

13TH MARCH 2022

THE LOWE DOWN



**Sunday Morning 10am and
11.30am**

Sunday Evening 7pm

**Presbytery Focus with
Rev Morris Gault Clerk of Presbytery.**

Church Surveys are closing on 14th March, please fill one in if you have not already done so.

COMING UP

- Prayer Meeting on this week 7.30pm
- We have an ongoing collection for GLASS JARS in the hub, in particular smaller ones. If you could keep these and leave them, including lids, in to the Hub, Heather Currie would really appreciate it.
- Coffee Morning Saturday 5th March
- 20th March Mitch from Crown Jesus Ministries, an update on Berry Street now called Hope @ Chapel Lane
- 27th March - One service 11am With Special Guest Dawn McAvoy CEO Both Lives Matter

A photograph of a church interior. In the center is a large, colorful stained glass window. To the left, there is a white screen or altar cloth. To the right, a sign with a dove and the words 'PRINCE OF PEACE' is visible. The lighting is soft, and the overall atmosphere is serene.

Announcements

New Wine 2022 in Sligo <https://www.newwineireland.org/summer-conference>

This year there'll be two shorter conferences running from

9th- 12th July

14th - 17th July

If interested in going as part of a group or need more information please speak to Helen M or Joan T .

Office Hours

Please note that staff are not contactable by phone over the weekend unless for pastoral emergency and church office hours are between 9.30am to 2.30pm. We will endeavour to reply to all emails and messages as quickly as possible during the week.

Promiseland

On Sunday 13th March the Promiseland children will be planting some bulbs with the help of Lowe Eco Group. These will be kept on the church grounds where hopefully we can watch them grow and bloom into some pretty flowers in spring. Bring your gardening gloves if you have some, we would love to see you then!

Appeals

Thank you for your generosity in giving to our two recent appeals. The collection for Leah Rankin raised just over £8,000 towards her travel and study costs and I have sent PCI central an interim payment of £4,500 for the Moderator's Appeal for the Ukraine. Many of you will have noticed that Zsuzsi and Andor's church in Romania have been asked to take up to 20 refugee families from the fighting in Ukraine. If you would like to help with the costs of this please put your gift in a white Special Offering envelope (not the yellow one) marked Zsuzsi & Andor and leave it on the offering plate Thanks John White

PCI have launched an Appeal to help those in Ukraine. You can give using the yellow envelopes in church.

April



Saturday 2nd April

PICNIC AND BEACH SCHOOL @ CRAWFORDSBURN COUNTRY PARK

Meet outside the coffee shop at 2-3pm. BYO picnic.

3-4.30pm Everyone is welcome to Beach School – fun for all.

(Please note: children are the responsibility of parents/carers at all times.)

Sunday 3rd April

11am OFFICIAL OPENING

“Awakenings” – The Revival Journey

Visit from the Moderator of PCI

Rt Revd Dr David Bruce and

Official Opening of Sanctuary

Saturday 9th April

THE GREAT EASTER BREAKFAST AND EGG HUNT EXTRAVAGANZA

9.30-11.30am A delicious breakfast along with Egg hunts (10am and 10.45 am)

In the HUB and Garden.

Sunday 10th April

11am

“Puppet Show Special” with Crown Jesus Ministries

Followed by:-

SUNDAY LUNCH

“BUILD A BAKED POTATO” and EASTER BROWNIES – yum!

(As numbers for lunch are limited, please book early through Eventbrite.)





 Saturday
9th April

THE GREAT
EASTER
BREAKFAST

9.30-11.30am



 "BUILD A BAKED POTATO" and EASTER BROWNIES
Sunday Lunch

10th April after the service at 11am



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PRAYER ROOM

This is now the season of Lent, which, this year, is from Wednesday 2nd. March until Thursday 14th. April.

Lent is a time for Spring cleaning our lives, remembering the forty days Jesus spent in the desert.

The Prayer Room has been set up with opportunities for reflection, prayer and copies of daily Lenten readings are there for you to take home, written by Ossie McAuley.

Please spend some time in the silence and solitude afforded by this lovely room. It is available anytime that the church premises are open.

CROSSROADS 22 is going ahead from 8th - 12th August This outreach to the young people and families of our wider community is hosted by four Finaghy churches under the auspices of Scripture Union.

Helpers of ALL ages and giftings will be needed! No previous experience necessary!

Please consider spending one or two hours , or days, or the whole week to be part of this exciting time in our church life. Support is needed in teams , preparing food, helping in the Hub Cafe, pouring juice (unless Joe Furphy signs up first!), and many other tasks but most vital of all in praying. Chat to Pat Martin this week (07904336030) to find out how you could serve the Lord this year in CROSSROADS.

Website

Please check our NEWS section of the website for regular updates
<https://www.lowe.church/news/>

Announcement Deadline

Please send all announcements by 11am on Thursdays.

I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come?
My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. (Psalm 121:1-2)

- Our loving Heavenly Father, many in our society are worried, distressed or simply weary with war news and Covid's impact on life. May your people abide in you, reflecting your love and peace to their neighbours and work colleagues. We pray particularly this week for the residents of Chippendale Court, Chippendale Gardens, De Beere Court, Finaghy Road South, Hollymount Court, Redhill Manor and Trinity Court that hearts would open to you and more people come to know the love and peace you offer.
- God of peace and justice, we continue to pray for the people of Ukraine as the weather has turned bitterly cold, especially at night. We pray for an end to hostilities and for safe shelter, food, water and warmth for the 42 million still in Ukraine. We thank you for the huge effort in Europe to transport, feed and find accommodation for the over 2 million refugees. In your mercy, bless Zsuzsi and Andor in Odorheiu, Romania, just 100 miles south of the Ukrainian border. Even as they describe themselves 'distressed but trusting' may they know your peace and guidance whilst pastoring their large and anxious congregation. Help them work with their congregation which has been asked to provide accommodation and support for 20 refugees.
- In your wisdom, Lord, guide James, Moyna and the session as they seek your will for the future at Lowe. Give them insight as they consider how to respond to the recent survey on church service times. We thank you for their recent and encouraging conference facilitated by Alan McWilliam from The Cairn. In the power of your Holy Spirit, renew and enthuse us to be more effective in reaching others with the gospel.
- Lord of all the nations, we ask your blessing on the Madlener family. Prosper Werner's work with London City Mission and as he leads a church cell group week by week. Remember Cecelia, a full-time nurse and part-time volunteer speaker for the Mercy ships enabling medical professionals to bring help to disadvantaged countries. We ask that Joshua, in this his GCSE year, can be cured of the bad stomach pains he has had in recent weeks. We pray with Michelle, now about half way through her year on Operation Mobilisation's ship Logos Hope, for safety and wisdom in the Deck department, and for good ministry opportunities in the upcoming port visits to Takoradi, Ghana and Monrovia, Liberia. May the family reunion in Africa over Easter be a wonderful and happy occasion.

Prayer Chain - The Prayer Chain continues to be available for all and confidentiality is assured. Contact Noelle Millar at 90619385 and if no response leave a message. If no response follows please call Hilary Atkinson on 92671848.