

GRADUATION SERVICE

On Wednesday 14th May the graduation service for the Irish Baptist College took place in Lisburn Baptist Church. A capacity congregation was

led in worship by ABCI President, Pastor Trevor Brock and members of the Newry church, to a series of hymns and songs which reflected on God's faithfulness and goodness to His people. In his College news update, Principal Edwin Ewart, reflected on the experiences and hopes of the graduating



Graduating full-time Students

students, as well as bringing up to date information on prospective students for September, and the recent appointment of Dr Sarah Dalrymple to faculty as Biblical Studies (OT) Tutor.



As is always the case, the presentation of awards was an important moment for faculty, students, friends and family alike. In addition to College Awards, a number of prizes were distributed. Andrew Campbell (outgoing Student Chairman) received the John B. Craig Award for Contribution to College Life, the John B. Craig Award for Application to Study went to Jeff Higgins; the John B. Craig Award for Pastoral and Communication Studies was granted to Ian Stevenson, and Jonathan Watt received the Hugh Burrows Award for Youth Ministry Essay Prize.



Jonathan, Jeff, Andrew and Ian

Following interviews with Chris Clarke, Ian Stevenson, Carolyn Patterson and Jemma Higgins, our guest speaker, Pastor Paul Mallard, ministered from Revelation 2:1-7 with exegetical skill and pastoral warmth. His injunction to students to pursue and deepen their love for Christ surely struck a chord with all believers in attendance.



Evening Class graduates

All in all the graduation service was a joyous evening, giving glory to God for His goodness and faithfulness to the work of IBC, and those students now moving out into ministry for Christ's kingdom and glory.



Women's Ministry and Ladies' Study Fellowship graduates

THE OFFERING for the Ministry Partnership Scheme, which aims to help new graduates 'get started' in a ministry situation, came to nearly £2300. It was reported that four possible situations where the scheme can be used were being pursued...more in the autumn.

KEEP ON PRAYING for 15-20 undergraduate and 10 postgraduate places for September 2014. We have gone some way to these targets but are not quite there yet. Pray also for a good intake for the part-time classes.