



CLONTARF & SCOTS NEWSLETTER

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January/February 2020

Rev Ritchie



Epiphany: the manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles as represented by the Magi (Matthew 2:1-12). And a moment of sudden and great revelation or realisation.

Journey by Starlight by Jeanne Kun

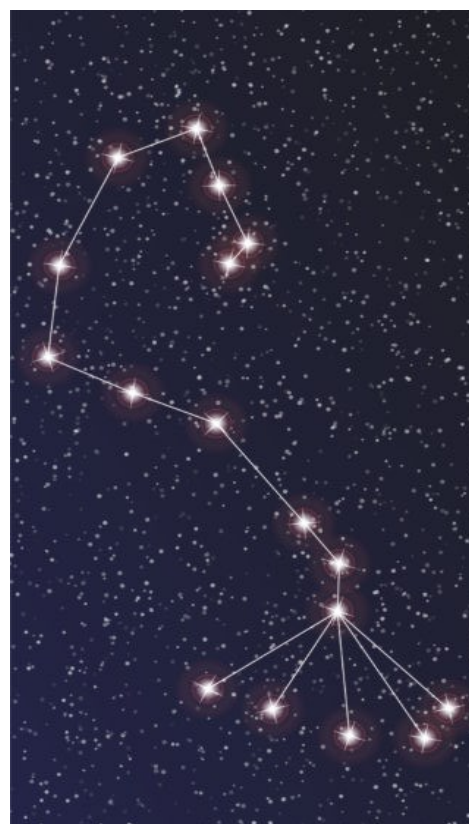
A star rises in the silence of the night
and shatters the deep darkness of my heart's
loneliness and longing.

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Yes, grace lies upon the edges of this long journey,
and time to prepare the heart.

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And having offered my heart's gifts
and done him homage in silent adoration,
now I return to my own land.
But the star's light is my companion
and burns steadily within,
warming my stony coldness,
enlightening my vision,
and guiding my steps along the pilgrim's way
till I meet this Child again,
then throned and robed in full majesty and royal splendor
at his Father's side.



As we journey through this new decade and towards Easter the theme we will follow is Epiphany. With excitement we will explore some of the stories in the Bible that will help us to see the Lord and ourselves in a 'new' light!

Lorraine

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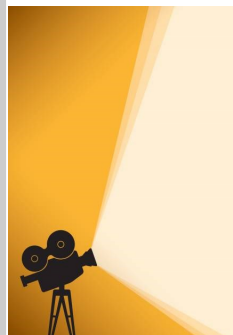
Poppy Day Appeal—Sunday 10th November 2019

I have received a letter of thanks from Brian Crawford the Vice Chairman of the Poppy Appeal Fund acknowledging the amount of Euro 240.55 donated in the box in the porch on that Sunday.

Just for information the total collection last year was Euro 109,500 an increase of 20% on previous year. All the funds collected in Ireland are used for welfare of ex-servicemen and women and approx 40,000 + other veterans and their dependants living in the Republic. Thanks again to all who contributed to this cause.

Alan W. Finlay

The Towerist—just a minor change on schedule. Switching titles as follows....



Thurs 19th March
The Pink Panther

Thurs 23rd April
Oceans Eleven

Clontarf & Scots - Church Choir

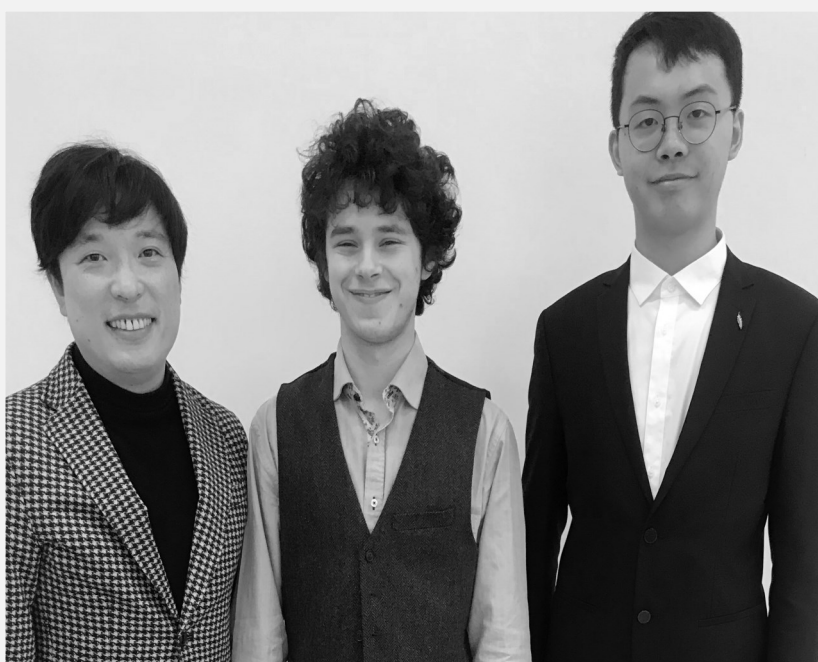
They sang *Night of Silence* and *O Holy Night* during the Carol service on Sunday, 15th December



COFFEE CONCERT

The first coffee concert of the season - "HELLO 2020" took place on Saturday, 11th January.

The concert featured Baritone Boyu Liu (R), Violinist Samuel Allan Chapkowski (m:), accompanied by Pianist and Concert Director Seho Lee (L).



.....coffee concert continued The concert series is a platform for artists & students to show case their talents- **"Hello 2020"**

Violinist Samuel Allan Chapkovski - Wicklow born, Samuel has been studying the violin since the age of four and has attended master-classes with tutors all over the world.

For the past number of years he studied in the Central Music School (junior section of the Moscow State Conservatory) Moscow and from 5th grade Samuel studied with Prof. Victor Pikyzen, a pupil of the world renowned violinist David Oistrakh.

In 2017, Samuel won a Scholarship to the Boyer College of Music, Temple University of Philadelphia, USA, where he now continues his studies, under the tutorage of Prof. Eduard Schmieder.

Recent competitions and Festivals in which Samuel has participated: 2017 Laureate of "Remember Enescu" competition, Sinaia, Romania (1st Prize), 2018 "Young Talents of Performing Arts", New Jersey, USA — won a prize violin, 2019 Competition in Temple University, 1st prize.



Baritone Boyu Liu - Chinese born Boyu is currently studying the Access Course with Professor Virginia Kerr and Répétiteur Seho Lee in the Royal Academy of Music. Before coming to Ireland, Boyu studied with Soprano Li Na who is a professor in Harbin Normal University.

Boyu won the Gold prize in the Senior Category of the "Young Stars of the Future Competition" in Heilongjiang, China in 2012 and took part in the Beijing International Masterclass Series 2017, studying with Professor Hao Jian Chao and Seho Lee.



Pianist Seho Lee - South Korean, Seho Lee, is a pianist, piano accompanist, opera/ballet répétiteur and International Relations Representative at the Royal Irish Academy of Music. Seho is also a Guest Professor at the Harbin Normal University and the Guizhou Normal University, a Professor at the Beijing International Voice Masterclass Series in China and Chairman of Jury for the Kingsburg International Piano Competition, China.

Seho has won over 40 competitions and performed at internationally renowned festivals including the Edinburgh International Festival and the Oxford Lieder Festival. Seho has performed at St. James's Palace in London and the Dora Stoutzker Hall, Cardiff in the presences of the British Royal Family, representing the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland 2008 and at the Royal Welsh College of Music in 2012. He also represented the Royal Welsh College in recital in Ischia, Italy, at the home of the late composer William Walton.











Next Coffee Concert—Saturday 15th February at 12 noon prompt.







We hope you all had a lovely Christmas, and are happy to start the new year :)






















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- A collection of children's items is displayed on a light-colored wooden surface. On the left is a cream-colored fabric bag with a colorful pattern of various animals like giraffes, lions, and elephants. Next to it are two books: one titled 'KIDS FAVORITE BIBLE STORIES' with a blue cover and a cartoon illustration of a boy, and another titled 'Dot to Dot Book' with a green cover featuring a cartoon tiger. In the bottom left corner is a small, white stuffed animal with black spots. To the right of the stuffed animal is a set of ten colored pencils in various colors including blue, green, yellow, orange, red, purple, and pink.


 ← An example of a very nice
 


 bag with some fun things in it!
 



Our theme this term is 'Miracle and Faith'. Can you find the words in the Saving Faith word search?



FOUNDATIONS OF FAITH: SAVING FAITH

Discover the hidden words.



Word Bank

GIFT
JESUS
MESSIAH

CHILDREN
ABRAHAM
PROMISE

RIGHTEOUSNESS
FAITH
GENESIS





Glenarm & Cairnabana Presbyterian Churches

Ordination

and

Installation as Minister

of

Mr John Brogan, BBS (Hons), MBS, BD, Dip. Min



**Friday 10 January at 7:30pm
in Glenarm Presbyterian Church**

Moderator: Rev. William Moody, BEng
Clerk: Rev. Joseph Andrews, BA, BD, Dip Th.

**John Brogan is the son of -
Rev. James Brogan, our Minister Emeritus**

THE MORNING WATCH

Ups And Downs

The road of life goes up and down—It twists and winds and bends—It dips into a hollow and it suddenly ascends—Up a slope that's stiff and steep then unexpectedly—Drops into a valley and an easy stretch we see.

Everybody knows it can't be pleasant all the time—Yet we rail against our fate when we are forced to climb....We seem to think the roadway should be smooth and flat and bright—We do not like it when an awkward corner comes in sight.

Dull this life would soon become and flabby we should grow—If we never had to strive and struggle as we go....Do not be surprised when roads turn rough and Fortune frowns—That's the way it has to be: sunshine—Ups and Downs.

"Whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth." Hebrews 12.6

Sourced from **The Morning Watch—26th January**
A Thought for Every Day of The Year – Patience Strong
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GLOBAL DISCIPLES
Go Deep Go Wide

Publication from PCI.org Go Deep, Go Wide

- 25.2.2020 - 25.2.2020
 - 7:45 PM - 9:30 PM
 - Assembly Buildings, Belfast
 - This event is **free** but you need to register on the PCI.org registration page.
- Who for?** This event is for ministers, mission agents, mission committee members, or anyone with an interest in helping their congregation become more involved in global mission. See details below of further event details in May 2020.

This event seeks to build upon PCI's 'Go Deep, Go Wide' strategy for global mission involvement And Congregational Life, Global Mission

28.5.2019 | Global Mission, Outreach,

In the busyness of congregational life and the immediate needs on our doorstep, it can be hard to prioritise our involvement in God's work across the world as global disciples. Go Deep, Go Wide is a dual focus for increasing involvement in global mission within every congregation in PCI.

Going Deep is about planting something with roots to grow. Experience shows that congregation's best develop an active, involvement in global mission, by having at least one deep relationship with a particular person, place or project.

Going Wide recognises that God's mission has many aspects to it across that world that we might miss if we only focus on a few deep relationships. With some planning and publicity we can utilise established denominational opportunities as we stretch our horizons to enable involvement in the breadth of God's global mission.

For more information go to the PCI website or online follow the [link](https://www.presbyterianireland.org/) to view two videos which have been produced to help congregations consider how they increase involvement in global mission. 'Go Deep, Go Wide' is an animation that gives an overview of the strategy and 'Going Deep' tells three stories of deep relationships from congregations across the denomination. These videos can be used in a church service to encourage greater global mission involvement.

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

Congregational Dates from February/March 2020



Daes for the diary

February—Sunday 2nd	Morning Service, 11:00hrs—Service lead by - Rev. Lorraine Ritchie
Wednesday 5th February	Craft Morning, 11:00hrs —The Scots Hall
Sunday 9th February	Morning Service, 11:00hrs—Service lead by Rev. Lorraine Ritchie.
Wednesday 12th February	Craft Morning, 11:00hrs —The Scots Hall
Sunday 16th February	Morning Service, 11:00hrs—Service lead by - Rev. Lorraine Ritchie
Wednesday 19th February	Craft Morning, 11:00hrs —The Scots Hall
Sunday 23rd February	Morning Service, 11:00hrs—Service lead by - Rev. Lorraine Ritchie
Wednesday 26th February	Craft Morning, 11:00hrs —The Scots Hall
Thursday 27th February	Congregational Committee— The Scots Hall—20:00hrs
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— TBA
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

Second Coffee Concert “Romance” with Violinist Julianne Forrest and Soprano Abbey McGiff, Piano accompaniment and narration—Seho Lee Saturday, 15th February 12 noon, doors open at 11:30hrs. Scots Hall, Clontarf and Scots Presbyterian Church.



Coffee Concerts – Volunteers Needed

Our Coffee Concerts are a very popular community event and the first concert of the 2020 season was packed to capacity.

However, if the concerts are to continue we need extra help with setting up the tables & with preparing & serving the refreshments.

The concerts are held monthly, January to May. They commence at 12noon but help is required from 10am. If you can spare an hour or two, please contact Margaret or Helen.

Coffee Concert

Romance



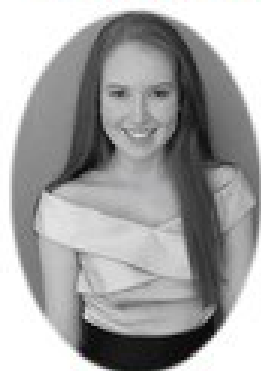
Saturday 15th February '20

Scots Hall

**Clontarf & Scots
Presbyterian Church
(Corner of Clontarf & Howth Roads)**

12 Noon to 1pm

Doors open at 11.30am for refreshments



**Soprano
Abbey McGiff**



**Violinist
Julianne Forrest**



**Pianist & Concert Director
Seho Lee**

Admission €8

Price includes Coffee/Tea & Cake/Scone

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