



## WELCOME TO WORSHIP

We are always happy to have visitors with us in Cregagh; and we welcome any who may be worshipping with us today. We would invite our visitors to sign the Visitor's Book in the Vestibule, giving name and full postal address.

We give a very special welcome to all mothers in church this morning for this Mothering Sunday service.

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

\*\* Please stand (if able) when the Choir stands, the Clerk of Session carrying the Bible and the Minister enter church, and remain standing after the Processional hymn and the Minister says "Let us pray"

\*\* At the end of the service please remain standing after the Recessional hymn and the Minister, Bible and Choir have left the church.

\*\* Hymnbooks and Bibles are available in the pews for your use.

## CHURCH OFFERINGS

Currently, the offering cannot be lifted during the service but collection plates are available in the Church Vestibule and McIntyre Suite for your use as you leave church after the service.

## COFFEE BAR

The Coffee Bar is open in the Allen Hall following this morning's 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 FLOWERS

The Pedestal flowers provided by Karen McCurry and Rosemary Davey are 'In Memory of Dad and Loved Ones'

The Sanctuary flowers provided by Brian Douglas and Joan Lunn are 'In Memory of Gertie'

## YOUTH BIBLE CLASS

Our Young People's Bible Class meets each Sunday at 10.15 a.m. in the Session Room and any young people (p7 and up) in the congregation are invited to come along.

## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN COMMITTEE

The PW Committee will meet tomorrow (Monday) at 1.30 p.m. in 22 Ballygowan Road.

## ZOOM BIBLE STUDY

Zoom Bible Study will take place on Monday at 7.00 p.m..

## 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 as usual from 10.00 a.m. – 12.00 noon.

## SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING AND REMEMBRANCE



Since March 2020 a significant number of our members have passed away. The pandemic has robbed us of the opportunity to express our sympathy and share our memories. We are therefore holding a Service of Thanksgiving and Remembrance on Saturday at 11.00 a.m. in the Church to remember these people and give thanks for their lives and their contribution to congregational life. All are invited to attend this service which will be conducted by Rev Edward McKenzie, Rev Hastings McIntyre and Rev Dr Harold Mac Connell.

## NEXT SUNDAY – PASSION SUNDAY

Morning Service at 11.00 a.m.

Rev McKenzie and the Church Choir- Minor Prophets: Nahum

Evening Prayer and Bible Study

Rev McKenzie Studying 2Timothy.

## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

PW will meet on Monday week, 4<sup>th</sup> April at 2.30 p.m. in the Barbour Hall when the Port Missioner with the Seaman's Christian Friends Society, Sam Cowan, will be the speaker. The PW AGM will be held and there will be a further chance to purchase items from the Bring and Buy table.

## LENTEN, HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> April at 11.00 a.m. Palm Sunday Communion

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> April at 6.30 p.m. Café Connect in Allen Hall

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Communion

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30 p.m. Good Friday Service of Meditation 'Lights Out'

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> April at 11.00 a.m. Easter Day Service

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April at 11.00 a.m. Youth 'Post Easter' Service

## PRAYERS FOR THE MUSLIM WORLD

Thirty days of prayers for the Muslim World will begin on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> April. Please support this initiative that celebrates its 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year. A few hard copies of the booklet that explains much about the Muslim World are available in the McIntyre Suite or may be downloaded at [worldprayerguides.org.uk](http://worldprayerguides.org.uk)

## KIRK SESSION

Elders on Ushering and Door Duty in April are: Maureen Mulligan, Robert Oliver, David Gillespie, Gordon Dunlop and Barbara Dunlop.

## WELCOME AREA DOOR DUTY

Those who have volunteered for door duty on Thursday evenings are asked to pick up their duty rota sheets in the McIntyre Suite today.

## MALAWI

Expressions of interest in a visit to this warm heart of Africa to meet our lovely friends there next year would be most welcome. Two meetings will be held on Sundays 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> April in the McIntyre Suite after the morning service to discuss dates, costs and possible itinerary etc. If interest please speak to Rev McKenzie or Sheena Stewart as soon as possible.

## 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. From today there will be no longer any mandatory social distancing, yet physical contact such as hand shaking etc. is still strongly discouraged. Please respect others if they choose to continue to social distance and do not be offended if they ask you to give them space.

Contact tracing has ceased, however parents are asked to let Karen McCurry know if their children are attending KidZone, and the building can be entered and exited using either the Church or McIntyre Suite doors.

It is still compulsory (unless exempt) for face coverings to be worn, while entering, exiting, moving around the building or singing.

All activities can begin again, as long as updated risk assessments are completed, paying special attention to the continued use of masks and hand hygiene.

These guidelines will be reviewed by PCI on 29<sup>th</sup> March and further information will follow.

### WHAT IS A MOTHER?

It takes a Mother's LOVE  
to make a house a home,  
a place to be remembered,  
No matter where we roam...  
it takes a Mother's PATIENCE  
to bring a child up right,  
and her COURAGE and her CHEERFULNESS  
to make a dark day bright....  
It takes a Mother's THOUGHTFULNESS  
to mend the hearts deep 'hurts',  
and her SKILL and ENDURANCE  
to mend little socks and shirts...  
It takes a Mother's KINDNESS  
to forgive us when we err,  
to sympathise in trouble  
and bow her head in PRAYER....  
It takes a Mother's WISDOM  
to recognise our needs  
and to give reassurance  
by her loving words and deeds....  
It takes a Mother's ENDLESS FAITH  
her CONFIDENCE and TRUST  
to guide us through the pitfalls  
of selfishness and lust...  
and that is why in all this world  
there could not be another  
who could fulfil God's purpose  
as completely as a MOTHER

(Helen Stainer Rice)



*'As one whom his mother comforteth,  
so will I comfort you (saith the Lord)...  
and when ye see this, your heart shall  
rejoice....and the hand of the Lord shall  
be known towards his servants'*

Isaiah 66:13-14

TODAY'S SERVICE at 11.00 a.m. in the Church  
Rev. Edward McKenzie, the Church Choir and the Junior Choir  
The Minor Prophets: Micah  
Scripture Readings: Matthew 18:10-14 and Micah 6: 1-8

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## WEEKLY NEWS SHEET The Fourth Sunday in Lent Mothers' Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2022

