

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 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 Minister and Choir 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.

GUEST MINISTER

We would welcome back and thank the Rev Gary Ball who is conducting our service today. Rev Ball is the Associate Minister in Orangefield Presbyterian Church

CHRISTIAN AID OFFERING

If you didn't have an opportunity to contribute to Christian Aid last Sunday there are CA envelopes in the Church Vestibule and McIntyre Suite today for your use and these may be placed in the offering plate.

COFFEE BAR

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

CHURCH FLOWERS

The flowers today provided by Mrs B Elwood, Gorse Hill Close are 'In Memory'

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 6.00 – 8.30 p.m.

OPEN CHURCH

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

PENTECOST SUNDAY

The Pentecost Sunday service next week at 11.00 a.m. will be conducted by Rev McKenzie. At this service an Act of Commissioning for the Malawi Team 2023 travelling in July will take place.

MORNING WATCH

Morning Watch will meet on Tuesday week, 30th May at 10.45 a.m.

BREWS BROTHERS

Brews Brothers will meet on Tuesday week, 30th May at 12.30 p.m.

JUNIOR CHOIR CONCERT

The annual Junior Choir Concert will be held on Tuesday week, 30th May at 6.30 p.m. in the Allen Hall. The children are practising really well so please come along and give them your support.

Proceeds will be for the wide ranging work of Emmanuel Ministries Calcutta in Kolkata

MUSIC FOR A ROYAL OCCASION

Renaissance Chamber Choir are having a concert in Cregagh on Friday week, 2nd June at 7.30 p.m.. Music will include pieces sung at Coronations and Royal occasions spanning many years. There will be a retiring collection on the evening. Further details from Dorothy Platt (07803 264286)

WALKING GROUP

The Walking Group will meet on Saturday week, 3rd June at 9.30 a.m. at the church for a walk in Castleward.

CHILDREN'S DAY

Our annual Children's Day service will be held on this day fortnight, Sunday 4th June at 11.00 a.m.

SUMMER COMMUNION

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be observed on Sunday 25th June at 7 pm.

LEVEL 3 EMERGENCY PAEDIATRIC FIRST AID COURSE

This course will cover a range of CPR and First Aid skills relating specifically to children and infants, and lasts approx 7 hours. It is Ofqual accredited and is valid for 3 years. It is hoped to run it at the church on the first two Monday evenings in June (dates/times may change to suit those interested), and for those associated with the church the cost is reduced to only £30. If you are a leader that works with children or are just an interested parent, minder or grandparent, then this could be the course for you. Contact Karen McCurry for further details (07552 606550)



RECYCLING IN CREGAGH!

Last Sunday at our Christian Aid service we heard about the effects of climate change. Our response: to collect limited items for recycling on an ongoing basis. We have three bins outside, one for crisp packets, one for bread bags and one for old toothbrushes and toothpaste tubes. Please shake out the crumbs from the crisp packets and bread bags and pack flat in the appropriate bin. Drop dental things in bin – it's that easy! The things then go to a local Terracycle agent for recycling.

TEARFUND RUBBISH CAMPAIGN

Over the next year almost 200 governments, including our own will be meeting to develop the first ever 'plastics treaty', an international agreement on plastic pollution. Please pick up a 'Join our rubbish' campaign leaflet from the McIntyre Suite or Church Vestibule. If you complete the back page and bring it back to church Maureen Mulligan will take them all to the Tearfund office and save you the expense of an envelope and stamp.

CHRISTIAN AID 'Thank you'

A huge thanks to everyone who helped in various ways to make last Saturday's Christian Aid Coffee Morning/Cake Sale such an enjoyable and successful event. It is wonderful to have such willing helpers who are very much appreciated. All sponsor walk money can be given today or next Sunday to Sandra Harper. The total amount raised by Cregagh for Christian Aid will be announced next week.

SUITCASE FOR MALAWI

Many thanks to all who contributed items for the Malawi Team to take to Malawi in July. The generosity of the congregation has meant that the suitcase in the McIntyre Suite has been filled several times over the past few weeks and as such items received has reached capacity. The members of the Malawi Team are most grateful.

A POEM FOR ASCENSION SUNDAY by Robert Westveer

*Up through endless ranks of angels,
Cries of triumph in his ears,
To his heavenly throne ascending,
Having vanquished all their fears,
Christ looks down upon his faithful,
Leaving them in happy tears.*

*To our lives of wanton wandering
Send your promised Spirit-Guide,
Through our lives of fear and failure
With your power and love abide;
Welcome us, as you were welcomed,
To an endless Eastertide.*

*Death destroying, life restoring,
proven equal to our need,
now for us before the Father
as our brother intercede:
flesh that for the world was wounded,
Living, for the wounded plead.*

*Alleluia, alleluia,
oh, to breath the Spirit's grace!
Alleluia, alleluia!
oh, to see the Father's face!
Alleluia, alleluia,
Oh, to feel the Son's embrace*



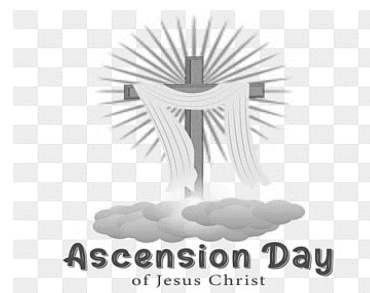
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WEEKLY NEWS SHEET

21st May 2023

Ascension Sunday



'Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice: and let men say among the nations, the Lord reigneth'

Chronicles 16:31

'The Lord is King for ever and ever'

Psalms 19:16

'Lead me to the rock that is higher than I'

Psalms 62:2

TODAY'S SERVICE at 11.00 a.m.
Rev Gary Ball and the Church Choir
Sermon theme: 'An encounter with Jesus'
Scripture Readings: Exodus 3: 1-6 and Luke 5: 1-11

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