



WELCOME TO WORSHIP

We are always happy to have visitors with us in Cregagh; and we welcome any who may be worshipping with us on this Reformation Sunday.

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.

OFFERINGS

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

HARVEST GIFT DAY

There are still Harvest Gift Day envelopes in the Church Vestibule and McIntyre Suite for those who didn't have an opportunity to contribute to the Harvest Gift Day Appeal for the Building Fund.

CHURCH FLOWERS

The Pedestal flowers provided by Mrs P Smyth, Culmaglen, Jordanstown are 'In Memory of Gerry'

The Sanctuary flowers by Mrs R Carlisle, Beechgrove Gardens are 'In Memory of Dennis'

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.

OPEN CHURCH

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

NEXT SUNDAY

The services next Sunday at 10.00 a.m. and 12.00 noon which is a Connect service will be conducted by Rev McKenzie and Maureen Mulligan will give an update on Emmanuel Ministries, Calcutta.

MINISTER'S LEAVE

Rev McKenzie will be on leave from Monday 26th – Saturday 31st October.

Any matters requiring urgent attention may be referred to the Clerk of Session, Michael Graham (07548 635075) or Rev Dr Harold Mac Connell (9036 5399)

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

On this day fortnight, 8th November, as is the custom we hope to gather to share in an Act of Remembrance. Due to the restrictions that currently surround us it would be impossible to conduct our service in the usual way.

The following is planned for Remembrance Sunday:

Our services on that day will be held at 10.00 a.m. and 11.30 a.m. and both services will be Remembrance themed.

The 10.00 a.m. service will end at 10.45 a.m. and those in attendance will be asked to gather, observing social distancing, at the right-hand side of the buildings (Allen Hall side) exiting via the McIntyre Suite doors.

The second service will take place at 11.30 a.m., those attending are asked to gather, again observing social distancing) at the left-hand side of the church buildings (Tower side) at 10.45 a.m. to share in the Act of Remembrance.

At the conclusion of the Act of Remembrance those attending the second service will be guided and seated as normal and the service will begin at 11.30 a.m.

Please register your attendance in the usual way.

NOVEMBER DATES

Sunday 15th at 10.00 a.m. and 12.00 noon

Presbyterian Women Services

Sunday 15th at 11.00 a.m.

Youth Bible Class resumes

Tuesday 17th 10.45 a.m.

Morning Watch resumes

Thursday 19th from 6.30 – 8.00 p.m.

Minister's Office Hours resume

Sunday 22nd at 10.00 a.m. and 12.00 noon

Mornign Worship

Tuesday 24th at 9.30 a.m.

Blobs Group resumes

Sunday 29th at 10.00 a.m. and 12.00 noon

Advent Carol Service

ADVENT QUIET MORNING

.....to enable us to take time out, be still and focus on God's promises as we prepare for Christmas. Traditionally we have gone to an outside location but due to Coronavirus – and in the hope that restrictions still allow us – this year we will meet here in our own church. With social distancing, numbers may be limited.

Save the date: Saturday 28th November from 9.30 a.m.-12.30 p.m. More details later

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 19th 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)

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 Graham and 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.

A Modern take on the Ten Commandments.....

The 'Shalt Nots'

Thou shalt not kill
Thou shalt not steal
Thou shalt not lie
Thou shalt not hate
Thou shalt not oppress



The 'Shalls'

Thou shall love
Thou shall create
Thou shall seek knowledge
Thou shall have courage
Thou shall know thyself



Weekly News Sheet Sunday 25th October 2020 Reformation Sunday



*A mighty Fortress is our God,
A bulwark never failing;
Our Helper He amid the flood
Of mortal ills prevailing:
For still our ancient foe
Doth seek to work us woe;
His craft and power are great,
And, armed with cruel hate,
On earth is not his equal.*

(Martin Luther)

SERVICES TODAY at 10.00 a.m. and 12.00 noon

Sermon: 'The Tenth Commandment'

Scripture Reading: Matthew: 13:31-35

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