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31 AUGUST

WELCOME TO THIS WORSHIP SERVICE

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MISSION STATEMENT:

"To Bring people to Jesus
and **Membership** in His
family, develop them to
Christ-like **Maturity** and
equip them for their
Ministry in the church and
life **Mission** in the world in
order to **Magnify** God's
Name."

The Service today is
led by Mr Philip McClelland

The Praise is led by: Miss
Alison Chestnutt, Musical
Director and the Choir

Welcome & Call to Worship

Praise:

To God Be the Glory

Prayer

Tithes & Offerings

O God Beyond all Praising

Prayer of Dedication

Children's address & chorus:

Shine From the Inside Out

Prayer of Intercession

Praise:

Come Set Your Rule and Reign

Scripture Reading:

Isaiah 2:1-4

Sermon:

"The World's Only Hope"
Philip McClelland

Closing Praise:

Sovereign Lord, We Sing Your
Glory

Benediction

JOIN US FOR TEA/COFFEE
IN THE HALLS AFTER THE MORNING SERVICE

THE WEEK AHEAD

Thought.... **“The church acts as a sort of embassy for the government of the King. It is an outpost of the kingdom of God surrounded by the kingdom of darkness.”**

Kevin DeYoung & Greg Gilbert

TODAY Crèche Rota: Ruth Colhoun, Linda Allison, Charlene McCullough & Rachel
Security Rota: Sam Ingram

CHILDREN'S CHURCH TODAY FOR NURSERY—P4

6:30pm— Mr Philip McClelland, "Holiness in a drifting world"

8pm Prayer Meeting for Church Development in Dixon Room

MONDAY 1st **6:30pm** BB begins—see announcement on next page
7pm Elders Prayer Meeting in Primary Room

WEDNESDAY 3rd **6:30pm** GB begins in halls

SUNDAY 7th **10am** Congregational Prayer Meeting in Dixon Room
11am— Rev Dr WJM Parker
6:30pm— Mr Philip McClelland "Wholeheartedness in an Apathetic World"

Crèche Rota: Pamela Waring, Alison Connolly & Charlotte Henderson

Security Rota: Hugh Matchett

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ROSEMARY SPIERS is off on leave, and will be back on Sunday 14 September.

PCI POINTS FOR PRAYER HANDBOOK If you would like to order a copy of the prayer handbook for September 2014—August 2015, priced £2, please contact Brian Simpson on as soon as possible.

2nd ANTRIM BB COMPANY invite all boys to join the Boys' Brigade on Monday evenings in the halls. P1-P4 Bruce Hall 6:30-7:30pm. P5-P7 Majury Hall 6:30-8pm. Year 8—Year 14 Dixon Room 7:30-9:30pm. All welcome. Any queries, contact David Thompson, Captain

FOR THOSE THAT HAVE DONE EXAMS AND THOSE RETURNING TO UNIVERSITY God has your lives and the directions they will go in His perfect hand, no matter the outcome. You are precious to Him. Keep holding on to Him and keep looking to Him in everything. Talk to a young person today and pray for them—the Care Ministry

YOUTH & CHILDREN'S MINISTRY The Youth Ministry Team would like to invite all those involved in any way in youth and children's ministry within First Antrim to an evening of informal fellowship, encouragement, prayer and thanksgiving on **Friday 12th September from 8:00 - 9:30pm in the Majury Hall**. This will be an opportunity to hear from the team regarding their vision for youth and children's ministry within our fellowship as well as a time to pray for the year ahead. Supper will be served afterwards, please plan to attend. More details to follow.

LADIES BREAKFAST Please sign up today or next Sunday for the Ladies Breakfast on 13 September. The cost will be £5 payable at the door. The speaker will be Julie Hoey. Please pray for this event and come and bring your friends.

SAVE THE DATE! An event for everyone hoping to attend a GROW group this Autumn will be held in the Bruce Hall on Saturday, 20 September, around 7pm. Children will be welcome, the time will be confirmed, and more details will follow.

HYMNS OF THE FAITH why not pick up some leaflets today from the vestibules and invite a neighbour or friend along to an afternoon in the halls on Sunday 21 September @ 3pm. Tea will be served afterwards. It would be appreciated if Elders and those doing district visitation could give these out to anyone who they think would like to come along.

CONNECT NIGHT—are you in your 20's, 30's or 30's? Then join us for an evening of good food and good fun on Saturday 27 September at 8pm. We are having a BBQ meal in the covered garden at Moe's Grill (Junction 1). This will be a great chance to catch up with friends, or maybe make some new ones! Tickets will be on sale after church on the 7 + 14 September at a cost of £10 a ticket. This includes, meat, salads and a dessert. Get it in your diary and book the babysitter if you need to! Contact Helen Cardwell or Colin Waring for more details.

PRAYER LINE

SOUTH SUDAN

Over the next few weeks, it is hoped that many PCI congregations will be supporting the Moderator's 'South Sudan Famine Appeal'. The country, which was established in July 2011, is the world's youngest nation. Tragically, conflict broke out last December and since then, well over 10,000 people have been killed and around two million people have fled their homes. Four million people are now in need of urgent humanitarian assistance, including one million people from the Presbyterian Church of South Sudan - PCI's Partner Church.

Funds raised by the Appeal will be shared between Christian Aid, Tearfund and the Presbyterian Church of South Sudan's Relief and Development Agency.

- Pray that the 'South Sudan Famine Appeal' will be well-supported by PCI members.
- Pray for an immediate ceasefire and lasting peace in South Sudan, believing that 'nothing is impossible' for our God, the One who is Sovereign, ruling over all the nations of the world.
- Pray for the people of South Sudan, particularly for all those who are living in daily fear of meeting with violence, having their homes destroyed or suffering death; and for those who are injured, displaced or grieving the loss of loved ones.
- Pray for all in need of food aid, water and medical treatment. Pray that each person will get the humanitarian assistance they need in time.
- Pray for all working to bring relief aid to those most in need, that their efforts will succeed despite the very complex situation on the ground and the significant 'logistical' challenges they face.
- Pray for the leaders and members of the Presbyterian Church of South Sudan. Pray that they will find strength in the Lord at this time of catastrophe. Remember especially the Moderator, Rev Peter Gai Lual and General Secretary Rev John Yor Nyiker, as they seek to provide wise and courageous leadership.

For more info go to: www.pcimissionoverseas.org/get-involved/south-sudan-famine-appeal/

MIDDLE EAST

News headlines continue to be dominated by the very distressing situations in Iraq and Gaza. The conflict in Syria also continues daily and over the past three years, **thousands of innocent civilians have been killed and over nine million people have been displaced as a result.**

- Pray for Christians and other minorities who are being persecuted.
- Pray too for those suffering as a result of the continuing violence in their region.
- Pray that sufficient humanitarian assistance and medical help will reach all those in need in time.
- Pray also for the leaders in Iraq and other nations; pray that they respond to the challenge of IS (Islamic State) effectively.
- Pray for all efforts to bring a ceasefire and for a peaceful and just end to each conflict in the region.
- Pray for our partner church, the National Synod of Syria and Lebanon (NESSL).