

## MEETINGS ON THE LORD'S DAY

<b>7th Feb</b>	AM/PM: Mr Sidney Ward
<b>14th Feb</b>	AM/PM: Pastor Ken Humphries
<b>21st Feb</b>	AM/PM: Pastor Ken Humphries
<b>28th Feb</b>	AM/PM: TBC

## FRIENDLY HOUR

The Friendly Hour will meet on **Thursday 4th February at 10.45am**. The speakers will be **Rev Jonathan Currie**. The meeting will be followed by a light lunch and all will be made very welcome.

## YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Dates and subjects of Youth Fellowship meetings in February 2016 are as follows.

### 7th Feb: The Battle of the Somme —

*In the year of it's Centenary: should it mean anything to a young person like me?* Supper: Mark & Joanna

### 21st Feb: Let's look at the Bible together —

*Speaker: Mr Ed Shaw* Supper: Ashleigh & Samuel

All young people P7 and above will be made very welcome at Youth Fellowship.

## SPEAKER AT BIBLE STUDY

Our guest speaker at our Bible Study and Prayer meeting on **Wednesday 17th February** at 8pm is **Mr John Brew** who will bring a report of the work of **Baptist Missions in Peru**.

Please mark this date in your diary and plan to attend.

## YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

The Ladies' Fellowship will meet on **Tuesday 23rd February at 8.00pm**. The speaker at this meeting will be **Mrs Pauline Condry** who will be bringing a word of testimony.

A cup of tea will be served following the meeting and all are welcome.

## ROTAS FOR THE MONTH

	7th	14th	21st	28th
<b>DOOR DUTY</b>	Group D: G McNeill *, N Reid *, D Armstrong, B Cleland, J Henderson, P Moore * <i>deacon in charge</i>			
<b>CHILDREN'S CHURCH</b>	Karen Lynsey	David Janette	Mark Tanya	Paul Gillian
<b>FLOWERS</b>	Gillian Moore	Gillian Moore	Christine McCormick	Christine McCormick
<b>RECORDING</b>	Gareth	Gary	Derek	Scott

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Sun 14th February @ 3.00 pm — Meeting in Tullywest Nursing Home—Mr Tom McCormick speaking
- Sun 28th February @ 3.00pm — Meeting in Silverbirch Nursing Home—Mr Gareth Rainey speaking

## SPORTS 4 CHRIST

Saturday 13th February in the Multipurpose Hall

**6:30—7.45pm Ages 6-10 / 8:00—9.30pm Ages 11-14**

Please come along on Saturday 13th February 2016 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.

## PHILIPPI DINNER

The Philippi Dinner will be held on **Saturday 27th February at 7.00pm** in French's Bistro in Clough. Please add your name to the list in the foyer and make your menu selection if you are able to attend. All are very welcome.

*The debt outstanding on the Building Loan for the New Multipurpose Hall is currently £153,750.*

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: [nk Reid@outlook.com](mailto:nkreid@outlook.com)).

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## Monthly Bulletin



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*Deuteronomy 4:29 But if from thence thou shalt seek the Lord thy God, thou shalt find him, if thou seek him with all thy heart and with all thy soul.*

**Sunday  
Services:  
11.30am  
& 7pm**

**Sunday  
Sch: 10.30am  
Searchers:  
Wed 6.45pm**

**Bible Study  
& Prayer  
Meeting  
Wed 8pm**

## THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

### Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus



“Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of *our* faith; who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.”

**Hebrews 12 v 2**

The scriptures contain many verses teaching us to live our lives for the Lord and to seek His guidance in all things. Consider a couple of these well-known verses:

“I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help *cometh* from the LORD, which made heaven and earth.”

**Psalms 121 v 1-2**

“Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I *am* God, and *there* is none else.”

**Isaiah 45 v 22**

Turn your eyes upon Jesus has become a popular Hymn and it highlights the importance of putting Christ first in our lives and living each day with eternity's values in view. The author and composer of this hymn was a lady called Helen Lemmel. She was the daughter of a Wesleyan Methodist pastor. One day in 1918 a missionary friend gave her a tract entitled “Focused”. The tract contained these words “So then, turn your eyes upon Him, look full into His face and you will find that the things of earth will acquire a strange new dimness.” These words made a deep impression on Helen. She could not dismiss them from her mind. She recalls this experience following the reading of that tract: “Suddenly, as if commanded to stop and listen, I stood still, and singing in my soul and spirit was the chorus, with not one conscious moment of putting word to word to make rhyme, or note to note to make melody.” The verses of the hymn were written the same week and have been enjoyed by many for nearly 100 years.

The message in this hymn is still relevant today. A few weeks ago it was “Blue Monday” the 18<sup>th</sup> January which is deemed to be the most depressing day of the year. Although January may seem to

be a dark and dismal month with bills piled high after all the Christmas shopping and the failure of new year's resolutions this hymn reminds us that there is, “light for a look at the Saviour and a life more abundant and free”. As we turn our eyes upon Jesus at the start of another year we should consider the words of another verse of this hymn “Go to a world that is dying His perfect salvation to tell.” What a challenge for the year ahead.

Gareth Rainey

## CHILDREN'S DEVOTIONAL

### Faith and Actions

*Read James 2 14-26*

As we see here from this reading, faith goes hand in hand with actions. We cannot say we have faith in God, if we don't show it in our lives—in how we treat other people. When we see a need, we should meet that need by providing for the person. We can't turn our backs on people—especially our brothers and sisters in the faith, or our friends and family—when they are in need. If we can help them out in some way, we need to be willing to do so. As God blesses us, we in turn should bless others. Freely we have received, so freely we should give.

Faith and actions work together. There is a saying that goes ‘actions speak louder than words’. This is so true. We can speak all the right words, but it means nothing if we don't back it up with actions. Let our lifestyles show our faith.

*But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him? My little children, let us not love in word neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth. 1 John 3:17-18*

Help me, Lord, to show my faith  
In everything I do  
I don't just want to speak my faith  
But show it by actions too.

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## LETTER OF THANKS

The following letter of thanks was received from CEF Lagan Valley area following our recent gift from our corporate Christmas card appeal.

*Dear Friends at Saintfield Baptist Church*

*Another New Year has begun, already we are fast approaching the end of January. Where does the time go? It is our privilege to express our sincere thanks for your very generous support and in spite of growing demands on your finances. Please let everyone in the church know that we are truly grateful for their support and prayers. We know that God will bless each one in return.*

*Please do continue to pray for more volunteers. We still require teachers for Crumlin Primary, Meadowbridge Primary and Seymour Hill Primary Good News Clubs. It's not getting any easier to get people to commit to weekly or even fortnightly ministries. Heather and I are being stretched to the limit. We are involved in seven Good News Clubs each week. This is far too many as this is only one aspect of our winter programme. We are so thankful to our faithful volunteers who do already help. Please pray that we will get more.*

*Praise God for the boys and girls who are attending the clubs each week. Praise God that many of them are asking questions about the Bible and what they are being taught. Pray that the teachers would know God's help as they try to answer these questions.*

*In closing, we trust that as a Church you will have an encouraging 2016.*

*Take care,*

*David and Heather Cowan*

## PRAYER FOCUS

Please pray for the following in your prayer times this month:

- ◆ Pastoral Vacancy
- ◆ Forthcoming Mission in May
- ◆ Missions: in particular for God's guidance to those working in countries suffering from recent terror attacks, eg France, Mali and Burkina Faso
- ◆ Children's Work and Youth Fellowship
- ◆ Those who are shut in through illness or advancing years