



## News Sheet – Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2021

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### Sunday Service this week – 30<sup>th</sup> May

The Service this week will be led by David

There are still plenty of spaces available and details on how to book are below.

If the Church becomes fully booked then the Service will be relayed to the hall as an overflow - seats booked will be in the Church.



### WORSHIP IN THE BUILDING

To maintain social distancing we are limited to a Congregation of 50.

**Please adhere to instructions on where to sit given by the Stewards. This is being done to try to keep everyone safe.**

Unless medically exempt, we request that you wear a face covering.

**You can now book for the next few weeks—you can do this at**  
<https://seymourstreetservice.eventbrite.co.uk>  
or by phoning Adrienne on 07773983981

### WORSHIP AT HOME

The service will be 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.

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 13<sup>th</sup> JUNE** - The Service next Sunday will be led by David.

We also plan to have a short congregational meeting immediately after the morning service on 13th June. More information on this and some changes in the makeup of our Church Council will be included in the email next Friday.

**Food Collections – Lisburn Foodbank** – Please remember to support Lisburn Foodbank.

Donations can be left with Derek and Lesley Noble, 15 Marnabrae Park, Lisburn BT28 3PD or direct to Lisburn Foodbank, Graham Gardens, Lisburn.



## Seymour Street Update

*"Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it."*

*Prov 4:23 NIV*



Our fears are highly revealing. What we fear shows what we love.

We fear our children getting hurt because we love them. We fear losing our jobs because we love the security and identity they give us. We fear rejection and criticism because we love approval. Some of these fears are healthy, some are overblown, and some betray deeper sicknesses in our character. Some we would hardly label as fears at all. That fear of the leak in the roof, the fear that I left the oven on: they are more like background niggles, anxieties so petty they seem insignificant. Yet they are telling.

So ask yourself: What do my fears say about me and my priorities, about what I treasure? What do they say about where I am looking for security? What do they say about who (or what) I worship? Which do you fear more: being sinful or being uncomfortable? God or people? Being a sinner or being exposed before others as a sinner?

Our fears are like ECG readings, constantly telling us about the state of our hearts.

*Adapted from a blog post by Andrew Wilson*

## Prayer Meetings

Throughout the month of June, we are calling our church family to prayer, as the Church Council and leaders of our organisations and groups seek to discern God's leading for our worship and witness in the coming church year. Some difficult decisions are before us as we continue to ease out of the restrictions of the pandemic and also reach out to a changing culture. We need the leading of God's Spirit and so together we must continue to seek God in prayer.



**Each Monday evening in June** (starting Mon 7<sup>th</sup>) we will gather for a short time to pray in two groups, **either in-person or via Zoom at 8pm.**

The **in-person** meeting will be held in the **Minor Hall**. The usual mitigations of social distancing, hand hygiene and face coverings will be in place.

The meeting by **Zoom** can be accessed by using the details below:

Meeting ID: 889 1888 2112

Passcode: 062021

Beyond these special times of gathered prayer we ask that you also pray specifically for our church leadership in your personal prayer times.

**Urgent Prayer Contacts:** Anne McBratney ☎ 9258 7295 or Joan & Harold Baird  
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**Secretary:** Adrienne Stewart 📧 [secretary@seymourstreet.org](mailto:secretary@seymourstreet.org)

## THURSDAY MORNING LADIES' BIBLE STUDY

The Thursday Morning Ladies' Bible Study will run for the four Thursdays in June and will be in the Wesley Hall (to allow for social distancing).

All ladies are very welcome.

For more information please speak to Shirley.



## Methodist Conference

MCI Conference will be held online via Zoom this coming week. Whilst there are losses as a result of meeting via an online platform, one of the benefits is that we are presented with a great opportunity to help people from all across Ireland to feel like part of the Methodist family.

It all begins with **Youth Night** on **Saturday 5 June** and the **Installation of the President (Sahr Yambasu)** on **Wednesday 9 June**. **Reports and business will happen Thursday - Saturday** during the day, with special services in the evenings, concluding with livestreamed worship on Sunday 13 June at 11am.

For information on how to join in visit [www.irishmethodist.org](http://www.irishmethodist.org) follow #MCIconf21 on social media.

## METHODIST WORLD DEVELOPMENT AND RELIEF

**PAY IT FORWARD** in thanks for your vaccine

Many of us have received or will soon receive our free Covid vaccines (cost about £25/€30).

It will help us return to a new normal. However, this is not the case for many millions, especially in lower income countries.

The Methodist Church in Ireland calls upon all Irish Methodists to consider making a 'thanks offering' by giving a donation to Irish Methodist World Development & Relief in order to support our global development partners as they combat the effects of Covid on top of poverty and injustice in marginalised communities in Africa, the Middle East, Asia and South America.

The phrase "**pay it forward**" means that when someone does something for you, instead of paying that person back directly, you pass it on to another person instead. Blessing others because we have been blessed.

Visit [www.methodistworlddevelopment.org](http://www.methodistworlddevelopment.org) and give thanks. (This will give details of how to donate)

Or contact the office at [worlddevelopment@irishmethodist.org](mailto:worlddevelopment@irishmethodist.org)



Christians Against Poverty (CAP) is 25 years old.  
It provides free debt help across the UK. Rodney McCrea is  
fund-raising for CAP by walking 25000 steps per day for 25 days  
in July.



Check out his FaceBook page for details:

<https://www.facebook.com/100048525138611/posts/322694699358032/?d=n>

or speak to Rodney for more information.

You can also donate at <http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/RodneyMcCrea>

### **Congratulations Corner.....**



If you know of someone who has a significant birthday, anniversary or event 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!

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If you have any items for inclusion on the News Sheet for Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> June please contact:  
Sam Beckett ☎ 9267 6225 📧 [sambeckett@sky.com](mailto:sambeckett@sky.com) by 5pm on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> June at the latest please.

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