

**Services:**

February 7 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Holy Communion	Revd Lorraine Kennedy-Ritchie
	11.00 am	Morning Worship	Revd Lorraine Kennedy-Ritchie
February 14 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Holy Communion	Very Revd Dr Trevor Morrow
	11.00 am	Morning Worship	Very Revd Dr Trevor Morrow
February 21 <sup>st</sup>	9.30 am	Morning Worship	Ruth Whelan
	11.00am	Morning Worship	Alan Finlay
February 28 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Holy Communion	Revd Lorraine Kennedy-Ritchie
	11.00am	Morning Worship	Revd Lorraine Kennedy-Ritchie

**February Office Bearers:** Elders on Duty: Alison Houston and Ian Kelly  
Stewards: Fred Yoakley and Jimmy Gibson

As the Kirk Session presses on with the procedures needed to advance the process of calling a new Minister to lead our congregation **we pray** that the Kirk Session and the Congregation may be supported in all their deliberations by the wisdom and encouragement of the Holy Spirit and that the Lord may prepare for us His pastor to lead us into our future.

**We pray** also for all those of the congregation who are suffering, and especially from illness of body or of mind, that they may be comforted and be always conscious of the presence of God's healing power working in their lives, and we think especially of Diana Glass, Jack Henderson and Terence McCaughey, and pray for strength and encouragement for those who love and support or minister to them. We ask you also to remember in your prayers the following members of the congregation who for some time have been unable to attend CCR owing to illness - Billy Williamson and his wife Alison, and Eric and Alice Beckett. We thank God for the recovery of Olive Eaton who has returned home from Hospital, and eagerly look forward to the return among us of other good friends.

**NOTICES****Congregational Voters List**

In accordance with the instructions in the Code of the PCI, Paragraph 176, section 2, the Kirk Session is drawing up a voters list which will be exhibited in the church premises on two successive Sundays - January 31st 2016 and February 7th 2016. Should any member of the congregation who claims to be a voting member desire to make an objection regarding any name on the list or omitted from the list, he shall lodge his objections, with his reasons in writing, with the moderator of Kirk Session **within a week of the first publication of the list.**

An announcement to the above effect was made to the congregation in Church on the morning of Sunday 24th January.

**MEETINGS:**

The **Congregational Committee** will meet on **Tuesday 9th February** at 8pm in the Fletcher Room.

The **Kirk Session** will meet on **Wednesday 17th February** at 8pm in the Fletcher Room.

The **Annual General Meeting** of the congregation will take place on **Monday 22nd February** in the Fletcher Room at 8pm. We hope members of the congregation will make a special effort to attend this meeting.

**THE RETIRING COLLECTION** after the Holy Communion service on 10th January yielded the sum of ₹503. We thank contributors for their generosity which enabled us to pay off most of the deficit which had arisen at the Ebenezer Hostel for Girls in Vyara, Gujarat.

#### **BIBLE STUDY:**

The Explorers, the Sandymount Inter-Church Scripture Reading Group continues its study of the Acts of the Apostles on **Monday 15th February**. Revd Dr Kieran J O'Mahony will explore the accounts of **the Conversion of St. Paul**, at the Community Room of the Mount Tabor Community Centre from 7.30 to 9.00 pm.

#### **FUNERAL:**

The funeral of **Mrs Evelyn Patton** (née Carson), a former member of CCR, and mother of John and Diana, took place in CCR on Monday 25th January. Her forceful integrity and charitable activities were remembered by Revd Katherine Meyer, the officiant.

#### **CONGREGATIONAL COMMITTEE:**

The meeting on 12th January was dominated by property related matters. Elsewhere it was noted that vacancies still existed for a chief housekeeper and a convenor for what was renamed the Fellowship and Fundraising committee. FWO contributions in 2015 were about 5% less than in 2014. The Hon Treasurer was endeavouring to retrieve a high level of tax returns from the Revenue Commissioners. Committee elections would take place in March. On property matters the Committee noted with pleasure that the work to remedy the dry rot was almost completed. Work was continuing to restore proper ventilation of the upper walls. It was decided to paint the new wainscoting in as close a match as possible to the existing colour. Some woodworm had been discovered in the area near the dry rot, and was to be treated. The property committee was attempting to repair defects early by making annual investigations of sources of potential problems - for example the condition of the stained glass, and of areas prone to damp or woodworm damage. Damage caused by storm Desmond had revealed problems with pointing and damp, and a full inspection of the roof would be needed in the near future. Estimates for a new acoustic system were being obtained, and it was hoped work would proceed later in the spring. It was agreed to refit the coffee dock beside the Committee room. Work was needed on the vestry toilet. It was noted that the buildings were not always left with lights and taps properly turned off at night.

#### **ECUMENICAL ACTIVITIES**

**Lenten Meditation:** Last year's successful programme of silent meditation will be repeated from **10th February** to **23rd March** from 7.45 to 8.30 am Monday to Friday at the Church of the Three Patrons, Rathgar Road.

**World Day of Prayer:** This worldwide, ecumenical, lay-led service will be revived in our area on **Friday 4th March** at 5 pm, also in the hospitable Church of the Three Patrons. This year's service on the theme "Receive Children - Receive Me!" has been prepared by the churches of Cuba. The involvement of older primary school students will be encouraged.