

## **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 to leave by an usher. 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.

## **BAPTISMS**

The babies baptised at the 12.00 noon service today are:

LYLA ELIZABETH, the infant daughter of Mr & Mrs D Platt, 395 Cregagh Road, and DYLAN DAVID, the infant son of Mr & Mrs A Skeet, 17 Stirling Gardens.

## **OFFERINGS**

The offering will not be collected during the service but there are plates in the Church Vestibule and McIntyre Suite for your use.

## **HARVEST GIFT DAY**

Grateful thanks to those who have contributed to the 'Harvest Offering for the Building Fund' The total raised, thus far, is £4,705.00 but there is still time to make a contribution. There are still 'Harvest Gift Day' envelopes available for your use in the Church Vestibule and McIntyre Suite. 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 contribute by Bank Transfer the Ulster Bank Account Number is 133601, and the Sort Code is 98-01-60. Please include your WFO number and 'Harvest Offering' as a reference so we can credit the amount to you. Thank you once again for responding so generously.

## **SPECIAL GIFT**

The total amount of the Harvest Offerings as above was augmented by a most generous gift of £900 from Eleanor Gibson from Carryduff and Anne Gilchrist from Canada who are daughters of the late Mr and Mrs Jack Crozier. The family were loyal members of Cregagh for many years. They watch our Sunday services on line and are very much appreciative of Rev McKenzie's message and the happy memories they have of their days in Cregagh.

## **CHURCH FLOWERS**

The Pedestal flowers provided by Mr & Mrs A McCluskey, Downshire Park North, are 'In Memory'

The Sanctuary flowers by Mr H Gibson, Hindsdale Park and Miss P Gibson, Thiepval Avenue are 'In Memory'

## **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.

## **ZOOM BIBLE STUDY**

Zoom Bible Study takes place on Monday from 7.00 p.m.

## **OPEN CHURCH**

The church will be open as usual on Friday from 10.00 a.m. – 12.00 noon for private prayer and meditation.

## **MALAWI**

“Children have returned to school and school fees have been paid for the new term. Our sponsored children received additional items including masks, soap and hand sanitizer. Children attending Chifundo3 pre school return from Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October. Social distancing must be maintained. The government has recommended that each child will have a box, painted on the floor, to help them keep their distance. We have provided paint to enable this to be done and have provided prridge to feed these vulnerable children. Cregagh has also paid for a radio to enable the delivery of teaching from the Government in Malawi to pre school children. Sincere thanks to everyone who has contributed to enable us to fund all of this. Your ongoing support is very much appreciated” (Sheena Stewart)

## **FORTHCOMING SERVICES at 10.00 a.m. and 12.00 noon**

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> October Reformation Sunday

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November Connect Service Emmanuel Ministries, Calcutta

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November\* Remembrance Day \*Services at 10.00 and 11.30 a.m.  
(Outdoor Act of Remembrance at 11.00 a.m.)

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> November Presbyterian Women Service

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> November Worship

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> November Advent Carol Service

## **RESPONDING TO COVID-19**

Friends,

We are all aware of the delicate situation that is developing around us.

With new restrictions coming into place Kirk Session have agreed, in line with government and denominational advice, to suspend all activities in the church building other than Sunday worship for the next four weeks: 19th Oct-13th Nov inclusive.

Regrettably this will include a three week break from KidZone and Bible Class with both resuming God willing on Sunday 8th, however children are still very welcome to attend our Sunday services.

We wish to strike a balance between protecting folk yet also protecting our right to corporate worship, which we do not want to see taken away from us again.

I appreciate the uncertainty and concern that surrounds us but we trust that this situation can and will improve, we have come so far already and God is still on the throne. This will come to pass.

God bless,

Your friend and minister,

Edward

## FURTHER COVID UPDATE

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, is now mandatory when entering and exiting the building and formally advised and strongly encouraged, by PCI, that they be worn during the service.

Members are still being asked to register, due to 'contact tracing', by contacting Michael on email or phone, indicating which Sunday(s), how many are 'in their bubble' and attending with them, as well as which time slot(s). As before those who have registered will be asked to inform Michael if for whatever reason someone cannot attend so that the register can be as accurate as possible.

The services themselves will continue to be slightly shorter than normal and present arrangements regarding offering will remain in place. 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. Even though KidZone and crèche will be unavailable children and 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.

It would be anticipated that all practices would be reviewed in the coming weeks.

## DATE CHANGES

Due to the new Covid restrictions please note the revised dates:

MORNING WATCH will meet on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> November.

BLOBS will meet on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> November.

YOUTH BIG NIGHT is postponed until a Saturday in November.

MINISTER'S OFFICE HOURS are suspended until Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> November but appointments with Rev McKenzie can still be arranged upon request.



Baptism



## Weekly News Sheet Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2020



*The Ten Commandments stand above time  
Providing a life of peace sublime.  
These laws are scripture we import  
To define justice for our courts.*

*If you desire a life serene  
Study God's law learn what it means.  
Then to experience fulness in life,  
Give yourself fully to serving Christ.*

(George Cuff)

SERVICES TODAY at 10.00 a.m. and 12.00 noon  
Sacrament of Baptism at the 12.00 noon service  
Sermon: 'The Ninth Commandment'  
Scripture Reading: Matthew: 13:24 - 30

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(Matthew Rainey)

## ***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**

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