

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 ask our members and visitors to remain seated at the end of the service until directed by an usher to leave. Please do not stop to chat in the church pews or aisles but you may do so in the church grounds obviously observing social distancing.

OFFERING

The offering will not be collected but there are plates in the Vestibule, the McIntyre Suite and the Choral Gallery in which to place your offering as you leave.

WEEKLY NEWS SHEET

The News Sheet today is the first publication since mid-March and in the interests of hygiene will not be handed out by the ushers but you are asked to lift your copy from the table in the Church Porch or McIntyre Suite either as you enter or leave church.

CHURCH FLOWERS

The Pedestal flowers provided by Mrs Wendy Cairnduff are 'In Memory of Des, Berta and Linda'

The Sanctuary flowers provided anonymously are 'rfv44In Memory of Mum and Dad'

YOUTH BIBLE CLASS

The Youth Bible Class resumes today from 11.15 – 11.45 a.m. in the Stewart Hall. All P&'s and upwar4ds are invited!

ZOOM BIBLE STUDY

Zoom Bible Study starts back tomorrow at 7.00 p.m., studying Paul's letter to the Ephesians. If you would be interested in joining the Zoom Bible Study please speak to Rev McKenzie.

MORNING WATCH

Morning Watch will meet on Tuesday at 10.45 a.m. in the McIntyre Suite.

HARVEST GIFT DAY LETTER AND ENVELOPES

Elders are asked to note that their district supplies of Harvest and Gift Day literature and envelopes will be available for collection for delivery on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings or next Sunday from the McIntyre Suite.

OFFICE HOURS

Rev McKenzie will resume Office Hours in the Minister's Room on Thursday from 6.30 – 8.00 p.m. For the time being, if you wish to pop in, please ring ahead and make an appointment.

OPEN CHURCH

The church will be open as usual on Friday from 10.00 a.m. – 12.00 noon for private prayer and meditation. A one-way system, social distancing and hygiene procedures will be in effect. The facility to drop off church envelopes is also available during this time.

PRAYER

If you have any prayer requests please pass them on, if you do not receive the Prayer Link but would like to via email or printed copy please just ask.

YOUTH BIG NIGHT

The next youth 'Big Night' is on Saturday (29th) from 7.00 – 9.00 p.m. All P7's and up are invited!

NEXT SUNDAY

Rev McKenzie will conduct the services next Sunday at 10.00 a.m. and 12.00 noon

BLOBS

After a long absence the 'Blobs' group is ready to get up and running again. This is not a Bible Study or Prayer Meeting but a group that meets to talk about devotional life and explore Christian books together. The group is open to all (especially men!) and will meet on Tuesday week, 29th September at 9.30 a.m. However, if you are interested but that doesn't suit it would be great to start up another 'Blobs' group at a different time.

AUTUMN COMMUNION

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be observed on this day fortnight, 4th October at 10.00 a.m. and 12.00 noon. Retiring Offering for the Benevolent Fund.

HARVEST THANKSGIVING AND GIFT DAY

The Harvest Thanksgiving and Gift Day services will be held on Sunday 11th October at 10.00 a.m. and 12.00 noon.

HARVEST DECORATION

The church will be decorated for the Harvest services on Friday 9th October. Gifts of flowers, fruit, vegetables and greenery would be very much appreciated and should be left at the church on the mornings of 6th, 7th, 8th and 9th October.

It is also the intention to accept donations of longlife foods (tinned vegetables, fruit, soup, cereals, rice, pasta etc.) to be included in the decoration and then will be given to the local food bank – contributions of these items may be left at the church any morning from tomorrow until Friday 9th.

VOLUNTEERS REQUESTED

Would you be available to help cover Open Church on Friday mornings? Or to occasionally deliver the church flowers after Sunday services? If you can help please give your name to Michael Graham as soon as possible.

CHRISTIANS AGAINST POVERTY

A very big 'thank you' to all of the Linedancers and the Cregagh Church family for your generosity and support in raising £200 for the work of CAP.

MODERATOR'S APPEAL FOR LEBANON

A few weeks ago the Moderator of PCI, Right Rev David Bruce launched an appeal to aid the crisis following the massive explosion in Beirut which killed over 150 people, injuring 5,000 and making 300,000 residents homeless.

If you would like to contribute please drop your contribution into the offering plates in an envelope marked 'LEBANON'

EMERGENCY FIRST AID AT WORK

A Level 3 Accredited Emergency First Aid Course will be held in Cregagh on Monday 5th and 12th October from 6.30 – 10.30 p.m.,

Cost for course is only £40. Please contact Karen or Jim McCurry if interested.

It would be anticipated that all practices would be reviewed on Monday 21st September.

Responding to Covid-19

At Cregagh we wish to create an environment that is both welcoming and safe. While we would actively encourage all members to come back to worship, believing it safe to do so with the measures we have taken, we also wish to highlight that no one should come to services if they have symptoms.

As we continue to move forward towards something more like normal it is imperative that we do so by insuring that all actions are in line with current guidelines and restrictions. With no changes to PCI guidelines regarding 2m social distance the same arrangements for services that are currently in place will continue throughout this month, continuing to provide a service at 10am and 12noon, accommodating around 60 people on each occasion. Doors will be opened at 9:30am and 11:30am so that folk can be guided and seated. The wearing of face coverings, while still not mandatory, has now been formally advised and strongly encouraged by PCI. The recent announcement of local restrictions has not affected arrangements regarding church services and meetings.

Members are still being asked to register for the services due to 'contact tracing', by contacting Michael Graham (mobile: 07548635075 or email: michaelgraham112@gmail.com) and also advise him if you can't attend a service for which you have already registered.

The services themselves will continue to be slightly shorter than normal and present arrangements regarding offering will remain in place for the month of September. There will be no offering plate passed around during services but there are three stations where you can drop your offering off as you leave the building. While still respecting concerns surrounding congregational singing we still wish to continue moving forward towards something more like normal. Therefore we will continue incorporating live singing to the congregation and, now with the added addition of face coverings to alleviate concerns, members are gently encouraged, to softly sing along, while seated, to the two praise items played as part of the services.

It is encouraging that KidZone continues to go well, Karen and Jim are happy to carry on covering this month. Unfortunately the restrictions are still extremely tight regarding crèche so it will not be available for the time being. However babies are very welcome at our services!

The issue of offering lifts to church continues to be a difficult one but the official position in terms of the guidelines is that folk should still not offer nor provide lifts to anyone outside of their bubble. Unfortunately pastoral visitation is still limited to emergencies and bereavements.



Weekly News Sheet **Sunday 20th September 2020**

TEN COMMANDMENTS AS 'BEATITUDES'

Blessed are they who put God first

Blessed are they who need no substitutes

Blessed are they who honour God's name

Blessed are they who rest in God

Blessed are they who honour their parents

Blessed are they who value and treasure life

Blessed are they who keep their marriage vows

Blessed are they who respect the property of others

Blessed are they who love the truth

Blessed are they who learn the art of contentment

SERVICES TODAY at 10.00 a.m. and 12.00 noon

Sermon: 'The Sixth Commandment'

Scripture Reading: Exodus 33: 12-23

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