

Mission Connect Articles for April 2019 Herald

Kinghan Church still going strong

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The Kinghan Church, or 'KC' as it is commonly referred to, is a specialised church providing for the deaf and hard of hearing community. Kinghan Church was founded in 1857 by John Kinghan and is still going strong today. Our members come from all parts of Northern Ireland to join together in worship and fellowship. Due to the nature of deafness it can leave many people feeling isolated and vulnerable with little or no interaction with the outside world – this is why 'KC' is a lifeline for so many. Our members can come along and join with their friends and communicate freely in their own language, British Sign Language (BSL).

All the staff in Kinghan Church can sign and communicate effectively with the members. We provide a safe, friendly environment where our members feel able to come and access help and seek advice. All the services are signed in BSL and voiced over.

The weekly Thursday lunch club is always popular; members enjoy getting together with old friends over a bite to eat. They run and take charge of this themselves.

Our Bible study runs every other week, where people can come together in a relaxed environment and learn together.

Monthly outings are organised, these always vary to appeal to as many people as possible. In recent months they have included: The Kildare Village, Eden Pottery, a BBQ, Titanic Belfast, the Ulster Museum, and many more.

Please pray:

- Pray for all who attend the Thursday lunch club that they would enjoy good fun and fellowship.
- Pray for Claire Nicholson, administrator, who provides a lifeline for many of the deaf members.

If you would like to find out more about the work in Kinghan Church you can get in touch with us by:

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