



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 especially welcome members of our PW in church, some of whom are taking part in the services.

We would ask our members and visitors to remain seated at the end of the service until directed to leave by an usher. It would also be appreciated if when entering church for the services that you sit in the pews as directed by the ushers and not request another seat – this arrangement is to ensure safety and suitable social distancing.

OFFERINGS

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

CHURCH FLOWERS

The Pedestal flowers which are provided by George Smith and Family, Cregagh Road are 'In Loving Memory of Jean'

The Sanctuary flowers provided by Mr & Mrs D Cartlidge, Massey Court are 'In Loving Memory of Family Members'

YOUTH BIBLE STUDY

The Youth Bible Study resumes this morning at 11.00 a.m.

ZOOM BIBLE STUDY

The Zoom Bible Study continues on Monday at 7.00 p.m. Everyone is welcome and any new 'zoomers' should please contact Rev McKenzie for details.

OFFICE HOURS

Rev McKenzie will not be in the Minister's Room on Thursday as originally planned, due to extended Covid restrictions, but will be on Thursday week, 26th November 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.

NEXT SUNDAY

The services next Sunday at 10.00 a.m. and 12.00 noon will be conducted by Rev McKenzie.

BLOBS

The Blobs Group will meet on Tuesday week, 24th November at 9.30 p.m.

KIRK SESSION

Kirk Session will meet on Tuesday week, 24th November at 7.45 p.m. in the Stewart Hall. The Business Committee will meet at 7.30 p.m. in the Minister's Room.

ADVENT QUIET MORNING

The Advent Quiet Morning will be held on Saturday week, 28th November from 9.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m. Traditionally we have gone to an outside location but due to Coronavirus restrictions we hope to meet in the church. With social distancing numbers may be limited. If you would like to attend please phone Sheena Stewart (9079 3161) or Barbara Dunlop (07752134435) Those attending will have a time of quiet personal reflection in preparation for a different Christmas this year.

ADVENT CAROL SERVICE

The Advent Service of Carols and Readings will be held on this day fortnight, 29th November at 10.00 a.m. and 12.00 noon.

CONGREGATIONAL COMMITTEE

Congregational Committee will meet on Monday fortnight, 30th November at 7.45 p.m. in the Allen Hall. The Finance Committee will meet at 7.15 p.m.

MORNING WATCH

Morning Watch will not now meet on Tuesday 17th due to current Covid restrictions but will next meet on Tuesday 1st December at 10.45 a.m. in the McIntyre Suite.

CHRISTMAS and NEW YEAR SERVICES

Sunday 6th December at 10.00 a.m. and 12.00 noon

Children's Christmas Tree Gift Services (gifts to be left under the tree prior to, or after the services, rather than during as would be the custom)

Sunday 13th December at 12.00 noon

Christmas Sunday Service **

Sunday 13th December at 7.00 p.m.

Candlelight Service of Nine Lessons and Carols **

Sunday 20th December at 12.00 noon

Christmas Sunday Service (repeated from the week before) **

Sunday 20th December at 7.00 p.m.

Candlelight Service on Nine Lessons and Carols (repeated from the week before) **

Friday 25th December at 9.00 a.m.

Christmas Day Family Service (please register as normal for this service)

Sunday 27th December at 10.00 a.m. and 12.00 noon

Last Services of 2020

Sunday 3rd January at 10.00 a.m. and 12.00 noon

New Year Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

***For 13th and 20th December please register for one 12.00 noon and one 7.00 p.m., so if you wish to come at 12.00 noon on 13th, please attempt to come at 7.00 p.m. on 20th or vice versa – this will enable two services only each Sunday with the majority of folk still coming to the building once on each Sunday.

COFFEE FOR CHRISTMAS!

Christmas is coming – stocking fillers of delicious MZWZW COFFEE from Malawi is available today. Proceeds to Chigwmwlu Building Project. Suggested donation £2

WEEKLY NEWS SHEETS

Weekly News Sheets are available for collection each Sunday in the Church Porch and McIntyre Suite. Please take a copy for yourself and if you know of any members unable to come to church who may like one please feel free to put a copy through their door.

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 November and December, continuing to provide (with a few exceptions for Christmas services – see News Sheet announcements) 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 throughout the service.

Members are still being asked to register, due to ‘contact tracing’, by contacting Michael Graham on email or phone, indicating which service(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 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.

It is great that KidZone has started up again, Karen and Jim are happy to carry on covering the months of November and December, 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 Creche 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.

It would be anticipated that all practices would be reviewed on Monday 11th January.



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*“One thing I ask from the Lord,
this only do I seek:
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life,
to gaze on the beauty of the Lord
and to seek him in his temple”*

Psalm 27:4

SERVICES TODAY at 10.00 a.m. and 12.00 noon

Presbyterian Women Service

Service conducted by Rev McKenzie and ladies of the PW

Scripture Reading: 1st Thessalonians: 11-24

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