



The Pink Candle of Joy

When the Angel Gabriel told Mary that a special child would be born to her she was filled with joy

She sang a song that began with these words:
"My soul magnifies the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour"

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 Third Sunday in Advent. 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 young babies are invited to make use of the Creche.

THIS MORNING'S BAPTISM

The baby baptised this morning is DANIEL THOMAS FREDDY the infant son of Mr & Mrs T Clarke, 21 Ringhaddy Drive, Newtownards.

GIFTS UNDER THE CHRISTMAS TREE

The gifts placed under the Christmas Tree this morning will be taken on Monday to the Belfast City Mission for distribution to needy children and families in the city.

COFFEE BAR – in the Allen Hall after this morning's service

PRE-SERVICE TEA AND TOAST – In McIntyre Suite before Morning Worship.

REFRESHMENTS - In McIntyre Suite after this evening's service.

COMMUNITY CAROLS

Community Carol singing will take place today from 3.00 – 4.00 p.m. in the Car Park of the Salvation Army Temple. Seasonal refreshments will be served afterwards.

MORNING WATCH

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

EVERGREENS

The Evergreens are reminded of their Christmas lunch on Wednesday at the Secret Garden. Drivers will be in contact re. pick up times for lifts.

BLUE CHRISTMAS

A Service of Remembrance and Hope will be held on Wednesday at 7.30 p.m. in Cregagh Methodist Chyrch.

OFFICE HOURS

Rev McKenzie will be in the Minister's Room on Thursday from 7.30 – 8.30 p.m.

OPEN CHURCH

The church will be open for private prayer and meditation on Friday from 10.30 am – 12.00 noon.

MORNING BIBLE STUDY

The Morning Bible Study Group will meet on Monday week, 23rd December at 10.30 a.m. at 27 Ballygowan Road for a short time of Christmas reflection.

CHRISTMAS AT CREGAGH



HANDBELL CHOIR CHRISTMAS SERVICE **SUNDAY 22nd DECEMBER at 11.00 a.m.**

Our Handbell Choir have had a very busy year playing at various churches and venues, and we look forward to their annual Christmas service here in Cregagh.

CANDLELIGHT SERVICE OF NINE LESSONS & CAROLS **SUNDAY 22nd DECEMBER at 6.30 p.m.**

We look forward to one of the most popular services of the whole year when the Christmas Message is presented in word and music in a traditional Christmas setting.

The Church and Junior Choirs will provide the music, and the lessons are read by representatives of the various mission projects the congregation supports..

A Christmas Supper will be served in the Allen Hall after The service for all our members, their friends and visitors.



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CHRISTMAS EVE IN CREGAGH **TUESDAY 24th DECEMBER at 11.30 p.m.**

Join us and the many visitors who faithfully attend this beautiful service each year as we greet Christmas Morn in God's House in a very atmospheric act of worship which is by candlelight. The service lasts about 45 minutes.



CHRISTMAS DAY IN CREGAGH **WEDNESDAY 25th DECEMBER at 9.00 a.m.**

The Cregagh Family, young and old, meet to celebrate the Birth of Christ. Children are encouraged to bring their toys from Santa. Christmas refreshments will be served in the Allen Hall after the service.



CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS

'World Development' (for the PCI Appeal 'Farming God's Way' focusing on Mozambique) and 'Cregagh Christmas' (for the Building Fund) Envelopes are in the pews for your use at any of the Christmas services.

66th SCOUT GROUP CHARITY APPEAL

As in previous years our 66th Scout Group are supporting a worthy cause for their Christmas Good Turn Charity Appeal. This year the charity is 'Stonehouse' whose aim is to restore dignity, recognise significance and encourage hope in the lives of everyone they encounter. Such items as toothbrushes, shower gel, shampoo, deodorants, shaving foam, toothpaste, face cloths, disposable razors etc. are requested and may be left at the church or given to any of our scout leaders or members asap.

WARM CLOTHES WANTED!

The PW are collecting pre-loved winter clothes for the Joy Foundation who will be going to Poland in January. They distribute clothes at the Radosc Foundation and 1st Baptist Church, Warsaw. Adult and children's clothes would be very welcome, so if any members would like to contribute to this please pass them on to PW members or Sandra Harper.

FLOURISH AND MIGRANT HELP

Food supplies for both these charities are running low and an urgent appeal has been made to help stock up essential items. There are over 70 very vulnerable people depending on food supplies. If you can help please see the list of needs on the back corridor notice board or speak to Margaret MacLaren, Michael or Anne Graham.

BIBLE STUDY COPIES

Copies of previous Sunday evening Bible Study notes by Rev McKenzie are available in hard copy or can be emailed. Anyone wishing to receive these are asked to sign their name and email address (if applicable) on the sheets in the Church Vestibule or McIntyre Suite.

CHURCH PUBLICATIONS

Annual subscriptions and new orders for 2020 should now be arranged. See contacts:

PRESBYTERIAN HERALD

£15 for 10 issues

Joan Taylor (9064 1262)

INTERNATIONAL BIBLE READING and DAY BY DAY WITH GOD NOTES

Barbara Dunlop (9045 3829)

WIDER WORLD

£6 for 4 magazines

*copies may be also be downloaded

Dorothy Platt (07803264286)

FLOWER CALENDAR FOR 2020

The Flower Calendar for 2020 is in the Church Vestibule today for inspection by those who normally provide the church flowers. Any changes, queries or new providers for the few vacant dates may be referred to Dorothy Law (07789 503606) Also, any donations towards the Flower Fund are always appreciated and are used for oasis/sundries and extra flowers for special occasions.

EPILEPSY AWARENESS CALENDAR

A 2020 calendar featuring East Belfast Churches and their leaders has been compiled by John McKenzie (Rev McKenzie's father) in aid of the Epilepsy Society.

The calendar includes lovely images of the churches and the ministers as you have never seen them before!!! All photographed by John McKenzie.

Costing £3.50. Available from Rev McKenzie or Michael Graham.



Weekly News Sheet The Third Sunday in Advent 15th December 2019



May the Christmas gifts remind you of God's greatest gift, His only begotten Son.
May the Christmas candles remind you of Him who is the 'Light of the World'
May the Christmas trees remind you of another tree upon which He died for you.
May the Christmas cheer remind you of Him who said 'Be of good cheer'
May the Christmas bell remind you of the glorious proclamation of His birth.
May the Christmas carols remind you of the song the angels sang, 'Glory to God'
May the Christmas season remind you in every way of Jesus Christ your King.

MORNING SERVICE at 11.00 a.m.

KidZone Christmas Tree Gift Service

Scripture Reading: Psalm 147

EVENING SERVICE at 6.30 p.m.

Youth Fellowship Christmas Service

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