

We offer our congratulations to those who were married recently:

*Laura Gray & Michael Bryce*

3 August 2017

We welcomed into the church through the Sacrament of Baptism

Charlotte Beckett,  
daughter of Jonny & Leanne  
20 August 2017

We give thanks to God for those who now celebrate the fulness of life:

Dorothy Magill - 8 June 2017  
Norman Waring - 21 July 2017  
Lily Brady - 23 July 2017  
Margaret Behrani - 16 August 2017

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### Connexional Call to Prayer

This year our President, the Rev Dr Laurence Graham is calling on the whole Methodist Church in Ireland to engage with prayer. For a while now we have seen many challenges to our church, not least in declining numbers and an older age profile. So we cry out to the Lord for renewal. To that end each District will host a month of prayer, and on the Belfast District we have been designated for June 2018. Each congregation will then be responsible to have a prayer room for a certain day. More details will follow in due course.

### PRAYER PHONE NUMBER

**073 9850 1495**

Feel free to text through a prayer request or join the network and receive requests for prayer by text.



# Sydenham Methodist Church

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### **Harvest Festival**

Sunday 1st October at 11am

Any contributions of fruit, vegetables and flowers to decorate the church, can be left at the church on Saturday 30th September between 2pm-4pm.

The Harvest Offering will go to the Container Ministry.

#### A Harvest Prayer

God of harvest, gardener supreme, having provided for us enable us to look to a different harvest, a fruitfulness of lives in service to you and others.

God of harvest, feed us, prune us, harvest us, that our lives might bring glory to you. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

### **Church Fayre on Saturday 18 November**

It has been quite a while since we have had a Church Fayre so, we have decided to hold one on 18 November from 10am-2pm.

We would be very glad of your help if you would like to be involved. In any event we would like to encourage you to come along and bring as many of your friends as possible.

Admission charge is only £1 and children get in free.

There will be a large number of stalls which will include cakes, knitted items, table centrepieces, calendars and prints, gifts and grafts, toiletries, bric-a-brac, hand aroma therapy, and jams, together with things for young people such as Narnia storytelling, face painting, bran tub and much much more. Tea and coffee will be available and we hope to have BBQ food available over lunchtime. So come along and make a day of it - and bring your friends!

**Church Away Day - Saturday 14 October from 10am-4pm.** This will be held in Tobar Mhuire Retreat Centre in Crossgar and transport will be available if required. This will cost £12 per person which will include morning refreshments and a soup & sandwich lunch. Please sign up before Sunday 8 October.



Our next Messy Church will be on 8th October at 3.00-4.30pm

### Notable Services of Worship

**Healing & Prayer Service with Communion**  
Sunday 1 October at 7pm

**Girls' Brigade Enrolment**  
Sunday 22 October at 11am

**Home Missions**  
Sunday 19 November at 11am

We have a Circuit Commission on Thursday 19th October appointed by the District Synod to look at the property and analyse the work of God as it is always good to have an objective view on the work.

Our Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday 19 November after Morning Worship. This will be a time to reflect on the work of God within the life of congregation. Everyone is welcome.