

MALAWI

Thanks to your generosity our sponsored students returned to school in new shoes and smart uniforms this week. Sadly however parts of Ndirande were hit by serious floods. Chifundo3 is weighing up the damage to property but they have managed to salvage their crop.

FLOWER ARRANGING TEAM

Sadly our flower arranging team has been badly depleted in recent months with the retirement of four of our long serving ladies. Rosemary Carlisle, Dorothy Law, Jeanette Irwin and Anne Day who have been responsible for beautiful flower arrangements on Sundays for many years. We thank them for their long and excellent service with the flower ministry and wish them well in the future. Their absence follows the passing of another long service arranger, Dorothy Pollock whom we remember with affection and gratitude. Thankfully, four volunteers have expressed an interest in joining the current team of two and are currently receiving training and guidance with the hope that they will take responsibility in the near future.

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 next Sunday (16th January)

COVID UPDATE

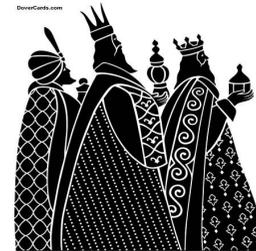
In Cregagh we wish to create a worship environment that is both safe and welcoming. While we would actively encourage all members to come to worship, believing it is safe to do so with the measures we have taken, we would also wish to highlight that no one should come to services if they have COVID symptoms. 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 Epiphany Sunday 9th January 2022



'Arise, shine; for thy light has come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.....and the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and the kings to the brightness of thy rising.....They shall bring gold and incense; and they shall shew forth the praises of the Lord' (Isaiah 60:1:3:6)

TODAY'S SERVICE at 11.00 a.m.

Rev Dr Jim Campbell

Theme: 'Perseverance Pays!'

Scripture Readings: Luke 18: 1-8 and James 5: 7-11

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