

SUNDAY SERVICES (April)

Sunday in month	8.30a.m.	10.00am & 11.30am	6.30p.m.
April 3	Lord's Supper	Missionary Sunday with the Wilsons (Uganda)	Easter Victory 1 Corinthians 15 (Hall)
April 10		Hinge moments for the Church Acts 11.1-30	The weaker Christian 1 Corinthians 8 (Hall)
April 17	Lord's Supper	United Service @ 10.30 Confirmation <i>Bishop Harold Miller</i>	Am I not free? 1 Corinthians 9.1-14 (Church)
April 24		New Sermon Series: Guard the Gospel i. The Promise of life 2 Timothy 1.1-7	New Sermon Series: Who is this Jesus? The Paralysed Man Luke 5.17-26 (Hall)

Prayer Fellowship - Knock Room
1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month at 7.30p.m.

Ladies' Prayer Fellowship - Breda Room
2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month at 10.30a.m.

Baptisms
at any service other than Holy Communion and by arrangement with the Rector

Weddings
by arrangement with the Rector

Sunday School
Every Sunday (September – June) at 10.20 a.m. except 3rd Sunday of each month .

Primary Sunday School – Age 3 - 6. Minor Hall
Superintendent: Judith Thompson Tel 029 90 701351

Junior Sunday School - Age 7 – 11. Main Hall
Superintendent: Mrs Jackie Mayes. Tel 028 90 799180

Senior Sunday School - Age 11 – 13. Main Hall
Superintendent: Mr Jack Mayes. Tel 028 90 799180

Pathfinders - Age 13 – 15. Main Hall

Crèche – for babies up to age 3 in Knock Room, Main Hall

X-Ray Tel 028 90 694217

BREDA MESSENGER

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Parish Website:	www.knockbredaparish.org	

BABIES and TODDLERS

Shake, Rattle and Rhyme - 2nd and 4th Thursdays - 10.00am to 11.00am in the Minor Hall
Mrs Jackie Mayes Tel 028 90 799180

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

GIRLS

Brownies Age 7—10
Tuesday 6.30p.m. to 8.00p.m. in the Minor Hall. Mrs Andrea McConnell Tel 07875557998

Guides (10 – 14)
Mondays 7.30p.m. to 9.00p.m. in the Minor Hall. Miss Amy Green Tel 028 90 793775

Senior Section (14—25)
Mondays 7.30p.m. to 9.00p.m. in the Minor Hall. Miss Amy Green Tel 028 90 793775

BOYS

Anchor Boys P1 to P4
Wednesday 6.30p.m. to 7.30p.m. in the Minor Hall. Michael Culbert Tel 07882723553

MIXED

Badminton Club Wednesday from 8.00p.m. in the Main Hall
September to March. Edward Godfrey Tel 028 90 701062

X-Ray Open to all young people of 3rd Form age and above.

ADULT ACTIVITIES

Ladies' Bowling Club Monday at 7.30p.m. in the Main Hall
Contact:- Maureen Coulter Tel 028 90 702246

Mothers' Union 1st Thursday at 8.00p.m. in the Main Hall.
Secretary:- Emily Hickey Tel 028 90 796477

Men's Club Tuesday 7.30p.m. in the Main Hall.
(Bowls form a major part of their programme.)
Contact:- Dennis Davison Tel 028 90 701704

Thursday Club 2nd Thursday at 2.30p.m. in the Minor Hall.
Contact:- Mina Kelso Tel 028 90 799109

GENERAL INFORMATION

Missionary interest is central to the life of our Parish. The following are the Secretaries from whom information, literature or boxes may be obtained.

Crosslinks –	Brian Lloyd	Tel 028 90 701099
C.M.S. Ireland –	Vacant	
Mid-Africa Ministry –	Mrs Jackie Mayes	Tel 028 90 799180
Leprosy Mission –	Brian Mateer	Tel 028 90 594985

Flowers for the church are always in demand.

You may donate flowers to the church on a particular Sunday by appending your name to the list in the Church Porch. The **new list for 2016** is now in the porch

Breda Messenger The Editorial Team would appreciate if all contributions for the **May** edition of the magazine could be with them **no later** than **Sunav 10th April, 2016**

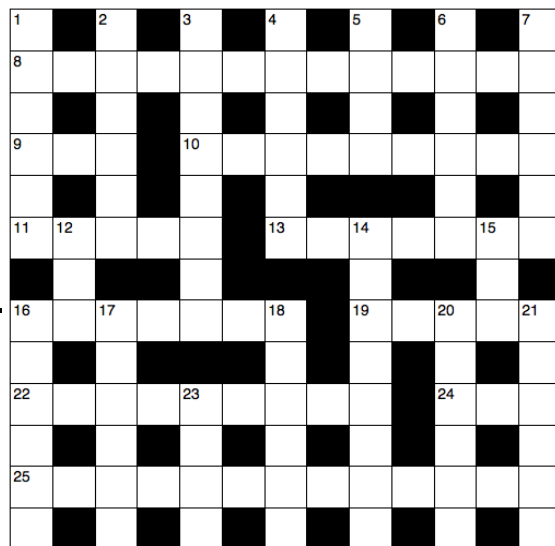
Contributions can be e-mailed to knbreda@hotmail.com or left in the Church Office..

Parish Website can be accessed at www.knockbredaparish.org

APRIL CROSSWORD

ACROSS

- 8 'He poured out his life unto death, and was numbered with the — ' (Isaiah 53:12) (13)
 9 'When they had sung a hymn, they went — to the Mount of Olives (Matthew 26:30) (3)
 10 Comes between Galatians and Philipians (9)
 11 'Your heart will — and swell with joy' (Isaiah 60:5) (5)
 13 Muslim holy month (7) 16 Ten ears (anag.) (7) 19 Under (poetic abbrev.) (5)
 22 How Abram described himself to God when he complained that his Inheritance would pass to a servant (Genesis 15:2) (9)
 24 'Go to the - , you sluggard' (Proverbs 6:6) (3)
 25 Debar from receiving Communion (13)



DOWN

- 1 My — for His Highest (Oswald Chambers' best-known book)(6)
 2 Festival of the resurrection (6)
 3 'His sons will prepare for war and — a great army' (Daniel 11:10) (8)
 4 'Let not the — string his bow' (Jeremiah 51:3) (6)
 5 Name of the River Thames in and around Oxford (4)
 6 'From then on Judas watched for an opportunity — — him over' (Matthew 26:16) (2,4)
 7 'But Christ is faithful — — over God's house' (Hebrews 3:6) (2,1,3)
 12 Long-handled implement used to till the soil (Isaiah 7:25) (3)
 14 Order to which monks and nuns devote themselves (8)
 15 Appropriate (Proverbs 15:23) (3) 16 I, uncle (anag.) (6)
 17 'They gave him — — of broiled fish' (Luke 24:42) (1,5)
 18 'Weren't there three men that we — — and threw into the fire?'(Daniel 3:24)(4,2)
 20 Mountain where Noah's ark came to rest (Genesis 8:4) (6)
 21 'Don't you know that friendship with the world is - towards God?'(James 4:4) (6)
 23 Prominent architectural feature of large cathedrals such as St Paul's (4)

Rector's Letter



Dear Friends

Praise God for Shakespeare

*'There is special providence in the fall of a sparrow'
 Hamlet Act 5 Scene 2. (cf. Matthew 10. 29-30).*

On Saturday April 23, 2016 Stratford-Upon-Avon will pay tribute to the English speaking world's most famous playwright and poet, who was born and died on the same day (St George's day). It will be 400 years since William Shakespeare's death.

There is a deeply Christian worldview found in his plays. I am not going to comment on Shakespeare's own personal standing before the Lord, which I think no one from this distance could discern. But the basic facts about Shakespeare's religious life are known. He was baptised and brought up in Holy Trinity Church (Church of England) in Stratford-upon-Avon. The curriculum and daily routine at his local grammar school were filled with Christian elements.

Church attendance during Shakespeare's day was compulsory, and so all the people who attended his plays were parishioners. If Shakespeare himself had not attended church there would likely be evidence in the form of recorded fines. There is no such evidence. So we know where Shakespeare was on Sundays—he was in church. In fact he is known to have attended several churches in London during his years as a playwright and actor.

His plays reflect a Christian worldview and are peppered with biblical allusions and Christian themes. Some scholars, judging by the number of quotes and paraphrase taken from Genesis, suggest he must have known the early chapters of Genesis off by heart. The reality of the world he depicts includes God, Satan, heaven, hell, an eternal destiny for every person, good, and evil. Shakespeare regularly introduces these themes into his plays. His tragedies describe the sinful choices made by individuals. His comedies are redemption stories.

Plays and stories resonate with many people and especially with Christians. In part, this is because Christians understand the world as a narrative and believe that history is God's story for mankind. It has a beginning, a middle and is heading towards an end, a bit like sitting through a play. Because of our particular culture we probably simply assume this but not all religions describe life in this way. The history of the world began with creation and the fall of mankind; its middle was focused on the coming of Christ to save us; and the end will be his return as Judge. For many in an older generation, the Bible and the Collected Works of Shakespeare were two indispensable books – books it was assumed you would take to your desert island. Still today for Christians, while reading the Bible is absolutely essential, reading, watching and listening to Shakespeare is also very beneficial.

Sincerely in Christ,

Bill

BETWEEN OURSELVES



Rory, Denise and Gideon Wilson

We look forward to welcoming Rory, Denise and Gideon Wilson to Knockbrea on Sunday morning 3rd April. Rory is the Medical Director at Kiwoko hospital in Uganda and Denise teaches at the nurse training school attached to the hospital. Please come at either 10am or 11.30am and greet them as they share with us.

There will be a special K4Kids club on Sunday morning 3rd April in the hall from 10am. No Sunday school that morning. Sunday School resumes on 10th April.

The Men's Breakfast in April will involve a guided tour of the Kingspan Stadium. *(That is Ravenhill to most of us!!)* Please speak to Tom Davies for details.

We welcome the Rendezvous Club to church on Sunday evening, 3rd April.

The Easter Vestry will be held on Wednesday 6th April at 7.30pm in the Church Hall. All registered vestry members are welcome to attend and participate.

We look forward to the bishop joining us on Sunday morning, 17th April for a Service of Confirmation. Five candidates are to be confirmed: Lauren, Darcy, Nicholas, Krystyna and Joan. It will be a United Service at 10.30am (so no service at 10 or 11.30). Coffee dock will be afterwards in the Church Hall.

Thank you to everyone who supported our services over Easter, especially to the choir who led our music throughout Holy Week. Thank you also to Gerardo's team which led our Easter Holiday Bible Club this year.

Me? A Christian! Simply Christianity is a 5-session course that the Rector would love to do with you if you want to know what a true Christian is or how to become one. Time and place to suit you. Open to individuals or couples. Speak to Bill

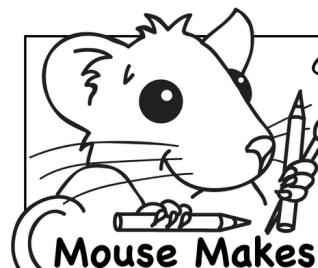
Please let the Rector know of any parishioners who go into hospital. Thank you.

Follow Bill on Twitter @BillandClaire. Bill's blog is <http://bible-disciple.blogspot.co.uk>

This Month's Front Cover shows the newly formed Anchor Boys with their leaders

Michael Culbert, Ruth Gibson, Amy Nixon, Saran Monson and Jack Nixon

OUR PAGE



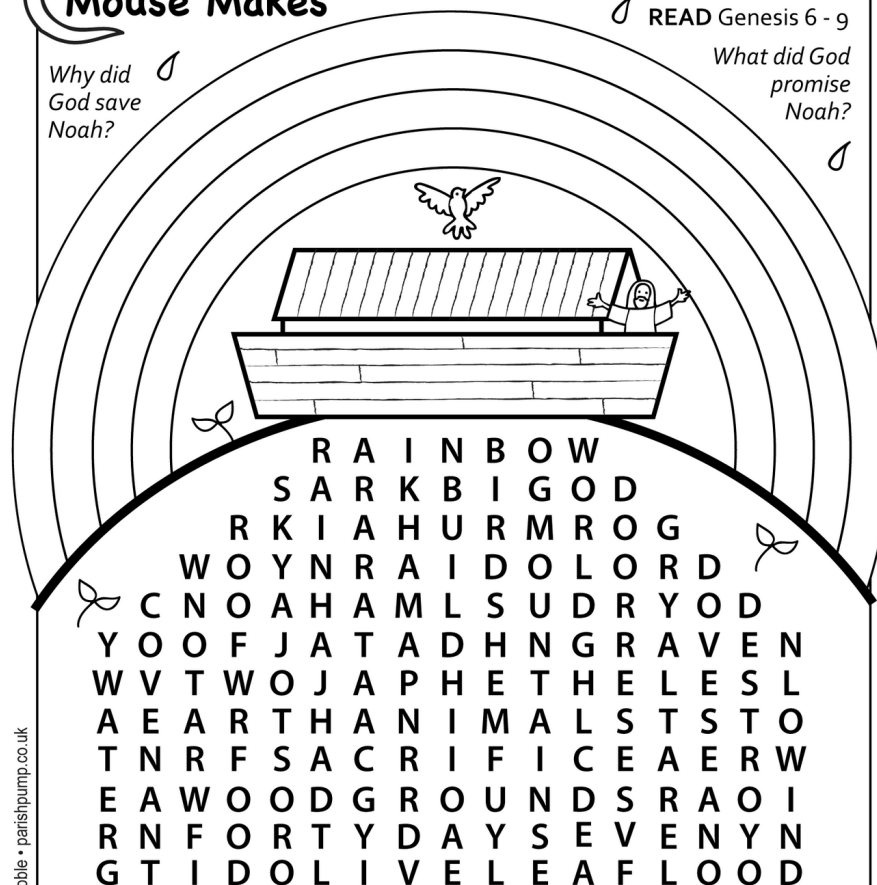
Why did
God save
Noah?

It rained and it rained, for forty days it rained until a great flood covered the earth. Only Noah and his family and two of every living creature were still alive, safe in the great ark that God had instructed Noah to build.

When the flood went down Noah came out of the ark, praised God and built an altar to the Lord.

READ Genesis 6 - 9

What did God
promise
Noah?



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GOD • NOAH • SHEM • HAM • JAPHETH • DESTROY • ARK • BUILD • TAR • WOOD • ROOF
DOOR • ANIMALS • BIRDS • SEVEN • TWO • FOOD • SKY • WIND • RAIN • EARTH
FORTY DAYS • WATER • FLOOD • WORLD • MOUNTAINS • ARARAT • DRY • GROUND
RAVEN • DOVE • OLIVE LEAF • ALTAR • SACRIFICE • LORD • COVENANT • RAINBOW



THURSDAY CLUB

**The next meeting will be on
Thursday 14th April at 2.30p.m
when Stephen will speak about**

“Engage with Age”
(we are all young!)

**Come and bring a friend
If you require transport please contact**

Mina Kelso 90799109 or Vera Bell 90961729

Recommended reading

How many of us have heard others praying and thought, “I wish I could say prayers like that?” We may even have felt a bit inadequate in our own prayer life because of it. We won’t be the first or the last to have this feeling of inadequacy, even the disciples asked the Lord Jesus to teach them to pray (Luke 11.1), and the Master taught them the Lord’s Prayer, which is how God wants us to pray.

Richard Coekin, who is Senior Pastor of the Anglican Co-Mission Initiative, a church planting network, and Chairman of Christian Conventions in London, in his book ‘Our Father’ addresses the way God wants us to pray and gives us a fresh appreciation of the loving God we have in the Father and the joy it is to be able to come to Almighty God and call him “Father.”

Some comments on the book:

‘If you need help with prayer – read this book. It’s sensational!’ Al Stewart, Bishop of Wollongang, NSW.

‘We know it by heart, but we don’t know how to use it. Richard Coekin wonderfully awakens this sleeping giant of our prayer lives.’ Rico Tice, Associate Minister, All Souls Church, Langham Place, London.



You can find ‘Our Father’ on the church bookstall in the Minor Hall.

Dennis Davison.

Mission Partners – Chris and Lotta Strajnic

After a very encouraging evening service on February 14, the Select Vestry have decided to formally adopt Chris and Lotta Strajnic as Knockbreda’s mission partners. They will join Rory, Denise and Gideon Wilson (Kiwoko, Uganda) as our official mission partners.



Chris and Lotta are based at Emmaus Church in Åkersberga, Stockholm.

Chris and Lotta Strajnic

Chris is working to lead this newly established church, as well as running outreach ministries in Stockholm City and Uppsala.

Lotta is engaged in church administration and in discipleship training. In addition to this, Chris and Lotta hope to produce a course for evangelism and discipleship training that is tailored to the Swedish cultural setting.

As well as their work with Emmaus Church, Chris and Lotta plan to provide training programmes for those involved in church planting throughout Sweden, and to run training conferences in expository preaching (Schools of Biblical Training) that will empower the Church to stand up for Christ and live out the gospel in the 21st century.

Dear Bill and Claire,

We just want to thank you for a lovely Sunday. We enjoyed our time with you and it’s always lovely to see you dear friends.

Thank you also for the give opportunity to share at the church and to meet all the lovely people. We were warmly welcomed from the church and it felt like coming home.

Thanks again for everything. Best regards and love.

Chris and Lotta

The collection for Chris and Lotta at the service on 14 February came to £335. Any Crosslinks Mission boxes should be returned by this coming August.

F.W.O. Team for April

**N Sleator (Leader); B Mateer; T Maguire; B Matson;
C Sleator and S Todd**

NEWTOWNBREDACSSM

Is it ever too early to be looking forwards to the summer?! This year Newtownbreda CSSM will be running from Monday 25th July till Friday 29th August. Newtownbreda CSSM has been running in the area for well over 30 years - it's a joint venture between Knockbreda Parish, Saintfield Road Presbyterian, Cairnshill Methodist, Newtownbreda Baptist, and Scripture Union. Its aim is to help hundreds of children and teenagers learn about God in a fun way, through talks, worship, drama, chat and games. Any child who has just finished P1, right up to 16 year olds will be made very welcome.

Every year lots of leaders are needed to run it, and as long as you're 17 years and over and trusting in God there's no other qualifications needed! There's no upper age limit so whether you're young or old, loud or shy, there's lots of opportunities to get involved. If you're interested in joining the team as a leader you can sign up at www.sunivolunteering.co.uk - the closing date for applications is Monday 11th April. Our first team meeting will be Wednesday 23rd March, if you'd like more information please just email newtownbredacssm@gmail.com.

Many thanks,

Helen and Neil

CRÈCHE ROTA - April

3rd April	—	Joanne Clayton & Maureen Coulter
10th April	—	Sandra Beattie & Norma Johnston
17th April	—	Family Service
24th April	—	Heather Green & Wilma Chrusciak
1st May	—	Pauline Crothers & Wendy England

Contact Rhona Maynes 90 298667 if this does not suit

Mothers' UNION

Christian care for families

The Mothers' Union provided the flowers in Church on Mothering Sunday 6 March.

The speaker at our "Overseas" night on Thursday 3 March was Dr Alan McIlhenny who spoke about his work with Open Schools Worldwide and about 'bringing hope through life-changing learning'. Open Schools Worldwide seek to help disadvantaged children in Africa, street children, orphans, those looking after siblings etc. break out of the vicious cycle of poverty by providing them with a basic education. Some of the classes are actually held in rubbish dumps where many of the children live.

A reminder that Overseas money can be brought along to the next meeting in April.

The Festival Service is being held in Bangor Parish on Monday 4 April at 8pm. For those who have put their name down for the bus please note that it will be leaving the Church Car Park at 7pm sharp. The cost is approximately £5.

Bishop Harold and his wife are hosting a special afternoon tea-party on Thursday 21 April from 2.30 - 4.00 pm to celebrate the Queen's 90th Birthday. This tea-party is specifically for Mothers' Union members who were born in 1926 or earlier. If you meet this criteria and would like to attend could you please contact me asap so that I can forward your name to the Dioceses. My tel. No. 02890796477.

The AGM is being held in Hillmount Garden Centre on Thursday 5 May. We are commencing with a dinner which will be served at 6pm sharp, followed by the meeting. The cost of the meal is £16.00. A copy of the menu will be available at the next meeting. If you wish to attend please ensure you put your name down on the list and meal choice.

Linda Robinson from Age UK is the speaker at the April meeting.

Emily Hickey

Branch Secretary

MOTHERS' UNION TEA ROTA

7 th April Gwen McComisky and Norma Johnston

If this does not suit please contact Eileen Maguire 9070 1601

CAR PARK ROTA - April			
	<u>10.00am</u>	<u>11.30am</u>	<u>6.30pm</u>
3 Apr	D Ingram	C Grant	A Kidd
10 Apr	B Mateer	K Patterson	S Rolston
17 Apr	F Montgomery (10.30)		D Walker
24 Apr	R Clayton	S Elliott	B Lloyd
1 May	N Sleator	I Hickey	J Mayes



Cancer Focus Newtownbreda invite you to their Annual Coffee Morning

**Guest Speaker : Second Bloom
Jewellery by Shona Donaldson**

in Knockbreda Parish Church Halls, Purdy's Lane
on Friday 15th April 2016 from 10.30am—12.00noon

All proceeds go to Cancer Focus Northern Ireland
(Formerly Ulster Cancer Foundation)
Subscription £6.00

FLOWER LIST - APRIL

- 3 April - Claire and Colin Brown
- 10 April - Jane Laverick
- 17 April - Mary Craig
- 24 April - Agnus McIlwrath
- 1 May - Eleanor Patterson



Worldwide Mission Update

Is it time you got involved in the worldwide mission of the Church? The following extract is from the Centre for the Study of Worldwide Christianity at Gordon Conwell seminary. Further details on its website.

In 2014, a significant milestone in world Christianity went unnoticed. For the first time ever, Latin America passed Europe as the continent with the most Christians. In 1900 Europe had six times as many Christians as Latin America. Looking ahead to 2025, we see that Latin America is likely to be surpassed by Africa, with 628 million in the former and more than 700 million in the latter. We also project that by 2050, Asia will surpass Europe in the number of Christians. Each of the three continents in the Global South could outnumber Europe, together representing nearly 80% of all Christians (from just over 20% in 1900).

Some of the most significant growth of Christianity in the world today, and into the future, is in non-traditional expressions and does not easily get picked up in demographic measures such as censuses, surveys, and polls. This is particularly the case in China and India. Data on religious switching in either China or India is unreliable. On-the-ground contacts in both of these countries consistently report that Christianity is growing due to conversions, and many of these Christians are organized in “underground” or secret communities. As a result, predicted Christian percentages in China and India in 2050 are 15.8% and 6.9%, respectively. Projected numbers for Christians in China and India are a combined 330 million in 2050.

Two major findings of the Pew Research Centre's Religion & Public Life Project report are (1) by 2050, the global Christian and Muslim populations will be nearly the same size, 2.9 billion and 2.7 billion, respectively, with no change in the percentage of the world that is Christian (31.4%); and (2) the unaffiliated (atheists, agnostics, and those who do not identify with any religion) will shrink as a percentage of the world's population (from 16.4% in 2010 to 13.2% in 2050).

March Crossword Answers

ACROSS: **1** Wine; **3** The alert; **8** Ooze; **9** Passover; **11** Garden Tomb; **14** Cannot; **15** Elisha; **17** Gethsemane; **20** Own house; **21** Lisa; **22** Flogging; **23** Sty.

DOWN: **1** Wrong act; **2** Nazarene; **4** Health; **5** Assemblies; **6** Envy; **7** Turn; **10** Before long; **12** Iscariot; **13** Take care; **16** The Son; **18** Loaf; **19** Unto.

Anchor Boys

This first season for Anchor Boys at Knockbreda will draw to a close at the end of April. We are so grateful to the leaders – all from the church – who commit their Wednesday evenings to leading the eleven boys. Under Michael Culbert's leadership we play games, read a Bible story, do a craft based on a Bible passage and generally have a lot of fun. If you know of any boys (P1-P4) who would like to join us next year let us know. We plan to finish the season with a Parent's night and a Celebration/Enrolment service in April. Details to follow.



Michael Culbert (Captain)

We have lots happening for children and young people at Knockbreda. There is Sunday School, Messy Church, Crèche, X-ray, Shake, rattle and rhyme, Brownies, Guides and Anchor Boys. We long to share good news with boys and girls.

We especially love to see boys and girls at Sunday school. Please get involved.

Shake, Rattle and Rhyme

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If you have babies or toddlers please consider them bring them along to Shake, rattle and rhyme. We would love to see them. We sing songs and rhymes and there is tea for parents and carers. We meet on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month in the Minor Hall at 10am. It is great fun.

We love to see boys and girls at Sunday school as well. Please get involved.

USED CLOTHING APPEAL

Just a note to say we will be having a used clothing collection again this year. The collection will probably be at the end of June or early July. More details will be given nearer the time. Please keep any unwanted clothing etc for the collection. A list of acceptable items will be printed later on as some items are no longer taken by the collection company. Thank you all for your donations in the past, and for your help this year.

Robert and Ann.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 2016



May 15 to 21
Door to Door Collection.

The Knockbreda Christian Aid collection team urgently require new members to supplement the existing team for this annual fund raising event.

If you can spare a couple of hours on one or two evenings during Christian Aid Week, to help with the door to door collection, please contact me on 02890-702057, or leave your name and contact details with the Church Wardens or the Clergy.

Jim Gowdy

THURSDAY CLUB **ANNUAL MYSTERY TOUR**

will be on Saturday 14th May

(More details in next month's magazine)

Calling All Gardeners!

The North of Ireland Dahlia Society

is holding a

Plant Sale

on

Saturday 28th May

at

Knockbreda Parish Church

Minor Hall

2pm—4pm

A large variety of plants for sale including a wide selection of Dahlia plants
Refreshments available