

1ST MAY 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

Please check the marathon route for any road closures that may affect you.

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.



Announcements

Prime Time meets this Tuesday 3rd May at 2pm in the seminar room . we will continue our studies in Mark chapter 3.

Prayer for Lowe

Please see the new Lowe Prayer for May. We encourage everyone to use it regularly. Brew and James.

Admin in Lowe

If you have any free time to do admin for Lowe after Mel leaves we would appreciate your help. Please contact Moyna or Isobel.

Ask the Climate Question

On May 5th in Northern Ireland we will go to the polling booths to vote for candidates to be elected to the Northern Ireland Assembly. In the run up to the election it's a great opportunity to raise our voices on the issues that concern us. Especially as many candidates and political party members will be out knocking on doors looking for our votes.

The Northern Ireland Assembly recently passed climate change legislation, which sets a target of reaching net-zero emissions by 2050. Whilst it's good news that Northern Ireland finally has climate legislation in place the proof will be in how this new law is implemented.

Christian Aid are joining with Tearfund to call on our respective supporters to 'Ask the Climate Question'.

Please consider asking your candidates the following question when they call at your door:

I care about climate change because it is hitting the world's poor the hardest - those who have done the least to cause this crisis. If you are elected, what action will you take as an MLA to tackle the climate crisis?

More information is available at Climate Question - Christian Aid Ireland
Lowe Eco Group

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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)

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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.

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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 earth is the Lord’s and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it; for he founded it on the seas and established it on the waters.” (Psalm 24: 1, 2)

- Heavenly Father, we bring before you the residents of Beechlawn Avenue, Dunmurry Lane, Upper Malone Road (Dunmurry Lane to Finaghy Road South), Viewfort Park and Wilmont Park. May the Christians who live in these streets love their neighbours as themselves – may they be given opportunities to watch out and care for them.
- We pray for Harry Bryans and his particular current concerns: for the ministry to new refugees attending his church in Tournai; for Natalia, the Ukrainian student staying with the Bryans while her family is in Ukraine and Romania. We pray for good relationships to be established with other Ukrainian families and their hosts in the Tournai region. Please watch over his pastor, Kabi, who begins chemotherapy this week – we pray that he will be strongly aware of your presence with him in the midst of his illness. We also pray for Harry who will be interviewing several children’s ministry practitioners this month for The Generational Awakening YouTube channel – may his questions be thoughtful and clear.
- This month sees our minister, James, and Hazel, leaving Lowe. As they prepare to leave Lowe, may we pray for them that they will secure a house and all the practical issues that will attend this. We pray for energy and purpose as they search for a house as well as continuing with work. May they continue to trust in your love and care for them and be confident that you are sovereign over this move.
- We continue to pray for the ongoing war in Ukraine – we pray that it will de-escalate; that there will be a loss of heart for war for those in charge of making decisions; that those who are displaced will find true refuge; that you will watch over the vulnerable, many of whom are women and children and place them in homes with people who will care for them. We pray that hope will triumph over despair.

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.