

# 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 addres and hymn.

### PRAYER ROOM

The Prayer Room (beside the Church Vestibule) is open on Sundays from 10.30 - 10.45 a.m. for anyone wishing to have prayers before Morning Worship. The Prayer Room is available to anyone for quiet personal prayer or reflection at anytime when the church building is open.

# **COFFEE BAR**

The Coffee Bar is open in the Allen Hall after this morning's service and everyone is invited to stay behind for some refreshments and achat.

# CHURCH DOORS

As from today entering and exiting church for our Sunday services may be made through both the Front Main Church Doors and the McIntyre Suite. We thank the members of the congregation for their cooperation during the winter months when the front church doors were closed in an effort to conserve heat in the church.

# **CHURCH FLOWERS**

The Pedestal flowers are provided by the Kirk Session.

The Sanctuary flowers are provided by Mrs P Smyth, Culmaglen, Jordanstown. **PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN** 

PW will meet on Monday at 2.30 p.m. in the Barbour Hall. The speaker will be Margaret Grayson talking about 'Living with Promises' All welcome

# MORNING WATCH

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

### **BREWS BROTHERS**

The Brews Brothers men's group will meet on Tuesday at 12.30 p.m. in the McIntyre Suite.

### TEA AND TALK

Tea and Talk will meet on Wednesday from 2.00 - 3.30 p.m. in the McIntyre Suite **OFFICE HOURS** 

Rev McKenzie will be in the Minister's Room on Thursday from 6.30 – 8.00 p.m. **NEXT SUNDAY** 

Morning Worship at 11.00 a.m. Rev McKenzie and the Church Choir. Theme: 9<sup>th</sup> Favourite Hymn 'Be still my soul'

Evening Prayer and Bible Study at 6.30 p.m. Rev McKenzie (2 John)

# ST. PATRICK'S NIGHT HOOLEY

An Irish type Ceilidh and supper will be held on Friday week,  $17^{th}$  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.

## **MOTHERING SUNDAY**

Mothering Sunday service will be held on this day fortrnight,19<sup>th</sup> March at 11.00 a m **FAMILY FUN DAY** 

The Family Fun Day with lunch will be held on Saturday fortnight 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 week, 18<sup>th</sup> March either by emailing okayatcregagh@gmail.com or on the sheet in the McIntyre Suite.

# **APRIL DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!**

Sunday 2nd at 11.00 a.m.	Palm Sunday Communion
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> at 7.30 p.m.	Maundy Thursday Communion
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> from 12.00 noon-1.30	p.m. Good Friday Lenten Lunch
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> at 7.30 p.m.	'Lights Out' Good Friday Service
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> at 11.00 a.m.	Easter Day Service
Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup> at 7.30 p.m.	Malawi Team Quiz Night

# 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 today or next Sunday.

# 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.

### **MALAWI**

Marmalade, jam, chutney, Easter chocolates, scone and small gifts are all available for purchase today and next Sunday in the McIntyre Suite. Please take something and place a donation in the 'Pence for Porridge' jar on the table.

A new edition of the Prayer Booklet is also available – cost only  $\pounds 3.00$  each.

#### PRAYER LINK

The updated Prayer Link will be launched at this week's meeting of Morning Watch.

Members of the congregation may request prayer for themselves or someone they know at any time and the names will be kept on the list for prayer for one month unless otherwise requested. Any members of the congregation who do not receive the fortnightly Prayer Link list and would like to please speak to Rev McKenzie. Ther is also an open invitation to anyone to come along to the Morning Watch on which is held on alternate Tuesdays.

#### **CHURCH EVENT DIARY**

To ensure we make the best use of our Church halls, we have decided to reintroduce a diary check to ensure events do not clash or overlap. Anyone or any organisation considering arranging an event, (fundraising or otherwise), should contact Maureen Mulligan to ensure the date is available.

#### **KIDZONE**

There are several weeks on the rota between April and June that I have not got cover for yet for KidZone on a Sunday morning. If you could help out for a week or two then please let me know. New leaders are especially welcome, training is available, and you would never be put on the rota by yourself.

Contact: Karen McCurry (07552 606550)

#### IN APPRECIATION

Following the recent meeting of the Presbyterian Historical Society a note of appreciation was received: "To the Choir and Kirk Session, Please allow me to forward this little note of personal appreciation for your efforts last Thursday evening for the PHS lecture. The Choir were just marvellous and really set the mood of the event and it has been a long time since I've been somewhere so warm – you are an extremely welcoming bunch! My thanks and every blessing"

#### (Rev Scott Moore)

#### MARCH DUTY ROTAS

<u>KIRK SESSION</u> – Joan Taylor, Beth McNair, Robert McNair and Anne Graham. <u>CONGREGATIONAL COMMITTEE</u> – Elaine Gillespie, Christine Sharpe, Carol McCormick, Jenny Mooney, Maggi Hamilton, Alan McNair and Don Jackson. <u>SUNDAY COFFEE BAR</u> – (5<sup>th</sup>) Creche/Cathy McCormick (12<sup>th</sup>) OKAY/Peter Armstrong (19<sup>th</sup>) Youth Big Night/Lauren Fincham (26<sup>th</sup>) Parents and Toddlers/ Josephine Darragh.

<u>THURSDAY WELCOME CENTRE</u> –  $(2^{nd})$  Carol and Leslie Ferguson. (9<sup>th</sup>) Tommy and Agness Duncan. (16<sup>th</sup>) Robert McNair and James McCormick. (23<sup>rd</sup>) Eddie Harper. (30<sup>th</sup>) Pauline Gibson.





'The Lord is good to those whose hope is In him, to the one who seeks him; it is good to wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord' Lamentations 3: 25-26

'But you must return to your God; maintain love and justice, and wait for your God always' Hosea 12:6

MORNING SERVICE at 11.00 a.m in the Church Rev Edward McKenzie and the Praise Group Theme: 8<sup>th</sup> Favourite Hymn - 'Shine, Jesus, Shine' Scripture readings: Deuteronomy 17: 14-20 and 2 Corinthians 4.

CAFÉ CONNECT at 6.30 p.m. in the Allen Hall Rev McKenzie – 'Focus on Nigeria' Scripture readings: Deuteronomy 18: 1-8 and Galatians 6: 1-10

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