



*Presbyterian Women is an organisation with the Presbyterian Church in Ireland that enables, encourages and equips women to become disciples of Christ.
Cregagh's branch was founded on 27th March 1933 under the leadership of Mrs Eva Stewart, wife of the first minister of Cregagh, Rev Dr David Stewart.*

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. This morning 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 childrens 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 hymn boards – hymn books 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/Speaker and Choir enter, and remain standing until the Minister/Speaker 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 and the Minister/Speaker and Choir leave and the Bible is carried from church.

PW 90th ANNIVERSARY

We are delighted to have former members and friends of the PW in Cregagh today as we meet to give thanks and celebrate the 90th Anniversary of the organisation which has had several names over the years – founded in 1933 as the Women's Christian Union (WCU), then Women's Missionary Association (WMA), Presbyterian Women's Association (PWA) and now Presbyterian Women (PW) The group has been the principle promoter of overseas and home mission in Cregagh and our thanks are due to them for the excellent work, support and fund raising for missionary causes over the past 90 years.

We thank Mrs Robyn McCullough (Leader), Mrs Lesley Mackenzie (Deputy Leader) and the ladies of the PW for their assistance in leading our worship today.

We would welcome and thank our guest Speaker this morning, Heather McCracken who is Deaconess with the Belfast Health and Social care Trust.

RETIRING OFFERING

The Retiring Offering after the PW service is in aid of PW Mission Funds.

COFFEE BAR

The Coffee Bar is open in the Allen Hall after this morning's service and we hope as many as possible will remain behind for some refreshments and a chat.

CHURCH FLOWERS

The Pedestal flowers provided by Mrs Elaine Peel are: 'In Memory of Sam and Florence Dalzell'

The Sanctuary flowers are provided by Presbyterian Women

BLOBS

Blobs will meet on Tuesday at 9.45 a.m. in the McIntyre Suite.

MORNING WATCH

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

BREWS BROTHERS

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 at 2.00 p.m. in the McIntyre Suite.

OFFICE HOURS

There will be no Thursday evening 'Office Hours' until further notice. Any matters requiring attention may be referred to Rev McKenzie (07809 674068)

OPEN CHURCH

The church will be open as usual on Friday from 10.00 a.m. – 12.00 noon

NEXT SUNDAY

Morning Service at 11.00 a.m. Rev McKenzie and the Church Choir
Theme: World Development Appeal 2023

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

CHRISTMAS OUTREACH

A door-to-door outreach to the local area will be carried out next Sunday afternoon from 2.00 p.m when invitations to the Community Carols in the Carpark will be handed out. Volunteers to help with this would be much appreciated – please give your name to Rev McKenzie if you can help..

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS DATES IN DECEMBER

Sunday 3 rd at 11.00 a.m.	Service for Advent with Readings and Carols
Wednesday 6 th at 7.00 p.m.	Willowfield Funerals Christmas Memorial Service
Saturday 9 th at 7.00 p.m.	Youth Christmas .Big Night'
Sunday 10 th at 11.00 a.m.	KidZone Christmas Tree Gift Service
Sunday 10 th at 4.00 p.m.	Carols in the Carpark
Sunday 17 th at 11.00 a.m.	Handbell Choir Christmas Service
Sunday 17 th at 7.00 p.m.	Candlelight Service of Nine Lessons and Carols
Sunday 24 th at 11.00 a.m.	Christmas Eve Morning Worship
Sunday 24 th at 11.30 p.m.	Christmas Eve in Cregagh by Candlelight
Monday 25 th at 9.00 a.m.	Christmas Day Family Service
Sunday 31 st at 11.00 a.m.	Last Service of 2024
Sunday 31 st at 4.00 p.m.	Combined 'Lights Out' Service in Cregagh Methodist with Cregagh PC and Salvation Army

CHRISTMAS WORKSHOP

A Flower Arranging Christmas Workshop will be held on Friday week, 1st December at 7.00 p.m. in the Allen Hall to make a Christmas Door Swag or Door Wreath (either can also be used for graves) The fee for the class is £15 which will all go to Emmanuel Ministries Callcutta. So that the right holders can be purchased in advance Maureen Mulligan will need to know which you wish to make (swag or wreath) The holders and other items that can be used will be on sale at wholesale price on the night. If you already have items you would like to use please bring them with you. As numbers are limited please let Maureen know as soon as possible if you wish to attend.

.MOVIE NIGHT WITH A DIFFERENCE

With Christmas rapidly approaching and Advent just a matter of three weeks away thoughts for many of us are turning to shopping!! With a number of special services and events coming up in December we have decided to postpone the 'Movie Night with a Difference' scheduled for Friday 8th December. All being well we will reschedule for a less congested time in the diary. However, please keep Friday 23rd February 2024 free for a concert in the Church performed by 'The Clare Chorale', Ballyclare. Details to follow in due course.

CHRISTIAN AID

Christian Aid are celebrating the impact of CA's work in Bangladesh by holding an evening of Christmas Crafts and Cooking on Thursday week, 30th November at 7.00 p.m. in 1st Bangor Presbyterian Church (now City Church Bangor) Tickets at only £5 incl. refreshments on arrival, all crafts created and sampling the cooking. Further details about booking etc. available from Sandra Harper.

CHURCH FLOWERS – CALENDAR FOR 2024

The Flower Calendar for 2024 is available for inspection by those who normally supply the church flowers each week. Please check the dates etc. before the end of the year as changes may not be possible during 2024. There are several vacant dates if any members would like to supply flowers for an anniversary or in remembrance etc. Please speak to Maureen Mulligan or Dennison Mahood about any queries.

We would thank those who supply flowers each week and also to those members who generously responded to the recent request for flower fund donations.

WIDER WORLD

Copies of 'Wider World' for 2024 will be ordered at the start of January. The annual subscription is £7 for 4 magazines which is excellent value. This publication is suitable for women in the Presbyterian Church of all ages and always has very interesting articles. Any new subscribers or anyone wishing to change their order should contact Dorothy Platt (07803 264286)



WEEKLY NEWS SHEET **Sunday 19th November 2023**



'Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; for His steadfast love endures forever' 1Chronicles 16:34

'This is the day that the Lord has made, let us be glad and rejoicer in it' Psalm 118:24



MORNING SERVICE at 11.00 a.m in the Church.

Presbyterian Women 90th Anniversary Service

Conducted by Robyn McCullough (Leader) and Lesley McKenzie (Deputy Leader)

Speaker: Heather McCracken

Theme: ' Being Transformed'

Scripture Readings: Psalm 121 and Mark 10: 13-16

EVENING SERVICE at 7.00 p.m. in the Church

Choral Service – Theme: 'Faith, Hope and Love'

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