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Church News: Updates, and Prayer Points from Corboy & Mullingar

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"I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow." *1 Corinthians 3:6*

A new term of ministry brings a natural wave of excitement as we look forward to what lies ahead. In the middle of this fresh start, it is easy to fall into a subtle trap: believing that the success of our church depends entirely on our own hard work, strategy, or clever ideas.

As we step into this new season, Paul's words to the Corinthian church offer a vital reality check, challenging us to rethink how we measure success.

In God's kingdom, we are caretakers, not creators. Some of us are called to plant new seeds by starting new initiatives or reaching out to neighbours. Others are called to water, faithfully nurturing the ministries and relationships that already exist. But notice what Paul makes explicitly clear: neither the planter nor the waterer can force a single thing to grow. That power belongs to God alone.

This truth brings immense relief, but it also presents a deep challenge. It frees us from the crushing weight of trying to produce immediate, visible results. At the same time, it demands that we focus purely on our obedience. Our job as His people, his servants is simply to be faithful to the work right in front of us.

As we serve together in this new church season, let us find joy as we do our part with diligence, while entirely trusting God for the outcome. He is the one who produces and sustains the growth, changing hearts and building His church.

Holiday Bible Club. We are thankful to God for answered prayer and the blessings of our Holiday Bible Club and Youth Week in July. A team of 12 from Buckna Presbyterian, Co. Antrim joined with us, along with some from our own church, and one from Tullamore and MCF to run the weeks outreach. We had an average of 30 children each morning, a mixture of those already connected to the congregation and those with no church connection. In the evenings we had between 8 and 10 teens. Relationships were built, and the gospel message was shared, through songs, drama, Bible stories, memory verses, craft and even through the games and the informal chats. With the youth, some of Buckna team shared how God had shaped their lives for him, and encouraged our young people in their faith. Thanks to all who helped in many different ways, both visible and behind the scenes.

Church BBQ. It was wonderful for the two congregations to meet together in June for fellowship and food at our annual BBQ. Thanks to YfC for bringing their cage football, and it wasn't just the young who enjoyed that!

Farrell Clan, Longford

I was able to represent the Presbyterians at the Farrell Clan gathering in July, taking part in a service at the beginning of the weeks events.

Gospel Roots Podcasts We continue to publish our podcasts on a regular basis. Check them out on Buzzsprout, Spotify, Apple Podcasts, and now on Youtube Podcasts

Find out more information about what has been happening, and what is planned by checking out our websites corboychurch.com and mullingarpresbyterian.com . Follow us on our social media.

Money Coaching

Managing your money doesn't have to be a pain. Learn the skills to make it simple with free money coaching, designed to empower you with the knowledge, skills, tools and confidence to better manage your finances. This is not debt advice, and you don't have to share your financial circumstances.

*Join us as we launch a **'Pilot' Money Coaching Course**, on Thursday 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th October, 7:30pm, Mullingar Presbyterian Church*

If you feel God is calling you to use your gifts to help in our ministries please speak with Wallace. Help is needed in various capacities in both congregations.

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.' 1 Peter 4:10

Ministers Holiday Cover

Wallace, our minister will be on Holiday from Monday 31st Aug to Sunday 13th September. If in need of a minister during this time, contact one of our elders.

Coming Up...

Sunday Services: **10:00am Corboy**
11:30am Mullingar

September

- **Tuesday 2nd, 6:00pm,** Presbytery Meeting
- **Tuesday 8th, 7:30pm,** Prayer Time, Mullingar
- **Wednesday 9th/16th/23rd/30th, 10:30am,** Oodles & Doodles (Mullingar)
- **Monday 14th, 7:30pm,** Hope Longford Project, Planning Meeting, St. John's CoI, Longford
- **Saturday 19th, 10:30pm,** Men's Legacy Breakfast (Mullingar)
- **Sunday 20th, 11:30am, Communion Mullingar**
- **Tuesday 22nd, 7:30pm,** Hope Westmeath Project, Planning Meeting, Mullingar Presbyterian Church
- **Sunday 27th, 11:30am**, Harvest Service (Mullingar)
- **Sunday 27th, 3:00pm**, Harvest Service (Corboy)

October

- **Sunday 4th, 10:00am,** Compassion Service & communion Corboy
- **Tuesday 6th/13th/20th/27th, 7:30pm,** Bible Study (Mullingar)
- **Wednesday 7th/14th/21st/28th, 10:30am,** Oodles & Doodles (Mullingar)
- **Wednesday 7th/14th/21st/28th 7:30pm,** Bible Study (Corboy)
- **Thursday 8th/15th/22nd/29th, 7:30pm,** 'Money Coaching' Course (Mullingar)
- **Saturday 24th, 10:00am**, 'Called to Care' Training (Mullingar)

Note: Church WhatsApp, Social Media, Website and weekly announcements will keep you updated with other events and activities.

Closing date for applications is Monday 21 September at 5pm.

If interested in this post, or know someone who might be, please share. Please also pray for God to lead us to the right person for this role.

Called to Care

Saturday 24th Oct.

Pastoral care training to help people grow in confidence as they care for others in the life of the church and wider community. The course is built around two simple but important questions:

- How do I really understand and care for the person in front of me?
- How do I bring the presence and love of God into that moment?

The training will focus on listening well, understanding people's stories, and responding with empathy and care, whilst offering simple, practical tools for pastoral conversations. Prayerfully consider coming along to this.

PRAYER POINTS

- Thank God for all that has taken place over the summer, including the HBC Outreach.
- Pray for the recruitment process for a Youth Outreach Worker.
- For all that is planned in the coming months.
- Pray for all who are sick or in need within our congregations and known to us.