

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH



The 15th of June was the 800th Anniversary of the signing of Magna Carta. Magna Carta meaning The Great Charter was signed in Runnymede by King John on 15th June 1215. It has been

described as the Charter of Liberties and those that know better than me say it underpins the freedom and liberty that are enjoyed in our land and in other countries.

It is ironic that at a time when Magna Carta is being commemorated, we feel that liberty of conscience and the freedom to practice our faith is under attack. And whilst we have no guarantee of what the future holds we are thankful for the freedom to worship and proclaim the Gospel.

As I thought about Magna Carta and how our liberties may diminish, my mind was drawn to a truly Great Charter for Liberty that was signed over 2000 years ago. This charter ensures that when we trust Christ as our Saviour we are set free from the Penalty and Power of Sin. On Calvary's Cross, Christ paid the Ransom for our Sins, and when He cried from the Cross "Tetelestai" translated "It is finished" the ransom that was required has been "Paid in Full" and we have been set free.

Magna Carta was signed by an earthly King who had no choice. This Great Charter, voluntarily signed by the King of Kings and Lord of Lords at such a great cost, simply reads "PAID IN FULL" and it will never change.

The hymn writer got it well:-

My chains are gone,
I've been set free
My God, My Saviour ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy reigns
Unending love, amazing grace.

John 8:36 "If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed".

Brian McCoubrey

Sports 4 Christ

Monday 17th—Wednesday 19th August 2015
(and BBQ parents' event at 7pm on Thurs 20th Aug)

Football: 6.30pm—8.30pm
at Saintfield United Football pitches

Hockey: 6:45pm—8.15pm
at Saintfield Hockey pitches

If you know any boys or girls aged 6-14 who would be interested in this please take a registration form from the church entrance foyer or download one from the Church website.

Points for prayer:

1. Pray for invitations that have gone out that many will respond.
2. Pray for both the Hockey and Football outreach teams in their planning.
3. Pray that others may take the opportunity to become involved as helpers/coaches for the first time.
4. Pray especially that God's word will take hold in the hearts of the boys and girls at both of these outreaches.
5. Pray for favourable weather during the week of activity.

Helpers/coaches are required for both the football and the hockey. You can add your name to the list in the foyer or if you want more information please speak to Brian Gibson regarding the football or Joan Carson regarding the hockey.

CHILDREN'S DEVOTIONAL

God brings the increase

Read Luke 2: 41-52

Jesus was growing in God. Even at the age of 12, He was beyond His years. They were all amazed and marvelled at Jesus' understanding of the things of God. By His reply in v49 He already knew who His Father was, though Mary and Joseph did not understand what He meant about being in His Father's House and tending to His Father's business. We too need to be attending to our Father God's business in order to really grow into Jesus' likeness. As we keep in God's word and prayer, going to church and Sunday school, we grow in God. We have a daily relationship with God, just like we do with our parents, sister/brothers or friends. We cannot get to know family or friends if we don't spend time with them—listening to them. It is the same with God. We need to spend time with Him to get to know Him—and by getting to know God, we grow closer to Him and grow as a Christian. So, why not today, spend time with your best friend—Jesus!

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SUMMER ACTIVITIES

As usual some of the children and young people will be attending or leading camps this summer as follows:

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| 11-18 July | United Beach Missions Downings (leader) | Ashleigh Shaw |
| 27-31 July | Faith Mission Teen Camp Crawsfordsburn | Victoria Reid |
| 1-8 August | United Beach Missions Ballybunion (leaders) | Charis Gibson Jonny McCoubrey |
| 2-7 August | Youth for Christ NI Wicklow (leader) | Abigail Wilson |
| 3-8 August | FPC Youth Camp Shannagh-More | Daniel Reid Joshua Reid |
| 9-14 August | Christians in Sport Camp Belfast | Joanna Carson Joel Carson Andrew McCoubrey Aaron McNeill Mark Preston |
| 9-15 August | CEF Junior Camp Kilkeel | Joanna Preston Jonathan Reid |
| 10-14 August | Faith Mission Camp Portadown | Alex Moore Kyle Moore David Reid Samuel Shaw |
| 17-21 August | Faith Mission Camp Portadown | David Anderson Noah Anderson |

Please remember all these activities in prayer for safety and that the Lord would bless all taking part.

MAE GLOVER—UGANDA

Mae Glover is going to Uganda again with Team Bethel under the umbrella of Fields of Life. Mae is going out as the nurse for the team of 28 people. Mae leaves on **17th July** and returns on **31st July**. On School Days a Bible Club will be held every morning at the primary school. Mid morning to lunchtime Mae will be showing the ladies in the community how to knit, sew and crochet. The afternoons will be spent at the new medical centre when Mae will be doing whatever needs to be done. As a team they would all value the prayers of God's people for health and safety and stamina for the trip.

MEETINGS ON THE LORD'S DAY

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| 5th July | AM/PM: Pastor Maurice Flanigan |
| 12th July | AM/PM: Mr Tom Rice |
| 19th July | AM/PM: Mr David Anderson <i>NB Drive in Church at 7pm</i> |
| 26th July | AM/PM: Mr Daniel Lowden <i>NB Drive in Church at 7pm</i> |
| 2nd August | AM/PM: Mr Sidney Ward <i>NB Drive in Church at 7pm</i> |
| 9th August | AM/PM: Mr Walton Gracey <i>NB Drive in Church at 7pm</i> |
| 16th August | AM/PM: Mr Nigel Kissick |
| 23rd August | AM/PM: Mr David McCurrie |
| 30th August | AM/PM: Pastor Sam Carson |

DRIVE IN CHURCH

We are looking forward to our annual Drive In Church again this year (DV) in the usual place at the Saintfield Health Centre Car Park (Ballynahinch Road).

The Drive in Church will take place on **the last two Sunday nights in July and the first two Sunday nights in August at 7.00 pm**. Please invite others to these outreach services.

CHILDREN'S WORK

Please note that Sunday School and Searchers are now on their summer break. Both will recommence in September—exact date will be announced in the September bulletin.

There will be no Children's Church during July or August.

PHILIPPI WEEKEND—ADVANCE NOTICE

Please note that the Philippi Weekend will take place from Friday 25th to Sunday 27th September 2015. Further details to follow.

ROTAS FOR JULY & AUGUST

| | Door Duty | Flowers | Recording |
|---|-------------------------------|----------------|-----------|
| 5th July | Ed Shaw David Glover | Mae Glover | Ed |
| 12th July | Gary McNeill Tom McCormick | Karen Reid | Gareth |
| 19th July | Gareth Rainey Alan Burgess | Karen Reid | Scott |
| 26th July | Derek Preston Wilfred Reid | Julie McNeill | Derek |
| 2nd Aug | Brian Carson Nigel Reid | Julie McNeill | Raymond |
| 9th Aug | David Glover Tom McCormick | Alison Preston | John |
| 16th Aug | Gary McNeill Ed Shaw | Alison Preston | Gary |
| 23rd Aug | Gareth Rainey Wilfred Reid | Ethel Irvine | Jonny |
| 30th Aug | Nigel Reid Derek Preston | Ethel Irvine | Ed |
| Deacons are responsible for Door and Table duties on the Sunday and door duties on the following Wednesday evening. | | | |

WEDDINGS!

God's richest blessings to Rebekah Henderson and Matthew Wilson as they get married on 25th August.

We would also like to convey our best wishes to Cheryl McCauley and Christopher Downes as they get married in July.

May God richly bless both couples as you plan for your weddings and for your future together.

The debt outstanding on the Building Loan for the New Multipurpose Hall is currently £161,250.

Details of items to appear in the bulletin must be given to Karen not later than the second Sunday in the month for inclusion in the next month's edition
email to: nkreid@outlook.com — **please note new email address**

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*July &
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*Psalm 145:1&2 I will extol thee, my God, O king;
and I will bless thy name for ever and ever. Every
day will I bless thee and I will praise thy name for
ever and ever.*

Sunday
Services:
11.30am
& 7pm

Sunday
Sch: 10.30am
Searchers:
Wed 6.45pm

Bible Study
& Prayer
Meeting
Wed 8pm