the keynote speaker Ron Buckland from Australia. Ron encouraged us to consider the familiar words "Let the children come to me..." He suggested that the helplessness of babies was the basis for their belonging to God's family; as the Kingdom is given to helplessness and reliant on grace, so babies begin belonging. Children become increasingly accountable when they do understand right from wrong. He explained that God can use all sorts of counter pulls to try to bring a child back to facing God and that conversion can be both a point and a process; the decision being *towards* Christ. Finally, we were reminded to:

- Treat the child's world with respect
- Journey realistically alongside them
- Treat each child as unique and individual
- Delight in every response
- Don't expect too much or too little

Lyndsay's chosen seminar was on "Pre school Ministry" and Jacquie's was entitled "Meet the Tweenagers".

Pre-school Ministry seminar

The basis of the seminar on "Pre-school Ministry" was to identify the qualities we admire in young children and realise that such qualities are actually the same as those of "abundant life" which are promised to us by God. Innocence, honesty, trust, enthusiasm and simplicity are just some of the things we all desire for our lives. Therefore the challenge in our ministry to children is to nurture them so that these attributes are not cut off as they grow and experience more of life. By nurturing our children so that they feel they belong, we meet their most basic needs and start the process of building trust and developing relationships so that we can share our lives with them and hopefully show them something of Jesus.

"Meet the Tweenagers" seminar

In this seminar we looked at the changes that have occurred in the lives of 10-14 yr olds in the past 10 or even 5 years. We considered the characteristics of this age group, discovering that having fun is a core value. They are also highly IT literate, place a lot of importance on friends and family, grow up quickly and don't necessarily link spiritual with Christian. We were hit with some enlightening statistics regarding their interests and activities, and through these we discovered that there is a gap between their experience of God and their experience of church: God is relevant, church is not!

In conclusion, we were challenged to:

- Recognise this group as important with its own rules and trends
- Provide a loving and accepting environment
- Provide peer activities
- Introduce these young people to a Jesus who is relevant to their lives.

After lunch, we both attended Ron Buckland's seminar on All Age Worship. Much of what was said and discussed encouraged us in realising that FLPC is already well on the way to powerful and relevant all age worship.

This seminar was reinforced in Rob's final address on "How to be an Agent of Change". The 10 suggested steps to being an agent of change put prayer at the top of the list as well as the importance of being prepared to change yourself and of involving others.

This was an *extremely worthwhile* conference and we both felt privileged at being given the unexpected opportunity to attend (thank you Angie Nicol)!

Lyndsay Parr
Jacquie Brackenridge

From the Presbyterian Youth Board

For information on overseas **ministry teams** or **gap year service** check out www.pciyouth.org or look at the leaflets in the vestibule on Singapore, PCI Year Team, Uganda 2004, Moscow 2004.

NEW VOICES IN THE CHOIR!

Oh, how much I would like to say that every month! Sadly I cannot. Except to say welcome to Mrs Anna Stewart who is singing alongside Marion and is helping to balance out that side of the choir.

Unfortunately, Anna has been the only addition to the choir over the last two years. We are badly in need of men to sing the tenor and bass parts. Now, if that statement scares any would-be chorister off, please don't let it, as we make it very easy for those who cannot read music.

The choir practises on Thursday evenings from 8.00 pm until 9.45 pm approximately. They are not so much a practice as a good night's craic with sweets and laughter shared amongst the members. So I would appeal to all those who have good voices to let them be heard in praise of our Lord God and give back to Him some of your talents.

I thank you all in the hope of a favourable response.

Tom Whyte
Director of Music

WORLD DEVELOPMENT APPEAL AIDS Matters...to people who are positive

HIV/AIDS is bringing untold suffering to individuals and families, many of whom are infected and affected through no fault of their own. The consequences of the epidemic are devastating in terms of human relationships and also for economic and social development.

'AIDS Matters...' when your family are dying one by one: the 2002 Appeal focused on the medical background and the problems for communities and families.

PCI channelled funding through Christian Aid and Tearfund for projects throughout every continent, which work to bring prevention education, home nursing care, social and spiritual counselling and income support schemes, to help people cope with the problems.

The 2003 Appeal – '**AIDS Matters...to people who are positive**' - will continue to fund programmes in India, Kenya, Thailand and Serbia and to support projects in Ethiopia, Cambodia, Sierra Leone, Kosovo, Jamaica, Argentina and Uganda. The emphasis will be on the 'positive': the good news that Uganda, for example, is now recording falling infection rates, proof that prevention advice is working. Positive also because, given the right support, people with HIV can continue to lead fulfilling lives...

People like Esther who is coping well with AIDS – her picture is on the front of the poster and in the leaflet – this is the story behind the picture:

'Esther was forced into prostitution at the age of 14, working in the miserable brothels of Bombay with 100,000 other girls. She came into contact with one of our partners and gained their trust. They show the girls practical care, helping with hospital visits and healthcare, for example. Esther was invited to a church camp where she became a Christian. Over the next months she disentangled herself from prostitution and was helped find an alternative source of income. However, her burden for the girls she used to work amongst led her to join the team. We met her in the drop-in centre run on the edge of the Red Light district.

Esther's love for the Lord and her enthusiasm for the work were so moving. She is HIV positive but is positive about her life. She is using the time she has been given to make an impact for Christ in one of the neediest areas of India and through our support of World Development we are helping her do that.'

Last year First Lisburn raised £5,908 for World Development; we were third in the Presbytery. Let's try and exceed that sum this year.

Hazel McCall

Christian Aid lunches continue every Tuesday in the Church Hall from 11.30 am – 2.00 pm. If you haven't been before, do come along and join us and bring your friends. You will be offered a choice of delicious home-made soups to accompany your bread and cheese. What better way to warm up after a cold morning in the market or shopping in the city, and you will be supporting those who work hard to raise substantial funds for Christian Aid.

PWA – ON THE MOVE...WITH GOD

Perhaps it was the lovely "Indian Summer" of the Autumn which encouraged us to journey to foreign parts. At our October meeting Marion Craig told us of her summer spell in Romania working in Micske with children who wished to improve their English with bible reading and games, and just fun and being children! Well done, Marion.

In November we travelled in India with Dr James and Mrs Willi Barton, who have just retired from 33 years as missionary workers. They first served in Woodstock school in Mussoori in the foothills of the Himalayas, moving to Calcutta and Bombay, and breaking off for a few years to finish their children's education back home, and then returning to work in Goa at the very bottom of India. A very worthwhile evening.

The middle of November saw all members busily preparing for our Annual Sale and Coffee morning on 15th November. This was our main fundraiser to aid PWA mission at home and abroad, and we were most grateful for the support and donations from members of the congregation and other friends. Thanks to all, we finally raised £1627.30 which has been passed on to PWA in Church House for aid to deaconesses and missionaries.

December's meeting is always enlivened with homespun fun from members, and we spent time "living in the Manse", with the help of a daughter and a minister's wife, and in a missionary home in India. Then Florence Blair and Company entertained us with a sketch "Going to the Rally", after which we had a Lucky Dip for a small present before supper. No PWA meeting would be complete without a cup of tea and wee buns, but it is really the chat and fellowship among members which keeps us all together. Congratulations to Annabelle Poots who received an MBE from the Queen, very well deserved for your work with the Gateway Club, Annabelle.

Why not come along on **6th January** to hear Niall Lockhart speak of his time in the Cameroons, and an especially warm welcome to the **women** of the congregation to come on **3rd February** to the Main Hall when Deirdre Humphreys (mother of David of rugby fame!) will make us Fit for Life! Do come, all those who were in the Young Women's group, and all the younger ones who didn't have that pleasure! The **men** are invited to join us also on **2nd March** when Rev David Alderdice (whose son was leader of the Assembly at Stormont) will talk about Gardening in the Glens, a lovely end to such interesting journeys.

Anne Kain

CROSS COMMUNITY GROUP

The members of the Cross Community Group are pleased to have the interest and support of FLPC. They would be most happy to welcome more folk from our church to their monthly meetings where the main aim is to foster understanding and friendship through listening to speakers of mutual interest, and entering into informal discussion with one another.

Real good fun abounds too, as was experienced at the recent well attended Table Quiz held in the Main Hall of First Lisburn. So far this term, Rev Brackenridge has enlightened us on the work of the body dealing with Inter Church Marriage, and Mrs Laura Hamilton portrayed for us what it is like to support and encourage young women through a Family Centre in Tullycarnet, Dundonald.

The next meeting will be held in the Boyd Room on Wednesday 10th December at 8.00 pm when an evening of Christmas Cheer, provided by the members, will be both enjoyable and memorable.

Joyce Moran
Secretary

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD - SHOEBOX APPEAL 2003

This year our target was 300; however, due to the generosity of the members and friends of the congregation, we were able to send 334 boxes and £900.

BOXES	<u>2-4</u>	<u>5-9</u>	<u>10-14</u>
BOYS	44	48	48
GIRLS	58	81	55

This was a fantastic result and I would like to thank everyone who participated this year.

Special thanks go to the ladies who, during the year, spent a great deal of time knitting hats, scarves, mittens and teddies. We hope that you will continue this good work towards next year's appeal.

This year we had a small ongoing fund of money which enabled us to purchase items that are more plentiful during the spring/summer months, such as small dolls, skipping ropes, balls, pencil sharpeners, etc. It is rather surprising how many toys are 'seasonal' and not readily available coming up to Christmas when bigger items are 'the thing to buy'. We hope to do this again during 2004 as it really did help us to exceed our original target.

You may think this is a bit premature, but I think it is worth mentioning. When next you start your 'spring cleaning' or 'clearing out the odd cupboard or drawer', please remember that we will be happy to take your unwanted jewellery, small toys, etc., in fact anything you may think would be of use to us.

Once again, a very big thank you to you all. I am sure the children who receive a 'shoebox' will be delighted with their gifts.

Helen Lynn

MESSAGE FROM LISBURN DOWNTOWN CENTRE

The leaves are dropping from the trees, there is a coldness in the air and the dark nights of the winter season, coupled with thoughts of sitting around a warm fire, become more and more appealing. I know that the shorter nights can have some of us reaching for the duvet or taking up residence in front of the TV, but there is still lots to keep you busy with here at Downtown.

So please get involved!

Every week I see young people aged approx. 22 - 34 who call in to the centre and receive one-to-one support, resource and encouragement. Over the last year there has been a steady number of enquirers in this age group. With this in mind, a decision was made that a group be formed to encourage and empower these young adults so that they can make a valid contribution to their community, and to encourage them to go out and be helped to mix with others.

This group is due to commence in January 2004, and I am offering an opportunity for you to get involved in helping with this group.

Here is a step-by-step guide if you are interested:

Contact me, Margaret Bailie, at the Downtown Centre

Tel: 92 672052

E mail: downtowncentre@msn.com

An arrangement will be made for you to come into the office for an informal chat and take you through the details to date about the group. After this, if you are still interested, you can complete our volunteer application form.

Remember, this is not the only opening within Downtown; if you're seriously interested in volunteering, there are many other facets to the work. There are many areas of the work of Downtown that need help - depending on what you are interested in doing, the time you have to give and the area of work that you feel most comfortable with.

WHY not contact the Downtown Centre to find out more!

And if all of this is not enough to get you excited, remember Christmas is coming and I have it on good authority that Santa will be bringing an extra present for all the good little boys and girls who volunteer.

Seriously through, "Let your light shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in Heaven".

May you all have a blessed and happy Christmas.

Margaret Bailie, Centre Co-Ordinator

SIMON DICKEY MEMORIAL CONCERT

Earlier this year, on 21st August, Simon Dickey died as the result of a car crash on the Ormeau Road in Belfast. He was 21 years of age. Simon was a member of First Lisburn's praise band and played trumpet on a number of occasions in the church other than at our Worship First Services.

Simon was a very likeable young man, quiet in nature, but enjoyed a happy life full of music. He was about to start his second year at Queen's University Belfast, studying for a Bachelor of Music Degree. He played principal cornet for Garvey Silver Band, and he played trumpet in the QUB orchestra and the City of Belfast Youth Concert Band.

What some of us who knew him did not know, was that Simon had been a blood donor and had been contributing to the Royal National Institute for the Blind every month. He also carried an organ donor card and, when he died, his parents gave permission for transplant. Simon gave the ultimate gift of life to at least three other people who are, we are assured, doing well and can be expected to live long and different lives from what they had previously known.

I was so moved by this tragedy and the unique generosity that so typified Simon's life that I was prompted, just three days after his funeral, to organise the concert in his memory and to pay tribute to what was indeed a wonderful young man's life.

Stephen McLaughlin of the Lisburn School of Music and the members of Garvey Silver Band helped me enormously in the initial stages, and gradually, bit by bit, the programme has come together. I have been very moved by the way everyone has wanted to be involved both in performing and helping backstage and front of house on the evening.

As well as Garvey Silver Band, augmented on the evening by musicians from several bands around the Province, also appearing will be: The City of Belfast Concert Band, The Choir of Wellington College, the joint choirs of First Lisburn and St Michael the Archangel, Lisburn School of Music Rhythm and Blues Band, Joanna Higgins (Soprano), Robin Clinton and John Sloan (Trumpets). Compère for the evening is Mr Brian Johnston. The music will have mostly a Christmas flavour, but there will be some old favourites from the brass band world, and Glenn Miller fans will appreciate some of the concert band arrangements.

The concert is being held in the Island Hall, Lagan Valley Island, at 7.30 pm on Saturday, 20th December – the eve of what would have been Simon's 22nd Birthday, and most importantly, we hope to raise a significant sum for The Royal National Institute for the Blind. Tickets are on sale from the box office at the Island or, if anyone would like me to order tickets, please put your name and requirements on the list in the Church porch. Tickets cost £7.00 and £5.00 (Concessions).

I would commend this night to everyone, as a full house will be a most fitting tribute to a young man who did so much for others in his short but memorable life.

Tom Whyte
Director of Music

SEND A COW Livestock for Life

We would like to thank all those who are supporting our project to buy two cows for the 'Send A Cow' Project in Uganda. To date one cow has been purchased, and we are half way towards reaching the total necessary to buy the second one. Your ongoing financial support is very much appreciated, and, through this scheme, you are supporting and encouraging the families and those around them, whose quality of life is turned round by these animals into something very positive, by giving them improved health, a sense of dignity, and an ability to contribute to the well being of their community.

Thank You.

Evelyn and Marion.

GREETINGS FROM NICOLA AND PAULA

URBAN PROMISE – TORONTO

We will all remember how movingly Nicola Lunn spoke to the congregation during her last visit home, of her work with children on the Urban Promise programme in Toronto, and of how the lives of young people there are being changed.

Nicola has now entered her fourth and final year at Urban Promise and, in her recent newsletter, she writes of how God has provided for her every need - spiritually, emotionally and physically.

Nicola returns home at the end of August 2004 to start University, and wants to thank the congregation for their love, prayers and financial support over the last three years. She asks us to pray that the young people with whom she is working will continue to grow spiritually, and that we will continue our prayers and support during the remainder of her time with Urban Promise.

"AURURA" - YOUTH FOR CHRIST PROGRAMME

In September Paula Nicol moved to Stoke-on-Trent to begin a voluntary year working with Youth for Christ. In a recent newsletter we are glad to learn that she has settled well and is very happy in her Church there.

As part of the Aurura programme, Paula has been involved in building up good relationships with children of primary school age on a weekly basis at three after-school clubs, and a breakfast club. The aim of the programme is to bring the good news of Jesus into the lives and situations of children in the city. Paula is looking forward to playing the piano at a Christmas presentation "The Gift" with a group of people from different churches.

Paula asks us to pray for the children and for the team and they seek guidance and wisdom in their future plans for the Aurura programme.

AFRICARE - UGANDA

We will look forward to hearing news of Denise Kane during her time with Africare in Uganda where she will be using her nursing skills working at Cherub, a Child Health Education and Rehabilitation Unit in Besaniya. Denise also hopes to have the opportunity to do some Christian outreach work.

In January, Marion Craig and Margaret Perry plan to spend some time with Denise during their visit to Uganda, when they will be travelling under the auspices of a United Christian Missions Team, which includes nine burly builders who are going out to build a primary school. Marion and Margaret will be viewing projects already undertaken and will explore what opportunities there may be to support Denise in her work. We look forward to hearing from Marion and Margaret on their return – if they survive their experience with the builders!

WIDER WORLD

Wider World New subscribers to this magazine would be very welcome. It is published quarterly at a cost of £2.00 per year, and provides interesting information on the work of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland as well as focusing on the work of the church overseas. The next edition includes a feature on Miss Evelyn Whyte as she marks 25 years service as a deaconess, which I am sure will be of great interest to all our subscribers. If you would like to read this article and become a subscriber to **Wider World**, please contact Helen Lynn (Tel: 9266 3285).

CHURCH BOOKSTALL IN FOYER

The congregation will see that the bookstall is operating again at this time of year. People are encouraged to take a few moments to browse – there are many interesting and exciting titles to suit all ages. As well as possibly buying a book for someone else, what about purchasing one for yourself to help you in your walk with God? Topics covered are wide and varied and there is sure to be something to capture your interest.

Tom Kinkead

POINTS FOR PRAYER BOOKLET 2004

For each day of the month there are two pages, one covering an aspect of the Church's mission at home and one for overseas. You will find this booklet contains a wealth of information about the mission of the Presbyterian Church at home and abroad. Those who already receive the booklet do not need to re-order and new readers are encouraged. Please speak to Tom Kinkead or telephone him at 92 665095.

Tom Kinkead,
Overseas Agent

CHRISTIAN IRISHMAN CALENDAR 2004

Anyone who would like to order the Christian Irishman calendar for 2004, please contact Doreen Burns: Tel No. 9267 9965. The price is £1.80 and a sample of the calendar can be seen in the Church Office.

STAMPS FOR 'SAVE THE CHILDREN'

Miss Nancy Martin would be very pleased to receive your used postage stamps, which she will pass to her sister, Miss Dorothy Martin, who is collecting them to raise funds for Save the Children. So, with Christmas cards arriving, what better time to start saving your stamps for this worthy charity.

ODD JOBS

Experienced Joiner/Cabinet Maker (semi-retired) is willing to undertake maintenance tasks around the home: Contact Mr R S Walker, 13 Sepon Park, Lisburn. Tel: 9266 2264. Basic rate £4.00 per hour.

Have you got a minute?

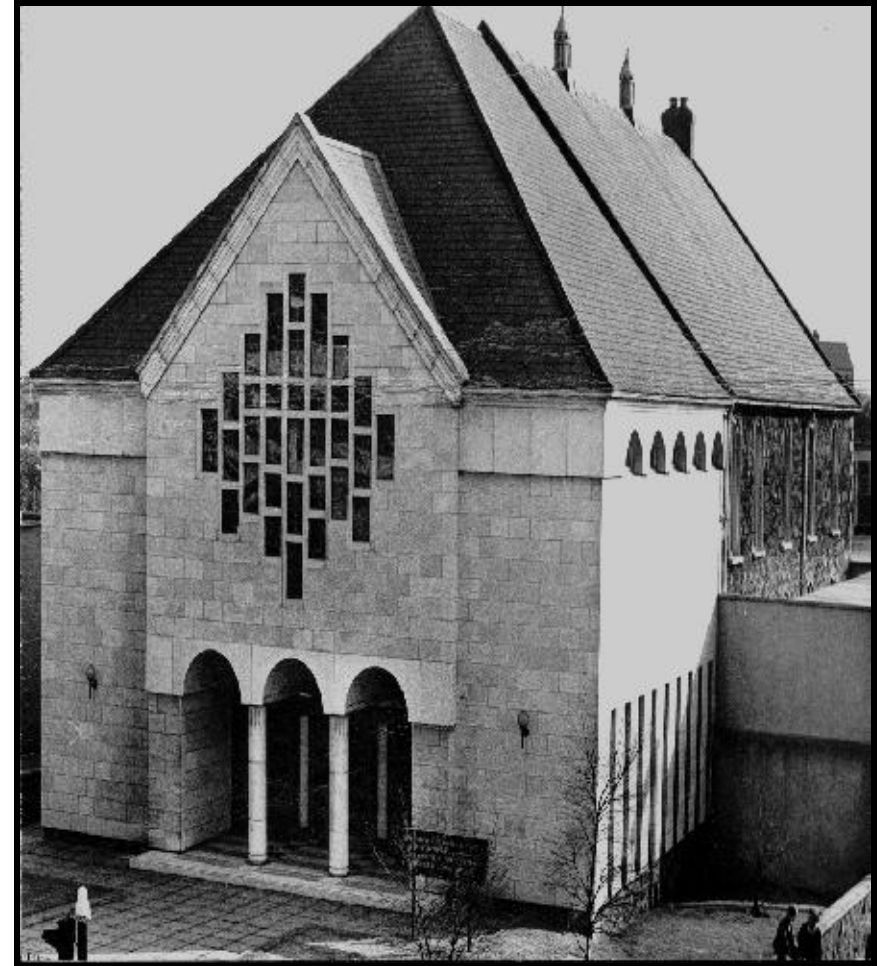


THE BUSY MAN

If you want to get a favour done
By some obliging friend,
And want a promise safe and sure
On which you may depend,
Don't go to him who always has
Much leisure time to plan,
But if you want your favour done,
Just ask the busy man.

The man of leisure never has
A moment he can spare;
He's busy 'putting off' until
His friends are in despair;
But he whose every waking hour
Is crowded full of work,
Forgets the art of wasting time –
He cannot stop to shirk.

So, when you want a favour done,
And want it right away,
Go to the man who constantly
Works twenty hours a day.
He'll find a moment, sure, somewhere
That has no other use,
And fix you while the idle man
Is framing an excuse.



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A Guide for Travellers

ACCOMMODATION: Arrangements for first class accommodation have been made in advance. *John 14:2*

PASSPORTS: Persons seeking entry will not be permitted past the gates without having proper credentials and having their names registered with the ruling Authority. *Revelation 21:27*

DEPARTURE TIMES: The exact date of departure has not been announced. Travellers are advised to be prepared to leave at short notice. *Acts 1:7*

TICKETS: Your ticket is a written pledge that guarantees your journey. It should be claimed and its promises kept firmly in mind. *John 5:24*

CUSTOMS: Only one declaration is required while going through customs. *1 Corinthians. 15: 1,3,4*

IMMIGRATION: All passengers are classified as immigrants since they are taking up permanent residence in a new country. *Hebrews 11:15*

LUGGAGE: No luggage whatsoever can be taken. *1 Timothy 6:7*

AIR PASSAGE: Travellers going directly by air are advised to watch daily for indications of imminent departure. *1 Thessalonians 4:17*

VACCINATIONS & INJECTIONS: Injections are not needed as diseases are unknown at this destination. *Revelation 21:4*

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