

Trustee Report

June 2024

It has been quite a busy year for the church with the completion of several projects. Firstly, being the lift has been installed and is in full working order and is being well utilised by members of the church, weekly. Second with the 'Prayer Room' have been redecorated and refurbished and renamed 'The Fugard Room' in memory of the late Pastor Jim Fugard.

Splash Sure Start continues to use the Spence Hall daily, Monday to Friday during term with their developmental program. We have been advised their budget is under review and we are not one hundred percent certain of Sure Starts use of the Spence Hall, from September 24 to June 25. We are seeking God and praying this source of income will continue not only in the next year but for the years to come.

In August 23 we held a Community Fun Day, with various activities taking place. The Sanctuary was converted into a Prayer Garden with difference stations reminding people of our daily blessings from God. Members from all backgrounds visited and many made prayer requests. In the Spence Hall we had a bouncy castle indoors along with colouring in stations and competitions for specific age groups. We also had a Bake Off with everyone invited to bring along the best bakes. Sadly, Rev Philip Evans, entry was eating and apparently well enjoyed before judging had taken place.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Cllr Peter Haire and Carla Lockhart M.P. for coming along and showing their support and for judging the competitions. I would also like to thank those who donated prizes, Brownlow House, and Sdy & Rons Barber Shop.

On the day we had estimated that well over 400 people came through the gates of the church on the day and appeared to be enjoyed by all those that attended.

In December, we held our first drive in Carol Service which was not that well attended but we were still encouraged with our efforts. We would like to thank Hamiltonbawn Silver Band for attending and providing the music for us, which I am sure was heard across the estate.

We also opened our doors on Christmas Day to provide a space and meal for anyone who would not have been on their own. The day was a great success, thanks to A. Gilkinson who co-ordinated the kitchen, Avondale Foods for the potatoes and vegetables. South Regional Campus Flower Arranging Class under the direction of Mrs Elizabeth Dowey provided the Table Centre Pieces. Jones Estates Agents for the Christmas Crackers.

We would like to give a massive thanks to the Evans family as a whole, they were the driving force behind this venture and gave up their Christmas Day to provide memories for other less fortunate, showing true Christian love.

Throughout the year we have provided several Food Parcels and Baby Parcels to those in need. It's hard to imagine people today struggling to get the basics of life. Praise God we have been able to minister to people from all parts of the community. In conversation with the Rev Philip Evans, he reported that one woman was so thankful for what the Church of the Nazarene had done for her and her family she said her church wouldn't have done it.

Every day, we have the opportunity to sow seeds to further the Kingdom of God, showing Christian love. It's not all about preaching but it's also about demonstrating God love in practical terms as well.

We are looking forward to the year ahead and what the Lord has in store for the Church of the Nazarene, in Lurgan. Already we have planned:

- Local Hero's BBQ on Saturday 29th June
- Afternoon Tea after morning worship on Sunday 21st July
- Fun Day on Saturday 17th August
- Lurgan Sings on Saturday 2nd November
- Drive-In Carol Service Sunday 8th December

Our services continue to be:


- Sunday Services at 11.30am & 6.30pm.
- Coffee, Chat & Craft at 10am on Tuesday's – Bi-Weekly.
- Walking Group on Tuesday's – Bi-Weekly.
- Prayer Meeting Wednesday's at 11am.
- Prayer & Bible Study Thursday's at 7.30pm.
- Nazarene Youth International – NYI meeting monthly.
- Women & Mens Fellowships meeting – Bi Monthly.
- Music Lessons teach brass instruments Friday evenings at 6.30pm
- We are also looking to restart Sunday School in September to provide ministry to even the youngest members of the congregation.

We would also like to acknowledge the passing of three of God's faithful servants who have been promoted to glory:

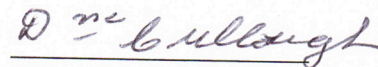
- Helen McKerr
- Alison Lennon
- Annie Louisa Castles

As the church enters a new year and new era, we am looking forward and we am excited for the work God is doing, not only in our we church in Lurgan but across this land and across this world. Never has it been more evident that, 'In Times Like These you need a Saviour.'


Respectfully Submitted



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