

MEETINGS ON THE LORD'S DAY

- 3rd June** AM/PM: Pastor S Moffitt
- 10th June** Youth Sunday—see below for further details
AM: Mr David Millar
PM: Mr Craig McMillan
- 17th June** AM/PM: Pastor S Moffitt
- 24th June** AM/PM: Pastor B Causby

CHILDREN & YOUTH SUNDAY

Sunday 10th June @ 11.30am and 7.00pm

The morning service will be taken by the children of our Sunday School. The Guest speaker will be David Millar and the meeting will conclude with the annual prize giving (breaking of bread will follow as normal).

The evening service will be taken by the Youth Fellowship. Our young people will be speaking sharing and singing. The guest speaker will be Craig McMillan who will be giving his testimony and sharing how his faith helped him deal with the day when he was paralysed as a teenager playing rugby.

Please invite others to come along to both meetings and show your support for both our children and youth. A cup of tea will be served after the evening service.

NURSING HOME OUTREACH

- Sunday 10th June @ 3.00 pm — Meeting in Tullywest Nursing Home — Mr Brian Gibson speaking
- Sunday 24th June @ 3.00pm — Meeting in Silverbirch Nursing Home — Pastor S Moffitt speaking

VISIT TO UGANDA 2018

It has come to that time of year again when I start packing for Uganda. Eight months ago I didn't think I would be able to return to Uganda but with Gods help I am going. I am leaving N Ireland on 30th June and returning on 14th July. This year I am doing eye testing again hopefully with the children as well as adults. We as a team will also be involved in Bible clubs every morning at the primary school and nursery school. We would value the prayers of God's people for safety, health, and unity among the team. Thank you for the support I feel when I am in Uganda.

Mae Glover

ROTAS FOR THE MONTH

	3rd June	10th June	17th June	24th June
DOOR DUTY	Group D: G McNeill *, N Reid *, D Armstrong, B Cleland, D Hrabovsky, J Henderson, P Moore * deacons to organise rota			
CHILDREN'S CHURCH	Karen Victoria	Paul Gillian	Ruth Lynsey	Ed Sharon
CRECHE	Sharon M Janet C Victoria R	Rebecca M Rachel M	Julie McN Lois G	Joanne J Ruth R
<i>Please swap duties with someone else if you are unavailable on the above dates.</i>				
FLOWERS	Eileen Martin	Audrey Shields	Audrey Shields	Carol Chesney
INTERNET	David Joel	Matthew Isaac	Mark Aaron	Daniel Andrew
RECORDING	Jonny	Mark K	Samuel	Joshua
<i>NB Above are also responsible for the sound desk on the Wednesday following their Sunday duty.</i>				

SYMPATHIES

We extend our sincere sympathies to Gary McNeill and family on the recent death of Gary's grandfather. Ps 34:18

AMAZING JOURNEY

We are hosting Amazing Journey in Academy Primary School on **Wednesday 6th and Thursday 7th June**. There are jobs for everyone so please get involved. This is a wonderful opportunity to reach the boys and girls of Saintfield. Please pray for this outreach.

HOLIDAY BIBLE CLUB

Mon 25th to Wed 27th June & Family BBQ on Thurs 28th

Time: 6.30pm—7.45pm Guest Speakers: Andy & Ruth Lovell

Come along and hear about some of the 'I Ams' in the Bible. All primary school age children welcome. Please complete a registration form available in the church foyer.

CHILDREN/YOUTH CAMPS

Please give details of any children/young people going to or leading camps this summer to Karen for inclusion in the July/August bulletin. Thank you.

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Isaiah 41:13 For I the Lord thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, Fear not; I will help thee.

Sunday Services 11.30am & 7.00pm	Sunday School & Bible Class 10.30am	Saintfield Searchers Wed 6.45pm	Bible Study & Prayer Meeting Wed 8pm
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THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH



"Hallelujah" — Psalm 149

For many of God's people the Psalms are often their go to place for words of comfort in times of crisis. Many penned by David during differing times of either great delight or great distress. Therefore it is fair to say that, by in large, they are a collection of reactions to varying events in life.

However, it is also fair to say, that perhaps more than any other book in the bible, the Psalms stand out because of their focus on praise. We have many great Psalms solely dedicated to the adoration and praise of God. In fact this great book of praise concludes with a section called the 'Hallelujah Psalms'.

If you take the time to read Psalm's 146-150 you will notice how each one opens and closes with the words: **"Praise ye the LORD"**.

That four word English phrase is actually just one term in the Hebrew: **'Hallelujah'**. We have retained the original Hebrew word in our English language. Hallelujah is actually a compound word made up of two smaller words — **'Hallel'** which means **'to boast'** or **'to praise'** and **'JAH'** which is a shortened version of **'Yahweh'** (sometimes YHWH) the personal Hebrew name of God. Put **the** two together and you get **'Hallelujah'** literally meaning **'Praise the Lord'**. How easy and how often that word, or that phrase, rolls off our tongue without us, perhaps, realising the reverence or seeing the significance of it.

However as this book of praise closes with five Psalms of praise, it causes us to consider the importance of truly praising the Lord. **D.L. Moody** points out that *"There is much more said in the Bible about praise than about prayer."* Of course prayer itself is one of many channels through which we are to praise the Lord.

Taking one of those, Psalm 149, we get a glimpse of when we should **'Praise the Lord'**:

During **WONDERFUL** times (v1-3)

When life is going well, when we are knowing bountiful blessing in our lives, it is vital that we praise the Lord. *"Praise God from whom all blessings flow"*, wrote the hymn writer. David here, exhorts us to **"sing"** (v1), **"rejoice"** (v2) and **"praise"** (v3). We read of him dancing and praising God with all kinds of instruments.

Of course, elsewhere we read of David dancing before the Lord when the ark was brought back to the city. Miriam, the sister of Moses, also danced before the Lord when the

Israelites made it through the Red sea. Both expressing praise to the Lord during wonderful times of rejoicing.

We ought to do the same. Sometimes we feel we should only be suffering. However when we're enjoying the Lord's blessing in our lives; when we are encouraged, enthused and energised in our walk, it is good to be glad. It is right and proper to rejoice in the wonderful seasons of life. We don't know how long they will last, so it is imperative that the Lord hears our hallelujah's during them.

During **WEARISOME** times (v4-6a)

The Psalmist then mentions the praise of the meek (v4) and speaks of singing to the Lord when we are confined to our bed (v5). Sadly not everyday is wonderful in our Christian life, for weary days do come. Whether through sickness, sorrow or some other form of suffering. Often the days when our souls are most cast down are often the days when we feel least like praising God.

However, as David confessed in an earlier Psalm: **"I will bless the LORD at all times: his praise shall continually be in my mouth."** [Psalm 34:1] Perhaps we praise the Lord most times, or we praise the Lord at least sometimes... but the Psalmist praised the Lord at all times. Unlike a river which freezes in winter and dries up in the summer, leaving it in full flow only during Spring and Autumn, the Psalmist's Hallelujah flowed from his heart whatever the season of life.

But how do we praise the Lord in our weary days? Well according to **C.H. Spurgeon** (v4) can be rendered *"He shall beautify the afflicted with deliverance,"* That then is a reason for us to praise the Lord during those times of weariness. God makes us meek to make us mature. God humbles us to hone us. God breaks us to beautify us as believers. He will deliver us from those times. We can praise God during those times for the fact that He has set His glory upon us (v5) and is always at work in us even during our weakest hours.

During **WAR** times (v6b-9)

David often found himself more at war than at peace. His life was lived in constant combat. If he wasn't fleeing from Saul, he was fighting with the Philistines. So David was well qualified in this area. Even in wartimes, we are to praise the Lord. **"Let the high praises of God be in their mouth, and a twoedged sword in their hand;"**

What a model for the believer. We are constantly at war. both with self and society. We're battling daily with the world, the flesh and the devil.

Nevertheless, even on those days when the battle is most fierce, God ought still to hear our Hallelujah. For we can fight valiantly with all the foes of our faith, knowing that **"greater is**

He that is in us, than he that is in the world." We can say *'praise the Lord'* for **"if God be for us, who can be against us?"** We can *'praise the Lord'* that He will not suffer our foot to be moved. We can *'praise the Lord'* that while we still have many battles to fight, the war has already been won by Christ at the cross. If it has been a while since the Lord has heard our Hallelujah, may we lift our hearts to Him afresh and say **"praise the Lord"**.

Yours in Christ, Pastor Stephen Moffitt

LETTER OF THANKS FROM SDHS

Dear Friends

Thanks you for the very generous gift of £1,000. We are so thankful for the practical and prayerful support that this work amongst the Jewish people receives from our own Fellowship. It is a personal encouragement to us to know that the Pastor, oversight and Assembly as a whole are with us in the Work, and have a God-given vision towards the Jewish people and the future of Israel in days when they are increasingly alienated and hated in the world.

We rejoice that the Lord still gives us opportunity, even here in Northern Ireland, to get the Scriptures of Truth into the hands of His ancient people. It is His Word that He has promised to bless and that testifies of our Lord Jesus Christ, Israel's own Messiah. We look to the Lord for any opportunity to meet Jewish people personally and to offer the Scriptures as a gift from Christians who love them. We always feel inadequate in ourselves but we know that it is the Lord alone who can open closed hearts and blinded eyes.

Thanks to all at the Church for this kindness towards the Lord's work amongst His ancient people and for the ongoing fellowship with us as the Society continues to reach out to Jewish people with the precious Words of Life.

Much love in the Lord

Tom and Suzanne Rice

SUNDAY SCHOOL OUTING

Our combined Sunday School and Church outing will take place on **Saturday 2nd June** going to Portaferry Aquarium. The bus will leave the church car park at 9am and all are invited along. Please add your name to the list in the foyer.

VINTAGE DAY

Please come along to our Vintage Tractor and Car Show on **Saturday 23rd June fro 4pm to 8pm** in the Church carpark. There will be a BBQ and Jimmy Mills will be along to share his life story and testimony. Please use the special invitations in the church foyer to invite others to this special outreach.