

SUNDAY SERVICES (December/January)

Sunday in month	8.30a.m.	10.00am & 11.30am	6.30p.m.
Dec 6	Lord's Supper	ix. Jesus: the resurrection John 11.1-27	v. The Branch Isaiah 11 (Hall)
Dec 13		x. Jesus: the life John 11. 28-53 Lord's Supper @ 11.30	Christmas Youth Service (Hall)
Dec 20	Lord's Supper	All Age Nativity Service @10.30 with Colin Morris	Nine Lessons and Carols (Church)
Dec 27		Christmas 1 United Service @ 10.30	<u>No Evening Service</u>
Jan 3	Lord's Supper	New Year Resolution i. Listening to God Luke 10.38-42	Colossians 3.1-17 New Year - New Self (Hall)
Jan 10		New Year Resolution ii. Talking to God Luke 11.1-13 Lord's Supper @ 11.30	<i>Series: Free to Grow</i> i. To the church in Corinth 1 Corinthians 1.1-9 (Church)
Jan 17	Lord's Supper	<i>Series: Faith in God's promise</i> Abraham's call Genesis 12.1-9 All Age Service@10.00	ii No room for division 1 Corinthians 1.10-17 (Hall)
Jan 24		ii. Abraham and the land Genesis 15.1-21 Lord's Supper @ 10.00	iii. The Word of the cross 1 Corinthians 1.18-25 (Hall)
Jan 31		iii. Abraham & the 3 visitors Genesis 18.1-15	iv. Boast in the Lord 1 Corinthians 1.26-2.5 (Hall)



BREDA MESSENGER

December 2015 & January 2016



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

Ladies' Prayer Fellowship - Breda Room 2nd & 4th Wednesdays of each month @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 028 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
Tel 028 90 694217

X-Ray

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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 **February** edition of the magazine could be with them **no later than Sunday 10th January, 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

THURSDAY CLUB

**We will begin our New Year Meetings
on Thursday 14th January**

2.30pm

The Special Guest Speaker will be

Mr George Caskey

**Everyone very welcome
Come and bring your friends**

**If you require transport please contact
Mina Kelso 90799109 or Vera Bell 90961729**

F.W.O. Team for January

D. Johnston (Leader); C. Grant; B. Lloyd;
F. Montgomery and B. Milford

CAR PARK ROTA - January

	<u>10.00am</u>	<u>11.30am</u>	<u>6.30pm</u>
3 Jan	K Armstrong	K Morrow	J Beattie
10 Jan	P Wood	J Torrens	E Godfrey
17 Jan	J Gowdy	C Grant	D Walker
24 Jan	D Ingram	B Mateer	F Montgomery
31 Jan	A Kidd	S Rolston	K Patterson
7 Feb	R Clayton	B Lloyd	S Elliott

SHOEBOX APPEAL

Thank you for your wonderful response to the shoebox appeal. By the time you read this 114 boxes from Knockbreda Parish will have arrived in Eastern Europe ready to be distributed to the children.

Thank you for your generosity

Karen Hooper

Rector's Christmas Letter

Dear Friends,

The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. ¹¹ He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. ¹² But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, ¹³ who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.' John 1.9-13

They say that Christmas is a time for children. And there is no doubt that children love the excitement of presents and parties at this time of year. Our own children light up with smiles at any talk of Christmas! Many of us will be getting together with our families this Christmas and we know what a blessing our families are. The apostle John explains that the coming of Jesus is about families and children. However the family he is referring to is God's family, and the children he is talking about are God's children. 'To all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.'

Adoption into God's family and becoming the children of God does not happen automatically. Like any adoption there is a process to undergo. Jesus, the light of the world, had to come from heaven to make us his children. And even then, not all would receive him (verses 10-11 above). Not all would be brought together in his adopted family. When he came, Jesus did not get the red carpet treatment! In fact, as you know, he was crucified by both Jewish and Gentile rulers. Back in the first century, he was despised and rejected by men. And there is still that element of rejection today of course.

There is a much better alternative reaction to the coming of Christ at Christmas time: acceptance. This is also a reaction that was prevalent in John's day. 'To all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God' (verse 12). God wants us to become his children - to be together with our Father God. It can only be done with God's help (verse 13) because the children of God are not born of blood nor of the will of the flesh. In other words we are not his children by being born in the UK or Ireland; nor because our parents, or husband or wife are Christians.

No, the only way anyone can be adopted into God's family is by a supernatural act of God (e.g. John 3.3) where, according to John, one humbly receives the Messiah and believes in his name. Put simply, we must recognise who Jesus truly is - the unique Son of God - and then apply that knowledge by faith personally to ourselves.

Yes, in a sense Christmas is all about children. It is about Jesus who came as a child to live, die and rise again so that we might believe in him and become the children of God.

Sincerely in Christ

Bill



BETWEEN OURSELVES

Advent Services Knockbreda's midweek services for Advent will begin on Wednesday 2nd December at 7.30pm. Our theme will be the life of David and will complement the Home Group Studies. All welcome.

Christmas at Knockbreda

We are hosting a **Messy Church Christmas party** on Friday 11th December, 3.30-5pm in the hall. Games, crafts, the Christmas story and more! Parents and carers are asked to stay as refreshments will be provided. All welcome!

An informal **Christmas Youth Service** will be held on Sunday evening, 13 December at 6.30pm in the hall. Members of X-ray will lead the service. Please come, support our young people and enjoy the Christmas music.

There will be **tea and mince pies** after the Nativity service and the Nine lessons and carols on 20 December. We look forward to welcoming Colin Morris from Crosslinks as our speaker at the Nativity service.

First Communion of Christmas will be on Christmas Eve at 11.15pm. Christmas Day services are as usual at 8.30am (Service of the Lord's Supper with music) and 10.00am (All age service where children bring a toy).

All welcome to our **Victorian Christmas Craft Fair** on Saturday 5 December. Details in this edition of the Breda Messenger.

New Year's Eve

The Watchnight service at Knockbreda at 11.30pm in the church. All welcome

The Why God? mission

Thank you to everyone who supported our Why God? mission in November and to the mission committee who coordinated it. It was a marvellous opportunity to share faith and speak about the truth and love of Jesus. Our grateful thanks go to Trevor Johnston and his team who led the meetings, services and special events. 'Why God?' is neither the beginning or end of mission at Knockbreda but it is good to have these special occasions of intentional outreach and evangelism.

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

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

Gifts to the housebound Christmas gifts are given to housebound parishioners. If you could exercise a ministry by helping to deliver these, please come to the Minor Hall on **Wednesday 2nd December for 10.30 a.m.** when gifts will be available for distribution.

Christmas
Craft Fair
& Hog Roast

Saturday
5th December
11am-3pm

Entrance £2 Adult
U16s FREE

includes tea/coffee & mince pie
(Hog Roast extra)

Knockbreda Parish Church
www.knockbredaparish.org
Purdy's Lane, Belfast BT8 7AR

Knockbreda Guides and Senior Section

Knockbreda Guides and Senior Section have had another busy year. We held our 'Technology Blackout' in April when we went without mobile phones and



Guides and Seniors creating their starter packs for the Simon Community NI

recreational technology for the weekend to raise money for The Simon Community Northern Ireland; we managed to raise £425 for them. We donated £300 to the charity and the remainder of the money was used to produce 10 starter packs (for 5 males and 5 females) for those who find themselves in the shelters with items such as cleaning products toiletries and towels. We made the packs and took them to our local centre on the Saintfield Road and even got a tour round the centre and learnt more about what the Simon Community does. Thank you to everyone who

supported us. In June we took part in Belfast County Camp where the girls got to learn new camping skills including cooking on camp fires, how to erect an Icelandic tent and took part in activities such as

High Ropes, archery and orienteering. We all had a brilliant weekend and even had some good weather! One group of our girls even won Best Patrol in Belfast County for their camping skills and received a cup for it. Well done girls! From September the Seniors have been looking forward to the Centenary Celebrations for Senior Section which are taking place throughout 2016 and the Guides have been looking at Personal Safety and Self-Esteem. 2016 promises to be an even better year for



Guides and Seniors at Belfast County

Guiding at Knockbreda and we are all looking forward to the next year ahead. Well done girls for all your hard work this year- we have had a fantastic year and are very proud of all your achievements!

Amy Green

Guide and Senior Section Leader



Christmas Services



Sunday 20th	8.30 a.m.	Lord's Supper
	10.30 a.m.	All Age Nativity United Service
	6.30 p.m.	Nine Lessons and Carols
Christmas Eve	11.15 p.m.	First Communion of Christmas
Christmas Day	8.30 a.m.	Holy Communion with Music
	10.00 a.m.	Christmas All Age Service (Children bring a toy)
Sunday 27th Dec	10.30 a.m.	United Service

No Evening Service

The church will be decorated for Christmas on Saturday 12th December from 10.30 a.m. Volunteers with "greenery and berries" will be most welcome

SUNDAY SCHOOL

We love to see boys and girls coming to Sunday School every Sunday morning at 10.20am. Knockbreda is blessed with faithful Sunday School teachers who really care about the children. Please pass the word about Sunday School and encourage any children or grandchildren you have to come along. Thank you.

SOUND DESK TEAM ROTA

December

06th December	-	Charlie Grant
13th December	-	Carson Stewart
20th December	-	Cindy Patterson
25th December	-	Jack Nixon
27th December	-	Frank McKee





THURSDAY CLUB

"That Time of the Year Again!"
An event not to be missed



THE CHRISTMAS PARTY

on Thursday 10th December at **2.00p.m**

Everyone very welcome

regardless of monthly meetings
Come and join in the Christmas spirit.
Enjoy some fun, food and laughter



If you require transport please contact
Mina Kelso 90799109 or Vera Bell 90961729.

*We would like to wish everyone a very Happy Christmas
and a peaceful New Year.*

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## **CRÈCHE ROTA - December**

6th December — Eveline Bothwell & Joanne Clayton

13th December — Sandra Beattie & Elaine Clay

20th December — Family Service

27th December — No Crèche

*If this does not suit, please contact Rhona Maynes 90 298667*

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Memories of Castlereagh Our own local historian, Norman Weatherall, has written to the Editor to point out some errors in the information:-

You describe the panel erected at the gates of the church as being "Well worth reading". Unfortunately some of the information is flawed. As one who contributed material on Knockbreda church to the Memories project I was distressed to read that lions attended the funeral of Waddell Cunningham. Not true. Imagine, lions on the loose in Belfast! At some stage in the proceedings, according to the News Letter, six large **pigs** attached themselves to the procession. Straying pigs were a menace in eighteenth century Belfast. "Local tradition", which has been credited with passing the story down the generations, needs to be corrected.

Incidentally there is a spelling mistake. Lady Middleton needs only one 'd'.

Thank you Norman for pointing these errors out to the parishioners at Knockbreda.

Paper Tweets

"Christmas is based on an exchange of gifts, the gift of God to man – His unspeakable gift of His Son, and the gift of man to God – when we present our bodies a living sacrifice." ~Vance Havner

"He was created of a mother whom He created. He was carried by hands that He formed. He cried in the manger in wordless infancy. He, the Word, without whom all human eloquence is mute." ~Augustine

SOUND DESK TEAM ROTA

January



03 January	-	Heather Elliott
10 January	-	Karen Vincent
17 January	-	Jack Nixon
24 January	-	Carson Stewart
31 January	-	Frank McKee
07 February	-	Charlie Grant



Food for Body and Soul

MEN'S BREAKFAST

The next Men's Breakfast will be on
Saturday 16th January, 2016
at 8.30am in the Minor Hall
Guest Speaker
TBC

'Knockbreda Fire Safety

Thank you to the Knockbreda Fire Safety Committee who enabled the Church to pass our recent Fire Safety audit.'

CRÈCHE ROTA - January



3rd January — Wendy England & Jean Forsythe
 10th January — Wilma Chrusciak & Heather Green
 17th January — Family Service
 24th January — Maureen Coulter & Emily Hickey
 31st January — Donna Motson & Norma Johnston
 7th February — Pauline Crothers & Kathleen McIntyre

Please contact Rhona Maynes (90298667) if this is not suitable.

Shake, Rattle and Rhyme

Babies and toddlers with their carers are very welcome at Shake, Rattle and Rhyme at Knockbreda halls. This free, fun and friendly group has proved extremely popular for pre-schoolers. They are led in singing and rhymes for about half an hour and then refreshments are provided for parents and carers. It is a delightful time for infants and adults alike. Visitors are especially welcome. We meet every 2nd and 4th Thursday in the month at 10.00am in the minor hall. Come along and enjoy the fun!

Divine Healing Ministries

Ulster Rugby Players
 'My Path of Faith'
 in
 St Anne's Cathedral
 Monday 25th January, 2016 at 8.00pm
 All welcome

Answers to November Crossword

ACROSS: 1 Thanks; 4 Banner; 8 Esher; 9 Azariah; 10 Compare; 11 Ishma; 12 Doorposts; 17 Oaths; 19 Galatia; 21 Papyrus; 22 Frail; 23 Listen; 24 Hyssop.

DOWN: 1 Trench. 2 Ashamed. 3 Karma. 5 Ananias. 6 Neigh. 7 Reheat. 9 Arceopagus. 13 Observe. 14 Satraps. 15 Compel. 16 Gallop. 18 Tapes. 20 Lofty.

FLOWER LIST - December



6th Dec — Kayreen Allen
 13th Dec — Eleanor Robinson
 20th Dec — Joan Laverick
 27th Dec — Available

F.W.O. Team for December

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

CAR PARK ROTA - December



	10.00am	11.30am	6.30pm
6 Dec	E Caves	J Corbett	C Hall
13 Dec	M Pollock	A Templeton	B Milford
20 Dec	D Johnston (10.30am)		P Gibson
27 Dec	E Kelso (10.30am)		No Service

Extracts from the Parish Registers

Holy Matrimony

21 November Christine Magowan and Peter Wood

Burial

19 October Arthur Anderson 18 Kew Gardens

16 November Winifred Livingstone 186 Cregagh Road



CAP Christmas Appeal 6th December 2015 All Services

We are starting to look towards Christmas – the nights are getting darker and there is a chill in the air. For people who are struggling with debt, Christmas can be a dark and lonely time. One of the ways you can respond to meet the needs of people in your local community is through supporting the food hamper appeal for Christians Against Poverty (CAP). Through this, we give parcels of non-perishable food and seasonal items, as well as small gifts of toys for children or toiletries and other gifts for adults. We have found that this is a great help to people who are struggling to make ends meet at this time of year.

As an alternative to food this year, we would love to offer the opportunity to give donations of money which would be used to help people with fuel costs this winter or to purchase items such as a family cinema ticket or other family treat. Just pop a donation of cash or a cheque (payable to WPCA) into an envelope marked “CAP Christmas appeal” and put it in the collection plate. **

Last year, through the support of the Lagan Area Deanery churches we were able to provide Christmas hampers for 50 families and ongoing support with food hampers throughout the year. We are so grateful for the support and we know that God blesses both the giver and the receiver. Please see the list provided for the food items we require and please pray for families who are struggling financially this Christmas.

** Special envelopes will be provided in the Baptistry/Hall for Gift Aiding donations.**

Staple Foods:

Spaghetti
Pasta
Rice

Fruit juice/squash

Cereal/oats

Oven Breads (long dated)

Jam

Biscuits (long dated)

Jars of Sauce:

Bolognese
Korma
Curry
Chicken/Beef in Sauce

Household items:

Washing powder

Washing-up liquid

Soap / Shampoo / Shower gel

Toilet roll / Kitchen Roll

Baby Wipes/Nappies

Tinned Foods:

Tuna
Sweetcorn / Peas
Soup
Ham
Beans
Spaghetti

Sweets / Treats:

Box of Chocolates

Shloer

Mince pies / Chocolate log

Christmas pudding

Chocolate tree decorations

Pringles

Nuts

Puddings:

Rice
Custard
Fruit (Pineapple etc)

Other:

Crackers

Christmas Items

Small Family Gift

Toiletries gift pack

Other Foods:

Tea/coffee
Sugar

Mothers' UNION

Christian care for families

The speaker at our November meeting was Sr Karen Webb of the Church Army. She was an inspiring speaker and gave us an insight into the work of the Church Army. Karen has taken up a new post working within the North Belfast community. She would value our prayers for guidance as she goes into schools, does street outreach etc.

Thursday 3 December is our Christmas Cheer evening. The meal is being served at 7.30 pm, so I would ask if everyone could be seated by 7.15. This year our donations are being given to CAP. You can bring along groceries, toiletries, money donation etc. The November magazine gives a list of items required.

Monday 7 December is the Advent Service in Ballyholme Parish Church, Bangor. Those planning to attend this service should note that the bus will be leaving our Church Car Park at 7.00 pm sharp.

Our meeting on Thursday 7 January will have Norman Weatherall speaking to us on 'Shops in Belfast'. The supper will be provided by the Committee.

Wishing everyone a Happy Christmas and best wishes for the New Year.

Emily Hickey

Branch Secretary

Mothers' Union Tea Rota for January

7th January

Maureen Coulter and Ruby Moore



If this does not suit please contact Eileen Maguire 9070 1601

This Month's Front Cover shows the pulpit fall which is white for the period of Christmas and Epiphany. White represents holiness, light, joy, glory, purity and innocence.

The Editorial Team would like to wish all our readers a very Happy Christmas.