

CCR BULLETIN

June 2016 (as at 5/6/16)

Services:

June 5 th	9.30 am	Early Morning Worship	Neville Cobbe
	11.00 am	Morning Worship	Neville Cobbe
June 12 th	9.30 am	Early Morning Worship	Marianne Knoetze
	11.00 am	Morning Worship	Marianne Knoetze
June 19 th	9.30 am	Holy Communion	Revd James Carson
	11.00 am	Morning Worship	Revd James Carson
		Junior Church Service	
June 26 th	11.00 am	Quarterly Holy Communion	Revd James Carson
		There will be no 9.30 service this morning	

Elder on Duty: Julie and Terry Cobbe

Stewards: Jill McQuillan & Ann Simmons

Flower Rota: June 5th Alice Gibson June 12th Louise Potts
June 19th Kathleen Corsini June 26th Margaret Leeson

VACANCY:

The **EGM** held on 5th May was told that the second candidate had withdrawn his application, and after discussion decided by secret ballot not to proceed to a vote.

On 18th May the **Kirk Session** agreed further steps to encourage applications from qualified candidates to fill the post of Minister at CCR, including a letter inviting members of the congregation to suggest candidates for the Kirk Session's consideration, in writing, **by 4th September**, to the Session Clerk or Interim Moderator.

THE NEXT MEETING of Kirk Session will be held on Wed 22nd June, 8 pm Fletcher Room.

We continue to pray earnestly for the guidance of the Holy Spirit in our search for a new minister, and pray that suitable candidates may declare their interest in leading us in our future faithful and lively witness in this area to the gracious values of the Gospel.

Church Committee - The date the next Committee meeting will be Tuesday 7th June. The meeting will take place as usual in the Fletcher Room at 8pm.

Brief report of Committee Meeting on 3rd May: Improvements in the Kitchen beneath the church were being discussed with the Meals on Wheels organization, and work was being planned on restoring the condition of the church to what it was before the recent building works relating to the dry rot.

Congregational News –

We were very sad to report the death at the end of last month of Jack Henderson and Evelyn Wright. **Jack Henderson** had a long career as an engineer at Jacob's, and was a most positive, affable and loving husband and father. He was cared for with great devotion in his later years by his wife Edith and our deep sympathy goes out to her and their wider family.

Evelyn Wright came to Dublin as a young wife, and helped her husband Gordon establish his photography business. Keen travellers, they spent a lot of time abroad, and Evelyn died unexpectedly in Dresden towards the end of April. Our sympathy also is with Gordon and his family at their sudden loss. We note also the sad death of **George Willis**, a keen golfer, and our sympathies are with his brother Fred. **Margaret McCullough**, sister of the late and greatly loved Lilian, died early in May in Chesterfield, Derbyshire. Margaret was formerly a member of CCR, and it is believed her ashes will be interred at Mount Jerome at a later date. Our sympathy is with her nephew Graham and his family in Bermuda.

We learn that **May Wilkes** has moved to Orwell Health Care and wish her a happy life in her new home. We ask your prayers for **Alice Gibson** who is anticipating an operation during June, and also for **Ian Kelly**, whose back problems have not yet been resolved, and **Olive Eaton**, who has fractured her pelvis and will have longer to spend in St. James's Hospital. We pray for their relief from discomfort and for a lasting improvement in their health. We also commend to your prayers **Billy Williamson and his wife Alison**, and **Eric and Alice Beckett** who are at present unable to attend church due to illness. We miss them greatly.

We were very sad to say good-bye to Frances and Revd Alan Martin who are moving to Holywood Co Down to be nearer their grandchildren. They have been the most exemplary members of our congregation since Alan retired as Minister of Abbey Church, always willing to undertake any task they were asked to and to give loyal support to the activities of others, friendly and helpful to those in need. CCR is much the poorer for their departure. We should strive to imitate their discipleship, and pray that they enjoy a happy new life in Co. Down.

More positively, **we congratulate Victor Laing** who joined Professors Roy Foster and Joe Lee among others at a UCD Graduation Ceremony, honouring those who had advanced our understanding of the events of 1916. He was awarded an Honorary LL.D, for his work as Officer Commanding the Defence Forces Archives. The citation praises his management of one of the most extensive archival digitisation projects in the history of the state - The Bureau of Military History Archives from 1913-21. We are very proud of you, Dr Laing! We also congratulate our organist **Bob Yeo** on successfully qualifying as a Doctor, and wish him a most satisfying career in the service of medicine and patients.

Christian Aid Breakfast - Very many thanks to Randal and Jenny Gray for arranging a Christian Aid Breakfast on Sunday 15th May, and to all those of you who accepted their invitation to this event, which generated a very happy atmosphere and raised more than €1550. Many thanks to all those who contributed so generously of their help, time and money.

Tallaght Food Bank - A reminder of the collection we regularly make for the Tallaght Food Bank, run by Crosscare. Boxes for dry/tinned food are in the back porch and at the back of the church. The Community Food Bank based in Tallaght is always in desperate need of food to help struggling families. The types of food needed include pasta, rice, cooking sauces, tins of meat/fish, sugar and tea. The Food Bank expresses its gratitude for the help we have given already, and says a sincere 'Thank you' in advance for any further help we can give.

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