

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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TODAY

- ◆ Prayer Time at 6.00pm in Hilltown.
- ◆ Evening Service at 6.30pm in Hilltown. Speaker: Rev. Damien Boyle.

TUESDAY

- ◆ Prayer Meeting at 8.00pm in Clonduff.

WEDNESDAY

- ◆ Prayer Meeting at 8.00pm in Hilltown.

THURSDAY

- ◆ Prayer Meeting at 8.00pm in Clonduff.

FRIDAY

- ◆ Prayer Meeting at 8.00pm in Hilltown.

SATURDAY

- ◆ Prayer Meeting from 8.00am to 8.30am in Hilltown Church Hall.
- ◆ Youth Club in Clonduff Church Hall from 7.30pm to 10.00pm.

SUNDAY

- ◆ Sunday School at 9.45am in Clonduff.
- ◆ Morning Worship at 10.45am in Clonduff. Speaker: Rev. Damien Boyle.
- ◆ Sunday School at 11.00am in Hilltown.
- ◆ Morning Worship at 12.15pm in Hilltown. Speaker: Rev. Damien Boyle.
- ◆ Prayer Meeting at 6.00pm in Clonduff.
- ◆ Evening Service at 6.30pm in Clonduff. Speaker: Rev. Damien Boyle.

FRIDAY 12TH JANUARY

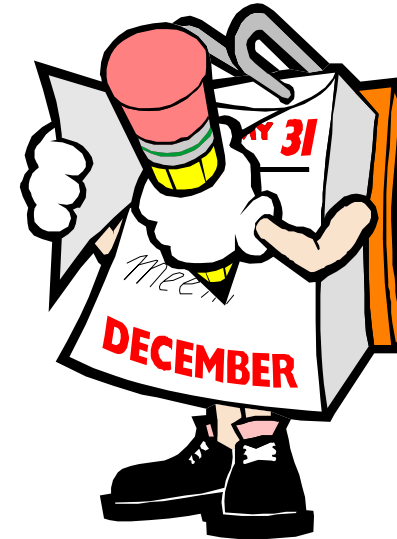
- ◆ Girl's Brigade re-commences in Clonduff at the usual times.

Hilltown and Clonduff Presbyterian Churches

Morning Worship

31st December 2006

Speaker: Rev. Damien Boyle



*“Forgetting what is behind and straining towards
what is ahead, I press on towards the goal to win
the prize for which God has called me heavenwards
in Christ Jesus”*

Philippians 3 v 13-14

WELCOME

If you are a visitor to our congregation today, we extend to you a warm welcome. We are always delighted to have visitors join with us as we worship the Lord. We hope you will be blessed, encouraged and challenged through the service. Let us encourage you to really enter into the worship with all your heart.

The end of one year and the dawning of a new one provides an excellent opportunity to wipe the slate clean and make a fresh start. The preacher Henry Ward Beecher said: *"We have passed through one more year. One more long stage in the journey of life, with its ascents and descents and dust and mud and rocks and thorns and burdens that wear the shoulders, is done. The old year is dead. Roll it away. Let it go. God, in His providence, has brought us out of it. It is gone;... its evil is gone; its good remains. The evil has perished, and the good survives."*

Those who know the Lord Jesus as their Saviour can let go of the past and move ahead with assurance because Jesus provides forgiveness and hope. Having confessed their sin, *"forgetting those things which are behind,"* they can confidently face the future, *"reaching forward to those things which are ahead"* (Philippians 3 v 13). Remembering God's faithfulness and forgetting past mistakes will make entering the new year a time of joyous anticipation.

Yes, we can leave the sins and failures of this past year behind us, accept His forgiveness, and press on to higher ground. As far as our shortcomings are concerned, we can make the beginning of the new year a time to forget.

WEEK OF PRAYER

Both Kirk Sessions have been reflecting on the importance of prayer and have decided to hold a "Week of Prayer" in the first week of the New Year. Details of the times and locations of the meetings can be found overleaf.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE

Are you getting married? Christian Guidelines are presenting a series of interactive evenings preparing you for marriage. Together we will be looking at creative communication, insights into intimacy and dealing with disagreements. The course is planned for Thursday's 4th, 11th and 18th January 2007 from 7.30pm to 9.30pm in Scarva Street Presbyterian Church, Banbridge. The cost will be £50.00 per couple (£40.00 subsidised by Iveagh Presbytery for its members). To register and ensure a place, please phone Christian Guidelines Ltd on 028 9146 8846.

ANNUAL REPORT

As we reach the end of the financial year, we would like to remind all organisational treasurers of the need to have their accounts prepared as soon as possible after 31st December 2006. It is planned to have all the accounts reviewed by a finance committee, as per the recommendations of Presbytery, and therefore all accounts will need to be supported with bank statements, cheque stubs, lodgement counterfoils, invoices and any other relevant records. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

PRESBYTERIAN HERALD 2007

Anyone from the Hilltown congregation who would like to subscribe to the "Presbyterian Herald" are asked to give their name and annual subscription of £8.40 to John Ervine today.

YAC ROAD TRIP

YAC Road Trip is a new venture of the Board of Youth and Children's Ministry which will bring training to a Presbyterian Church near you. Our local training workshop for all youth and children's leaders will be held in Downshire Road Presbyterian Church, Newry on Tuesday, 30th January 2007 at 7.30pm.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Welcome / Announcements

Call to Worship

Cong. Praise...

Prayer

Scripture Reading (Old Testament)

Children's Talk

Cong. Praise...

Offering

Prayer of Thanksgiving / Intercession

Cong. Praise...

(Children will leave during this hymn for Children's Church)

Scripture Reading (New Testament)

Ministry of the Word

Cong. Praise...

Benediction.
