

**FIRST LIMAVADY**  
**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**



**MESSENGER**



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**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2014**

“ Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits – who forgives all sins and heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion “

***Psalm 103: 2 - 4***

**Minister – Rev Drewe McConnell BA BD**

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*If you are a visitor to our Service today we give you a warm welcome and trust you will experience God's richest blessing during our time of worship*

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> January**

11:15am      Sunday School  
12noon:      Rev Drewe McConnell  
6:15pm:      Prayer Meeting  
7:00pm:      Rev Drewe McConnell  
7:00pm:      Youth Fellowship

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January**

6:30pm:      Junior CE  
7:30pm:      Guitar Lessons in church hall  
7:30pm:      Fundraising Committee Meeting in minister's room

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> January**

6:20pm:      Tiny Tots  
7:00pm:      Company Section

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January**

7:15pm :      Prayer Meeting  
8:00pm:      Bible Study

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> January**

9:30am:      Ladies Bible Study Breakfast  
6:00pm:      Anchor Boys  
7:00pm:      Junior Section  
8:00pm:      Company Section

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> January**

10:30am      Sunday School  
12noon:      Rev Drewe McConnell  
6:15pm:      Prayer Meeting  
7:00pm:      Rev Drewe McConnell  
7:00pm:      Youth Fellowship

**OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Leprosy Mission**

On Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> January is World Leprosy Day. On this day, you can help transform the lives of some of the world's poorest and most marginalised people. This year, the money raised will help restore hope and health in those affected by leprosy at Anandaban Hospital, Nepal (see enclosed leaflet). We ask you prayerfully consider supporting the work of the Leprosy Mission.

## Accounts for 2014

All organisations are asked to have their financial accounts for the year 2014 with Stephen Pearson (church treasurer) as soon as possible.

## Sunday School to Church – Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> January at 12 noon

Children and young people come to Sunday School as normal, wait behind and then go to Church together and sit together as a Sunday School. The first half of the service will be tailored to the young people. We encourage you to be there as we seek to show the importance of attending Sunday School and church.

## Going through the Bible

Our reading is **Luke 15: 8 - 10**.

The second parable which Jesus looks at in the chapter is the parable of the lost coin. The question, “ Why make reference to a coin? “. The answer is our soul is precious to God.

The background to the parable is that the woman is from a poor background; she was a peasant. The silver coins mentioned in **verse 8** were like a Roman denarius, which amounted to a day’s wages for a common laborer. The ten coins would possible have been tied around her neck. The chain has broken or the knot has become loose, resulting in her losing a coin.

Now the coin is lost, she begins to search for it. However coming from a poorer background, her house would have been small. It would have had a dirt floor with the possibility of no windows or small windows resulting in very little coming through. Therefore this made it difficult to find. This resulted in her lighting a lamp and sweeping the floor so she could search ever corner and inch of the house. After her careful and detailed search she finds it. What does she do when she finds it, she rejoices for **verse 9** says this, “ *She called her friends and neighbours together and says, Rejoice with me for I found my lost coin* “. But why rejoice, sure it’s only a coin? The answer is the coin was precious and valuable to her. See, the coin is a picture of a sinner and the woman is a picture of the Holy Spirit. It is through the Holy Spirit’s convicting, challenging and teaching that a sinner sees their need to be saved which results in them coming to faith in Jesus Christ. The dark house resembles the condition of a sinner and by the Holy Spirit we are brought into the light and make alive in Jesus Christ for **Ezekiel 37: 14** says this, “ *And shall put my spirit in you, and you shall live* “.

By been brought out of darkness into light is a cause for celebration for **verse 10** says the angels rejoice in Heaven over one sinner who repents. Realize you are precious to God, he doesn’t desire you be lost but instead rejoices to see that we come from the life of darkness that a sinner lives into the light that makes us right before Him. Remember, your soul is precious to God, the question, “ Is God precious to you? “.

## Dates for Your Dairy

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January at 7:00pm - Session Meeting  
Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January at 8:30pm - Committee Meeting  
Monday 26<sup>th</sup> January at 7:45pm - 242 Group (Church Manse)

## Items to Remember

- 1) Pray for Linzi Anderson as she seeks God’s will for the future and as she ministers in Greystone Presbyterian Church
- 2) Pray for John Martin as he studies at Union College. He has up and coming exams this month. Also he has an interview at the beginning of February for his two years of been an assistant minister
- 3) Pray for Gary and Mary Reid who are currently at home in Northern Ireland that God will bless them

## Collectors for January

William Blair, Victor McGinnis, Mark McCully, Samuel Bond plus two young people of the congregation

## Door Duty (Morning and Evening)

**11<sup>th</sup> Jan: ELDER ON CHARGE** for incoming week – **Nigel Keys** also Elaine Cubitt and Oliver Martin (MA)

**18<sup>th</sup> Jan: ELDER ON CHARGE** for incoming week – **Oliver Martin (AR)** also Adrain McAllister and Douglas McAllister

**25<sup>th</sup> Jan: ELDER ON CHARGE** for incoming week – **Mark McCully** also Sharon McIlmoyle and Victor McGinnis

## Crèche

**11<sup>th</sup> Jan** A McAllister & G McAllister

**18<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> Jan** E Cubitt & L Young

## Children’s Church

**11<sup>th</sup> Jan** Valeria Bond & Sandra Martin

**18<sup>th</sup> & 1<sup>st</sup> Feb** Joanne Guy & Barbara McCorkell

## Laptop Rota

**11<sup>th</sup> Jan** Jonathan Pearson

**18<sup>th</sup> Jan** Janine Keys

## Flower Rota

**11<sup>th</sup> Jan** Margaret McArthur

**18<sup>th</sup> Jan** Jean McAllister

**25<sup>th</sup> Jan** Pat McConnell

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# Restoration

We hear through the prophet Jeremiah that God can restore health and heal wounds (Jeremiah 30: 17). As a Christian charity inspired by the love of Jesus Christ, The Leprosy Mission tends to each leprosy-affected person it serves physically and emotionally. One by one, it nurses their wounds, restores them to health and helps heal emotional scars caused by the stigma surrounding this ancient disease which remains a modern-day reality.

Leprosy is a disease of poverty. It can impact on every area of a person's life: health, education, employment, marriage prospects and relationships with family and community. The Leprosy Mission helps to restore lives destroyed by leprosy by providing the rehabilitation, schooling, job prospects, housing and sanitation required to lift a person from poverty and enable them to be self-sufficient.

In many parts of the world today, the disease continues to carry a great stigma. Many people with leprosy-caused disabilities suffer terrible discrimination. They can be regarded as 'cursed' and forbidden from collecting water from the common tap. The Leprosy Mission works to educate their communities, teaching them that leprosy is a mildly-infectious and curable disease and not a curse for life.

On Sunday 25 January – World Leprosy Day 2015 – please pray for the many millions of people globally who, today, struggle with the physical and emotional scars left by this cruel disease, leprosy. If you can, please give a gift of hope and restoration to The Leprosy Mission England and Wales so that it can continue its life-changing work across Asia and Africa.



For more information ring **01733 370505**  
or visit [www.leprosymission.org.uk](http://www.leprosymission.org.uk)

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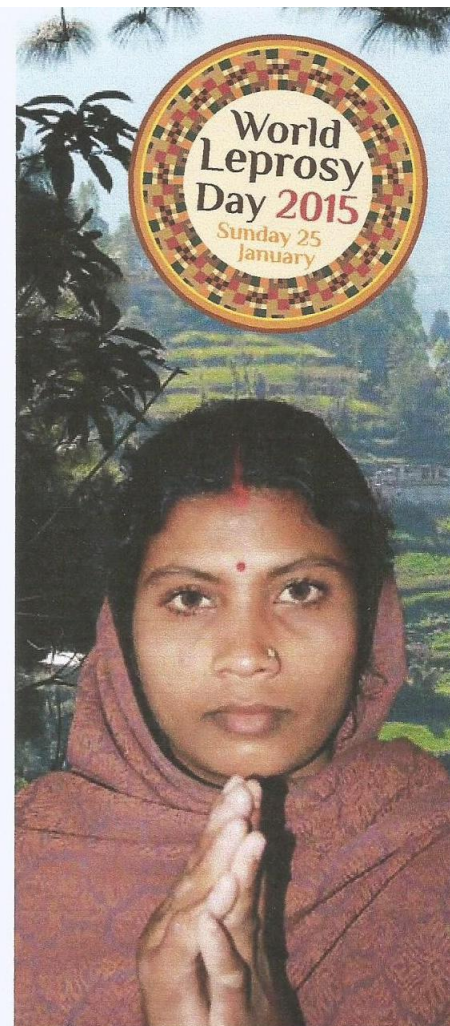
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