



## 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 postal address.

This morning any parents with babies are invited to make use of the Pebbles Creche or KidZone for 3 year olds upwards (in the Stewart Hall) who leave church after the children's address and hymn.

\*\* The following may help our visitors share in the morning 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 into church and the Choir and Minister enter, , and remain standing until the Minister says "Let us pray

\*\* The Offering is after the Sermon and is unannounced.

\*\* Please stand as the collectors bring the Offering to the Sanctuary for dedication, and remain standing until after the Recessional hymn, the Minister and Choir leave and the Bible is carried from church.

## RETIRING OFFERING

Offering plates are in the McIntyre Suite and Church Vestibule for those who were unable to contribute to the retiring offering last Sunday for the Presbyterian Children's Society.

## 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 Mr & Mrs A McCluskey, Downshire Park North are 'In Memory'

The Sanctuary flowers are provided by Miss L Maxwell, Rathmoyle Park, Seahill and Miss S Maxwell, Muskett Park, Carryduff.

## BLOBS

Blobs will meet on Tuesday at 9.30 a.m. in the McIntyre Suite.

## OFFICE HOURS

Rev McKenzie will be in the Minister's Room on Thursday from 6.00 – 8.30 p.m.

## LEPROSY MISSION TEA PARTY

The Big Leprosy Mission Tea Party will be held on Saturday at 10.30 a.m. in Knockbreda Parish Church Hall. Book your 'cuppa' by emailing [events@tim-ni.org](mailto:events@tim-ni.org) or 'phone 9262 9500.

## NEXT SUNDAY

Morning Service at 11.00 a.m. in the Church

Rev McKenzie and the Praise Group – Theme: Favourite Hymn No. 8 'Shine Jesus Shine'

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

Rev McKenzie – 'Focus on Nigeria'

## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

The local service for the World Day of Prayer will be held on Friday at 8.00 p.m. in St Finnian's Parish Church. The theme is 'I have heard about your faith' and is written by the women of Taiwan, another country with political instability.

This programme will be shared across the globe, starting in Western Samoa and ending in American Samoa 36 hours later. Join us to celebrate our faith and express the ups and downs of life are common to us all.

If anyone requires a lift please contact Barbara Dunlop (9045 3829)

## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

PW will meet on Monday week, 6<sup>th</sup> March at 2.30 p.m. in the Barbour Hall. The speaker will be Margaret Grayson talking about 'Living with Promises' All welcome

## ST. PATRICK'S NIGHT HOOLEY

An Irish type Ceilidh and supper will be held on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March at 7.00 p.m. in the Allen Hall. Embrace Socials will provide the music and lead the dancing. Tickets £10 for adults and £5 for under 12's are now available from Anne Graham (07922 674647) or Dennison Mahood (07891 920261)

Proceeds for Malawi Team 2023.

## FAMILY FUN DAY

The Family Fun Day with lunch will be held on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March from 10.00 a.m. The theme is 'The Mad Hatter's March' with fun for all ages. The theme is 'The Mad Hatter's March' Anyone interested in attending should please register by Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March either by emailing [okayatcregagh@gmail.com](mailto:okayatcregagh@gmail.com) or on the sheet in the McIntyre Suite.

## MALAWI QUIZ NIGHT

A Quiz with proceeds in aid of the Malawi Team 2023 Trip will be held on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April at 7.30 p.m. in the Allen Hall. £5 per person (minimum donation) Teams of 6 maximum. Questions for all ages. Tickets available from the Malawi Trip Team. (please note change of date)

\*\* Don't forget also the Curry Night on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May. \*\*

## MALAWI

Many thanks for the continuous support that enables us to help feed some pre-school children and older boys and girls at Secondary school in Malawi. Some marmalade, jam and Easter items will be available in the McIntyre Suite next Sunday and the following week (5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>) The latest edition of the Prayer Booklet is also available and costs just £3

## **TURKEY AND SYRIA EARTHQUAKE**

As its not anticipated that there will be Moderator's Appeal from PCI for the recent devastating situation in Turkey and Syria there may be some members of the congregation who would like to donate towards the aid already being offered by various agencies such as Tearfund, Red Cross, Christian Aid etc. If you would like to help please put your donation in an envelope marked 'Turkey/Syria Earthquake' and place it in the offering plate on either 5<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> March.

## **PRAYER LINK – MORNING WATCH**

The fortnightly Morning Watch has been running for over 20 years now and in recent times copies of the Prayer Link which is used at the meetings have been circulated to other members of the congregation.

It has been decided to update the format to the prayer list and hopefully other members of the congregation will make use of this in their daily and personal prayers thinking about many different situations, concerns, illness, world and church difficulties etc. The updated Prayer Link will be available after the next meeting of Morning Watch on 7<sup>th</sup> March.

Any matters or names of folk requiring prayer should be forwarded to Rev McKenzie for inclusion on the Prayer Link. It is the intention to retain such situations or names on the list for one month unless otherwise requested

## **PRAYERS BEFORE SUNDAY SERVICES**

An opportunity is being offered to members of the congregation who may wish to meet for a short time in prayer before our Sunday morning services. We realise that there are many folk who have other commitments on Sunday mornings before the service – those preparing the church, the choir, the Minister, Clerk if Session, those preparing for the coffee bar etc. but those who do have the time will be able to pray for these folk and for the upcoming act of worship.

The Prayer Room (entrance by the Church Vestibule) will be available from 10.30 – 10.45 a.m. for those who wish to avail of this opportunity.

Please note that the little Prayer Room is available for anyone to use at any time the church building is open.

## **SPRING COMMUNICANT'S CLASSES**

Rev McKenzie will soon be starting his Spring Communicant's Classes; and anyone who may be interested to know more about become a communicant should please speak to Rev McKenzie within the next week or two.

## **READERS FOR CHURCH SERVICES**

If anyone would like to read a scripture lesson at the occasional Sunday morning service please speak to Rev McKenzie or sign the sheet in the McIntyre Suite.

## **REFLECTIONS BOOKLET**

Copies of the Reflections booklet 'Twenty Biblical Characters by various writers are now available at a cost of £6. If you would like one or have already ordered one please see Rev McKenzie.



## **WEEKLY NEWS SHEET**

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2023**  
**The First Sunday in Lent**



*'Search me, O God, and know my heart;  
try me, and know my thoughts; and see  
if there be any wicked in me, and lead me  
in the way everlasting'* Psalm 139: 23-24

MORNING SERVICE at 11.00 a.m in the Church  
Rev Edward McKenzie and the Church Choir  
Theme: 7<sup>th</sup> Favourite Hymn – 'I the Lord of sea and sky'  
Scripture readings: Galatians 5: 16-26 and ! Samuel 3

EVENING PRAYER AND BIBLE STUDY at 6.30 p.m. in the Church  
Rev McKenzie will lead a study of 1 John

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