



# Tullamore & Mountmellick

An Eaglais Phresbitearach In Éirinn

## Newsletter and announcements

### What's on this month

- *Mountmellick Presbyterian Church:* Services are held in the Methodist building at 10am.
- *Tullamore Presbyterian Church:* Sunday services 12 noon.
- *Sundays 8am:* Heartlands radio show on Midlands 103.
- *Tuesdays 10am-12 noon.* Busy Bees parent and toddler group in Tullamore. All mums, dads, grandparents or childminders are welcome to come along with children from newborns to pre-schoolers. It costs €2 per family and a snack is provided. Do you have any time on Tuesday morning or afternoon to help set up or tidy up?
- *Messy Church* Saturday 28th January & Saturday 25th February 12 noon–2pm Messy Church in the halls of Tullamore Church. Worship for all the family with a mix of prayer, craft, music and fun.
- *Church Lunch* Mountmellick Saturday 11th February at MDA 1pm
- *Church Lunch* Tullamore Sunday 5th February in Church Hall—An opportunity to put the new kitchen through its paces.
- *Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Service* on Sunday 22nd January at 5:30pm in the Methodist Church, Tullamore.

You are very welcome to our services today, especially if you are a visitor. Please stay for a cup of tea or coffee after the service and have a chat.

- *Reading Rota in Tullamore* Would someone like to take on the role of organising a reading rota for Tullamore? The job involves making sure that there is someone to do the weekly Bible reading for the Sunday services.
- *The Marriage Course* Starting in February we will be running the Alpha Marriage Course on weeknight evenings in Chocolate Brown on William Street in Tullamore. Details are not totally set just yet as we want to find an evening suitable for most couples. The course is designed as a refresher course to look at how a husband and wife can be better marriage partners and enjoy marriage more. Please talk to William if you are interested.
- Last month saw the start of a monthly prayer group whose aim is to pray for the town of Tullamore, it's people, it's businesses and it's general life and well-being. This month it meets in the Tullamore Court Hotel on the 16th January at 8pm and everyone is welcome.

## January 2012

### Upcoming services

<b>2 Kings 18 – 19</b> <b>God Protects</b>	8 Jan
<b>2 Kings 20</b> <b>God restores</b>	15 Jan
<b>2 Kings 21:1–18</b> <b>God is forgotten</b>	22 Jan
<b>Messy Church</b>	28 Jan
<b>2 Kings 23:1–23</b> <b>God is Remembered</b>	29 Jan
<b>Matthew 5:1–12</b> <b>Attitudes to follow</b>	5 Feb
<b>Matthew 5:13–48</b> <b>Laws for life</b>	12 Feb
<b>Matthew 6:1–18</b> <b>Ways to pray</b>	19 Feb
<b>Messy Church</b>	25 Feb
<b>Matthew 6:19 – 7:12</b> <b>Reasons to trust</b>	26 Feb



- Flower & cleaning Rota, Tullamore:
- January Audrey Neale
- February Rhona Hayes
- March Maire McKay
- April Betty Burns

### Sunday Scripture Rota

#### Mountmellick:

Please contact Mavis Duggan if you would like to take part.

#### Tullamore:

See notice above...

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## Newetter and announcements

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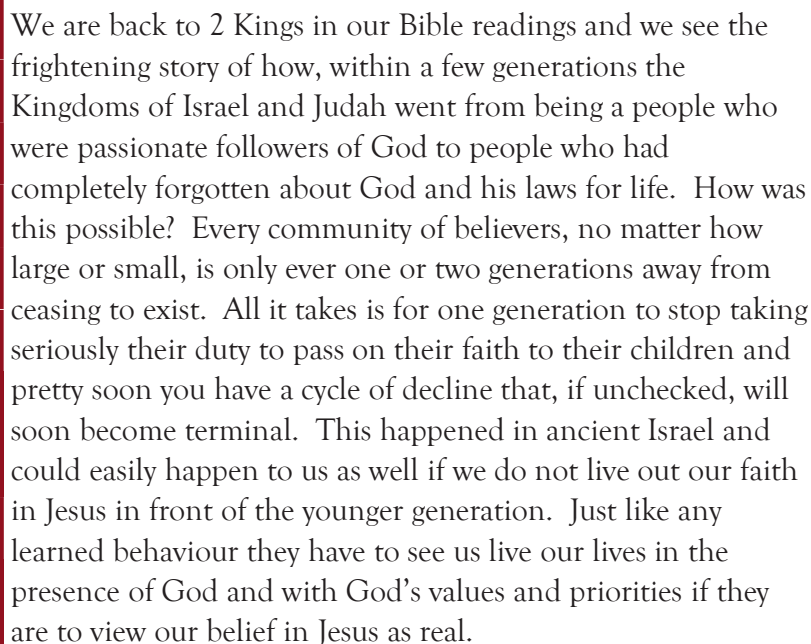
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If you wish to have any notices or announcements included in the next month's sheet, please email them to [rhona@collydean.com](mailto:rhona@collydean.com) or hand to Rhona or William in church, by the Friday prior to the first Sunday in the month.



We are back to 2 Kings in our Bible readings and we see the frightening story of how, within a few generations the Kingdoms of Israel and Judah went from being a people who were passionate followers of God to people who had completely forgotten about God and his laws for life. How was this possible? Every community of believers, no matter how large or small, is only ever one or two generations away from ceasing to exist. All it takes is for one generation to stop taking seriously their duty to pass on their faith to their children and pretty soon you have a cycle of decline that, if unchecked, will soon become terminal. This happened in ancient Israel and could easily happen to us as well if we do not live out our faith in Jesus in front of the younger generation. Just like any learned behaviour they have to see us live our lives in the presence of God and with God's values and priorities if they are to view our belief in Jesus as real.

But what if, as with Israel and Judah, it all goes wrong and people turn away? Even then there is hope. God is never (and never has been) left without witnesses. There is always the opportunity for recovery and a second chance at the very heart of the Bible's message.

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### Points for prayer

The PCI Prayer Diary, "Prayerline" is available in Church, please pick one up or request a copy from William. It is full of useful info and practical matters for prayer concerning the whole of PCI in Ireland and its overseas work.

- Please pray for the Sunday morning radio show on Midlands 103 that people might be brought to God by the words and music, and pray for William and Shane as they record the show on Wednesdays.
  - Please Pray for William as he organises the Presbyterian Church's contribution to "Service on Sunday" for RTE on Radio and Television that churches will be willing to contribute and that Christ will be glorified and people blessed by these acts of worship as they are broadcast to the nation.
  - Pray for each other as we go about our daily work and witness for Christ in our homes, workplaces and wherever God places us. Pray that we might and humbly stand up for God even when we find it hard to do so.
  - Please Pray for the people of Galway Presbyterian and for William in his work as the vacancy convener. Pray that all the practical details will be in place so that the search for a new minister can begin soon.
  - Pray for the people whom God is calling this year to take part in the Marriage Course that will be held on weekday evenings in Chocolate Brown in Tullamore.
  - Please pray for new volunteers so that we can restart the midweek club in Mountmellick.
  - Please pray for the young people's Bible Study in Tullamore College and Colaiste Choilim. Pray that this will be a an opportunity for those involved to come to know Jesus in a deeper and more real way.
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