



WELCOME TO WORSHIP

We are always happy to have visitors with us in Cregagh; and we welcome any who may be worshipping with us on this Harvest Thanksgiving Sunday. 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.

ORDER OF SERVICE

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

** Printed orders of service are available 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 Recessional hymn and the Choir, Minister and Bible have left the 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, United Appeal and Harvest Gift Day)

GIFT DAY

Harvest Gift Day envelopes have been delivered to every home in the congregation and we hope our members will respond generously. Proceeds are for the Church Building Fund. To have your contribution ‘Gift Aided’ please put your name, WFO number and amount on the envelope.

Extra Gift Day envelopes are available in the Church Vestibule or McIntyre Suite.

THANK YOU

We would thank John Dallas and the Church Choir and Maureen Mulligan and the Junior Choir for the important part they play in the Harvest praise today; and also to Gordon Myers for presiding at the organ.

We also thank all those members of the congregation who provided flowers, fruit, greenery and dry foods for the decoration of the church and to those who carried out the task of decoration so very tastefully.

HARVEST HELP

Help is required after the evening service to clear the church and assist with the delivery of fruit and flowers to those senior or ill members of the congregation unable to attend church. Those not at the evening service may assist by making deliveries on Monday morning. Please give your name to Michael Graham or Dennison Mahood.

YOUTH BIBLE CLASS

The Youth Bible Class for P7 meets each Sunday morning 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 tomorrow at 7.00 p.m.

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.

WALKING GROUP

The final walk and closing ‘banquet’ of the walking season will take place on Saturday 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 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 next Sunday 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 we can now serve tea and coffee after church from next Sunday we will make it special by having traybakes. This will give an opportunity to speak to Graham and make a donation towards the amazing work that Tearfund does in God’s name.

THE EVERGREENS

The Evergreens will meet on Wednesday week, 20th October at 2.30 p.m. in the Barbour Hall when a Variety Afternoon will be led by Anne Stevenson. All welcome. Further information available from Dorothy Elliott (9070 5538)

BLOBS

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

CHURCH NEWS

It is hoped to publish a Christmas edition of our magazine ‘Church News’ available for distribution in mid November. Any news items, photos, articles for inclusion should be sent to David Gillespie within the next couple of weeks.

CHRISTMAS DOOR SWAGS

At the end of October forms will be available to order Christmas Door Swags or Rings which will be ready for collection at the beginning of December.

All proceeds will go to Emmanuel Ministries Calcutta.

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.

PCI have advised that one meter social distancing during services of worship be observed. Doors will open at 10:30am so ushers can guide folk to their seats. It is still mandatory that face coverings are continued to be worn while entering, leaving and singing during the service, as well as when moving around the building, however 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.

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.

Following PCI guidance, it would be hoped to move to reopening the Coffee Bar after services from 17th October. '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 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 10th October 2021** **Harvest Thanksgiving and Gift Day**



*'The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof;
the world and they that dwell therein'* Psalm 24:1
*'Honour the Lord with thy substance, and with
the first fruits of thine increase'* Proverbs 3:9
*O give thanks unto the Lord for He is good; for
his mercy endureth forever'* Psalm 136:1

TODAY'S SERVICES at 11.30 a.m. and 7.00 p.m.

Services conducted by Rev Edward McKenzie
assisted by the Church Choir and Junior Choir

Sermon: '(Seven Churches of Revelation) 3 'The Church in Pergamum'

Scripture Readings: Revelation 2: 12-17 and Psalm 1

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'Come, you thankful people come'