



CLONTARF & SCOTS NEWSLETTER

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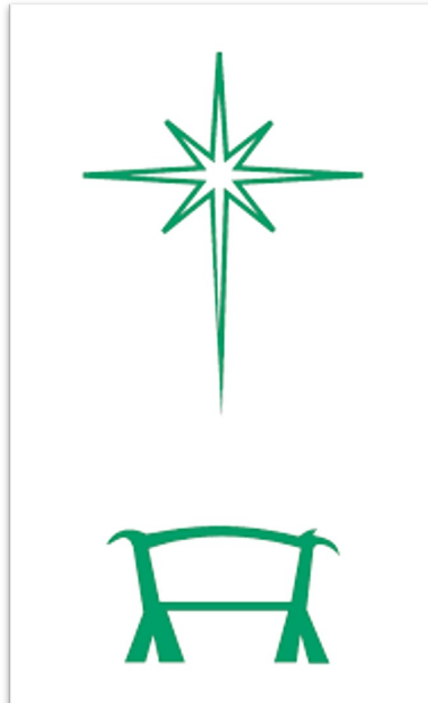
December 2020

Message From the Minister

Out of the silence
Music
Out of the darkness

Light
Out of uncertainty
Promise

Hope
was born that night



Rev Ritchie

I pray all your Advent plans and Christmas preparations are going well. A few things that may help:

- ◆ We have an online Advent Calendar, please see the website. Hopefully within this week the children's calendar will also be online which tracks the activities they are doing.
- ◆ We can meet again for worship services with all the normal precautions in place. Please do call if you have any questions or concerns.
- ◆ We will also take the time to decorate our Christmas tree together as the Advent season unfolds. We have baubles and stickers available, you can write a prayer on the sticker, place it on the bauble and we will place them on the tree.
- ◆ Most importantly Christmas Day. We will have two shorter services. One at 10 am and another at 11 am. It is vitally important that you let us know if you hope to attend and which hour suits best. If you can text or call Hugh Borland he will keep track of the numbers for us. Hugh Borland 0879682300

Please see the website: clontarfchurch.ie Or call the Manse: 01 833 2588

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Children's Ministry



Over the last 2 months we have ventured into a different way to 'connect' with the children in the congregation. This has been challenging for us as a team however, at the same time much rewarding. A BIG THANK YOU to all the parents for getting the children to come online and connect via ZOOM. The children have participated well and seem to enjoy the 'arts and crafts' they receive in the mail. Every Sunday morning we also have a video recording on the website for the Children to watch and listen.

We started off looking at 'The Call to Worship', and then we moved on to 'Prayer'. As we are entering Advent, the focus will be Christmas. For the Advent period your child/children received a special 'Stain Glass Window – nativity' Craft, designed by our Minister.

We would like the 'nativity art' to be displayed on the windows in the passage way between the Scots Hall and Church building, before Christmas day. To allow this to happen we need to receive it by the 20 December. We ask that you help your child/children to get this to us by either dropping, or posting it to The Manse address, or give us a call and we will collect it.

Please diarise the following Sundays for the children to connect via ZOOM, in their age group. If you do not receive an email with the zoom link, please do let us know, as we may not have an email address on record.

Kidz Club
@ 3.30 – 4.00pm

Sunday 29 November

Sunday 13 December

Sunday 27 December

The Children's Ministry Team

Contact: Marianne @ 086365226 or mknoetze@outlook.ie

Junior Youth
@ 3.30 – 4.30pm

Sunday 6 December

Sunday 20 December

Sunday 3 January 2021

What animal could Noah not trust? Cheetah.

What kind of lights did Noah have on the ark? Floodlights.

Why did Noah have to punish the chickens on the Ark? Because they were using "fowl" language.



ORMOND QUAY & SCOTS PRESBYTERIAN ENDOWMENTS



Charity Grants

Thank you to the church members who nominated their preferred charity in 2020. Grants totalling €30,000 were distributed amongst the following charities:

The Alzheimer Society of Ireland, Friends of Clontarf Orthopaedic, TWR- Benin, The Leprosy Mission Ireland, Dublin Christian Mission, Women's Aid and the Irish Emergency Alliance which includes Action Aid, Christian Aid, Plan International, Self Help Africa, Tearfund & World Vision.

Grants were also awarded to Dun Laoghaire Presbyterian Church, Bertrand & Rutland Education Fund and the Presbytery of Dublin & Munster Education Fund.

These grants bring the total distributed by our Endowments Charity Fund since 2005 to €482,490.

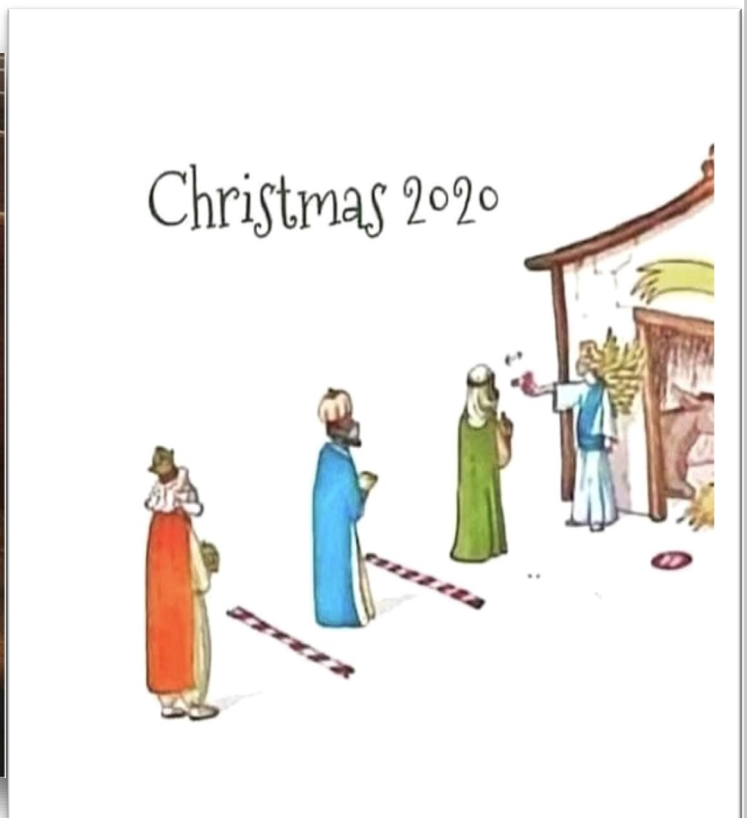
Education Grants

Grants totalling €4,270, were awarded to 38 students (26 Primary, 7 Secondary & 5 Third Level).

Donations were also sent to Lindsay Road National School, Howth Road National School & the Presbyterian Children's Society.

To those who received an education grant, please remember to sign and return an acknowledgement.

Margaret Conologue





Christmas Shoebox Appeal

Dear Church Supporters

Thank you so much for your support, so many churches took part in Team Hope Sunday and there's still lots of time to get involved!

As we enter Advent, it is the perfect time to think about how we can share hope. Every year the Shoebox Appeal does this for thousands of children affected by poverty across Africa and Eastern Europe.

You can take part up to December 23rd and this year, more than ever, every shoebox counts.

MAKE YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX

[Video link](#)



What can your church do?

CHURCH VIDEO

Direct url: <https://vimeo.com/482601314/5a75e25721>

You can also email jdouglas@teamhope.ie for a resource pack or to ask for a member of staff to speak at your service.

3. Run a fundraiser or hold a collection to make shoeboxes as a church.
4. Get the kids involved! We've got some great resources that children can colour in and upload with their shoebox donation & will be added to their shoebox!



Resources

As well as fun resources for families on our website, we have some additional materials to help your church get involved. These include:

- A PowerPoint Presentation
- Notes for your Newsletter or Bulletin
- Social Media Posts to Share

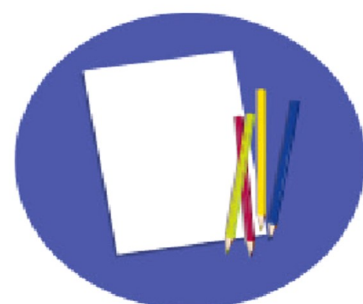
Our new campaign video (Available for download here:
<https://vimeo.com/459923302>)



Donate your shoebox now



Use our fun packing tool to pick
what goes into your shoebox!
(optional)



Personalise your shoebox with
our colouring/ note pages!

MAKE YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX

READ THE STORIES

WATCH THE 2020 VIDEO!

BUY OUR CHRISTMAS BOOK



FUNDRAISERS AROUND THE COUNTRY

CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX APPEAL FAQ

SCHOOL AND BUSINESS RESOURCES

If you've already made your Shoeboxes-THANK YOU so much!
You can still help by spreading the word and letting people know how to take part.



CLICK HERE TO SEND A CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX

Blessings,
Jonathan Douglas
Christmas Shoebox Appeal Manager
TEAM HOPE
www.TeamHope.ie