



We are always happy to have visitors with us in Cregagh; and we welcome any who may be worshipping with us this morning. We would invite our visitors to sign the Visitor's Book in the Vestibule, giving name and full postal

address. Any parents with young babies are invited to make use of the Creche (in the Session Room) or KidZone (in the Stewart Hall) for 3 year olds upwards who leave church after the children's address and hymn.

We are delighted to welcome the Rev Stephen Moore from Gilnahirk Presbyterian Church who has been appointed by Presbytery as the Vacancy Convenor following the conclusion of Rev Dalzell's ministry in Cregagh.

** The following may help our visitors to share in the service:

** The Processional and Recessional hymns are not announced – the numbers are on the hymn boards (those marked 'Hy', 'Ps' and 'Par' are in the red Irish Presbyterian Church hymn book, and those marked 'G' are in the Glory to God book) – both books are in the pews.

** Please stand (if able) as the service begins when the Bible, Choir and Minister enter church, and remain standing until the Minister says "Let us pray"

** The Offering is after the Sermon and is not announced.

** Please stand (if able) as the collectors bring the offering to the Sanctuary for dedication, and remain standing until after the Recessional hymn and the Bible is carried from church.

MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION

A meeting of the Congregation will be held in the church after the service.

There will be a five minute break to allow anyone wishing to leave church after the service to do so. In accordance with the Code of the Church, the Meeting has been announced on two consecutive Sundays. The purpose of the Meeting is to seek the congregation's approval to (1) *Enter into the contract for the proposed restoration and refurbishment project recommended by the Building Project Panel; and (2) put in place a financial loan of £350,000.*

No other business may be discussed at the meeting.

KIRK SESSION

Elders are asked to meet for a few minutes in the Session Room following the Meeting of the Congregation.

COFFEE BAR

The Coffee Bar is open in the Allen Hall after this morning's service and all are invited to stay behind for some refreshments and a chat.

During coffee time the Craft Group will have handmade cards on display including a selection of Mother's Day cards.

TODAY'S FLOWERS

The Pedestal flowers are provided by the Kirk Session.

The Sanctuary flowers are provided by Mrs P Smyth, Culmaglen, Jordanstown.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN FRIENDSHIP NIGHT

The PW Friendship Night will be held tomorrow at 7.30 p.m. in the Allen Hall when ladies from several local church groups will be present. The speaker will be Kate Doherty from Operation Rescue who lead a group to Ethiopia last year. Any ladies in the congregation are invited to come along and welcome our guests.

MORNING BIBLE STUDY

The Morning Bible Study will meet on Wednesday from 10.15 a.m. – 12.00 noon at 77 Ravenhill Park continuing to study the PCI programme 'Prepared to Serve'

OFFICE HOURS

There will be no Office Hours this week. The Clerk of Session will be in the Minister's Room on Thursday week, 16th March from 7.30 – 8.30 p.m.

OPEN CHURCH

The church will be open for private prayer and meditation on Friday, as usual, from 10.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.

LENTEN LUNCHESES

The second of this year's Lenten Lunches will be served on Friday from 12.00 noon – 1.30 p.m. in the Allen Hall.

Only £5 for choice of soup, wheaten bread, french rolls, traybakes, tea or coffee. Proceeds for the Building Fund.

Elders are requested to see the rota sheets in the Vestibule today and list their contributions of food, donations and offers of help for the next few weeks.



GUIDING OVERSEAS FUND RAISERS

The Table Quiz will be held on Friday at 7.30 p.m. in the Allen Hall

Tickets (£5) will be available at the door.

Fireside Quiz Sheets should be returned today to Rebecca Day or Dennison Mahood.

NEXT SUNDAY

Morning Service at 11.00 a.m. in the Church Contemporary Service with Barbara Dyatt and the Praise Group.

Evening Service at 7.00 p.m. in the Allen Hall Connect Service – Rev Richard Kerr (Minister of Templepatrick Presbyterian Church) who is well experienced through Embrace and PCI in the complexity of ministry to migrants/asylum seekers here in Ireland – and can challenge us on the hows and whys of being involved.

There will be a retiring offering for Embrace.

CLOTHES COLLECTION

The annual Clothes Collection, in aid of the Building Fund, takes place from Monday fortnight, 20th March. Please plan to put all your unwanted items of clothing, shoes, handbags and belts in plastic bags; and any bedding items, duvets, sheets, bed covers etc. should be put in separate bags. Bags may be left at the church hall from 7.00 – 9.00 pm each evening (Monday – Thursday) or 9.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m. on the Friday.

KIRK SESSION

Kirk Session will meet on Tuesday fortnight, 21st March at 7.45 p.m.

TEARFUND EVENING OF MUSIC

Tearfund are holding an Evening of Music from New Irish Arts, including interviews with Jude Hill and the McAllister family about hope and help given in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Carnmoney Presbyterian Church on Saturday 25th March at 8.00 p.m. Tickets (£5) from www.tearfund.org/ni or 9073 0060.

AS OTHERS SEE US

How do people who have come to live here, view us? What do they notice about our faith and culture? These and other questions will be discussed at a conference organised by PCI Council for Global Mission on Thursday morning, 30th March in Assembly Buildings. Places must be booked in advance on 9041 7263 or global@presbyterianireland.org.

“HAND REFLEXOLOGY – YOUR HEALTH IN YOUR HANDS”

Kapil Puri, a practitioner of natural therapies will be presenting a number of talks across the province entitled “Hand Reflexology – Your health in your hands – Literally!” Reflexology is normally carried out on the feet and how it works will be explained as well as hand reflexology. Heal yourself and your family with reflexology and avoid some medication and the side effects they create.

Kapil Puri has proposed to hold one evening in Cregagh on Friday 31st March with proceeds going to the Building Fund. Cost (£10) including light supper. Please register your interest in attending with Maureen Mulligan (9045 5406) or Michael Graham (9044 8036)

SPRING COMMUNICANTS CLASSES

Anyone in the congregation interested in attending classes in preparation for becoming a full communicant member of the church should please give their name to Dennison Mahood before Sunday 19th March.

CHURCH PEWS

In preparation for the restoration and refurbishment of the church in the very near future we have to dispose of the church pews. If anyone wishes to purchase a pew for their own homes or are aware of any churches that may make use of them please contact Karen McCurry or Dennison Mahood as soon as possible.

MARCH DUTY ROTAS

KIRK SESSION - Elaine Molyneaux, Richard Molyneaux, Robert McNair, Avril Pollock, Anne Graham, Michael Graham and Beth McNair (Team Leader)

CONGREGATIONAL COMMITTEE – Carol McCormick, Jim McConnell, Dorothy Pollock, Rosemary Carlisle, Jenny Mooney, Christine Sharpe, Meryl Spiers and Elaine Gillespie (Leader)

CRECHE – (5th) Heather Wilkins and Pat Dougan (12th) Louise Kennedy and Claire Gillespie (19th) Diane Stevenson and Lisa Fincham (26th) Cathy McCormick and Jenny Mooney.

FLOWER DELIVERY – (5th) Dorothy Elliott and Harry Gibson (12th) Bobby Irvine and Beth McCluskey (19th) Beth McNair and Jim McConnell (26th) Elizabeth Moore and Anne Sheppard.

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WEEKLY NEWS SHEET **Sunday 5th March 2017** **The First Sunday in Lent**



*“May the Lord answer you in time of trouble,
may the name of the God of Jacob protect you!
May He send you help from the sanctuary,
give you support from Zion.....
May He grant you your heart’s desire,
and crown all your plans with success....
May the Lord grant all your petitions!”*

Psalm 20: 1.2.4.5 (Jerusalem Bible)

TODAY’S SERVICE at 11.00 a.m. in the Church

Sermon: ‘Remembering for Renewing’

Scripture Readings: Genesis 9: 8-17 and Joshua 3: 14 – 4: 9 and 4: 19-24

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