

24TH APRIL 2022

THE LOWE DOWN



COMING UP

Sunday Morning 11am

Sunday Evening 7pm

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

- Next committee meeting 9th
May 7.30pm
- Prayer Gathering Tuesday
7.30pm

PRAYER ROOM

For the next few weeks, as we approach Pentecost, the theme of the Prayer Room is centred on the person of the Holy Spirit. It is an opportunity to reflect, pray, worship in peace and quiet, open anytime that the church building is open.

A photograph of a church interior. In the center, there is a large, colorful stained glass window. To the left of the window is a large white screen. To the right, there is a sign that says "PRINCE OF PEACE" with a dove icon. The word "Announcements" is written in large white letters across the bottom of the image.

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.



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.

Prime Time - Tuesday 27th April at 2pm in the Seminar Room . This week we are studying Mark Chapter 3

It is with deep sadness that we announce the recent death of Mr Graham Millar. Our prayers and sympathies are with his wife Noelle and family at this sad and difficult time. We pray that they will know the comfort and love of our Lord God with them and find peace in the assurance that Graham is with his Lord and Saviour. Psalm 91:1,2 "Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, "He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, In whom I trust.

HAMPER MINISTRY

The next date for leaving food donations in the church foyer is Tuesday 3rd May 9.30am-11.30am.

ITEMS MOST NEEDED

Lentils, Cooking Oil, Sugar, Pasta Sauce, Jam, Washing up Liquid, Coffee, Tea Tuna, Rice, Pasta, Tinned Tomatoes, Red Kidney beans, Tinned Fruit, Salt, Porridge Oats (NOT instant & NO other cereal please), Razors, Antibacterial Gel, Sanitary Towels, Deodorant (ladies & men), Shower Gel, Shampoo, Shaving Foam, Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Vegetable Stock Cubes, Tomato Puree, Liquid Hand Soap, UHT Milk, Basic Toilet Rolls.

The response continues to be good & is very much appreciated by the International Meeting Point and all those in need at this time.

Thank you for your support and generosity.

The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.

James 5:16

- Dear Father we pray that you will pour out your blessing on all who live in Aberfoyle Gardens, Aberfoyle Park, Old Forge Manor, Strathallen Park and Strathyre Park this week. We pray for our own members who live there, that you would make them salt and light to their neighbours, bringing them comfort, strength and peace whatever their circumstances.
- Heavenly Father we pray for your hand on our congregation as we face a period of transition, with many staff positions vacant. We pray for Rev Derek McKelvey in his role as convenor of the vacancy that he will guide and lead us well and the congregation will thrive under his direction. We pray too that Mel's vital position as church administrator will be effectively covered as she begins her new job with Citizens' Advice in May. We pray that your peace will be upon James & Hazel, Mel & Ray, as they strike out in the new direction to which you have been called them.
- Our Father we are all too aware that Ukraine continues to dominate our world news. With killing carried out by both sides and their efforts to justify, both sides break a law set down by you, 'Thou shalt not kill'. Further we are to 'love our enemies'. You tell us that where two or three are gathered together in Your name you will answer prayer. We call now boldly upon this promise and pray for an end to the conflict.
- Dear Lord, we pray for the young people of the Oderheiu congregation who are currently attending confirmation classes and have just finished a confirmands' camp led by Andor. As they continue with Andor over the next 4 weeks in their preparation for communion, please help them to understand that confirmation is just the beginning of a lifelong journey of faith. Bless the friendships they will have made in camp this past week with some older teens, who are already full members of the church. We ask also your help for Andor and Zsuzsi, very tired after an intensive 2 weeks of Easter ministry in the church and in the homes of the old and the sick, as they undertake the 5-hour drive to the northern border with Ukraine, to purchase and then deliver food aid for Ukrainians displaced by the war. Keep them safe on the road.

[Andor and Zsuzsi ask that we give their love to you, the congregation, and tell you how much they miss you.]

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.