

## **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'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 FGirst Aid Course will be held in Cregagh on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> 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, 9<sup>th</sup> October. Gifts of flowers, fruit, vegetables and greenery would be very much appreciated and should be left at the church on the mornings of 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> 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, 11<sup>th</sup> 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, 12<sup>th</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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: [michaelgraham112@gmail.com](mailto: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 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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 preceding the Sunday on which the announcement is to be included. (email: [dennison.mahood@yahoo.com](mailto:dennison.mahood@yahoo.com) or text: 07891920261) The Weekly News Sheet is also available for viewing on the Website ([cregaghpresbyterian.org](http://cregaghpresbyterian.org))

## **THE YEAR AHEAD IN CREGAGH**

### **FEBRUARY**

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

### **MARCH**

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

### **APRIL**

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

### **MAY**

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

### **JUNE**

- Monday 1<sup>st</sup>-Friday 5<sup>th</sup> PCI General Assembly Week  
Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> at 11.00 a.m. Children's Day Service  
Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> at 6.30 p.m. Good Neighbour's Service  
Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> Holiday Bible Club - mornings

### **SEPTEMBER**

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> at 11.00 a.m. Organisation Dedication Service

### **OCTOBER**

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

### **NOVEMBER**

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

### **DECEMBER**

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> at 11.00 a.m. Advent Carol Service  
Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> at 11.00 a.m. Children's Christmas Tree Gift Service  
Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> at 6.30 p.m. Youth Fellowship Christmas Service  
Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> at 11.00 a.m. Handbell Choir Christmas Service  
Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> at 7.00 p.m. Candlelight Service of Nine Lessons & Carols  
Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> at 11.30 p.m. Christmas Eve Service  
Friday 25<sup>th</sup> at 9.00 a.m. Christmas Day Family Service  
Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month (except July and August) Prayer and Bible Study on 1<sup>st</sup> 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

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| 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      |