



WELCOME TO WORSHIP

We are always happy to have visitors with us in Cregagh; and if there are any in church this morning, you are most welcome.

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.

CHURCH FLOWERS

The Pedestal flowers today are provided by Mrs S Stewart, Rochester Avenue. The Sanctuary flowers provided by Mrs M Hamilton, Carolhill Park are 'In Memory of Mrs M Scott'

ZOOM BIBLE STUDY

The Zoom Bible Study will take place on Monday at 7.00 p.m.

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.

MORNING WATCH

Unfortunately, it is not possible to have Morning Watch this Tuesday as provisionally announced last week, but it is hoped that current restrictions will be lifted to enable us to meet on Tuesday week, 27th April at 10.45 a.m.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 10th-16th MAY

Christian Aid services will be held in Cregagh on Sunday 16th May at 10.00 a.m. and 12.00 noon.

As a fund raising effort there will be a 'Coffee to Go' event on Saturday 8th May from 10.00 a.m. – 12.00 noon at the entrance of the McIntyre Suite. Coffee, scones and traybakes will be available to take away. Homebaked items will be wrapped in accordance with Covid guidelines.

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.

WEEKLY NEWS SHEETS

Due to current restrictions it is not permissible for those on door duty to hand out the News Sheets but they are available in the Church Porch and McIntyre Suite for you to lift as you enter church – please take it home with you and please feel free to take extra copies for members unable to attend church.

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 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 **Sunday 18th April 2021**



*“Lo, the winter is past, the rain is gone;
the flowers appear on the earth;
the time of the singing of birds is come,
and the voice of the turtle is heard on the land”*

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

Sermon: Beatitudes 2

'Blessed are those who mourn'

Scripture Reading: Exodus 39:22-31

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