



*And I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year:  
"Give me a light that I may tread safely into the  
unknown." And he replied: "Go out into the darkness  
and put your hand into the Hand of God. That shall be  
to you better than light and safer than a known way."  
(Spoken by King George VI on Christmas Day 1939)*

## WELCOME TO WORSHIP

We are always happy to have visitors with us in Cregagh; and we welcome any who may be worshipping with us on this the first Sunday of 2019 at the New Year Sacrament of Holy Communion.

We would invite our visitors to sign the Visitor's Book in the Church Vestibule, Giving name and full postal address.

Any parents with babies are invited to make us of the Pebbles Creche or KidZone for 3 year olds upwards who leave church after the second hymn.

\*\* 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 – hymn books and bibles are in the pews for your use.

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

\*\* At the end of the service please remain standing until after the Recessional hymn, the Elders have removed the Elements and the Bible is carried from church.

## RETIRING OFFERING

The Retiring Offering after Communion is in aid of the Benevolent Fund.

## COFFEE BAR

The Coffee Bar is open in the Allen Hall after the service and everyone is invited to stay behind for some refreshments and a chat.

## PRE-SERVICE COFFEE BAR

You are reminded that tea and toast are served in the McIntyre Suite each Sunday before Morning Worship.

## CHURCH FLOWERS

The Pedestal flowers today provided by the Molyneaux Family, Crawfordsburn and Dromore are 'In Memory of Eunice and Billy'

The Sanctuary flowers are 'In Memory of Ted'

## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

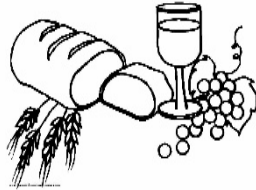
PW will meet on Monday at 7.30 p.m. in the Barbour Hall for a New Year Message from Rev McKenzie. There will also be the traditional New Year Bring and Buy Sale.

## MORNING WATCH

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

## MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Morning Bible Study will be held on Wednesday from 10.15 a.m. – 12.00 noon at 5 Ardenlee Avenue. All welcome. Contact Maggi Hamilton for further details.



## TEA AND TALK TOGETHER

Tea and Talk will meet on Wednesday from 2.00 – 3.30 p.m. in the McIntyre Suite. Something for everyone and all ages welcome!

## MOTHERS AND TODDLERS

The Mums and Tots resume on Thursday from 10.00 – 11.30 a.m. in the Allen Hall.

## OFFICE HOURS

There will be no 'Office Hours' this week. Rev McKenzie will be in the Minister's Room on Thursday week, 17<sup>th</sup> January from 7.30 – 8.30 p.m.

## KIRK SESSION

Elders are reminded of the Elders' Seminar on Saturday from 10.00 a.m. – 3.00 p.m. in La Mon House Hotel; and of the Session meeting on Tuesday week, 15<sup>th</sup> January at 7.45 p.m. in the Session Room. Business Committee at 7.30 p.m.

## FLOWER CALENDAR

The Flower Calendar for 2019 is in the Vestibule today for inspection by those who normally supply the Sunday church flowers. Any changes, queries or new suppliers for the 2 or 3 vacant dates may be referred to Maureen Mulligan (9045 5406)

We would also remind our members that there is a Flower Fund to which anyone can contribute and is used for the purchase of oasis/flower sundries and extra flowers for special occasions etc. Please pass your donation to any of our flower arranging team.

## CALLING ALL ORGANISATIONS

Organisation leaders/secretaries are asked to submit their activity reports for 2018, numbers on rolls and contact details (names of leaders, office bearers, telephone numbers and email addresses) to David Gillespie, and financial reports to Dawn Johnston not later next Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> January

## NEXT SUNDAY

Morning Service at 11.00 a.m. Contemporary Service (Mary-Rose Gibson)

Evening Service at 7.00 p.m. Connect Service (Malawi: Sheena Stewart)

## READING CIRCLE

The Reading Circle will meet on Friday week, 18<sup>th</sup> January when 'The lovely bones' by Alice Sebold will be reviewed. Menu will be arranged by email.

## QUIZ NIGHT



Tickets are now available for the Praise Group's 'Quiz Night with a Twist' on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> February at 7.30 p.m. in the Allen Hall. Please do plan to come along with family and friends to support this fundraiser for the Building Fund. Teams of max 6 people. Tickets are £5 each and can be purchased from any member of the Praise Group or by contacting Kathryn Glover (Tel: 07810276546)

## DOORKEEPERS!

Those who have volunteered to cover door duty at the McIntyre Suite on Wednesday and Thursday evenings are asked to collect their rota sheets from Barbara Dunlop.

## OPEN CHURCH

Volunteers are required to cover Vestibule duty for Open Church on Friday mornings from 10.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m. from January – May. If you can help please add your name to the rota sheet in the Church Vestibule or speak to Michael Graham.

## MALAWI

“Sincere thanks to everyone who helped supply some Christmas Cheer to children and needy families in Blantyre, Malawi. Two Christmas parties were held at Chifundo3. Almost 300 children had rice and chicken with a drink and the church at Ndirande were able to give 40 families a months supply of fortified porridge, due to our donations. This month (January) we have paid school fees for another term and each of the students will get an additional £10 to buy individual necessities. The same students got £20 each at the end of November as a Christmas gift to help them meet their needs. A roof was raised on the home of an extremely poor family, the walls of their house have been plastered and this month the finishing touch of a cement floor will complete the renovations. Our friend John Munthali is also purchasing an additional supply of 20 bags of maize on our behalf this month. Thank you again for helping to make all this possible. BLESSED TO BE A BLESSING – which will be the theme of the Connect Service next week”  
(Sheena Stewart)

## WEEKLY NEWS SHEET

Any items for inclusion in the next two Weekly News Sheets (13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> January) should be submitted to Dennison Mahood not later than 7.00 p.m. on Wednesday.

## CLERK OF SESSION

Today sees the retirement of Dennison Mahood after 24 years as Clerk of Session and the commencement of his successor, Michael Graham. To both servants of this Congregation of Cregagh we offer our best wishes and ask for your support and prayers for the days to come. Michael’s contact information is:

Email: [michaelgraham112@gmail.com](mailto:michaelgraham112@gmail.com). Tel: 9044 8036 Mobile: 07548 635075.

## DUTY ROTAS FOR JANUARY

KIRK SESSION – Beth McCluskey, Tommy McCluskey, Maureen Mulligan, Rebecca Clarke, Joan Taylor and Robert Oliver (Team Leader)

CONGREGATIONAL COMMITTEE – Angela Watson, Pauline Gibson, Wilma McCluskey, Laura Armstrong, Jim McCurry (Deputy Leader) and Karen McCurry (Leader)

CRECHE – (6<sup>th</sup>) Josephine Darragh and Wilma McCluskey (13<sup>th</sup>) Joanne Hewitt and Jill Baines (20<sup>th</sup>) Gail McNair, Alan McNair and Helen Molloy (27<sup>th</sup>) Janette Brown and Gareth Brown.

FLOWER DELIVERY – (6<sup>th</sup>) Rosemary Carlisle and Percy Chambers (13<sup>th</sup>) Maggi Hamilton and Barbara Dunlop (20<sup>th</sup>) Dorothy Elliott and Harry Gibson (27<sup>th</sup>) Bobby Irvine and Dorothy Platt

COFFEE BAR – (6<sup>th</sup>) Mothers and Toddlers/Jenny Mooney (13<sup>th</sup>) Contemporary Service Group/Barbara Dunlop (20<sup>th</sup>) PW/Robyn McCullough (27<sup>th</sup>) Choir/Praise Group/Bells/Maureen Mulligan



## WEEKLY NEWS SHEET

### **Epiphany Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2019** **New Year Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**



*“Arise, shine for thy light has come,  
and the glory of the Lord is risen upon  
thee....and the Gentiles shall come to  
thy light, and the kings to the brightness  
of thy rising...they shall bring gold and  
incense; and they shall shew forth the  
praises of the Lord”* Isaiah 60: 1:3:6.



TODAY'S SERVICE at 11.00 a.m.

Rev Edward McKenzie

Sermon: “What does it mean to be a member of the church?: A person who learns”

Scripture Readings: Psalm 32 and Acts 16: 1-5

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