

BC Circuit Announcements 24.5.20

Pat Morrison is retiring from her position as cleaner in Ballyclare Church. On behalf of the Church council and the wider Church family I would like to thank Pat for her many years of dedication towards her role as cleaner. Ballyclare Church is a large building that needs continual work and yet Pat kept it clean, at all times. We wish her God's blessing in all that she continues to do.

Update

At the time of writing these announcements we haven't heard anymore regarding the normalization of Church life. Last week it was announced both by government and our own HO, that Churches could look at ways of perhaps opening up for a short period of time for prayer and also the possibility of drive through Church; both are still under review with respect to individual Churches in the connexion. I personally have reservations around both ideas with respect to practicality and need, but will keep you informed of any further developments.

We continue to pray for you all and in particular those who are suffering loss or are going through a difficult time- please know the love of God surrounds you and walks with you.

A few people on the circuit have asked me what date Eleanor and I will be leaving Ballyclare and if a leaving service has been organised. First, can I thank those who were involved in organising a leaving service for us but unfortunately, due to the current situation, this has had to be cancelled. We will look at perhaps another date later in the year. We leave the circuit on the 26th of June as we invite the Rev Bobby Loney and his wife unto the circuit praying God's blessing upon them.

Thankyou to everyone who has either changed their offering from envelopes to bank transfer and to those who have been posting in their offerings to the manse- this is very much appreciated. **Could I ask that if you are posting in your offering to the manse that you put your envelope number on the accompanying letter or cheque (if it isn't inside your envelope), as this helps cut the administration time. Due to covid 19 we are limiting the amount of times lodgments are made in the bank, so please allow extra time for the cheques to come out of your account.**

If you wish to (if you are able), to pay your offering via standing order through your bank, the details of the No 1 account are: **Danske Bank, Belfast Acc. No: 61001221 Sort Code 95-02-27**-please let either Tom, David or myself know if you decide to do so.

Or

Write a cheque (Ballyclare Methodist Circuit)/send offerings to the Manse: **33, Highgrove Drive, Ballyclare BT399XH**

Both Tom Abraham (BC), David McKendry (Doagh) and Mary Robinson (BN), have graciously requested that their phone numbers be available for anyone that may

have questions in regard to these financial arrangements. We thank God for Tom, David's Mary's willingness to do this.

Tom- Home: 02893349692 Mobile:07875102379.

David- Home: 93342029

Mary- Home: 93324354

*Thankyou to those who have forwarded me their email addresses to receive the weekly sermon/announcements etc. via email. If you have an email address and would like to receive the sermon etc. this way, (which helps cut the cost in posting), by email, please email me on:

stevebbc2000@yahoo.co.uk

*The Rev Andrew Boucher, myself and others have committed ourselves to ringing around you all to make sure everything is ok (if we don't have your phone number, please forward it to me on 07832774629).

If you are struggling in any way, please contact me and we will try and help (we have a small circuit team on hand who have graciously offered to help anyone in need). Please don't be going without essential needs/ prescriptions etc. as we are here to help you.

Be strong as we journey together, through this and out the other side.

*Please remember our accompanying sermon video messages (if you have access), on our website at:

ballyclaremethodistcircuit.com & Ballyclare Methodist Facebook

Thank you to everyone who is involved in keeping the Church going- your work and support enables us to keep declaring Jesus in these challenging times