



WELCOME TO WORSHIP

We are always happy to have visitors with us in Cregagh; and we welcome any who may be worshipping with us this morning. 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 social distancing.

Please do not stop to chat in the church pews or aisles as you enter or leave church but you may do so in the church grounds, obviously observing social distancing and wearing your mask.

HOLY COMMUNION

New Communicants – We are delighted to welcome to the Communicant's Roll in Cregagh:

By Transfer from other congregations:

Mrs Lyn Jennings, Massey Avenue

Mr Drew & Mrs Geraldine Haire, Cregagh Road

By Profession of Faith:

Mr Tommy Hamilton, Carolhill Park

Communion Cups Participating communicants are requested to put their used disposable communion cups in the bins at the exits as you leave.

Retiring Offering – The Retiring Offering after communion is in aid of the Benevolent Fund.

CHURCH FLOWERS

The flowers today provided by Mr & Mrs R Oliver, Brook Meadow, Gilnahirk are 'In Memory of their Parents'

YOUTH BIBLE CLASS

The Young Peoples Bible Class will meet this morning between the two services, (from 11.15 a.m. in the Stewart Hall). This will be the last study until September.

ZOOM BIBLE STUDY

The last Zoom Bible Study of this season 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 church.

EVERGREENS/TEA & TALK

The Evergreens are having an afternoon of music and readings on Wednesday at 2.30 p.m. in the church. We are being joined by Tea and Talk but all are welcome. For contact/tracing purposes, if you would like to attend, please contact Carol Ferguson today or early this week. (07880672836)

OFFICE HOURS

There will be no Thursday evening Office Hours until further notice.

Any matters requiring urgent 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.

NEXT SUNDAY

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

MID-SUMMER WALK

For those who were unable to join our walkers on the walk last Thursday to Killard Point, near Strangford, a repeat of the walk will take place on Saturday (3rd July) Anyone interested in the walk should please give their names to Robert McNair today or early this week. (07815 817411)

WEEKLY NEWS SHEETS

As there will only be one News Sheet in July and one in August, organisation leaders are asked to think ahead and submit any items to Dennison Mahood by Wednesday 30th June for the July issue and Wednesday 28th July for the August issue. Normal weekly publication resumes on Sunday 5th September



In this year of commemoration marking 100 years since the creation of Northern Ireland it is interesting to note that the first Prime Minister of Northern Ireland, Sir James Craig, presided at a special event for our congregation.

One of Sir James Craig's first engagements of his premiership was to officially open a Bazaar in Church House to raise funds for Cregagh, Strand and Ulsterville Presbyterian Churches on 13th October 1921. The three congregations numbered 700 families, a total of 3500 persons and 1700 in Sunday Schools. At that time Cregagh had been worshipping for the past twenty years in a corrugated iron building (the Iron Church). The joint bazaar was held so that something could be done to meet the growing demands for church accommodation in the city of Belfast. According to the Belfast Newsletter, Sir James Craig said, "in his opinion the City of Belfast was destined for a great future and undoubtedly increase vastly beyond what it stood today and trusted that a large proportion of the new population would be of the Presbyterian faith. Cregagh was out towards that part of town where the new Parliament Buildings would be erected, and it might be that in the future a large community would be in residence in the Cregagh area". A grand total of £4000 was realised at the Bazaar.

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.

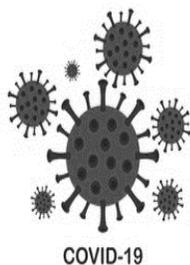
The services themselves will be slightly shorter than normal and previous arrangements regarding offering will remain in place.

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.

** The main Church Leaders are meeting to discuss further possible lifting of restrictions at the end of June and any hopeful changes to our current procedures will be announced in the July News Sheet on 4th July



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WEEKLY NEWS SHEET **Sunday 27th June 2021** **Summer Communion**



*'I am the bread of life.
Whoever comes to me will never go
hungry, and whoever believes in me
will never be thirsty.
Whoever eats this bread will live forever.
this bread is my flesh, which I will give
for the life of the world'*

John 6:35. 51

TODAY'S SERVICES at 10.00 a.m. and 12.00 noon
Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
Sermon: 'I am the bread of life'
Scripture Readings: Exodus 40: 34-38

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