



WELCOME TO WORSHIP

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 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.

We are delighted to welcome the Rev Dr Harold MacConnell who conducts the service and the Rev Hastings McIntyre who presides at the organ this morning. Rev McKenzie and John Dallas are in Cambridge this weekend with a small number of Cregagh folk.

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 which are provided by the Dyatt Family are 'In Memory' The Sanctuary flowers are 'In Memory of Loving Grandparents'

DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING

"The first of our defibrillator training classes will take place tomorrow at 7.00 p.m. This is an informal session to show you what to do should a situation arise and is free to attend. We already have had quite a few names signed up but if you can't attend on Monday evening, we will organise another one in the near future.

There will also be a more formal certificated course coming up soon (cost £25) with a recognised qualification at the end of it, should anyone prefer this instead. If you have already put your name down, or if you would still like to attend, just come along tomorrow at 7.00 p.m." (Karen McCurry)

WALK AND TALK

The Walk and Talk Group will meet on Tuesday at 10.00 a.m. for a walk in Belvoir Forest followed by refreshments at the church at 11.30 a.m.

MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Morning Bible Study will take place on Wednesday from 10.15 a.m. – 12.00 noon at 77 Ravenhill Park when a study of the Book of James will commence. All welcome.

OFFICE HOURS

Rev McKenzie will be in the Minister's Room on Thursday from 7.30 – 8.30 p.m. As Rev McKenzie will be on holiday until Wednesday any matters requiring urgent attention until then 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.

BLOOD DONATION SESSIONS

The Northern Ireland Blood Transfusion Unit will be in the Allen Hall on Friday from 2.00 – 4.00 p.m. and 5.15 – 8.00 p.m.

WALKING GROUP

The first walk of the new season will take place on Saturday leaving the church at 9.30 a.m. for a walk to Bangor followed by lunch in the Heatherlea Restaurant.

Copies of the Walking Group plan for 2019 are in the Church Vestibule and McIntyre Suite. One of the walks is on the recently installed Gobbins Cliff path on 22nd June and as this has to be pre-booked, anyone wishing to attend should please give your name to Robert or Beth McNair before next Sunday 4th May. (07815817411 or email: rmcnair@compuserve)

Cost is £15 for adults or £12 for children and over 65's.

New walkers are always welcome to join us on any of the walks.

BELFAST MARATHON - NEXT SUNDAY

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 next week will begin at 11.30 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.)

The service will be conducted by Rev McKenzie and praise lead by the Church Choir.

MORNING WATCH

Morning Watch will meet on Tuesday week, 7th May at 10.45 a.m.

CONGREGATIONAL COMMITTEE

Congregational Committee will meet on Tuesday week, 7th May at 7.45 p.m. in the Session Room. The Finance Committee will meet at 7.15 p.m.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN – Annual Conference

The Annual Presbyterian Women's Conference will be held on Thursday week, 9th May in Assembly Buildings – Annual Meeting (2.00 – 3.45 p.m.) and Evening Celebration (7.30-9.00 p.m.) Speaker: Helen Walker (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 fortnight, 13th 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.



CHRISTIAN AID WEEK



Cregagh Presbyterian Church supports Christian Aid and today there are some boxes in the pews for you to take home if you wish. Please collect your change into them and return on Christian Aid Sunday, 12th May. We will be having a fund raiser then, with pancakes and scones being served at the Coffee Bar after Morning Service – please plan to stay for that and donate to Christian Aid.

Door to door collection will take place on Tuesday fortnight, 14th May. All previous collectors please meet at the church at 6.30 p.m. If unable to make it please let Barbara Dunlop know (9045 3829)

SUMMER GARDEN FETE



The Summer Garden Fete will be held on Saturday 18th 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!!!

CINEMA OUTING

Tickets are now available for the visit to the Tudor Cinema, Comber on Wednesday, 24 April 2019 22nd May when the film ‘Driving Miss Daisy’ will be shown. Tickets (£10) are available from Heather Sharpe (07954317603) and Carol McCormick (07936529562). Light refreshments will be available. Proceeds for Church Building Fund.

CHUBBY CHALLENGE

‘A big thank you to everyone that has been taking part in our 10 week Chubby Challenge and Healthy Living class. It finished last week and I am delighted to announce that the winner of our challenge was Rosa Matthews who managed to lose 18 pounds in weight over 9 weeks. Many of the others had great weight loss too, losing around 10 – 11 pounds, and the group as a total managed to lose 133 pound in weight (9 ½ stone) Thankfully all the lost pounds in weight added up in financial pounds and we are pleased to donate £650 to the Church Building Fund. Well done to everyone involved and we may organise a few more healthy lifestyle talks in the future so watch this space!’ (Karen McCurry)

LENTEN LUNCHES

Many thanks to all who supported the seven Friday lunches served during Lent when the sum of £1695 (including Gift Aid) was raised for the Church Building Fund. We would also thank the members of Kirk Session who organise this annual event and who provide the food and help with serving and kitchen duties.

CHURCH NEWS

Any items or photographs for inclusion in the Summer issue of our church magazine must be submitted to David Gillette or Michael before next Sunday.



WEEKLY NEWS SHEET

Low Sunday
28th April 2019



“Since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive”

1 Corinthians 15:20

“I know that my redeemer liveth, and that He shall stand at the latter day upon the earth”

Job 19:25

TODAY'S SERVICE at 11.00 a.m.

Preacher: Rev Dr Harold MacConnell (Pastoral Assistant)

Organist: Rev Hastings McIntyre (Minister Emeritus)

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