



Clontarf & Scots Presbyterian Church

May & June 2023



From Our Minister – Lorraine

Watching children at play can be so entertaining. Their imaginations and their lack of self-awareness, is so refreshing. To my surprise I saw an example of this today that was centred around technology. I watched, one of our neighbours have 9 young boys over for a birthday celebration. They had hired a gaming truck. They sat together with consoles and played for over an hour. They came out with beaming faces.

As adults we often forget how to play. To give ourselves, not just down time, but the means by which to play. Be it gardening or art or reading up on a subject of interest, intentionally taking time to play, is so important to our wellbeing.

Eugene Peterson, in his book *“Working the angles”*, “suggests that part of the angle of prayer is keeping sabbath and healthy daily rhythms. Sabbath isn’t the time to pragmatically perform the chores or catch up on work, but instead it should be characterized by praying and playing.”

I hope this newsletter will encourage you to play, be it learning a new game or taking up one that you last enjoyed as a child.



This is my sewing corner. The beautiful old sewing box represents interests by two other members. Gerhard, who hunts for antiques bought it and David Adams, restored it for me.



These images represent two of my other interests as well as my armature nature of my abilities in both!





Diamond painting – hopefully to be completed soon, in memory of Maf.

Two more to go
received as a gift.
Also known as Crystal
Creations.



Valerie started doing 1000 piece
jigsaws during lockdown and
continued while recovering from
surgery.

And as Valerie puts it, 'I enjoyed the
challenge of completing them!'





Something different from Hilary.

..... and our Treasurer
Board Games galore !!!!!

**THANK YOU FOR ALL THE
CONTRIBUTIONS – MUCH
APPRECIATED ...**



What a joy to see the diversity of hobbies and interest. Thank you for sending the photos.
May there be more photos coming to show the interest and hobbies of the families of Clontarf & Scots.
Please do send those photo's to newsletter.editor@clontarfchurch.ie

Ian Jackson plays Taverners cricket during the summer months with a team called "The Grave Diggers" - named after the pub in Glasnevin where the team got started about 15 years ago.



Ian also enjoys Sailing: Howth in the 17 Footers class from May to October - a one-design class of old wooden boats that date from the 1890s.



Then there is Skiing: Ian tries to go on a week's ski trip every winter, this year to Arabba in the Dolomites, in Italy, with a group of "old fogies".

Ian recently joined the community and have started doing a weekly evening slot with the refugee centre in East Wall, as one of the tutors helping the refugees with their English language.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



EASTER EGG HUNT





Photo from Miriam at her workplace.
A door at the Saint John of God brothers



The beauty of the Cross
.....decorated with flowers.
It is times like this that we remember
those that shared their creative skills
whilst serving in the congregation.

Kirk Session & Congregational Committee

Monday 22 May	Kirk Session
Thursday 25 May	Congregational Committee
Monday 26 June	Kirk Session
Thursday 29 June	Congregational Committee

Services & Children's Ministry**May**

Sunday 7 May	Worship Service
Sunday 14 May	Worship Service & Children's Ministry
Sunday 21 May	Worship Service
Sunday 28 May	Worship Service & Children's Ministry

June

Sunday 4 June	Worship Service
Sunday 11 June	Worship Service & Children's Ministry
Sunday 18 June	Worship Service & Children's Ministry Family Picnic
Sunday 25 June	Worship Service & Communion

Duty Rota Guidelines**WELCOME DUTIES**

Thank you so much for playing this vital role in our congregational life.

Greeting people, dealing with matters of welcoming and directing people makes all the difference to visitors and members alike.

On Sunday mornings (and other services) you are literally our hands, eyes and ears.

Please have a careful read through the duty list. If there is anything you need more information about, feel free to check with Samuel (Congregational Committee secretary) or myself.

Thank you again for all you do to make each person feel welcome in the space.

The duties

- **Arrive 30 minutes** before service.
- Stay in porch for **15 minutes after the service** starts and ensures entrance to the Scots Hall door is locked.
- Stay at back of church during the service. Allocated reserved seating.
- Count the number in the congregation when taking up offering.
- Count children separately. If children going to Children's ministry count them as they leave.
- Give numbers to Steward on bank (FWO) duties.
- Please do not lock the front door at any time during the service.
- There will be rare occasions when you will have to deal with 'visitors' dropping in to 'see' the church.
- Just make it clear there is a service on. It is important that our own members can get into the service at whichever time they arrive.

In addition to the above duties:

- **Door Stewards**
 - 2 at front door and one at the Scots Hall door (Persons on Welcome & Key duties)
- **Masks** - optional
- **Sanitisers**
 - There is a stand at each door with two bottle of sanitiser on.
 - Folk to sanitise their hands as enter the buildings.
- **Leaflets**
 - Leaflets will be placed on the table at the main entrance and those arriving to pick one up.
 - Leaflets not taken after the service to be left until the following Sunday to be placed in the recycling bin.
- **Entry & Exit**
 - Only permit entry via the Scots Hall door and the Church Main door.
 - Permit exit via all three doors. Main / Clontarf road / the Scots Hall.
- **FWO**
 - Collection plates are in the front of the church and person leading the service will hand to stewards when announce receiving of Offering
 - Person on FWO can ask someone to assist with receiving the offering or ask families
- **Seating**
 - The pews have seating for individuals or families.
 - Help people to pews, especially elderly folk and visitors.
- There are people who need to have a familiar seat but most people are more than happy to make space for visitors etc.

We appreciate John Mitchel always willing to pitch in but please do check with him as he may not be around. Also if you are not able to fulfil your duty on the dates indicated it is your responsibility to swop with someone and notify Samuel or Marianne.

Rota May & June

May

<u>MAY 2023</u>						
<u>Dates</u>	<u>Keys</u>	<u>FWO</u>	<u>Welcome</u>	<u>Hospitality</u>		<u>Other</u>
7 May	Ian Jackson	Hilary Fairman	Gift Mwale	Margaret Conologue	Ashley O Neill	
14 May	Ian Jackson	Hilary Fairman	Gift Mwale			Children's Ministry
21 May	Robert Grealey	Hilary Fairman	Rudolph Van Wyk	Nadia v Wyk	Gerhard van Eeden	
28 May	Robert Grealey	Hilary Fairman	Rudolph Van Wyk			Children's Ministry

June

<u>JUNE 2023</u>						
<u>Dates</u>	<u>Keys</u>	<u>FWO</u>	<u>Welcome</u>	<u>Hospitality</u>		<u>Other</u>
4 June	Samuel Ritchie	Gerhard van Eeden	Manuel Pedro	Valerie Hughes	Anel Schoombee	
11 June	Samuel Ritchie	Gerhard van Eeden	Manuel Pedro			Children's Ministry
18 June	Elaine Adams	Gerhard van Eeden	David Adams	Hospitality Team – Family Picnic		Children's Ministry Year End
25 June	Elaine Adams	Gerhard van Eeden	David Adams			Communion Service

