

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

We are always happy to have visitors with us in Cregagh; and we welcome any who may be worshipping with us today. We would ask our visitors and members to remain seated at the end of the service until directed 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.

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)

RETIRING OFFERING

The Retiring Offering after communion is in aid of the Benevolent Fund. Collection plates are available for this purpose in the Church Vestibule and McIntyre Suite.

CHURCH FLOWERS

The Pedestal flowers provided by Mr Brian Douglas and Mrs Joan Lunn are 'In Memory of Gretta'

The Sanctuary flowers provided by Mrs E Heyburn, Annadale Nursing Home are 'In Memory'

YOUTH BIBLE CLASS

The Youth Bible Class for P7 meets each Sunday morning from 10.15 – 10.45 a.m. in the Stewart Hall.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

PW will meet tomorrow at the new time of 2.30 p.m. in the Barbour Hall when Evelyn White (Pastoral Assistant in Harmony Hill Presbyterian Church)

Theme: 'Life as a Deaconess' Any ladies in the congregation would be most welcome.

ZOOM BIBLE STUDY

Zoom Bible Study, continuing on Luke's Gospel will be held tomorrow at 7.00 p.m.

MORNING WATCH

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

HARVEST DECORATION

The church will be decorated for the Harvest services on Friday 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 this week.

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.

HARVEST THANSGIVING AND GIFT DAY

Our annual Harvest Thanksgiving and Gift Day services will be held next Sunday at 11.00 a.m. and 7.00 p.m. As with the Communion service, you are requested to attend only one of the services which will be identical.

Rev McKenzie will conduct the services and special music will be provided by the Church Choir and Junior Choir.

HARVEST AND GIFT DAY OFFERINGS

Harvest literature and Gift Day envelopes are currently being delivered to every home in the congregation; and you are asked to respond generously to this annual appeal for the Building Fund.

HARVEST DELIVERIES

Volunteers are requested to help deliver flowers and fruit from the Harvest to our senior or ill members who are unable to attend church at this time.

Deliveries may be collected immediately after the evening service or on the Monday morning from 10.00 a.m. If you can help please give your name to Michael Graham or Dennison Mahood before Harvest Sunday.

WALKING GROUP

The final walk and closing 'banquet' of the walking season will take place on Saturday 16th October starting at 10.30 a.m. at Castlewellan Forest Park. The lunch will be in McGinns in Castlewellan. Please give your name to Robert McNair if you wish to come – new walkers are always welcome!

YOUTH 'BIG NIGHT'

The next Youth 'Big Night' will be held on Saturday 16th October from 7.00 – 9.00 p.m. in the church. Any young people P7 upwards will be most welcome.

TEARFUND SERVICE

The annual Tearfund service will be held on this day fortnight, 17th October at 11.00 a.m. The speaker, Graham McGeown, studied medicine at Queens University before taking up an academic post in Queens and completing a PhD in Physiology. He has been a member of Fitzroy Presbyterian Church since he was a student and has supported Tearfund through prayer, regular giving and involvement in Tearfund focused church events.

As 17th will be the first Sunday we can have tea/coffee after church we will make it special by having tryabakes. This will give an opportunity to speak to Graham and make a donation towards the amazing work that Tearfund does in God's name.

BLOBS

Blobs will meet on Tuesday 26th October at 9.30 a.m. in the McIntyre Suite.

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. Crèche is available, but we would ask for the time being that a parent/carer accompany their child and wear a face covering while in the crèche room. Children are encouraged to bring their own toys if possible.

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.



WEEKLY NEWS SHEET

Sunday 3rd October 2021

Autumn Communion

*'I will take the cup of salvation, and will call upon the name of the Lord.
I will pay my vows unto the Lord now in the presence of His people'* Psalm 116: 13-14

TODAY'S SERVICES at 11.30 a.m. and 7.00 p.m.
Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
Service conducted by Rev Edward McKenzie
Sermon: '(Seven Churches of Revelation) 2: The Church at Smyrna'
Scripture Readings: Numbers 20: 22-29 and Revelation 2: 8-11

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THE YEAR AHEAD IN CREGAGH

FEBRUARY

Sunday 9th at 11.00 a.m. Olde Tyme Psalm Service
Monday 17th from 2.15 p.m. NI Blood Transfusion – blood donations
Sunday 23rd at 11.00 a.m. Guides/Scouts Thinking Day Service
Friday 28th at 12.00 noon Lenten Lunch (each Friday in Lent)

MARCH

Sunday 1st at 4.30 p.m. Joint Service with Salvation Army
Friday 6th at 7.30 p.m. Women's World Day of Prayer local service
Friday 13th & Saturday 14th Model Railway Exhibition
Sunday 22nd at 11.00 a.m. Mothering Sunday Service
Sunday 22nd at 7.30 p.m. Presbytery Service

APRIL

Sunday 5th at 11.00 a.m. Palm Sunday Communion
Sunday 5th at 6.30 p.m. Youth Fellowship Palm Sunday Service
Wednesday 8th at 7.45 p.m. Music for Holy Week at McQuiston Memorial
Thursday 9th at 7.30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Communion
Friday 10th at 12.00 noon Good Friday Meditation
Friday 10th at 7.30 p.m. Good Friday Service of Reflection
Sunday 12th at 11.00 a.m. Easter Day Service

MAY

Sunday 10th at 11.00 a.m. Christian Aid Service
Saturday 16th at 2.00 p.m. Summer Garden Fete
Thursday 21st at 7.30 p.m. Annual Meeting and Congregational Reunion
Tuesday 26th at 6.30 p.m. Junior Choir Concert

JUNE

Monday 1st-Friday 5th PCI General Assembly Week
Sunday 7th at 11.00 a.m. Children's Day Service
Sunday 7th at 6.30 p.m. Good Neighbour's Service
Sunday 21st at 11.00 a.m. Summer Communion

JULY

Sunday Services at 11.00 a.m. (No Evening Services)

AUGUST

Sunday Services at 11.00 a.m. (No Evening Services)
Monday 17th – Friday 21st Holiday Bible Club - mornings

SEPTEMBER

Sunday 6th at 11.00 a.m. Organisation Dedication Service

OCTOBER

Sunday 4th at 11.00 a.m. Autumn Communion
Sunday 11th at 11.00 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. Harvest Thanksgiving and Gift Day Services

NOVEMBER

Sunday 8th at 10.45 a.m. Remembrance Day Service
Saturday 4th at 10.00 a.m. Craft Fair
Sunday 15th at 11.00 a.m. Presbyterian Women's Service

DECEMBER

Sunday 6th at 11.00 a.m. Advent Carol Service
Sunday 13th at 11.00 a.m. Children's Christmas Tree Gift Service
Sunday 13th at 6.30 p.m. Youth Fellowship Christmas Service

Sunday 20th at 11.00 a.m. Handbell Choir Christmas Service
Sunday 20th at 7.00 p.m. Candlelight Service of Nine Lessons & Carols
Thursday 24th at 11.30 p.m. Christmas Eve Service
Friday 25th at 9.00 a.m. Christmas Day Family Service
Sunday 27th at 11.00 a.m. Last Service of 2019

SUNDAY SERVICES

Morning Worship at 11.00 a.m.

Evening Worship at 6.30 p.m. on 2nd and 3rd Sunday of each month (except July and August) Prayer and Bible Study on 1st Sunday of month at 6.30 p.m.

Open Church – open for private prayer and meditation each Friday from 10.30 a.m. – 12.00 noon.

Morning Watch (Praying for others) - Alternate Tuesdays at 10.45 a.m.

(Some dates and times are subject to change and will be confirmed in Weekly News Sheet)

FEBRUARY SUNDAY SERVICES

Sunday 2nd at 11.00 a.m. Rev McKenzie and the Church Choir
Sunday 2nd at 6.30 p.m. Prayer and Bible Study (Colossians)
Sunday 9th at 11.00 a.m. Olde Tyme Psalm Service
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Sunday 16th at 11.00 a.m. Rev McKenzie and the Praise Group
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