

Regular meeting times

Sunday:

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| 11am | Breaking of Bread |
| 3pm | Sunday School & Young People's Bible Class
(September – May) |
| 6.40pm | Prayer Meeting |
| 7pm | Gospel Service (except the last Sunday each month September to May, when it's a 45 minute Family Service at 6.30pm) |

Tuesday:

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| 8pm | Prayer and Bible Study/Missionary Reports |
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Wednesday:

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| 3.45pm | Friendship Hour (last Wednesday each month September – May) |
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*The regular meeting times are supplemented by monthly visits to local Retirement Homes.
The times of these are available on the website.*

Ways to contact us

There are a number of ways to get in touch with us at Bethel with queries or transport requests;

- The Hall is located at 40 Northfield Road, Donaghadee, just beside the gates to Donaghadee Primary School.
- Website : www.bethelhalldonaghadee.org
- E-Mail : contact@bethelhalldonaghadee.org
- Twitter : @bethel_hall
- YouTube Channel : Bethel Hall
- Telephone : Brian Taylor 028 9188 2028 or Brian Rea 07803 115464
- Call in at any of the meeting times listed and we would be happy to help you.

Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved Acts Ch 16 v 31



'The Word'

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What an Interesting Summer!

With summer now almost gone it is a time to reflect on and thank God for His blessing on all the activities which took place at Bethel.

We have really enjoyed seeing so many friends, both old and young, enjoying the activities including the Sunday School, Family Service and Friendship Hour. The BBQ and afternoon tea at Harrison's of Greyabbey were both really successful and proved to be very enjoyable for everyone who attended and participated.

In this edition we take a brief look back at all the summer events and as we resume all of our activities in September, we look forward to welcoming back our existing friends and some new ones too. Watch out for information on the Twitter feed and YouTube site.

As usual, the times of the regular meetings and events can be found on the back page of this newsletter, and we would love you and your family to be part of them, so feel free to come along and join with us.

Please read on – we trust you enjoy it and get a blessing from the Lord.

Family Service & Sunday School BBQ

The afternoon of Saturday 26th of May was the date for the Family Service and Sunday School end of year BBQ. A delightful afternoon of weather combined with an excellent turn out of young people and their parents/guardians made for a very enjoyable time. A bouncy castle kept both old and young entertained and many football matches kept others happy! The food was served just after 4pm and the usual feast of burgers and hot dogs was followed by either chocolate or honeycomb ice cream (with a flake or two!). George Johnston spoke for a few minutes and another enjoyable year was brought to a conclusion around 5pm. We would like to thank those who send their young people along to the Family Service, Bible Class and Sunday school so faithfully. We love to welcome them and you know you're welcome to visit is any time!



Flies

The fly is an amazing creature - and really quite annoying! At this time of year they are a constant source of irritation! A lovely BBQ tea? Flies buzzing about. A nice cooling drink on a hot day? A wee fly floating in it. Cycling in the sunshine? Probably swallowing one or wiping one from your eye. Amazingly there are apparently over one million different types of fly - crane flies, mosquitoes, blue bottles and so on. But the thing is they're actually really important and fulfil many roles, such as scavengers, pollinators, consumers, prey etc.

However, I want to think of what you do with flies when they are inside the house. They buzz around and are generally frustrating as they go about their business, quite oblivious to the fact that if we're honest we would rather get rid of them using a good old hand shaped swot or maybe a spray. I often find though that I try and open a window near to where they are repeatedly bashing their head against. Sometimes it works and sometimes it doesn't, as frustratingly they spend their time bashing the same window despite their freedom being merely inches away from them. Despite my best efforts to usher them towards their escape route they never quite make it and instead fly off inside again and are generally found the following day upside down on a window sill.

This pantomime reminds me of our own inclination to ignore the clear, obvious offer of Salvation that God gives to each one of us.

The closeness of freely offered rescue from an eternity in hell, the ability to ignore the obvious need to ask God to forgive our sins and make us fit for heaven, are both similarities. Our need of rescue is the same as our friend the fly's need of rescue but even more simple to be seen and understood. As the Bible, God's Word, reminds us in the book of John chapter 3 verse 17 "*God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.*"

Surely its about time the offer is taken up and you accept God's offer of salvation before its too late.