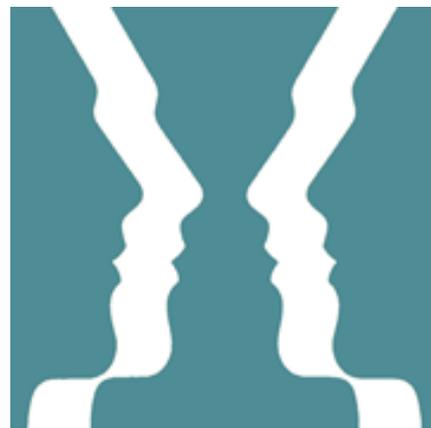


**An invitation to talk
face 2 face (2 John:12)
with SAM McBRIDE
on TUESDAY 12th SEPTEMBER at 7:30pm
in Windsor Baptist Church**



Sam is Political Editor for the News Letter, and NI Political Editor for the Irish News (newspaper) ... husband to Anna and dad to Katherine and Patrick. He has been a familiar face on a wide range of TV programmes in a year when politics locally, nationally and internationally are in a great state of flux. Locally, Sam was one of the leading journalists associated with reporting the RHI story, and has been described as N Ireland's leading young political journalist. When he writes, he likes to make sure he is understood. So, as he writes, he aims "to constantly simplify, and think I'm explaining this to my grandmother"

“WE DONT DO GOD”... Alistair Campbell’s advice to Tony Blair when he was about to address the British nation about the invasion of Iraq in 2003. In 2017 Tim Farron stepped down as leader of the Liberal Democrats observing that ... “Living as a Christian and being a political leader ... HAS FELT IMPOSSIBLE”

In Northern Ireland we have a high percentage of Christian MLA's and MP's and their observations may be rather different to these two UK political comments. Months after the Assembly elections and after the general election, our local political leaders seem to be little closer to a settlement.

The evening will explore a number of themes including:

- Is the NI political ethos different to UK and if so why?
- Could local politics/politicians be less adversarial and show more grace?
- What are the real sticking points on a local political resolution?
- With many folk “fed up” with local politics, how can we be energised to pray?
- How far Christians should seek to legislate for Christian values/moral issues?

We are grateful to Sam for speaking on the subject of his everyday work. There will be time for open discussion. This event is open to everyone. Please feel free to share this invitation. The programme will run from 7.30pm to 9.15pm with Tea and Coffee at the end.

*FACE to FACE events aim to address topical issues which we believe are important to discuss.
This will be an evening of provocative and gracious engagement on this subject.*

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