

MEETINGS ON THE LORD'S DAY

4th Oct	AM/PM: Mr Alastair Magill
11th Oct	AM/PM: Mr Stephen Spence
18th Oct	AM/PM: Mr James Curran
25th Oct	AM/PM: Pastor Wesley Crawford

NURSING HOME OUTREACH

- Sunday 11th Oct @ 3.00 pm — Meeting in Tullywest Nursing Home— Derek Preston speaking
- Sunday 25th Oct @ 3.00pm — Meeting in Silverbirch Nursing Home— Daniel Lowden speaking

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Details for Youth Fellowship in October:

Sun 4th Oct @ 8.15pm - Being Cool or Being Christian?
1st Timothy 4v12b (Supper: Daniel & Joshua Reid)

Sun 18th Oct @ 8.15pm - Any Questions/Any Answers?
(Supper: Scott, Kerrie & Aaron McNeill)

Saturday 24th Oct - Outing to Eddie Irvine's Bangor for Bubble Football & McDonalds afterwards. Meeting at Church at 6.30pm. Consent forms and money to be given to Rebekah no later than Sunday 18th Oct please. Further details to be given at YF on 4th October.

All young people P7 and upwards are welcome.

BIBLE STUDY

Alan Dundas representing Coaching4Christ will be our guest speaker at the Bible Study and Prayer Meeting on **Wed 7th October @ 8.00pm.**

LADIES' FELLOWSHIP

The Ladies' Fellowship will meet on **Tuesday 27th October** at 8pm. The speaker will be **Mrs Dawn McFarland**. Please come along and enjoy this time of fellowship and bring a friend.

FRIENDLY HOUR

The Friendly Hour meeting will commence once again for the new season on **Thursday 1st October at 10.45am.** **Mr Lloyd Watson** will be the speaker at this meeting. As usual the meeting will be followed by a light lunch. All will be made very welcome.

ROTAS FOR THE MONTH

	4th	11th	18th	25th
DOOR DUTY	Groups C & E: Deacons- G Rainey, A Burgess, B Carson & T McCormick to arrange duties for this month			
CHILDREN'S CHURCH	Rebekah Rachel	Mark Tanya	Lynsey Karen	David Jeanette
FLOWERS	Florence Armstrong	Florence Armstrong	Margaret Reid (A)	Margaret Reid (A)
RECORDING	Ed	Jonny	Gary	Derek

WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS!

We would like to extend our best wishes to Hannah McMillan and Darren Craig as they get married on Saturday 3rd October.

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

SPORTS 4 CHRIST

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

Please come along on 2nd Sat of Sept, Oct and Nov 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.

ADVANCE NOTICES

The Philippi Group will be meet on **Friday 6th November.** The speaker at this meeting will be Pastor Ian Wilson. Please mark this date in your diary and plan to attend.

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.**

The debt outstanding on the Building Loan for the New Multipurpose Hall is currently £159,950.

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
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Monthly Bulletin



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**October
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Luke 10:2 Therefore said he unto them, The harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth labourers into his harvest

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

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

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

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH



Exodus 15 v 3

"The Lord is a man of war..."

This is part of the song sung by the children of Israel, after the Lord had delivered them from the Egyptian army at the Red Sea. In Exodus 1 v 11 we read that Pharaoh "...set over them taskmasters to afflict them with their burdens."

The Lord had revealed Himself to Moses and given him the task of leading God's chosen people out of captivity and towards the promised land. After the plagues they had been freed, but Pharaoh's heart was hardened and he came after them.

The circumstances which the children of Israel had found themselves in were challenging, but as they praise the Lord for His deliverance, they use words that have greatly encouraged me, and I trust that they will also encourage you. The same God who was a "Man of War" for the children of Israel is our God.

Notice firstly that this should be:

A CAUSE FOR WORSHIP

V1 "Then sang Moses and the children of Israel..."

Upwards of 2 million people had just crossed the Red Sea. I'm sure as they stood on the banks of the sea that night, boxed in on both sides, with Pharaoh and his army bearing down on them, they thought they were finished. It tells us in 14 v 21 "...God caused the sea to go back by a strong east wind all that night..." God sent a storm, which made the situation appear worse, but was to be the means of their deliverance.

They crossed over on dry land and God worked against the Egyptians in Ex14 v 25.

God worked for His people and this is why they sang. Even though the circumstances may have seemed dark in the middle of the storm, yet the Hand of the Lord was in it and they worshipped Him for deliverance. He has delivered us as His people too. If God was not a Man of War we would not have salvation. He won the great victory at Calvary and defeated death so that we might know His deliverance. Is that not a cause to worship Him today?

Secondly it is:

A CURE FOR WORRY

"The Lord is my strength and song..."

We can all worry from time to time. Imagine what it must have

been like for these people, gathered at the sea shore, in a storm, with the enemy coming fast. In ch 14 v 10 we read, "...they were sore afraid..." then in v 12 we read that they murmured.

When they looked at the circumstances alone, they had nowhere to turn. Yet the Lord was right there. He had led them this far by a pillar of cloud by day and fire by night, but when looking at the circumstances they weren't looking to Him. We could criticise, but are we any different?

Moses says, in ch 14v13-14 "fear ye not, stand still and see the salvation of the Lord...The Lord shall fight for you..." We read that the Lord stepped in between them and the enemy. He had gone before them, made a way for them, guarded behind them, defeated the enemy and brought them safely over. There was no need to worry when the Lord was there.

He is still there today, sometimes we might not see Him because we focus on circumstances. One writer said, "Half our miseries are caused by things we think are coming upon us."

Yet the Lord is our strength, our Song and our Salvation and the Man of War.

We ought not to worry, when we can "Stand still and see the salvation of the Lord."

David Anderson

WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS

Irish born Joseph M. Scriven (1819-1896) was 25 years old, in love and to be married. The day before his wedding his fiancé died in a tragic drowning accident. Heartbroken, Joseph sailed from his homeland to start a new life in Canada. While in Canada working as a teacher, he fell in love again and became engaged to Eliza Roche, a relative of one of his students. Once again, Joseph's hopes and dreams were shattered when Eliza became ill and died before the wedding could take place.

Although one can only imagine the turmoil within this young man, history tells us that his faith in God sustained him. Soon after Eliza's death Joseph joined the Plymouth Brethren and began preaching for a Baptist church. He never married, but spent the remainder of his life giving all his time, money and even the clothes off his own back to help the less fortunate and to spread the love and compassion of Jesus wherever he went.

Around the same time that Eliza died, Joseph received word from Ireland that his mother was ill. He could not go to be with her, so he wrote a letter of comfort and enclosed one of his poems entitled *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*.

Many years later a friend was sitting with Joseph, as he was very ill. During this visit, the friend was very impressed when he ran across his poems, including *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*. As a result of this visit, almost 30 years after his letter of comfort to his mother, Joseph's poems were published in a book called *Hymns and Other Verses*. Soon thereafter, noted musician Charles C. Converse (1834-1918) put music to one of those poems: *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*. Well-known musician and revivalist Ira D. Sankey (1840-1908) was a great admirer of Joseph Scriven. In 1875, Sankey came upon the music and words for *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*. He included it as the last entry into his well-known publication *Sankey's Gospel Hymns Number 1*.

After Joseph Scriven's death, the citizens of Port Hope, Ontario, Canada, where he gave so much of himself, erected a monument to his life. The seemingly sad and obscure life of one man resulted in so many lives being uplifted, both in his own time, and for many years after whenever the beautiful and comforting words of *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* are sung.

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

What a Friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer.

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged; take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Saviour, still our refuge, take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do your friends despise, forsake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In His arms He'll take and shield you; you will find a solace there.

"Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." (John 15:13)