



TROQUEER PARISH CHURCH, DUMFRIES – 5 February 2012

Minister – Rev Billy Kelly Tel: 01387 253043

Welcome to our Sunday Worship Services particularly if you are visiting.
There are welcome leaflets at the ends of each pew – please take one.
There are visitors books at either side of the Church – please sign one.
Please join us for tea/coffee at the close of the service over in the Centre.

(Please Note: There is no Powerhouse or crèche during the 11am service)

Our Bible passage is Matthew 5:1-12 read by Jean M.
Brian P will lead us in our intercessory prayers.

6.30pm Evening Service led by Billy K.
Sheila N will preach on 2 Peter 3:1-18.

Next Sunday – 12 February 2012

11am Morning Worship, Billy will preach on Matthew 5:33-48.

2pm Services at Cargenholm House and Goldielea Nursing Homes.

6.30pm Evening Service led by Janet H.
Billy K will preach on 'God the Father'.

Troqueer Parish Church of Scotland, Dumfries - Scottish Charity SCO00973

Weekly Church Groups

Tuesday

- **Prayer Meeting** – meeting in the Church at 10.30am

If you have any prayer requests then please give them to Wilf.

Contact Wilf C

Friday

- The '**Boys Brigade**' meet in the Church Hall – the adventure starts here!

P1-3 meet 6-7.30pm; P4-6 meet 6-8pm; P7up meet 7.30-9.30pm

Contact Billy I or Arona A

Friday

- The '**Youth Fellowship**' meets in the Centre 7.30-9.30pm. For P7–S6,

Make friends, have fun, learn about Jesus.

Contact Joy K

Saturday

- The '**Praise Group**' meets in the Church from 5 – 6pm.

Contact Sheila N

Small Groups

The groups exist to enable us to grow in faith through fellowship, study and discussion of God's Word, prayer and sharing together.

Monday

- Helen T's Group - 11am

Tuesday

- Catherine K's Group - 7pm
- Steven & Kerry's Group - 7.30pm

Thursday

- Margaret M's Group – 7pm

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- Sheila & Stuart's Group - 7.45pm

***Many groups/activities stop during school holidays & the summer.
Please check with the contact person if the group is meeting.***

Intimations and Events

Storehouse Project

When weekly shopping, be prayerful for the Lord's leading to purchase one item which may be used in the storehouse to bless needy people in the community.

THIS WEEK

Guild Meeting – Tuesday 7 February, 7.30pm (Centre)

Bill Riddick will be speaking on this sessions topic – Walking Humbly with God. All welcome

Kirk Session Meeting – Wednesday 8 February, 7pm (Centre)

Attestation of the books.

NEXT WEEK

Board Meeting – Wednesday 15 February, 7pm (Centre)

Sub-committees meet at 7pm and the main meeting at 7.30pm.

Newsletter Articles – Sunday 19 February, 11am (Church)

Newsletter articles are due to Karyn S on or before Sunday 19 February. What could you share to uplift, encourage and challenge others?

ADVANCE NOTICE

- Tuesday 21 February, 7.30pm
Men's gathering (*Centre*)
- Tuesday 21 February, 7.30pm
DCN AGM (*YMCA @ Laurieknowe*)
- Tuesday 21 February, 7.30pm
Christian Aid / Eco Churches Road Show (*St Georges*)
- Friday 24 February, 12noon
Lent Lunches (*St John's Church Hall*)
- Saturday 25 February, 11am
Street Pastors – poster (*St George's Halls*)
- Sunday 26 February, 11am
Communion (*Church*)
- Tuesday 28 February, 7.30pm
Healing Service (*Centre*)
- Saturday 3 March, 7.30am
Prayer Breakfast (*Centre*)
- Saturday 17 March, 10.30am
World Mission Conference (*Castle Douglas*)

Church Contacts

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Release International News In Brief

Egypt: Following violence in Cairo in October which left 23 Christian protesters, 3 Muslim protesters and 1 soldier dead, 34 Christians remain in detention. In November a court ordered further investigations into charges of 'inciting violence, carrying arms and insulting the armed forces'. However, a local human rights group reported that 12 of those killed were run over by army personnel carriers.

India: Police arrested 3 pastors belonging to the Grace Church of God Welfare Society, along with 2 other Christian workers, and falsely accused them of forcible conversion in November in Pandariya town, Kawardha, Chhattisgarh. They were later released on bail.

Kazakhstan: Christians face a growing crackdown after the Agency of Religious Affairs prepared new regulations (not adopted at the time of writing) to censor almost all religious literature. The Government has also recently closed churches and prayer rooms in prisons – despite these having been authorised by the prison authorities.

Pakistan: The family of an evangelist shot dead in Karachi say they believe he was killed for his faith. Jameel Saawan was killed by an unidentified gunman as he opened up his shop. The family is reluctant to pursue the case with police because of fears for their own safety.

Sri Lanka: Buddhist nationalists have caused concern among Christians by renewing their calls for anti-conversion laws. The Jathika Hela Urumaya party, which has been pushing for legislation banning 'forced conversion' since 2004, renewed its campaign in a press statement in November.

Sudan: The Sudanese military have been accused of bombing a refugee camp in South Sudan where thousands have fled to escape violence and persecution in Sudan. The Yida refugee camp in Unity state is home to 20,000 people from the Nuba Mountains in South Kordofan, where northern troops are said to be targeting groups considered 'disloyal' to the Khartoum regime, including Christians. At least 12 people were killed and 20 injured in the bombardment.

Vietnam: More than a dozen Christian men, women and teenagers were brutally beaten and their property destroyed near Hanoi, Vietnam, in what sources say was a religiously-motivated attack. The Christian house church leaders, as well as other assembled believers, were severely injured during a gathering in the home of Pastor Nguyen Danh Chau in Lai Tao village. A gang burst into the home in November and warned Nguyen that they would kill him if he continued gathering Christians together, according to sources in Vietnam. The attackers beat him until he lost consciousness. The offenders smashed chairs, overturned a pulpit and tore a cross from the wall and threw it into a nearby pond. They also destroyed motorcycles owned by 4 of the pastors.

The believers are members of the Agape Baptist Church, an unregistered house church network of about 2,200 believers who meet regularly in 38 congregations. The head of the Church, Nguyen Cong Thanh, met with the injured and said all he could do was weep at the violence. 'Why do they gratuitously beat servants of the Lord like this,' he said. 'What crime have they committed, what enemies have they made? All we want to do is gather people to worship and serve God.'

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