



“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

“Days should speak, and multitude of years should teach wisdom” Job 32:7

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 New Year’s Day. We would invite our visitors to sign the Visitor’s Book in the Vestibule, giving name and postal address

- ** The following may help our visitors to share in the service:
- ** The Processional and Recessional hymns are not announced – the numbers are on the hymnboards – hymnbooks and bibles are in the pews for your use.
- ** Please stand (if able) as the service begins when the bible is carried in and the Choir and Minister enter church; and remain standing until the Minister says “Let us pray”
- ** The collection of the Offering and the taking up of the Communion Tokens is after the Sermon and is announced.
- ** Please stand as the elders bring the Offering and Communion Tokens to the Sanctuary for dedication and remain standing for the pre-communion hymn.
- ** At the end of the communion service please remain standing for the Recessional hymn, the elders remove the elements, the Minister and Choir leave and the bible is carried from church.

RETIRING OFFERING

The retiring offering after communion is in aid of the Benevolent Fund.

CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS

There are ‘World Development’ and ‘Cregagh Christmas for Missions’ envelopes in the Vestibule and McIntyre Suite today for those who didn’t have the opportunity to contribute during the Christmas season.

COFFEE BAR

The Coffee Bar is open in the Allen Hall after the service and everyone is invited to stay behind for some refreshments and a chat.

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 Loving Memory of Ted’

OFFICE HOURS

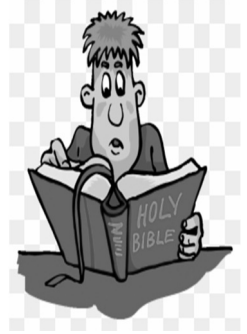
There will be no Office Hours this week but Rev McKenzie will be in the Minister’s Room on Thursday week, 13th January from 6.30 – 8.00 p.m.

OPEN CHURCH

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

MALAWI FUND RAISER

Everyone is invited to a fund raising event in support of the Malawi Team 2023 on Saturday in the church. From 9.00 – 10.45 a.m. Rev McKenzie will be conducting a marathon reading of Scripture which will be followed until 12.00 noon with a special ‘Chronicles of Cregagh’ event when readings from several authors, including C S Lewis will be woven with Scripture and music to create a time of reflection. Refreshments will be served at the end of the marathon. All donations will be gratefully received.



NEXT SUNDAY

Morning Service at 11.00 a.m. in the Church

Rev McKenzie and the Praise Group. Sermon based on the congregation’s 4th favourite item of praise “The Lord’s my shepherd”

Café Connect at 6.30 p.m. in the Allen Hall

Leprosy Mission.

A retiring offering for the Leprosy Mission will be taken up at both services

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

PW will meet on Monday week, 9th January at 2.30 p.m. in the Barbour Hall when the speaker will be Rev Edward McKenzie. Members are reminded to bring something for the Bring and Buy Sale. All ladies of the congregation very welcome.

MORNING WATCH

Morning Watch will meet on Tuesday week, 10th January at 10.45 a.m. in the Session Room. Members of the congregation are asked to note the announcement in recent News Sheets about updating the Prayer Link list.

CHURCH FAMILY SERVICE

A Church Family Service which will be followed by a light lunch will be held on this day fortnight, Sunday 15th January at 11.00 a.m. Rev McKenzie will also present the new Vision Document. During lunch there will be an opportunity to chat about future plans and ideas for young family ministries and social events.

If you plan to attend the lunch please advise Maureen Mulligan or email: OKAYatCregagh@gmail.com. not later than next Sunday; and also if you have any dietary requirements.



EVENING PRAYER AND BIBLE STUDY

The next Evening Prayer and Bible Study will be held on this day fortnight, Sunday 15th January at 6.30 p.m. in the church when 2 Peter will be considered.

MALAWI SCHOOL FEES

The cost of living crisis is worldwide and we now pay about £1000 a term to help keep students at Secondary School in Malawi. The children will return to school in January and many depend on us to meet their fees. Out of 5 million children who attend Primary School less than 1 in 100 will progress to secondary education. We are helping a few to stay at school and protect a few young women from early marriage and motherhood. If you can help or have questions at any time please leave donations, with your name on the offering plate or see Sheena Stewart.

CALLING ALL ORGANISATIONS

Organisation leaders/secretaries are asked to submit their activity reports for 2022, numbers on rolls, contact details (names of leaders, office bearers, telephone numbers and email addresses) to David Gillespie not later than next Sunday.

CHRISTMAS TREE

Many members and visitors attending Christmas services made complementary remarks about the Church Christmas tree. We are indebted to Gordon and Barbara Dunlop for providing the tree from their own garden – I don't think they will have time to grow another one for next year!

JANUARY DUTY ROTAS

KIRK SESSION – Maureen Mulligan, Robert Oliver, David Gillespie, Gordon Dunlop and Barbara Dunlop.

CONGREGATIONAL COMMITTEE – Karen McCurry, Pauline Gibson, Angela Watson, Wilma McCluskey, Laura Armstrong, Jim McCurry and Karen Collins.

SUNDAY COFFEE BAR – (1st) Youth Big Night/Lauren Dalzell (8th) Parents and Toddlers/Josephine Darragh (15th) Guides, Brownies, Rainbows/Gillian Simons (22nd) KidZone/Karen McCurry.

THURSDAY WELCOME AREA – (12th) Pauline Gibson (19th) Joan and Malcolm Taylor (26th) Rosemary Patton



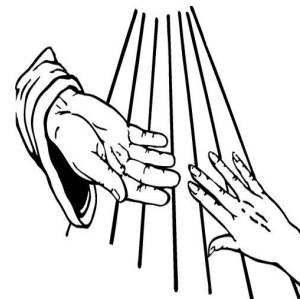
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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

WEEKLY NEWS SHEET

Sunday 1st January 2023

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)

TODAY'S SERVICE at 11.00 a.m in the Church
New Year Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
Rev McKenzie and the Church Choir
Sermon: 'What a friend we have in Jesus'
Scripture Readings: Psalm 13 and John 15: 1-17



"O taste and see that the Lord is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in him"

Psalm 34:8

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