

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY

- ◆ Presbytery Divine Healing Service at 3.30pm in Bannside Presbyterian Church, Banbridge.
- ◆ There will be **NO** evening service tonight to allow folk to travel to Rev. Wright's retirement service in Alexandra Presbyterian Church, Belfast. To this end, those attending this service are asked to meet for the bus at 4.50pm in the Downpatrick Street car park, Rathfriland.

MONDAY

- ◆ Prayer Meeting at 7.00pm in Clonduff.
- ◆ Sunday School Service practice from 7.00pm to 8.00pm in Clonduff.

WEDNESDAY

- ◆ Midweek Prayer Time in Hilltown at 8.00pm.

SATURDAY

- ◆ Prayer Meeting at 8.00am in Clonduff.

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

Hilltown and Clonduff Presbyterian Churches

Morning Worship

16th May 2010

Speaker: Rev. Damien Boyle



*'It has given me great joy to find some of your children
walking in the truth, just as the Father commanded'*

2 John 4

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.

Some words used to describe the opening ceremony of the 2008 summer Olympics were *awesome*, *brehtaking*, and *extravagant*. One commentator observed, "This shows what happens when you give an artist an unlimited budget."

That's what God did at creation! He held nothing back. The resulting universe is stunning in beauty, staggering in complexity, extravagant in all regards.

The Olympic ceremony was perfect in its precision; but if just one drummer or dancer had decided to alter the artist's vision, the whole ceremony would have been flawed. That's what happened shortly after creation. Unlike the Olympic producer, God allowed free choice, and His work of art was marred by Adam and Eve's idea of a better way. In Isaiah's words, "*We have turned, every one, to his own way*" (53 v 6)

God's solution to our waywardness was unimaginable: The Artist paid the price to recreate what we ruined. One day, there will be another opening ceremony, and everyone in heaven and on earth will bow at the name of Jesus (Philippians 2 v 10). And those from every nation who have accepted God's plan in Christ will worship together in the flawless New Jerusalem (Revelation 15 v 4).

RETIREMENT SERVICE – REV. C. WRIGHT

Those attending the retirement service of Rev. Clifford Wright, this evening in Alexandra Presbyterian Church, are asked to meet for the bus at 4.50pm in the Downpatrick Street car park, Rathfriland.

SUMMER FUN CLUB

There will be a retiring offering next Sunday, 23rd May for the work of our Holiday Bible Club.

MIDWEEK FELLOWSHIP

The Midweek Fellowship meetings have now finished for the season, and on Wednesday evenings instead there will be a time of prayer for anyone who wants to join with us at 8.00pm in Hilltown.

OPEN AIR SERVICE

Our open-air service has been arranged for Sunday, 27th June at 6.30pm at the picnic area beneath the Hen Mountain (weather permitting). Everyone is welcome. Please plan to come along and bring your own picnic from 6.00pm onwards.

UNITED APPEAL

Sunday, 30th May has been set aside as "United Appeal Sunday". The United Appeal is an important source of funding for amongst others, "The Irish Mission", "Union College" and "Social Agencies" of our church. Please support this vital work generously. Envelopes for the United Appeal are available today.

PRESBYTERY DIVINE HEALING SERVICE

The next Iveagh Presbytery Divine Healing Service has been arranged for this afternoon, Sunday 16th May at 3.30pm Bannside Presbyterian Church, Banbridge.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SERVICES

Our Joint Sunday School Services have been arranged for Sunday, 13th June at 11.30am in Hilltown and 6.30pm in Clonduff. To this end, practices for the boys and girls have been planned as follows:

- ◆ Monday, 17th May... 7.00pm to 8.00pm in Clonduff.
- ◆ Monday, 24th May... 7.00pm to 8.00pm in Hilltown.
- ◆ Monday, 7th June... 7.00pm to 8.00pm in Clonduff.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Welcome / Announcements / Call to Worship

Cong. Praise... Mission Praise 31 – "*Amazing Grace*"

Prayer

Scripture Reading: Isaiah

Children's Talk

Cong. Praise... Mission Praise 454 – "*Majesty, worship His Majesty*"

Offering

Prayer of Thanksgiving / Intercession

Cong. Praise... "*Focus my eyes on You O Lord*"

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

Scripture Reading: 2 John v 1- 13

Ministry of the Word

Cong. Praise... "*O sinner the Saviour is calling for thee*"

Benediction
