

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) for the Processional hymn 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.

** The Processional hymn is not announced but the hymn number is on the hymn boards.

MINISTER EMERITUS – FINAL SERMON



We are delighted to welcome back to the Cregagh pulpit our Minister Emeritus, Rev Hastings McIntyre and would thank him for conducting worship this morning. As Rev McIntyre has decided to retire from preaching it is fitting that his final sermon will be preached in Cregagh where he ministered from September 2001 – August 2011. We wish Rev McIntyre every blessing in his pulpit ministry retirement with the assurance that the invitation is always open to him and Rosamund to worship with us in the Cregagh.

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 D Sleith, Mrs H Scott and Mr S Flanagan are ‘In Memory of Mummy and Daddy’

The Sanctuary flowers provided by Mrs B Elwood, Gorsehill Close and Mr & Mrs K Pollock, Castle Court, Leadhill are ‘Cherished Memories’

MINISTER’S LEAVE/OFFICE HOURS

Rev McKenzie will be on holiday until Sunday 19th 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 23rd September from 6.30 – 8.30 p.m.

OPEN CHURCH

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

NEXT SUNDAY

The service next Sunday at 11.00 a.m. will be conducted by the Rev Dr Harold MacConnell.

CONGREGATIONAL COMMITTEE

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

JUNIOR CHOIR

Junior Choir practice will recommence on Tuesday week, 21st September from 6.30 – 7.15 p.m. in the Barbour Hall. Any new members from age 4 will be very welcome.

KIRK SESSION

Kirk Session will meet on Tuesday week, 21st 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 week, 25th 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 26th 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 fortnight, 27th September at 7.00 p.m. New ‘zoomers’ would be very welcome!

BLOBS

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

KIDZONE – Helpers urgently required!!

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 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

PENCE FOR PORRIDGE - MALAWI

“Thank you evryone for your ongoing support for Malawi. Hopefully, everyone who took home some jam will have enjoyed their spoonful of sugar! We have added bramble jelly and grapefruit marmalade to the selection this week so help yourself to another pot, if you can, bring back the pot filled with loose change then the small children of Chifundo3 will have extra rations too. To help you wash out the pots we have novelty housewares and handknitted dishcloths on the table in the McIntyre Suite today.” (Sheena Stewart)

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 now have one service each Lord’s Day. 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. However from 15th September it will no longer be required for face coverings to be worn while seated during services, yet they must be replaced during singing.

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 bibles and hymnbooks have now been returned to the pews, 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 12th September 2021



TODAY’S SERVICE at 11.00 a.m.

Service conducted by Rev Hastings McIntyre (Minister Emeritus)

Scripture Readings: Matthew 7: 24-27 and Isaiah 6: 1-8

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