



NEWSLETTER
MARCH

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

All Members are warmly invited to meet for the Annual General Meeting, held immediately following Service in the Scots Hall. Join us for tea and coffee, listen to the Reports for 2023 A.D. and reflect on what is to come in 2024 A.D.

RETIREMENT OF MRS SUSAN DAWSON

As you may be aware, this Summer Mrs. Susan Dawson is retiring from her role as our Presbytery's Healthcare Chaplain in Dublin. This is a role Susan has undertaken for over 20 years, visiting hospitals and nursing homes across the Greater Dublin Area. During this time, she has provided pastoral care and shown compassion to countless Presbyterian patients / residents and their families. This has been greatly valued by all those whom Susan has visited; by their loved ones, and by their Congregations. It is safe to say that Susan, and the care she has given, are held in high regard, and she will be greatly missed.

At our February meeting, Dublin & Munster Presbytery decided to give congregations the opportunity to show their appreciation to Susan. Hence, each Congregation's Committee are invited to consider donating from your Congregation's Funds towards Susan's retirement gift. You can do so *via* bank transfer using the details below, or by cheque, before the end of April. In addition, the Presbytery will match the total contributed by Congregations (up to €2,000.00).

Please contact Mr. Stuart Ferguson with any queries and thank you for considering this invitation to contribute.

Account Details

Account Name	Dublin & Munster Presbytery
Number	10454436
Sort Code	90-64-51
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Note: Please make sure you state what the donation is for if you are doing the donation online.

—SAMUEL RITCHIE,
Congregational Committee Secretary.

A KIRK SESSION INITIATIVE: HAVE YOUR SAY!

Following some feedback and discussion at recent Meetings, the Kirk Session realised that there is a need for improved communication between Members and the Kirk Session and Minister.

The card below has been drafted and will be available for Members in the coming week or two.

This card gives you the chance to raise questions with the Minister and Kirk Session.

- You may be missing someone from Sunday Mornings, and wish to make discreet enquiries;
- You may have a query about what it means to be Presbyterian, and wish to ask a question;
- You may wish to get more involved in Church, or just have a general query.

Please use this card. There will be a designated box. Questions will be treated confidentially as appropriate.

THE KIRK SESSION WANTS TO HEAR FROM YOU.

Members of Clontarf and Scots

Do you have an enquiry about a fellow member who you may not have seen for some time? A question to ask?
A comment to make?
Please write below, drop this in the box provided, and Rev Lorraine, or an elder will be in touch with you.

- I have a query about a fellow member. Who are you asking about?
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- I have a query about Presbyterian point of view in relation to current affairs
How can we help you?
.....
- I have a query about services, music, helping out, fundraising, or something else
Please fill in the box below.

Name and contact number:

CHURCH MESSAGES

GOOD FRIDAY
29th March
Service of *non*-stated HOLY COMMUNION at 7.30 p.m.

EASTER SUNDAY
31st March
Remember, the clocks change at 2.00 a.m. on EASTER SUNDAY—they go forward!

17th March

Keys	Helen Dawkins
Welcome	Leslie Dawkins
Free Will Offering	Christiaan Schoombee
Hospitality	—

24th March

Keys	Helen Dawkins
Welcome	Roelien van der Molen
Free Will Offering	Christiaan Schoombee
Hospitality	Jenny Collins Noelene Brown

Note: ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

31st March

Keys	Paul Collins
Welcome	Roelien van der Molen
Free Will Offering	Christiaan Schoombee
Hospitality	—

APRIL DUTY ROTA

7th April

Keys	Paul Collins
Welcome	Carolyn O'Neill
Free Will Offering	Paul Collins
Hospitality	Valerie Hughes Joy Dolan

Note: HOLY COMMUNION

14th April

Keys	Alan Bothwell
Welcome	Carolyn O'Neill
Free Will Offering	Paul Collins
Hospitality	—

Note: Childrens' Ministry

21st April

Keys	Alan Bothwell
Welcome	Rudolph van Wyk
Free Will Offering	Paul Collins
Hospitality	—

28th April

Keys	Ian Jackson
Welcome	Rudolph van Wyk
Free Will Offering	Paul Collins
Hospitality	—

Note: Childrens' Ministry

EASTER SUNDAY Sunrise Service

31st March

Meet at 6.45 a.m. at the end of the Wooden Bridge, Clontarf, for an ecumenical Service and to welcome the dawn of EASTER SUNDAY.

EASTER FOOD APPEAL

Clontarf & Scots Presbyterian Church is organising an Easter Food Appeal in aid of the charity, Aoibhneas.

For over 30 years, Aoibhneas has sought to challenge and eliminate all forms of gender-based violence and intergenerational abuse through education and awareness. Aoibhneas aims to empower women and children to live in safety and freedom from domestic abuse through the delivery of a range of therapeutic and crisis supports through the expansion of intervention-based accommodation and community services.

We have asked Aoibhneas what they need us to gather, and they have asked us to include sugar, tomato sauce, brown sauce, mayonnaise, cooking oil, salt, tinned tuna, cereals, strawberry jam, and bags of potatoes.

Please note, on this occasion, Aoibhneas respectfully decline tea, coffee, pasta, pasta sauce, tinned beans, peas, spaghetti, and biscuits as part of our donations.

Baskets to receive donations may be found in the Vestry on *Sunday, 17th March; Sunday, 24th March; and Sunday, 31st March.*

—CAROLYN O'NEILL.

DUTY ROTA

MARCH DUTY ROTA

3rd March

Keys	Ashley O'Neill
Welcome	The Cronje Family
Free Will Offering	Christiaan Schoombee
Hospitality	—

10th March

Keys	Ashley O'Neill
Welcome	The Cronje Family
Free Will Offering	Christiaan Schoombee
Hospitality	Myrtle Bailey Sylvia Wallace

Note: Childrens' Ministry

MAY DUTY ROTA
5th May

Keys	Ian Jackson
Welcome	Manuel Pedro
Free Will Offering	Carolyn O'Neill
Hospitality	—

12th May

Keys	Margaret Conologue
Welcome	Manuel Pedro
Free Will Offering	Carolyn O'Neill
Hospitality	Margaret Conologue Heather Porter

Note: *Childrens' Ministry*

19th May

Keys	Margaret Conologue
Welcome	David Adams
Free Will Offering	Carolyn O'Neill
Hospitality	—

26th May

Keys	Samuel Ritchie
Welcome	David Adams
Free Will Offering	Carolyn O'Neill
Hospitality	Nadia van Wyk Gerhard van Eeden

SUBMISSIONS TO THE NEWSLETTER

Should you wish to submit an article, a personal reflection, a notice or some other update or correction to the *Clontarf & Scots Presbyterian Church Newsletter*, all submissions will be accepted by e-mail to newsletter.editor@clontarfchurch.ie.

In Volume XXI of the *Newsletter*, each Issue will be published on the first LORD's Day in each month. Therefore, all submissions are requested to be received by the Editor not later than the 25th day of the month for guaranteed inclusion. The Editor will endeavour to accommodate late submissions for inclusion as best as possible.

—DARRAGH JÁUREGUI-HOGAN,
Editor.
