



NEWSLETTER

CLONTARF & SCOTS WORK PARTY



Clontarf & Scots Presbyterian Church intends to hold a work party on *Saturday, 8th June, 2024 A.D.* As is customary with all work parties at this time of year, there will be an enjoyment of the outdoors, some fun and some lifting. The work party, of course, is for

enhancing the beauty of our Church. The following is a list of the things for which volunteers are invited.

1. **Removal of unwanted dross in the Churchyard to the Manse.** Entry to the Manse *via* the rear gate at 48 Kincora Grove, D03 CV90. A skip will be organised by the Manse Family in due course. **Needed:** Manpower, bags, car boots, spades, pitchforks, containers.
2. **Painting of Scots Hall stone plaque.** Cleaning and painting of plaque. **Needed:** Sugar soap, bucket, scrubbing brush, cloth, artists' fine paint brush, small pot of Presbyterian Blue external paint (the precise shade is RGB: 45, 88, 167; Hex: #2D58A7).
3. **Removal of grass from gravelled area.** There are numerous areas where grass is penetrating the gravel. **Needed:** Things ordinarily needed for this purpose.
4. **Mains outlet check.** It needs to be checked whether the outlet is working. **Needed:** Polarity checker.
5. **Cutting of branches.** There is a tree overhanging the wall and pavement which requires cutting back. **Needed:** Shears, saw, ladder.
6. **Cleaning of drains and wind traps.** Drains are to be cleared of gravel and cleaned of debris. **Needed:** Rubber gloves, bags, Allen / hexagon keys.
7. **Removal of rust and re-painting.** Rust is starting to appear in external areas and needs removal, followed by *re-painting*. **Needed:** Screwdriver, sandpaper / wire brush, rust-proofing paint, silver paint, gloves, paint brush.

8. **Security floodlight.** Replacement of floodlight required. **Needed:** New spot light, ladder, voltage checker.
9. **Replacement of kerb stones.** There are several kerb stones which are broken and are causing flooding which require replacement. **Needed:** Replacement kerb stones, shovel, sand.
10. **Gravelling of the car park.** Four metric tonnes of gravel is to be placed upon the car park. **Needed:** Sourcing of the gravel (the type of stone is 804 hardcore gravel), organising delivery of same, rake for spreading.
11. **Stripping of tower kitchen.** If the mains has been disconnected, the kitchen and its fittings may be stripped and removed to the Manse. **Needed:** Screwdrivers, crowbars.

Other things need tending to, the particulars of which may be obtained from the Congregational Committee Secretary.

—SAMUEL RITCHIE,
Congregational Committee Secretary.

CONGREGATIONAL PICNIC

The annual Congregational Picnic will take place this year on *Sunday, 23rd June*, immediately after Sunday Service. The menu has not yet been decided upon but, as in previous years, I am sure there will be no complaints! There will be games and activities for the children. Further details will be sent to Members nearer the time. It is always a very enjoyable occasion, so do put the date in your diary.

—HILARY FAIRMAN,
Clerk of Session.

LAST TERM

As we get through the last term of the 2024 A.D. academic year, I have a few short videos exploring the church buildings and fixtures; all given from my own perspective. I have tried to be sure of my facts, though I am sure I may have gotten some things the wrong way round. I have been serving this Community for over 17 years now. A great adventure, and deep joy to me and my family.

Our understanding of the “Church”, in reformed dissenters’ terms, is centred on the People. We are part of the catholic (*i.e.*, the universal) Church, and we are a local Body of Christ. We are also aware of the function of our church buildings which add value and beauty for our gathering, for worship and to serve our Community.

We are grateful to all those who have sought to serve the LORD in generations past, and who have given us the responsibility of this sanctuary, Scots Hall, the School buildings and Manse.

And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near. (Heb. 10:24-25.)

—THE REV. LORRAINNE KENNEDY-RICHIE,
Teaching Elder.

FISHERMAN’S FRIEND



“Friend, pal, companion, BFF, bestie, soul mate—it doesn’t matter how you call us. Fisherman’s Friend likes to be by your side to

remind you of your own strength. And as real friends do, we are there for you in great and not so great times. So get ready to face your every day challenges. Stay fresh, be brave, be bold, be yourself and seize the moment. Whatever the day throws at you... Never be without a friend.”

Many years ago, in the early days of my time here in Clontarf & Scots, I came across Fisherman’s Friend lozenges. I had tasted them before, but I later discovered how helpful they were to keep my voice going during a Service. A lengthy and intense Service may take up to four lozenges, held in my cheek to keep my throat moist and my voice strong. I keep a box at the Pulpit in the Church, but I also keep a stash in my bag. They are ideal for keeping me going, whether during a meeting or the School Assembly.

While not to everyone’s liking, I find them flavourful enough, yet not too sweet, small, and slow melting. Marianne came to keep her own stock. She liked the Aniseed flavour but, for me, the Original was the only way to go.

But there is another attachment. The late Mr. Noel Bailey bought both Marianne and I a stock of them, as

well as a lovely tins to keep them in. Every few months, he would hand us a replacement stock. I now have both tins: the one I use in my bag and the other stays in my desk drawer.

Both these people made the above sentiment a truth in my journey: good friends, there in great times, and not so great, reminding me daily of two people who helped make me a better person. I am so grateful to the LORD for the gift of such friends.

—THE REV. LORRAINNE KENNEDY-RICHIE,
Teaching Elder.

LEAD ME TO CALVARY



Members of the Congregation might recall on *Sunday, 5th May, 2024 A.D.* the Worship Group, consisting of Helen Dawkins (Voice), Samuel Ritchie (Guitar), Carlos Amaro (Violin) and myself (Clarinet), performed at Service. One of the hymns performed was *Lead Me to Calvary* by Jennie Evelyn Hussey (pictured). This hymn features neither within *The Irish Presbyterian Hymnbook* nor the *Mission Praise* hymnbook.

Jennie Evelyn Hussey was born in Concord, New Hampshire, United States of America in 1874 A.D. and a fourth-generation Quaker. For much of her adult life, she cared for her invalid sister. Notwithstanding, Hussey was a prolific poet, and wrote 150 hymns; beginning writing poetry at the age of eight years and being published by the age of 13 years, also writing children’s stories for magazines. Of her 150 hymns, the first was published in 1898 A.D. at the age of 24 years.

Her most famous hymn, *Lead Me to Calvary*, though written earlier, was published in 1921 A.D., with music composed by William J. Kirkpatrick. This hymn is characteristic of nineteenth-century worship music in that it explicitly mentions Calvary and retains the usual structure and theology found in hymns of this period. What distinguishes it from other hymns is Hussey’s use of *anaphora* (the repeating of opening words in successive lines) and the rhyming of four successive lines:

*Lest I forget Gethsemane,
Lest I forget thine agony,
Lest I forget thy love for me,
Lead me to Calvary.*

This, of course, would have been easy for so prolific a writer and poet as Hussey. What is also remarkable about Hussey’s substantial output of hymns is that she was a Quaker. (The Reader might know that the Religious Society of Friends have typically silent

worship meetings and the congregational singing of hymns is not typical unless started by a particular congregant.)

Lead Me to Calvary is so popular that it not only is encountered in North America and Europe, but is popular enough to have been translated into Arabic, Mandarin and Spanish.

In later years, Hussey sought Baptism, explaining to the minister that she wanted others to know that she loved Jesus. She died at the age of 84 years, in 1958 A.D.

—DARRAGH JÁUREGUI-HOGAN,
 Editor.

Commissioned by Samuel Ritchie.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY, 2024 A.D.

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland will take place in Assembly Buildings, Belfast from the morning of Thursday, 20th June and close in the afternoon of Saturday, 22nd June.

Approximately 1,000 ministers and elders from more than 500 congregations, including members and delegates, are entitled to attend the General Assembly to worship, pray, celebrate and debate matters facing the Presbyterian Church in Ireland.

The General Assembly is the Presbyterian Church in Ireland’s principal governing and determinative body and its highest Court. Decisions taken in General Assembly may set the direction for the life and ministry of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland for the year and beyond.

DEACONESS TRAINING

The Presbyterian Church in Ireland is inviting applications for training as a Deaconess. Applications must be received by 4.00 p.m. on *Friday, 6th September, 2024 A.D.* Training will commence in September, 2025 A.D. at Union Theological College.

Deaconesses play a vital role across our church, including evangelism, prayer ministry, Bible teaching and pastoral care.

Enquiries may be directed to Ms. Helen Johnston, Mission Support Officer, by e-mail to hjohnston@pcinet.org or by phone on +44 28 9041 7265.

DUTY ROTA

JUNE DUTY ROTA

2nd June

Keys	Elaine Adams
Welcome	Roelien van der Molen
Free Will Offering	Hilary Fairman
Hospitality	—

9th June

Keys	Elaine Adams
Welcome	Roelien van der Molen
Free Will Offering	Hilary Fairman
Hospitality	Ashley O’Neill Anel Schoombee

Note: *Childrens’ Ministry*

16th June

Keys	Carolyn O’Neill
Welcome	The Cronjé Family
Free Will Offering	Hilary Fairman
Hospitality	—

23th June

Keys	Carolyn O’Neill
Welcome	The Cronjé Family
Free Will Offering	Hilary Fairman
Hospitality	—

Note: *Annual Congregational Picnic*

30th June

Keys	Ashley O’Neill
Welcome	Carolyn O’Neill
Free Will Offering	Hilary Fairman
Hospitality	Hilary Fariman John Dolan

Note: *Holy Communion*

JULY DUTY ROTA

7th July

Keys	Ashley O’Neill
Welcome	Carolyn O’Neill
Free Will Offering	Gerhard van Eeden
Hospitality	—

14th July

Keys	Helen Dawkins
Welcome	Helen Dawkins
Free Will Offering	Gerhard van Eeden
Hospitality	Myrtle Bailey Sylvia Wallace

21st July

Keys	Helen Dawkins
Welcome	Gerhard van Eeden
Free Will Offering	Helen Dawkins
Hospitality	—

28th July

Keys	Paul Collins
Welcome	Manuel Pedro
Free Will Offering	Gerhard van Eeden
Hospitality	Valerie Hughes Jenny Collins

AUGUST DUTY ROTA

4th August

Keys	Paul Collins
Welcome	Manuel Pedro
Free Will Offering	Samuel Ritchie
Hospitality	Joy Dolan Noelene Brown

11th August

Keys	Alan Bothwell
Welcome	Rudolph van Wyk
Free Will Offering	Samuel Ritchie
Hospitality	—

18th August

Keys	Alan Bothwell
Welcome	Rudolph van Wyk
Free Will Offering	Samuel Ritchie
Hospitality	Nadia van Wyk Ashley O'Neill

25th August

Keys	Ian Jackson
Welcome	David Adams
Free Will Offering	Samuel Ritchie
Hospitality	—