



## **WELCOME TO WORSHIP**

It is good to be back worshipping in church for the first time since 3<sup>rd</sup> January and we are delighted to welcome back our own members or visitors on this Easter Day.

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. 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 and wearing your mask.

## **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.

## **GUEST ORGANIST**

We would thank Mr Gordon Myers for presiding at the organ this morning.

## **CHURCH FLOWERS**

The Pedestal flowers today provided by Mrs Betty McClelland, Cregagh Court are 'With grateful thanks for Pastoral Ministries and Friendships'

The Sanctuary flowers provided by Mrs Dorothy Elliott, Ravenswood Park are 'In Memory of Hugh'

## **OFFICE HOURS**

There will be no Office Hours until further notice but any matters requiring attention may be referred to Rev McKenzie on 07809 674068

## **NEXT SUNDAY**

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

## **ZOOM BIBLE STUDY**

There will be no Zoom Bible Study on Easter Monday but will resume on Monday week, 12<sup>th</sup> April.

## **MIGRANT HELP!**

Members of the congregation are invited, if they wish, to contribute to the Migrant Help Food Bank. At present over 80 young male clients are being supported locally as they survive on only £5 per day from the Government. These young men 80% have fled war torn Eithrea and some have been imprisoned in Libya camps with horrendous conditions. The young men are Christian Orthodox and meet together under Covid regulations to pray. The other small number of clients have come to our support from being homeless with addiction. This has been very challenging for the small team at Migrant Help and one of our clients has had to have his leg above the knee amputated. We continue to support him with pastoral and practical care and he is being moved to a safe house owned by a Christian couple to help his rehabilitation. Some people are struggling at present in our own country and they too need support and pastoral care. The good news is that the new office/house at 114 University Street is now in use and members of the congregation have donated furniture and kitchen items which makes it more homely in fact its like a 'wee palace'!

Thank you for your continued support and prayers. Food items may be left at the church any morning or on Sundays. Further details from Anne and Michael Graham.

## **MR BOBBY IRVINE**

Given lockdown and the Covid restrictions on the number able to attend Bobby's funeral we want to give the wider congregation the chance to contribute in Bobby's memory. Bobby was a great stalwart of Cregagh and was indeed close to all our hearts. Bobby's wider family have offered the opportunity for donations in his memory to be made to the Building Fund. If you have not contributed and would like to do so, please pass your donation in the usual way, marking it appropriately as a contribution in Bobby's memory. Thank you.

## **CHURCH FLOWERS**

There are a few Sundays during the year when church flowers are required. If anyone would like to supply flowers to celebrate a special occasion or in memory of a loved one etc. please speak to Dennison Mahood who can advise on the vacant dates.



**A VERY HAPPY  
AND BLESSED EASTER  
TO YOU ALL**

## COVID UPDATE

We are delighted that the opening of the church building is now permitted for in-person public worship and as always we wish to create an environment that is both safe and welcoming. While we would actively encourage all members to come back to worship, believing it is safe to do so with the measures we have taken, we would also wish to highlight that no one should come to services if they have COVID symptoms.

As we move forward towards something more like normal it is imperative that we do so by ensuring that all actions are in line with current guidelines and restrictions.

PCI guidelines regarding 2m social distancing, the wearing of facemasks while entering the building – during the service – exiting the building as well as chatting outside have been reemphasised as important migrations to allow services to safely begin again.

Services of worship will be held each Sunday at 10.00 a.m. and 12.00 noon. Accommodating approx.. 60 people on each occasion. Doors will open at 9.30 a.m. and 11.30 a.m. so that folk can get guided and seated. Members are asked to register, due to 'contact tracing' by contacting the Clerk of Session, Michael Graham on email: [michaelgraham112@gmail.com](mailto:michaelgraham112@gmail.com) or phone 07548635075, indicating which Sunday(s), how many are 'in their bubble' and attending with them, as well as which time(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. It is strongly requested that members register by Thursday of each week.

The services themselves will be slightly shorter than normal and previous arrangements regarding offering will remain in place.

It is also great to have KidZone back, and all are warmly invited to come along, this is an additional reason why registering by Thursday is helpful, so required preparations can take place. Unfortunately, the restrictions are 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 as 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, by advice from Presbytery, pastoral visitation from the Minister is still to be limited to emergencies, bereavements or at special request.

All these procedures will be kept under review and any changes will be communicated to the congregation at the earliest convenience.



## **WEEKLY NEWS SHEET** **Easter Day – Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2021**



*"This is the day which the Lord hath made:  
we will rejoice and be glad in it"*

Psalm 118:24

*"Now is Christ risen from the dead, and become  
the first fruits of them that slept"*

1 Corinthians 15:20

*"Because I live (He says), ye also shall live"*

John 14:19

TODAY'S SERVICES at 10.00 a.m. and 12.00 noon

Sermon: 'You are what you wear'

Scripture Reading: Exodus 39: 2-7

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