

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.

ORDER OF SERVICE

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

** Please stand (if able) for the Processional hymn (number on hymn board) 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.

** Hymn books and Bibles are in the pews for your use.

CHURCH OFFERINGS

As the offering cannot be collected in the usual way during current services there are collection plates in the Church Vestibule and McIntyre Suite for your use.

COFFEE BAR



The Coffee Bar will be open in the Allen Hall after this morning's service and we hope as many as possible will stay behind for some refreshments. Please remember to wear your face masks when moving around the hall and please only enjoy your refreshments while seated

CHURCH FLOWERS

The Pedestal flowers today provided by Mrs P Smyth, Culmaglen, Jordanston are 'In Memory of Gerry'

The Sanctuary flowers by Mrs R Carlisle, Beechgrove Gardens are 'In Memory of Dennis'

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.

BLOBS

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

OFFICE HOURS

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

NEXT SUNDAY

Next Sunday is Reformation Sunday and Rev McKenzie will continue the series on the Seven Churches of Revelation with the 5th church being 'Sardis'

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

PW will meet on Monday week, 1st November at 2.30 p.m. in the Barbour Hall when Naomi Dudgeon will speak on her work with 'Outreach in West Belfast'

YOUTH 'BIG NIGHTS'



The next Youth 'Big Night' will be held on Saturday 6th November from 7.00 – 9.00 p.m. at the church.

The 'Big Christmas Night' will be held on Saturday 4th December. Any young people P7 upwards are very welcome to come along.

Further information: email youth@cregaghpresbyterian.org

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Act of Remembrance will take place on Sunday 14th November. Confirmation of time will be announced next Sunday.

TEARFUND

Several members kindly made donations at last Sunday's Tearfund service. If you didn't have the opportunity to contribute and would like to please put your donation in a Gift Aid envelope and drop it in an offering plate or hand it to Maureen Mulligan.

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 today or early this week.

CHRISTMAS DOOR SWAGS

Christmas door swags and rings are being made for collection in early December with proceeds going to Emmanuel Ministries, Calcutta. Order forms will be available next Sunday in the Church Vestibule and McIntyre Suite.



THANK YOU – Migrant Help

"A special thank you to the congregation for the kind donations of tin food and cereals from the Harvest services for the clients in our support. The food was shared out among the people and was greatly appreciated" (Anne and Michael Graham)

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 24th October 2021**



"But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare" Jeremiah 29:7

"For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God" Hebrews 11:10

TODAY'S SERVICE at 11.00 a.m.

Service conducted by Rev Edward McKenzie

Sermon: (Seven Churches of Revelation) 4 'Thyatira'

Scripture Readings: Psalm 2 and Revelation 2: 18-29

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