

Fifth
SUNDAY IN
LENT



WELCOME TO WORSHIP

We are always happy to have visitors with us in Cregagh; and we welcome any who may be worshipping with us today.

We would invite our visitors to sign the Visitor's Book in the Porch, giving name and full postal address. Any parents with babies are invited to make use of the Creche (in the Session Room) or KidZone (in the Stewart Hall) for three year olds upwards who leave the service after the children's address and hymn.

We would welcome back and thank the Rev Wilfred Orr (Minister Emeritus of St John's, Newtownbreda Presbyterian Church) for conducting the Morning Service.

COFFEE BAR

Everyone is invited to join us for some refreshments in the Stewart Hall after the service.



CHURCH FLOWERS

The Pedestal flowers are provided by Mrs M Hewitt, Brackenridge, Carrickfergus. The Porch flowers provided by Mr H Gibson, Hyndsdales Park and Miss P Gibson, Thiepval Avenue are 'In Memory'

MORNING WATCH

Morning Watch will meet on Tuesday at 10.45 a.m. in the Session Room.

MORNING BIBLE STUDY

The Bible Study continues the Lenten Meditation on Wednesday from 10.15 a.m. – 12.00 noon at 27 Ballygowan Road. All welcome.

EVERGREENS

The Evergreens will meet on Wednesday at 2.30 p.m. in the Barbour Hall. This month's topic 'Rags to Riches' All welcome.

ALZHEIMER'S SOCIETY EVENT

The Bank of Ireland Alzheimer's Society are having a dementia friendly celebration event of music and afternoon tea on Thursday from 1.00 – 3.00 p.m. in the Kingspan Stadium. Anyone interested in attending should please contact Barbara Dunlop (9045 3829)

OFFICE HOURS

The Clerk of Session will be in the Minister's Room on Thursday from 7.30-8.30 pm During the Vacancy any matters requiring urgent attention or the services of a minister may be referred to Dennison Mahood (Clerk of Session) Tel: 9079 9307 or email: dmahood@btinternet.com



PALM SUNDAY

Sunday 25th March at 11.00 a.m .
 Palm Sunday Communion – Rev Dr Jim Campbell

HOLY WEDNESDAY

Wednesday 28th March at 7.45 p.m.
 'Music for Holy Week' in McQuiston Memorial

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Thursday 29th March at 7.30 p.m.
 Maundy Thursday Communion – Rev Stephen Moore

GOOD FRIDAY

Friday 30th March at 12.00 noon
 Noontide Meditation
 Friday 30th March at 7.30 p.m.
 Good Friday Service of Reflection – Rev Hastings McIntyre

EASTER DAY

Sunday 1st April at 11.00 a.m.
 Rev Dr Ron Savage

LOW SUNDAY

Sunday 8th April at 11.00 a.m. and 7.00 p.m.
 Rev Dr Harold MacConnell

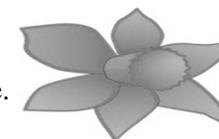
LENTEN LUNCH



A Lenten Lunch will be served on Good Friday in the Stewart Hall following the Noon Meditation. We look forward to a good attendance at the meditation and lunch

WALK AND TALK

The Walk and Talk Group will meet on Tuesday week, 27th March at 10.00 a.m. for a Daffodil Walk. All welcome.



KIDZONE VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

As from last Sunday KidZone is split into two age groups once more. We therefore require a few more leaders and helpers. If you could help out for a few weeks per year please contact Karen McCurry (07552 606550)

LASTING LEGACY

Amy Carmichael, one of the world's best known and inspirational missionaries, was born 150 years ago in Millisle, Co. Down where she attended Ballycopeland Presbyterian Church with her family. A 150th Anniversary Celebration of her birth will be held in Millisle and Ballycopeland Church on Thursday 19th April at 7.30 p.m. The evening will include the following short presentations:

'*The Millisle Years*' (Rev John Flaherty), '*The Early Years*' (Jonathan Clarke), '*Dohnavur then and now*' (Alison McCaughan and Jacky Woolcock) and '*The Challenge today*' (Uel Marrs and Ruth Cook)

RE-OPENING AND DEDICATION OF CHURCH

The church will be re-opened and dedicated on Saturday 16th June following the major refurbishment and restoration; and we all look forward to that very special day in the life of the congregation. Building work is progressing very well and close to adding the finishing touches. Some members of the congregation have asked if they could provide something for our new and updated surroundings either as a gift or in memory of a loved one. To help with this a Building Project Gift List has been compiled which includes items that will be needed for the church, welcoming area, coffee bar and crèche – copies of which are available in the Allen Hall porch. If any individuals, families or organisations would like to contribute to the Building Project in this way please speak to Karen McCurry or Dennison Mahood.

PRAYING MAKES A DIFFERENCE

The space within Jerusalem was so limited that there was no room for gardens. Many well-to-do people had private gardens out on the Mount of Olives. Some wealthy friend had given Jesus the privilege of using such a garden, and it was to it that he went to fight his lonely battle. Jesus was thirty-three, and no one wants to die at thirty-three. He knew what crucifixion was like; he had seen it. He was in agony. There is no scene like this in all history. This was the very hinge and turning point in Jesus' life. He could have turned back even yet. He could have refused the Cross. The salvation of the whole world hung in the balance as the Son of God literally sweated it out in Gethsemane; and he won.

A famous pianist said of Chopin's Nocturne in C sharp minor, "I must tell you about it. Chopin told Liszt and Liszt told me. In this piece all is sorrow and trouble. Oh, such sorrow and trouble! Until he begins to speak to God, to pray; then it is alright."

That is the way it was with Jesus. He went into Gethsemane in the dark; he came out in the light – because he had talked to God. He went into Gethsemane in agony; he came out in victory, and with peace in his soul – because he had talked with God. It makes all the difference. (Read St Luke 22: 39-46)

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WEEKLY NEWS SHEET **The Fifth Sunday in Lent** **Passion Sunday** **18th March 2018**



*'Behold the lamb of God, that taketh away
the sin of the world'* (John 1:19)
*'He was despised and rejected of men; a man
of sorrows, and acquainted with grief'* (Isaiah 50:6)

MORNING SERVICE at 11.00 a.m.
Rev Wilfred Orr – Sermon: 'Suffering'
Scripture readings: Psalm 22: 1-2,16-18 & 22-31 and St Mark 15: 33-39

EVENING SERVICE at 7.00 p.m.
Youth Fellowship Easter Service

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