



VISITORS AND FRIENDS

We are always happy to have visitors with us in Cregagh; and we welcome any who may be worshipping with us during the month of August. 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 an usher 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.

SERVICES IN AUGUST at 10.00 a.m. and 12.00 noon

Sunday 1 st	Rev E McKenzie	Sacrament of Baptism	Galatians 3: 1-14
Sunday 8 th	Rev E McKenzie	‘I am the resurrection and the life’	Numbers: 18
Sunday 15 th	Rev C McCormack	‘Whole-hearted following’	John 6:41-69
Sunday 22 nd	Mr Thomas Clarke	‘Where is God’	Psalms 42
Sunday 29 th	Rev E McKenzie	‘I am the way, the truth and the life’	Numbers 19

CHURCH OFFERINGS

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

CHURCH FLOWERS IN AUGUST

<u>Sunday 1st</u>	<u>Pedestal</u>	Mrs E White, Castlevue Court
	<u>Sanctuary</u>	Mrs B McNair, Everton Drive
<u>Sunday 8th</u>	<u>Pedestal</u>	Mr & Mrs A Scott, Church Road, Upper Galwally
	<u>Sanctuary</u>	Mr H Gibson, Hindsdale Park and Miss P Gibson, Thiepval Avenue. ‘Anniversary Memories’
<u>Sunday 15th</u>	<u>Pedestal</u>	Mr & Mrs G Dunlop, Ardenlee Avenue ‘In Memory of their Parents’
	<u>Sanctuary</u>	The Schussler Phillips Family, Glenpark ‘In Memory of James Dunlop Phillips’
<u>Sunday 22nd</u>	<u>Pedestal</u>	Mrs B McCluskey, Stirling Avenue and Mrs S Clarke, Ballyhalbert
	<u>Sanctuary</u>	Mrs J Taylor, The Beeches. ‘In Memory’
<u>Sunday 29th</u>	<u>Pedestal</u>	Mr M Jenkinson, Beech Park ‘In Memory of Margaret’
	<u>Sanctuary</u>	‘In Memory of Rev W A J & Mrs J C Barbour

** The Sanctuary flowers on Sunday 25th July were provided by Mr & Mrs R MacKenzie, Casaeldona Rise, ‘In Loving Memory of our Parents’

BAPTISM

The baby baptised on Sunday 1st August is DAISY JOYCE, the infant daughter of Mr & Mrs Samuel Boyd.

OFFICE HOURS

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

Rev McKenzie will be on holiday from 9th – 23rd August. Any matters requiring attention during the Minister’s absence may be referred to Michael Graham (Clerk of Session) on 07548 635075.

OPEN CHURCH

The church will be open for private prayer and meditation, as usual, each Friday in August from 10.00 a.m. – 12.00 noon. Some volunteers are required to be on duty during the summer months – if you can help please add your name to the rota sheet at the back of the church or speak to the Clerk of Session, Michael Graham.

MORNING WATCH

Morning Watch will meet on Tuesday 24th August at 10.45 a.m. in the church.

BLOBS

The Blobs group will meet on Tuesday 31st August at 9.30 a.m. in the McIntyre Suite.

YOUTH SUMMER BBQ

The Youth Summer Barbeque for all P7s and up (as well as those going into P7 in September) will be held at the Manse on Saturday 7th August at 6.30 p.m.

Please let one of the Youth or Bible Class leaders know if you plan to come along.

QUIET MORNING

The ‘Quiet Morning’ rescheduled from last year will be held on Saturday 4th September from 9.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m. in the church. Please register with Sheena Stewart (9079 3161) or Barbara Dunlop (9045 3829)

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Welcome back to PW! – Monday 6th September at 7.00 p.m. in the Barbour Hall. Speaker to be confirmed. All welcome – come along and bring your friends. Tea and chat to end the evening! Contacts: Robyn McCullough (07808745143) or Maggi Hamilton (07887395372)

RAINBOWS

Any girls aged 4 – 7 are very welcome to join the Rainbows from September on Thursday from 6.15 – 7.15 p.m.,. Contact: Emma Davey (07454005686)

ATTENTION ALL STUDENTS!

Any of our young people moving onto 3rd level education in the autumn are asked to give their name to Maureen Mulligan or Michael Graham as soon as possible.

FLOWER MINISTRY

We, in Cregagh, are very fortunate that so many members provide flowers to beautify God’s House Sunday by Sunday and we thank them for that.

We are also indebted to our team of flower arrangers who arrange the flowers each week.

Unfortunately, our team of arrangers has depleted considerably in recent times and we are in need of a few more helpers for this task which is very enjoyable and satisfying.

You don’t need to be an experienced flower arranger as simple training and guidance will be given to anyone interested in joining the team. Nobody will be thrown in at the deep end and you can be assured of full support and help from current members. Depending on number of helpers you may only be required to arrange the flowers 6 or 7 times per year plus Harvest and Christmas decorating times. Give it a go – you’ll enjoy it! Please give your name to Maureen Mulligan or Dennison Mahood as soon as possible.

THANK YOU – Migrant Help

Anne and Michael Graham would thank the members of the congregation who donate food items for Migrant Help. It is really appreciated by the young Christian men fleeing war torn Eithrea and who have made Belfast their home.

PENNIES FOR PORRIDGE!

“Thanks to all the faithful Cregagh members who continually put money in the Pennies for Porridge jar for our wee children in Chifundo3, Malawi. May I encourage others to collect small change also for this essential and ongoing cause?” Much appreciated. (Sandra Harper)

SUMMER NEWS SHEETS

This will be the only News Sheet for the most of August but normal weekly publication will resume on Sunday 29th which will give details of the resumption of one Sunday service and other arrangements from September.

COVID UPDATE In Cregagh we wish to create a worship environment that is both safe and welcoming. While we would actively encourage all members to come 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 follow. Services of worship will continue to be held, over the month of August, each Sunday at 10.00 a.m. and 12.00 noon, 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 continue to be slightly shorter than normal and previous arrangements regarding offering will remain in place. KidZone warmly invite the children of the congregation to come along, this is an additional reason why registering by Thursday is helpful, so required preparations can take place. Unfortunately, the restrictions are still extremely tight regarding Creche so it will not be available for the time being, this is to be reviewed as we approach the autumn. Please do remember however that 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. Indoor activities may take place again in church buildings providing 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. Following further guidance and instruction from PCI, from 1st August, all ‘non service’ activities on church premises are allowed to reduce to 1m social distance and outdoor activities are no longer required to ensure social distancing. Services of worship, over the month of August, will continue to operate with 2m social distance, yet this will reduce, in line with PCI guidance to 1m from 5th September, allowing us to revert back to one service each Lord’s Day at 11am. More information and details regarding this will be announced on Sunday 29th August.



NEWS SHEET

ENTER IN SILENCE WAIT IN PRAYER
WORSHIP IN REVERENCE

BE STILL

You do not have to look for anything – JUST LOOK
You do not have to listen for specific sounds – JUST LISTEN
You do not have to accomplish anything – JUST BE
And in the looking, and the listening, and the being – FIND ME

SUNDAY SERVICES IN AUGUST at 10.00 a.m. and 12.noon

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