

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.

TODAY'S PREACHER

Its good to have the Rev Dr Harold MacConnell conducting today's service and we thank him not only for his ministry today but for his continuing visitation of our senior members at home and in nursing homes.

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 Wendy Cairnduff are 'In Memory of Des, Berta and Linda'

The Sanctuary flowers are 'In Memory of Mum and Dad'

CONGREGATIONAL COMMITTEE

Congregational Committee will meet tomorrow at 7.45 p.m.

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

MORNING WATCH

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

JUNIOR CHOIR

The Junior Choir will recommence on Tuesday from 6.30 – 7.15 p.m.

Any new members from age 4 will be very welcome.

KIRK SESSION

Kirk Session will meet on Tuesday at 7.45 p.m.

The Business Committee will meet at 7.30 p.m. in the Minister's Room.

OFFICE HOURS

Rev McKenzie will be in the Minister's Room on Thursday 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.

YOUTH 'BIG NIGHT'

The next Big Youth Night will be held on Saturday from 7.00 – 9.00 p.m. at the church. Any young people from P7 upwards will be welcome.

Further information, email: youth@cregaghpresbyterian.org



NEXT SUNDAY

Rev McKenzie will commence a series of sermons on 'The Seven Churches of Revelation' Week 1: Ephesus. The Praise Group will lead the praise/

YOUTH BIBLE CLASS

The Youth Bible Class for P7 upwards will resume next Sunday 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 week, 27th September at 7.00 p.m. New 'zoomers' would be very welcome!

BLOBS

Blobs will meet on Tuesday week, 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

MALAWI 'JAM'



There are still some pots of home made bramble jelly and grapefruit marmalade available in the McIntyre Suite today. The idea is that you leave a donation for any jam you take and then when you have finished it you are invited to fill the empty pots with your loose change and return the pot to Sheena Stewart. The proceeds of this will ensure that the children of Chifundo3 will enjoy some extra rations.

HARVEST DECORATION

The church will be decorated for the Harvest services on Friday 8th October from 2.00 p.m. Gifts of flowers, fruit, vegetables and greenery would be very much appreciated and should be left at the church any morning (4th-8th October)

As last year it is the intention to accept donations of longlife items (tinned vegetables, fruit, soup, cereals, rice, pasta etc.) which will be included in the decoration; after the services these food items will be distributed by Anne and Michael Graham to those needy folk under the care of Flourish NI and Migrant Help. These food items may be left at the church at anytime over the next two weeks.

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 now deemed mandatory by PCI that face coverings are continued to be worn while entering, leaving and singing during the service, as well as chatting outside afterwards but masks may be removed while seated.

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.

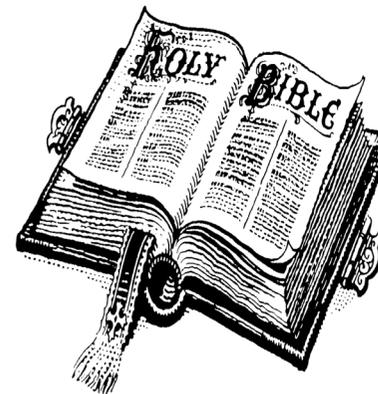
Unfortunately, by advice from Presbytery, pastoral visitation from the Minister is still to be limited to emergencies, bereavements or at special request.

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 19th September 2021



"For whatever was written in former days written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope"

Romans 15:4

"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path"

Psalms 119:105

"You search the scriptures because you think in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness about me"

John 3:16

TODAY'S SERVICE at 11.00 a.m.

Service conducted by Rev Dr Harold MacConnell (Pastoral Assistant)

Sermon: 'The Authority of Scripture'

Scripture Readings: Psalm 19: 89-96 and John 1: 1-14

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