

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

Today's News Sheet is available in the Church Porch and McIntyre Suite – please feel free to lift one for yourself or deliver one to any member of the congregation unable to attend church at this time.

CHURCH FLOWERS

The Pedestal flowers which are provided by the Irwin, Day and Feely Families are 'Family Memories'

The Sanctuary flowers provided by Mrs Esme Allen, Orby Drive are 'In Memory'

YOUTH BIBLE CLASS

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

HARVEST GIFT DAY LETTER AND ENVELOPES

Any elders who have not collected their district supplies of Harvest/Gift Day literature may do so today from the McIntyre Suite.

ZOOM BIBLE STUDY

Zoom Bible Study takes place on Monday from 7.30 p.m. Any new 'zoomers' should please contact Rev McKenzie.

BLOBS

The Blobs group resumes on Tuesday at 9.30 a.m. in the McIntyre Suite.

This group is open to all (especially men!) This is not a Bible Study or Prayer Meeting but a group that meets to talk about devotional life and explore Christian books together.

OFFICE HOURS

Rev McKenzie will be in the Minister's Room on Thursday from 6.30 – 8.00 p.m. Members are requested to make an appointment by phoning: 07809 674068

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 REQUESTS

If you have any prayer requests please pass them on to the Minister or any elder.

If you would like to receive a copy of Prayer Link please just ask.

NEXT SUNDAY

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be observed next Sunday at 10.00 a.m. and 12.00 noon. The Retiring Offering will be in aid of the Benevolent Fund.

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 If interested please contact Jim or Karen McCurry (9070 5644 or 07552 606550)

HARVEST DECORATION

The church will be decorated for the Harvest services on Friday week, 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 items (tinned vegetables, fruit, soup, cereals, rice, pasta, nappies, household sundries etc.) to be included in the decoration which will then will be given to the local food bank – contributions of these items may be left at the church any morning this week or next.

HARVEST THANKSGIVING AND GIFT DAY SERVICES

Our annual Harvest Thanksgiving and Gift Day services will be held on this day fortnight, 11th October at 10.00 a.m. and 12.00 noon.

HARVEST DELIVERIES

Volunteers are requested to help deliver flowers and fruit from the Harvest to our senior or ill members who are unable to attend church at this time. Due to present circumstances clearance of the decoration and collection for deliveries will take place on Monday morning, 12th October from 10.00 a.m.

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.

HARVEST GIFT DAY – BUILDING FUND

Special Harvest literature and Gift Day envelopes are being delivered to every home in the congregation and once again the Building Fund will benefit from your kind generosity. We are grateful to the congregation for continuing to support the 'Fund' in these extraordinary times by envelope and standing order, but inevitably our fund-raising programme has been adversely affected by the Covid 19 pandemic, and in unprecedented circumstances Building Fund income year-on-year is down by about 33% or £12,000. Our loan liability to the Ulster Bank at 31st August was £141,220 and we are continuing to meet the monthly repayments and the Gift Day Appeal is another way in which we can all help to support the Fund. If you are unable to attend worship in these restricted times, and would like to contribute, you may wish to post your donation to Richard Molyneaux, 14 Meadow Way, Crawfordsburn, Co. Down BT19 1JJ. Alternatively, if you would like to make your contribution by Bank Transfer the Ulster Bank Account Number is 13360101, and the Sort Code is 98-01-60 Please include your WFO number as a reference so that we can credit the amount to you. Thank you. (Richard and Elaine Molyneaux – Building Fund Treasurers)

MALAWI SCHOOL FEES

As the new school year continues here at home, our friends in Malawi are also returning to their studies with school fees being due. Thank you to those who have generously sponsored pupils in the past, if you wish to do so again, or for the first time, please pass your donation to Sheena Stewart or give using these bank details: Bank Sort Code; 98-01-60 and Account Number: 13549067 Account Name: Cregagh Presbyterian Church, clearly labelling the donation with your name. Alternatively there are Standing Order forms available on the CPC Website should you wish to regularly donate. Even a little given can make a big difference as around £30 covers the cost of a term.

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: michaelgraham12@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 October. 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. Over the month of October we will continue to gradually incorporate shared singing, including inviting the congregation to stand.

It is encouraging that KidZone continues to go well, Karen and Jim are happy to carry on covering this month, however it would be useful if parents could register by Friday so that appropriate preparations can be made. 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. Practices will be reviewed on Monday 19th October.



Weekly News Sheet **Sunday 27th September 2020**

TEN BLESSINGS!

*Count your blessings instead of your crosses
Count your gains instead of your losses
Count your joys instead of your woes
Count your friends instead of your foes
Count your courage instead of your fears
Count your laughs instead of your tears
Count your full years instead of your lean
Count your kind deeds instead of your mean
Count your health instead of your wealth
Count on God instead of your self.*

SERVICES TODAY at 10.00 a.m. and 12.00 noon

Sermon: 'The Seventh Commandment
Scripture Reading: Matthew 12: 38-54

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Items for inclusion in the Weekly News Sheet should be submitted no later than 7.00 p.m. on the Wednesday preceeding the Sunday on which the announcement is to be included. (email: dennison.mahood@yahoo.com or text: 07891920261)
The Weekly News Sheet is also available for viewing on the Website (cregaghpresbyterian.org)

(Matthew Rainey)

THE YEAR AHEAD IN CREGAGH

FEBRUARY

Sunday 9th at 11.00 a.m. Olde Tyme Psalm Service
Monday 17th from 2.15 p.m. NI Blood Transfusion – blood donations
Sunday 23rd at 11.00 a.m. Guides/Scouts Thinking Day Service
Friday 28th at 12.00 noon Lenten Lunch (each Friday in Lent)

MARCH

Sunday 1st at 4.30 p.m. Joint Service with Salvation Army
Friday 6th at 7.30 p.m. Women's World Day of Prayer local service
Friday 13th & Saturday 14th Model Railway Exhibition
Sunday 22nd at 11.00 a.m. Mothering Sunday Service
Sunday 22nd at 7.30 p.m. Presbytery Service

APRIL

Sunday 5th at 11.00 a.m. Palm Sunday Communion
Sunday 5th at 6.30 p.m. Youth Fellowship Palm Sunday Service
Wednesday 8th at 7.45 p.m. Music for Holy Week at McQuiston Memorial
Thursday 9th at 7.30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Communion
Friday 10th at 12.00 noon Good Friday Meditation
Friday 10th at 7.30 p.m. Good Friday Service of Reflection
Sunday 12th at 11.00 a.m. Easter Day Service

MAY

Sunday 10th at 11.00 a.m. Christian Aid Service
Saturday 16th at 2.00 p.m. Summer Garden Fete
Thursday 21st at 7.30 p.m. Annual Meeting and Congregational Reunion
Tuesday 26th at 6.30 p.m. Junior Choir Concert

JUNE

Monday 1st-Friday 5th PCI General Assembly Week
Sunday 7th at 11.00 a.m. Children's Day Service
Sunday 7th at 6.30 p.m. Good Neighbour's Service
Sunday 21st at 11.00 a.m. Summer Communion

JULY

Sunday Services at 11.00 a.m. (No Evening Services)

AUGUST

Sunday Services at 11.00 a.m. (No Evening Services)
Monday 17th – Friday 21st Holiday Bible Club - mornings

SEPTEMBER

Sunday 6th at 11.00 a.m. Organisation Dedication Service

OCTOBER

Sunday 4th at 11.00 a.m. Autumn Communion
Sunday 11th at 11.00 a.m. Harvest Thanksgiving and
and 6.30 p.m. Gift Day Services

NOVEMBER

Sunday 8th at 10.45 a.m. Remembrance Day Service
Saturday 4th at 10.00 a.m. Craft Fair
Sunday 15th at 11.00 a.m. Presbyterian Women's Service

DECEMBER

Sunday 6th at 11.00 a.m. Advent Carol Service
Sunday 13th at 11.00 a.m. Children's Christmas Tree Gift Service
Sunday 13th at 6.30 p.m. Youth Fellowship Christmas Service
Sunday 20th at 11.00 a.m. Handbell Choir Christmas Service
Sunday 20th at 7.00 p.m. Candlelight Service of Nine Lessons & Carols
Thursday 24th at 11.30 p.m. Christmas Eve Service
Friday 25th at 9.00 a.m. Christmas Day Family Service
Sunday 27th at 11.00 a.m. Last Service of 2019

SUNDAY SERVICES

Morning Worship at 11.00 a.m.

Evening Worship at 6.30 p.m. on 2nd and 3rd Sunday of each month (except July and August) Prayer and Bible Study on 1st Sunday of month at 6.30 p.m.

Open Church – open for private prayer and meditation each Friday from 10.30 a.m. – 12.00 noon.

Morning Watch (Praying for others) - Alternate Tuesdays at 10.45 a.m.

(Some dates and times are subject to change and will be confirmed in Weekly News Sheet)

FEBRUARY SUNDAY SERVICES

Sunday 2nd at 11.00 a.m.	Rev McKenzie and the Church Choir
Sunday 2nd at 6.30 p.m.	Prayer and Bible Study (Colossians)
Sunday 9th at 11.00 a.m.	Olde Tyme Psalm Service
Sunday 9th at 6.30 p.m.	Rev McKenzie and the Church Choir
Sunday 16th at 11.00 a.m.	Rev McKenzie and the Praise Group
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Sunday 23rd at 11.00 a.m.	Guides and Scouts Thinking Day