

Porch Duty:

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| September | Gareth Clarke & Derek Sawyers |
| October | Oliver Anderson & Gavin Clements |

Junior Church:

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| 11, 18 September & 9 October | Heather & Lynsey & Aimee Anderson, Diane & David Clarke |
| 16, 23 & 30 October | Lesley & Scott Sawyers, Lorraine Clements, Hazel McDowell & Aimee Anderson |

Creche:

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| 11 September | Jennifer & Roberta Clarke |
| 18 September | Deborah Crawford & Danielle Hetherington |
| 25 September | All Age Service – No creche |

PowerPoint Rota:

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| 18 September | Louise Beacom |
| 2 October | Mavis Crawford |
| 23 October | Kyle Sawyers |

Flower Rota: Jackie McMaster

CDs of our services are available on the table in the porch. Please feel free to lift one. If you would like to order a one-off or have one reserved for you or someone else each week, fill in a CD order form in the vestibule and put it in the box provided. The CDs are disposable so there is no need to bring them back.

Should you wish to contact our minister, please do not hesitate to do so. The manse phone number is 028 8075 7362 and Norman's mobile no is 077 6388 3192. E-mail: nsmyth@presbyterianireland.org. Address: 226 Donaghane Road, Beragh, Sixmilecross, Omagh BT790RZ.

October announcements should reach Mavis Crawford 028 8075 8281 e-mail maviscrawford@btinternet.com on or before Thursday 29 September 2016

Sixmilecross Presbyterian Church

Announcements

September 2016



Sunday Services: 10:30 am - Rev Norman Smyth

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| 11 September | Rev Barry Reid. |
| 25 September | All Age Service – No children's church or Creche |
| 02 October | Morning Harvest Service |
| 02 October at 7:00 pm | Evening Harvest & Supper. Rev Rodney Beacom |

Autumn Mission. A week of special Gospel Meetings is being planned for the week starting **Sunday 09 to Sunday 16 October** in the Johnston Memorial Hall. (Sunday nights at 7.30 pm and week nights at 8.00 pm).

The remaining **prayer meeting** dates for this mission are **Wednesdays 21 & 28 September and 5 October**, all at 8.00 pm in the Johnston Memorial Hall.

A special Susanna Wesley night

is being hosted by our ladies and held in Church Hall

On **Saturday 10 September** at 8.00 pm

Mrs Eva Baxter will be playing Susanna Wesley (John Wesley's Mother) and Mrs Grace Smyth will be singing.

Open to all, men and women and children!

Bowling Club: recommence their meetings on **Monday night, 5 September** at 8:00 pm. Please note that this year, the club will not be meeting on Thursday nights as before.

Sunday School and Bible Class resumes on **Sunday 11 September** at 9:30 am. All new members from Year 2 and up and returning members will be made most welcome.

A meeting of the Congregational Committee is planned for **Wednesday 14 September** at 8.00 pm in the Minor Hall.

Ulster Scots Poetry Evening has been planned for **Friday 9 September** from 8.00 - 9.30 pm in our Church Hall. Poetry by Rev. W.F. Marshall and other Ulster Scots poets will be read by Anne Morrison Smyth and music will be provided by Brackey Flute Band. Come along for an evening of poetry, music and conversation suitable for all the family. Doors open from 7.45 pm. Admission free.

An Open Doors Secret Church youth event is planned for **Sunday 18 September** from 7.00 - 9.00 pm in the Church Hall. All young people 11+ welcome!

Youth Fellowship meet in the Manse on **Sunday 25 September** from 7.00 - 8.30 pm for an opening night of games, food and fellowship. All Year 8s and up most welcome.

Ladies Bible Book Group recommencing **Wednesday 21 September, 10.00 - 11.45 am** in the Johnston Memorial Hall. All welcome!

This season we will be exploring Jerry Bridges' book "Respectable Sins" in which Jerry addresses a dozen 'acceptable' sins that we tend to tolerate in ourselves (such as ungodliness, anger, pride, unthankfulness...). He writes from the trenches of his own battles with sin and offers a message of hope in the mercy of the Gospel and the transforming grace of God.

Harvest Preparations:

- Harvest choir practices will be held on **Saturdays 17 & 24 September and 1 October** at 7:30 pm.
- On **Saturday 1 October** at 2:00 pm, the **annual tidy up** of grounds and decoration of the Church is planned.

Communicant Classes: Anyone considering becoming a communicant member of our church family is encouraged to take a copy of the booklet 'Introducing the Lord's Supper' from the table in the porch. This booklet will help you explore if you are ready to make the profession of personal faith in Jesus that communicant membership requires. This church year the dates and topics for the communicant classes are:

Sunday 20 November: *What is a Christian?*

Sunday 15 January: *What is the Church?*

Sunday 19 February: *What is Communion?*

All classes are from **4.00 - 5.00 pm** at the Manse. The classes are for people of all ages. However, the youngest we encourage are those going into Year 12 and who have completed their first year in Bible class. Alongside attending the classes, candidates are expected to attend church regularly – a normal commitment which we should see in the lives of all who are genuine and serious about being a disciple of Jesus. Speak to Norman if you hope to attend (8075 7362).

Sixmilecross Old Manse: We wish to inform the Congregation that the purchase of the Freehold of the Old Manse has been completed and the Old Manse is now officially part of our Church property. When our solicitor requested our payment of £60,000 in May, we were very thankful to have over £53,000 in our account. This included the extremely generous December donations, the Gift Aid we received on this money and contributions from Monthly Envelopes. We are very grateful to the two members of our Congregation who provided us with £11,000 in Interest Free Loans. This made up the shortfall to £60,000 and gave us additional money for other costs. Our aim now is to pay back these loans when there are sufficient funds. Your support for this project has been very encouraging and your generosity is greatly appreciated. Thank you.