

SERVICES

October 1st	11.00 am	Quarterly Communion	Revd Purvis Campbell
		BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY	(No 9.30 service)
		Assisted by Revd Mary Hunter . At this service young people will be accepted into full communicant membership of the Church. A Lunch to welcome them will be held afterwards.	
October 8th	9.30 am	Holy Communion	Revd Purvis Campbell
	11.00 am	Morning Worship	Revd Sam Mawhinney
		Harvest Festival celebrations	
October 15th	9.30 am	Holy Communion	Revd Purvis Campbell
	11.00 am	Morning Worship	Revd Purvis Campbell
October 22nd	9.30 am	Holy Communion	Revd Purvis Campbell
	11.00 am	Morning Worship	Revd Purvis Campbell
October 29th	9.30 am	Holy Communion	Revd Purvis Campbell
	11.00 am	Morning Worship	Revd Purvis Campbell
Elders on Duty	Maureen Collins and Doreen Steenson		
Stewards	Randal Robertson and Coral Ruddle		
Flowers	1st October	Jean Thompson	15th October Jill McQuillan
	8th October	Jill McQuillan	22nd October Margaret Moffett
	29th October	Jean Thompson	

The Kirk Session will meet on **Wednesday 4th October** in the Fletcher Room at 8.00 pm.
The Church Committee will meet on **Tuesday 10th October** in the Fletcher Room at 8.00 pm.

Retiring Collection 1st October - In aid of **Feed the Minds**, the charity which sees literacy and education as keys to enable people to provide themselves with jobs, health education and agricultural and business skills. **Please support generously** its life-changing work with the very poorest.

We wish those young people being received into full communicant membership of the church on 1st October a happy and meaningful day, and a full and satisfying Christian life ahead of them inspired by the grace of the Holy Spirit. **We pray** that they may grow and develop an ever deeper commitment to serve God in every aspect of their lives with imagination and enthusiasm. May they be supported in love and fellowship by the congregation and welcomed warmly as full adult members of the church. We pray that they are strengthened by God's loving guidance through any difficulties that they may face as they grow in maturity as Christians.

We pray for the varying needs of our congregation and its members, and especially for those suffering from and recovering from illness. **Please pray for Jean**, getting over a course of radiotherapy, for **Audrey**, persevering with language therapy and overcoming the other consequences of stroke. **Please pray for Billy** and for his continuing rehabilitation, and for the close friends and relatives of those who are ill and devote themselves constantly to their

care and encouragement. We pray that all may be revived and comforted by their continuing awareness of Christ's loving presence.

We thank Revd Jim Carson for returning to lead our worship while Purvis and Elizabeth were away. We were very pleased to see and hear him again. We are glad that Purvis and Elizabeth enjoyed a restful holiday celebrating their lives together, and wish them renewed energy for the year ahead.

Harvest Decoration: LOTS of People needed to decorate the church on Thursday 5th October from 2 pm. Please bring non-perishable goods, flowers, fruit and greenery of every shade! See you there!

Help Needed - We hope that all members of CCR, old and new, will consider how they can help CCR - (1) Help with the mothers and toddlers group is needed on Thursday mornings. Please contact Anne Walsh. (2) There is a sign up sheet where those who would like to do the coffee after church on Sunday mornings can write their names. (3) Ann Simmons would be glad to hear from people who would like to help with stewarding on Sunday mornings. Young people please bring your parents! **Please think seriously** about helping with these parts of congregational life.

Notes on Committee meeting 12th September 2017 - The rotten parts of the church roof - North east Corner - have been repaired. Further investigations showed no further problems. Investigations would continue on the North west corner. The finance committee had decided not to re-surface the front car park this year. A five year programme for maintenance/development of the church's buildings would be prepared and submitted to the heritage department. Up-to-date reports were expected shortly on heating, lighting and the condition of the plaster in the church. The Minister and his wife expressed their gratitude for the work done to the Manse before their arrival.

The Explorers Ecumenical Bible Study Group based in Sandymount continues its new season at 7.30 pm on Monday 16th October, exploring St John's Gospel and the account of the Marriage at Cana with the help of Biblical scholar Revd Kieran O'Mahony OSA. The venue is Mount Tabor House, the care centre on Sandymount Green. More info in online edition.

Christian Aid Ireland will hold an information evening in Dundrum Methodist Church, Ballinteer, Dublin 16, at 7 pm on Wed 18th October. Speaker Mandeep Mudhar - More in Online Bulletin extra.

Frederic Ruckenbrot has contributed work to the **Sculpture in Context** exhibition which continues until 20th October at the National Botanical Gardens. Pop in if you are in that area. Check the details online. We congratulate **Soo-Jung Ann** on her successful concert to celebrate her birthday with the Irish/Polish Association. The inaugural interfaith prayer service for the **Care of Creation** - our common home - was successfully held at the church of the Three Patrons late last month.

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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 November Bulletin-Wed 26th October, to appear on 29th October 2017.

1) Christian Aid Ireland Information Evening

Come and hear how your support is helping communities around the world in areas affected by conflict and crisis including East Africa!

Where? Dundrum Methodist Church, Ballinteer Road, Dundrum, Dublin 16.

When? Wednesday - 18 October 2017 7pm With Tea/Coffee

Speaker: Mandeep Mudhar Christian Aid Humanitarian Programme Advisor

Please RSVP: dublin@christian-aid.org or 01 4967040

2) The Explorers (Sandymount Inter-Church Scripture Reading Group) 2017-2018

The Gospel according to John: eight evening gatherings. We will be meeting again this year in the Community Room of the Mount Tabor Care Centre. We meet from 7.30 - 9.00 pm, beginning and ending promptly. All evenings will be led by Kieran O'Mahony, OSA

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How to read the Fourth Gospel

Monday, 16 October 2017

The wedding feast at Cana (John 2)

Monday, 20 November 2017

The Samaritan woman (John 4)

Monday, 11 December 2017

The sequence of feasts (John 5-10)

Monday, 15 January 2018

The man born blind (John 9)

Monday, 19 February 2018

The washing of the feet (John 13)

Monday, 19 March 2018

Jesus' death (John 18-19)

Monday, 16 April 2018

Jesus' resurrection (John 20)

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All are welcome to any or all evenings of this series. Please bring a Bible with you.