



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 full postal address.

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

We would welcome our guest minister this morning, Rev Colin McCormick who is the Former Rector of the Parish of Clonannon and Warenpoint with Kilbroney)

**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.

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 M MacLaren, Ravenhill Park, are 'In Memory of Alfie'

CONGREGATIONAL COMMITTEE

Members of the Congregational Committee are asked to collect their district supplies of the Annual Church Directory from outside the Session Room today and make deliveries as soon as possible.

MORNING WATCH

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

BREWS BROTHERS

Brews Brothers Mens Group will meet on Tuesday at 12.30 p.m. at the home of Anne and Michael Graham, Moneyreagh. For further details contact Michael today

TEA AND TALK

Tea and Talk will meet on Wednesday from 2.00 – 3.30 p.m. in the McIntyre Suite.

OPEN CHURCH

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

WALKING GROUP

The Walking Group will meet on Saturday at 9.30 a.m. at the church for a walk in Tollymore Forest Park. This will be walking a good track and return to Belfast at approx 3.00 p.m. (lunch optional)

NEXT SUNDAY

The service next Sunday at 11.00 a.m. will be conducted by Rev Dr Jim Campbell (Minister Emeritus of Cooke Centenary Presbyterian Church)

PCI GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The Annual Meetings of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland will take place from Wednesday 21st – Saturday 24th June in Church House, Assembly Buildings.

The Opening Night and Installation of the Incoming Moderator, Rev Dr Sam Mawhinney, takes place on the Wednesday at 7.00 p.m.

The Under 30's Fringe Event on the Thursday at 6.00 p.m.

Evening Celebration with Rev Jonty Rhodes (Founding Pastor of Christ Church, Leeds) on the Thursday at 7.45 p.m.

Midday Worship on Thursday at 12.15 p.m.

Holy Communion on Friday at 11.45 a.m.

Members of the congregation may sit in the Public Gallery for the Business Sessions which are held on Thursday (10.00 a.m. – approx 5.00 p.m.), Friday (10.00 a.m. – approx 9.00 p.m.) or Saturday (10.30 a.m. – approx 4.00 p.m.)

You come and go as you please during the Business Sessions.

SUNDAY 25th JUNE

Morning Worship at 11.00 a.m.

Mr Thomas Clarke

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper at 7.00 p.m.

Rev Edward McKenzie

CONGREGATIONAL ANNUAL MEETING

The AGM for the congregation will take place in the church following the service of communion on Sunday evening, 25th June. As with last year's AGM we will mainly focus on the financial health of the Congregation of Cregagh Presbyterian. In accordance with the rules of PCI such a congregational meeting must be announced at least two weeks before the meeting. This is the second announcement.

TASTE TEST FOR MALAWI

Agri Foods Institute are running a fizzydrinks Taste Panel on Tuesday fortnight, 27th June at 7.00 p.m. at Newforge Lane, Belfast. They are looking for a group of 15 and the session will last around one hour. In return Agri Foods will make a contribution to Cregagh Malawi Fund which will go towards upcoming student fees and uniforms for our sponsored students.

If you're free to come along please contact Cathy McCormick (07803 907637)

VOLUNTEER HELP!

Both KidZone and the Sunday Coffee Bar require cover over July and August. If you could help out on one of the Sundays over the summer, could you please fill your name in on the rota sheets in the McIntyre Suite.

New helpers always welcome

SUMMER HOLIDAY BIBLE CLUB – Advance Notice

This year's Summer Holiday Bible Club will take place from Monday 14th August – Friday 18th August with the HBC Service on Sunday 20th August at 11.00 a.m.

Further details will follow.

RECYCLING IN CREGAGH!

You are reminded of the three bins outside, in front of the Allen Hall, each Sunday. 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 –its that easy!

Please ensure that you only place items in the bins that are listed on the outside of the bins

CHRISTIAN AID

The Mission Group have topped up Cregagh's amount raised for Christian Aid bringing the total to £2000. This has now been sent to CA.

JULY NEWS SHEET

Items for inclusion in July News Sheet should be submitted not later than Wednesday 28th June.

MINISTER'S ABSENCE

Rev McKenzie will be away until Sunday evening, 25th June. Any matters requiring urgent attention until then may be referred to the Clerk of Session, Michael Graham (07548 635075) or Rev Andy Galbraith (Fisherwick PC) – (07813 122453)

REV MCKENZIE – ARMY CHAPLAIN

Upon being accepted into the Army Reserves our Minister was commissioned as a Chaplain, wearing the rank of Captain. This commission is probationary and is only confirmed upon the successful completion of a series of training courses and meeting of certain standards. This must be achieved within a two-year period.

This training includes four weeks at the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst.

Rev McKenzie previously completed a fortnight in the winter and now returns to face the remaining two weeks. The course will be demanding mentally and physically, and he is very thankful for the prayers of the church family.

This has been his ambition since his early teenage years, and he is humbled and grateful for the members of Cregagh who have encouraged him to see it through.

It would be his hope that the congregation would be proud, in the right sense of the word, if he is successful in passing this final stage.



WEEKLY NEWS SHEET **Sunday 11th June 2023**



*'Lo, the winter is past, the rain is gone;
the flowers appear on the earth;
the time of the singing of birds is come,
and the voice of the turtle is heard on
the land'*

Song of Solomon 2:3

TODAY'S SERVICE at 11.00 a.m.

Rev Colin McCormick and the Church Choir

Sermon theme: 'Standing and Walking in the Presence of God'

Scripture Readings: Exodus 14: 5-6 and 10-14 and Philippians 3: 7-14

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