

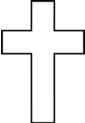











WELCOME to Loanends.

Acts 2:46 Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts.

WEEKLY DIARY


				CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS
Sunday	9.45 am	 SALT & LIGHT 	Loanends Church Halls	24/12/2023 31/12/2023
Sunday	10.40 am	 Morning Worship	Loanends Church	
Monday	7.30 pm	Loanends Bowling Club 	Loanends Church Hall	
Tuesday	10.30 am – 12.30 pm	 Threads of Hope 	Loanends Church Hall	
Tuesday 	6.00 – 7.00 pm 7.00 – 9.00 pm	GB Under 5s & Explorers GB Juniors, Seniors & Brigaders	Killead Church Halls	19/12/2023 26/12/2023 02/01/2024
Wednesday	10.30 am – 12 noon	Loanends Parent & Toddler Group 	Loanends Church Hall	20/12/2023 27/12/2023 03/01/2024
Wednesday 	6.15 – 7.15 pm 7.30 – 9.00 pm 7.30 – 9.30 pm	BB Anchor Boys BB Junior Section BB Company Section	Killead Church Halls	20/12/2023 27/12/2023 03/01/2024
Thursday	8.00 pm	Midweek Bible Study 	Killead Church Hall	
Thursday	8.00 pm	Prayer Meeting 	Loanends Church Hall	December Meeting 21/12/2023
Friday	8.00 pm	 Worship Group Practice	Loanends Church	



MONTHLY DIARY

Sunday 3rd December	7.30pm	Kirk Session Fellowship	Loanends Minor Hall
Friday 8th December	1.00 pm	Loanends P.W. Christmas Lunch Ladies who have not yet given their menu choices to Dorry Porter, please do so by Tuesday 28th November . Thank you.	Dunsilly Hotel 
Thursday 14th December	12.00 noon 	CAMEO Christmas Lunch Please put your name on the sheet in the vestibule if you plan to come along, if you have not already done so. Thank you.	Loanends Church Hall

THIS MONTH

	<p>Saturday 2nd December at 2.30 pm in Loanends Church Hall Loanends P.W. Christmas Fair and Afternoon Tea Everyone welcome.</p>
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Sunday 3rd December		
10.40 am	<p style="text-align: center;">Morning Worship Gifts to the Christmas Tree</p> <p>Children, please bring along a wrapped gift to be distributed to a needy family. It can be a toy or a family game or a tin of biscuits or sweets. Only new toys or games please.</p>	Loanends Church 

	<p>Saturday 9th December from 9 am until 9 pm Loanends Advent Prayer Room</p>	
<p>Right now the world feels like a dark and desperate place, but we have a hope and a joy in the knowledge of Christ. So, this advent, as we wait in anticipation for Christ's birth, focus on Jesus, the light of the world, coming to earth in human form, and humbly seek His kingdom here on earth, through prayer, so that we might shine the light of Christ to others in our communities.</p> <p>The Advent Prayer Room will help you to focus on who Jesus is, who we are in Him and how we can share His love to those around us this season.</p> <p>Everyone (all ages) is welcome to come and spend time in prayer and reflection in our Advent Prayer Room. There will be different areas to help you to pray and you can pray silently or aloud.</p> <p>Please contact any member of Kirk Session for the code to the key safe to gain access at any time.</p>		

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. Philippians 4:6
Prayer is a Privilege. Prayer is Powerful. Prayer is a Priority.


Sunday 10th December			
7.30 pm		Carols with a Difference	Killead Church

Tuesday 12th December	7.30pm	Loanends Congregational Committee Meeting	Loanends Minor Hall
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Sunday 17th December			
10.40 am	<p>SALT and LIGHT Christmas Celebration Service The children in S.A.L.T. and the young people in L.I.G.H.T. are looking forward to you joining them for our <i>Celebration of Jesus Birthday</i> and afterwards continuing our celebration with festive treats.</p>		Loanends Church Hall  THE LIGHT
7.30 pm		Service of Nine Lessons and Carols	Loanends Church

Sunday 24th December		
11.00 am	United Christmas Eve All-Age Service	Killead Church

Monday 25th December		
10.30 am		United Christmas Day All-Age Service
		Loanends Church

Sunday 31st December		
11.00 am	United New Year Service	
		Killead Church

NOTICE BOARD

BELFAST CITY MISSION CHRISTMAS GIFT APPEAL

Over the past number of years Loanends Congregation has supported Belfast City Mission's Annual Christmas Appeal. A few years ago, it was decided to change the appeal, mainly because of Covid. Instead of asking for toys, Belfast City Mission opted for alternative gifts such as groceries, selection boxes and gift cards. The response was truly amazing. Belfast City Mission have been able to help more families than ever before and the feedback from Churches and Missionaries was overwhelmingly positive.

Items can be left in the basket in the vestibule on **Sundays 3rd and 10th December.**

Gift Suggestions (unwrapped please)

- Selection Boxes, Tins of sweets (Roses, Quality Street, Haribo etc.), Boxes of biscuits.
- Monetary gifts, Gift Cards (£5, £10, £15, £20).
- Vouchers – Supermarkets (Tesco, Asda, Sainsburys, M&S),
- Vouchers – Toy Stores (Smyths, Argos etc.).
- Groceries (non-perishable).



VINE CENTRE CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Once again the Vine Centre will be making up boxes for needy families at Christmas and are asking for non-perishable food items, sweets and toiletries.

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CHRISTMAS WORLD DEVELOPMENT APPEAL

Starting from Scratch: Hope for the displaced

The 2023 World Development Appeal focuses on people who have been forced to leave their homes and land and start their lives from scratch. Conflict, climate change, land grabbing – these are just a few of the reasons for displacement. The Appeal highlights those who have been forced to leave the homes they've lived in and the land they've worked for, people who have had to ask, "how do we start again?"

Please find information and a donation envelope in the pews. Please read the leaflet and bring your donation to the **Christmas Morning Service** (or on any other convenient Sunday).





CRECHE and CHILDREN'S CHURCH



Children are an important part of God's family and we warmly welcome all parents and their children to church!

There is a **Creche** facility available, in Loanends Minor Hall, for all babies and pre-school children, during Morning Worship. A parent will need to stay with their child and there is a link from the church, so that parents will be able to hear the service through speakers.

Children's Church, in Loanends Church Hall, is for all children in **P1 – P4**. Children may leave for Children's Church after the Children's Talk. If anyone would like to help with Children's Church, please speak to Louise Moore.

Some of the children attending Children's Church at the moment have serious nut and milk allergies. To ensure their safety, the Kirk Session has asked that parents bring this to the helper's attention. Helpers are asked to be aware of this, if providing snacks.

*Start children off on the way they should go,
and even when they are old they will not turn from it. Proverbs 22:6*

LOANENDS ROTAS

Dec.	Greeting & Offering	Flowers	Children's Church
3 rd	T. Boyd & M. Thompson		D. Spence & J. Bell
10 th	A. Hood & N. Moore	M. Thompson	J. Leitch & E. Forshaw
17 th	A. Hood & N. Moore	M. Goudy	SALT & LIGHT Service
25 th	R. Martin & A. Johnston	A. Kirkpatrick	All-Age Service

If you wish to include any notices for January 2024, please email Helen by Thursday 28th December to loanends-notice@hotmail.com or phone 07759 317 043.

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