

## MEETINGS ON THE LORD'S DAY

<b>5th Mar</b>	AM/PM: Pastor S Moffitt
<b>12th Mar</b>	AM/PM: Pastor S Moffitt
<b>19th Mar</b>	AM/PM: Pastor S Moffitt
<b>26th Mar</b>	AM/PM: Pastor S Moffitt

## FRIENDLY HOUR

The Friendly Hour will meet on **Thursday 2nd March at 10.45am**. The meeting will be taken by our own Friendly Hour members.

The meeting will be followed by a light lunch and all will be made very welcome.

## PHILIPPI MEETING

There will be a Philippi Meeting on **Saturday 11th March**. The speaker on this occasion is Mr Andrew Campbell. Venue is to be announced.

All are very welcome to attend.

## YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Youth Fellowship meetings will take place on **12th and 26th March 2017** at 8.15pm.

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

## SPORTS 4 CHRIST

**Saturday 11th March 2017 in the Multipurpose Hall**  
**6:30—7.45pm Ages 6-10 / 8:00—9.30pm Ages 11-15**  
 Please come along on 2nd Sat of January, February and March 2017 for a time of fun, food and fellowship. There will be an epilogue, sports coaching and team challenges.

## LADIES' FELLOWSHIP

The Ladies' Fellowship will meet on **Tuesday 28th March at 8.00pm**. This meeting will be taken by **Mrs Margaret Reid**.

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

## ROTAS FOR THE MONTH

	5th	12th	19th	26th
<b>DOOR DUTY</b>	Group C: G Rainey *, T McCormick *, D Anderson, R Gibson, T Shields * <i>deacon in charge</i>			
<b>CHILDREN'S CHURCH</b>	Rebekah Rachel	Beverley Genelle	Paul Gillian	Mark Tanya
<b>FLOWERS</b>	Julie McNeill	Julie McNeill	Alison Preston	Alison Preston
<b>INTERNET</b>	David & Joel	Daniel & Mark	Andrew & Aaron	David & Daniel
<b>RECORDING</b>	Jonny	Raymond	Gareth	Derek

*NB Above are also responsible for the sound desk on the Wednesday following their Sunday recording duty.*

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

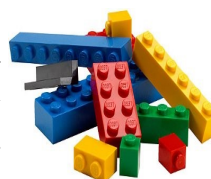
- Sun 12th March @ 3.00 pm — Meeting in Tullywest Nursing Home — Pastor Stephen Moffitt speaking
- Sun 26th March @ 3.00pm — Meeting in Silverbirch Nursing Home — Mr Tom McCormick speaking

## SPECIAL ACCESS CAR PARKING SPACES

It would be greatly appreciated if the three Special Access Car Parking spaces at the front of the church could be made available to those who have mobility issues. These spaces were created for those whose mobility requires parking close to the entrance door of church rather than for all disabled badge holders. Your assistance with this would be greatly appreciated.

## LEGO APPEAL!

Linda Corry has asked if anyone has any Lego that could be donated to help with CEF work in Eastern Europe. Lego can be given to Nigel or Karen before Easter who will forward it to Linda's Mum.



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](mailto:nkreid@outlook.com)).

Saintfield Baptist Church  
 51 Crossgar Road  
 Saintfield

## Monthly Bulletin



**SAINTFIELD  
 BAPTIST  
 CHURCH**

[www.saintfieldbaptist.org.uk](http://www.saintfieldbaptist.org.uk)

**March  
 2017**

*Philippians 4:19 But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.*

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

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

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

## THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH



### Changeless One in Changing Times

Hebrews 13:8 “Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.”

A newspaper publisher once sent a telegram to a noted astronomer: ‘WIRE COLLECT IMMEDIATELY FIVE HUNDRED WORDS ON WHETHER THERE IS LIFE ON MARS’. The astronomer dutifully replied: ‘NOBODY KNOWS’ - 250 times.

Life is full of unknowns. As humans, the only thing we know is the past and the present; we know nothing of the future. Whether that be what will happen in five minutes’ time or five months’ time; the future is hidden to us. Presently our country is sailing in uncertain waters. Between Brexit and the ballot box the days ahead have the potential to worry us. What does the future hold for this little country of ours? What are the implications of potential direct rule and a hard border? Only God alone knows.

It all serves to remind us that politicians come and go, sometimes quicker than expected. They fail us and let us down. Rarely do they deliver on all the promises they made, simply to top the polls. For the believer, we must never forget where our trust lies...in the changeless one. The one true King over all Kings. The Lord Jesus Christ. Isaiah reminds us how *“the government shall be upon His shoulder: and His name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.”* Jesus Christ has a government of peace whose increase will know no end.

Every day the aim of the Christian is to change for the better. But the Lord Jesus Christ has never had to change for the better. He has always been the same perfect one. Yesterday He was Jesus Christ our Saviour. Today He is still Jesus Christ our Saviour; and forever He will always be Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Regardless of what way things go ‘up on the Hill’ we must always lift our eyes ‘up into Heaven’ and focus upon the Lord, who Himself said *“I am the Lord, I change not.”* His promises never fail. He is forever faithful. He will always work things out for His glory and for the good of His children.

What a joy to know that when we lie down to sleep the Saviour who walked with us today will do the same tomorrow, and for all of eternity. King David, upon reaching the end of His life, sitting as an old man and looking back on His life, came to this great

conclusion in Psalm 37: *“I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread. He is ever merciful, and lendeth; and his seed is blessed.”*

Change is rarely welcome nor is it pleasant. Our country is changing. Worrying questions swirl around us. How will Brexit play out? What will be the outcome of these elections? Is direct rule the answer? Questions without answers. One thing we do know is sure: our faith is rooted in *“Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.”*

God Bless

Pastor S Moffitt

## A POEM ABOUT GOD’S PROMISES

### What God Hath Promised!

God hath not promised  
Skies always blue,  
Flower-strewn pathways  
All our lives through;  
God hath not promised  
Sun without rain  
Joy without sorrow,  
Peace without pain.

But God hath promised  
Strength for the day,  
Rest for the labour,  
Light for the way,  
Grace for the trials,  
Help from above,  
Unfailing sympathy,  
Undying Love.

By Annie Johnston Flint

I can do all things  
THROUGH CHRIST  
which strengtheneth me.  
✧ PHILIPPIANS 4:13 ✧

## CHILDREN’S DEVOTIONAL

### Being Thankful

Read Luke 17:11-19

How often do we forget to say ‘Thank You’? Just two little words that say so much. Imagine what it would feel like to give a present to someone, but all they did was grab it and rip the wrapping off without as much as a ‘thank you’. That’s how God must feel when we don’t say thank you to Him. But there is so much to be thankful for if we’d only stop and look. Here are just a few ways we can say thank you to God each day:

- Each morning thank Him for the new day.
- Thank Him for the little things so often missed throughout the day.
- Thank Him for answered prayers.
- Thank Him for all He’s yet to do in your life.
- Thank Him for the simple fact that He loves you.
- Thank Him for sending His Son to die so that we might go to Heaven.

Every little thing you have in your life is a blessing from God and something to be thankful for. If you take some time to think about all you have, you’ll be surprised at how much there is to be thankful for—because it’s not about how much you have or don’t have. You may have very little worldly possessions, but still have much to be thankful for. God loves it when we have thankful hearts and will honour that. He looks at the heart, not the outward circumstances. So give God the thanks He deserves.

*In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you. 1 Thessalonians 5:18*

Lord, I pray I’ll always have  
A Thankful attitude  
And see your blessings every day  
With a heart of gratitude

By © M.S.Lowndes

Reproduced with permission from [www.heavensinspirations.com](http://www.heavensinspirations.com)