

Update from NORTH EAST DOWN



News and prayer requests from Child Evangelism Fellowship® in North East Down

Jeremiah 33:3

'Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and show thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not.'

Over the past 4 ½ years the committee have prayed earnestly for a new fulltime worker for our area of North East Down. Praise God He has answered our prayers. Louise Davidson is to be our new local worker from the 1st April 2021. As a committee, we are so delighted to have Louise onboard and are really looking forward to working with her. We are trusting God to do mighty things in the years ahead. Please take time to pray for Louise as she settles into her new role. Also pray that God will guide both Louise and the committee in finding new ways to develop the ministry amongst the boys and girls in our area. I hope as you read this local prayer letter it will give you a good insight into how God has called Louise into CEF and our local area. Our prayer is that you too will have no doubt that God has called her here and that you will do your best to support her in whatever ways you can.

God Bless,

The Local Committee

Premiering
22nd March
@4pm
Go to:
YouTube
@CEFIreland
Hunt for clues
Learn from the Bible
Songs, craft & fun!

Online Easter Club

Pray that God would use this online Easter club to reach boys and girls with the good news of the Easter story. 800 invites were given out over the weekend in Ballywalter, Carrowdore, Donaghadee and Portaferry along with St Patricks day tracts. If you know any children who would like to watch the club, it will go live on 22nd March on the CEF YouTube Channel and will be available to watch after that.

Easter Conference Online

Easter conference will be online once again and the theme this year is 'Standing Firm in a Shaken world,' join in with the sessions online on Saturday 3rd and Monday 5th April on CEF of Ireland YouTube channel.

Saturday 3rd April

10am: Bible study with Scott Woodburn

11.30am: Seminar 'Standing Firm in Dark Days' by David Cameron

7:00pm: Focus on Ireland

Monday 5th April

10am: Bible study with Scott Woodburn

11.30am: Elective Seminars, John Kirkpatrick and Pete Wright

7:00pm: Focus on Europe

An Introduction

Hello, my name is Louise Davidson, I am 27 years old and am currently living in Ballywalter, Co Down. From 1st April 2021 I will be appointed the full time CEF worker in the North East Down area. I want to take this opportunity to introduce myself and share a little about the Lord's call on my life into the work of CEF.



I grew up at the other end of Co Down, just outside Newry in the countryside of Donaghmore. From a child I have attended Rathfriland Baptist Church where I was faithfully taught the gospel from a young age. At 5 years old, I accepted the Lord as my own and personal saviour. I have always had a love for working with children and I trained at Stranmillis University College as a Primary School Teacher. My first real involvement with CEF was when I attended the Summer Missionary Outreach Training week in 2014. It was there I caught the vision for wanting to reach children with the gospel. At the time, I was training as a teacher at Stranmillis. I spent the summers during my time as a student, and after this volunteering at 5-day clubs, Holiday Bible clubs and camps and I gained a real heart for all that I was involved in. I began to feel challenged at how I was investing four years of my life into training to teach children in their education, however I wanted to be better trained, better equipped in teaching children the most important message of all – the message of the gospel. After some research I came across the Children's Ministry Leadership Course – a course which provides specialised practical training in children's ministry. In the summer of 2019, I attended the course for 11 weeks in Romania. I went to the course with the sole aim to be better equipped as a volunteer. As I'm writing this post you can guess that God had other ideas in mind! I became aware that there was currently no worker in North East Down, at this stage I was engaged to Peter. Peter is a farmer and from Ballywalter, I knew that once we got married, I would be moving to live there. God began to speak to my heart about the need for a worker in the North East Down area. The Lord used a verse to speak very clearly and specifically to me. This verse was **Isaiah 30:21** ***"And thine ears shall hear a word behind thee saying, This is the way walk ye in it.."*** Each time the North East Down worker was mentioned the Lord gave me this verse. On return from the course, I left teaching and began my year of practical training in January 2020. I spent a period of time training with David and Olivia Crutchley in the Mourne area and since getting married in October and moving to Ballywalter, I have been training alongside Roberta Sherlock and Julie Fenton, two of the Belfast workers. I am also studying at Cornhill for 1 day a week this year.

As my training period draws to a close, I feel that the task ahead is overwhelming. Please pray for me as I take on this role full time. I know, I will not be doing it in my own strength. I thank the Lord that His strength is made perfect in my weakness. Please pray that we as a committee would have a vision on how to reach the children of this area in these difficult days with the good news of the gospel.

Thank you for your prayerful support,

Louise x

Please pray for:

- A vision for the area, moving forward on how to reach the children.
- The Easter Club online, that many children would watch the club.
- The St Patricks Day literature that went into many of the homes in the area.
- Wisdom and guidance in planning for summer ministry.
- Boys and girls to come to know the Lord as their own and personal saviour.