

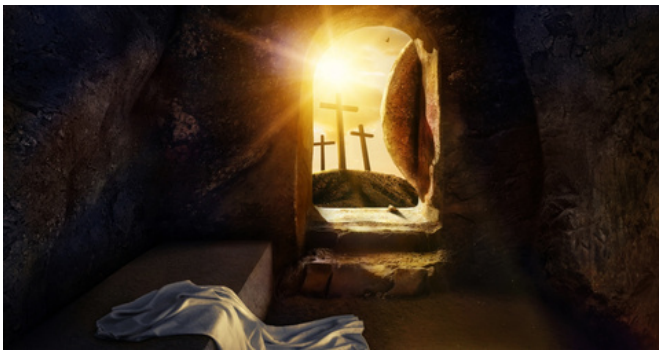
17TH APRIL 2022

THE LOWE DOWN



Sunday Morning 11am

Sunday Evening 7pm



**Creche is back on in the
Duckworth Hall**

COMING UP

- Next committee meeting 25th April 7.30pm
- Thank you to all who helped deliver the Guides. There are still some outstanding areas if anyone has some free time to distribute more.
- Mel is contactable on Monday and Tuesday on admin@lowe.church or on 07511157793
She is off Wednesday - Friday. All non urgent emails will be dealt with when she returns
You can still send announcements up until Thursday

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 reads 'PRINCE OF PEACE'. The lighting is soft and blue-toned.

Announcements

A Season of Change

Mel Grimsley, our church administrator, has just been appointed a new role with Citizens' Advice and will be taking up this position on 11th May. She is uniquely talented in academic research, writing and communication and while we are sorry to see her go, we shall also look forward to hearing about her career path and success. God places His people in all aspects of life and society, and it will be no surprise to see Mel thrive in the legal profession. Thank you Mel for your work and friendship and for our fellowship with Ray, Will and Leo.

Church Services

In response to PCI's lifting of all restrictions on worship services (though if anyone is feeling unwell he/she should not attend Church even if testing negative), Session has made the following decisions:-

- i. One morning service at 11am. The convener and Session are keen to explore the theology and direction of worship and praise and work will be undertaken during the vacancy.
- ii. The downstairs space in the sanctuary will no longer require social distancing or mask wearing. Until further notice, the gallery will be a space for those concerned about Covid where social distancing and face masks are compulsory. A separate exit is also in place (the door exiting the building at the foot of the stairwell). This arrangement shall be reviewed on an ongoing basis, subject to usage and need.
- iii. Sunday services shall be reviewed when the new minister is in post.



April

17th

11am Easter Sunday

7pm Alpha's New Film Version: Why did Jesus die?

(Why not come and/or invite someone to this fantastic taster?!)

24th

11am What has Easter got to do with me?

7pm Reflections

May

1st

11am Hosting the Presence of God

7pm Question Time: -Psalm 46 "What's the point of new songs?" and other theological questions! (Submit your theological questions in advance)

8th

11am Living with the Compassionate One – Lamentations 3 (Christian Aid Sunday)

7pm Memorial Service for families of members who passed away during Covid

15th

11am Special Family Service featuring 'Stand By Me' Charity

(Lowe's Exodus Team members and volunteers are raising funds after the service. Watch out for some special treats in the Hub.)

7pm The future of the church in N.I. Lessons from the Lamp Keeper – Rev 1.9-20

22nd

11am Walking with the One who's always Moving Communion Sunday and reception of new communicants Philippians 3. 1-14 (James's last Sunday and service at Lowe)

7pm Exodus Teams' Updates: following the coffee morning on the 15th, members will share their projects, vision and prayer requests for their summer trips.

29th

11am Derek McKelvey (convener)

7pm Derek McKelvey (convener)



Ukraine

We have a contact with ECM (European Christian Mission) who are involved in facilitating the hosting of Ukrainian families in Northern Ireland. If anyone would be interested in hosting please let us know on admin@lowe.church. You will then be asked to provide some details regarding what you may be able to offer. You also need to register with the government's Homes for Ukraine scheme. It is the intention of Session to set up a fund to assist Ukrainian families hosted through Lowe members and a group of Lowe members to provide practical assistance in the event of this happening.

Announcement Deadline

Please send all announcements by 11am on Thursdays.

Job Opportunities in Lowe

We have two jobs advertised on our website, please share with people via our website or facebook. They close on 25th April.

Announcement

As you are all aware, after 18 years leading the congregation, James and Hazel are moving on with James taking up the post of Principal of Belfast Bible College. Their last Sunday with us is 22 May and we would like to say thank you in a tangible way. If you would like to contribute to the gift, please put your donation in the white special offering envelopes marked "James and Hazel" and leave it on the offering plate at the back of the church. Thanks, John White

Walking Club

Meeting this Wednesday at church, 1.30pm

Notice

It is with regret that we announce the recent death of Mrs Jean Brown laterly of Oaktree Manor. Our deepest sympathy and prayers are with her sons and wider family circle at this sad time.

"The Lord is near to the brokenhearted" Psalm 34 v 18

Christ Jesus who died – more than that, who was raised to life – is at the right hand of God, and is also interceding for us. Romans 8 v 34.

- Our Father, we pray particularly for the residents of Katrine Park, Lakeside Drive, Trossachs Drive, Trossachs Gardens and Trossachs Park, that You will be their source of peace and hope this Easter.
- We are grateful that David and Sylvia Willson have recovered from a mild but somewhat unpleasant dose of Covid. May they be refreshed as they visit Frankfurt over Easter. Bless Sylvia's involvement in an online Women's Fellowship with a church in Bonn, particularly as she offers pastoral support to one member. As David prepares for a Confirmation Class 'graduation' for teenagers from three different churches we pray that it will be a powerful and meaningful witness to their families. Guide David and Sylvia as they consider the potential for their involvement in pastoral or language support for Ukrainians in a Refugee Centre close to their home.
- We pray for our young people who need more than ever to connect with others given the challenges of isolation and remote learning they have faced over the last two years. We pray for those now preparing for forthcoming exams. May the four young people meeting regularly for discipleship training with other members of their Exodus Team, as preparation to serve You in Spain in July, find this to be an exciting, life changing opportunity to build their relationship with You in a missional setting.
- God of all peoples and nations, show us the way of peace that is Your overwhelming presence. We hold before You the peoples of Ukraine and Russia. We long for the time when nations no longer lift up sword against nation. We cry out to You for peace. Comfort those who fear for their lives. Change the hearts of those set on violence and aggression and fill leaders with the wisdom that leads to peace. Kindle in each of us a love of our neighbour, a passion for justice and a recognition that we can all play a part in peace. Hear our prayer. Amen. (adapted from Christian Aid's Prayer for Ukraine)

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.