



CLONTARF & SCOTS NEWSLETTER

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March 2020

Rev Ritchie



The World Day of Prayer

The WDP 2020 program is based on Jesus' encounter with a person who, although positioned for healing, had not acted upon the opportunities given (John 5:2-9a). Jesus asked –*"Do you want to be made well?"* You are faced with this life-changing question. What are you going to do? Use this opportunity to reflect with your WDP group, community and ecumenical partners. Prayer and action are what links us together around the globe.

The country of Zimbabwe continues its search for peace during its political transition. The change in government, that occurred when the WDP materials were written, continues to bring Zimbabwe to the frontlines of the media. The economy crashed the dreams of many, Mugabe died at 95 years old, protests are met with violence, and a massive cyclone has flooded some communities.

However in all moments, WDP women, churches and ecumenical organizations have not lost hope.

"Rise! Take Your Mat and Walk," said Jesus. Our sisters from Zimbabwe are taking Jesus' encounter to be a call to act in love for peace and reconciliation. *"The action verbs suggest that we should not be afraid to act on the word of God. God is offering us the steps for personal and social transformation."* This is the time for change!

May we hear the words of this compassionate God and the Prince of Peace to act upon the healing of ourselves and our communities to bring peace and reconciliation into the world

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

6 MARCH 2020 @ 3pm At Clontarf & Scots Presbyterian Church Theme: Rise - take up your mat and walk.

Prepared by the women of Zimbabwe from *John 5: 2 - 9*. The RTÉ Television Broadcast will be on 1 March at 11am.



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Rev. Lorraine Kennedy-Ritchie The Manse 48 Kincora Grove Clontarf, Dublin, D03 CV90 (01 833 2588)	Hugh Borland Woodlands, Limekiln Lane Saint Doulagh's Fingal, D17 PY67 (087 968 2300)	Hilary Fairman 2 The Mews Brookwood Crescent Artane Dublin 5. D05 H2F5

NOTICE BOARD

The Congregational Committee in Action



Four tonnes of stones arrived.



Wheel barrows were filled



Wheel barrows were moved



There was raking on the left



There was raking on the right



And then we were done

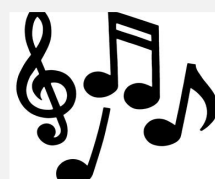
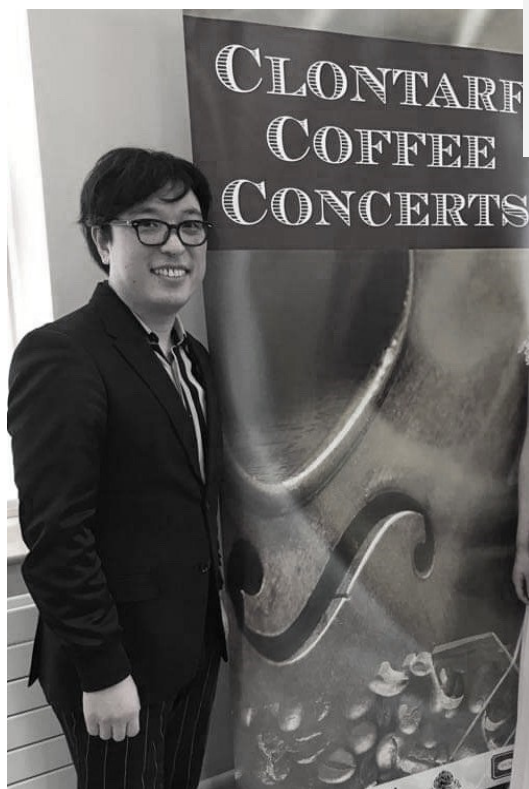
Being on the congregational committee is not all about sitting around at meetings and drinking tea – some times we have put our backs into it. Above are some photos of some committee members with help from spouses, children, nephews and friends getting some work done.

Dublin Street Pastors is a locally led initiative (accountable to the **Ascension Trust**, an oversight charity) of Christians who come together to 'Care, Listen & Help' people engaging in our city's night-time economy. Street Pastors are trained volunteers who have a heart for the people in their community and to seek to bring about a safer community.

In Dublin, Street Pastors patrol the streets of city centre in teams of men and women, usually between the hours of 10 PM and 4 AM on Saturday nights. In uniform, Street Pastors carry with them a backpack with some supplies such as flip-flops, water bottles, first aid kit, and foil blankets. Walking slowly as they patrol the streets, Street Pastors prayerfully look out for anyone who might need help or someone to talk to, picking up glass bottles as they go, essentially removing potential hazards from the street.

During a recent observational visit, I was with the Street Pastors team as they gave flip-flops to some girls walking home barefoot, helped a sick girl and her friends find a lift home, interceded in a situation to avoid it from escalating into a fight, and spoke with and encouraged several bouncers of clubs. Some people find it strange to see people wearing the word "pastor" on them during peak party time in Dublin, and others are encouraged. This program is an amazing opportunity to be the hands and feet of Jesus by serving others and share with them the hope we have in Christ. Given the Street Pastors attire it often leads to gospel centered conversations and prayer.

Jennifer Carpenter



Clontarf & Scots Coffee Concerts

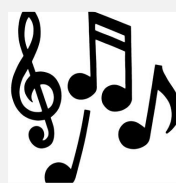
The second concert ROMANCE was held on
Saturday February 15th 2020

Featured:

Seho Lee— Pianist and Concert Director

Soprano— Abbey McGiff

Violinist— Julieanne Forrest



Date for the diary -

Making an Entrance: Seho Lee

WHEN: October 2, 2020 @ 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm

WHERE: Entrance Hall

OPW Castletown House

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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Summary of Children's Ministry Events 2019-2020

14 April – Easter egg hunt. This was very well attended, with over 30 children!

12 May – The children had their first introduction to mission as part of the PCI Youth and Children's Project, participating in the church with a memory verse and song. Feedback was given on the progress with 2018 fundraising project which was in aid of Maynooth Community Church, and Dianne

Cusack's work in Zambia. About €600 were raised for the 2018 project. We also introduced the 2019 Youth and Children's project.

8 May – 7 Children's Ministry leaders took part in Taking Care training at Donabate Golf Club as part of child safeguarding.

26 May – Coffee morning for fundraising for the 2019 Youth and Children's Project, with Kilmount Presbyterian Church and Pakistan being the receiving causes. The children served pastries and donations were received.

9 June – Children's sponsored Camino walk was at 2pm, also in aid of the 2019 Youth and Children's Project. Participating children each got a passport for the different churches in the Clontarf area. The combined fundraising from the Camino Walk and the coffee morning on 26 May raised €500.

22 June – Annual fun day took place on the Astro Pitch in Coolock, which included playing football, bouncy castles and a meal. About 10 children attended, and great fun was had.

30 June – Children's Ministry leaders had an end-of-year get-together for a barbecue.

6 Oct – The leaders had a workshop after the church service to get an idea of what to focus on going forward. Lorraine shared on "understanding the bible and creative ways to present the lessons". We also discussed other matters pertaining to the Children's Ministry.

21 Dec – Christmas party. The children had great fun.

Every 3rd month in 2019, the Children's Ministry team celebrated birthdays for the previous three months and children were blessed with a small gift. We also continue to send out birthday cards regularly.

A Passing Moment

A Kindergarten teacher was observing her classroom of children while they were drawing. She would occasionally walk around to see each child's work. As she got to one little girl who was working diligently, she asked what the drawing was. The girl replied, "I'm drawing God".

The teacher paused and said, "But no one know what God looks like." Without missing a beat, or looking up from her drawing, the girl replied, "They will in a minute."



Moses' first and last day as a lifeguard.



Thanks to Stephen Illich (See Genesis 6-8)

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WE WERE TOLD YOU WERE TAKING CREATURES
THAT CAME TO YOU IN PEARS



"Pastor, about this new idea to reach teens..."



Transform is a conference for young adults from across **PCI** happening on **27-28 March 2020**. A mix of bible teaching, worship, seminars & discussion to encourage young adults in their discipleship. The event is open to anyone from 17-30 yrs.

<https://www.presbyterianireland.org/transform>

Kirk Session notes from 2019

'See, it is I who created the blacksmith who fans the coals into flame and forges a weapon fit for its work. And it is I who have created the destroyer to wreak havoc.' [Isaiah 54, 16]

During the year the Kirk Session changed the name 'Sunday School' to 'Children's Ministry' while in September 2019 the Kirk Session accepted the retirement of John Simpson as Children's Ministry Co-ordinator. The Kirk Session acknowledges with thanks John's dedication to this important role and that of all our Children's Ministry teachers and helpers (Miriam, Nadia, Marianne, Reinaldo, Nacé and Camilla). We also wish to thank Nadia van Wyk for taking up this important role and Ashley O'Neill for her work as our Taking Care Designated Person including successful completion of a Taking Care audit and development of a new child protection statement.

The Kirk Session's representative on Presbytery for 2019 was Helen Dawkins, who also represented the PW. The Kirk Session's representative at General Assembly was Ashley O'Neill. The Kirk Session acknowledges with thanks all these contributions.

In delivering on Presbytery Consultation Report recommendations

Miriam van der Molen completed a Green audit of delivery of Environmental Protection policy. Miriam then put together proposals for action for consideration at Congregational Committee. The Kirk Session thanks Miriam for her work on this.

Prof. Sam McConkey has taken up the role of Chairman of the Board of Management of Howth Road National School. John Simpson has taken up a role as Member of this Board. The Kirk Session thanks both for giving of their talents in this way.

The Moderator took Sabbatical leave from the 21st October until the 24th November.

The Kirk Session introduced grape juice in addition to port wine at services of Holy Communion from the 7th April 2019.

Jennifer Carpenter (a Serge volunteer (previously Harvest International)), has joined us as Minister Apprentice for two years.

The Kirk Session held a study seminar to review Mission strategy, with the help of Rev. Dr. Keith McRory. The Kirk Session will present a Mission Strategy at the 2020 AGM for review by the congregation.

Three prospective new ruling elders [Joy Dolan, Reinaldo Grube, Nadia van Wyk] will commence training on the 4th March 2020. The names of the prospective new ruling elders who still wish to go forward will then be presented to the congregation for consideration/approval.

'No weapon forged against you will prevail, and you will refute every tongue that accuses you. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and this is their vindication from me,' declares the LORD.' [Isaiah 54, 17] **Hugh Borland,**

Clerk of Kirk Session

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Congregational Committee Report for 2019

The congregational committee is responsible for all the is responsible for the temporal affairs of the congregation – that is the revenues, lands and buildings which we have. The ongoing work includes ensuring that:

- where money is concerned that books are kept, audited and reported on;
- free Will Offering envelopes are distributed and account is kept;
- the availability of the Scots Hall is advertised and the space is let;
- catering is provided when deemed necessary;
- the webpage and Facebook are kept up to date; and
- the grounds, church and hall are maintained and cleaned.

During 2019 the committee met in full session seven times and some of the highlights of our work over the past year include:

- employment of a cleaner and a gardener in place of the care taker;
- installing speakers in the Scots Hall to cater for large events where the Hall is used as over flow space (funerals) or for special events (craft fair);
- erecting a refurbished fence between the school and the Church; and
- assisting in running the craft fair.

The work is never ending and we are looking to get the Harry Clarke window cleaned and repaired (if necessary) the organ tuned and a myriad other tasks that need to be done to ensure that the temporal matters of the church are dealt with.

Congregational Committee Secretary
Samuel Ritchie

CLONTARF & SCOTS PREBYTERIAN CHURCH OFFICE HOLDERS

<p style="text-align: center;">Kirk Session</p> <p>Clerk of Kirk Session Hugh Borland</p> <p>Deputy Clerk: Hilary Fairman</p> <p>Elders Hugh Borland Jenny Collins Helen Dawkins Leslie Dawkins Hilary Fairman Alan Finlay Sam McConkey Robert Mills John Mitchell Ashley O'Neill John Simpson</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Congregational Committee</p> <p>Secretary: Samuel Ritchie</p> <p>Members: The Elders, ex-officio and David Adams Noelene Brown Paul Collins Margaret Conologue Evelyn Dawkins Robert Grealey David Haisley Valerie Hughes Ian Jackson Mandy Kerrigan Carolyn O'Neill Samuel Ritchie Christiaan Schoombee</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Congregational Committee</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Hospitality Team</p> <p>Convenor: Valerie Hughes</p> <p>Members: Elaine Adams Noelene Brown Jennifer Collins Margaret Conologue Helen Dawkins Hilary Fairman Valerie Hughes Betty Jamieson Audrey Lawler Carolyn O'Neill Samuel Ritchie Camilla Wemyss</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">GOVERNORS OF THE ORMOND QUAY & SCOTS PRESBYTERIAN ENDOWMENTS</p> <p>Chairman Rev Lorraine Ritchie</p> <p>David Adams Secretary Margaret Conologue Leslie Dawkins Hilary Fairman Alan Finlay Accounting Officer: David Haisley Carolyn O'Neill Christiaan Schoombee</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Congregational Committee</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Finance Committee</p> <p>FWO: Paul Collins Leslie Dawkins Alan Finlay Carolyn O'Neill Treasurer: Christiaan Schoombee</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Congregational Committee</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Scots Hall</p> <p>Paul Collins Hilary Fairman Valerie Hughes</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">Congregational Committee</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Fundraising</p> <p>Helen Dawkins Alan Finlay</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">CHILDREN'S MINISTRY</p> <p>Co-Ordinator: Nadia van Wyk</p> <p>Jennifer Carpenter Reinaldo Grube Marianne Knoetze Miriam van der Molen</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Patrons Representative on the Board of Management of Lindsay Road National School</p> <p>Myrtle Bailey Elsie Barnett Margaret Conologue Ashley O'Neill</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">Bertrand & Rutland Fund Representative Governors</p> <p>Rev. Lorraine Ritchie Margaret Conologue Hilary Fairman</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Agents for Periodicals</p> <p>Presbyterian Herald: Marianne Knoetze Wider World: Marina Finlay Points for Prayer: Myrtle Bailey</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">C&S News</p> <p>Editor: Camilla Wemyss</p>

Congregational Dates from March/April 2020



Dates for the diary

March—Sunday 1st	Morning Service, 11:00hrs—Service lead by - Rev. Lorraine Ritchie
Wednesday 4th March	Craft Morning, 11:00hrs —The Scots Hall
Friday 6th March	World Day of Prayer - C&SPC— 15:00hrs All are warmly welcome
Saturday 7th March	C&SPC AGM— 09:30hrs Coffee & Pastries —Meeting commences at 10:00hrs
Sunday 8th March	Morning Service, 11:00hrs—Service lead by - Rev. Lorraine Ritchie
Wednesday 11th March	Craft Morning, 11:00hrs —The Scots Hall
Sunday 15th March	Morning Service, 11:00hrs—Service lead by - Rev. Lorraine Ritchie
Wednesday 18th March	Craft Morning, 11:00hrs —The Scots Hall
Sunday 22nd March	Morning Service, 11:00hrs—Service lead by - Rev. Lorraine Ritchie
Monday 23rd March	Kirk Session— 19:30hrs
Wednesday 25th March	Craft Morning, 11:00hrs —The Scots Hall
Thursday 26th March	Congregational Committee—The Scots Hall—20:00hrs
Sunday 29th March	Morning Service, 11:00hrs—Service lead by - Rev. Lorraine Ritchie
April— Wednesday 1st	Craft Morning, 11:00hrs —The Scots Hall

Chloe Elisa Bryce waves hello to her family at Clontarf & Scots



An engineer dies and reports to the Pearly Gates. Saint Peter checks his dossier and not seeing his name there, accidentally sends him to Hell. It doesn't take long before the engineer becomes rather dissatisfied with the level of comfort in Hell.

He soon begins to design and build improvements. Shortly thereafter, Hell has air conditioning, flush toilets and escalators. Needless to say, the engineer is a pretty popular guy.

One day, God calls Satan and says: "So, how are things in Hell?"

Satan replies: "Hey, things are going great. We've got air conditioning, flush toilets, and escalators. And there's no telling what this engineer is going to come up with next."

"What!" God exclaims: "You've got an engineer? That's a mistake - he should never have been sent to Hell. Send him to me."

"Not a chance," Satan replies: "I like having an engineer on the staff, and I'm keeping him!"

God insists: "Send him back or I'll sue."

Satan laughs uproariously and answers: "Yeah, right. And where are you going to get a lawyer?"



"And if you don't have an attorney, we've got millions of them."