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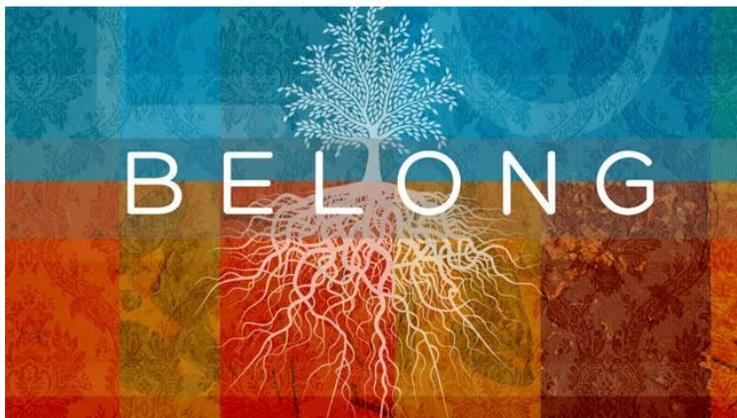
2016

## *A community with God's heart for family, growth & mission*

Happy New Year... Here we are in 2016, a new year for us as a church to grow and shape us into all that God has. I am very excited by all the opportunities and possibilities that are available to us as we reach out into our town. As we begin some new adventures this year my hope, as you read through this month's newsletter, is that you will be inspired to pray that we will see God's heart for our church and have the boldness to walk where He leads us.

### **This month on Sunday:**

We will be beginning a series entitled "Belong". Over January our sermons will explore the vision of our church and how we fit into that vision. As a church body we are called to own our vision and as people we need to know that we belong to the vision. As we uncover this area of "belonging", we pray that God will place in us a greater desire to see the vision of our church fulfilled through our actions, words and worship.



Being the hands and feet of God in our community



Create launch January 10th

United Youth begins again on Friday 8th

Discipleship Course starting this month!

Life-groups will begin again from the week starting Jan 11th

# Create Launch:

In 2016 we are going to introduce a new programme for our children's ministry called 'Create'. Our desire is to see each child grow to become all that God has created them to be. We want to create an environment where the children can grow and learn together, and so we will be taking all ages together for worship, Bible teaching and application, quiz, craft and games. At certain times they will be split into age groups for specific activities but on the whole the aim is to keep it family style where the older ones provide role models for the younger. We are also very encouraged to have willing helpers in those who have graduated from Sunday school in the past few years.

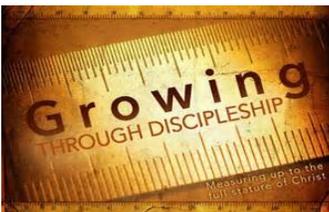


The 'Create' team consists of Gwyneth Rich, Kat Hardingham, Cathy Kilcoyne and Noleen Jonker. We are also very thankful that all those who were helping out with Sunday school will still be helping with Create.

We will be starting on January 10th and children will leave the service at 11.30 as usual. **We ask that parents/guardians bring and collect their children from the Create room each morning.**

We would really value prayer for this new venture and are excited to see what God is going to do.

**Create** will cater for children aged 3 and upwards. We understand that this means some of us with younger children will now have our children with us during the service. For this reason we will keep the back room laid out and suited for those under 3 and we do ask that this room be *kept for their use only!*



Do you fancy a new adventure this year in your walk with God?

This month Tom and Cathy McGarvey will be running a discipleship course for those who want to grow deeper into the love and knowledge of God. It will be a great time to learn and be challenged in the way we live out our faith. If you want to know more about this new opportunity please speak to Tom and Cathy. Details will also be on our website.

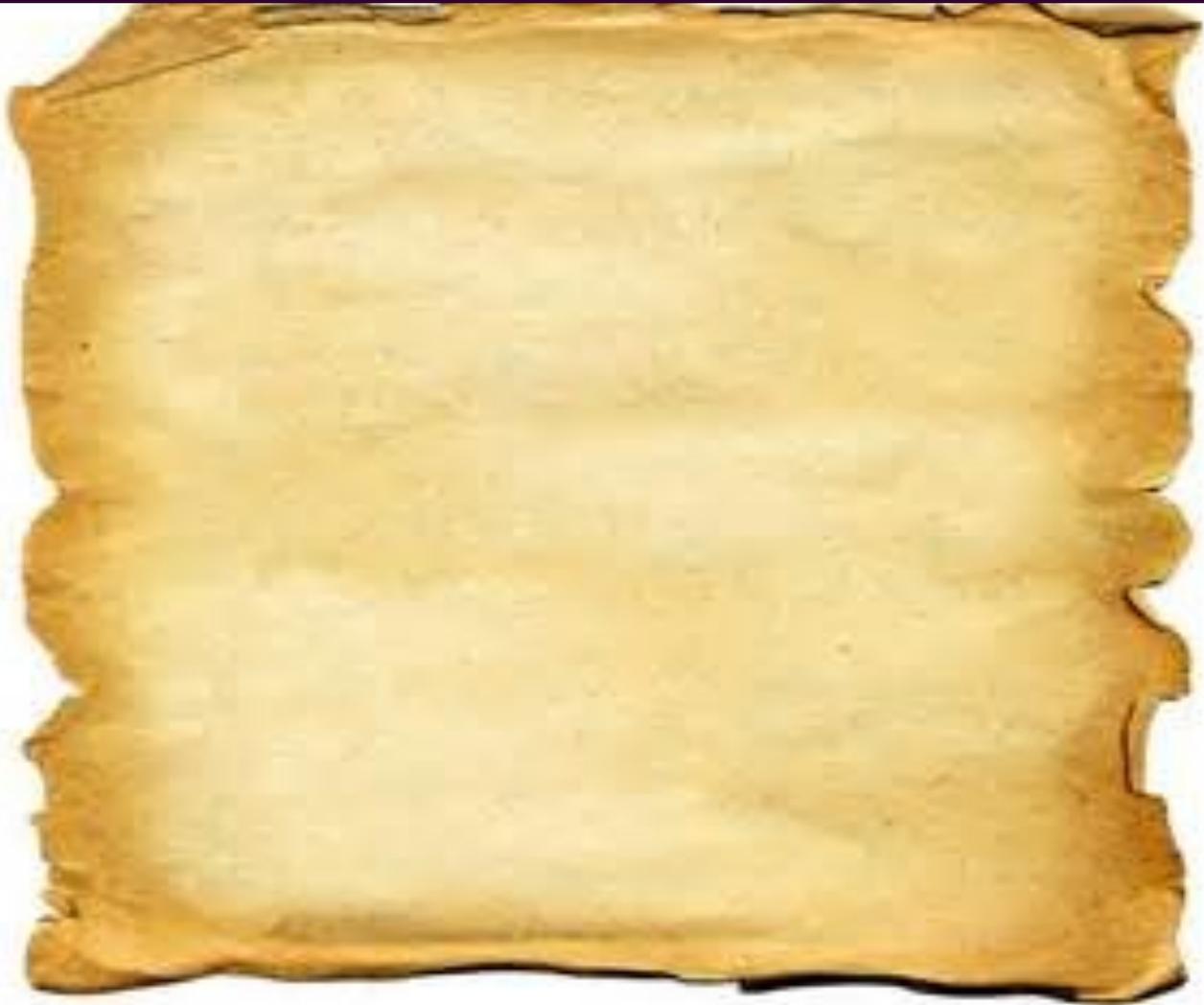
Seamus will also be heading off to Italy this month to begin his discipleship and training course with Operation Mobilisation. He will spend some time in Italy and then be taken on a mission outreach in Europe. The training will be centred around worship and personal discipleship and the outreach time will give opportunity to put into practice all that he has learned over his time in Italy. For more details of Seamus's new adventure or for information on how you can support and pray for him through this time please contact him.



## **“God, how can I prepare my heart to serve You here in Sligo City Church this year?”**

As we begin a new year, many of us will find ourselves making New Year's Resolutions to achieve and fulfil certain criteria we place on ourselves or desires we have never fulfilled. Do we sometimes launch into these resolutions without giving equal or more time to the desires and needs of our spiritual life? As we begin this year are we coming before God, in the silence and both praising Him for all that we have learnt in the past year and thanking Him for new revelations of our God. Perhaps hurting and crying with Him over heartaches and situations that still seem unnecessary and then bringing to Him to unknown of the year ahead and entrusting each moment and step to Him. Committing ourselves and placing our hope in the God who sees all that is to come. And finally, listening for His instruction and guidance as to where and how He will use us in 2016.

Use the space below to share your heart with God and listen for His plans about 2016, rather than begin our list of resolutions.



## LifeGroups

Life Groups will begin again on the week beginning January 11th These are a vital part of our personal discipleship and our community as a church. If you are not committed to a life group already please speak to on of the leadership team and get involved.

Coolaney Life-group meets at on Tuesday at 8pm. Location for this Life-group is to be confirmed. Speak to Jerome for further details.

Collooney Life-group meets at Mickey & Maureen's House on Wednesday at 8pm

Sligo Town Life-group meets on Wednesday at 8pm alternating between George & Gwyneth's and Josh & Kat's house.



08/01 @ CRIB Games

15/01 YC

22/01 @ CRIB Creative

19/01 YC

05/02 @ CRIB Games

12/02 YC

19/02 @ CRIB Challenge

26/02 YC

05/03\* Bod a Borg

11/03 YC

18/03 joining with Knekt

\*more details to follow

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As a church we are committed to praying for one another throughout the week. If you have prayer requests or answers to prayer that you would like to share with the church, please send them to 086 8492552 so they can be circulated throughout the church.

Join us at 9:30am at the Mercy College every Sunday as we pray for our service.

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Tom and Cathy McGarvey serve as our pastoral care workers. They are available to help and support any of us that are facing a difficult situation or season of life. Their heart is to journey with us through those difficult times, offering prayer and wisdom. Please feel free to contact them on 087 7003211, if you would appreciate their love and time.

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**HOTS (Healing On The Streets)**, is our ministry towards those in need of healing and prayer, continues to take place every Saturday morning from 11am—1pm in Wine Street Car Park, behind Tesco's. If you would like to get involved in this area of church life, please speak with Jerome McNamara or George Rich

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