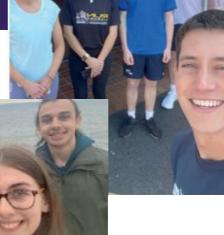


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#### 'I Will Have No Fear'

Dear Friends,

On Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June Hannah Craig and I had the joy and privilege of attending the first full Exodus Commissioning service for 3 years in Wellington Presbyterian Church in Ballymena. It was a really inspiring and encouraging night. Wellington is a big building, but it was filled to capacity with hundreds of team members from all over the country along with hundreds of parents and supporters.



It was a celebration of 25 years of the work of Exodus and its disciple making ministry among young people. It was also a time of commissioning as the teams prepare to head out this summer to Romania, Hungary, South Africa, Spain, the United States and to many locations around Ireland.

It was great for Hannah and myself to be able to pray with Teams 18 and 19 (our Railway Street teams) during the act of commissioning.

We were sitting for most of the service looking down on where the hundreds of team members were sitting - each wearing their dark green Exodus T-Shirts with the message on the back. 'I will have no fear.'

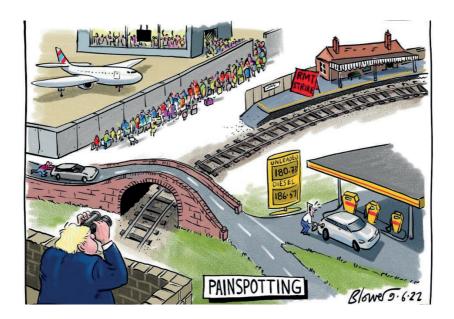
Few commands are repeated more often in the Scriptures than God's command to His people, "Do not be afraid." My mind was taken to the words of Joshua chapter 1:9, "Have I not commanded you be strong and courageous? Do not be terrified, do not be discouraged; for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go."

It seems to me that anytime God says to his people, 'Do not be afraid,' there are real grounds, humanly speaking, for fear. When God spoke to Joshua he had reasons to feel afraid. Moses was dead and Joshua was called to succeed him. He was having to follow a great leader - the man who had led Israel out of slavery in Egypt, who had led them across the Red Sea and through the wilderness for 40 years. Joshua had to succeed Moses — what a fearful and intimidating prospect that must have been! But not only did he have to step into Moses' shoes of leadership, he would then have to lead the people of Israel across the Jordan River into the Promised Land, where there would be many battles to fight against powerful kings and cities and where in parts of that land the descendants of the giants of old still lived.

There were real reasons for fear. But the most important thing for Joshua to remember was not his challenging circumstances but the God who was with him for the journey. He had the promise and assurance that just as God had been with Moses so he would be with Joshua. God would not leave him, and God would see to it that the Israelites inherited the land that He had promised to their forefather Abraham. "Be strong and courageous, do not be terrified, do not be discouraged; for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go."

Those going to Romania were reminded last Saturday night who it is that goes with them and to allow that promise of God's presence to overcome any and all fears that they may have. They are, of course, more excited than anything else at the moment, but they will each have in their hearts their own anxieties and fears – 'Will I be homesick? Will I be able to stand up in front of others and speak? Will I be able to eat the food?' So please join with me in praying for them that through the knowledge that God is with them they will live out the truth of those words on their T-Shirts – 'I will have no fear.'

But it seems to me those words are important for all of us to hear in these days. We continue to live in challenging and fear filled times. Our world continues to stagger from one crisis to the next.



At the moment we are all feeling the cost of living crisis. The rate of inflation has reached 9% and many economists believe it has still to peak in the coming months. This is increasing the prices of nearly everything. To counter that the Bank of England is raising interest rates which is bad news for borrowers. We are seeing ever rising costs when it comes to energy prices, whether that is gas, oil, electricity or the price of filling our cars at the petrol pumps. The rising energy costs means that farmers and food producers have to increase their prices, with the result that we all are noticing the increased cost of everyday items like a litre of milk.

While many hope to escape all this, at least for a while over the summer, by flying to warmer places - there is the danger that when you reach the airport your flight may have been cancelled or while you may get to where you are going your luggage will not!

We all need reminding that in such challenging circumstances what matters most is knowing the God who is with us on this journey. God says to us in these days, "Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified, do not be discouraged; for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go."

This is the same God who said to us while He was incarnate here on earth in the person of Jesus Christ, "So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first His Kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore, do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own." (Matthew 6:31-24)

So let God's promises to us remove fear and worry and let us step into each new day seeking first His Kingdom and His righteousness, for that is what our troubled world needs to see and experience in these chaotic and fear filled times – they need to hear about the God who is building His Kingdom of righteousness that will one day come in all its fulness as Jesus returns to makes all things new.

As citizens of that Kingdom we are also called to do other things to help others in these challenging times. Lisburn Food Bank and Christians Against Poverty report increased demand on their services as people struggle to get by. We need to continue our support of these practical Christian demonstrations of Christian concern for people in need.

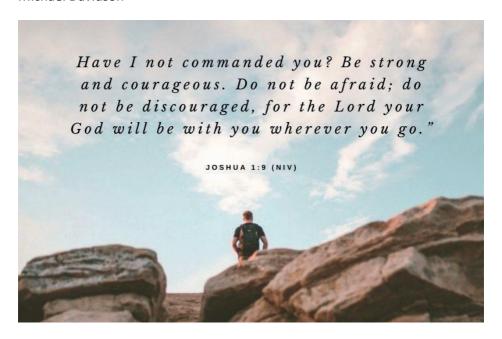
We are also called to seek the peace and prosperity of the city in which we live. Lisburn businesses have been battered by covid and now face huge challenges in terms of their rising overhead costs. Lisburn businesses need to know the support of Lisburn people. There is something seriously wrong if in these times we continue to enrich people like Amazon owner and multi billionaire Jeff Bezos while people in Lisburn lose their livelihoods. Do we really need to source it online or can we buy it locally?

There are real grounds for fear and anxiety in our world but let us remember that it is not simply about the circumstances we are facing - it is much more about the God who is with us on the journey.

Let me wish you all a good summer and the hope that you will get the opportunity to enjoy time for rest and refreshment.

Yours in His service,

Michael Davidson



## **Services for July & August 2022**

# 'Signs of the Kingdom' The Miracles of Jesus in John's Gospel

### 3<sup>rd</sup> July

10:30am - John 1:1-14 'The Word Became Flesh'
Michael Davidson

### 10<sup>th</sup> July

10:30am - John 4:43-54 *'Jesus Heals The Official's Son'*Michael Davidson

### 17<sup>th</sup> July

10:30am - John 5:1-15 *'The Healing At The Pool'*Michael Davidson

## 24th July

10:30am - John 6:1-15 *'The Feeding of The Five Thousand'*Michael Davidson

### 31st July

10:30am - John 9 *'The Healing of the Man Born Blind'*Diarmid Finnegan

#### AUGUST

#### 7<sup>th</sup> August

10:30am - John 6 'Jesus Walks on Water'
Stephen Johnston

#### 14th August

10:30am - John 2:1-11 *'Water Into Wine'*Charlie Hadjiev

## 21st August

10:30am - John 11 'New Life the Dead Receive'
Michael Davidson

## 28<sup>th</sup> August

10:30am - John 20:19-31 *'The Resurrection & The Life'*Michael Davidson

## 4<sup>th</sup> September

10:30am - Back to School With God.

Rebekah Ravey - SU Schools Worker in Lisburn



Watch online at www.railwaystreet.org

**Telephone Line Service – 028 92448979** 

#### **SCHOOL UNIFORMS**

Parents - do you have family who have outgrown their school uniforms? Are you aware that Trinity Methodist Church, on Knockmore Road, runs a weekly 'used-uniform' hub where people can access pre-loved items of uniform from many local schools? They are always happy to receive donations of blazers, sweatshirts, sports gear, etc. If you require more information, please speak to Heather Henry.

## **Railway Street Exodus Teams to Romania**

30th June - 9th July 2022







Both teams will depart from Dublin Airport on 30<sup>th</sup> June and arrive at the Exodus centre in Sutor, Romania where we will spend the first 48 hours doing a "launch". This will involve team building, cultural orientation, Bible studies and placement planning as well as lots of games and fun! The teams will be together for this and then travel to their placements for the next week.

#### **Team 18**

Team 18 is working with the Reformed Church of Bradet, Zalau. We will run Kids Clubs, a 3 day event for the youth within the church, be involved in church services, visit and give food packages to elderly people in the church and then also run outreach events within the Roma community. In between

this we will have times of worship, Bible study and prayer as we follow Exodus' STEP OUT theme for this year.

#### **Team 19**

Team 19 is working with the Reformed Church of Izvoru, Crisului. This will involve running a Kids Club to bring the story of Jesus alive to between 60-70 children! We will also be running youth activities, be involved in the church service and get the opportunity to share our testimonies.

We are very excited to serve God this summer and to step out in our faith. Thank you to the whole church family for all your prayerful and financial support throughout this whole team experience!

## **Prayer Points:**

- Safety for both teams as we travel
- Good communication skills to share the gospel clearly even with the language barrier and that the Holy Spirit would speak through us.
- For harmony within the team and between the team and the Romanian youth.
- That our team will 'step out' and grow in their relationship with God.
- That we would see God at work in Romania and people would be saved



#### Following Christ, Serving the Community

Pastoral Care Arrangements for July & August
Heidi will be on holiday from 27<sup>th</sup> June until 18<sup>th</sup> July
Please contact Michael during this time

Michael will be on holiday from 25<sup>th</sup> July until 15<sup>th</sup> August

If you need the services of a minister in an emergency during this time, please contact Stephen Johnston or Heidi.

#### **CHURCH OFFICE**

Church office will be closed from Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June – reopening on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> August.

The **September bulletin** will be available on **Sunday 4**<sup>th</sup> **September**. Please have all items for the Bulletin with the office by Tuesday morning 30<sup>th</sup> August. Thank you.

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Come and join us for a BBQ and evening worship at Ganaway!

All church family welcome Tuesday 19th July from 6pm



## 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Display for Railway Street Girls' Brigade



This was held in our church hall on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April with all 48 girls taking part. It was a joy to be able to share the evening with parents and friends of GB. The girls presented a varied programme with singing and games from the Tiny Tots and Explorers and 'The Penguin Dance' and 'The Platinum Pudding Recipe' from the Juniors. There was drama and dancing from the Seniors and they signed and sang the song 'Reckless Love.' For the finale, the whole company presented the sections of the GB badge and their meaning.

As founder members of Railway Street GB, each girl received a special engraved award as well as the badges they had gained through the year. These were presented by Margaret Megahey, Captain of Sloan Street GB, who has helped our company in many ways.

The evening finished with supper and a special '1st Anniversary' cake.







Hilary, Danielle & Margaret Our Cake

The Juniors















## We are officially 375<sup>th</sup> NI Railway Street Presbyterian GB

Another big day for Railway Street GB was our Affiliation Service with GBNI on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> May to officially recognise our company. A special certificate was presented to our Captain, Hilary Milligan, by Gail Clarke, GB National Secretary, and a welcome to the GB family was brought by Isobel McKane, GB President.

The Tiny Tots and Explorers led the singing of 'Our God is a Great Big God' and 'If I were a butterfly' and the Juniors and Seniors each shared an item from the GB display. The Captain, Officers, helpers and girls were enrolled by Company Chaplain, Rev Michael Davidson. Hannah Craig spoke to the congregation about the importance of building our lives on 'Our Great Big God.'

This service marks the founding of our company and is a very significant milestone in the life of our congregation. Please pray for our girls, officers and helpers. You can still see this special service online <a href="https://railwaystreet.org/services/2022/2022\_05\_22.html">https://railwaystreet.org/services/2022/2022\_05\_22.html</a>

## Registration for 2022-2023 in the church hall

## Thursday 8th September

6 - 7pm Tiny Tots (aged 3 -P1)

Explorers (P2-P4)

7.15 - 8pm Juniors (P5-P7)

Seniors (Year 8-Year 10)

For further information, contact Hilary Milligan (Captain) 07899896879, speak to any officer or email gb@railwaystreet.org

Any donations of items of uniform for girls or officers are always welcome.

## ANNOUNCEMENNTS DEATH

We regret to announce the death of Mrs Margaret Doak on 4<sup>th</sup> June. We extend our sympathy to the family at this time of grief.

#### **RESPONSE TO CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 2022**

You will be interested to know that our donations to this annual appeal amounted to £640 and this sum will be increased by the addition of Gift Aid. Thanks are due to those members who contributed to this most worthy cause.



#### PRAYER FOCUS

Luke 11:1. "Lord, teach us to pray."

Summer has arrived at long last after what felt like a very long winter. If you are at home during July and August, we would encourage you to join us at **Prayer Focus** on one or both of these

dates:- **Monday 18**<sup>th</sup> **July** from 8.00-9.00pm in No 31.

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> August from 8.00-9.00pm in No 31.

PW would like to **thank** those who supported our coffee morning and as a result we will be sending a cheque for £550 to support Diane Cusick's work in Zambia.

We look forward to seeing everyone again on **Monday 26**<sup>th</sup> **September** for the first meeting of the new session.

#### **KESWICK AT PORTSTEWART 2022**

After an absence of two years Keswick at Portstewart resumes this summer, from Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> to Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July. The theme this year will be "RENEWAL" Each morning, Monday to Friday at 11am, David Scott (Inshes Church, Inverness) will help us find renewal in the Lord through the book of Haggai. The evening sessions, Saturday to Friday at 7.30pm will be led by Martin Salter (Grace Church, Bedford) and Glen Scrivener (Speak Life) If you plan to be in the area during these dates, please drop in and share in Christian fellowship and learn from God's word.

A special message to families with children. Keswick works closely with **Portstewart CSSM** so your children can enjoy this wonderful experience and grow in their faith.



## Link progress update

It's now really exciting to see that our new building is beginning to look like it



did on our initial architect's concept drawings. The main glazing has now been completed and we are looking forward to the scaffolding coming down so that we can really see the results. The interior is also now starting to take shape, firstly with the flooring and wall partitions appearing, then stairs

arriving and hopefully we will see the lift going in soon.

There are lots of different contractors on site progressing the work on the first phase of the internal electrical and mechanical systems, with what currently seems like miles of cabling going in, also the joinery and plastering work will be starting soon.

The upstairs stained glass windows, which were removed to avoid damage, have now been refitted. The exit ramp from the hall has now been built, the kitchen and store windows have been replaced and the kitchen is now planned to be installed in August.

We appreciate the continued generous giving from our church family to date. Continuing to give as we are able will help to keep our borrowing to a minimum.







The end is now coming into sight, but there's still a lot of work to do before we get across the finishing line.

Thank you all for your continuing support. Ivan & Stephen

#### FOODBANK REFLECTIONS

Due to the drastic increase in the costs of living more and more households are finding themselves falling into poverty. As a result of this we have seen an increase in those being referred to our foodbank for food support. Since January 2022 we have fulfilled 256 foodbank vouchers feeding a total of 648 individuals. This is an increase since our previous comparative year (pre pandemic in 2019) where we fulfilled 225 vouchers totalling 521 individuals in the first 6 months of the year.

**Donations**: Throughout the last 6 months we have received amazing support from local companies, churches, community groups and the general public! We have received an incredible 20,563.17KG of donations. We want to say a special thank you to the Kelly Brothers, Pure Gym Lisburn, Chamber of Commerce, Geek Retreat, In Klover, Wallace Avenue Gospel Hall, Lisburn Hawks and Moira Hygiene Bank as some of the amazing supporters throughout the first 6 months of 2022.

In mid May Foodbanks across NI gathered together for the Trussell Trust Rolling Roadshow in Belfast. It was wonderful to see and catch up with those from Foodbanks all across Northern Ireland again in person! We explored topics such as "Changing Communities, Changing Policy and Changing Minds" and how we can create a hunger-free future.

From 30th June - 2nd July we will have a stand at the big Tesco in Lisburn on the Bentrim Road. We will be collecting donations and giving out information on how you can support your local Foodbank. Please pop by and say hello!

#### **How to Support:**

- Leave a donation at our permanent collection point in Tesco or Sainsburys.
- Volunteering please pop us an email/phone call to hear about upcoming opportunities.
- Share our social media posts this helps to raise awareness.

Most Needed Items: UHT Milk, Jars of pasta & curry sauce, Sugar, Diluting Juice, Custard/Rice Pudding & Coffee.

Lisburn Foodbank - 1-3 Graham Gardens, Lisburn, BT28 1XE T - 07756965868 E - team@lisburnfoodbank.org

# Rev Dr David Bruce Reflects On Being Moderator in Unique Times



The Moderator's office is a small room found near the end of a corridor on the second floor of Assembly Buildings. It overlooks Howard Street and the dirty dark-red brick of the little remembered former Presbyterian War Memorial Buildings opposite. While the view is unremarkable, the view that PCl's two-term Moderator has had of the church since June 2020 has been anything but unremarkable, describing this time as 'a great honour and a fascinating season' in

his life - as Mark Smith, the denomination's press officer, discovered.

During the hour that we had, it was difficult to remember how normal his selection as Moderator-Designate <a href="had been on that first Tuesday">had been on that first Tuesday in February</a> <a href="had been on that first Tuesday">2020</a>. Presbyteries gathered across Ireland to choose from four names as something called 'Covid' continued to impact large parts of a Chinese province and wouldn't be front page news in Ireland, or the UK, for another four or five weeks.

Little did Dr Bruce, or any of us appreciate, that the life that we had come to know, and all the things that we took for granted, would soon change beyond recognition, with its impact still felt in both the church and society as a whole, as Dr Bruce touched on.

Having been ordained in 1984, Dr Bruce said that along with most Presbyterians, he could remember Moderators who had fulfilled the role in a way that had personally impacted him. "What I have discovered is that everyone is different, and every circumstance is different, and each year presents a different narrative, so a Moderator needs to adapt to the circumstances before them, which is certainly what I have found and my successors will find too."

A time to adapt - It is perhaps an understatement that the last two years have seen considerable 'adaptation', especially during his first term of office. Most of his predecessors would have preached their first Sunday sermon having been invited by a congregation soon after their election by the General Assembly. With congregations across Ireland closed from mid-March 2020, Dr Bruce had to wait until the end of September and a socially distanced gathering in Christ Church Presbyterian in Dundonald for his first face-to-face gathering for worship.

During the first four months of his moderatorial year, Dr Bruce combined the role while continuing his day job, as Secretary to the Council for Mission in Ireland. "In fact in the first phase we were in a deep lockdown from March 2020, right the way through, so in continuity with my predecessor, William Henry, I continued the series of **pre-recorded services for congregations** that didn't have the facilities to livestream, or record their own. I chose to preach through Ephesians for the next 22 weeks...it was demanding for many

different reasons, but I enjoyed that," he recalled.



Like most people he said that he'd got used to working from home and using Zoom and Microsoft Teams. A myriad of virtual internal meetings, to online discussions with the NIO and Taoiseach's office with his fellow Church Leaders – the leaders of the Church of Ireland, Catholic Church,

Methodist Church in Ireland and the Irish Council of Churches. In a normal year they would meet two or three times together. After March 2020 they met online on a monthly basis, if not more.

Reflecting on his first half of this first year in office, Dr Bruce said, "I think the Church was reeling with the uncertainty of it all and fearful. There were little pin-pricks of hope and light as people responded creatively, wisely, and well,

to the circumstances, and we shouldn't lose sight of how people came together in the face of such testing times and those on the frontline who went far beyond that extra mile. But for many this was a time of controlled concern, or even panic in some quarters. We certainly knew we were facing a crisis.

#### Presbytery Tours - meeting people



Dr Bruce undertook more presbytery tours than any of his predecessors, seven in total. These were adapted to suit the prevailing restrictions at the time. "Some were in that deep season of lockdown and were undertaken online with very few face-to-face meetings. The tour of Ballymena Presbytery was largely conducted remotely, with

livestream preaching and pre-recorded sermons, virtual coffee mornings and prayer meetings with ministers. Contrast that to my last tour, <u>Coleraine and Limavady Presbytery</u>, which was full-on with 30-plus engagements in eight days," Dr Bruce explained.

The real value for Moderators of these tours, he suggested, was not just seeing the church first-hand and at work in their local communities, but making face-to-face connections with ministers and their families, with some engagement with civic society through visits to <a href="schools">schools</a>, Police Service, <a href="hospitals">hospitals</a> and other organisations.









The Moderator also saw the tours at this particular time as an extension of PCI's 'Refresh' initiative that was designed to allow ministers to pause in their work because of their radically changed circumstances due to the pandemic. In each of the 19 regional presbyteries 'Refresh Groups' of 6 to 8 ministers were set up for prayer and fellowship, alongside a one day multi-site livestreamed (and socially distanced) conference that took place last June.

#### **Pandemic effects**

While many things changed during that time, Dr Bruce said that we haven't really begun to see its long-term effects, "The deep seated pastoral pain of people in our churches who have not been able to grieve properly, is a story not yet written. Grieving is a mysterious thing, it is a leave taking, a loosening of bonds that have in many cases taken decades to forge. If it is not handled well, or enabled to happen healthily, deep-seated harm can result.

"I am sure we will see evidence of this in the years to come, as families feel that they couldn't say goodbye properly to their loved ones." There was a feeling too, he said, that society had lost its confidence, as if the pandemic had taken the wind out of its sails.



There is of course a positive side to these events. Dr Bruce continued, "When a crisis occurs, it can be like hitting the reset button on a computer. Everything shuts down, then reboots cleanly forcing us to re-examine the

basics...This enforced reset could in fact, under God, be a real blessing to us."

Reflecting on this the Moderator said that on some visits to churches there was a focus on the 'ABC' of church life – 'Attendance', 'Buildings', and 'Cash'. While understandable (and not typical of all congregations), Dr Bruce said that there was an opportunity for local churches to refocus on the 'DEF' of church life – 'Discipleship', 'Evangelism', and 'Fellowship'.

Such a reset isn't just confined to the Church. "Much that is good will emerge from the serious disruption, challenges and pain that we have been through, but it may take some time to recognise and respond to it," he said.

#### Major social changes

As the public face of Irish Presbyterianism, Dr Bruce said that he also felt that there had been another kind of change. For example, major social and policy issues across Ireland have come to challenge the Judeo-Christian world view, like they have never done before — including end of life issues, abortion, human identity, marriage and its definition. Positions that had been shared since the creation of the General Assembly 182 years ago, are now divergent.

"I am finding the Church having to recalibrate how it is heard in the public square. We are having to re-state the importance of our belief in the revealed Word of God in the Bible. Many people have a radically different understanding of how society ought to determine what is right and wrong, and therefore, where social policy should emerge from. It has made some folk nervous, because the changes which result are radical."

Dr Bruce continued, "My response to that is that our confidence doesn't rest in government legislation, it rests with God, and in particular with Christ and the Gospel, which we have received from Him. Even if we find ourselves out of step with public opinion on certain important matters, this is not unusual for the world church. Nor has it been unusual over history, as we unpack the story of God's people through the centuries."

#### Two years in post; some special events



While much was different, including the fact that Dr Bruce was the first Moderator to serve two terms of office since 1894 – a semblance of normality returned during his second year. He was able to visit PCI's Global Mission Workers in

Portugal, speaking in congregations most Sundays, representing Irish Presbyterians at state occasions <u>in Dublin</u> and <u>London</u>, while <u>moderating a General Assembly</u>, albeit a smaller gathering, that took place in October - <u>a</u> far cry from the previous year.

His term of office also coincided with the centenary of the creation of Northern Ireland and the partition of Ireland, which PCI marked with <u>a special event in September 2021 called 'On these steps'</u>, at Union Theological College, the home of Northern Ireland's first parliament. Dr Bruce gave the main address at the event that had a broader aim beyond the commemorative, as it sought to create space to hear different perspectives as people reflected on the island's past, while looking in hope to a shared future.

Dr Bruce also spoke of the <u>Church Leaders' centenary 'Service of Reflection and Hope'</u> in St Patrick's Church of Ireland Cathedral in Armagh a month later. "We chose our language with great care as we were formulating the purpose of the service...We recognised that within the Church Leaders Group itself, the polarities and perceptions about the very existence of Northern Ireland were well represented - and these differences were evident between us."



Dr Bruce continued, "We wanted to model how we could differ well, and in that sense demonstrate how reconciliation across differing political and ecclesial views was possible. Similarly, we wanted not to celebrate, but mark what was an historical reality, whether we lamented it, celebrated it, or rejoiced in it...



But is the service to be remembered for the fact that the Queen, for reasons of ill-health, and the President of Ireland, for reasons of his own, were unable to attend? "Possibly," Dr Bruce says thoughtfully, "But I think history will still view it as a significant moment ecclesially, where we had church leaders from different traditions

demonstrating that it was possible to collaborate creatively and graciously together, and to do so well."



#### Passing on the baton

It has been two years in the spotlight, with countless media appearances, but following this month's General Assembly he will spend a well-deserved break with Zoë, his wife of 37 years. He will then return to his day job as Secretary to the Council for Mission in Ireland, until he retires at the end of October.

While at times he hasn't found his two terms easy, especially at "a time of great flux and fluidity" as he puts it, Dr Bruce said that "I have hugely enjoyed it and it has been a great honour." But will he miss anything?

"Not really," he replies. "I believe the calling to do this came from God and the calling to relinquish it, and pass it on to someone else, also comes from God. It has been a huge honour and a fascinating season in my life, and I'm looking forward to the next chapter."

## SUNDAYS AT RAILWAY STREET MORNING SERVICE 10.30am BEGINNERS CHURCH - No. 31 KIDS CHURCH - MAIN HALL YOUTH CHURCH - Brownlee Room

Service will be live streamed.

### NO Eveing Service during July & August

BOYS' BRIGADE - (Sept to April)
Monday - Company Section 7.30-9.00pm
Tuesday - Anchor Section 6.30-7.30pm &
Junior Section 7.00-8.15pm

GIRLS' BRIGADE (Sept to April)

Thursdays

Tiny Tots & Explorers - 6.00-7.00pm
Juniors, Seniors & Brigaders - 7.30-9.00pm

PRAYER FOCUS (July & August)
3rd Monday of each Month 8.00-9.00pm

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN (Sept - June)
Fourth Monday of each month
Main Hall at 8.00pm

422 (Sept - June)
4th Thursday of each month

BIBLE DISCOVERY GROUP (Sept - June)
Ist and 3rd Thursday of the month at 10.30am