

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. Communicants are requested to place their used disposable cups in the bins at the exits as your leave.

NEW COMMUNICANTS

This morning we are pleased to welcome our new communicants.

By Profession: Aimee MacKenzie, 21 Irwin Crescent

Helen Molloy, 10 Mayflower Street

Sarah Platt, 241 Cregagh Road

Gillian, Katie and Sam Simons, 23 Glen Park, Comber

By Transfer: Jim and Irene Acheson, 17 Barnett's Crescent

OFFERINGS AND TOKENS

The Offering or Communion tokens will not be collected but there are plates in the Vestibule, the McIntyre Suite and the Choral Gallery in which to place your WFO and Building Fund envelopes as well as the Retiring Offering for the Benevolent Fund.

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 provided by Mr Brian Douglas and Mrs Joan Lunn are 'In Memory of Greta'

The Sanctuary flowers provided by Mrs E Heyburn, Loopland Park 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!

ZOOM BIBLE STUDY

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

MORNING WATCH

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

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.

HARVEST DECORATION

The church will be decorated for the Harvest services on Friday afternoon. Gifts of flowers, fruit, vegetables and greenery would be very much appreciated and should be left at the church any morning this week.

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 be given to the local food bank – contributions of these items may be left at the church any morning this week.

HARVEST THANKSGIVING AND GIFT DAY SERVICES

Our annual Harvest Thanksgiving and Gift Day services will be held next Sunday 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.

BAPTISM

The Sacrament of Baptism will be administered on this day fortnight, 18th October at +6

YOUTH 'BIG NIGHT'

The next Youth 'Big Night' will be held on Saturday 24th October from 7 – 9 p.m.

HARVEST GIFT DAY – BUILDING FUND

Special Harvest literature and Gift Day envelopes have been 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)

WEEKLY NEWS SHEET

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), Text: 07891920261 or a note left in the church pigeon hole.

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 4th October 2020** **Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**



*God be in my head and in my understanding;
God be in my eyes and in my looking;
God be in my mouth and in my speaking;
God be in my heart and in my thinking;
God be at my end and at my departing.*

SERVICES TODAY at 10.00 a.m. and 12.00 noon

Autumn Communion

Sermon: 'The Eighth Commandment

Scripture Reading: Matthew 12: 46-50

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