

CLONTARF & SCOTS NEWSLETTER

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CHURCH IN IRELAND

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Rev Ritchie



Many members of the Congregational Committee and others have been working to get things done. Sorting out all the spacing and preparation for services as well as the long list of odd jobs that need doing. Thank you to everyone.



Noel and Samuel sorting out some of the floodlight issues after sorting the emergency lighting



An Invitation



During the month of August and September we hope to invite the members of the congregation in groups to join us for a Communion Service on Sunday afternoons

Smaller groups meeting for a Service which will include one or two Elders. We trust that the Lord will bless us as we seek to celebrate the sacrament of Communion in a safety. To begin with we will invite Elders districts in groups but if you have any questions please do call me at the Manse 01 833 2588.

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It looks different!

We meet in the same sanctuary but it looks so different. This year sees us meeting as a worshiping family of God in these buildings for 130 years. For Presbyterians the church is defined by her people not simply her buildings. But if we only take those 13 decades, these buildings have seen people journey through 2 World Wars, a War for Independence as a Nation and now a third world Pandemic.

We have marked births, mourned deaths and celebrated the Sacraments. *In God alone are all things possible. Romans 8:28-29.*

And we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose, because those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that his Son would be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters.



Carrie Barnett

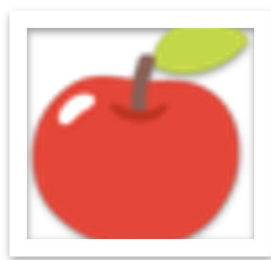
Carrie Barnett, wife of Reverend Professor John Barkley.

The Barnett family originated from Ormond Quay church and came to Abbey Street SCOTS church with the amalgamation. The family took a great interest in all church affairs. the family, five children in all went to Lindsay Road School, later the girls went to Bertrand school and the boys to St. Andrews college.

Having gained her degree Carrie went on to teach in The Hall school Monkstown, not liking teaching she applied for a job in Church House Belfast as the result of an advertisement in the Presbyterian Herald. Her job was focused on Sunday School Education. Carrie moved North and lived there for the rest of her life.

She was very highly esteemed for her work with Sunday School affairs and was very well known in all clerical circles. Carrie passed away on Monday, 6th July having been in nursing care for some time.

Carrie's two brothers pre-deceased her Freddie and Ralph and is greatly missed by her two sisters Elsie and Mai who lives in Cincinnati Ohio.



Myrtle & Noel's
Granddaughter, Holly,
aged 9 enjoys baking. I
think a future
Hospitality team member
is waiting in the wings
folks.

That Apple pie looks
so scrumptious. Spoons at
the ready!!!!....



THE KIRK SESSION

New Elder Elections

Now that the COVID-19 restrictions on movement and gatherings has eased somewhat it is planned to proceed with the election of three new ruling elders. After the nomination process in 2019, **Joy Dolan, Reinaldo Grube, Nadia van Wyk** were nominated and have agreed to go forward for election. Please see the biopics for further information and background. The Kirk Session plan to issue the draft voting list by mail on the 10th August.

Any queries or concerns should be raised with the Clerk of Kirk Session, Hugh Borland, 0879682300, hughborland@gmail.com - by the 18th August. It is planned to hold the formal congregational meeting on the 31st August 2020, in the two large rooms of the Scots Hall, respecting all Public Health guidelines. At the meeting, each candidate's name will be presented individually to the meeting. A poll of the voters present will be taken and two-thirds of those who vote need to be in favour for a nominee to be elected. The names of the elders-elect will then be passed to the Presbytery Commission for interviews and ordination. It is anticipated that the service of ordination will take place in or before October 2020.

Joy Dolan

Hi, my name is Joy Dolan, I am married to John and we have two daughters, Eibhí 11 and Charlotte 8. We have been attending Clontarf & Scots Presbyterian Church for 9 years now and love the warm friendly environment the Elders and congregation have created for teaching God's word in.

I am a member of the church choir and assist with leading worship when our organist Seho is away. It's very enjoyable being a member of the choir, we always have great fun at our Sunday morning rehearsals. I hope we can get back to them once restrictions are lifted.

I work as a Special Needs Assistant and am fortunate to do so in Howth Road National School, being able to assist children in reaching their full potential is very rewarding.

I feel very flattered to be thought of for Elder nomination as it is an important role in the running of our church.

As it says in **Acts 20:28**: '*Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood.*'



Reinaldo Grube

I grew up in a Christian family, since a young boy I heard about Jesus's love. However, I had never really followed the Holy Spirit up until about 10 years ago when I first came to Ireland. Here in this beautiful country I had an experience with the Holy Spirit as I began to seek and to learn more about God. Therefore, today I do understand **Proverbs 22:6** *"Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it"* **NIV**

I do recognize the love that Jesus has for me and it does not matter what I do. He will always love me in the same way (Hebrews 13:5) and I do believe that there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus (Rom 8:1) and the mistakes I had made. He does forgive and makes all things work for the good of those who love Him (Rom 8:28).

I am a personal trainer and my clients include some important business people in Ireland, I love what I do, but that's my job. However, my calling is through this job to share the Good News to bring people close to God. I love Jesus and I know that He enjoys it when I talk about his name to someone and perhaps, through the Holy Spirit, save a life! My heart burns to help people in their journey.

I have 3 beautiful children Honey, Ollie and Lexi and I feel very blessed and proud to be their dad and I know God has already blessed them and their generation and they will go much farther in life than my self. They will reach a place that I never will. God be with you!



Nadia van Wyk

I am Nadia van Wyk, I am a Primary School teacher and currently work in childcare. I can't remember ever wanting to pursue any other career than working with children. I enjoy working with all age groups, but have always had a soft spot for babies. I love being around people and in my free time I enjoy reading. I am by no means a chef, but I enjoy cooking and I am a sucker for a tasty meal.

Family and spending quality time with them is my top priority. My husband, Rudi, works in IT, our eldest daughter, Nacé, just finished the leaving cert. and if all goes according to plan will join DCU in September. Our youngest, Carmé, will be in 5th class in September. We moved to Ireland, from South-Africa, at the end of August 2017. I can't believe how time flies, it has almost been 3 years now, and Ireland has become our home.

Our first service we attended in C&SPC was on the 2nd of September 2017 and the members made us feel so at home that we knew we wanted to become a part of this community. I joined the Children's Ministry Team in 2018, and it has been so fulfilling working with your kids and being a part of an awesome team. I am looking forward to continue growing with, and learning from all of you.





Ormond Quay & Scots Presbyterian Endowments

Applications for 2020 Education Grants

Applications are now open for this year's Primary, Secondary & Third Level Education Grants.

To apply, please request an application form by emailing endowments secretary, Margaret Conologue, at endowments@clontarfchurch.ie

To qualify for an Education Grant, applicants must be members of Clontarf & Scots Presbyterian Church.

Application form for Primary & Secondary School Grants to be completed by the parent/guardian.
Application form for Third Level Grants to be completed by the student. Students applying for this grant must have commenced the 3rd level course by the age of 21. Proof of book/education expense receipts to be attached to the application form.

Grants can now be paid directly into an applicant's bank account. If you wish to avail of this option, you will be required to complete a Bank Transfer Authorisation Form.

The closing date for applications is **30th September 2020**.

Nominations for Outside Charities

To date, the Ormond Quay & Scots Endowment Fund has distributed €452,000 to various charities. Nominations are now open for this year's grants. If you would like to nominate a charity, please send your nomination, in writing, to endowments secretary, Margaret Conologue, or forward by email to endowments@clontarfchurch.ie

Your choice of charity should fall within the following categories: The advancement of community welfare including the relief of those in need by reason of youth, age, ill-health, or disability The promotion of health, including the prevention or relief of sickness, disease or human suffering. Only one nomination per person please.

The closing date for applications is **30th September 2020**

Adam and his son Abel are walking past the Garden of Eden. 'Who owns that place?' asks Abel.

'That's where we used to live,' replies Adam, 'before your mother ate us out of house and home!'



St Anne's Park —No Rose Festival this year, but the flowers were looking fabulous when I visited there on Monday, 13th July 2020. Their fragrance is always heavenly during July.....

