



## **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 specially welcome members of our PW in church for their annual service. A very special welcome is extended to our guest speaker, Ann Wilson who is the Overseas Vice President of Presbyterian Women. We would ask our visitors and members to remain seated at the end of the service until directed to leave 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.

## **ORDER OF SERVICE**

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

\*\* 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.

\*\* Hymn books and bible 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.

## **CHURCH FLOWERS**

The Pedestal flowers are provided by Presbyterian Women.

The Sanctuary flowers provided by Mr David Douglas are ‘In Memory of John’

## **COFFEE BAR**

The Coffee Bar is open in the Allen Hall after the service and all are invited to stay behind for some refreshments. Please remember to wear your face covering when moving around the hall and please only enjoy your refreshments when seated.

## **ZOOM BIBLE STUDY**

Zoom Bible Study will take place on Monday 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.

## **OPEN CHURCH**

The church will be open for private prayer and meditation on Friday from 10.00 a.m. – 12.00 noon.

## **NEXT SUNDAY – The First Sunday in Advent**

Our annual Service of Carols and Readings for Advent will be held next Sunday at 11.00 a.m.

## **YOUTH ‘BIG NIGHT’**

The ‘Big Christmas Night’ for any young people P7 upwards will be held on Saturday week, 4<sup>th</sup> December from 6.30 – 8.00 p.m. at the church. For further information: [youth@cregaghpresbyterian.org](mailto:youth@cregaghpresbyterian.org)

## **REV DR HAROLD MacCONNELL**

As you may already know the Rev Dr Harold MacConnell has decided to retire at the end of the year as our Pastoral Assistant in Cregagh. Harold has been of great support and comfort to many of our elderly members at home or in nursing homes for almost 8 years. His ministry with our elderly folk has been of great assistance to Rev McKenzie, the Kirk Session and the Congregation. Dr MacConnell’s occasional Sunday preaching and officiating at funerals was of great benefit and most inspirational. Dr MacConnell will preach his farewell service on this day fortnight, Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> December at 11.00 a.m. It is the intention to make a presentation to Dr MacConnell on that day in appreciation for all that he has done in Cregagh; and if members of the congregation would like to contribute, you are asked to place your contribution in an envelope marked ‘Rev Dr H MacConnell’ and place it in the offering plate not later than next Sunday

## **CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR SERVICES**

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 11.00 a.m.

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Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 11.00 a.m.

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Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> December at 9.00 a.m.

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> December at 11.00 a.m.

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> January at 11.00 a.m.

KidZone Christmas Tree Gift Service

Candlelight Service of 9 Lessons and Carols

Youth Christmas Service

Candlelight Service of 9 Lessons and Carols

Christmas Day Family Service

Boxing Day Service (Christmas Leftovers!)

New Year Communion

- Candlelight Services on 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> December are identical and to facilitate social distancing members are requested to attend only one. It is also most essential for members to register their intention to attend any of the services over the Christmas period.

## **MODERATOR’S PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION**

Tomorrow is the final day for submitting photographs for consideration for the Moderator of the General Assembly’s Christmas card.

Details: [www.presbyterianireland.org/photocompetition](http://www.presbyterianireland.org/photocompetition)

## **CHRISTMAS DOOR SWAGS**

Today is the final date for submitting orders for Christmas door swags (£12) and rings (£15) to Maureen Mulligan or Dennison Mahood. Order forms are available in the Church Vestibule or McIntyre Suite. Proceeds for Emmanuel Ministries, Calcutta

## WIDER WORLD

Copies of the Wider World magazine for 2022 will be ordered at the start of January. The annual subscription is £6 for 4 magazines which is great value and would make a worthwhile gift! The first edition will be the March 2022/Spring Wider World. I would encourage women in our congregation to subscribe to this excellent resource. New subscribers or anyone wishing to change their order should contact Dorothy Platt (07803 264286)

## 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 for 11.00 a.m. services and 6.30 p.m. for 7.00 p.m. services 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 for your use. 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.

### The Three Wise Women!

**What would have happened if it had been three wise women instead of men?**

*They would have asked for directions,  
Arrived on time,  
Helped deliver the baby,  
Cleaned the stable.  
Made a casserole,  
And brought disposable nappies as gifts!*



# CREGAGH

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
**WEEKLY NEWS SHEET**  
**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2021**



*'Encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.'*

1 Thessalonians 5:11

TODAY'S SERVICE at 11.00 a.m.

Presbyterian Women Service

Service conducted by members of PW

Scripture Readings: Matthew 28: 16-28 and 1 Thessalonians 5:6-11

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