

## **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 service 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. You are specially requested to adhere to these instructions now that we have returned to only one morning service which help us maintain safe social distancing – your cooperation is very much appreciated.

## **ORDER OF SERVICE**

The following may help our visitors and members to share in the service:-

\*\* Hymn Books and Bibles are in the pews for your use.

\*\* Please stand (if able) when the Choir stands, the Clerk of Session carrying the Bible and the Minister enter church, and remain standing until the Minister says “Let us pray”

\*\* At the end of the service please remain standing after the closing hymn and the Choir, Minister and Bible have left church.

## **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 provided by Mrs A Watson, Orby Gardens are ‘In Memory’

The Sanctuary flowers are provided by Mrs M Rodgers, Oberon Street.

## **PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN**

PW will resume tomorrow 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. Any further information from Robyn McCullough and Maggi Hamilton.

## **MORNING WATCH**

Morning Watch will meet on Tuesday at 10.45 a.m. in the Session Rom

## **MINISTER’S LEAVE/OFFICE HOURS**

Rev McKenzie will be on holiday from Monday 6<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> September.

Any matters requiring urgent attention during the Minister’s absence may be referred to the Clerk of Session, Michael Graham on 07548 635075.

Office Hours will resume on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> September from 6.30 – 8.30 p.m.

## **RAINBOWS**

The Rainbows will resume on Thursday from 6.15 – 7.15 p.m. in the Barbour Hall.

Any girls aged 4-7 will be very welcome. Contact: Emma Davey (07454005686)

## **GUIDES**

The Guides resume on Thursday from 7 – 8 p.m.(September only)in the Allen Hall, then 6.30 – 8.00 p.m. from October onwards. All girls aged 10-14 will be very welcome.

Contact: Gillian Simons (07545561560) or [gillianhsimons@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:gillianhsimons@yahoo.co.uk)

## **OPEN CHURCH**

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

## **WALKING GROUP**

An Autumn Walk will be held on Saturday 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)

## **NEXT SUNDAY**

The service next Sunday at 11.00 a.m. will be conducted by our Minister Emeritus, Rev Hastings McIntyre. Rev McIntyre has decided to retire from preaching and it is very fitting that he has decided to preach his final sermon in Cregagh where he ministered from September 2001 – August 2011.

## **CONGREGATIONAL COMMITTEE**

Congregational Committee will meet on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> September at 7.45 p.m.

The Finance Committee will meet at 7.15 p.m. in the Minister’s Room.

## **KIRK SESSION**

Kirk Session will meet on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> September at 7.45 p.m.

The Business Committee will meet at 7.15 p.m. in the Minister’s Room.

## **YOUTH FELLOWSHIP ‘BIG NIGHT’@**

The next YF Big Night will be held on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> September from 7.00 – 9.00 p.m. at the church. Any young people from P7 upwards will be welcome.

Contact: Lauren Fincham (07908459926)

## **YOUTH BIBLE CLASS**

The Youth Bible Class for P7 upwards will resume on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> September from 10.15 – 10.45 a.m. in the Stewart Hall.

## **ZOOM BIBLE STUDY**

Zoom Bible Study, continuing on Luke’s Gospel, will be held on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> September at 7.00 p.m. New ‘zoomers’ would be very welcome!

## **BLOBS**

Blobs will meet on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> September at 9.30 a.m. in the McIntyre Suite.

## **KIDZONE**

Now that we are hoping that KidZone can get back into some form of normal routine, we would like to get a rota of leaders, old and new, to cover the Sundays until December.

If you think that you could take one or two Sundays then please let Karen McCurry know on 07552 606550. A rota sheet will also be left on the Coffee Bar counter in the McIntyre Suite showing available Sundays.

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> October (Morning and Evening)

Autumn Communion

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> October (Morning and Evening)

Harvest Thanksgiving and Gift Day

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> November at 10.45 a.m.

Act of Remembrance

## **MALAWI**

Put jam on it and help ensure Chifundo3 Children get their daily porridge! A variety of home made jam is available today in the McIntyre Suite. Please buy one and return the pot full of your loose change. Payment can be left in the Pence for Porridge jar.

Also, just a reminder that the children in Malawi 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. Donation fees can be paid at anytime.

## 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> October, this will be reviewed again on 20<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> September



## **WEEKLY NEWS SHEET** **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2021**

LET THE  
*Words of my Mouth,*  
AND THE  
*Meditation of my Heart,*  
BE ACCEPTABLE IN THY SIGHT, O LORD,  
*My Strength, and My Redeemer.*  
Psalm 19:14

TODAY'S SERVICE at 11.00 a.m.  
Sermon: 'A clean slate for a fresh start'  
Scripture Readings: Matthew 15: 1-20 and Psalm 19

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