



# PULSE

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# McQuiston

*Jesus Centred - People Focused*

## EDITORIAL

Dear friends,

I haven't been with you in McQuiston for all that long, but I feel like I've got to know some of you quite well. I've loved working with the elders and getting to know how you do things here in McQuiston.

Thank you so much for your warm welcome both in church and from those I've visited in home and hospital. My time with you has been a real blessing.



I'm so delighted that my good friend Philip Boyd has accepted the call to be your new minister. As we interviewed him, we heard his vision for McQuiston and we could see his passion for discipleship and outreach.



In practical terms, he combines an energetic youthfulness with a breadth of experience which I think no-one else at his stage in our church's ministry shares.

In spiritual terms, he combines a rich theological understanding with an ability to explain the Bible simply. He also has that rarest of graces, sanctified common sense!



I am excited about all that could happen in McQuiston during his ministry.

I pray that the Lord will guide clearly and bless richly the church in the days to come.

***Colin Burcombe***



## HARVEST GIFT ENVELOPES

It is hard to believe that summer is quickly drawing to a close and autumn is almost upon us. With autumn comes the Harvest and at this time of year we remember God's promise to us, *"While the Earth remains, seedtime and Harvest will not cease"*.

Let us take time to count the many blessings we have had during the year, the many things we enjoy and are eternally grateful for, and remember how these things are our "Harvest" for which we truly need to say, "Thanks Father, for your bountiful Harvest".

With this edition of Pulse you will receive a Harvest Gift Envelope which should be returned on Sunday, 15 October. This year we will split funds raised between the church and supporting local charities.



Take a few moments to consider what God has done for you in 2023.

Can we say our Harvest "Thanks" in a tangible way remembering that God's Son gave His "ALL" for you?

## SPECIAL SERVICES



**3 September @ 11am**  
Messy Church

**15 September @ 7.30pm**  
Installation of Rev Philip Boyd

**17 September @ 11am & 7pm**  
First services conducted  
by Rev Philip Boyd

**1 October @ 11am**  
Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

**15 October @ 11am & 7pm**  
Harvest Services

**12 November @ 10.55am**  
Service of Remembrance

**26 November @ 11am**  
BB Enrolment Service



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## ORGANISATIONAL NEWS

### Senior Members Fellowship

As summer ends and autumn begins, we acknowledge how blessed we are through each season of God's creation.



Our Senior Members' Fellowship will recommence on Tuesday, 12 September at 2.15pm and an invitation is extended to friends old and new; you will be made most welcome.

Our September meeting will be enjoying a good old "catch up" and of course a cup of tea with some treats. As well as singing choruses, there will be a devotional time, giving thanks to God who provides daily for all our needs.



In October we will welcome Bobi Brown as our speaker and hopefully John McCandless will join us in November to help make Christmas crafts.

Young at Heart

In December there will be the Christmas service, when members will participate in carols and readings, followed by a Christmas tea.

We remember our Seniors who have been unable to join us in fellowship due to illness. Our prayers are that they may know God's healing and that soon they will be able to meet with us again. For our members in nursing care we look forward to visiting them to bring love and greetings from their friends in Seniors and the Church family. May God's peace and blessing be with us all.



*Eileen Kelso and Hilary Hawthorne*

### Transformers



As we start a new Church year, we welcome new and returning children to Transformers. We would ask for prayers for the children, their parents and leaders. We pray that the leaders had a peaceful and restful summer, that they come back full of enthusiasm and new ideas to engage the children and also to tell them of the love of Jesus. If anyone would like any information please contact any of the leaders.

*Heather Sergeant*

## Boys' Brigade

In the past year we have had a great time with the boys doing all sorts of games and activities. They all received their well-earned badges and awards at our parents' night back in May, which was great fun for both the boys and parents, who got involved in many of the games.



The most noteworthy of all those awards being the huge achievement of Queen's Badges for the 3 senior boys - Michael Greenwood, Aaron Greenwood and Ross Elliott. These boys worked extremely hard in all areas to achieve the top award in the BB and we are very proud of their achievement.

As we now head towards a new BB term starting on Friday, 22 September, we are looking to recruit new boys in all sections (ages 4-18). We would also be extremely grateful of new potential leaders who could prayerfully consider joining our team in our mission to advance Christ's Kingdom among boys in the local neighbourhood. Thanks for all your help, support and prayer for our BB in McQuiston; it means so much to all the boys and their leaders.



***Stephen Briggs***

## McQuiston Toddlers

Following a great first year at toddlers, we look forward to seeing how God continues to bless us as we head into the next school year. Over the past 12 months we have welcomed several new families through the doors of our church to join us each Friday morning for play time, music and snacks.



Many of the families returned week after week, which has been incredibly encouraging for the leaders. We are so grateful to God for the relationships that have been formed, and continue to pray for opportunities to reach out to those in our local community as we prepare for the year ahead.



Toddlers will resume on Friday, 22 September, meeting each week from 10.00-11.30. All toddlers of pre-school age and their parents, grandparents or carers are very welcome.

***Rachel Briggs***

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Rev Philip Boyd Installation

Our new minister, the Rev Philip Boyd, will be installed in McQuiston on Friday, 15 September at 7.30pm followed by supper. Please plan to attend this historic occasion as the Rev Boyd becomes the 9th minister of McQuiston.



Philip will be joined with his wife Naomi, his parents, brothers and their families. It is also understood that there will be representatives from Portrush, Bloomfield and Legacurry Presbyterian churches and other friends.



The Rev Boyd will commence his ministry on Sunday 17 September at 11am and 7pm.

### Messy Church

Messy Church will take place on Sunday 3 September 2023, 11am-12.45pm. Our theme is Back to School with God. There will be singing, quizzes, story, games, crafts and a lot more including a BBQ lunch. Children must bring an adult.



All members of the church family are welcome to come and join us. There will be activities for all to be involved. There is a planning meeting for this event Tuesday 29 August @7.00 pm. If you would like to help in anyway, please speak to Kerry Sutton or Paula McKeown.



## Coffee with Jesus

Coffee with Jesus is exactly what it claims to be, a time of studying God's word, prayer, alongside coffee and cake. Women from the congregation meet at 9.30-10.30am in the Youth Room (two Thursdays a month) where we have a coffee and catch up and discuss the chapters of the book which we have read in advance.



We have recently completed Cathy Madavan's *Digging for Diamonds*. This book challenged us to discover more of the life-transforming treasures of our identity, strength, character and purpose that God has already placed within us.

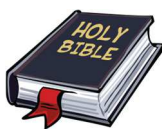


Each time we meet we end with a time of prayer; praying for one another, the church, the world and anything/anyone else the Lord puts on our hearts.

This group has really been an encouragement to the women involved and their commitment to it has proven how important they think it is as part of their faith journey. If you would be interested in coming along in September or would like some further information about the books we study, please speak to Paula McKeown.



**Paula McKeown**



## Bible Reading Notes

Bible Notes are an effective way to help us develop our knowledge of God's word and to spend time listening to His voice.

If you would like to further your journey with God, why not order some Bible Reading Notes either for yourself or for someone else. There are a range of Bible Notes available – quarterly or annual books.

Please speak to myself (07799 772372) if you want to place an order.



**Raymond Wray**



## Pastoral Visitations

I can hardly believe it's time again for our article in the autumn edition of Pulse. Eileen and myself have continued to visit our members throughout the summer. We have been saddened by the loss of some of our Church family during the past few months and we do miss them.



To have been called to this ministry is indeed a blessing and a privilege. The ability to visit our members in their homes and their care homes to have a chat, to listen, read and pray with them is indeed a blessing and we hope to see you all soon.

Gods richest blessings. Love always,

***Hilary Hawthorne and Eileen Kelso***

## Storehouse

Storehouse continues to provide an important ministry to those in our community who are in need of help in these struggling times.



With your continued help by financial and food donations those who avail are thankful that some pressure can be removed from their lives.



Our grateful thanks go to John McCandless who organises the distribution of the food and financial aid. Thanks must also go to those members of our congregation who faithfully support this ministry.

***Alan Bousfield***





# OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



Operation Christmas Child is the world's largest children's Christmas project.

Last year over 1.2 million shoeboxes packed full of gifts and goodies were wrapped, packed and sent to disadvantaged children from the UK alone. It all boils down to one gift, from one individual to another. So this Christmas share the power of a simple gift of spreading love, joy, hope and smiles.

Thanks to a huge army of volunteers who give their time to help make this Christmas Miracle come to life, they deliver gifts by hand to children in need living in Africa, Eastern Europe or Central Asia.

McQuiston has been involved in this ministry for almost two decades and we continue to need your help to make a difference to children across the world spreading the love of Jesus Christ to those who have never heard His message.

If you haven't helped before, it is easy to get involved and a lot of fun!



1. Take a shoebox (available from mid September) and transform it into a gift of love.
2. Wrap shoebox and lid separately
3. Fill shoebox with gifts
4. Enclose a gift of £5.00 (*cheque – payable to Samaritan's Purse*) to cover costs). Envelopes are provided in the vestibule
5. Attach the appropriate boy/girl sticker on the outside of the lid, ticking the correct age category.



Please note boxes are not distributed to babies or adults.

All shoeboxes should be brought to church on or before the morning service of **Sunday 29 October**.

Please help us by getting involved this year with your family, your friends and your neighbours. Why not encourage your workplace or school to help also? Online resources are available which you can use to promote this ministry.

Should you be unable to make a shoebox but would like to make a contribution, please speak to Roberta Graham so that your donation can be transformed into a shoebox in time for dispatch to the children.



THE POWER  
of  
SIMPLE  
GIFT

## EACH NEW DAY

Autumn has arrived and with it the beginning of a new Church year. Hopefully members will have had a refreshing break over the summer months wherever that may have been, or whatever you decided to do.



Once again September brings the commencement of activities and organisations within the Church. For those who have been in leadership roles or with responsibilities in McQuiston, the opportunity comes again under God's guidance, as to whether or not to continue with these undertakings, or whether the Lord is leading in other directions.



Indeed, for all followers of Jesus, we are to seek this guidance as to the particular 'calling' God has for us in the days ahead.

1 Peter 4 vs 10 tells us *"God has given each of you some special abilities; be sure to use them to help each other, passing on to others God's many kinds of blessings."*



As our new minister, Rev Philip Boyd, has responded to the Lord's call on his life to serve and work in McQuiston, it is our duty and privilege to support him as he takes on his new duties and workload.

The prayer support of each member will be much appreciated by Philip and his wife, Naomi. It is necessary that we also remember to pray regularly for all the Church activities and organisations that take place each week; and for the leaders, and the many children and adults who come into the church day by day.



Another instruction, which we are given for daily living, is in 1 Thessalonians 5 vs 18, *"In every situation [no matter the circumstances] be thankful and continually give thanks to God; for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus."*

It is relatively easy to 'give thanks' when all is going well in our lives; when we are in good health; when we do not have financial worries, or family difficulties; and our work bring us contentment.



However, it can be difficult (indeed can be very difficult) when we are facing trials, challenges, disappointments, heartache, worry, uncertainty, sadness or even death.



This verse tells us that the ‘thanks’ we give are for God’s strength and enabling ‘in’ or ‘through’ all circumstances we face, both good or bad.

One example, given in the Bible, is of Habakkuk, who faced difficulties. Yet, we read that he said: *“Though the fig-tree does not bud and there are no grapes on the vines, though the olive crop fails, and the fields produce no food, though there are no sheep in the sheepfold and no cattle in the stalls, yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will be joyful in God my Saviour.”*

Habakkuk knew that the Sovereign Lord was his strength, his support and his guide. As he prayed from the bottom of his heart (showing his sincerity), he knew God would carry him through.



We can prove that in our life experiences also. In doing so, this will be a witness to others.

Let us remember that each new day is a rich and precious gift from God, with new grace and new opportunities. Yet there can be occasions when we wake up in bad form, or with a headache, or tired, with little joy in our hearts.



We have the power within us to set the tone for the day in the family, in the workplace and in our encounters with others.

I try nowadays, on waking, to turn my first thoughts to Almighty God, my Creator, my Saviour, my Lord, remembering Psalm 118:24, *“This is the day that the Lord has made, let us be glad and rejoice in it.”*



Also, Psalm 100, *“Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise.”*

I read recently – “Each morning is a new opportunity to reflect on God’s work in your life. Each and every day your slate is wiped clean by Jesus’ sacrifice on the cross.”

Therefore, we can trust in the words of Lamentations 3 vs 22 - 23: *“The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness.”*

**Anna Johnston**

Ahead of Rev Philip Boyd joining us as our new minister in September, we caught up with him in August to find out a little more about him.

### **Tells us a bit about your background?**

I lived at Wingrove Gardens, Orby Grange and then Knockhill Park, attending Elmgrove Primary and then the Royal Belfast Academical Institution.

I then went to the Belfast Bible College and gained a Bachelor of Theology.

### **Where is your home congregation?**

Bloomfield Presbyterian

### **Can you share with us some details about your family?**

My mum and dad are called Susan and Ernest, and I have 2 older brothers who both have their own families; and last August I got married to Naomi.

### **You were last in McQuiston in 2012/13 as a Ministry Intern what did you do after leaving us?**

I went to Australia for a year and met up with the Rev David Campbell.



On returning to Northern Ireland I worked in the Civil Service for about 6 months, after which I applied to Union College.

I completed my Masters in Theology in addition to other qualifications. I then served as a summer assistant in Dundonald; Trinity, Boardmills and then as a full time assistant in Legacurry, Lisburn for almost 3 years.

## **How did you become “Assistant to the Moderator” in Portrush last year?**

The minister of Portrush, the Right Rev John Kirkpatrick spoke with the Clerk and Deputy Clerk of the General Assembly and it was agreed that the Rev Kirkpatrick would contact me to discuss the possibility of me becoming his assistant during his time as Moderator.

He telephoned me on my mobile whilst I was standing on the Kop at Liverpool watching a match! We spoke for a period, I was then interviewed by the Kirk Session of Portrush and was ordained as an Assistant to the Moderator last April.

## **What benefits have you gained over these years?**

It has provided renewed enthusiasm to do the job after a difficult enough time as assistant due to Covid.

The biggest benefit was the experience of being the only minister. After a month working together, John was away the whole time, providing me with invaluable experience of doing everything the minister has to do: planning and leading two services each week, chairing Kirk Session and committee meetings, being responsible for pastoral care, and doing baptisms, weddings, and funerals.

Portrush was also an excellent location for thinking about outreach and evangelism as we tried lots of different ways to reach out to the many people coming past our church building each day.

## **What encouragements did you receive when thinking about coming to McQuiston?**

I was very open-minded about which congregation God would call us to and so met with the elders seeking His leading and asking that He would show me a congregation I could work well with.

When I met with the elders of McQuiston there was a real sense of joy and enthusiasm that I maybe wasn't expecting. This was really evident during our two meetings and then when I came to preach on the Sunday, the warm and enthusiastic fellowship continued into the wider congregation where Naomi and I both felt very at home.

I'm excited to help people meet Jesus and grow in their relationship with Him and the fact that God has called me to do that in an area I know and love is very exciting.

I went to Elmgrove Primary School and worked in the Tesco across the road so this part of East Belfast has always been on my heart and I can't wait to see how God will use us together to continue to be a gospel witness in the Castlereagh Road area.

**Last August you married Naomi, what can you share with us about your relationship?**

We were married last August in Dundonald Presbyterian where her father is the minister. She has a Masters in International Business Law and is currently training to be a solicitor. Naomi felt really at home the Sunday we were with you in McQuiston and is looking forward to settling into congregational life even as things are busy!

**Music plays an important role in McQuiston. How can you add to that ministry?**

I have heard Mark and his colleagues play in church and have attended some Music @ McQuiston events. Unfortunately, I don't have any musical talents but am passionate about our worship being accessible, relevant, and most-importantly God-glorifying. What matters most about our worship, isn't about particular styles but whether it's rich in biblical truth.

**Are you both looking forward to living in the Manse and joining the congregation, what challenges do you foresee?**

It will be great to live in the Manse. Every church has its fair share of challenges these days and as society continues to change around us we have to constantly be creative in how we reach out with the truth of the gospel to a community that is no longer coming to us.

The challenges of changing demographics, an aging congregation, and a large building are familiar to many churches around. The fact we have been given a seven-year reviewable tenure because of these challenges can feel daunting but it needn't be.

This is in fact an opportunity to seek God's will for the future of gospel witness in our part of East Belfast and to try and see how we can play our part in sharing the Good News of the gospel with those He placed around us.

**What are your hobbies/interests?**

We love eating out and going to the cinema. We also love holidays and indeed we visited Australia last February / March.

### **Have you thought of a theme for your services in 2023/24?**

I plan to start with the gospel of Mark and work our way through it. I really just want to start our time in McQuiston my focusing on who Jesus is and all that He has done for us.

Mark is the shortest gospel and he usually gets straight to the point, telling us exactly what we need to know. In the evenings we'll look at a few different topics, but with an emphasis on the Old Testament to complement the mornings.

### **Have you a favourite verse/passage from the Bible and favourite hymn?**

I have a few including Philippians 2 vs 1 – 11, Deuteronomy 30 and the Book of Psalms. Singing Psalm 100 has always been meaningful to me and I really enjoy finding modern settings of the Psalms to sing in congregational worship.

I particularly enjoy songs by CityAlight and Sovereign Grace at the moment.

Rev Philip Boyd will be installed in McQuiston on Friday 15 September at 7:30pm. Please plan to join us for this important occasion. Philip will then commence worship services on Sunday 17 September.

John McCandless, our Community Outreach Worker, will retire at the end of September. His part-time position commenced in October 2019 for an initial 3 years and was extended for one further year.



The preparation that John put into the activities he has undertaken has been superb and many children and adults have benefited from his arts/crafts expertise, floral arrangements, spiritual messages, along with his care and concern for others.

Johns' enthusiasm for connecting with the community and sharing the gospel has been unwavering. We pray that the seeds of God's love which he has planted with people will continue to grow and flourish.

We give thanks to John for helping us in our Church's outreach to young and old who live in the area and to those who attend our organisations. We also express our thanks to the PCI Council for Mission in Ireland who have helped fund this position.



We wish John well for the future and that he and Lana will enjoy the next stage of their lives and that God will richly bless them.



## OUTREACH UPDATE

There is a single word in Chinese/Mandarin that when translated into English becomes two words, "Opportunity and Challenge" - they both go together you see.

Our work in McQuiston has brought these two powerful words hand in hand to us. When we find opportunity in our outreach it can bring a challenge and vice versa, when we face a challenge, it can present an opportunity.



Our work in the community has been blessed with both opportunities and challenges throughout the year. Might I also say it has not been without fun, enjoyment and interest as we did it.



I must thank you first of all for your support and encouragement in all the things I have been involved in; you have prayed for my work and have supplied me with food stuffs for the Storehouse.



I can tell you that there has been many opportunities through this ministry on the doorsteps of people in need, including people from other lands— Iran, Moldova, Slovakia, Saudia Arabia, South Africa, Poland and Cameroon.



I love the fun we have in our halls reaching and encouraging people who come in off the street, from the young to the not so young.

Lots of fun is had here every week in Transformers, Craic 'n' Coffee, Seniors Members Fellowship; not to mention the work that goes on with Toddlers, M&M Kids and Boys' Brigade.



Someone once penned the phrase "There is no letter 'I' in the word team" and I am happy to work with a team because we build on each other's strengths.

Our outreach team is headed up by Linda Wray and has been to two local primary schools, Elmgrove and Euston Street, no less than 6 times a year at seasonal times. We worked with up to 300 pupils at Easter, Christmas and end of school term.



We have a number of events planned for you to look forward to in the autumn and winter including a Ladies Night, Seniors Members Fellowship craft afternoon, a night for the men and a super time with the schools as they restart in September.



It's a challenge, but also an opportunity and a privilege. There is much organising, preparation and delivering on the day with this lovely outreach but it is worthwhile for the team.

I must thank the team for putting up with me, Linda, Raymond, John, Angela, Ken and Heather who have been in the thick of it.

We have celebrated the King's coronation in style and a super Spring Ladies Night, with one in the planning for October - watch Fellowship this space!



Most of all we give thanks to God who gives us grace to work with the challenges which each opportunity brings to share His Love and bring others unto Him.

***John McCandless***

Seasonal times bring us opportunities to call at the neighbours and local traders with gifts to celebrate our Lord's birth and His death and resurrection.

Each of them have been so happy to see us at their doorstep.



## HARVEST REFLECTION

My family recently got our first dog, a little rescue mix of a retriever and poodle and who knows what else! This has been wonderfully exciting!



I have bought her toys and brought her on walks, but she has still not shown me any love or appreciation in return - not even a wag of the tail.

I call her to come and she stays where she is. I ask her to sit beside me and she walks away.



I have always wanted a dog but my wife felt that five kids were enough to look after. I love dogs and my friends' dogs all love me but now we have one I am still trying to win our Bella's love.

Bella loves my daughter Jessica who sat with her in the car on the way to our house for the first time and pines after her when she is not around.



As soon as Bella sees Jessica, she wags her tail, runs to her and jumps playfully; she doesn't do this with me.

I have shown Bella affection, stroking her for as long as she'll let me, given her treats, water and food, looked after her and spent lots of time with her.

As I spoke with Jessica about this, she was the one who drew the Gospel parallel. She pointed out that the Lord does so much for people and yet, like Bella with me, so many of them fail to show any kind of love or appreciation in return.

What does He do? He keeps on showing them love, is patient with them and provides for them.



The sun shines on the righteous and the unrighteous. The rain still falls in our wee country. The harvests are still brought in. His mercies are new every morning.



At harvest we have an annual reminder and opportunity to say thank you to the Lord for all His goodness to us.



As the Lord Jesus taught in the Sermon on the Mount, we don't need to worry about what we will eat or drink, or what we wear because our heavenly Father provides for us.

In fact He loved the world so much that He gave His one and only Son and when we receive Him as our Saviour we gain so much else besides.



How can we show our gratitude? To answer this, I'm going to borrow four words from a Puritan preacher - adoration, appreciation, affection and subjection.

1. Adoration - this is worship. Let's worship Him in private and in public as we meet with God's people as a church, making a special effort to attend harvest services.

2. Appreciation - this is thanksgiving. Let's take time to say thank you to Him as we recount all the ways He has been good to us.

Of course 'thanks - giving' is good too, when we bring a generous harvest offering for the Lord's work. Then there's 'thanks - living' as we live our lives each day in a way which reflects our gratitude.

3. Affection - this is love.

We can explore ways to love Him with all our heart and soul and mind and strength.



4. Subjection - this is obedience.

The One who provides for us is also the One who made us and the One who redeems us. He calls us to show our love for Him by obeying His commands.



Perhaps if I keep loving and providing for Bella, she will learn to love me. Clearly she has been hurt in the past and finds it hard to trust.

You and I have no good reason to fail to trust our heavenly Father. *"The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us. We have seen His glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth."*

**Colin Burcombe**

## OBITUARY

### **Mrs Patricia Wray**

*The following tribute was read by Ken Galbraith, Clerk of Session, at the meeting of the Kirk Session on 13 June 2023.*

It is with great sadness that I advise the Kirk Session of the death of one of our Elders, Mrs Patricia Anne Wray, who passed away at home surrounded by her family on Friday 12 May 2023.

Patricia lived most of her life in East Belfast with a short time in Jordanstown. She attended Harding Memorial Primary and then Orangefield Girls High and on leaving school enrolled at college to study hairdressing.

Patricia and Kenny married in 1975, they lived in Castlemore Park where they have remained for 47 years. They joined McQuiston Memorial when the children were young and Peter was baptised here.

Patricia worked part-time in retail and then moved to work as a classroom assistant. She undertook her NVQ level 3 qualification and worked for over 20 years in Harding Memorial Primary until her retirement in 2021.

She was elected to Church committee in 1989 and as an Elder in October 1996.

Patricia's deep love for children was carried out not just with her own children and grandchildren but through her work as the Youth Club leader here in McQuiston. At that time in the 1990's there were many challenging issues with the children who attended and trying to control their behaviour was often difficult. This was no deterrent for Patricia as she wanted to show God's love to them as so many came from difficult family situations.

Patricia was very tolerant and patient with these kids and always went the extra mile to ensure their needs were met.

Her belief in the importance to nurture children continued when she became our Church's representative elder on Elmgrove Primary School Board of Governors, including the position of Deputy Chair. She had looked forward to seeing the completion of the new Elmgrove school on the former Avoniel site.

Patricia was also a member of McQuiston's Sunday School Management team and an active member of the Friendship Circle and Sole Sisters walking group. She was faithful in her church district visitation particularly when members were unwell.

Patricia enjoyed being involved in her families' hobbies and interests- Gary and his football, Melanie and her volunteering with Childline and Peter and his drama.

When the children married, she looked forward to the arrival of grandchildren and they became a central part of her life.

Throughout the period of her illness and treatments, Patricia was very positive about new treatments being found. Treatments and tiredness did not deter her from seeing family and friends and going out for coffee and shopping as often as possible.

Patricia will be greatly missed by all of us but particularly by Kenny; children Gary, Melanie and Peter; their spouses Joanne, Andy and Heather; grandchildren Mollie, Emma, Harry, Adam, Rosa, Bobbie and Leona and her brother Edward.

We convey our sympathy to the family circle thanking God for the life of Patricia who knew the joy of the Saviour's love and who served her Lord with great faithfulness.

As is our custom I would ask you to rise for a moments silent tribute to a beloved Elder who has completed her course and is now at home with the Lord.

## VESTIBULE OFFICIALS

***“Be not forgetful  
to entertain  
strangers”***



### **September**

Norman Maynes

Convenor: Alan Bousfield

### **October**

Irene Smyth & Craig Wootton

Convenor: Tommy Kane

### **November**

Lynn Gardner & Lawrence Gardner

Convenor: Ken Galbraith

### **December**

Ann Anderson, Rene Montgomery

Convenor: Tim Graham



## AT REST

***“I am the Resurrection  
and the Life”***

### **8 April**

Mr Donald Connolly

10 Cherryvalley Park West

### **26 April**

Mrs Annie Megarry

11 Ellis Court

### **12 May**

Mrs Patricia Wray

23 Castlemore Park

### **22 May**

Mr William Reid

1 Dunraven Park

### **23 June**

Mrs Irene Reid

1 Dunraven Park

## NEW MEMBER

***“Be not forgetful  
to entertain strangers”***

Ms Tandi Galbraith

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sing, learn about Jesus,  
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**Sunday 3rd September 11.00 – 12.45**  
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