

MEETINGS ON THE LORD'S DAY

5th June	AM/PM: Mr Stephen Walker
12th June	AM/PM: Mr Johnny Heron
19th June	AM/PM: Pastor Stephen Moffitt
26th June	AM/PM: Pastor Stephen Moffitt PM: Sunday School Parent's Night

GUEST SPEAKER AT BIBLE STUDY

Our guest speaker at our Bible Study and Prayer meeting on **Wednesday 8th June at 8pm** will be **Mr Calum Webster** representing the work of **The Christian Institute**.

Please come along to hear more about this work.

FAITH MISSION BELFAST UPDATE

I continue to be encouraged in my work. The young mother with deep spiritual needs amazes me with her spiritual growth and desires. She has attended a number of missions outside the Belfast area and remarks about the sense of God's presence she feels.

I would value prayer for a young man we recently had opportunity to chat to about his need for God. He was very open and honest, so please pray as we try to make further contact with him.

Springfield School—the door has opened to get into this primary school. We have just completed five one hour sessions teaching Bible Explorer. Please pray for further openings into schools in West Belfast.

Summer Outreach—July sees the commencement of summer outreach with a team in West Belfast. We have planned:

- ⇒ 3 day club 4th to 6th July @ Falls Road
- ⇒ 5 day club 18th to 2nd July @ Twin Brook
- ⇒ 5 day club 18th to 22nd July @ Falls Park (awaiting permission)
- ⇒ An extensive door to door visitation

I deeply appreciate your continued support.

Naomi Dudgeon

ROTAS FOR THE MONTH

	5th	12th	19th	26th
DOOR DUTY	Group D: Gary McNeill *, N Reid *, P Moore, B Cleland D Armstrong, J Henderson * <i>deacon in charge</i>			
CHILDREN'S CHURCH	Lynsey Karen	Derek Alison	Paul Gillian	Ed Sharon
FLOWERS	Alison Preston	Ethel Irvine	Ethel Irvine	Joan Carson
RECORDING	Gareth	Gary	Scott	Raymond
EVENING INTERNET	Joel Carson	Andrew McCoubrey	Aaron McNeill	Matthew Wilson

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Sun 12th June @ 3.00 pm — Meeting in Tullywest Nursing Home—Mr Robert McMillan speaking
- Sun 26th June @ 3.00pm — Meeting in Silverbirch Nursing Home—Mr Brian Gibson speaking

Please note that Searchers have finished for the season and will recommence in September.

SUMMER ACTIVITIES

Please give details of all children/young people attending or leading camps this summer to Karen Reid for inclusion in next month's bulletin. Also details of any other mission work that anyone is involved with over the summer would be appreciated.

Thank you for your assistance in this.

Sports 4 Christ Summer Outreach (Advance Notice)

This year our summer sports outreach week will take place from **Monday 22nd August to Thursday 25th August 2016**

Leaflets will be available in the entrance foyer and on the church website so please use these to invite children/young people.

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).

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Romans 8:28 And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are called according to his purpose.

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

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

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

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH



We are now entering a new era in the life of the church, of which we trust will be owned and blessed of God. We can testify to God's guidance in bringing us to this place and we say To God be the Glory.

It would be remiss of me not to give thanks to God for these four years of vacancy. We have been blessed with faithful speakers Lord's Day after Lord's Day and good Bible teaching on our mid-weeks as well. On behalf of Brian, Adrian and myself I would like to say a big thank you to the Deacons, members and adherents for their support in the vacancy and to those who labour tirelessly in all the aspects of the work. 'Remembering without ceasing your work of faith, and labour of love' 1 Thes 1:3.

On the eve of Stephen and Rachel taking up the ministry here we want to wish them God's richest blessing. As this is their first church they will need our full support, prayerfully, practically, and in our place on both Lord's Day and midweek.

Word of caution:

When God begins to bless, the enemy will raise up a standard against it. Some things we can do: give no place to the devil, cut off his lifeline. 1 Tim 1:18 '...war a good warfare'.

Positive things we can do:

'Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places' Eph 6:11,12

Take onto you:

The whole armour
The girdle of truth
The breastplate of righteousness
The shield of faith
The helmet of salvation
The sword which is the word of God

'Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the spirit'
Eph 6:18

Bertie Henderson

C T STUDD—A SHORT BIOGRAPHY



"Only one life 'twill soon be past. Only what's done for Christ will last" CT Studd

Charles Thomas Studd was a servant of Christ who faithfully served His Saviour in China, India, and Africa. CT Studd was born in England in 1860, one of three sons of a wealthy retired planter, Edward Studd, who had made a fortune in India and had come back to England to spend it.

After being converted to Christ during a Moody-Sankey campaign in England in 1877, Edward Studd became deeply concerned about the spiritual welfare of his three sons and influenced them for the cause of Christ before his death two years later.

By the time C.T. was sixteen he had become an expert cricket player and at nineteen was captain of his team at Eton College. He was further educated at Trinity College, Cambridge where he was also recognized as an outstanding cricketer.

C.T. was saved in 1878 at the age of 18 when a visiting preacher at their home caught C.T. on his way to play cricket. "Are you a Christian?" he asked. C.T.'s answer not being convincing enough, the guest pressed the point and C.T. tells what happens as he acknowledges God's gift of eternal life received through faith in Christ: "I got down on my knees and I did say 'thank you' to God. And right then and there joy and peace came into my soul. I knew then what it was to be 'born again,' and the Bible which had been so dry to me before, became everything." His two brothers were also saved that same day!

But there followed a period of six years in a backslidden state. C.T. relates: "Instead of going and telling others of the love of Christ, I was selfish and kept the knowledge to myself. The result was that gradually my love began to grow cold, and the love of the world began to come in. I spent six years in that unhappy backslidden state." The Lord in His goodness worked in his life and after a serious illness of his brother and his going to hear D.L. Moody the Lord met C.T. again and restored to him the joy of His salvation.

"Still further, and what was better than all, He set me to work for Him, and I began to try and persuade my friends to read the Gospel, and to speak to them individually about their souls. I cannot tell you what joy it gave me to bring the first soul to the Lord Jesus Christ. I have tasted almost all the pleasures that this world can give ... but those pleasures were as nothing compared to the joy that the saving of that one soul gave me."

The Lord continued to work in his life, and led C.T. to go to China. C.T. seeking to comfort his mother wrote: "Mother dear, I do pray God to show you that it is such a privilege to give up a child to be used of God to saving poor sinners who have never even heard of

the name of Jesus." C.T. was one of the "Cambridge Seven" who offered themselves to Hudson Taylor for missionary service in the China Inland Mission and in February, 1885, sailed for China. It was while in China that C.T. reached the age (25 years old) in which according to his father's will he was to inherit a large sum of money. Through reading God's Word and much prayer, C.T. felt led to give his entire fortune to Christ! Before knowing the exact amount of his inheritance, C.T. sent £5000 to Mr. Moody, another £5000 to George Müller (£4000 to be used on missionary work and £1000 among the orphans); as well as £15,000 pounds to support other worthy ministries. In a few months, he was able to discover the exact amount of his inheritance and he gave some additional thousands away, leaving about £3400 pounds in his possession.

Three years after arriving in China, C.T. married a young Irish missionary from Ulster named Priscilla Livingstone Stewart. Just before the wedding he presented his bride with the remaining money from his inheritance. She, not to be outdone, said, "Charlie, what did the Lord tell the rich young man to do?" "Sell all." "Well then, we will start clear with the Lord at our wedding." And they proceeded to give the rest of the money away for the Lord's work! They served the Lord together in inland China through many perils and hardships until in 1894 after ten years in China, ill health forced the Studds to return to England and they gave their property to China Inland Mission.

From 1896-1897, C.T. toured American universities on behalf of the newly formed Student Volunteer Movement. In 1900 the Studd family went to South India where C.T. served as a pastor of a church in Ootacamund for six years.

China, India, then the heart of Africa. After returning home to England in 1906, C.T. was stirred by the need for missionary pioneer work in Central Africa. But again the path was not without obstacles. Penniless, turned down by the doctor, dropped by a Committee of businessmen who had agreed to support him, yet told by God to go, C.T. staked all on obedience to God. As a young man he staked his career, in China he staked his fortune, now he staked his life. His answer to the Committee was; "Gentlemen, God has called me to go, and I will go. I will blaze the trail, though my grave may only become a stepping stone that younger men may follow." Leaving his wife and four daughters in England, C.T. sailed for the heart of Africa in 1910, where he continued to work until his death in 1931.

C.T. bore much fruit for the Saviour while in Africa as he endured weakness and sickness; losing most of his teeth and suffering several heart attacks; but he endured hardness as a good soldier of the Lord Jesus Christ!

Shortly after 10:30 p.m. on a July day in 1931, C.T. Studd went home to be with His Lord whom he had loved so dearly and served so faithfully! The last word he spoke was "Hallelujah!"