

Dear Friends

We are fortunate to have a SMEG dishwasher in the manse. We are even more fortunate to have the latest model with clear operating instructions. SMEG recently gained an award for their **not very plain English** dishwasher instructions. The award was explained:

SMEG for their dishwasher instructions: *"For a top-of-the-range manufacturer of dishwashers to produce an instruction manual like this is a disgrace. It has presumably been poorly translated into English from its original language, and contains such gems as the following:*

(and no, we at First Lisburn have not added the wide selection of spelling mistakes and grammatical errors)

- *'At this point you must press contemporary the P1+P2 buttons and then you will see that the first 3 pilot light programs will lid up.'*
- *'during this phase the writing 'Time to end' flashes up.'*
- *'This allows to make function the dishwasher at the time you want. By pressing one after the oter button DELAY PROGRAM (5), it will be seen on the display the vizualisation of delay hours numbers in which you want to make start the machine from 12 hours onward.'*
- *'The display will be turned on with a vizualisation that will depend on the state of the dishwasher.'*
- *'By pressing the relative button of desired program (see table) it will lid up the relative pilot light to confirm that the operation did occurred on the DISPLAY (9) will appear a program duration forecasting' ('h.mm').*

It's enough to send you back to the sink! The Company replied to the Award. You can see why their letter was also a candidate for an award!

'I am sorry to learn that one of our dishwasher instruction books has won a Golden Bull Award. SMEG UK is aware that generic multi-lingual instruction books can be confusing and sometime ago commissioned a UK company to investigate a better way to produce informative instruction books which are easier to understand.

'SMEG UK is aware that any instruction book, however well written, is often the last point of reference when getting used to a new machine. For this reason we have produced a set of 'Quick Start Guides' to assist customers who are moving into new properties with several new products to get used to.

'These guides are based on the assumption that the builder has installed and tested the appliances prior to the customer moving into the house. In this way, the guides can be simplistic, with the sole intention of ensuring the user can set the machine up for first use safely and swiftly, and then undertake the simplest programme, i.e. cooking a simple meal. I enclose a copy of a 'Quick Start Guide' for your information and trust this will assure you that SMEG UK is not just aware of the importance of plain English, but is taking steps to improve the instruction books supplied with our products.

Although we are unable to attend your awards ceremony we trust that you have an enjoyable day, and confirm that in time our instruction books will be as technically advanced as our products.'

I think, 'Sorry! our instruction book is rubbish' would have done!

As Jesus goes to Jerusalem, he speaks plain English and sums up Easter for the argumentative disciples: *"Whoever wants to be first must be the servant of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."* Says it all, doesn't it?

New Crèche opens on Mothering Sunday

I'm so glad to see the new crèche situated in the Vestibule area ready for use. It is a vast improvement and really handy for a mum or dad who wants to know that their child is nearby during worship. The crèche looks good and is well equipped. I do know of some congregations who use their projection screens (such as we are about to have) to inform parents of their child's need of them in the crèche! But I'm not so sure about that one! Congratulations to all concerned – we are now better placed to provide child friendly worship. And, if I may write in plain English, now that we have a good crèche, will you please make use of it?

Farewell to Ann

Following the resignation of Ann Cochrane as Office Administrator, Ann's service to the Congregation will be marked by a special dinner. Dr Alan McIlmoyle, Jimmy Lynn, Evelyn and myself will join with Ann and a presentation of a bouquet of flowers will be made to her. We wish Ann well in her retirement and thank her for the professionalism and hard work she brought to Church Office. Ann has been a fine colleague to Evelyn and me and we will miss her at our staff meetings on a Tuesday morning. Her attention to detail and her efficient administration have served the Congregation well.

John Brackenridge

BURRSWOOD

A Christian Hospital & Place of Healing

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the whole congregation for giving me the wonderful privilege of visiting Burrswood from the 1st –7th February. I read an advert about the centre a good number of years ago and from then felt that I would like to know more about the place. I was not disappointed; it was more than I had anticipated.

The head of the chaplaincy organized a programme for me to meet members of staff from each department and hear about their part in the care of the whole person. Also I was able to attend the various services of worship each one being so unique and special. During the week there are healing services the one on a Monday is with communion. At other times in there week there are informal communion service, these are open to patients, guests, staff. Patients who are not able to leave their rooms can listen to the services through the tannoy system.

One of the things I experienced immediately was the welcome, the real sense of peace, and the reality of God's presence. I met with the staff for morning worship and then three mornings I attended the "report" which is where they look at every aspect of care for each patient and see together how they can give the best care possible to each patient. This meeting consisted of doctor, nursing staff, chaplains, counsellors, and physiotherapists. I was most impressed by the way they worked together and it was obvious that their desire was to show the love of Jesus using their different gifts and skills.

I met some of the patients and heard first hand about the care and help they had received some over a number of years. One young girl who had suffered from M.E was back for a review and it was interesting to hear how God had used Burrswood as a channel of healing for her. As well as people coming to the hospital with all different conditions. People come to the Guest House for a break, to share in the worship, and to experience the lovely food.

It was indeed a very special week to listen and talk with so many different people involved in the work of Burrswood and those receiving care. At the end of the week it was special to have two people pray with me. What became clear to me throughout the week was the healing ministry is very much part of the whole work of the church, and we all need healing as we continue to live in a broken world.

THANK YOU again for this gift.

Burrswood have a website if you would like to read more
www.burrswood.co.uk

Evelyn

CHRISTIAN LISTENERS IRELAND

Christian Listeners are part of the Acorn Christian Foundation that resources and trains people in listening attitudes and skills through a variety of courses that are led by a trained tutor.

The listening is three dimensional:

- **Listening to others**
- **Listening to ourselves**
- **Listening to God.**

An introductory evening will be held **on Tues 25th May at 7.30pm** with the view of running a four-week course in September called "Learning to Listen" ***Come and check it out!!***

Evelyn

From your Editor

What a lovely lunch we enjoyed together following the Annual Meeting on Sunday 7 March. Such a delicious meal, so efficiently served by Margaret and her team, and shared with our friends in the Congregation, made this a very pleasant occasion and, hopefully, it provided an opportunity for any new members who were present to 'mingle' and get to know some of us better.

You will notice that in this edition I have introduced a new section on Church Records. This is an important part of congregational life and the beginning of a new calendar year was considered an appropriate time to introduce it into *Wavelength*. It also coincides with the production of the Annual Report for 2003 which includes Church records for that year.

With effect from 1 January 2004 details of the following will be recorded in *Wavelength*:

- Baptisms, Marriages and Deaths
- New Communicants
- New members
- Disjoined
- Changes of address

The names of new members who have joined First Lisburn over the past year are included in this issue as they are not listed separately in the Annual Report.

The following little tale emphasizes the importance of speaking to and welcoming our new members. We would not wish the "cap to fit" anyone in First Lisburn...

A man sitting in church with his cap on is approached by one of the members of the congregation who said: 'Did you forget to remove your cap?' The man shakes his head and replies: 'No, no, but I've been coming here for six services now and you are the first member of the congregation to speak to me!'

Thank you for your encouragement during my first year as Editor of your Church magazine. Your comments are always very welcome.

Mary McNeight

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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| Sun 21 March | 7.45 pm | IGNITE |
| Tues 24 March | 7.30 pm | Prayer Workshop, Boyd Room led by Mr Derek Poole from ECONI |
| Sun 28 March | 11.00 am | All Age Service & League of Church Loyalty |
| Sun 4 April | 6.30 pm | Worship First Service - "As I See It - North Belfast" with Rev Lesley Carroll |
| Sun 11 April | 11.00 am | Easter Sunday Service |
| Wed 21 April | 8.00 pm | Cross Community in First Lisburn Inter-Church Worship - also AGM |
| Fri 7 May | | Girls' Brigade Display |
| Sun 23 May | 11.00 am | Downtown Church Service |
| Sat 12 June | | Sunday School Fun Day and Car Boot Sale at Lisburn Rugby Club |

Holy Week Services

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| Mon Tues & Wed 5, 6 & 7 April | Each evening 7.00 pm - 7.30 pm in the Upper Room |
| Thurs 8 April | 7.00 pm Holy Communion in the Church |
| Fri 9 April | 7.00 pm Service of Contemplation in Church |

Good Friday March of Witness: Organised by the City Congregations. Please meet at 1.15 pm in Bow Street, near Jessops Photo Shop. A Cross will be carried to Market Square where there will be a short Easter Service. All local congregations will be represented.

From your Treasurer

CONGREGATIONAL FINANCES

As you will see from reading the Annual Report, there has been a marked improvement in the congregational finances. Freewill Offering has increased by 13 per cent with a corresponding increase in Gift Aid tax returns. Last year I said that we needed a 20 per cent increase in freewill offering, so we are well on our way to achieving that target.

Thanks are due to those members who have already responded by increased giving and, if you are one of those who have not so far done so, please give this matter your consideration. It is often said that churches are always looking for more and more money but, like all other organisations, inflation affects them also. Did you know that our congregation requires almost £500 every day of the year to enable it to do the things it currently does? And that only ensures that it is in a break-even situation – it does not allow it to accumulate for a rainy day.

FUTURE FIRST

We had an excellent response to the request for £100,000 over a period of four years to finance a full-time Youth pastor. Pledge forms have been signed by 145 families and their generosity is very much appreciated.

STANDING ORDERS

Would you not consider signing a Standing Order as a means of contributing to Freewill Offering, Building Fund, etc.? A number of our members already do so – the benefit to the congregation is that we have a much more even inflow of cash. It also means that you do not have to spend time on a Sunday morning looking for cash to put in your envelope! Please ask the Treasurer for a form.

YOUNG PEOPLE

When you become a communicant member, why not ask the Treasurer for Freewill Offering envelopes, even if you can only afford, say, 25p from your pocket money. By doing so, you will be a full member of the church and will be eligible to vote when the opportunity arises, e.g. you would have had a say in who should be our new elders, currently in the process of being selected.

Jimmy Lynn, Treasurer

CROSS COMMUNITY

A fascinating talk by a visiting speaker from the Greater Shankill Alternatives gave us much food for thought. Davey explained how the team of community workers, of which he is one, put into practice the principles of Restorative Justice as they attempt to deal with the anti-social behaviour amongst young people in the greater Shankill area. He explained that Restorative Justice is a common sense way of dealing with anti-social behaviour which disrupts the life of neighbourhoods. It is also a set of inspirational ideas based on an ancient understanding that illuminates the truth that justice is about human beings doing right by one another. Thus, when a young person is apprehended by the paramilitaries or by the police he can be encouraged to engage in the programme of Restorative Justice, which can lead to him making restitution to his victim. If the victim is willing there may be a face-to-face meeting between him/her and the culprit. The hoped for result here is, e.g., the victim will have her broken window paid for and the money stolen repaid in instalments, and the culprit will be supported to make changes in his lifestyle.

In the month of March we are going to hear about Christianity in ancient Rome from Father McGee of St Patrick's.

Joyce Moran

PWA

Our January meeting welcomed Rev Niall Lockhart, Assistant Minister in Hamilton Road Presbyterian Church, Bangor as our Speaker. Niall is from Elmwood congregation originally. He went to the Cameroons in West Africa last summer to visit the Wycliffe Bible translators who were working to produce a bible or the gospels to serve 500 different ethnic groups and 270 different language groups, official languages being English and French. He talked through some interesting slides, and Tom from Christ Church, Dundonald, and Suzanne from Aghalee Methodist Church who had also been on the trips, added their highlights. Niall also led us in a music and slides epilogue set in Africa.

Our Treasurer of 17 years, Betty McGrath, had received acknowledgement from PWA Church House of our cheque for £1600 to their General Fund, and we had also supported Nicola Lunn in her work in Toronto. A small sale at December's meeting had raised a further £73 for our funds. Well done, everyone, and thanks for such generous support.

As there is no longer a Young Women's Group in our church, it was decided to have an Open Meeting in February, when Mrs Deirdre Humphreys (mother of David of rugby fame) was coming to get us "Fit for Life", physically, mentally and spiritually. It was great to have double our usual numbers, swelled also by some from St Columba's and Harmony Hill groups. Everyone enjoyed doing the exercises, listening to Mrs Humphreys' encouraging words and music, relaxing and enjoying the company of women all young at heart. She also did a lovely Epilogue to finish. Tea and biscuits and chat were enjoyed by all there.

At our March meeting, the Rev David Alderdice introduced us to his garden near Glenariffe. Gardening in a glen with lots of rocks is not easy but we were delighted with the splendid array of plants and shrubs with all-year-round colour. His Epilogue was also very thought-provoking.

After supper, the Annual General Meeting was held, with some changes (after persuasion) to office bearers and committee members! We have been asked to host two groups for tea in April and May, so that will be something different for our PWA. New members are always welcome and we hope that some of the younger women who enjoyed Mrs Humphreys' meeting will join us in the autumn, if not full-time, then from time to time when something on our programme appeals!

Anne Kain

A Pause for thought...

The human tongue is only a few inches from the brain, but they seem miles apart when some people talk.

CHRISTIAN AID/WORLD DEVELOPMENT

Christian Aid Week – 9-15 May 2004

Christian Aid Week is a week of fundraising, prayer and action for the world's poorest people. Poverty is a scandal and Christian Aid believes in life before death. Throughout the UK and Ireland a movement of 4,000 local organisers, 20,000 supporting churches and 300,000 dedicated collectors will take part in the house-to-house collection. There will be a national advertising campaign, and thousands of special events and church services.

By supporting Christian Aid Week, you are among millions of people who think poverty is a scandal we do not have to accept. Your actions, commitment and contributions will bring about a better life for people in poor communities all over the world. Christian Aid believes in life before death. Life is for living, not merely surviving.

A little of your time can help people in the Third World stand on their own two feet. ***You can be an important part of this year's Christian Aid Week by volunteering to deliver and collect our red donation envelope and/or helping with the Flag Day in Lisburn centre on Tuesday 11 May.***

The local Christian Aid Committee has been allocated a day to collect at **Sprucefield on 24 July** when we would be grateful for offers of help.

Call Ted Parks on 9268 2376 or Hazel McCall on 9260 1777 for more information.

DON'T FORGET THAT BREAD AND CHEESE LUNCHES CONTINUE EVERY TUESDAY IN THE MAIN HALL UNTIL THE END OF MAY (EXCEPT EASTER TUESDAY) EXCELLENT VALUE AT £3 AND AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE A REGULAR SMALL AMOUNT TO HELP CHRISTIAN AID

World Development Update

Members and friends of First Lisburn contributed a total of £7,213 to the 'AIDS MATTERS' Appeal. This includes £1,478 of Gift Aid. The total of donations to the appeal received by Church House is in excess of £536,000. Equal grants will be handed over to Christian Aid and Tearfund by 31 March 2004.

Hazel McCall

WIDER WORLD

The first issue for 2004 is now available for existing subscribers. It only costs £2.00 per year and we do have a number of spare copies.

Although *Wider World*, as far as I know, has mainly been considered as being for the females, the following comment was made to me by one of the gentlemen in our congregation: "This magazine is one of the most interesting books which comes into our church and well worth reading – it has something for everyone."

If you would like to place an order, please contact Helen Lynn on 9266 3285.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD – 2004

I would like to thank the member of our congregation who donated a large quantity of wool for the knitting of hats, scarves, gloves, mittens and teddies etc. Most of the larger balls have been taken but we do still have a quantity of bits and pieces for anyone who would like to incorporate them into their knitting. To date we have received at least 50 hats and scarves and some mittens. Thank you to all who are continuing to knit these items and also thanks for the various other things which are coming in, such as pencils, crayons, sharpeners, rubbers, skipping ropes, balls, toothbrushes.

This is the time of year for "spring cleaning". We will be grateful for unwanted items such as necklaces, bracelets, small toys – these should all be in good condition.

Our target this year is 350 boxes – this is the reason that we are gathering things in early. It will, we hope, give us a good headstart for later in the year.

Many thanks in anticipation of your continued support.

Helen Lynn

DOWNTOWN CENTRE

"Give us today our daily bread"... God knows what we need, has got what we need, and cares enough to provide for us.

At the present time the term "Healthy eating" is a well used phrase. We need to eat a healthy diet at regular intervals. It has been scientifically declared that if we eat the proper foods we have the energy and strength for the tasks of everyday living. However, many times we don't eat the right foods because we often put daily tasks before proper eating habits, and when we do this our body suffers.

There is another saying: "As it is in the natural, so it is in the spiritual." God has a wonderful way of providing our "daily bread" and, best of all, he has made this provision to be available to us.

May I encourage you to join with me and ask God to supply our "daily bread" especially in relation to the work of the Downtown Centre and all the people who come here to find help on their life's journey.

Staying on the theme of being healthy, what could be better than a jog around Lisburn? Well! We are going to raise funds for Downtown by taking part in the **Lisburn Marathon on 16 June at 6.00 pm - Fun Run of course!!!** Are you willing to join us? Maybe you'll find a new friend on the way. Please let me know if you could take part. Remember..."It's fun to run."

A special word of thanks to those of you who have come forward to volunteer in specific ways in the work of Downtown. May God bless you richly in the work that you will be engaged in.

Here are a few special diary dates. Please note them and prayerfully support us at these times and where possible by your presence.

A.G.M. Mon 5 April 2004
(refreshments served 7.45 pm)

Downtown Church Service Sun 23 May 2004 (11.00 am)

Downtown Variety Sale Sat 2 October 2004
(setting up stalls Friday 1 Oct)

Margaret Bailie, Centre Co-Ordinator

LIGHT PROGRAMME

Having just completed our winter programme with a visit to the Palace Stables in Armagh on Friday 13 March for an evening of "Murder/Mystery" and supper, the Light Programme looks forward to Spring and Summer.

Events planned include visits to:

- Scotland with Ulsterbus from 24/29 March
- Gort Moss near Cookstown for a walk and high tea at the Tilley Lamp restaurant in Coagh on Saturday 24 April, leaving the Church car park at 1.30 pm
- "Titanic" boat trip from the Lagan Weir in Belfast on a date to be arranged in May
- Barbecue at Tyrella on Saturday 3 July (courtesy of Bete Thompson and family).

You will note that nothing has been planned for June, so why not come along to our next meeting on Wednesday 14 April at 8.00 pm in the Downtown Centre and suggest a venue!

Further information will be given in the weekly Church notices.

The Light Programme is for everyone. Please feel free to come and join us.

Noel Stevenson

Senior Reflections from an old friend

I have become older since I saw you last
And a few changes have come into my life
Frankly, I have become a frivolous Old Gal
I am seeing five gentlemen every day!

As soon as I wake up Will Power gets me out of bed
Next Charlie Cramp comes along and when here
He takes up a lot of my time and attention!
When he leaves, Arthur Ritis shows up and stays
the rest of the day; he doesn't like to stay in the one
place very long so he takes me from joint to joint!
After such a busy day, I'm really tired and glad
To bed with Johnny Walker!
What a life! Oh yes, I'm also flirting with Al Zymer!

OUTREACH MATTERS!

VISIT TO UGANDA – JANUARY 2004

We have returned safely from our trip to Uganda and survived many hair-raising experiences! Travelling is a nightmare; roads congested with taxis, cars, bicycles, boda-bodas - bad driving and no Highway Code!

We spent the first week with Denise Kane at Besaniya Children's Home, 12 miles east of Kampala, where 30 children are cared for in a Christian family atmosphere. Denise is responsible for Cherub, a Child Health Education and Rehabilitation Unit at the complex, which is a twenty-bed unit for post-operative care and rehabilitation of disabled children.

We shadowed Denise in all aspects of her work, which involves running two outpatient clinics where many children suffer from cerebral palsy and Down's syndrome; taking children to the Leonard Cheshire Clinic at Katalemwa for assessment, or to the orthopaedic workshop. Denise holds a weekly Bible Study for senior boys from the Orphanage. We joined in their study of Deuteronomy - and the singing - we soon got into the beat - African style!!

On Friday we accompanied Denise to an outreach clinic at Nakapinyi which is home to about 200 northern refugee women and their children, many suffering from HIV/AIDS. A little malnourished boy with cerebral palsy, and his mother, returned with us to Cherub, to give him a balanced nutritious diet and to educate his mother in basic childcare. It is through the clinics that Denise is hoping to find more children needing treatment and to organise a feeding programme for the malnourished in the area.

The second week we joined the rest of the team in Kampala. We checked to see how the builders were getting on at the primary school, but were not encouraged to get involved!! Instead, we kept the local children amused. Mazungas (white people) are a source of curiosity!

We visited many different projects – an orphanage in Kampala where abandoned babies are cared for, an overcrowded primary school requiring renovation, and a remand centre where street children "rounded up" by police are taken - this would be their home for the foreseeable future.

One encouraging aspect is that United Christian Missions have purchased 50 acres of land where two homes have been built for former street children, with a capacity and vision for 23 more homes along with a school and clinic. The motto of the project is "Jesus cares for all".

We were impressed by the warm welcome we received everywhere and the faith of the believers. Their enthusiasm for worship was so strong that when the electricity failed at an evening service, it was amazing how quickly they improvised with hurricane lamps and candles.

As we reflected on the great need and extreme poverty all around us, we were encouraged by so many people who are seeking to make a difference in the lives of God's children. It was a challenging, humbling and enriching experience to come beside the Ugandan people to help in practical ways, show them that we care, and to obey God's great command: Love one another as I have loved you.

We were grateful to be able to spend time with Denise, bring her support and encouragement from her home Church, and to witness at first hand how God is working in and through her to improve the lives of the children at Cherub and beyond.

Finally we would like to express our appreciation to the members of the congregation and friends for their financial support, prayers and encouragement. Denise was overwhelmed by the generosity and will identify the needs (and there are many) as they arise.

Marion Craig & Margaret Perry

And Jayne goes too...

Jayne Price is off to Uganda on 13 May for two weeks to assist Denise in her work at Cherub. As a skilled Children's Nurse and a lecturer in Children's nursing, she will primarily be teaching nursing skills to Harriet, Denise's helper, so that she may take on more nursing duties, freeing Denise to develop the wider community aspect of the work. Jayne asks for our prayers in the following areas:

Crossing over will be safe and problem free
Health prior to, during, and after the trip
Resources raised and taken out will benefit the children
Implementation of nursing care will be influential
Support she may be for Denise
Teaching delivered will be effective

And most importantly, that the whole experience will be CHRIST focused, that He will be glorified at every stage and that His love will shine forth on all those whom Jayne encounters.

SEND A COW

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who have supported our efforts to send two cows out to Uganda, through the 'Send A Cow' project. We were able to arrange for one cow to be purchased in November, and have just sent off the forms arranging to buy one more cow and some goats. The benefits of this scheme were brought home to me when I was out in Uganda in January, and saw some of these cows in areas where they would make a huge difference, i.e. the local orphanage in Kampala, and the Leonard Cheshire Home in Katalamwa.

Thank you once again for your support and encouragement, and for making a difference to the lives of others. Any further donations received will go towards projects which Denise in her work in Uganda can identify and which we could support.

Evelyn and Marion

"AURURA" – YOUTH FOR CHRIST PROGRAMME STOKE-ON-TRENT

In her recent newsletter, Paula Nicol updates us on her work on the "Aurura" – Youth For Christ Programme in Stoke-on-Trent. She reports on the following new projects being undertaken:

- ***Matt's Message*** – 10,000 copies of this publication have been printed and it is aimed to put this gospel of Matthew into the hand and home of every child in Stoke.
- ***React*** – a city-wide children's event to be launched on 9 May in a theatre which will involve input from leaders and children from the city and a local Christian theatre company.
- ***Thursday Club*** bringing the reality of Jesus to the children.

Paula also tells of her work with her colleague, Jayne, at Bentilee School where they run a Bible Club for the children, many with huge problems.

Paula is settled in her work and plans to stay longer than one year. She asks for our continued prayers for herself and the team in all that they aim to achieve through the "Aurura" programme.

Copies of newsletters from Denise and Paula are available in the foyer.

URBAN PROMISE - TORONTO

Our prayers must especially be with Nicola Lunn at this traumatic time as she tells us of her grief at the loss of a very treasured member of her staff. She writes...

This has to be the hardest e-mail I have ever had to write in my life.

Two nights ago, one of my staff, Patrick, was shot and killed in a home invasion.

This young man was 19 years old and has worked with me for four years. He was a shining light in this community where he lived and worked and God was using him in a BIG way. He was the uncle of two of my boys and he was a dedicated worker who was here every day.

Please pray for us as a staff over the next few days and weeks that we will have courage and wisdom as we try to deal with our own hurts and emotions as well as those of our kids.

It has been like a dream the past two days. Please pray that God will unite this community and uphold this family in prayer. Already we are seeing many of the men praying with us and just coming to the Centre. We covet your prayers at this time.

In Christ, Nicola

CHURCH RECORDS

NEW MEMBERS

During the past year, to mid February 2004, we were pleased to welcome the following new families to our congregation:

ANDREW, KAREN & MEGAN BROWN, 88 Mayfields, Lisburn
HENRY, JOAN, NICOLA & ANDREW BROWN, 25 Burrendale Manor, Lisburn
AMBER COWAN, JONATHAN WALKER and son, 29 Waterside, Lisburn
MAUREEN COX, 1 Thornleigh Court, Lisburn
SANDY, JEANETTE, JORDAN, ADAM & LUCY FITZPATRICK, 95 Hillsborough Rd Lisburn
DENISE KANE, 46 Ruskin Park, Lisburn
MARK AND ALISON McALISTER, 5 Ridge Park, Derriaghy
SIMON, LAURA, SAMANTHA & HANNA McMILLAN, 7 Cairnmore Park, Lisburn
SANDY & MARGARET McNEIGHT, 9 Quarry Gardens, Portadown
ADRIAN MARTIN, 70 Lagan Walk, Lisburn
NEIL MOORE, 41 Plantation Road, Lisburn
JIM & BETTY MURDOCK, 2 Thornleigh Court, Lisburn
PHILIP, CATHY, HAYLEY & MATTHEW STEELE, 8 Lisnoe Park, Lisburn
CYRIL & ANNA STEWART, 21 Woodview Crescent, Lisburn
CHRISTIAN, EMMA & IMOGEN UPRICHARD, 25 Grove Park, Culcavey

DISJOINED

During the same period the following families disjoined from the congregation:

BELL family, 6 Laurel Grove, Lisburn – moved away
ADDISON family, 252 Killowen Grange, Lisburn – moved to Ballymena
MULLIN family, 27 Ivan Street, Lisburn – moved to Brazil

Our Treasurer, Jimmy Lynn, would be grateful if members could notify him of any information relating to change of address etc. so that the Church records can be kept up-to-date.

CHURCH RECORDS FROM

1 JANUARY 2004

During 2003 there were 11 infant baptisms, and 5 others were received on profession of faith. There were 6 marriages and 17 deaths. Details of all of these are recorded in the Annual Report for 2003 which is now being distributed.

From the beginning of this new calendar year, all Baptisms, Marriages, Deaths, and those received on profession of faith will be recorded in *Wavelength*.

BAPTISM

15 February IMOGEN, daughter of Christian & Emma Uprichard
25 Grove Park, Lisburn

IN MEMORIAM

30 January MRS AGNES DEWART, 37 Eglantine Crescent, Lisburn

16 March MRS M (PEG) DORAN, 11 Prospect Park, Lisburn

This and that...

Beaver & Squirrels leaders aged 18+ required. Contact David McCready (Group Scout Leader) on 928 92 693757

Stamps For 'Save The Children'

Miss Nancy Martin would like to thank everyone who has given their used postage stamps over recent months to raise funds for 'Save the Children'. These have been much appreciated by her sister, Miss Dorothy Martin, who collects them on behalf of the Charity. The box is still on the table and further contributions will be gratefully received.

Lisburn Lions Club Sight First Campaign

Please assist Lisburn Lions Club in its collection of used spectacles and hearing aids in support of the international ***Sight First*** campaign. Your unwanted spectacles and hearing aids could give the gift of sight or hearing to a person in the Third World.

A bin for the collection of used spectacles and hearing aids has been placed underneath the table in the vestibule. Thank you.

Teddy McNeight

Inkjet Cartridges

3 black, 3 colour cartridges and Epson stylus 480/580 (free!)
Contact Evelyn 02890613410

Still need that shelf mended?

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

Mr Walker is highly recommended by those who have used him.

Need a Window Cleaner? Steve is willing to clean windows – Contact Maureen Staniland on 92 601258

FIRST LISBURN'S FAMILY FUN DAY
Saturday 12 June 2004 – Lisburn Rugby Club

**ADVANCE
NOTICE**

A busy day is planned by the Sunday School to entertain the **whole** congregation, their families and friends at Lisburn Rugby Club, to raise funds for the Sunday School Projects.

CAR BOOT SALE – 10.00 am – 12.00 noon

If you haven't experienced a Car Boot Sale before, do plan to come along, either as a seller or a spectator/buyer, and you may well pick up a bargain. You certainly will have an entertaining morning and the Girls' Brigade will be selling you Hot Dogs, Tea and Coffee, etc.

*Charges: £5.00 per car, £10.00 per van and
£1.00 per suitcase (children only)*

FAMILY FUN AFTERNOON - 3.00 pm – 6.00 pm

Plan to bring your family along to this fun event. It is open to all families connected, however loosely, with First Lisburn. The following attractions will be available for your enjoyment:-

- Competitions:** Penalty Kick, Basketball, Golf, Archery,
Paintball Target and Colouring
- Races:** All sorts of races for all ages.
- Other attractions:** Under 5 play area with sandpit, slide, swing,
play house, ball pit.
Chat Tent for parents Tea/coffee/biscuits
Tuck shop with juice, crisps and sweets

BARBECUE – 6.00 pm – 8.30 pm

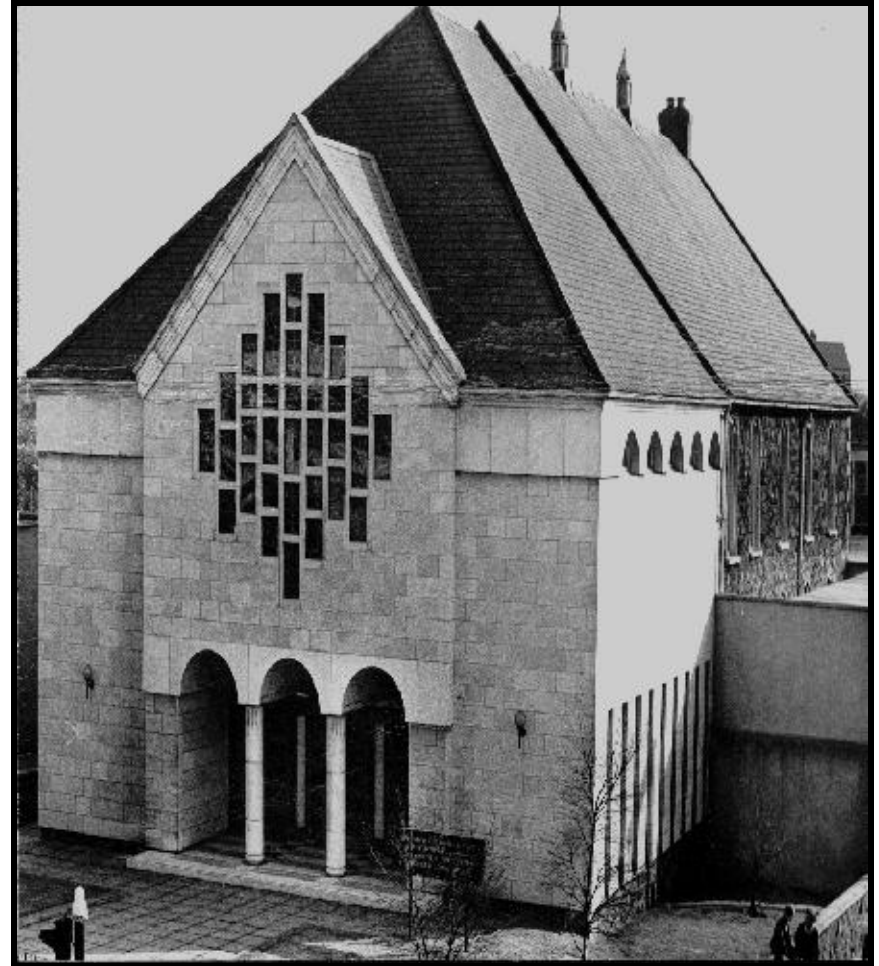
For **everyone** – Good food and good company guaranteed. Lots of lovely homemade salads and fresh bread to go with your perfectly cooked sausages and burgers, followed by apple pie and cream.

The evening will end with a short epilogue and the release of some 300 balloons, a spectacle well worth seeing!

We do have indoor facilities should the weather be disappointing.

TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE THREE WEEKS BEFOREHAND

Sheila Hammonds



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