

The greatest treasure
LIFE LESSON



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 invite our visitors to sign the Visitor's Book in the Vestibule, giving name and full postal address.

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.

CHURCH FLOWERS

The flowers today provided by the Dyatt Family are 'In Memory of Ella and Sam Dyatt and Barbara'



MORNING WATCH

Morning Watch will meet on Tuesday at 10.45 a.m. in the Session Room.

THE EVERGREENS

The Evergreens will meet on Wednesday at 2.30 p.m. in the Allen Hall when well known local historian, Aidan Campbell will speak on 'The Big Houses of East Belfast' All members of the congregation are invited to come along to what should be a most interesting afternoon.

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, as usual, on Friday from 10.00 a.m. – 12.00 noon.

WALKING GROUP

The first walk of the new summer season will take place on Saturday leaving the church at 9.30 a.m. for a coastal walk from Helen's Bay to Bangor with an optional lunch at the Heatherlea Restaurant. New walkers are always welcome.

Copies of the walking schedule for April – October are available in the Church Vestibule and McIntyre Suite.

YOUTH BIG NIGHT

This month's 'Youth Big Night' will be held on Saturday from 7.00 – 8.30 p.m. at the church. Young people P& upwards will be very welcome.



NEXT SUNDAY

MORNING SERVICE next Sunday will be held at 11.30 a.m. This time is due to the Belfast City Marathon taking place. Rev McKenzie will continue with his series on the Minor Prophets (Haggai) and the Church Choir will lead the worship.

MARATHON ROUTE The marathon starts at Stormont at 9.00 a.m. and the route includes Upper Newtownards Road, Beersbridge Road, Castlereagh Road, Montgomery Road, Cregagh Road, Ravenhill Avenue, Ravenhill Road and Ormeau Road before other parts of the city.



The Cregagh Road should be open to traffic from approx 11.00 a.m.

HELPERS As usual we as a congregation will be providing water, refreshments etc. for the runners passing the church. Set up will be at 9.00 a.m. and if anyone would like to help please give your name to Rev McKenzie or Michael Graham today.

CHORAL EVENING WORSHIP the second of our restructured evening services will be held at 7.00 p.m. in the church. The first service of this kind held last month received some very favourable comments and we would encourage you to come along and perhaps bring a friend. The theme this month will be: 'The Beauty of Creation'

TEA AND TALK

'Tea and Talk' will meet again on Wednesday fortnight, 11th May from 2.00 – 3.30 p.m. in the McIntyre Suite. People of all ages are very welcome. We have a cuppa, chat, various activities and fun in a relaxed environment. For information please contact Dorothy Platt (07803264286)

MAY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Sunday 8th Morning Worship at 11.00 a.m.
- Sunday 8th Evening Prayer and Bible Study (Titus) at 6.30 p.m.
- Sunday 15th Christian Aid Service at 11.00 a.m.
- Sunday 15th Café Connect at 6.30 p.m. (Follow up - Mission on Cregagh Road)
- Saturday 21st Christian Aid Coffee Morning/Cake Stall from 10.00 a.m.
- Sunday 22nd Children's Day Service at 11.00 a.m.
- Monday 23rd Presbyterian Women at 2.30 p.m.
- Tuesday 24th Junior Choir Concert at 6.30 p.m. in the Allen Hall
- Saturday 28th Walking Group – Castleward

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

PW will meet on Monday 23rd May at 2.30 p.m. in the Barbour Hall. (Please note change of date) Rev McKenzie will talk on 'Les Miserables' followed by afternoon tea. A warm invitation is extended to any member of the congregation to attend.

CHURCH NEWS

In preparation for the summer edition of our church magazine items and pictures for inclusion should please be submitted to David Gillespie not later than next Sunday.

WELCOME AREA DUTY ROTA FOR THURSDAYS IN MAY

- 5th-Carol and Leslie Ferguson. 12th-Raymond and Sandra Wallace.
- 19th-Joan and Malcolm Taylor. 26th-Kate Davey.

QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE

In celebration of the 70th Anniversary of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth 11 reign, two special events will be held in Cregagh.

Sunday 5th June at 11.00 a.m. Jubilee Service with guest preacher, Rev Dr Paul Baillie. Our uniformed organisations will parade to the service and should meet in the Stewart Hall not later than 10.40 a.m.

A 'Street Party Afternoon Tea' will be held in the Allen Hall after the service which will be followed by some light entertainment. For catering purposes sheets are in the McIntyre Suite and Church Vestibule – please write your name and number attending not later than Sunday 29th May.

Sunday 12th June at 11.00 a.m. Post Jubilee Service conducted by Rev McKenzie after which a shrub to mark the occasion will be planted in the Church Grounds.

We look forward to joining with the nation in thanksgiving and celebration of Queen Elizabeth's 70 years service to the British Commonwealth.

CHRISTIAN AID SPONSORED WALKING

Christian Aid are promoting sponsored 300,000 steps during the month of May. Sponsored Walk forms are available from Sandra Harper. Alternatively, if you or a group of friends would like to do a walk of their own preferred distance that would also be appreciated. Details from Sandra Harper (07913059567)

MALAWI

STUDENT FEES Students in Malawi return to school next week following the Easter break. Many of them depend on people like us to pay their fees. If you can help, they will be very grateful.

Many thanks for those fees received to date and for all the continuous generous donations to our Pence for Porridge appeal.

VISIT Anyone who is considering joining the team for a possible visit to Malawi next year and wasn't at last Sunday's meeting can meet with Rev McKenzie in the Session Room after this morning's service.

COVID EASING OF RESTRICTIONS

Now that we are gradually returning to normal practices in our worship and organisational life we ask our members to respect those who may wish to continue with social distancing and wearing of masks. Obviously, if you are feeling unwell and have Covid symptoms please do not attend church.

EASTER WEEK

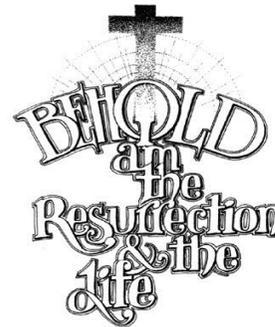
*See the land, her Easter keeping,
Rises as her Maker rose.
Seeds, so long in darkness sleeping,
Burst at last from winter snows.
Earth with heaven above rejoices;
Fields and gardens hail the spring;
Shaughs and woodlands ring with voices,
While the wild birds build and sing.*

(Charles Kingsley)



WEEKLY NEWS SHEET

Low Sunday 24th April 2022



"Since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead.

For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive"

1 Corinthians:15-20

"I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth"

Job 19:25

TODAY'S SERVICE at 11.00 a.m. in the Church
Rev McKenzie, Young People and Praise Group

Theme: 'Jesus is the greatest treasure'

Scripture Readings: Psalm 145 and Romans 5: 1-11

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