

MEETINGS ON THE LORD'S DAY

1st Nov	AM:	Mr William Smylie
	PM:	Mr Colin Murray
8th Nov	AM/PM:	Mr Stephen Moffitt
15th Nov	AM/PM:	Pastor Maurice Flanigan
22nd Nov	AM/PM:	TBC
29th Nov	AM/PM:	Mr Johnny Heron

NURSING HOME OUTREACH

- Sunday 8th Nov @ 3.00 pm — Meeting in Tullywest Nursing Home— Adrian Reid speaking
- Sunday 29th Nov @ 3.00pm — Meeting in Silverbirch Nursing Home— Tom McCormick speaking

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Details for Youth Fellowship in November:

Sun 8th Nov @ 8.15pm - Bring a Friend Night
Speaker: Nigel Bruce (Supper: Joel & Joanna Carson)

Sun 22nd Nov @ 8.15pm - What will we do in Heaven and some other questions as well
(Supper: Johnny & Andy McCoubrey)

All young people P7 and upwards are welcome.

FRIENDLY HOUR

The Friendly Hour meeting will meet on **Thursday 5th Nov at 10.45am**. **Mr Trevor Mathews** will be the speaker at this meeting. As usual the meeting will be followed by a light lunch. All will be made very welcome.

Advance Notice:

Please note that the December meeting will take place on **Thurs 3rd Dec** when the speaker will be **Mr Bob McAllister**, former missionary to the Congo. Please mark this date in your diary and invite others to come with you.

LADIES' FELLOWSHIP

The Ladies' Fellowship will meet on **Tuesday 1st December (please note change of date from 24th November)**. This meeting is our Christmas buffet and Edith Moore will be along with some craft. A list will be available at the October meeting so please add your name if you plan to attend.

ROTAS FOR THE MONTH

	1st	8th	15th	22nd	29th
DOOR DUTY	Group A: Wilfred Reid *, Derek Preston *, Robert Chesney, John Reid, Raymond Jordan * <i>deacons to arrange door duty</i>				
CHILDREN'S CHURCH	Paul Gillian	Derek Alison	Ed Sharon	Beverley Genelle	Rebecca Rachel
FLOWERS	Margretta Henderson	Margretta Henderson	Sharon Shaw	Sharon Shaw	Eileen Martin
RECORDING	Gareth	Scott	John	Raymond	Ed

BIBLE STUDY/SEARCHERS GUEST SPEAKER

Mark Collier representing **Friends in Action** will be the guest speaker at both **Searchers** and the **Bible Study and Prayer Meeting** on **Wednesday 4th November**.

Mark will give an update on the recent work of Friends in Action in Burkina Faso and plans for the future (DV).

PHILIPPI GROUP MEETING

The **Philippi Group** will be meet on **Friday 6th November at 8.00pm** in Gareth and Esther Rainey's home. The speaker at this meeting will be Pastor Ian Wilson. Please mark this date in your diary and plan to attend.

SPORTS 4 CHRIST

Saturday 14th November in the Multipurpose Hall
6:30—7.45pm Ages 6-10 / 8:00—9.30pm Ages 11-14

Please come along on Saturday 14th November 2015 for a time of fun, food and fellowship. There will be an epilogue, sports coaching and team challenges. Please let other children/young people in the Saintfield area know of this outreach and encourage them to attend.

The debt outstanding on the Building Loan for the New Multipurpose Hall is currently £157,000.

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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Isaiah 40:29 He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength.

Sunday
Services:
11.30am
& 7pm

Sunday
Sch: 10.30am
Searchers:
Wed 6.45pm

Bible Study
& Prayer
Meeting
Wed 8pm

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH



Encouragement for Young and Old

1 Samuel 12 v 18-24

[18] So Samuel called unto the LORD; and the LORD sent thunder and rain that day: and all the people greatly feared the LORD and Samuel. [19] And all the people said unto Samuel, Pray for thy servants unto the LORD thy God, that we die not: for we have added unto all our sins this evil, to ask us a king. [20] And Samuel said unto the people, Fear not: ye have done all this wickedness: yet turn not aside from following the LORD, but serve the LORD with all your heart; [21] And turn ye not aside: for then should ye go after vain things, which cannot profit nor deliver; for they are vain. [22] For the LORD will not forsake his people for his great name's sake: because it hath pleased the LORD to make you his people. [23] Moreover as for me, God forbid that I should sin against the LORD in ceasing to pray for you: but I will teach you the good and the right way: [24] Only fear the LORD, and serve him in truth with all your heart: for consider how great things he hath done for you.

Someone once said that school days are the best days of your life, and that may be true, but being a Christian in school can certainly be some of the hardest days of your life. Taking your stand for Christ isn't always easy within a classroom of your peers but as Pastor Ken Humphreys said to the children last week, God will honour them that take their stand for Him.

Another thing about school is that a lesson is taught and a test given, but in life we are usually given a test that teaches us a lesson. In the book of Samuel the people learnt a lesson when they put their trust in a king, rather than God, and God sent thunder and rain during the harvest [v18] and the people greatly feared the Lord. Samuel gave them words of encouragement [v20] Fear not ye have done all this wickedness; yet turn not aside from following the Lord, but serve the Lord with all your heart.

In school it is easy to follow the crowd and go along with the pleasures of this world which last a season, but these things are vain and cannot profit or deliver (v21) Verse 22 tells us that the Lord will not forsake his people for his great name sake, and we can take encouragement from this promise, the Lord is always with us, even when we let Him down He is there. Sometimes it is hard to take that stand, to say no, to differ from the crowd. It makes us unpopular and can cost us friends, we may be laughed at but the promise remains, God honours them that honour Him. [V22] because it hath pleased the Lord to make you his people.

In verse 23 we find that Samuel prayed for the people, and he taught them the good and right way, and today I want to encourage the young people of our church and remind them of the many people that pray for them. In the Sunday school, bible class, prayer meetings, searchers and youth fellowship people are praying for you, not because you have done something wrong but because life isn't easy and every one of us needs prayer. We have all been there when things aren't going according to plan but the last part of verse 24 should encourage us all when we consider how great things He has done for us.

Ed Shaw

MINISTRY MEETINGS

We are looking forward (DV) to our Ministry Meetings in November as follows:

Monday 23rd to Thursday 26th November @ 8.00pm

Guest speaker: Pastor Kenny Wilson

Please plan to attend and mark these dates in your diary.

SPECIAL TIME OF PRAYER

We will be having a special time of prayer to pray specifically for our Pastoral vacancy on **Sunday 15th November** immediately following the Gospel Service. We hope as many as possible can stay for this prayer time.

FOUR PEOPLE – A THOUGHT

This is a story about four people: EVERYBODY, SOMEBODY, ANYBODY & NOBODY

There was an important job to be done and EVERYBODY was asked to do it.

EVERYBODY was sure SOMEBODY would do it.

ANYBODY could have done it, but NOBODY did it.

SOMEBODY got angry about that because it was EVERYBODY'S job.

EVERYBODY thought ANYBODY could do it.

But NOBODY realised that EVERYBODY wouldn't do it.

It ended up that EVERYBODY blamed SOMEBODY.

When actually NOBODY asked ANYBODY.

HE GIVETH MORE GRACE

By Annie Johnston Flint (1866-1932)

He giveth more grace as the burdens grow greater,
He sendeth more strength as the labours increase,
To added afflictions He addeth His mercy,
To multiplied trials His multiplied peace.

Chorus:

His Love has no limit; His grace has no measure.

His pow'r has no boundary known unto men.

For out of His infinite riches in Jesus,

He giveth, and giveth, and giveth again!

When we have exhausted our store of endurance,
When our strength has failed ere the day is half done,
When we reach the end of our hoarded resources,
Our Father's full giving is only begun.

This song was written by Annie Johnston Flint who has written some of the most inspiring poems dealing with faith and triumph in times of trial and suffering. She was born in Vineland, NJ and lost both parents before she was six years old. Adopted by a childless couple, she became afflicted with arthritis as a teen and soon thereafter became unable to walk. She aspired to be a composer and concert pianist but when illness deprived her of her ability to play the piano she resorted to writing poetry. Some of her poetry she set to music. Later in life, being unable to open her hands, she wrote many of her poems on the typewriter, using but her knuckles.

The song 'He Giveth More Grace' was based on three Bible promises 'He giveth more grace' (James 4:6); 'He increaseth strength (Isaiah 40:29); and Mercy unto you, and peace, and love, be multiplied' (Jude 2).

There is a grace and strength from God that is not given in the everyday routine of life. But God gives it to us in our hour of need when our trust is in Him. When troubles and trials come upon us, may we know His added grace, His increased strength, and His multiplied peace.

MEN'S OUTING

All men are invited to join us on an outing on **Tuesday 10th November**. We will be meeting at the Church car park at **6.40pm sharp** and we will be visiting Crumlin Road Jail. We hope as many men as possible will be able to attend and please add your name to the list in the foyer.