

EASTER GREETING

Leader: *Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ - Christ our King is Risen.*

ALL: Christ has truly risen. Alleluia!

Leader: *In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. Christ our King is Risen.*

ALL: Christ has truly risen. Alleluia!

Leader: *He has given us an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade – kept in heaven for us. Christ our King is Risen.*

ALL: Christ has truly risen. Alleluia!

Leader: *Though we have not seen him, we love him; and even though we do not see him now, we believe in him. Christ our King has Risen.*

ALL: Christ has truly risen. Alleluia!

Leader: *And we are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy...because....Christ our King is Risen.*

ALL: Christ has truly risen. Alleluia!



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 Easter Sunday. Its good to have some of our own members with us who are home for the Easter holiday. .. 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 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 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 not announced.

** 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..

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 a chat.

CHURCH FLOWERS

The Pedestal flowers today provided by Mr Dennison Mahood, Cregagh Road and Mrs Shirlene Denkowski, Newtownards are

‘In Memory of Tom and Susan Mahood’

The Sanctuary flowers provided by Mrs Robyn McCullough, Ballygowan Road are ‘In Memory of Tom’

TEA AND TALK

Tea and Talk will meet on Wednesday from 2.00 – 3.30 p.m. in the McIntyre Suite for an afternoon of fun, chat and refreshments. All welcome.

OFFICE HOURS

There will be no ‘Office Hours’ until Thursday 20th April when Rev McKenzie will be in the Minister's Room from 6.00 – 8.30 p.m.,

WALKING GROUP

The first walk of the new season will take place on Saturday, leaving the church at 9.30 a.m., for a walk from Helen's Bay to Bangor with an optional lunch at the Heatherlea Restaurant. Copies of the walking programme for this year are in the Church Vestibule and McIntyre Suite. New walkers are always welcome.

APRIL SERVICES

Sunday 16th at 11.00 a.m.

Mr Peter MacMillan

Sunday 23rd at 11.00 a.m.

Post Easter Youth Service

Sunday 23rd at 6.30 p.m.

Evening Prayer and Bible Study (3 John)

Sunday 30th at 11.30 a.m.

Note change of time due to Belfast Marathon

Sunday 30th at 6.30 p.m.

John Muntali (Malawi Update)

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

PW will meet on Monday week, 17th April at 2.30 p.m. in the Barbour Hall for the Annual General Meeting. Full attendance is requested.

TABLE QUIZ and AUCTION

A Table Quiz and Auction with proceeds in aid of the Malawi Team 2023 Trip will be held on Saturday week, 22nd April at 7.30 p.m. in the Allen Hall. £5 per person (minimum donation) Teams of 6 maximum. Questions for all ages. Tickets are now available from any member of the Malawi Trip Team.

VISIT OF JOHN MUNTALI

As part of John Muntali's visit to Cregagh at the end of the month he will give an update on the Malawi situation at a Café Connect type meeting on Sunday 30th April at 6.30 p.m. in the Allen Hall. Earlier that day John will be taking part in the Belfast Marathon to raise funds for Chifundo3 Children's Centre in Blantyre as well as other area affected areas following the recent cyclone. Sponsorship forms are available in the McIntyre Suite and Church Vestibule and hopefully an online donation form will follow shortly.

BELFAST MARATHON RELAY – Cregagh Relay Team

The participation of Cregagh members in the Marathon will not now take place.

MALAWI

Members are reminded that a suitcase is in the McIntyre Suite for donations of children's clothes or stationery which our Malawi Team will take with them in July. Also, there will be a meeting on Monday 1st May in the McIntyre Suite for anyone who would like to find out more about sponsorship of students in Malawi. Further information may be had from Rev McKenzie or Sheena Stewart.

AUTUMN FUND RAISING

Following the highly acclaimed success of the 'St Patrick's Night Hooley' in aid of the 'Malawi Team 2023' please keep a couple of dates free in your diary for more family fun in the autumn for Church Funds. A 'Battle of the Sexes' quiz scheduled for Friday 22nd September and 'A Movie night with a difference' is planned for Friday 17th November. More details to follow in due course. If you would like further information please speak to Elaine Molyneux.

TEA AND TOAST

Tea and Toast will be available before Sunday morning services on 23rd April, 14th May and 4th June. Volunteers required to help – please contact James McCormick on 07796947913

CURRY NIGHT

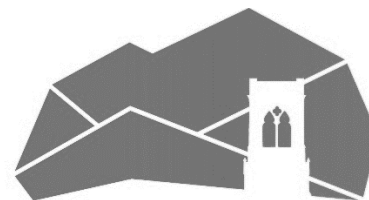
A Curry Night will be held on Saturday 20th May in the Allen Hall – proceeds for the Malawi Team 2023.

THE LATE DAWN JOHNSTON

We all greatly miss Dawn Johnston since her passing in January. Her employer, Deloitte, has opened an online Book of Condolence and everyone is welcome to add personal tributes and photographs to it. If you need any help with the technology, please contact Robert McNair on 07815 817411.

CONGREGATION'S TOP FIFTEEN FAVOURITE HYMNS 1.

1. 10,000 Reasons
2. In Christ alone
3. What a friend we have in Jesus
4. How great Thou art
5. Be Thou my vision
6. The Lord's my shepherd
7. I the Lord of sea and sky
8. Be still, for the presence of the Lord
9. Shine Jesus shine
10. Praise my soul the King of heaven
11. Great is Thy faithfulness
12. As the deer pants
13. Amazing Grace
14. By cool Siloam's shady rill
15. All my hope on God is founded



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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

WEEKLY NEWS SHEET

Sunday 9th April 2023

EASTER DAY



'This is the day which the Lord hath made: we will rejoice and be glad in it'

Psalm 118:24

'Now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first fruits of them that slept'

1 Corinthians 15:20

'Because I live (He says), ye also shall live'

John 14:19

TODAY'S SERVICE at 11.00 a.m in the Church

Rev McKenzie and the Church Choir

Sermon: 12th Favourite hymn: 'Praise my soul the King of heaven'

Scripture Readings: Hebrews 8 and Psalm 130

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