



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 services 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.

CANDLELIGHT ORDER OF SERVICE

This evening please pick up your printed order of service in the Church Vestibule or McIntyre Suite as you enter church; and please take it home with you afterwards.

CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS

‘World Development’ (for the PCI Moderator’s Appeal) and ‘Cregagh Christmas’ (for Mission Projects including Emmanuel Ministries and PW) envelopes are in the pews for your use at any of the Christmas services.

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 DECORATIONS

The Pulpit Christmas display provided by Mr D Scott and Mrs D Strain is ‘In Memory of Myrtle and Cecil’

The Church Vestibule Christmas display is provided by Mrs M Hughes, Mullan Mews, Willowfield.

OFFICE HOURS

There will be no Office Hours for the next two Thursdays. Rev McKenzie will next be in the Minister’s Room on Thursday 7th January. Any matters requiring urgent attention until then may be referred to Rev McKenzie on 07809 674068

OPEN CHURCH

The church will not be open for private prayer and meditation until Friday 8th January. Details from Sheena Stewart (9079 3161) or Barbara Dunlop (07752134435)

FOOD BANK



Feeding the Community

In an effort to help the needy and disadvantaged members of our community we as a congregation are collecting items for the local food bank for distribution. It would be appreciated if members of the congregation donated longlife items (tinned vegetables, fruit, soup or rice, pasta, cereals, household items etc.) which may be left at the church on Monday or Tuesday from 9.30 – 11.30 a.m.



Christmas Day – Friday 25th December

The Christmas Day Family Service will be held in at 9.00 a.m.

Old Year Sunday – 27th December

The last service of 2020 will be held at 12.00 noon

*Please note that there will be only one service next Sunday.

New Year Communion – Sunday 3rd January

The New Year Sacrament for the Lord’s Supper will be observed at 10.00 a.m. and 12.00 noon. The Retiring Offering after Communion is in aid of the Benevolent Fund.

New Year Quiet Morning – Saturday 9th January

As the Advent Quiet Morning had to be cancelled due to Covid restrictions, a New Year Quiet Morning will be held from 9.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m. in the church. If interested please contact Sheena Stewart (9079 3161) or Barbara Dunlop (07752134435)

(Due to restricted space for social distancing it is essential to register for the above Christmas and New Year services)

CONGREGATIONAL FINANCES

Members are asked to note that there is only one Sunday on which to bring their 2020 WFO, Building Fund and United Appeal contributions up to date.

The congregational financial books will close promptly on Sunday 27th December.

ANNUAL REPORT

The Annual Reports for 2019 have just been delivered to each home in the congregation. Please note that figures reported on page 32, note 11, are incorrect due to a printing error.

If any member has a query about their details/contributions etc. please contact David Gillespie (9028 5740), Gordon Dunlop (9045 3829)

Richard Molyneaux (9185 2437) or Karen McCurry (9070 5644)

CALLING ALL ORGANISATIONS

Organisational leaders/secretaries/treasurers are asked to submit their activity reports for 2020 (although activities were much restricted due to the Covid pandemic), numbers on roll, contact details (names of leaders, office bearers, telephone numbers and email addresses) to David Gillespie, and financial reports to Dawn Johnston not later than Sunday 10th January.

FLOWER CALENDAR FOR 2021

Copies of the Flower Calendar are available in the McIntyre Suite or Church Vestibule for inspection by those who normally provide the church flowers on Sundays. Any changes, queries or new providers may be referred to Dennison Mahood (07891020261).

MALAWI

Reminder: The new school term commences early in January so contributions to school fees would be acceptable at any time. Details from 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 to provide a service at 10am and 12noon, (with the exceptions of today, Christmas Day and next Sunday – see News Sheet) 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 worn throughout the service.

Members are still being asked to register, due to 'contact tracing', by contacting Michael Graham (Mobile: 07548 635075 or email: michaelgraham112@gmail.com) 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.

KidZone will continue, 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.

**HAPPY
CHRISTMAS
TO YOU ALL**



Weekly News Sheet The Fourth Sunday in Advent 20th December 2020



"The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: and they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined"

Isaiah 9:2

"Glory to God in the highest, and peace on earth, goodwill toward men"

Luke 2:14

MORNING SERVICE at 12.00 noon
KidZone Christmas Service
Scripture Reading: Luke 2: 1-7

EVENING SERVICE at 7.00 p.m.
Candlelight Service of Nine Lessons and Carols

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