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ENNIS EVANGELICAL CHURCH

EEC Newsletter



Eaglais Shóiscéalach na hInse

Spring Time

What is the first thing you think of when you hear the word Spring? Is it more sunlight with longer and warmer days; or new life and growth; or more vibrant colours; or the joy in people's moods? Seasons have a divine purpose and design. We read in **Ecclesiastes 3:1** "There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens." **Psalms 74:17** "It was You who set all the boundaries of the earth; You made both summer and winter." We need the winter to give the earth a time to rest. Plants store up energy for new stronger growth in spring and summer. Some animals hibernate to survive cold, dark winters without having to forage for food or migrate to somewhere warmer where there is food. God has ordained the seasons, and they are there for a reason.

Spring is a time of awakening for the natural world after the winter, but we see a lot of the same characteristics in our spiritual life. Like the Psalmist we ask God to "Make His face to shine upon Your servant and teach me Your decrees" Our desire is to be in God's presence and enjoy Him. In **John 8:12** Jesus said "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows Me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life." In Jesus light we see ourselves as sinners in need of a Saviour. As we walk in His light, He removes the darkness of sin in our lives. When we see things bright and new in spring it reminds us of **Revelation 19:8** "Fine linen, bright and clean, was given her to wear." (Fine linen stands for the righteous acts of God's holy people.)

With new life in spring we are reminded of the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus at this time of the year and Paul tells us in **2 Corinthians 5:17** "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!" As a child of God we have a new life, a new identity and God sees us with the righteousness of Christ.

Every new season brings change for the good. While we want the change, we fear the uncertainty of the change. We need not fear because **Lamentations 3:25-26** "The Lord is good to those whose hope is in Him, to the one who seeks Him; it is good to wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord." Allow Jesus to renew your life and mind and know God's good, perfect and pleasing will for your life.

Verse of the Month

"The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn His Face toward you and give you peace."

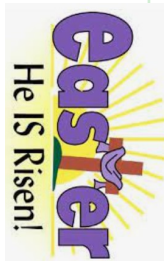
Numbers 6:24-26 (NIV)

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4	5	6	7	8	9		10 Prayer 10am Service 10:30am Asialink
Ladies Prayer 10:00 - 12:00 am	7:30 pm Prayer and Praise						17 Prayer 10am Service 10:30am Mossy
11	12	13	14	15	16		24 Prayer 10am Service 10:30am Mossy
Ladies BS 10:00 - 12:00 am	BS 7:30pm Festivals - Shane						
18	19	20	21	22	23		
No Ladies BS	BS 7:30pm Festivals - Shane						
25	26	27	22	29	30		31 Prayer 10am Easter Service 10:30am Shane
No Ladies BS	BS 7:30pm Festivals - Shane			Good Friday Prayer 15:00			



People News

Love is patient,
 love is kind.
 It does not envy,
 It does not boast,
 it is not proud.
 It does not
 dishonour others,
 it is not
 self-seeking,
 it is not easily
 angered,
 it keeps no record
 of wrongs.
 Love does not
 delight in evil
 but rejoices with
 the truth.
 It always protects,
 always trusts,
 always hopes,
 always perseveres.
I Corinthians
13:4-7
(NIV)

Kindred Group Sharing the love.



Missions with Asialink



Spreading God's Word in Asia. Operating inside the culture, empowering local believers to lead and impact in every sphere of life. Training and nurturing evangelists where they are, in their communities. Mission Possible—The Word of God for every Tribe and Tongue.



Praise & Prayer

Quotes

“He who thinks half-heartedly will not believe in God; but he who really thinks has to believe in God”

**Sir Isaac
 Newton**

Prayer does not change things, it is God, in answer to believing prayer.

Matthew 6:10 “Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.”

This month, please pray for

† Those voting in the referendum on March 8th to be guided by the Holy Spirit so

that God's will be done.

† Those in Government leadership, that they will make Godly just decisions.

† The work of those in missions throughout the world.

† Those that are looking for employment and those looking for accommodation.

† Thankfulness for the new life God has given us in Christ.



Youth Event in March

(Run by Focus Conference Ireland)



We gladly invite church members in their 20's/30's to our next conference happening March 8-10th!

The topic will be 'The Life of Joseph' given by speaker Robert McCollum. Robert is pastor and minister of Lisburn Reformed Presbyterian Church, Co. Antrim. He began his ministry there in January 2021 having served in the Newtownards congregation (Co. Down) for nine years. He is married to Emma and they have 4 children. He loves coffee, reading, sport, travelling and music (in that order!), and has a keen interest in the world of adoption and fostering.

This will be our twelfth Focus Conference! The weekend consists of 5 sessions from the Friday (7pm) to the Sunday afternoon with time for activities/relaxation on Saturday afternoon. Please check out our brand new website for more information.

<https://www.focus-conference.com/>

Tell Us About it!

If you've got some news make sure you tell us about it!

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Know Jesus-Make Him Known

This church is a New Testament community of faith. Our teaching and practices are based on the Bible. We seek to serve our local community, reaching out with the love, hope and salvation found through faith in Jesus only.

Pastoral Team

Barry Pavitt
 Alan Fairweather
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