

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.

CHURCH OFFERINGS

As the offering is not be collected during the services there are collection plates in the Church Vestibule and McIntyre Suite for your use (WFO, Building Fund, United Appeal and Christian Aid etc)

CHRISTIAN AID

Donations Christian Aid envelopes are still available in the Church Porch and McIntyre Suite for those who have been unable to contribute to this year’s Appeal.

Devotional Copies of the Christian Aid ‘Seven Day Devotional’ leaflets are available in the Church Porch and McIntyre Suite. Please feel free to take one as you leave.



CHURCH FLOWERS

The Pedestal flowers provided by Mrs D Law, Killinchy Road, Comber are ‘In Memory’

The Sanctuary flowers provided by Mrs B Elwood, Gorse Hill Close are ‘In Memory’

YOUTH BIBLE CLASS

The Young peoples Bible Class meets this morning between the two services, (from 11.15 a.m. in the Stewart Hall) 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.

OFFICE HOURS

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

OPEN CHURCH

The church will be open for private prayer and meditation, as usual, on Friday from 10.00 a.m. – 12.00 noon.

TRINITY SUNDAY

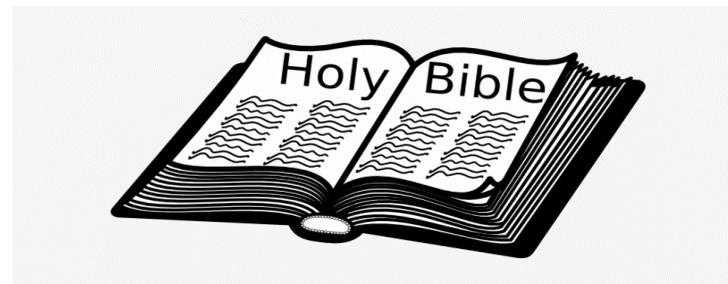
Rev McKenzie will conduct the services next Sunday at 10.00 a.m. and 12.00 noon.

CHILDREN’S DAY

Our annual Children’s Day services will be held on Sunday 6th June at 10.00 a.m. and 12.00 noon.

SUMMER COMMUNION

The Summer Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper will be observed on Sunday 27th June at 10.00 a.m. and 12.00 noon.



BIBLE FEATURES

<u>Feature</u>	<u>Old Testament</u>	<u>New Testament</u>	<u>Total</u>
<i>Number of Books</i>	39	27	66
<i>Chapters</i>	929	270	1199
<i>Verses</i>	23214	7931	31145
<i>Longest Book</i>	<i>Psalms</i>	<i>Luke</i>	
<i>Middle Book</i>	<i>Proverbs</i>	<i>2 Thessalonians</i>	
<i>Shortest Book</i>	<i>Obadiah</i>	<i>3 John</i>	
<i>Middle Chapter</i>	<i>Job 20</i>	<i>Romans 13 & 14</i>	
<i>Middle Verse</i>	<i>1 Chronicles 26:17</i>	<i>Acts 11</i>	
<i>Longest Verse</i>	<i>Esther 8:9</i>	<i>John 11:35</i>	

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 be 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 attending with them, as well as which time(s).

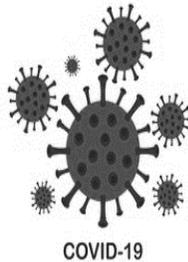
As before those who have registered will be asked to inform Michael if for whatever reason someone cannot attend so that the register can be as accurate as possible. It is strongly requested that members register by Thursday of each week.

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!

Unfortunately, by advice from Presbytery, pastoral visitation from the Minister is still to be limited to hospital visitation, 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.

From Monday 24th May indoor activities may take place in church buildings which means our organisations can resume provided the necessary risk assessments are adhered to. Organisations are requested to contact our Congregational Secretary, Jim McCurry so that the risk assessments are adequate and confirmed.



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WEEKLY NEWS SHEET

Pentecost Sunday – 23rd May 2021



"The hour cometh, and now is, when true worshippers shall worship the Father in Spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship Him. God is spirit; and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth" John 4: 23-24

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

Conducted by Rev Edward McKenzie – Sermon preached by Thomas Clarke

Beatitude 6: 'Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God'

Scripture Reading: Matthew 15: 1-20

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