

# LIFE & LIGHT

NEWTOWNBREA  
GOSPEL HALL

A magazine to teach, inform, challenge and encourage

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*Jesus said: "Feed my lambs." John 21:15*

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A wise man will hear, and will increase learning;  
and a man of understanding shall attain unto wise counsels:  
Proverbs 1:5



## *Welcome to Life & Light magazine!*

Produced by Christians who meet in Newtownbreda Gospel Hall

*But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear (1 Peter 3:15).*

### *Raising children who inspire*

In his first year at high school in USA, a young man called Yash Gupta broke his glasses and had to go to school without them for about a week while a new pair were being made. He began to appreciate glasses and their impact on his education. Without glasses it was impossible to focus, see, or learn in the classroom, and after this incident he realized the importance they had on his own life. After some research, he learned that there were so many children who lacked a basic pair of glasses, even though millions of pairs were discarded annually. So he started an organisation called 'Sight Learning' a non-profit organisation with a single vision: 'To provide eyeglasses to students who need them but cannot afford them' Since 2010 they have distributed over 60,000 pairs of glasses to needy children, and all thanks to the concern of one young man for others.

#### **How do we raise such inspiring children with a love and concern for others?**

God wants us to bring up children who will do what is right and just (Genesis 18:19). Bible stories are helpful for teaching children, and also have vital lessons for all ages; learning about God (John 17:3), learning from good examples (John 13:15), learning from bad examples (Hebrews 4:11), learning to have wisdom (Psalm 119:99) and answering life's questions (Acts 16:30). Could we encourage you to send your children to where they are taught the Word of God.

*To every thing there is a season,  
and a time to every purpose under the heaven  
Ecclesiastes 3:1*



# JESUS CHRIST IS LORD.

*Philippians 2:11*

## Getting to know

My name is Jeffrey and I am 21 years old. I live in Castlereagh and I am one of the Christians who meet in Newtownbreda Gospel Hall. I am the youngest of five siblings. My mother has no particular Christian beliefs, but she sent us to Sunday school with the desire that we would learn to be 'good living'.

Each week, we learnt from the Bible about God. We heard about what he is like and the things that he has done. Above all, we were taught about his Son, the Lord Jesus. We learned how he came from heaven to be born as a human being; how he showed compassion on all those met: healing the sick; delivering the oppressed; and forgiving the sinful – and I learned how he died on the cross, paying the penalty for my sin, so that I could be saved.

I remember realising for the first time that I personally was a sinner. One day, my mother found me tearful in the bathroom because I had done something wrong. She suggested that I should maybe stop going to Sunday school for a while and I was all too happy with that. The easiest thing in the world we can do when we realise our sin before God, is simply to ignore it, but I thank God that he didn't allow me to do that. My Sunday school teacher was soon calling to encourage me to come back again to Sunday school, and I obliged.

Sometime later, still only a young boy, I decided, at the side of my bed one night, to ask the Lord Jesus to forgive me for my sins, to save me from hell, and to let me into heaven. I believed that he would because God says, 'whoever calls upon the name of the Lord will be saved.'

After many years, I finally decided to obey the Lord I had trusted. I began to read my Bible and to pray more. I was baptised in 2013 and became a member of the Assembly of Christians meeting in Newtownbreda Gospel Hall.

Today, I'm still trusting him. I've found that life has many difficulties and it doesn't always turn out as I had thought. I know that I am still just a sinner. I don't always do or say what is right; and I don't always trust or love God as much as I should. But my life is in the hands of the great and good shepherd and every day I am understanding more how wonderful he is. I am learning to trust him and to find in him all my hope, all my peace, and all my joy.

'More about Jesus would I know, more of his grace to others show,  
More of his saving fullness see, more of his love, who died for me'.



# The Gospel

## 1 Corinthians 15:1-8

These Bible verses include a summary of the Gospel:

How that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures.

The **Person** who died:

**Christ died**

The **Purpose** of His death:

**for our sins**

The **Planning** behind His death:

**according to the Scriptures**

The **Proof** of His death:

**He was buried**

His **Power** over death:

**He rose again**

The **Prediction** before His death:

**the third day according to the Scriptures**







*What  
Happens  
Next?*

Sometimes on a book cover you will get the words highlighted: **"Based on a true story"** but did you know the Bible is full of the most interesting and instructive stories yet all of them are true stories?

Here is a story in the Bible that we would encourage you to read to find out what happens next

We are not told her name, only that she was young and lived in the land of Israel. Life was hard in those days because of constant wars. One thing that she loved to do was listen to stories about the prophet Elisha and how that the God of Israel enabled him to do many miracles and wonderful things. She believed that God was with Elisha in all that he did.

One day an army from Syria came and made a raid on their village; she was taken captive and became maid to a woman who was married to the commander of the Syrian army. She was treated well by her new family but soon became aware that they had a great problem because the woman's husband, Naaman, although a great soldier, was a leper.

After considering the sorrow and worry that this brought to their whole family, one day she said to her mistress: "If only my master were with the prophet who is in Samaria! For he would heal him of his leprosy." The story shows what great influence a little girl who believes in God can have in the lives of others.

Read on to see what happens next in

2 Kings ch.5



# **Have you ever stopped here, wondering “Is there anything coming?”**

There are times in life when great caution is needed especially when we know that danger is near. At any moment something unexpected might appear so we need to proceed with great caution. The faster the danger comes, the greater the danger; for we may not be quick enough to avoid it.



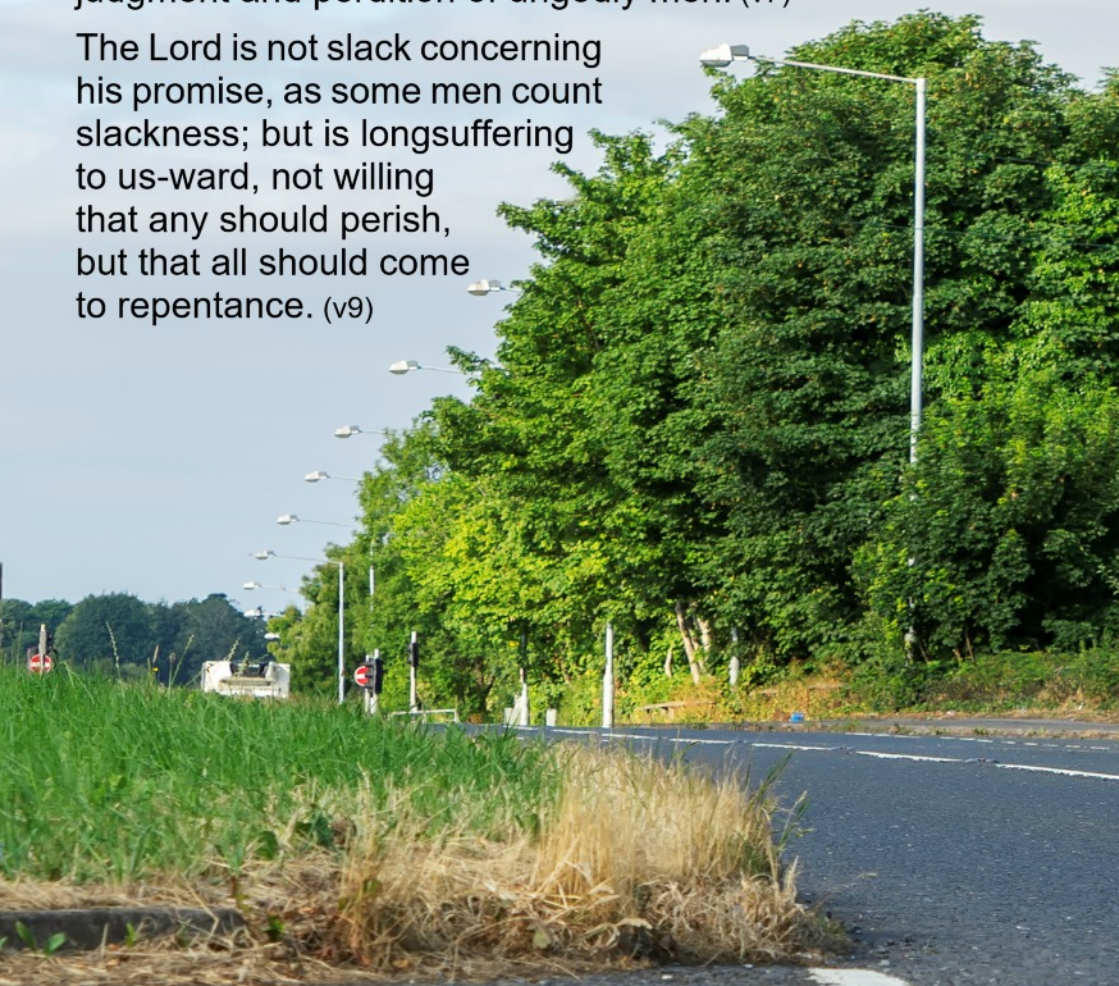


The Bible warns of coming judgement. You may not clearly see that it is coming, you may perhaps think that many people have been saying this for centuries but it hasn't happened yet! Listen to what the Bible says in 2 Peter ch.3

Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, and saying, "Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation." (v3-4)

But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men. (v7)

The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. (v9)





## Memory Verse

That Holy One  
who is to be born  
will be called the Son of God.  
Luke 1:35 (NKJV)

### Bible Word Search

#### Names and Titles of the Lord Jesus Christ

U Q O K A I S N S M T K R P M  
V L F Z J T Y O A E E O A O R  
O M G Y V O N T N Z I C B X K  
Y D N Y M O E N U U A N B O A  
D L O V F H T C A S I R I X R  
E R I G W A R S P D S H E W E  
N T O G B M A L I D O V Z N D  
F D J L H Q Y V K R T T R Z E  
I G Q R R T A E G T H V E P E  
P B Y I H D S E K E U C T X M  
T S W K F T Y A J I O Q S L E  
L I I O N A M F O N O S A H R  
V N N Q R U O I V A S J M V R  
G O J E S U S E M M A N U E L  
S V B G G W T Z T P B Q J F E


CHRIST	EMMANUEL	JESUS
KING	LAMB	LIGHT
LORD	MASTER	NAZARENE
RABBI	REDEEMER	SAVIOUR
SON OF DAVID	SON OF GOD	SON OF MAN

Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name  
under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.


Acts 4:12



# Newtownbreda Gospel Hall




We love Sunday School  
for so many reasons




We love  
hearing  
Bible stories


Sundays 3-3:45pm  
September-June  
Prizes for attendance  
Prizes for learning  
Special annual trip  
Age 3 and up.




I love hearing  
what great things  
Jesus did for me



We love meeting  
new friends



I love  
learning about  
God



We love  
getting prizes  
for learning  
God's Word

For pickup & drop off call Brian on 07918 886 836



# Bible Class

FOR TEENAGERS & YOUNG ADULTS

**E**very Sunday afternoon, September to June, we meet from 3-3:45pm to study and discuss the Bible. If you are a young person interested in exploring Christianity or wanting to grow in your faith, we would love to welcome you to Newtownbreda Bible Class.

Call Stephen for more information.  
Mobile: 077 0617 0386

NEW SEASON  
Starts 8th September

“God, Life  
&  
The Gospel”

A study in the book of Romans



# Wonders of Creation

## Pollen



As you walk across a field on a summer day and see bees buzzing here and there or butterflies flapping, do you ever wonder what they are up to? This apparently meaningless activity is part of a process known as pollination.

Pollination is a very important part of the life cycle of plants and they cannot produce fruit or even seeds unless they are pollinated. Pollen is transferred by pollinators, which can be insects, the wind, or in a few other ways as well. To the last detail a flower is designed for the great purpose of reproducing after its kind. Colour, fragrance, form, the length and shape of each part all fit perfectly into that purpose.

Every individual type of plant has its own uniquely shaped pollen. Pollen is so unique and unchanging that it can be used in a court of law to determine exactly where an item has been if it contains a certain pollen.

Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel, Who only does wondrous things! and blessed be His glorious name forever! and let the whole earth be filled with His glory. Psalm 72:18-19



# Gospel Truths

## Who are we?

We are a group of born-again Christians who consider the Bible to be the inspired and infallible Word of God. We endeavour to follow the New Testament example of gathering to the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. We come from different nationalities and walks of life, with the common bond of having a personal knowledge of Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord.

## Times of our regular meetings:

### Sunday:

11.00 am	Breaking of Bread (weekly)
3.00 pm	Sunday School & Bible Class (Sep-June)
6.30 pm	Prayer Meeting (weekly)
7.00 pm	Gospel Meeting (weekly)

### Monday:

7.00 pm	Bible Explorers (Oct-March)
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### Tuesday:

7.30 pm	Purdysburn Gospel Hour (in Purdysburn Village) (Alternate Tuesdays, Oct-April)
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### Thursday:

7.45 pm	Prayer meeting & Bible Reading (weekly)
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Visit us: [www.newtownbredagospelhall.com](http://www.newtownbredagospelhall.com)

- God created us for His glory.  
*Isaiah 43:5-7*
- Every human should live for God's glory.  
*1 Corinthians 10:31*
- We have all sinned and come short of God's glory.  
*Romans 3:23*
- We all deserve eternal punishment.  
*Romans 6:23*
- In His great mercy, God sent forth His only Son Jesus Christ to provide for sinners the way of eternal life.  
*John 3:16*