

*"The eyes of the Lord your God are always upon you, from the beginning of the year unto the end"* Deuteronomy 11:12



*"Remember the days of old, consider the years of many generations"*

Deuteronomy 32:7

John 32:7

*"Days should speak, and multitude of years should speak wisdom"*

## **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 the first Sunday of 2022. 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.

## **COMMUNION**

Communicants are requested to place their used disposable communion cups in the bins as you leave church.

The Retiring offering after Communion is in aid of the Benevolent Fund.

## **COFFEE BAR**

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

## **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 today provided by the Molyneaux Family, Crawfordsburn and Dromore are 'In Memory of Eunice and Billy'

The Sanctuary flowers are 'In Memory of Ted'

## **OFFICE HOURS**

There will be no Office Hours until Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> February. Any matters requiring urgent attention or the services of a minister may be referred to Michael Graham, Clerk of Session (07548 635075)

## **OPEN CHURCH**

The church will be open for private prayer and meditation on Friday from 10.00 a.m. – 12.00 noon. Volunteers are required to act as stewards each Friday (one per week) – if you can help please add your name to the rota sheet at the back of the church or speak to the Clerk of Session, Michael Graham.

## **EPIPHANY SUNDAY**

The service next Sunday at 11.00 a.m. will be conducted by the Rev Dr Jim Campbell (Minister Emeritus of Cooke Centenary Presbyterian Church)

## **MINISTER'S SABBATICAL**

Rev McKenzie will be on Sabbatical from Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> – Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> January.

We wish Edward every blessing at this time of reflection, renewal and study.

During his absence any matters requiring attention may be referred to the Clerk of Session, Michael Graham (07548 635075) or any Elder.

## **PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN**

PW will meet on Monday week, 10<sup>th</sup> January at 2.30 p.m. in the Barbour Hall when Rev McKenzie will bring his New Year Message. All ladies of the congregation will be very welcome.

## **MORNING WATCH**

Morning Watch will meet on Tuesday week, 11<sup>th</sup> January at 10.45 a.m.

## **YOUTH 'BIG NIGHT'**

The next Youth 'Big Night' will be held on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> January.

## **ZOOM BIBLE STUDY**

Zoom Bible Study resumes on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> January at 7.00 p.m.

## **SPRING COMMUNICANT'S CLASSES**

Rev McKenzie hopes to commence communicants classes early in February – anyone interested in attending should please give their name to Michael Graham asap.

## **KIRK SESSION DUTY**

Elders on opening/welcoming/ushering duties in January are Gordon Dunlop, Barbara Dunlop, David Gillespie, Maureen Mulligan and Robert Oliver.

## **FLOWER CALENDAR**

The Flower Calendar for 2022 is on display in the Church Vestibule and McIntyre Suite. Those who normally supply church flowers throughout the year are asked to inspect the calendar and advise Maureen Mulligan or Dennison Mahood of any changes or queries as soon as possible as changes may not be possible later.

## **CALLING ALL ORGANISATIONS!**

Organisations are asked to submit their activity reports for 2021, numbers on roll, contact details etc. to David Gillespie; and treasurers of our non-uniformed organisations to provide their annual accounts together with supporting information to Dawn Johnston not later than this day fortnight, Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> January

## **MALAWI**

Thank you to everyone for generous donations that have enabled us to keep 18 students at Secondary School in Malawi, and to provide food for the small children at Chifudo3. You also paid for rice and chicken wings for their Christmas treat and repairs to a very worn front door at the centre. It is time again to fund school fees for another term. Many of you have paid in advance, if you plan to help later this year please ensure you write your name and Malawi Fund on the envelope or pay electronically. Don't forget completing a Gift Aid form will give us an additional 25% with no cost to you.

If Santa brought a new phone or tablet to your house for Christmas please don't put your old one in a drawer to gather dust. Donate it instead to our needy friends in Malawi, who will put it to good use.

## CHRISTMAS AT CREGAGH

Christmas at Cregagh has come and gone for another year; and even with all the Covid restrictions in place what a happy and inspirational season it was for those who were able to attend the services. We know that there were many unable to attend church for several reasons and our thoughts and prayers were with them as we met to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. Many members were involved in the organising and creation of what is always a very special time in Cregagh, and we are so appreciative of all those who helped in any way; including our Minister, the Church Choir and John Dallas, the Junior Choir and Maureen Mulligan, the soloists, the readers, KidZone and the Youth Bible Class for their services, the flower arranging team who decorated the church so tastefully and cleared it up afterwards, those who provided gifts of holly and greenery for the decoration, those who provided catering at the various refreshment times, those who contributed toys for the Belfast Central Mission, those who donated food and goods for the Trussell Trust, those who contributed to the special Christmas offerings, those involved in the extra printing and preparation of orders of service etc., and to our caretaker Don Jackson for all the extra duties involved in keeping our church premises clean and safe. Thank you everyone!

### 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. 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 again now mandatory that face covering have to be worn at all times during services – entering and singing in church as well as when 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.

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.



## WEEKLY NEWS SHEET Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2022 New Year Communion



*And I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year;  
“Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown”  
And he replied: “Go out into the darkness and put your  
hand into the hand of God. That shall be to you better  
than light and safer than a known way”*

(Spoken by King George VI on Christmas Day 1939)

**MORNING SERVICE at 11.00 a.m.**  
**Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper**  
**Rev Edward McKenzie and the Praise Group**  
**Sermon theme: ‘The Armour of God’**  
**Scripture Readings: Psalm 6 and Ephesians 6: 10-20**

**EVENING PRAYER AND BIBLE STUDY at 6.30 p.m.**  
**Rev McKenzie – 2<sup>nd</sup> Thessalonians**

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