

Announcements

(1) Election of Elders

Voting papers can be returned to the ballot box in the vestibule no later than TODAY.

(2) The **Congregational Committee** will meet tomorrow night, Monday 1st April at 8.00pm. Would those who are not on email, please collect a copy of the minutes of the last meeting from your pigeon hole.

(3) The **Tuesday Club** will meet this Tuesday, 2nd April, and after presenting the cheque to Grace of NI Air Ambulance, we will hold our AGM, after which Dawn McKeown will be talking to us about training guide dogs. As the Spectator is coming to take some photographs, we would ask for a good turnout.

(4) The church is open on a Wednesday morning for anyone who would like to spend time in **prayer and quiet reflection**.

(5) Join us for a five week Lent **Bible Study Series** looking at Jesus' final week upon earth, led by Ryan. Throughout the weeks, we will be examining how Jesus' final week upon earth has changed everything about our world. The third study will take place this Wednesday 3rd April. Studies will take place at 7.30pm. Come join us for a time of prayer and study, you will be most welcome!"

(6) **Choir practices** continue on Thursday evenings at 7.30 pm in preparation for our Palm Sunday morning meditational service on 14th April. New members will be especially welcome, and we also look forward to the return of all those choristers who regularly augment the choir.

(7) **Easter Coffee & Fun Morning** will be held in The Walter Nelson Hall this Saturday 6th April, 10.30 - 12pm. This is an Outreach opportunity where grandparents, parents, friends and the local community can come along with their children for a morning of coffee, treats and fun together. Weather permitting we will have an Easter Egg Hunt. Scones and tray bakes contributions would be appreciated.

(8) There will be bargains galore at the **Evergreens Coffee Morning/ Sale** this Saturday 6th April 10am – 12 Noon in the Parish Hall. Tombola, ballot, cakes, bric-a-brac etc. Admission £2 including refreshments. Proceeds to club funds. Everyone welcome.

(9) **First Aid Training** will take place on Saturday 13th April, in the Walter Nelson Hall between 10.00 and 2.00pm. This training will be for those who have already signed up to it.

(10) Sunday School, supported by the Mission Committee, are having a **Pancake Breakfast** on Palm Sunday, 14th April, in the Walter Nelson Hall, from 9.45am to approximately 11.15am. This will be in aid of the PCI Youth and Children's Project entitled *Foundations*. This is supporting education for girls in Bangladesh and a building project in Kilmount (Monaghan Presbytery). Please come along and enjoy freshly made pancakes with many trimmings and tea or coffee. We look forward to you all joining us.

(11) **World Leprosy Day 2019 campaign: Heal Nepal** will close TODAY. Any outstanding donations should be forwarded to Stephanie McCreedy by next week to facilitate transfer of all the donations to The Leprosy Mission before the 27th April deadline for UK Aid matching. Thank you

(12) **Moderator's Appeal for Cyclone Idai** - Our moderator, Rev Dr Charles McMullan has launched an appeal for the survivors of cyclone Idai. Many thousands of people have lost everything and there is an urgent need for food, shelter and medical supplies. Funds will go to our partner organisations, Christian Aid and Tearfund as well as the Central Church of African Presbyterians (Blantyre Synod). There are envelopes in the pews for donations. Any cheques should be made payable to Groomspout Presbyterian Church to benefit from the gift aid scheme. Please pray for the survivors and aid agencies and thank you for your generosity.

Next Sunday: Children's Church is with Pamela Ferguson and Barbara Shepherd



Sunday 31st March 2019

Thought for the Week

To be a Christian without prayer is no more possible
than to be alive without breathing.

Martin Luther

A WARM WELCOME is extended to members and visitors to our Services today. We hope you feel at home in our Worship.

THE VISITORS' BOOK is in the front porch for signing.
THE YELLOW WELCOME CARDS in the pews are for your convenience and may be placed on the Offering Plate.

MORNING WORSHIP at 11.30am

Organ Prelude & Preparation for Worship in quietness before God

Welcome & Announcements

INTROIT

Scripture Sentences

PRAISE 160 Glory be to God the Father (Regent Square)

Prayer & Lord's prayer

PRAISE 376 Our children, Lord, in faith and prayer vs 1 & 2 (Belmont)

Baptism of Sophia Mary Espey

Aaronic Blessing

Prayer

Praise 376 verses 3 & 4
(Children leave for Children's Church)

Offering and Dedication

PRAISE 78 All my hope on God is founded (Groeswen)

Scripture Reading: John 6:22-29 (page 1070) read by Queenie Hughes

Prayer of Intercession

PRAISE 500 God of Grace, amazing wonder (Getty and Rea)

Sermon **Concerns**

PRAISE 522 O God of faith, help me believe (Melcombe 622)

Benediction & Choral Amen

A particular welcome is extended this morning
to the family and friends gathered
for the Baptism of Sophia Mary,
daughter of Robert and Amanda Espey.

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