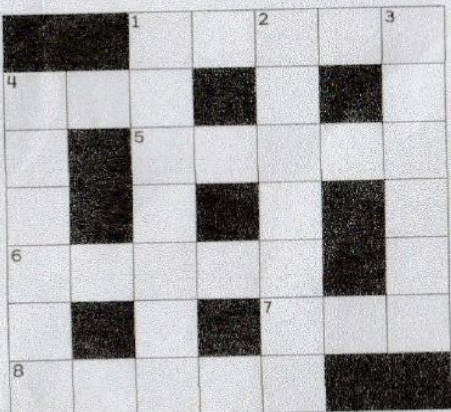


Fun & Games

Children's Crossword

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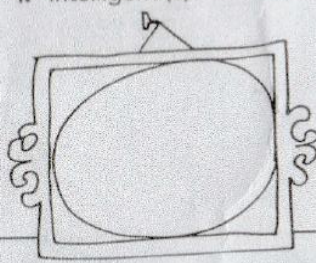


Across

1. Large bird that is a symbol of the USA (5)
4. Cardboard container (3)
5. Phones someone up (5)
6. Fruit used for making wine (5)
7. Thin beam of sunlight (3)
8. Common word for the stomach (5)

Down

1. Shout out (7)
2. Place to display art (7)
3. Unusual, often from another part of the world (6)
4. Intelligent (6)



Name: _____

Complete and leave in choir stalls, for your chance to win a prize!

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Member news



Robert McFarland

Our senior Elder, Robert McFarland has announced that he is retiring from attending the church committee meetings as at the age of 92 he feels it is time to bring his 28 years of attendances to a close. He will, of course, still remain an Elder. The Rev. Dr. Steers and the committee thanked him for his many years of dedication and service.



Harry Cromie

On Sunday 21 October, the congregation witnessed a most happy occasion when young Harry Cromie, son of Claire and Neil, grandson of Sylvia and Alan McBride, was baptised by the Rev. Mac. A lovely service was conducted by Mrs Sue Steers in front of a large gathering of family and friends. We wish Harry and his parents, every happiness for the future.

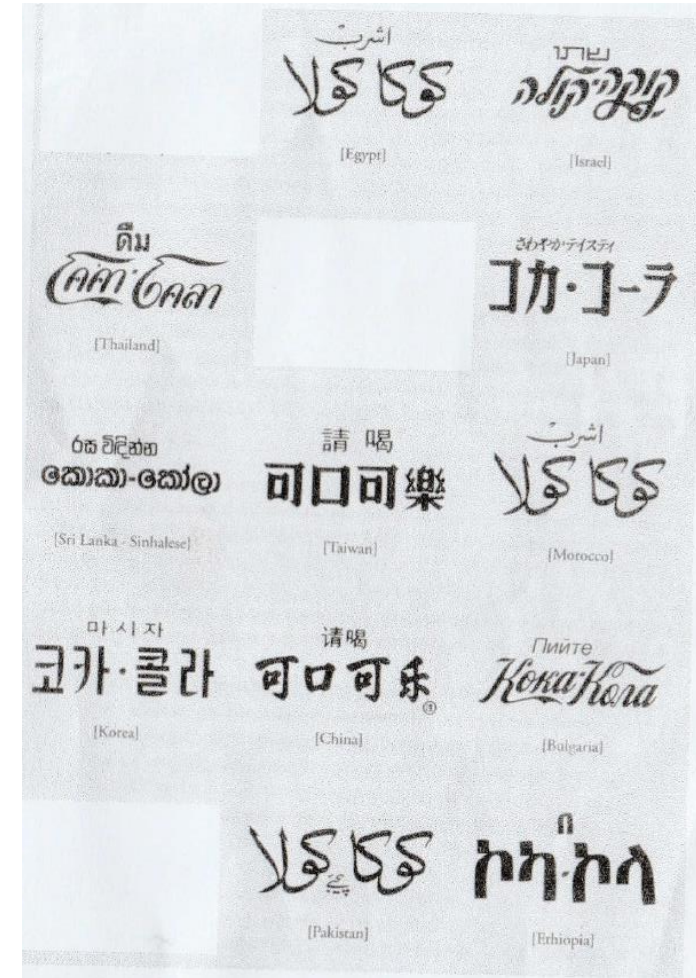


David Capper

David Capper of Elwood and Capper Undertakers, has just achieved the distinction of being appointed as the Head of the whole of the UK's Funeral Directors Association. David joined the Dunmurry church a year or so ago and is often seen helping out with the organ playing, etc. Those families who have had to use the services of Elwood and Capper will not be surprised that he has received this honour as his professional integrity and compassion are renowned throughout this area. Congratulations David!

Fun & Games

What is being advertised here?



Did you know?



Among our 19th Century graves in the Church yard is one attributed to the Hunter family, Anna had married William who was in the linen Industry but when it declined, he went to Canada to try to recoup the family fortune, leaving Anna and his family behind. In 1862, a house at 40 Seymour Street in Lisburn, was purchased so that Anna and two daughters, Minnie and Anna could set up a school there for “Young Ladies”, both for day pupils and boarders.

In 1870 the school moved to Belfast and eventually became established as Princess Gardens School. Mrs Hunter died in 1898 and her daughter Anna remained as head of the school until 1915. In 1945, the school expanded to Colinmore at Finaghy. It became renowned as one of the top Grammar schools for girls. Many generations of “young ladies” from within this congregation have attended the school but recent pupils will know it better as Hunter House as the name was changed when it merged with Ashleigh Grammar School in 1987. Thus the Hunter name was reconnected with the founder of the school that still flourishes today.

Can you support 2018 Christmas children’s toy appeal?



If you would like to donate a Christmas gift for a child aged 0-16, please leave it unwrapped under the Christmas Tree after Sunday Services.

All gifts will be donated to Salvation Army and St Vincent De Paul Toy Appeals.

Committee update

The Church Committee has been dealing with many matters relating to our move to the Presbytery of Bangor and the resignation of the Rev. Linda Ballard. During this period of uncertainty, because of rules relating to employment law and our denominational code, our committee has been legally advised to maintain confidentiality in all matters relating to our former Minister. In terms of the future, it has been agreed to have a “quiet pause” until the New Year, after which we will start to discuss plans for our future.

For those of you who are ahead technologically, it is hoped that you have noticed that the Church now has a website as well as a Facebook page. Keep up to date with Special Services, announcements, events and even learn about some of our history. The work that has gone into this has all been done by Mrs Emma McCrudden and special thanks are due to her for completion and continuous management of the enormous task of dragging us into the 21st century.

We owe great thanks to our Minister in Charge, the Rev. Dr David Steers, who has kindly taken us under his wing despite being one of the busiest clergyman in the whole denomination. We are very grateful for his wisdom and advice as well as attending to all our spiritual needs. His contact details are on the church notice boards.

As we are often reminded, a church is a building but it is the congregation that makes up the living church and so it is with us. So many people voluntarily give their time, support, and skills to the administrative matters, the financial and business affairs, the property management and banking issues. Also, there is the organist, the Sunday School teachers, Session and committee members as well as the caterers, gardeners and cleaners, ... it would be impossible to name them all but their toil does not go unnoticed. Everyone deserves a “big hug” of thanks.

**Thankful for those who’ve served before
Whose faithful service shall not cease.
May we take up the torch they bore,
Strong in God’s strength, His power, His peace.**

In our prayers

We were deeply saddened to hear that Mrs Florrie Press had passed away last week. A devout and active member for many years, she had been missed from her regular pew over the past months as frailty had overtaken her at the age of 99 years. Our prayers go to her son George and his family who will miss her dearly.

Another sudden death has shocked those who know Gareth Trimble and his family. He and his brother, Paul, have been a frequent support to the church recently due to their electrical skills and have been carrying out all such work needed on church properties. Last month, while working together, Gareth found his brother, aged 42, had died suddenly just yards away from him. With no indication of an illness, cause or explanation to date, the family are suffering great distress and the congregation has conveyed our thoughts and sympathies to them.

We would also like to pass on our prayerful wishes for a safe recovery, for comfort and a return to health to all those who have been ill or indisposed recently, with particular mention to Charlie Wells, Margaret and Norman Masterton, Marie McCormick, Audrey Flemming, Irene Kennedy, Rev Mac, Robert Douglas and Elsie McCracken. Get well and come back among us again soon.

Cleaning & Flower Rotas



November

Pamela & Stephen Kennedy

December

Noelle Wilson & Sheila McMillan



All offers from people willing to provide church flowers on Sundays are needed and will be warmly received. Please contact Pamela Kennedy for further details or enter your name on your preferred date, on the list inside the church porch.

Just a thought...

The Lord's Prayer with which we have become familiar from our earliest years is repeated in every Church service and doubtless, on a daily basis in our homes. It is so familiar to us that perhaps we should be aware of the danger of it becoming a vain repetition.

Do we ever think about the form of this prayer that Jesus gave to his disciples?

First, he puts God at the centre of all its petitions. God is in His supreme place; we pray for the coming of His Kingdom and the doing of His will. Only then do we turn to ourselves. We pray for our present needs, for forgiveness for our past misdeeds and then for help for our own future. We acknowledge the dangers facing the human situation and our inadequacy in dealing with them. 'Deliver us from evil,' we look for the protective power of God. The prayer ends with a reminder of the sovereignty of God, the power of God to answer our prayers and that we should never forget that we are living within the splendour of the glory of God.

In answer to his disciples' request on how to pray, Jesus gave them and us, a prayer to use by itself and at the same time, a pattern, or a form, for all our individual prayers.

Do you use email?



Due to ever increasing printing and postage costs the committee would like to take this opportunity to request, that if you would like to receive future congregational correspondence by email, please reply with your name and email address to firstdunmurrynsp@gmail.com

Upcoming Concert



The poster features a decorative border with holly leaves and red berries. At the top right is the church logo. The main title 'Ballyclare Male Choir' is in a large, bold font, with the subtitle 'an evening of music and festive refreshments' below it. A photograph of the choir members in formal attire is shown, with a circular logo for the Ballyclare Male Choir overlaid on the bottom right of the photo. The event details, including date, venue, and ticket information, are listed below the photo. Contact information for purchasing tickets is provided at the bottom.

First Dunmurry
NS Presbyterian Church

Ballyclare Male Choir

an evening of music and festive refreshments



Date: Friday 30th November, at 7.30pm
Venue: First Dunmurry NS Presbyterian Church
23 Glebe Road, Dunmurry, BT17 0PN
Tickets £10 per person: All proceeds in aid of Church Fund.

To purchase a ticket please speak to a member of committee or contact:

Email: firstdunmurrynsp@gmail.com
Website: www.firstchurchdunmurry.com
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In other news...

Dunmurry Presbyterian Golf Outing

We were again invited to the golf outing on Wednesday 5th September at Dunmurry Golf Club. Those representing the church were Diane Taggart, Victor Collins, Alan McBride and John Neill. A good day was had by all and we were lucky the weather stayed fair for the competition. After the golf, everyone returned to the clubhouse for a meal and the prize distribution. Our team score this year, unfortunately was not good enough to win the top prize which was won by St Anne's Church. However, Alan McBride did win the gent's visitor prize. Well done to everyone who took part.

Best wishes to Rev. Father Fergal

We have just heard that the Rev. Father Fergal of St Anne's Parish Church has been transferred to Portaferry. He has been a great friend and supporter to our congregation and throughout his stay in Dunmurry, he has contributed hugely to breaking down barriers and building bridges among all denominations in the area., along with his assistant, the indefatigable Sister Mary. We wish him well in his new post. His successor is the Rev. Father Peter O'Hare.

Dunmurry Churches Together Advent Service

It has been the custom for the five churches in our area – St Anne's, Our Lady Queen of Peace, Dunmurry Presbyterian, St Coleman's and ourselves to join together three times a year for an Advent Service, the Service of Christian Unity and Easter Dawn Service. Each church takes it in turn to host all three services and this year 2018-19 St Coleman's will be in charge. **The Advent Service will take place on 2nd December 2018 at 6.30pm.** This is a great opportunity for us all to come together for worship and fellowship and we hope that First Dunmurry NSPCI will continue to maintain these important, warm and close friendships.

November calendar

December calendar

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5	6	7 Irish Dancing 3.30-5pm McCleery Hall Yoga 7.30-9pm McCleery Hall	8	9	10	11 Remembrance Service 11.30am Rev. Robert McKee
12 Glebe Gardening Club 7.30pm McCleery Hall	13	14 Irish Dancing 3.30-5pm McCleery Hall Yoga 7.30-9pm McCleery Hall	15	16	17	18 Sunday Service 11.30am Mrs Lynda Kane
19	20	21 Irish Dancing 3.30-5pm McCleery Hall Yoga 7.30-9pm McCleery Hall	22	23	24	25 Full Attendance Day Service 11.30am Rev. Brian Moodie
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24	25	26	27	28	29	30 Sunday Service 11.30am Mrs. Sue Steers