

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.



CHURCH OFFERINGS

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

CHURCH FLOWERS

The Pedestal flowers today which are provided by Mr M Jenkinson, Beech Park are 'In Memory of Margaret'

The Sanctuary flowers are 'In Memory of the Rev W A J and Mrs J C Barbour'

OFFICE HOURS

There will be no 'Office Hours' until Thursday 23rd September when Rev McKenzie will be in the Minister's Room from 7.30 – 8.30 p.m.

Any matters requiring attention may be referred to the Minister on 07809 674068

OPEN CHURCH

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

QUIET MORNING

The 'Quiet Morning' will be held on Saturday from 9.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m. in the church. If you haven't already registered and would like to come along to this period of quietness, prayer and reflection please give your name today to Sheena Stewart (9079 3161) or Barbara Dunlop (9045 3829)

SUNDAY SERVICES IN SEPTEMBER at 11.00 a.m.

Sunday 5th Rev Edward McKenzie Theme: 'A clean slate for a fresh start'

Sunday 12th Rev Hastings McIntyre (Minister Emeritus)

Sunday 19th Rev Dr Harold MacConnell (Pastoral Assistant)

Sunday 26th Rev Edward McKenzie Series: Seven Churches of Revelation
(Praise Group) Sermon 1: Ephesus

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

PW will resume meetings on Monday week, 6th September at 7.00 p.m. in the Barbour Hall when Roberta Stevenson will speak on her time in Russia – her talk is entitled 'Traffic Lights and God's Answer' A warm welcome is extended to all current members and new members alike. Further information from:

Robyn McCullough (07808745143) or Maggi Hamilton (07887395372)

MORNING WATCH

Morning Watch will meet on Tuesdays 7th and 21st September at 10.45 a.m. in the Session Room.

RAINBOWS

The Rainbows will resume on Thursday week, 9th September from 6.15 – 7.15 p.m. in the Barbour Hall. Any girls aged 4-7 years will be very welcome.

Contact: Emma Davey (07454005686)

WALKING GROUP

An Autumn Walk will be held on Saturday week, 11th September in the Murlough Bay/Dundrum area followed by lunch in a local restaurant.

There will be two walks – one entirely on tarmac and the other will have a significant but very pleasant stretch along the beach and over sand dunes.

Walkers are asked to meet at Dundrum at 10.30 a.m. Please advise Robert McNair if you intend walking and also if you have any transport queries (07815 817411)

CONGREGATIONAL COMMITTEE

Congregational Committee will meet on Monday 20th September at 7.45 p.m. in the Session Room. The Finance Committee will meet at 7.15 p.m. in the Minister's Room.

ZOOM BIBLE STUDY

Zoom Bible Study, continuing on Luke's Gospel, will be held on Monday 27th September at 7.00 p.m. New 'zoomers' would be very welcome!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 3rd October (Morning and Evening) Autumn Communion

Sunday 10th October (Morning and Evening) Harvest Thanksgiving and Gift Day

Sunday 14th November at 10.45 a.m. Act of Remembrance

MALAWI

Children in Malawi will return to school this month. Only those who can afford to pay will be admitted to Secondary School. Your help is greatly appreciated by those we sponsor. Donations towards fees can be paid at anytime.

A table will be set up next Sunday (5th September) in the McIntyre Suite. A variety of homemade jams, prayer booklets and other items can be purchased. Please help yourself and leave your donation in the Pence for Porridge jar.

The idea is buy some jam to enjoy, then return the pot, full of loose change, if you can. EVERY LITTLE HELPS! Contact: Sheena Stewart (9079 3161)

ATTENTION ALL STUDENTS!

Any young people moving onto 3rd level education soon who haven't given their name to Maurren Mulligan or Michael Graham are asked to do so today.

GOLDEN APPRECIATION

Rev Hastings and Mrs Rosamund McIntyre wish to thank all those members of the congregation who sent cards and good wishes on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary on 2nd August. They also very much appreciated the beautiful floral arrangement and card from the Minister, Kirk Session and Congregation of Cregagh.

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.

From 1st September 2021 PCI has advised that social distancing during services of worship can be reduced to 1m, this being the case we will move to one service each Lord's Day at 11am from Sunday 5th September. Doors will open at 10:30am so ushers can guide folk to their seats. It is still deemed mandatory by PCI that face coverings are continued to be worn while entering, leaving and during the service, as well as chatting outside afterwards.

Members are asked to register, due to 'contact tracing' and to ensure space and availability of seating, by contacting the Clerk of Session, Michael Graham, on email: michaelgraham112@gmail.com or phone 07548635075. 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. 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 Crèche so it will not be available for the time being, this is to be continually reviewed. Please do remember however that babies are very welcome at our services!

In keeping with further clarification from PCI we will be returning bibles and hymnbooks to the pews from 5th September, these are available for use but not to be passed around, being set back in their place at the conclusion of the service, being left until the following Lord's Day. For the time being, we will continue to avail of the screen as has been the case since we reopened.

Moving forward, it is hoped that there will be a morning and evening service on Sunday 3rd and 10th October, for Communion and Harvest. The evening service will be a repeat of the morning and members will be asked to attend 'one or the other'.

Following PCI guidance, it would be hoped to move to reopening the Coffee Bar after services from 17th October, this will be reviewed again on 20th September. 'Tea and Toast' prior to the service can't realistically happen again while social distancing remains.

Unfortunately, by advice from Presbytery, pastoral visitation from the Minister is still to be limited to emergencies, bereavements or at special request.

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.

All these procedures will be kept under review and discussed again on Monday 20th September



WEEKLY NEWS SHEET **Sunday 29th August 2021**



'Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me"'

Luke 14:6

TODAY'S SERVICES at 10.00 a.m. and 12.00 noon
Sermon: 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life
Scripture Reading: Numbers 19

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