



# South East Antrim Bulletin

Child Evangelism Fellowship

March 2026

Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through Psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts.

Colossians 3:16



**Bible Lego club in partnership with local Church**



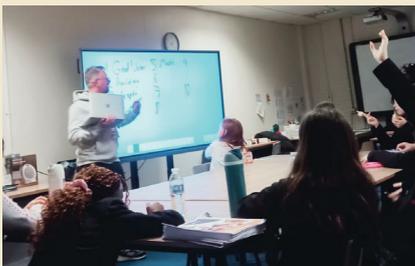
**Local school Assembly**



**Local school Bible Lego Club**



**P1 RE Class**



**Youth group at Abbey College**

What does Jessie Irvine Overholtzer, the founding member of Child Evangelism Fellowship and the Titanic hero, John Harper got in common? Answer, they were both inspired and impacted by Charles Spurgeon. This was a recent discovery that was made during a school project that our son Joel was completing on the Titanic. Charles Spurgeon had inspired Mr Overholtzer to start the work of CEF through a sermon that stated: "If a child is properly taught and instructed, that child can be regenerated like an adult."

John Harper and his family listened to many of Charles Spurgeon's sermons during family devotions and were impacted by his teachings. This resulted in John Harper coming to a saving faith. Through one faithful servant of God bringing the Gospel and teaching the truth, two different individuals were challenged and went on to do great things for God.

As we travel the roads of South East Antrim bringing the Gospel and equipping the Christian child through the Bible, we are so thankful for the opportunities we have to share. On a monthly basis over 1000 children can be reached through school ministry in the locality. We believe; based on the calendar numbers at Christmas, that primary school numbers seem to be in the region of 10,000 children across the local area. It is our vision and desire to reach as many of these children with the Good News of the Gospel as we possibly can.

How encouraging it would be in years to come, to hear of a child who had sat under CEF ministry in South East Antrim, having that vision like Mr Overholtzer to start a new work for God. Or a child that had listened in a RE class, hungry and burdened like John Harper to tell lost souls, that there is hope in God. Charles Spurgeon was faithful in teaching the truth; never doubt what God can do in your life and the ways in which He can use you to make an impact on others.

Following on from our last update about the little boy from camp who had given out Bibles in his school, the little girl who had received the Bible continues to read it every night. Can you see the impact of encouraging, teaching and challenging our young people with the Truth. It's not our work, it is God's. But we have to be faithful in bringing it to the lost. We were encouraged recently by a number of teachers. One teacher stated, "CEF always bring an important message to the children."

In another school, which had been closed to us and recently opened up again because of a change of leadership, a teacher commented after Assembly, "Good to see CEF this morning"

However, we are noticing more and more young people are Biblically illiterate. During the JYC in Monkstown recently a young boy asked, "How can you be saved?" Many generations have been missed and some just don't understand the Truth. The JYC is small in number, but we are so encouraged that although there is not much head knowledge with these young people, their hearts are softening to the Truth. Most weeks they continually ask questions about God and the Bible. Please pray that they would grasp a clear understanding of the Truth. Pray that souls would be saved amongst this group.

We have had good times in our Bible Lego clubs. In one club, the School Secretary really pushed for the club to open again. The local Minister and his Community Worker both partner with CEF to run this club after school. The school provide juice and biscuits for the 18 children who attend. We hope to run another Good News Club after Easter which will run for 6 weeks in another school near Carrickfergus. Preparations are well under way for the summer work with children already booked in for camp. This year we plan on studying Nehemiah for the young people and John

## Announcements

### Easter Conference

Friday 3rd – Monday 6th April

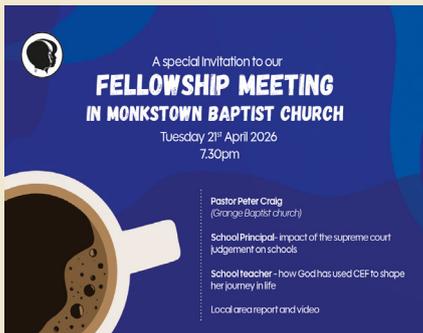
## Fellowship Meeting

Tuesday 21st April

Monkstown Baptist Church  
Starts at 7.30pm

Pastor Peter Craig  
Local School Principal and Teacher  
reporting.

Local area update,  
including video.



## Week of Prayer

Wednesday 11th March | 7.30pm  
Greenisland Church of the Nazarene  
Longfield Gardens, Carrickfergus,  
BT38 8TR

Monday 16th March | 7.30pm  
Trevor and Helen McKitterick  
30 Fairview Park, Newtownabbey,  
BT36 6PY

Wednesday 18th March | 10.30am  
557b Doagh Road, Newtownabbey,  
BT36 5BT

## Thank you

Thank you for all your Prayerful and financial support in South East Antrim. We really appreciate all your help. A committee member will be calling with you in April to open your box. Thank you for your commitment and faithfulness as we seek to bring the Gospel to the children and young people of our area.

the Baptist for the children. RE Classes continue to go well. Topics have included Forgiveness, Daniel, Creation and Samson. The Youth group in Abbey College continues to see good numbers attending on a Friday afternoon with some Church Ministers coming along to help. We thank God for the many opportunities that He provides to bring the Gospel to the young people of South East Antrim

## Monthly Prayer Meetings

**Carrickfergus Prayer Cell: Fridays - 7.30pm**

**Friday 6th March and Friday 1st May**

Northland Court, Northland Road, Carrickfergus, BT38 8LF

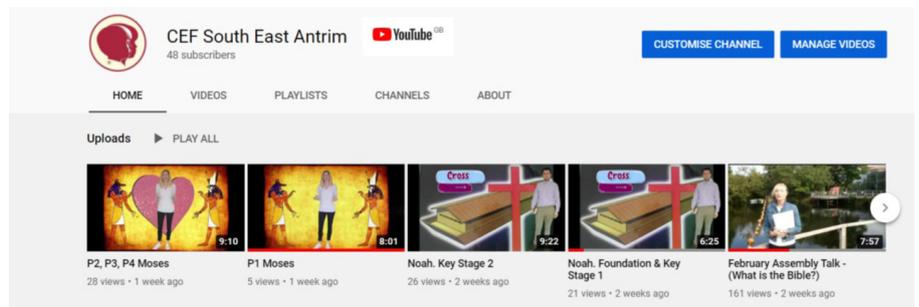
**Straid Prayer Cell: Fridays - 8.00pm**

**Friday 6th March and Friday 1st May**

10 Village Hill Mews, Newtownabbey, BT39 9WF

Come and join us as we Pray for the children and young people of the area. Always remember, nothing is more powerful than Prayer, nothing is stronger than faith, and nothing is greater than God.

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*'By helping others come unto Him, you will find that you have come unto Him yourself.'*

*Unknown Author*



May you know  
the blessing and  
peace of God.

Philip, Rachael  
and Joel

**Chairman: Trevor McKitterick**

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**Treasurer: Jean Porte**

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