

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 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.



GUEST SPEAKER

We are delighted to welcome to our Annual Tearfund service this morning Dr Graham McGeown, a member of Fitzroy Presbyterian Church and a great supporter of Tearfund. Members of Cregagh will have an opportunity to speak with Dr McGeown in the Allen Hall after the service; and if you wish to make a donation towards Tearfund.

COFFEE BAR



Today we resume our Coffee Bar in the Allen Hall after morning service and we hope as many as possible will stay behind for some refreshments including tray bakes. Please remember to wear your face masks when moving around the hall and please only enjoy your refreshments while seated.

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.

GIFT DAY

Last Sunday's Harvest Gift Day offering realised £3068 and we thank all those members who responded so generously.

Harvest Gift Day envelopes are available today in the Church Vestibule or McIntyre Suite for those who were unable to contribute last week.

CHURCH FLOWERS

The Pedestal flowers today provided by Mr & Mrs A McCluskey, Downshire Park North are 'In Memory'

The Sanctuary flowers by Mr H Gibson, Hindsdale Park and Miss P Gibson, Thiepval Avenue 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.

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 Session Room.

THE EVERGREENS

The Evergreens will meet on Wednesday 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)

OFFICE HOURS

Rev McKenzie will be in the Minister's Room on Thursday from 6.30 – 8.30 p.m.

NEXT SUNDAY

The service next Sunday at 11.00 a.m. will be conducted by Rev McKenzie who will continue preaching on the series 'The Seven Churches of Revelation' – No. 4 'Thyatira'

BLOBS

Blobs will meet on Tuesday week, 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 on the third week in November. Any news items, photos, articles for inclusion should be sent to David Gillespie before next Sunday

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.



JOHN 3:16 THE PINNACLE

Probably the most popular verse in the Bible is John 3:16 – here's why:

**GOD
SO LOVED
THE WORLD
THAT HE GAVE
HIS ONLY BEGOTTED SON
THAT WHOSOEVER
BELIEVETH
IN HIM
SHOULD NOT PERISH
BUT
HAVE
ETERNAL LIFE**

greatest lover
in the greatest degree
to the greatest number
with the greatest act
by the greatest gift
through the greatest offer
in the greatest simplicity
from the greatest man
by the greatest promise
with the greatest difference
to the greatest certainty
for the greatest future

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.

We are delighted that Coffee Bar has now commenced, however '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 17th October 2021** **Annual Tearfund Service**



CHRISTIAN ACTION WITH THE WORLD'S POOR

TODAY'S SERVICE at 11.00 a.m.

Service conducted by Rev Edward McKenzie

Guest Speaker: Dr Graham McGeown

Scripture Readings: Psalm 104: 10-23 and Colossians 1: 15-20

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