



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 provided by the Dyatt Family are 'In Memory of Ella and Sam Dyatt and Barbara'

The Sanctuary flowers are 'In Memory of Loving Grandparents'

YOUTH BIBLE CLASS

The Young peoples Bible Class resumes this morning between the two services, all P7 and upwards are welcome.

ZOOM BIBLE STUDY

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

MORNING WATCH

Morning Watch will meet on Tuesday at 10.45 a.m. in the McIntyre Suite.

KIRK SESSION

Kirk Session will meet on Tuesday at 7.45 p.m. in the Barbour Hall.

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.

BLOBS

The Blobs group hope to resume in May, date to be confirmed, new members are very welcome!

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.

EMMANUEL MINISTRIES CALCUTTA

"I recently heard from my friend, Shajan, at Emmanuel Ministries Calcutta and I thought the congregation of Cregagh would like to hear as you have supported my previous visits to them. They were able to meet together after nine months to celebrate with lovely a Good Friday and Easter service followed by a meal together made possible through the generosity of a supporter. Unfortunately due to government restrictions the young people from the homes were unable to join with them. Shajan said that their vaccination scheme is rolling out but that a new strain of Covid is spreading like wildfire across all of India and is spiralling out of control. The North Western parts have been severely affected and its gradually making its way towards Calcutta and even those who have received the vaccine are becoming unwell. Unfortunately they've now had to suspend church services and return to online worship and Shajan has asked for our continued prayerful support for EMC and the well being of the children, other beneficiaries and the workers as, in his words, their "only source of hope and encouragement is Jesus" (Maureen Mulligan)

MALAWI

"Sadly Covid hit there too but now children, who can afford the fees, have returned to school in Malawi. Thank you to everyone who has helped us to fund twenty-five children to keep on studying! Donations are still welcome as many other things are happening there in His name, with our support. A few brief Malawi Newsletters are available with today's Weekly News Sheet for anyone who did not receive an electronic copy." (Sheena Stewart)

ORGANISATION'S FINANCIAL BOOKS

Organisational treasurers are asked to note that their books have now been audited for 2020 and are available for collection.

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!

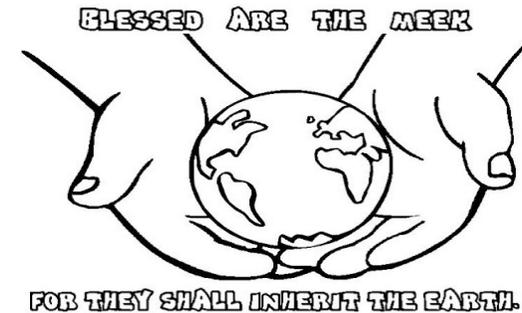
The issue of offering lifts to church continues to be a difficult one as the official position in terms of the guidelines is that folk should still not offer nor provide lifts to anyone outside of their bubble.

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 25th April 2021**



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

Sermon: Beatitudes 3

'Blessed are the meek for they will inherit the earth'

Scripture Reading: Exodus 39:32-43

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