

# ANNUAL REPORT

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## Dear Friends,

Welcome to the Annual Report for 2014 which on this occasion is combined with the spring edition of In Touch.

It continues to be informative and act as a reference for information, but is in a newer, brighter format with colour photographs to complement the information.

As usual it contains an account of the past year in Session, Congregational Committee and every organisation, as well as the Financial Accounts and the list of contributions to Freewill Offering and the Support Fund.



Thank you once again to Michael Holden, Neil McKnight and Jordan McGrath, who have happily produced this material so quickly and accurately.

Contained is a Directory, including contact details for the Minister, Youth Worker, Elders, Office-bearers and members of Congregational Committee, organisation leaders and their meeting times. We include the names and addresses of all those on our Congregational Listing. We try to keep this list as up-to-date as possible, so please notify the office when families change address or move away from the congregation. (This Listing is held solely for congregational purposes and is never given to external organisations.)

As usual this report looks back on the year just finished, which we can do with good satisfaction and with thanksgiving to God. While it's possible to evaluate numerically our congregational life in some ways, other important aspects are not receptive to such an evaluation. For example, how might we estimate how well the teaching and preaching of the Scriptures have helped us live as disciples of Jesus? As disciples of Jesus our Christian lives are lived Monday to Saturday, as well as Sundays, in work and school, in college, on the sports field, as we go shopping and travel. As His disciples, it is important that we learn to listen carefully to Jesus, so that we might be obedient to what he might be saying to us for every aspect of our lives. And of course, our lives go through different phases, according to our changing ages, family situations and work status. What God might be saying now, may well be different to what he was saying to us 15 or 20 years ago. Though God is eternal and unchanging, he is still able to speak the right word for our situation.

What has become increasingly clear to us in recent times, is that in His grace God has given us the Church to help us live our Christian lives, to help us hear God's word, to encourage us in prayer, and to walk with us on the kingdom road. In the New Testament, especially in Paul's letters, there are lots of times when we're encouraged in different ways to be involved with 'one another'. So for example, 'accept one another', 'encourage one another', 'bear one another's burdens', 'serve one another'. To be a lone Christian is almost a contradiction in terms; while all are called to a personal faith, it should never be private. As disciples we need each other, as well as needing to be connected to each other. It is important that we be 'one another's' to each other.

As we look back, I want to say a big 'thank you' to all those who exercise their gifts of leadership in different aspects of congregational life, in public worship, in the organisations, and in overseeing our property, finances and administration. On this occasion, I want to single out Mavis Scullion, who after 16 years has retired from being the congregation's first secretary. Mavis has been amazing in her commitment to the development of good administration in the congregation, dependable in carrying things through, wise in decisions that needed to be made and exemplary in keeping confident those things entrusted to her. Over these years I - and others - have come to depend on her hugely. In saying this brief 'thank you' we recognise that this falls far short of the debt that we owe to Mavis. We wish Mavis and Bob a long and healthy retirement.

Yours in the love and peace of Jesus,

Alastair R. Bill

A long, horizontal, slightly wavy line drawn in blue ink, serving as a flourish or underline for the signature.

## Kirk Session

### Minister

Rev. Alistair Bill 3 Royal Lodge Park, Belfast, BT8 7YP 9079 9220

### Clerk of Session

Derek Henderson 13 Lenaghan Crescent, Belfast, BT8 7JE 9070 1017

### Head of Youth Ministries

Johnny Bell 9 Church Lodge, Moneyreagh, BT23 6ES 07793 243924

### Elders

Hugh Bradford	9070 3107	Harold Hamilton	9070 1673
Malcolm Buchanan	9096 2414	John Hamilton	9070 3589
Gordon Campbell	9047 1818	Heather Lowry	07702 137752
Robert Clarke	9070 2510	Jean McClune	9079 8294
Iris Francey	9070 1854	William McClune	9079 8294
John Francey	9070 1854	Kevin Maguire	9044 9001
David Greenaway	9044 9260	Ian Mullen	9268 9018
Andrew Hamilton	9081 4749	Heather Montgomery	9264 1477
Gavin Hamilton	9081 5687	Alison Templeton	9070 9294
Eileen Hamilton	9070 1673	David Thomson	9069 1068

### Temporarily Relieved of Duties

John Hutton, Alistair McCracken, Stephen Pendleton

### Elders Emeritus

Kathleen Press, Ethel Scott, Ken Bell, David Clarke

## Congregational Committee

### Secretary

Philip Hamilton 9079 0229

### Treasurer

David Thomson 9069 1068

### Financial Sub-Committee Convenor

David Thomson 9069 1068

### Freewill Offering Secretary

David McAuley 9070 4058

### Freewill Offering Convenors

Patrick Buchanan 9079 7072

Margaret Maguire 9044 9001

David McAuley 9070 4058

Paula O'Neill 9079 9861

### Gift Aid Secretary

Claire Thomson 07725 466095

### Grounds Maintenance Convenor

Gerry Carr 90703101

### Property Sub-Committee

Robert Clarke 9070 2510

Ken Bell 9064 6904

Ray Hall 9070 2196

### Health & Safety

Trudy Stanfield 9040 1572

### Editor 'In Touch'

Neil McKnight 07703 647081

### AV Co-Ordinator

Gavin Hamilton 9081 5687

### Website Manager

Paul Armstrong 07725 947840

### Flower Organiser

Eileen Hamilton 9070 1673

### Child Protection

Alison Templeton 9070 9294

## Non-Committee Members

### Magazine Agents:

Presbyterian Herald  
Reach Out  
Wider World

Maureen Drury 9079 9747

Hilary Cromie 9064 0279

Helen Craig 9543 8342

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Roy McCann 9079 0003

### Flower Distribution

Jordan McGrath 07746 503961

### Church Officer

Michael Holden 9751 9198

### Church Administrator

### Editor 'Annual Report'

## Districts

Session Member		Committee Member	
<b>A</b>	Andrew Hamilton	Heather Smyth	9754 3353
<b>B</b>	Heather Lowry	Ross Withers	07853 978407
<b>C</b>	Gavin Hamilton	David Rice	9752 1161
<b>D</b>	Alison Templeton	Victor Corrie	9070 5949
<b>E</b>	Eileen Hamilton	Neil Torney	9070 4237
<b>F</b>	Billy McClune	Neil Templeton	07528 210516
<b>G</b>	Jean McClune	Dierdre Withers	9064 3814
<b>H</b>	Robert Clarke	Alan Compton	9751 9683
<b>I</b>	Kevin Maguire	Ray Hall	9070 2196
<b>J</b>	David Greenaway	Gail Greenaway	9044 9260
<b>K</b>	Malcolm Buchanan	Gary Anderson	9070 3249
<b>L</b>	Gavin Hamilton (Covered By)	Vernon Gilmore	9082 6527
<b>M</b>	Kevin Maguire (Covered By)	Alison Mullen	9070 2625
<b>N</b>	Jean McClune (Covered By)	William Duddy	9070 1313
<b>O</b>	Heather Montgomery	Noel Smyth	9070 3315
<b>P</b>	Gordon Campbell	Linda Moore	9064 3954
<b>Q</b>	John Hamilton	Jonny McClune	07725 008210
<b>R</b>	Harold Hamilton (Covered By)	Brian Agus	9079 3527
<b>S</b>	Iris Francey	Rosa Parkes	9081 2334
<b>T</b>	Hugh Bradford (Covered By)	Grace McClune	9064 9294
<b>U</b>	Ian Mullen	Dorothy Stephenson	9070 2088

## Church Diary

### SUNDAY

#### Morning Worship

League of Church Loyalty  
 Creche (up to age 3)  
 Little Stars (up to P4) During School Holidays

**11.00am**

Lorraine Pendleton 9079 6513  
 Linda Moore 9064 3954  
 Laura Hamilton 9081 5687

#### The Ark

Beginners Sunday School 3-5yrs old  
 Primary Sunday School 5-8yrs old  
 Junior Sunday School 8-11yrs old

**11.30am**

Sandra Campbell 9047 1818  
 Rachael McAuley 07719 199442  
 Jayne Armstrong 07749 444529

#### JCB's

Form 1 & 2

Johnny Bell 07793 243924

#### Senior Bible Class

Form 3 & up

Alistair McCracken 9059 4143

#### RED

13-18 yrs old

**6.45pm**

Twice Monthly

David Rice 9752 1161

#### Evening Worship

**7.00pm**

### MONDAY

#### Rainbow Guides

Girls 4-7yrs old

**6.15pm**

Deirdre Withers 9064 3814

#### Brownie Guides

Girls 7-11yrs old

**6.30pm**

Christine Mooney 9070 3370

#### Girl Guides

Girls 10-14yrs old

**7.45pm**

Gillian Marshall 9081 7881

# Church Diary

## MONDAY

<b>Beechill Ranger Unit</b> Girls 14-25yrs old	<b>7.45pm</b> Alternate weeks	Heather Smyth	9754 3353
<b>Presbyterian Women</b>	<b>8.00pm</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Mondays	Audrey Bradley	9070 5221

## TUESDAY

<b>Tuesday Break</b>	<b>2.30pm</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesdays	Jack Cromie Rev Sam McClintock	90640279
<b>Squirrels</b> Boys 4-6yrs old	<b>6.00pm</b>	Colin Smyth	9754 3353
<b>Bowling Club</b>	<b>7.15pm</b> Sept-April	Michael Dougan	9070 5322

## WEDNESDAY

<b>Tiny Tots</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	Debbie McKnight	07786 635505
<b>Ladies Bowling Club</b>	<b>1.30pm</b>	Joan Boyd	9070 3158
<b>Young Adults Group</b> (18+)	<b>7.00pm</b>	Matthew Parkes Emily Atkinson David Timothy	
<b>Prayer, Fellowship and Bible Study</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>	Ken Bell	9064 6904

## THURSDAY

<b>Ladies Badminton Club</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	Helen Craig	9543 8342
<b>Needlecraft Circle</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	Iris Francey	9070 1854

## FRIDAY

<b>Beavers</b> Boys 6-8yrs old	<b>6.30pm</b>	Ann Cowan	9070 2291
<b>Cubs</b>	<b>7.00pm</b>	Neil Torney	9070 4237
<b>Scouts</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>	Ann Cowan	9070 2291
<b>The Vibe</b> <i>Meeting with Cairnshill Methodist Youth Club</i>	<b>8.00pm</b>	Johnny Bell Gavin Hamilton	07793 243924 9081 5687

## DVDs

Each Sunday morning (apart from July and August) a recording is made of the service, and reproduced on DVD. Copies of the DVD are available shortly after the close of the service. Contact Stephen Pendleton, Tel: 9079 6513

## Church Record

### Baptisms

2 <sup>nd</sup> February 2014	Hannah Grace, daughter of David and Jennifer Rice, Brae Grove, Ballygowan
23 <sup>rd</sup> February 2014	Noah Jonathan, son of Jonny and Corinne Patterson. Danesfort Park, Carryduff
4 <sup>th</sup> May 2014	Jessica Mary Ivy, daughter of Peter and Vivien McCarten, Glencregagh Drive
21 <sup>st</sup> Sept 2014	Holly Grace Hilary, daughter of Ian and Hilary Mullen, 26 Glenview, Anahilt

### Church Membership by Profession of Faith

Mrs Una Buchanan	40 Laurelgrove Park
Miss Emma Murphy	6 Norwood Park

### Church Membership by Transfer

Mr Jack Cromie	50 Hampton Park (from Shaftesbury Square Reformed Presbyterian)
Mr Fred Wilson	Hillsborough Road, Carryduff (from Carryduff Presbyterian)
Mr David & Julie Groves	Cairnshill Road (from Granshaw Presbyterian)
Kyle Whiteside	Garland Hill (from Carryduff Presbyterian)

### Deaths

9 <sup>th</sup> January 2014	Mr Samuel Roy Gunning, 14 Manse Road, Carryduff
11 <sup>th</sup> January 2014	Mr George Edward Lutton, 17 Cairnshill Gardens
22 <sup>nd</sup> January 2014	Mrs Elizabeth (Lily) Little, 4 Bests Hill Glen
7 <sup>th</sup> May 2014	Mrs Audrey Finlay, 13 Thorndale Park, Carryduff
25 <sup>th</sup> May 2014	Mrs Margaret Jane Mitchell, 80 Carnbrae Avenue
27 <sup>th</sup> May 2014	Mrs Letitia (Lottie) Barr, 82 Ballynahinch Road, Carryduff
29 <sup>th</sup> May 2014	Mr Walter Sidney Jones, 13 Beechill Park South / Orchard House
12 <sup>th</sup> June 2014	Ms Fiona Louise Campbell, 46 Greenwood Hill
7 <sup>th</sup> July 2014	Mrs Mary Alexandra Wylie, 18 Coneen Way / Breffni N H
30 <sup>th</sup> July 2014	Mr William James Atholl (Billy) Finlay, 13 Thorndale Park, Carryduff
9 <sup>th</sup> August 2014	Mr Drew Alan Johnston, 27 Glenholm Avenue
21 <sup>st</sup> Sept 2014	Mr Samuel McCullough, 4 Beechill Park East
31 <sup>st</sup> October 2014	Mrs Margaret (Margot) Campbell, Somme N H / Beechill Park
3 <sup>rd</sup> November 2014	Mr Stanley Crowther, 9 Sandown Manor
6 <sup>th</sup> November 2014	Mrs Alexandra (Sandra) Rice, 10 Mt Michael Park
9 <sup>th</sup> December 2014	Mrs Patricia (Pat) May Bradford, Malone Residential Home

## Summary of Statistics

All families claiming connection with the congregation	316
Families who contribute to FWO or Stipend	281
Persons of all ages included in above	702
Persons included in above figures who are 18 or under	178

### Average attendance at Sunday Worship

Morning	300
Evening	50
Infants baptised	4
Adults baptised	0
Persons on Communion Roll	280
Persons on Communion Roll who have attended at least one Communion during the year	228

### Ruling Elders in Kirk Session

Men	16
Women	6
Number enrolled in children's and youth ministries under Control of Kirk Session	110

# Session Report

We have many reasons to be grateful to Almighty God, for the blessings we have received as a congregation during the year just past. This brief report will attempt to summarise some of the issues and challenges addressed by Kirk Session during 2014.



## “Connectedness”

During the latter part of the year, a lot of time during Session meetings was given over to discussions about how we could make the best use of Sunday evenings. This included discussions as to whether or not Small Groups, which had formally met on Sunday evenings, should be re-started and if so, in what format. Our deliberations led to a much more wide-ranging discussion as to how we as members of Saintfield Road congregation can become better connected with the gospel message and with each other as individual believers. Sunday 23rd November saw the beginning of a process to involve members of the congregation in a conversation about how we as a church family can best take these ideas forward. This is an important and exciting time in the life of our congregation and we pray that the responses we have already received and the discussions still to come, will help us all to fulfil that part of our Mission Statement which encourages us to equip and mobilise ourselves for effective Christian witness in the local community and beyond.

## Mission Matters

The Mission Co-ordination Group, under the convenorship of John Hamilton, developed a Mission Policy which was accepted by Session. The three main aims are;

- SRPC will become more fully aware of all that God is doing locally and across the world.
- SRPC will support mission and our missionaries prayerfully, personally and financially.
- SRPC will encourage, inspire and mentor members of the congregation in recognising and responding to the call of God's spirit to become involved in Mission.

Newtownbreda CSSM once again flourished during the summer. We thank Neil Templeton, Helen Beattie and the many leaders involved in this valuable outreach to the children and young people of our community.

## Youth Ministry Matters

Once again we are indebted to Johnny Bell, for the energy and commitment with which he leads our Youth Ministry programmes. Over the eleven years Johnny, has been with us, his role and responsibilities have evolved and changed considerably. It was felt this should be formally recognised and therefore Session unanimously accepted a recommendation from Johnny's Management Group that a revised job description be drawn up. Johnny's new title is Head of Youth Ministry. The key areas of this role are;

- Developing and monitoring Youth Ministry strategy.
- Youth Ministry programme development.
- Developing new and complementary Youth Ministry programmes.
- Advising Kirk Session on youth related issues.

During the year just past we said farewell to our Youth Intern, Emma Bready, who made an excellent contribution to our youth ministry programmes and we welcomed our new intern, Bethany Parkinson, who has already made a very positive contribution in the various areas to which she has been assigned.

The many young adults involved in organising the evening services on the first Sunday of the month, are to be commended for the creative and challenging ways they have led worship and taught us about the “Fruit of the Spirit.”

There are many people involved in the numerous outreaches we have for our children and young people; in the Creche, Tiny Tots, Little Stars, League of Church Loyalty, the Ark, JCBs, Bible Class, RED, the Vibe, our Guide sections and our Scout groups. The leaders in all these areas of service are deserving of our thanks and encouragement.

## Personnel Matters

During the year, two of our longest serving elders, Ken Bell and David Clarke stepped down from their roles in Kirk Session. This news was greeted with sadness but with understanding and thanksgiving for the many years of faithful service both Ken and David, have given. Also during the year, due to pressures at work, Alistair McCracken requested and was granted a year's sabbatical from Session duties.

Catherine Myles, asked to be relieved of her leadership role in The Ark, for the foreseeable future. We would want to place on record our thanks to Catherine, for her work and commitment in this context. Thanks are also due to Joan Boyd, who this year stood down as the SRPC liaison person with the Presbyterian Children and Orphan's Society.

Kevin Maguire, continued as our representative to South Belfast Presbytery and John Hamilton, was our Representative Elder at the General Assembly, in June. Lynn Smyth and David Thomson, were appointed to represent the congregation on the board of Governors of Cairnshill Primary School.

## Kirk Session continued.

Following a review of the staffing needs of our congregation, Session recommended to Church Committee that additional administrative / secretarial support should be considered a priority. Just before Christmas an interview panel was set up and Mr Jordan McGrath, was appointed as our new Church Administrator. Session would want to place on record its thanks to our outgoing Church Secretary, Mavis Scullion, for the tremendous contribution she has made to the work and witness of our congregation over the last 16 years.



In the spring the Board of NUC (Newtownbreda United Churches) met and decided, somewhat reluctantly, to wind up the plc element of NUC with Companies' House. The ministers of the four churches will continue to meet to discuss how co-operation amongst the churches can be developed and improved.

Through the Liaison Elder scheme, regular reports were received on the health and progress of all of our church groups and organisations.

We thank Harold Hamilton for the diligent way he co-ordinates the various community groups using our premises and Robert Clarke, Ken Bell and Ray Hall, for co-ordinating the maintenance work which keeps our facilities in such excellent condition.

We continued with our practice of joining with the congregations of Castlereagh and Granshaw, for a united evening service. We also shared Communion Services with Knockbreda Parish Church and a united evening Harvest Service with Cairnshill Methodist. Along with four other local churches, we shared in a service held in the parish of Drumbo and Carryduff, during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

This brief report cannot acknowledge all those individuals who day by day, week by week, often quietly and unnoticed, play their part in the many different ministries which service the work of the Kingdom in this place but to each and every one we offer our thanks.

We thank and praise God for our Moderator, Rev Alistair Bill. We are blessed by his leadership, teaching and pastoral care and we continue to pray that God will richly bless him, Angela and the Manse Family in the days and years ahead.

**Derek Henderson**  
Clerk of Session

## Congregational Committee Report

Human nature being what it is, there is perhaps a tendency to pigeonhole people based on our stereotypical perceptions. Any such perceptions went tumbling in May when one of your Committee members, our Health and Safety Advisor no less, went skydiving with her accountant buddy. Whilst teaching us all a lesson through their youthful exuberance, Trudy and Una raised around £5.5k for the Marie Curie charity.

Back on terra firma the broad base of individual talents that collectively form SRPC's Congregational Committee successfully managed the practical aspects of our Church over the course of another year. 2015 brings a new addition to the Team with the appointment of Jordan McGrath to the new post of Church Administrator. The purpose of the role is to supervise and facilitate the day-to-day administrative operations of the Church, based in the Church Office and in close co-operation with the other church staff and volunteers. The proposed hours are 17.5 per week, spread over five mornings and a management team will be set up to assist and review the post holder.

### Property

Our Property Sub-committee, comprising Ken Bell, Robert Clarke and Ray Hall, had a busy year. At each meeting we were informed of a range of general maintenance work that had been carried out, largely by a small in-house team lead by Robert. The team would welcome new members and if you feel you have a practical skill that you could contribute on an ad hoc basis please have a word with Robert.

A significant refurbishment of the exterior of the Church Buildings was undertaken, largely through contract, during the past year. Wilgar Painters and Decorators, painted the outside of the Church, including the tower, upright pillars, headers, sills and doors at a cost of £4,914. It was noted that when the Church was last painted in 2005, the cost was £4,500. Down PVC of Banbridge, clad the Church and McAdam Hall soffits and fascia boards in white upvc, and replaced the guttering and spouting with black upvc, at a cost of £5,178.

For the first three Saturday mornings in October volunteers from both Committee and the general congregation prepared and painted the railings and gates around the Church. This proved a huge task as the metalwork had deteriorated to a greater degree than at first thought. A small section of railing had to be replaced and was manufactured and installed in-house. The improvements continued with the varnishing of the woodwork in the new buildings and the refurbishment of the courtyard garden. Thanks were expressed to Victor Corrie for faithfully tending the plants and maintaining a "nursery" to cultivate the colourful displays.

## Congregational Committee Report

A survey of the Manse has been carried out, identifying items requiring attention. The Manse Family prioritised the list and a programme of repair and refurbishment has been established. The initial priority is for new LED lighting and redecoration in the hall/stairs/landing area and refurbishment of the en suite bathroom. Quotes have been sought for resurfacing the Manse driveway.

Another season of grounds maintenance was successfully completed through teams working in rota, under the management of Gerry Carr. Similarly the cleaning of the Church Halls continues on a voluntary basis under the guidance of Robert Clarke and Heather Smyth.

### Sound System

A review of the sound system was carried out by 'Alpha', who had implemented the previous improvements in 2008/09. Three categories of improvement were identified:

- Must do – renew the mixing desk, radio microphones and projector – estimated cost £5k.
- Should do – provide additional monitors (small speakers); upgrade a number of microphones; and provide an additional camera to improve the quality of DVD's – estimated cost £2k
- Like to do – renew the amplifier and main speakers in the medium term – estimated cost £14k.

Committee agreed that the "must do" and "should do" items be progressed.

### Health and Safety

Health and Safety matters continue to attract a high profile at Committee with each organisation having carried out a risk assessment of its activities.

### Finance

A Financial Statement is published separately and your Committee is greatly encouraged by the sustained level of giving in the past year which has resulted in a healthy surplus in the General Fund and positive balances in each of the others. We are indebted to our Treasurer, David Thomson, for his dedicated management of our financial processes and accounts.

### Appreciation

The community that is Saintfield Road Presbyterian Church functions through many people's willingness to commit their time and talents to the furtherance of God's work in both practical and spiritual ways. The assistance provided in maintaining and enhancing the fabric of that community is greatly appreciated.

On behalf of Committee and Congregation, I would again thank the Support Team who contribute so much to the running of the Church and to our comfort. We are grateful to our Church Secretary, Mavis Scullion; to our Church cleaners over the past year, Gerald Mwangi and George McVeigh; and to our Church Officer, Roy McCann.

Nor do we take for granted our Chairman the Reverend Alistair Bill, who continues to guide us through our business efficiently and effectively in his amiable style.

**Philip Hamilton**  
Secretary

## Praise Planning Group

The Praise Planning Group, Ruth Thompson, Grace McClune, Debbie McKnight and I, meet regularly to select hymns and praise items for the Sunday morning and evening services. Rev. Bill, outlines the themes of the services in advance and we attempt to select praise which will help us all to focus on the theme for that particular service.

In our selections, we try to strike a balance between long-loved hymns and newly-written praise items and also to introduce brand new pieces which we believe will enhance our worship.

In SRPC we are very fortunate to have a wealth of musical talent, both musicians and singers, available to us and it is our intention to continue to utilise this talent effectively in the future.

Our aim is to be as inclusive as possible and to help all the members of our congregation to engage with God and to assist in developing a closer relationship with Him.

As always, we welcome any suggestions or comments members of the congregation may wish to make.

**Derek Henderson**



Jesus said, "As the Father has sent me, so I send you!" John 20:21

As the Father sent Jesus, into the world to show humanity what God is like - so Jesus sends us, wherever we may live, work, study, holiday etc., to reflect Jesus to those around us.

So how did that happen throughout 2014? Perhaps most effectively in ways that are not mentioned from the front of the church or reported in the columns of 'In Touch' or 'Annual Report', but in the day to day interactions of so many members of Saintfield Road going about their business and being used by the Father, Son and Holy Spirit to relate to those around them.

However the task of this MCG Report is to reflect the happenings of the things we do know about...

In 2014:

SRPC marked 25 years of support for John & Ruth Hamilton, with Wycliffe Bible Translators, as teachers in Ivory Coast, as well as Wycliffe UK staff.

John Timothy, was accepted by OMF, as a prospective missionary to Japan, beginning his third and final year of study at All Nations Christian College. Having enjoyed his Greek studies in year two, he took on the challenge of Hebrew in the third year.

Gerald Irungu Mwangi, graduated with from Queen's University Belfast Institute of Theology, with the degree, Master of Theology. His dissertation was entitled: 'An investigation as to how the Christian concept of God can offer a conceptual framework for leadership for church and for society among the Kikuyu of East Africa'.

Stuart Campbell, completed his GAP Year with Wycliffe Bible Translators, in the IT Department of SIL Cameroon. Stuart contributed and learnt a great deal.

In the summer Chris Pollock and David Hamilton, both went as staff to church camps in the USA – Chris, to Luther Park Camp, Wisconsin and David, to Long Point Camp, New York.

Aaron Patterson, went to Jericho, in the West Bank, whilst Rachael McAuley, went to an OM Camp in Bulgaria.

Others stayed at home and many were involved with Newtownbreda CSSM, whilst others joined church missions - Alison Templeton (Gilnahirk Holiday Bible Club) and Ian Mullen (Cargycreevy Bible Club).

As a church we supported Christian Aid Week, PCI United Appeal, PCI World Development Appeal, as well as Storehouse.

The Mission Coordination Group lost two original members in Claire Thomson and Jude Long (as she then was), who both stood down for personal reasons. We did however gain the talents of Chris Thomson, to inject youth and IT skills, alongside the current members of Lorna Rodgers, Alf Thompson and John Hamilton. We hope to announce new additions early in 2015.

Our achievements were perhaps more modest in 2014 but included:

A mission prayer evening based on the Midweek and Young Adults with others joining and focussing on Summer Mission. Mission Policy Guidelines, drawn up, approved by Session and now available on the church website.

The mission notice board in The Hub, beside the coffee bar, featured regular information about mission opportunities, plus news and prayer information about our SRPC mission involvement.

Looking ahead to 2015...

Our prayer is that we will continue to be blessed, to be a blessing to all in SRPC; so that every member of SRPC, will be blessed, to be a blessing to the world that our God created and loves.

Mission Coordination Group

**Chris, Alf, Lorna and John**

## Smarties - Bible Translation Project

Our involvement with the Smarties project dates back to October 1999 when it was introduced to us by Ian and Claire Gray, Wycliffe Bible Translators. Collecting 20p coins in a SMARTIE tube as a means of funding Bible translation was a novel idea and captured the hearts of many folks in our church family. The target of £150 per quarter/£600 per year has been consistently achieved and often exceeded.



Resulting from natural attrition over these many years we have been blessed and encouraged as new enthusiasts have come on board and our target has continued to be met. From January to December 2014 our contributions totalled £980, a wonderful achievement given the demands of every day living on family income. THANK YOU FOR YOUR ONGOING FAITHFULNESS, not forgetting to praise Almighty God who meets all our needs, in abundance. You will not be surprised to learn that 2014 was our best ever year.

Over the years we have supported projects in Ghana, Sudan, Nigeria and are currently assisting the Yaru project in S.E. Asia. This project is managed by Jock and Katy Hughes who returned to Yaruland in November 2014. Katy writes, "Fourteen days, four planes, five take-offs and landings, five beds, sleepless nights, hours of sitting at airports, a nine hour time difference - we arrived safely. Prayers are being answered as electricity and water supplies are provided for short periods each day. Even the internet connections are good and the long awaited rainfall has arrived. Jock and the team are doing the 2nd check of Luke with some people who haven't had any contact with the translation. This is called UNS (uninitiated native speaker) check. They are managing to do about a chapter a day."

Please continue to pray for Jock and Katy as life there is in stark contrast to life in the UK, e.g. dangers on the roads, lack of cool air; comfortable chairs; variety of food; fresh milk; rubbish collections.....

If you wish to know more about this work or wish to contribute to the project please speak to either of us.

**Kevin and Margaret Maguire.**

## Little Stars

Little Stars, is an organisation that meets on Sunday mornings during holiday times, when The Ark, is not running. We welcome all children, from the age of 3 to 8 years old. Utilising the same Scripture Union teaching materials as The Ark, during the time we meet; our aim is to learn about God and worship him in a fun, interactive manner, at an appropriate level for the children.

I would like to thank the many leaders who have helped out with Little Stars, during the past year, especially during busy holiday periods. I was pleased to welcome a number of new leaders this year to the Little Stars team. As ever, I am always in need of additional help, as we continue to have a healthy increase in the number of children attending. If you feel this is an area you would like to help out in, please speak to me.

**Laura Hamilton**



## The Ark...plus JCBs and Bible Class

We've had another great year in the Ark! Jayne, Rachael and I want to say a huge thank you to all our regular leaders as well as to those who came out to the Ark, from time to time, to help out with the opening session.

Every Sunday morning, following the First Twenty Minutes, children from the Ark or JCBs go to their respective groups. Some weeks, Bible class also meet. In The Ark 40 children from Nursery, through to P7, gather to continue worshipping God in the McAdam hall with action songs. After about 15 minutes, the younger children divide in to their own groups to hear stories, play games and do craft together. The P4-P7s, stay in the hall and enjoy similar activities with their leaders. All the children are very enthusiastic and really love worshipping and learning in this way!



During this year we said goodbye to Catherine Myles as a co-ordinator, although Catherine still helps out with the P4-7 group opening sessions. We were pleased to welcome Rachael McAuley aboard as a new member of our co-ordination committee.

Please continue to pray for wisdom, enthusiasm and passion for all the leaders each week as we share God's love with the children. Pray also that each child would learn more about God and grow in their relationship with Him through Jesus.

We are still looking for additional leaders! If you would be interested in helping in any way and would like more information, please speak to any one of us. Thank you to everyone for your continuing support!

**Sandra Campbell, Jayne Armstrong and Rachael McAuley**

## TinyTots

Tinytots, runs every Wednesday morning in the church from 10.30am-12.00pm. It is time spent playing, reading, singing songs and of course enjoying snacks. We had great fun at the Christmas party, with a visit from Santa and lots of party food! We love to see new faces, everyone welcome!

Many thanks for all the prayers and support for Tinytots.

**Debbie McKnight**

## RED



What an amazing year we've just had at RED. For those of you who don't know, or are new to SRPC, RED is a youth programme which aims to relate to, engage with & disciple young people aged 13-18. About 25 young people meet from 6.45pm to 8.30pm on the second & fourth Sundays each month. They bring a bucketful of energy, noise & big appetites - we're delighted that they enjoy being part of the community.

As for our leaders, in the transfer window, we said some sad goodbyes to Cherith Rodgers, Gavin Rodgers and Kirsty Moore - and we want to thank them for their faithful service over the last few years.

We were delighted to bring in new recruits - Bethany Parkinson, Lynn Clark and Hay Chan - who have hit

the ground running, bringing banter, wisdom & reliability. Old timers David Rice, Jonny McClune and Dinger, still steer the ship, with young pups, Emma Bready and David Hamilton continuing to set a positive example of Christian living. Andy Davidson has spoiled us with smashing grub - highlights including chocolate fondue, nachos and ice-cream factory nights. We wish Andy, all the best as he takes a temporary break to get married and we look forward to him - and his food - returning.

## RED

This year we've been looking at James' letter, exploring what it means to have an authentic faith in Jesus. Topics have included "facing trials & temptations", "getting God's wisdom", "don't have favourites", "faith that works" and "taming the tongue". It's an inspiration to watch the young people take their Christian faith seriously and see how it impacts their lives in school, with friends and at home.

Some highlights from this year have included...

- Our weekend away – including Giant Cluedo (for the first time in history someone was "killed" by a car ariel in the kitchen)
- Ultra-competitive, friendship destroying games of "Stop the Bus"
- Ultimate Sardines – who knew how many people could fit under Alistair's desk!?
- The great RED Bake Off - despite Chris Pollock's cheating!
- Christmas carol singing around the neighbourhood



Finally, we want to say thank you to the many people who pray for us, welcome young people into our buildings with a smile and celebrate the noise and mayhem they bring with them on a Sunday night... we couldn't do RED without you!

**David Rice, Jonny McClune & Johnny Bell**

## The Vibe

The Vibe, continues to run as a joint youth club between SRPC and Cairnshill Methodist, on Friday evenings. This has been another great year in which God has been at work in the lives of our young people.

As well as the usual Friday night frivolities, special highlights have included...

- Trips to 'Clip n Climb' and the high ropes course at Skytrek – unleashing the monkey's within
- Joe Bongo's return for a drumming workshop – because 40 sugar-filled teens just aren't noisy enough
- The roller disco at The Wigwam in Bangor – Gavin Hamilton, still has the same funky moves, which he learned in the 70s
- Michael Holden and Sharon Compton's, night exploring what it's like to live with a disability.
- Sarah Buchanan, slaughtering Jonny "the Hatchet" in the table tennis final to become The Vibe champion – such ruthless precision and fierce determination
- Bethany's, Christmas party – with great food, crazy games and photo booth.
- The leader's Christmas celebration with secret Santa – Wallace McKee, in a yellow Pikachu onesie, will live long in the memory (for all the wrong reasons!)



It's been great to see around 20 new members since September, many making the transition from Junior Youth Club. Also 5 young lads have successfully completed their Open College Network, Level 1 in Youth Work Training and 9 of last year's outgoing members have returned as leaders, bringing energy, enthusiasm and great new ideas.

This year we're returning to Romania, with 6 new recruits, with the intention to run a children's club, visit elderly residents and serve in practical ways in a village community. We hope that the youngsters will gain a deeper understanding of their Christian faith, culture and gifts; returning with fresh ideas to move the club forward.

Our prayer continues to be that young people will enjoy a fun space on Fridays, where they build lifelong friendships and encounter the living God, perhaps for the first time.

Do you fancy joining us in this work?

**Johnny Bell**

## Young Adults

It has been another fantastic year for the Young Adults. Through serving the community, eating junk food, studying the bible and praying; we have grown together in fellowship and in Christ. I would like to share with you a few highlights of the year, so you can get a taste of what we have been up to!

We've been to the Storehouse, now for so many years, it has now become a Young Adults tradition. As our church collects food for Storehouse, it is a great opportunity to see what happens to the food we collect - grouping certain foods together, packing bags for families, and loading food into vans.

One of the main highlights was our "Grill and Elder night". We were given an opportunity to ask questions to the elders of the church. This ranged from basic questions like, "What is the role for the Elder in the church?" to personal or theological questions such as, "How did you become a Christian?" The night was really encouraging and we all felt blessed to have such great people working as elders within our church!

Our main theme over the year has been our identity in Christ and we looked at the book of Ephesians, to help us discover what this means. Ephesians, has helped us to see the big picture of what Christ, has done for us and also the book has challenged us in how we should live our lives in Christ. Everyone looks forward to sharing with you in the near future – engaging through an evening service, some of what has been learned and experienced.

Looking back on the year, I thank God, for all he has done. I thank Him for all the things that I have mentioned above and the many more opportunities which arose throughout the year. Meeting with 'Mid-Week', our trip to Newcastle and the Christmas dinner. I believe all these things have contributed in bringing our group and the church, to a closer relationship with God.

**David Timothy**



## 104th Scout Group

### SQUIRREL REPORT

Once again squirrels have had another good year during 2014, in particular the youngsters raised a record amount for charity during our annual forest walk, in the spring time. This has a great educational benefit for the Squirrels as they enjoy a leaf hunt, finding flowers and evidence of forest life.

Continuing to meet in the church halls on a Tuesday Evening, we attract a number of families from the locality; most of whom sit and chat in the Hub for the hour that the Squirrels are with us.

Squirrels are becoming more integrated within the Scout movement, here in Northern Ireland, with activity badges being developed for the squirrels to achieve at the beginning of their scouting journey. Lynn, Michael and I, have been on training courses, so that we are able to deliver a fun and educational programme for the squirrels, during their time with us and also in preparation for their advancement to the Beaver Colony.



Planning has already begun to roll out these new activities during the coming year, which will involve more planning, for which I extend my sincere thanks to Michael Holden, Lynn Smyth and the two young helpers, Katherine O'Neill and Ben Sloane.

Outings and celebrations, as well as use of the church gardens during the warmer months are continually enjoyed by the Squirrels and your continued support and prayers are always welcome.

**Colin Smyth**

## 104th Scout Group

### BEAVER REPORT

The start of 2014 saw us transfer a number of Squirrels and brought the boys from the waiting list into Beavers.

In February we took part in South-East Belfast District Uni-hoc competition, where the boys did very well in reaching the County Final but were sadly defeated in the last round. Hopefully the experience gained here will be put towards their efforts in 2015. As usual the Easter Bunny visited our Easter party to deliver eggs for all in attendance.

We took part in the usual two Services in the Church during the year with the boys singing at the Service in May. Attendance always is better in May than November, with dark, cold, nights being a problem.

During the year the boys work for a number of badges including the Friendship Badge Challenge and Space Activity Badge, as well as gaining experience in scouting to take forward into the Cubs.

I would like to thank Andrew Topping, for his very valuable work; he is now being trained in Leadership to allow him to take a more active role. Every week we are very much indebted to the Explorer Scouts (in particular Oliver Smyth, Mark Irwin and Gavin Torney) who regularly turn up to help out. They are able to use this work towards the Duke of Edinburgh Award and we benefit from their time. It would be unforgivable if I did not extend a huge thank you to Ann Cowan, for continued effort, to help and guide our young leaders within the group.

Last, but not least, I would like to thank all the parents for the support we receive during the year.

**David Hamilton**



## 104th Scout Group

### CUB REPORT

2014 saw over one quarter of the Cub Pack achieving the highest award a Cub Scout may obtain – Chief Scout Silver. This is a shining reflection of exactly how hard the 26 cubs that we have work on learning new skills and developing themselves and others.

With an exciting and varied program running on Friday nights and the odd weekend throughout the year, we awarded 256 badges with a range from the Equestrian Badge to the Fitness Challenge. There is something for everyone in scouting.

Ardnaval Scout Centre, was home to our joint

Sixers & Seconders weekend where our young leadership team undertook the exciting challenge of horse riding & stable management. Looking on to our Summer Camp at Crawfordsburn Scout Centre, the cubs ventured off to do archery, crate climbing and pedal go-karts (to name a few), before digging into some backwoods style cooking, for dinner.

We were very lucky to have uncharacteristically good weather. And concluded the scout year with a traditional final badge ceremony where everyone's badges were awarded and personal achievements recognised.

The week in and week out of planning and running these amazing programs and activities wouldn't be possible without the leadership team we have from Neil Torney, Glen & Chris Pollock, Nicolle Johnston and Ian Moss.

**Andrew Johnston**



## 104th Scout Group

### SCOUT REPORT

I got more involved in in the Scout Troop over the last few years and have now left the Cub pack in the very capable hands of Andrew and his team. I was encouraged this year to see the young scout leaders we have, as well as the Explorer Unit, who combine to contribute to the running of our troop nights. They have a lot of attributes and sometimes need the space and encouragement to get more involved or even just be asked. It's remarkable what they can do! As always we are very appreciative of the current team of Ann Cowan, Matthew Parkes, Andrew Topping, John Parkes, Joel Luney and the Explorers.

Having had our first camp in March, just outside Newcastle, overlooked by the Mourne, we were disappointed to have had to cancel our second camp in September; as we could not get a leadership team in place to keep us covered. However, we will make it up in 2015.

Scouting presents great opportunities, particularly during camps. What other place is there to learn to cook 3 courses on an open fire with the Mountains of Mourne as a backdrop. Spending Saturday, with 'Life' the outdoor activity centre in Castlewellan and taking part in Coasteering and Canadian canoeing. We attended the Parish Church, in Bryansford, on Sunday morning and the boys took part in the Palm Sunday service, with Bible readings and prayers. We then returned to camp to change before going for a walk up the mountains returning in time to have a picnic lunch before the final clear up and home.

We completed the year with an autumn term, packed with activities, for which the Scouts received 7 activity and challenge badges. The highlights of which included taking 3 weeks making movies with clay models, Lego men, a camera and Windows movie making kit. The end results were fantastic and we all had an amusing night with food at Halloween watching everyone's finished article, set to music! Another highlight (more for the leaders!!) was a night of building Lego Machines. Trust me, I didn't think I would get away with that one at scout age, but believe me it was a great hit. Particularly with one leader who made a scaled model of his very own Land Rover, equipped with tow bar and trailer – see if you can guess who it was and ask him; he was in there for most of the night supposedly 'leading' the scouts!! – this was his masterpiece for which he did not get a badge, much to his disappointment .....

**Neil Torney**



## 151st Rainbows

Hello Everybody

My name is Olivia, I'm five years old and I'm the mascot for the Rainbows. Sometimes I visit the Rainbows at Saintfield Road, it's so much fun. They love to play games and sing silly songs, they even do creative things like colouring in, craft, gluing and sticking. Sometimes I even get my fingers stuck together but that's ok because the Leaders are always there to help me.

This year we did different things, we learnt all about hedgehogs and hibernation and one night we even dressed up and had a party. My favourite things to do are when we go outside and play in the garden learning about nature or when we go to Shaw's Bridge and look for things in a treasure hunt.

I have to go now, see you soon.

**Olivia**



## 151st Brownies

At the start of the new Brownie year, the girls and their leaders have a 'Brownie Pow Wow'. This involves lists being made and discussions taking place and when everyone is satisfied, the items are added to the programme for that session. To date this approach has worked very well and gives the girls a voice in the decision making.

The Brownies also enjoy meeting with the Rainbows, Guides and Rangers Units for the Church Services and at the moving up ceremonies. We have had two moving up ceremonies (January and September) owing to the high number of Rainbows involved. The ceremonies represent a very special time for the girls taking part and can be daunting for some. However, with a friendly welcome from the girls and the support of the leaders, the newcomers have settled quickly into their new groups. We currently have 29 Brownies on our books.

The last year has been a busy one with highlights including The Big Brownie Birthday Party at the Girls Model School, a visit from the Belfast Circus School and successful fund raising events for the Samaritans Purse and Stand By Me (the Brownies' chosen charity) – all this in addition to the normal badge work.

The girls remain busy, working on various badges and participating in a range of activities. We have a few surprises up our sleeves to keep them entertained between now and the summer break!

We would like to acknowledge the valuable help given to our Unit by our two occasional helpers, Sheila Clarke and Eleanor Timothy, and to thank the Reverend Alistair Bill and the Kirk Session and Committee for their prayers and practical support throughout the year.

**S Matthews, C Mooney, R McAuley, M-A Surginor, B Guy and K Matthews**

## Beechill Rangers Unit

It's been a challenging but rewarding year - with the help of some very good friends, parents and guiders, helping us out when and how they could, to them all a huge thank you.

We have focused mostly on Duke of Edinburgh Award this season, but did manage to fit in some other activities and visitors, such as a visit from Guide Dogs for the Blind and a gorgeous and very obedient puppy in training. The usual Ranger tradition of eating, some craft, and lots of craic and chat.

Four of the Rangers have completed their Gold DofE Award, which we are very proud of. Over the past 12 months they have carried out activities such as learning to drive, playing the clarinet, and singing as part of the skills section, volunteering at a local Ballet School, helping at SRPC Squirrels; for physical they danced, did martial arts and exercised at the gym.

On Monday 10th November, Beechill Ranger Unit had an evening with a difference when special guests, Robert Armstrong (Canoe Instructor and Assessor), Margaret Latimer (Belfast Guiding DofE advisor), Sandra Moffett, Carol and Lara (Xplore 14 – International Guide Camp), Kevin Maguire (Elder Liaison), parents and the guide unit joined us to hear from our 4 Gold Duke of Edinburgh Rangers.

To complete their expedition section, they gave us a presentation and photographic slide show of their adventures over their 4 days of canoeing and exploring from Leitrim to Enniskillen.

They also went the extra mile and told us about their residential section, which involved 10 days helping out at the Xplore 14 International Guide camp at Castle Saunderson, in Cavan.

It was a great evening enjoyed by all and the girls are very grateful for the support shown to them.

This season we have 4 girls registered for Silver DofE and 2 for Bronze, we wish them well as they embark on the challenges ahead.

For any girls aged between 14 and 25 who would be interested in fun, friendship and a variety of activities they would be more than welcome on alternate Mondays at 7.30pm.

**Heather Smyth, Susan Smyth, Suzanne Torney**



## Flowers

The flowers in church each Sunday are donated by members of the congregation this may be for a wedding or to mark family anniversaries or to commemorate the death of a loved one.

The flowers brighten the sanctuary and help lift our thoughts to the Creator God. After the evening service the flowers are sent to those who are ill, elderly, housebound, in hospital or have been bereaved.

This ministry lets the recipients know that they are being remembered and prayed for by the congregation. Thanks are due to Mrs. Helen Craig who distributes the flowers each week.

Anyone who could help by donating or arranging flowers please contact Mrs. Eileen Hamilton Telephone number 90701673

**Eileen Hamilton**

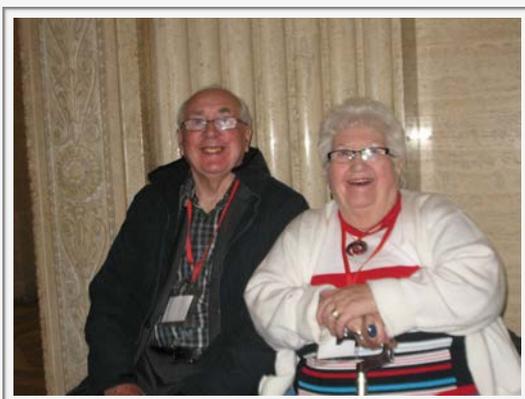


## Tuesday Break

Tuesday Break, meeting on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month, continued with an interesting programme of events throughout 2014. This consisted of six talks with guest speakers, two visits, an evening meal following our AGM, a Community concert, a New Year's lunch, a quiz, a carol service, a bowling tournament, armchair aerobics and our annual bus outing in May.

Our speakers covered a wide range of topics including clips from the Digital Film Archive, missionary experiences from Malawi, mission to seafarers, homelessness in Belfast, stories based on Roamer from the Newsletter and the Lagan Valley Regional Park. Our two visits were to the restored Nomadic Tender and to Stormont Parliament Building.

Our guests at our New Year lunch were Dr David and Mrs Maureen Irwin who spoke on their visit to China during Dr Irwin's year as Moderator. In February we hosted a Community Concert which was a CRN event. We were entertained by St Ita's Primary School choir and performers and by Rev Karen Campbell (Kilbride PC) who led a rousing session of community singing covering songs from Ireland, Scotland, Wales and England.



We visited the WWT Castle Espie Wetland Centre for our annual outing, where we enjoyed coffee and scones before proceeding to Donaghadee and on to Groomsport for an evening meal at the Stables Restaurant. We were pleased that Rev Alistair and Mrs Angela Bill were able to join us at both our AGM and our annual outing, and we thank them for their continuing support throughout the year.

Once again we are grateful to those whom have helped with grants throughout the year; namely the Belfast Health and Social Care Trust, the Castlereagh Borough Council and Tesco (Newtownbreda). We are also grateful to all those members who faithfully attend and who help with catering, piano playing and furniture arranging. It is amazing how much heavier those chairs become each year!!

We are pleased to welcome a few new members this year but with sadness we note the loss of five faithful members, Lottie Barr, Elsie Buck, Howard Forsythe, Sam McCullough and Eunice Stewart. We extend our sympathy to the bereaved family circles.

**Jack Cromie**

## Mens Bowling Club

The Bowling Club meet on a Tuesday night at 7.15 pm from April to September. During the calendar year it met on twenty-three nights, with the best attendance being sixteen which was attained on a few occasions. The most enjoyable evenings are those with above average attendance, but even on nights with low attendance members enjoy playing a friendly game or two followed by tea afterwards finishing usually around 9.30pm.

The Club League Competition, which is played over the season, was won by Noel Smyth by a clear ten points.

It would be a boost to the Club to welcome new members. If you have not played the game before come along and give it a try, you would be made most welcome. Please contact myself or any Club member for details – bowls can be provided. Thank you to all members who help each week in the running of the Club, from lifting mats to providing tea, without whom the Club could not function.

**Michael Dougan**

## Ladies Bowling Club

We have had another very enjoyable year, meeting on Wednesday afternoons at 1.30pm. Unfortunately we haven't had any competitive matches with other clubs, as those whom we usually play, haven't had sufficient numbers to provide a team.

Having 14 members on the roll our average numbers in attendance is fewer, so may I encourage all ladies to join with us? No previous experience is necessary as you shall be made most welcome. To end our session, we had an enjoyable luncheon at Malone House, which took place in March.

I should also like to extend my thanks to the men who generously leave out our mats on Tuesday evening and return again, after we've finished to lift them.

**Joan Boyd**

## Friday Cafe

This year, Friday mornings yet again have gone with a swing! Ten thirty seems a bit early for some folk, but come eleven o'clock there is a real buzz around the coffee bar. We have enjoyed some lovely baking (thanks to all who contribute!), and have been served by some wonderful people, with lovely smiley faces. If you haven't been before, you are missing a wee treat. If you need a lift, then have a chat to me.

**Eleanor Timothy**



## Alistair Bill - Sabbatical

Alistair Bill has been granted a sabbatical of 8 weeks, which he will take 14 April to 8 June, which with 2 weeks holiday means he will return on Tuesday 23 June. He hopes to go on retreat at the Northumbria Community and will also go to Regent College in Vancouver taking in the Pastors' Conference and part of the Spring School.

During his time away the Rev Dr Ian Hart (Tel 9066 7107) will look after any pastoral emergencies.

General enquires should be channelled through Jordan McGrath in the office, [info@srpc.org.uk](mailto:info@srpc.org.uk)

## Church Record

### Baptism

8<sup>th</sup> February 2015      Olivia Kathryn, daughter of David & Julie Groves, Cairnshill Road

### Death

24<sup>th</sup> February 2015      Hilda Williams, Glencreagh Court

## Dates for your Diary

29 March	11am	Palm Sunday, Lord's Supper & Reception of new Communicants
	7pm	Palm Sunday praise
2 April	8pm	Maundy Thursday in Knockbreda
3 April	8pm	Good Friday
5 April	11am	Easter Sunday, All Age Service
	7pm	Young Adults
12 April	11am	Rev Dr Ian Hart
	7pm	My Hope 2015, in Ramada Hotel

Alistair R Bill on sabbatical & holiday, 14 April - 22 June

26 April	11am	SU Sunday
	7pm	Presbytery Rally, in Malone
3 May	11am	Johnny Bell
	7pm	Fruit of the Spirit
10 May	11am	Pastor Alan Wilson
17 May	11am	Johnny Bell
	6pm	Organisations Service, Alistair McCracken
31 May	11am	Rev Rick Hill
	7pm	United Service in Granshaw
14 June	11am	The Ark, JCBs & Bible Class service
21 June	11am	Lord's Supper, Gordon Campbell

## And finally...

Thank you to all the people who have taken the time to contribute to this and previous issues of InTouch. There are more items that didn't quite make the cut in this edition, but I will make sure they are all put on the church website for reading at your leisure.

This new layout and overall look is an evolving, ever-changing concept that I would really like feedback and comments on, good or bad...all opinions are valued and will, if possible, be reflected in changes in future editions. If there is anything you would like to comment on please either speak to me in person or send an email to [n.mcknight@mac.com](mailto:n.mcknight@mac.com).