

# UPCOMING

## **WOMEN'S DROP-IN • MONDAYS**

On Mondays at 7pm we're continuing our new Women's Drop-In for all Women in Willowfield Church Halls. This week there will be the sewing room, crafts and for those a bit more energetic zumba—there's something for everyone! If you are a woman, of any age, you'd be so welcome!

## **WORD TO ACTION • 22 JUNE**

This Wednesday 22 June at 7pm in the church will be the round up of the Word to Action series, when Mark Brown will be finishing our study on the book of Judges.

## **FAMILIES CONNECT BBQ • 25 JUNE**

Families Connect is a relaxed space for families to meet and share life together. During this time there is a soft play area, toys and games for the kids; while parents can enjoy coffee, treats and conversation. On Saturday 25 June we will be having a BBQ together the Church Halls from 4pm. You'd be so welcome!

## **YOUNG ADULTS BBQ • 26 JUNE**

For all who are in their 20's/30's—we will be firing up the BBQ after the 7pm service on Sunday 26 June. Come grab a burger or hot dog and hang out in the church halls—vegetarian options will be available!! This is such a good opportunity to simply build relationship together! Maybe you have only started coming along to Willowfield recently—this would be a great chance to meet some other Willowfield young adults in a chilled-out environment before the summer season commences!

# SERVING

## **THE RED BOX PROJECT • GIVING**

The aim of the Red Box Project is to provide free menstrual products to any young person in our community who may struggle to access it. Our Red Box is situated at the rear of church, beside the food store trolley. Period poverty is a real thing in our society, so we are looking for donations of a wide range of sanitary products in a range of sizes, those with wings, tampons, panty liners, etc.

# EVERYTHING ELSE

## **MARK BROWN •**

It's with sadness that we announce that Mark Brown will be stepping down from his role as our Lay Pastor at the end of July. Mark will be stepping into a new challenge which he senses the Lord calling him to.

It goes without saying that we will all be very sad to see Mark, Rachel and Eden leave but we are excited for all that the Lord has in store for him in the future. His teaching and preaching has brought the bible alive for us; his pastoral heart has brought great comfort to many; his friendship and sense of humour has been so refreshing. He has made a deep impact on us all.

Please do pray for Mark, Rachel and Eden as they make this transition over the summer. Although Mark's last Sunday with us will be 24th July, he will be back at the beginning of September to enable us to say a proper "good bye".

## **ELAINE PENTLAND • APPOINTED CURATE**

We're excited to announce that today Bishop David has appointed the Rev. Elaine Pentland as Curate to Willowfield Parish Church. This appointment is provisional pending Elaine's completion of her Masters later this month which, no doubt, she will do with flying colours.

## **FAITH AND FLOWERS • 27 JUNE**

Monday 27 June will be the final evening of the Women's Drop-In before the summer, and it will be a little different. There will be a guest speaker who will be sharing her testimony through flower arranging followed by a cream tea supper. All women are very welcome to come along. If you are planning to come, please speak to Allison McMillan or sign up at the back of church.

## **HOT DOG GIVE AWAY • 01 JULY**

Yes, its back!!! On Friday 1st July the Somme Memorial Parade will pass by Willowfield. As a way of expressing God's love for our local community, we will be giving away hot dogs to those gathered to watch the parade. In the past this has been as many as 1,000 hot dogs and so we will need as many hands on deck as possible. We especially need three people to help with the BBQs. There will be a sign-up sheet at the back of church.

## **FOCUS PRAYER EVENING • 04 JULY**

Our next Focus Prayer Evening will be at 7pm on Monday 4 July at 7pm in the church. This is a great opportunity to come together as a church family and to pray for our community.

## **REV. ELAINE PENTLAND • 28 AUG**

Elaine will be made Presbyterian on Sunday 28th August at 4pm in Down Cathedral, and you are welcome to attend to give your support to Elaine.

## **THE BISHOP'S BIBLE WEEK • 30 AUG—3 SEP**

We're delighted to welcome back Most Revd Dr Benjamin Kwashi as the speaker at this year's Bible Week running from Tuesday 30 August until Friday 2 September. He will also speak at a Bible Week Youth Night on Saturday 3 September.

## **150th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS •**

Please save the following dates in your diary for our 150th Anniversary Celebrations, the evenings of Saturday 17th and Saturday 24th September. More details to follow.

## **FLOWER ROTA • MAY TO JULY**

There are plenty of opportunities to sign up for the flower rota for the coming months. Providing flowers for the church is a special way to celebrate a loved one, or remember someone who has already "gone to glory", or simply provide some wonderful colour for our church building. How do you sign up? The sign up sheet is found by the main door on the right hand side as you leave.

# WELCOME

We are a Church for all people, of all ages. If it's your first Sunday with us, we hope that you are blessed and that you feel at home.

We would love to connect with you, please make yourself known to the Welcome Desk, or Staff team – we're wearing red lanyards!

If you can't find the information you're looking for please speak to one of our Welcome team or get in touch.

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