



## News Sheet - Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2020

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### Worship Services Online

Our service **this Sunday** will be led by David. During this service we will be sharing in the **sacrament of the Lord's Supper**. There will be opportunity to share for both those in the church building and those at home. Please see below for more details.



We will be continuing in the series called 'Early Acts' considering some of the characteristics of the early church. There will be no Kids' Talk in the service this week.

The service will be live streamed to **Facebook** from **11.25am**.

(<https://www.facebook.com/seymourstreet/>)

It will also be available on **YouTube** [bit.ly/LisburnDromoreYouTube](https://bit.ly/LisburnDromoreYouTube) and the **phone-in** service later in the day.

Due to sharing Holy Communion in the service, this week you can also join by **Zoom** (details below).

The phone-in service can be accessed 'on demand' at any stage during the week by phoning 028 9227 0330. Playback should begin immediately when connected. It will normally be available on Sunday afternoons when there has been an opportunity to upload the recording of the service.

**Next Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October** our **Harvest Morning Worship** at **11.30am** will be led by David.

Please note that further information about the harvest is available below.

### Harvest Thanksgiving

Our Harvest Thanksgiving service this year will be held **NEXT Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October** at **11.30am**. Unfortunately, our usual practice of distributing flowers, fruit and veg from the harvest decorations to members of the congregation is not possible this year due to Covid restrictions. Our Church Council have therefore decided to have only one floral display, with the remainder of our 'decorations' consisting of food donated for **Lisburn Foodbank**. **This is our first year of our new partnership with Foodbank.**

We pray that this practical celebration of harvest may bless many in our community who are struggling at this time.

If you would like to donate non-perishable foodstuffs for Lisburn Foodbank they can be left in the foyer when attending the Sunday services. Please contact David or Shirley if you would like to donate at a different time.

#### Top 10 items required....

Tinned Ham; Corned Beef; Spaghetti Bolognese;  
Chilli con carne; Rice Pudding; Custard;  
Snacks i.e. Noodles; Sauces e.g. ketchup/HP;  
Baby wipes; Toothpaste

**Thank you!**



## Morning Worship 11.30am

**Welcome and Announcements:** *Chris*

**Call to Worship:** *David*

**Praise:** The Power of Your Love (Hillsong)

**Prayers and Lord's Prayer:**

**Bible readings:** John 17:13-23  
Acts 2:42-47 *Shirley*

**Praise:** Great are You Lord (All sons and daughters)

**Sermon:** Early Acts 4 - Following Jesus Together

**Prayers:**

**Praise:** Behold the Lamb (vs 1-3)

**Holy Communion:**

**Praise:** Behold the Lamb (v 4)

**Blessing:**



**Holy Communion this Sunday**  
**Arrangements to participate**  
**either gathered in church or at**  
**home**



This Sunday we are planning to have a Service of Holy Communion.

Both those attending in-person and those at home will be able to participate.

Those in the building will stay in their seats during distribution. David and Shirley will be the only people involved in the distribution and MCI protocols will be followed to minimise risk.

Those at home can join the service by Zoom either online or by phone.

Those joining on Zoom can decide whether they wish to participate physically (receiving bread and wine) or spiritually (not receiving bread and wine).

If participating physically you should prepare some bread and juice in advance of the service which you can then receive at the same time as the congregation in the building.

The screen displaying those on the Zoom call will be projected in the church, and those at home will be able to see the congregation in the building. We hope this will offer as great a sense as possible of participating together as one church family.

Please use the following details to join on Zoom:

Meeting ID: 878 1146 0219 Passcode: 736987

If joining by phone the number to call is: 0203 051 2874

It is possible to join the service on Zoom from 11.25am onwards, but those who feel confident in switching between media may want to watch the beginning of the service on Facebook Live and then switch to Zoom as we begin the liturgy for Holy Communion.

## Seymour Street Update

*By the rivers of Babylon we sat and wept  
when we remembered Zion.  
There on the poplars  
we hung our harps,  
for there our captors asked us for songs,  
our tormentors demanded songs of joy;  
they said, 'Sing us one of the songs of Zion!'  
How can we sing the songs of the Lord  
while in a foreign land?  
If I forget you, Jerusalem,  
may my right hand forget its skill.  
May my tongue cling to the roof of my mouth  
if I do not remember you,  
if I do not consider Jerusalem  
my highest joy.*

Psalm 137:1-6 NIV

This week has been a week of heaviness for our nation, and indeed across our world, as millions come to terms with the fact that a long struggle with the coronavirus pandemic lies ahead. The hopes that we had that we may have averted a 'second wave' of infections, have been forcefully dismissed by politicians, scientists and medics alike. Whilst that hope had been waning over the past weeks, it has been confirmed with such clarity in recent days that there is a sense that this week marks another milestone in this long battle. It's easy to let the dashed hope of an early exit from the current crisis to feed a general feeling of hopelessness, which can overwhelm us in times like these. Yet we feel at a loss as to what we can do!

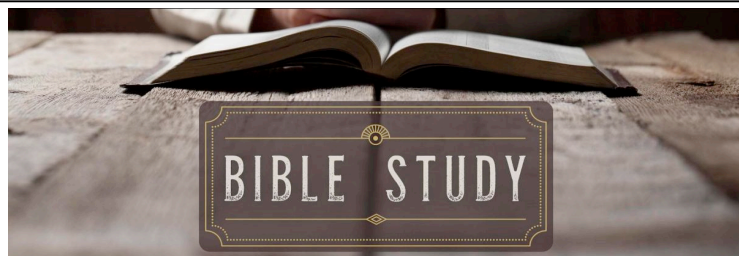
Tom Wright has written a very helpful short book for this season entitled, 'God and the Pandemic'. Like many have been expressing over the past months, he believes the Church needs to rediscover the discipline of lament. He writes, *"Part of the answer ...might be to recognise the present moment as a time of exile. We find ourselves 'by the waters of Babylon', thoroughly confused and grieving for the loss of our normal life. 'How can we sing the Lord's song in a strange land?', as in Psalm 137, translates quite easily into 'How can I know the joy of the Holy Communion sitting in front of a computer?' Or 'How can I celebrate Ascension or Pentecost without being with my brothers and sisters?' Of course, part of the point of Psalm 137 is precisely that this Psalm is itself a 'song of the Lord'. That is the irony: writing a poem about being unable to write a poem. Part of the discipline of lament might then be to turn the Lament itself into a song of sorrow. Perhaps that is part of the way in which we are being called right now to be people of lament – lamenting even the fact that we can't lament in the way we would normally prefer."* That may sound like a rather depressing and negative activity, but one of the remarkable things we find throughout the Psalms of lament is that they very often lead, in turn, to songs of praise. The very discipline of bringing the depths of our heaviness and despair before God changes our perspective and leads us to recognise God's presence, goodness and providence. Lament may not be the end of the story, but it may be a good place to begin.

## Contributions to Church Funds

Many thanks to all of those who have responded by making contributions to our church funds either by cheque, standing orders or online payments. We are deeply grateful for your support at this time!







The Bible Study continues next **Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> September at 8.00pm**, the **2<sup>nd</sup> of 4 weeks of Bible Study** on the book of Habakkuk. Written in difficult and uncertain times, this short book certainly contains a message for the present season. The study is being held on Zoom which gives the option of participating using basically any device with a screen (smartphone, tablet/iPad/computer/laptop) OR (for those who don't have any of these) by landline or normal telephone (local rate call).

Meeting ID: 960 7717 7720

Passcode: 294725

This link will work from 7.50pm on Wednesday evening.

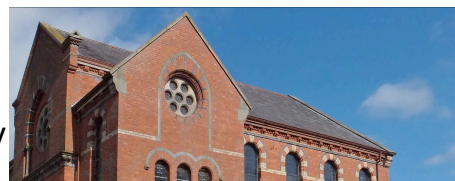
Please pass this on to those who can't access the information themselves.

### Harvest Letter, Harvest Offering and Order Form for 2021 FWO Envelopes

Some of our congregation will not have received a Harvest Letter and Envelope due to the Covid restrictions. If you have not had an envelope with harvest information delivered, you can download the contents of that pack from the weekly church email. This includes a Harvest Letter; Information on the other Harvest Services on the Circuit and how you can view them online; a Harvest Offering envelope and **IMPORTANTLY** a form to indicate whether or not you wish to receive FWO envelopes next year. Please return this as soon as possible. The information can also be sent to our FWO Steward Adrian Nesbitt by email on [aandm22@virginmedia.com](mailto:aandm22@virginmedia.com) or by text 07504 863328. Our thanks to Adrian for all his work in preparing this material. Sincere thanks also to all the congregation for your support throughout the year and for our special harvest offering.

### Sunday Services

Everyone who would like to attend gathered worship needs to pre-register. This is to ensure that we can work within the capacity of the building in order to observe the required social distancing.



Registration is being managed using an online booking system called Eventbrite.

You can register here: <https://seymourstreetservice.eventbrite.co.uk>

Those who do not have Internet access, can pre-register to attend by phoning Adrienne on 07773 983981.

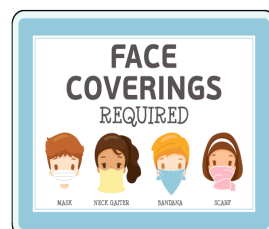
When registering we will need to take your name, telephone number and email address (if applicable) for administration and contact tracing purposes.

There is also the facility to book ahead for other Sundays in the next few months.

### Main changes to gathered worship services

The Methodist Church in Ireland have formally advised that **face coverings** are required for attending worship (we understand that some people are exempt from wearing face coverings for health reasons).

The use of face coverings makes possible **QUIET congregational singing**.



We are also **able to make use of the gallery** when face coverings are worn and so this has **increased the numbers** able to attend worship.



## C4K - Church for Kids

Subject to changes in Covid regulations we plan to launch some new Sunday activities for children and young people next week **Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October**. These will be happening in the halls **at the same time as the church service starting at 11.30am**.



There will be full details in next week's email and leaders will be in touch with parents during the week but **some key things to be aware of:**

- C4K is for children aged 3 to P7 and will meet in 2 groups (Age 3-P3 & P4-P7).
- Initially, we are planning this will be on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday each month.
- Parents will need to register children in advance (Details on how to do this will follow)
- A parent/adult will need to stay with the children during C4K.

C4K

THE CHILDREN WILL NEED:

- A completed consent form
- A button wallet with their name on it that will be kept at the church, inside the wallet they will need;
- A pencil
- An eraser
- colouring pencils or pens
- glue stick
- scissor's

## Congratulations Corner.....



If you know of someone who has a **significant** birthday or anniversary in our church family and would like a mention in '**Celebrations Corner**' please contact David or Shirley. Obviously we don't have space for every event but we'll try to fit in the major ones if possible!

**Child Protection Issues:** If you have any child protection concerns please contact Steve Gray (Designated Person) 07715 009541 or Deborah Kinghan (Deputy Designated Person) 07834 354994.

Bible class is Back with  
a new time and a new name!



10:24

AGE GROUP: 11-14

WHERE: THE HALL UNDER  
THE CHURCH

WHEN: 10:24 WILL BE HAPPENING  
BI-WEEKLY STARTING ON  
SUNDAY 4TH OCTOBER

TIME: 11:30AM - 12:30PM

10:24

## THE YOUNG PEOPLE WILL NEED:

- A completed consent form
- their own snack
- their own drink
- **A button wallet with their name on it that will be kept at the church, inside the wallet they will need;**
- A pen
- notebook
- a pencil
- An eraser

# Lisburn and Dromore Methodist Circuit

Broomhedge | Dromore | Magheragall | Priesthill (Zion) | Seymour Street | Trinity

## Harvest Services 2020

Due to Covid-19 social distancing restrictions we are not encouraging visitors from around the circuit to attend the harvest services of other congregations (*with the exception of Magheragall*). However, you can watch online using the details included below. Please also use the timing of the harvest services as a prompt to pray for that congregation and their local community.

### Trinity

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> Sept      10.00am      Harvest Morning Worship      Rev Alan Craig  
<https://www.facebook.com/TrinityLisburn>  
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC7DEjOaZ-8skqpc7-S64dsw>

### Priesthill (Zion)

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> Sept      11.00am      Harvest Morning Worship      Rev Alison Gallagher  
<https://www.facebook.com/priesthillmethodist>  
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCdOtVxr2Rs3ojvt5vx-fcPw>

### Seymour Street

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> Oct      11.30am      Harvest Morning Worship      Rev David Turtle  
<https://www.facebook.com/seymourstreet>  
[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCTag488xwueLU\\_2zMLuLMkw](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCTag488xwueLU_2zMLuLMkw)

### Magheragall

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> Oct      11.00am      Harvest Morning Worship      Rev Billy Davison  
(Drive-In Service – visitors welcome)      with special music

### Dromore

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> Oct      6.30pm      Harvest Evening Worship      Rev Ross Harte  
<https://www.facebook.com/DromoreMethodistChurch>  
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBntbv0AUOy2zXBHgZRIQyg>

### Broomhedge

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> Oct      11.30am      Harvest Morning Worship      Rev Thomas Clarke

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**Urgent Prayer Contacts:** Anne McBratney ☎ 9258 7295 or Joan & Harold Baird  
☎ 9266 5064 ☒ harold.baird@btinternet.com

**Superintendent Minister:** Rev David Turtle ☎ 9266 2303 and 07808 909192  
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☒ shirley.carrington@irishmethodist.org

**Youth Pastor:** Ashleigh O'Sullivan ☎ 07916 206901 ☒ ashleigh.osullivan@irishmethodist.org

**Secretary:** Adrienne Stewart ☒ secretary@seymourstreet.org

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If you have any items for inclusion on the News Sheet for Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October please contact:  
Sam Beckett ☎ 9267 6225 ☒ sambeckett@sky.com by 5pm on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October at the latest please.

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## Food Collections

Food collections from our congregation are directed towards Lisburn Foodbank who have generously supplied many food parcels to help families and individuals in our church and community.

Food donations can be made with drop off possible on Sunday's in church, and also at Derek and Lesley's home.

**Please continue to use this means of supporting the most vulnerable in our community.**



# HARVEST APPEAL



## HELP SUPPORT YOUR FOODBANK THIS HARVEST

### DONATE FOOD

Help by donating an item or two from our shopping list to ensure we can provide food to help people in crisis.



**AS WE ARE NOT DECORATING  
OUR BUILDING FOR HARVEST  
THIS YEAR, LETS TAKE THIS  
OPPORTUNITY TO HELP THOSE  
IN OUR COMMUNITY WHO  
FIND THEMSELVES IN NEED!**

### SHOPPING LIST TOP TEN ITEMS

Tinned Ham  
Corned Beef  
Spaghetti Bolognese  
Chilli con carne  
Rice Pudding  
Custard  
Snacks i.e. noodles  
Sauces e.g ketchup/HP  
Baby wipes  
Toothpaste

*Don't forget...*

*You can help transform  
more lives with a financial  
donation too.*



**LISBURN FOODBANK**  
**[lisburn.foodbank.org.uk](http://lisburn.foodbank.org.uk)**

Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC105492)

The board of Damask are incredibly grateful for the generosity of everyone who has donated items for the car boot sale.

However, due to not being able to hold Car Boot Sales at present

**PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE ANY MORE ITEMS AT THE CHURCH HALL**

until further notice while we deal with what we currently have in storage.



## NO CAR BOOT SALES but DAMASK develops an ONLINE CHARITY SHOP

Below is a sample of Damask 'ONLINE CHARITY SHOP' which can be found at [www.damasklisburn.org](http://www.damasklisburn.org), and click on the menu item **SHOP!**



Damask  
Community  
Outreach

### Bags & Cases

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[admin@damasklisburn.org](mailto:admin@damasklisburn.org)

To enquire or arrange to see or purchase items please phone or text 07516297518 or email  
Prices are negotiable. Payment is by cash only when collecting the items



High quality  
PMGH brand  
Italian  
leather  
briefcase

**£40**



New, complete with keys, extendable handle and wheels,  
separate inside computer case, many different pockets



New unused  
NESS handbag, with tartan  
design and blue leather  
trim. Several compartments

**£15**

(Marked shop price £39.99)



#### Food Deliveries



**Prescription  
Medicine**

#### Emotional Support



**Benefits &  
Personal Finance**

or any other issues related to Social Isolation and Coronavirus

**PHONE THE DAMASK ADVICE SERVICE HELPLINE**

**07749 332662 or 07784 955698**

CONSULTATIONS BY PHONE ONLY - FREE - OPERATING HOURS TUESDAY to THURSDAY 9 am to 5 pm  
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Damask Community Outreach is a registered charity which supports the local community in Lisburn  
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