

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 be also appreciated if when entering church for the service that you sit in the pew 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 are provided by Mrs B McCluskey, Stirling Avenue and Mrs S Clarke, Ballyhalbert.

The Sanctuary flowers provided by the Hoy Family, Beech Park East are 'In Memory of George'

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 2.30 p.m. in the Barbour Hall when Naomi Dudgeon will speak on her work with 'Outreach in West Belfast' Ladies of the congregation will be made very welcome.

Members of PW are also reminded of the screening in the church of the PW Conference on Monday week, 8th November at 10.30 a.m.

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.

PRESBYTERY

Cregagh will be hosting the November meeting of the East Belfast Presbytery on Tuesday evening. It has been some years since Cregagh has had this honour and we will be delighted to welcome members of the Presbytery. Prior to the business session Rev McKenzie will conduct the opening devotions and the Church Choir and Praise Group will lead the worship.

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 from 10.00 a.m. – 12.00 noon.

YOUTH 'BIG NIGHT'

The next Youth 'Big Night' will be held on Saturday from 7.00 – 9.00 p.m. at the church. Further information: email youth@cregaghpresbyterian.org

NEXT SUNDAY

The service next Sunday at 11.00 a.m. will be conducted by Rev McKenzie who will continue his series on the Seven Churches of Revelation – No. 6 'Philadelphia'

CONGREGATIONAL COMMITTEE

Congregational Committee will meet on Monday week, 8th November at 7.45 p.m. Finance Committee will meet at 7.15 p.m. in the Minister's Room.

KIRK SESSION

Kirk Session will meet on two occasions in November.

Tuesday 9th at 7.30 p.m. in the Session Room to interview candidates for Accredited Preachers scheme.

Tuesday 15th at 7.45 p.m. in the Session Room. Monthly meeting.

Business Committee will meet in the Session Room at 7.30 p.m.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Due to the continuing Covid restrictions on social distancing for churches it will be necessary to hold two services of Remembrance on this day fortnight, 14th November at 10.00 a.m. and 11.30 a.m. As last year, a short Act of Remembrance and the Silence will take place in the church grounds. Those attending the 10.00 a.m. service will leave through the McIntyre Suite and stand outside on the Allen Hall side of the church grounds; those attending the 11.30 a.m. service are asked to meet outside on the Church Tower side of the grounds from 10.50 a.m. After the Act of Remembrance the church will be open at 11.10 a.m. for admittance to the 11.30 a.m. service. It is important that members register their attention to attend stating their preferred service time. The First World War Wreath will be laid at the 10.00 a.m. service and the Second World War Wreath at the 11.30 a.m. service.

CHRISTMAS DOOR SWAGS

Christmas door swags and rings are being made for collection in early December with proceeds going to Emmanuel Ministeries, Calcutta. Cost is £12 for swags and £15 for rings. Order forms are now available in the Church Vestibule and McIntyre Suite. Please return your order forms not later than Sunday 21st November.

TEARFUND

Following the Tearfund service two weeks ago we would thank those members of the congregation who responded so generously. £1125 including gift aid was realised.

KIRK SESSION DUTY ROTA

Elders on duty in November for welcome and ushering duties will be: Avril Pollock, Rebecca Clarke, Richard Molyneaux, Elaine Molyneaux and Dorothy Platt.

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.



"And He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He intercedes for the saints according to the will of God" Romans 8: 27



WEEKLY NEWS SHEET **Sunday 31st October 2021** **Reformation Sunday**



Prayer of Steadfastness by Martin Luther

Merciful Father, everlasting God, who didst not spare Thine own Son but didst deliver Him up for us all that He might bear our sin on the cross, grant us that our hearts never fear or become discouraged in this faith, through the same, Thy Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

TODAY'S SERVICE at 11.00 a.m.

Service conducted by Rev Edward McKenzie

Sermon: (Seven Churches of Revelation) 5 'Sardis'

Scripture Readings: Revelation 3: 1-6 and Psalm 3

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