

## **EASTER GREETING**

Leader: *Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ  
Christ our King is Risen.*

**ALL: Christ has truly risen. Alleluia!**

Leader: *In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living  
hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the  
dead. Christ our King is Risen.*

**ALL: Christ has truly risen. Alleluia!**

Leader: *He has given us an inheritance that can never perish,  
spoil or fade – kept in heaven for us.  
Christ our King is Risen.*

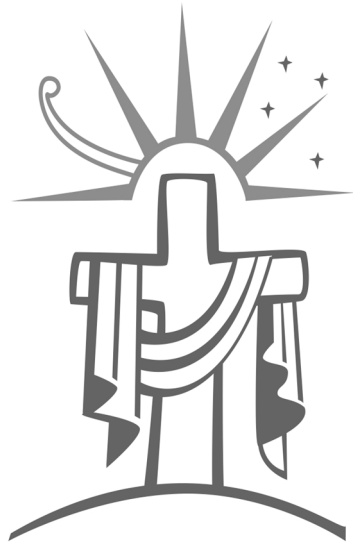
**ALL: Christ has truly risen. Alleluia!**

Leader: *Though we have not seen him, we love him; and even  
though we do not see him now, we believe in him.  
Christ our King has Risen.*

**ALL: Christ has truly risen. Alleluia!**

Leader: *And we are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy  
.....because.....Christ our King is Risen.*

**ALL: Christ has truly risen. Alleluia!**



## **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 Easter Sunday. It's good to have some of our own members with us who are home for the Easter holiday. We would invite our visitors to sign the Visitor's Book in the Church Vestibule, giving name and full postal address. This morning any parents with babies are invited to make use of the Pebbles Creche or KidZone (in the Stewart Hall) for 3 year olds upwards who leave church after the children's address and 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 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.

## **COFFEE BAR**

The Coffee Bar is open in the Allen Hall after the morning service and everyone is invited to join us for a cuppa and a chat.

## **PRE-SERVICE COFFEE BAR**

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

## **CHURCH FLOWERS**

The Pedestal flowers today are provided by Mrs S Stewart, Rochester Avenue.

The Sanctuary flowers provided by Mrs M Hamilton, Carolhill Park are 'In Memory of Mrs M Scott'



## **TEA AND TALK**

Tea and Talk Together will meet on Wednesday from 2.00 – 3.30 p.m. in the McIntyre Suite. Anyone is invited to come along for some refreshments, games, music, sharing memories etc. Further information from Ruth Hill (07753 709108)

## **OFFICE HOURS**

There will be no 'Office Hours' this week. Rev McKenzie will be in the Minister's Room on Thursday week, 2<sup>nd</sup> May from 7.30 – 8.30 p.m.

As Rev McKenzie will be on holiday from this evening until Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> April. Any matters requiring urgent attention may be referred to the Clerk of Session, Michael Graham (07548 635075) or Rev Dr Harold MacConnell (9036 5399)

## **OPEN CHURCH**

The church will be open for private prayer and meditation, as usual, on Friday from 10.30 a.m. – 12.00 noon

## **NEXT SUNDAY**

The service next Sunday at 11.00 a.m. will be conducted by the Rev Dr Harold MacConnell (Pastoral Assistant) and Rev Hastings McIntyre (Minister Emeritus) will preside at the organ.

## **DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING**

Defibrillator Training will take place on Monday week, 29<sup>th</sup> April from 7.00 – 9.00 p.m. Anyone interested in attending should please contact Jim or Karen McCurry as soon as possible.

## **BELFAST MARATHON - Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May**

The Belfast Marathon this year is being run on a Sunday and Cregagh and the neighbouring churches on the route have expressed displeasure to the organising authorities about holding the event on a Sunday and the disruption it will cause in the area for people travelling to church. However, it is going ahead and in order to facilitate our morning worship the service will begin at 11.30 a.m. not 11.00 a.m.

Road closures that morning are as follows:

Beersbridge Road/Castlereagh Road (8.30 – 10.30 a.m.)

Montgomery Road/Cregagh Road (8.30 – 11.00 a.m.)

Woodstock Road (8.30 – 11.30 a.m.)

Ravenhill Road (7.00 – 11.30 a.m.)

## **PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN – Annual Conference**

The Annual Presbyterian Women's Conference will be held on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May in Assembly Buildings – Annual Meeting ( 2.00 – 3.45 p.m.) and Evening Celebration (7.30 – 9.00 p.m.) Guest speaker: Helen Warnock (Principal, Belfast Bible College)

## **PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN – Friendship Evening**

Our own PW annual Friendship Evening to which local church ladies' groups are invited will be held on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30 p.m. in the Allen Hall.

The guest speaker will be Eva Baxter from County Fermanagh who will re-enact the life of Mrs Cecil Frances Alexander, the famous hymn writer.

## CHURCH NEWS

The Summer edition of Church News is currently being prepared for distribution from Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June. Items for inclusion including photos should be submitted to David Gillespie or Michael Graham not later than Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May.

### BLOOMIN' LOVELY!

In preparation for the Garden Fete Harry Gibson is preparing hanging baskets and ready to plant out items including dahlias, dwarf orange lilies, gladiola, wallflowers, sweet peas etc.

To arrange viewing or further details please speak to Harry after morning service or tel: 07713922186.



### THANK YOU

Many thanks to all who supported the Spring Musical Concert on 5<sup>th</sup> April when £1180 was raised for the Building Fund.

### SUMMER GARDEN FETE

The Summer Garden Fete will be held on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May in the church grounds and halls from 2.00 p.m. There will be all the usual stalls and attractions including the Archery Petting Zoo. Items are required for the bric-a-brac and small furniture stalls and any suitable items you wish to donate may be left at the church any morning from 9.30 a.m. – 12.00 noon (Monday –Friday)

Help will also be required on the day so if you can assist please contact Anne Graham, Carol Ferguson or Jenny Mooney. Put the date in your diary!!!

### MAY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> at 2.00 and 5.15 p.m. NI Blood Transfusion Unit in Allen Hall

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> at 9.30 a.m. First walk of season for Walking Group

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> at 11.30 a.m. Morning Service (Rev McKenzie and Church Choir)  
(Note change of time due to Belfast Marathon)

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> at 10.45 a.m. Morning Watch

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> at 11.00 a.m. Christian Aid Service (Rev McKenzie & Church Choir)

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> at 6.30 p.m. Café Connect Service (Rev McKenzie & Praise Group)

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 p.m. Presbyterian Women Friendship Night

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> at 7.45 p.m. Congregational Committee Meeting

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> at 2.00 p.m. Summer Garden Fete

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> at 11.00 a.m. Morning Service (Rev McKenzie and Church Choir)

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> at 6.30 p.m. Evening Service (Rev McKenzie and Church Choir)

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> at 9.30 a.m. Blobs – Bible Discussion

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> at 10.45 a.m. Morning Watch

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> at 7.15 p.m. Kirk Session Meeting

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> at 11.00 a.m. Morning Service (Rev McKenzie and Church Choir)

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> at 6.30 p.m. Prayer and Bible Study

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> at 6.30 p.m. Junior Choir Annual Concert.

- Please note that Evening Services will commence at 6.30 p.m. as from May.



## WEEKLY NEWS SHEET

### Easter Day

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2019**



*"This is the day which the Lord hath made:  
we will rejoice and be glad in it"*

Psalm 118: 24.

*"Now is Christ risen from the dead, and become  
the first fruits of them that slept"*

1 Corinthians 15:20

*"Because I live (He says), ye also shall live"*

John 14:19

MORNING SERVICE at 11.00 a.m.

Rev Edward McKenzie and the Church Choir

Sermon: 'The Light of the Resurrection'

Scripture Readings: Matthew 28: 1-10 and Exodus 25: 31-40

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**A VERY HAPPY EASTER TO YOU ALL!**