

SERVICES Unless otherwise noted, all taken by **Revd Purvis Campbell**

July 2nd 11.00 am Morning Service with Communion
Gospel: Matthew 10: 40 – 42

July 9th 9.30 am Communion
11.00 am Summer Praise
Gospel Matthew 11: 16-19, 25-30

July 16th 9.30 am Communion
11.00 am Summer Praise
Gospel Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23

July 23rd 9.30 am Communion
11.00 am Summer Praise
Gospel Matthew 13: 24.-30, 36-43

July 30th 9.30 am Communion
11.00 am Summer Praise
Gospel Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52

Elder on Duty Victor Laing **Stewards** Ann Simmons Jiyeon Hong Jill McQuillan

Flowers 2nd July Ruth Ward 9th July Diane Carswell 16th July Diane Carswell
23rd July Alice Gibson 30th July Alice Gibson

Behold I make all things new - God's lifegiving promise of the coming of His Kingdom constantly breaks into the stale custom of our lives and lifts us onto a new level of experience of discipleship - exciting, challenging and demanding. This is our hope as **Purvis Campbell** begins his Ministry among us and we must commit ourselves to responding to the challenges with which we will be presented - The Fullness of New life - New wine in new bottles - as we allow God to remake us in adapting to the new situation. It was a joy to hear that **George S.** has been given the all-clear after his recent course of radiation treatment, and a joy to hear that after the difficult times he has been through he wished to express aloud his very warm thanks to all of you who prayed for him and supported him during the hard times. Like him, we thank God for His merciful providence in renewing our lives. Please continue to pray for those of our congregation in need, awaiting operations, awaiting the result of tests, or recovering from operations, some of whom do not wish their names to be made public. You may wish to know that **Audrey S.** has been moved to Peamount Hospital where she is receiving rehabilitative treatment for recovery after her stroke and **we pray** that she may make steady progress in a task which will require much patience and persistence. **We remember before God** the needs of those of our number now residing in nursing homes and unable to meet us in church - Brian O'Neill, Mary Reid, Olive Eaton, Elizabeth Lee and others. **We give thanks** for and to those who provide tea and coffee after services and enable the meetings that bind us together as a congregation, especially Viola O'Connor and Marge Clarke who between them provide regularly for the early morning worshippers.

Ecumenical Bible Week - Thank you to those who supported the meeting here by attending or providing refreshments, and the family who went to all three events in this area! Members of the other churches were glad of the opportunity to join you in these ecumenical approaches to the Bible.

Our Retiring Offering on 2nd July is for the **Crosscare Foodbank in Tallagt**. A few extra words about this excellent local charity can be found in our online supplement. Please support as generously as you can!

The 63rd Annual Flower Show of the Rathgar Horticultural Society will be held in the Lecture Hall at 2.30pm on Sat 8th July. Please support this beautiful event by coming (€3 entry) and by entering your own flowers and produce, providing goodies or serving tea. Offers of help to Bruce Carswell!

Junior Church Service - A good attendance **with many lions** had great fun on 25th June re-enacting exploits from Daniel's heroic life. Simon explained how Lego was used to illustrate the Bible stories being learnt. Nyakuoth Chol sang beautifully to teach us all a hymn in Nuer, Arabic and English. Thanks to all who took part. We welcomed a South Indian family, fresh from Southampton - Eliezer & Diana, and their children Michele and Isaac. Many thanks to the loyal teachers, Steven, Simon and Marina. Would you like to join the staff? Ask Steven Ross!

CHURCH COMMITTEE 13th JUNE - Very brief notes follow - Major improvements to the sound in the Orwell Hall had been made which should improve its attractiveness for letting. Costing of similar treatment in the Lecture Hall would be sought. Great efforts had been made to prepare the Manse for its new occupants. Work had been done to get rid of damp in the utility room by adding a pitched roof. Improvement to the entrance hall and stairs of the Tennant Hall building was the next priority. A report on the church audio system was ready for consideration by the incoming Minister. At the request of Presbytery a log would be kept of repairs done to the property. Provision of bicycle racks was requested. The problem of ensuring rooms were left in usable condition by their renters was noted.

INSTALLATION - A jubilant atmosphere prevailed at Purvis Campbell's installation on June 16th. We were delighted to meet a large number of his friends and family who travelled down across the border bringing warm conviviality. The Moderator of Presbytery was represented by Revd Lorraine Kennedy Ritchie, and the appropriate assurances and commitments were made firmly and audibly by the Congregation of CCR and by Purvis. Good hymns were joyfully sung. Rev Sam Mawhinney of the Interim Commission preached on the opening passage of Ephesians Ch.4 in which Paul instructs the church on how to use the variety of gifts given to the church to build itself up in love into the unity of the faith required by Christ its head. The Session Clerk, Paul Fry, reflected on the vacancy and thanked the Interim Moderator and the Interim Commission and those who provided pulpit supply for their dedicated work in bringing CCR through the long vacancy safely and in good order. Rev Joe Mullan of the Church of the Three Patrons warmly welcomed Purvis on behalf of the Rathgar/Terenure Fellowship of local churches and stressed the importance of close and respectful co-operation between Christians in witnessing to the Kingdom of God in the area. Purvis Campbell introduced himself, his family, and his history to the people of CCR, explaining why the character of the Congregation had attracted him, and expressing his enthusiasm for taking up the challenge of leading us in our future witness. Filled with this enthusiasm and the warm inspiration of the Holy Spirit, we proceeded to enjoy happy

fellowship in the Lecture hall with a generous supply of every type of delicious cake, scone, or cookie, tea and coffee, until long after it was decent. We pray that the memories of warmth and joy and loyal mutual commitment will long remain with us.

Online/website edition of CCR Bulletin supplement: Some extra information about Crosscare can be found in the website/online edition www.christchurchrathgar.org.

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Suggestions for those needing our prayers especially welcome. Robin Simmons's phone number will be found in the Phonebook. **NB** Copy deadline for August Bulletin - Thurs 27th July, to appear on Sun 30th July.

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CROSSCARE - is the Social Care agency of the Catholic Archdiocese of Dublin, and has been providing a variety of Social Care, community and youth work services since 1941. Based on the principle that every person is created in the image of God, Crosscare aims to treat all those who use or help provide its services with the utmost of respect courtesy and love. For those with food needs Community Cafes, Meals on Wheels and Food Banks are provided. CCR supports Crosscare's Food Bank in Tallaght on an ongoing basis, filling food boxes for collection and sometimes with cash contributions. We have visited this Food Bank and confirmed that it works with great efficiency and effectiveness to meet the food needs of our deprived neighbours. Other Crosscare focuses are homelessness - trying to prevent people becoming homeless, and the provision of accommodation - and providing wider community services to those in need.