

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 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 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 we hope as many as possible will remain behind for some refreshments and a chat.

CHURCH FLOWERS

The flowers today provided by Denise and David Douglas are 'In Memory of John and Pearl'

CHRISTMAS COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Invitations to the Christmas events and services by Cregagh Methodist, Salvation Army and Cregagh Presbyterian are being issued door-to-door this afternoon from 2.00 p.m. If you would like to help with this please speak to Rev McKenzie this morning.

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)

CHRISTIAN AID

Christian Aid's evening of Christmas Crafts and Cooking celebrating the impact of CA's work in Bangladesh will be held on Thursday at 7.00 p.m. in First Bangor Presbyterian Church. Further details please contact Sandra Harper.

OPEN CHURCH

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

CHRISTMAS WORKSHOP

The Christmas Wreath and Swag Workshop arranged by Maureen Mulligan takes place on Friday from 7.00 p.m. in the Allen Hall. All places are now booked.

Following this event there will be tables in the McIntyre Suite displaying many hand made craft items (Christmas and otherwise) available for purchase on Sunday 3rd and Sunday 10th December.

Proceeds from the event and craft table are in aid of Emmanuel Ministries Calcutta.

NEXT SUNDAY – First Sunday in Advent

Our Annual Service of Readings and Music for Advent will be held at 11.00 a.m.

The Sacrament of Baptism will be administered following the Morning Service.

CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL SERVICE

The Christmas Memorial Service arranged by Willowfield Private Funeral Home will be held in Cregagh on Wednesday week, 6th December at 7.00 p.m.

Although this is mainly a time of remembrance for those loved ones who passed away in 2023 and whose funerals were undertaken by Willowfield Funeral Home, members of the congregation are invited to attend.

The service will be conducted by Rev McKenzie.

CHURCH DECORATION

The church will be decorated for the Christmas season on Friday week, 8th December from 2.00 p.m. Gifts of holly or greenery would be very useful and may be left at the church any morning (Monday 4th –Thursday 7th) or Thursday evening.

YOUTH 'BIG NIGHT'

The Christmas youth 'Big Night' will be held on Saturday week, 9th December.

CHRISTMAS TREE GIFT SERVICE

The KidZone Christmas Tree Gift Service will be held on this day fortnight, 10th December at 11.00 a.m. All children (and adults if they wish) are invited to bring their gifts (toys, books, sweets etc.- unwrapped) to the Christmas Tree. The gifts will then be taken to the Belfast Central Mission for distribution to needy children and families in Belfast.

CAROLS IN THE CARPARK

The Community Carols in the Carpark will take place on this day fortnight, 10th December at 4.00 p.m. in Cregagh Presbyterian Carpark under the auspices of our own congregation, Cregagh Methodist and Salvation Army.

Christmas refreshments will be served afterwards.



OTHER CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Sunday 17th December at 11.00 a.m.

Handbell Choir Christmas Service

Sunday 17th December at 7.00 p.m.

Candlelight Service of Nine Lessons and Carols

Sunday 24th December at 11.00 a.m.

Christmas Eve Morning Worship

Sunday 24th December at 11.30 p.m.

Christmas Eve in Cregagh by Candlelight

Monday 25th December at 9.00 a.m.

Christmas Day Family Service

Sunday 31st December at 11.00 a.m.

Last Service of 2023 in Cregagh

Sunday 31st December at 4.00 p.m.

Combined 'Lights Out' Service in Cregagh Methodist

CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS

'World Development' (for PCI World Development Appeal) and 'Cregagh Christmas' for Congregational Mission Projects) envelopes will be in the pews over the Christmas period 10th – 31st December for your use.

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.

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)

DUTY ROTAS FOR DECEMBER

KIRK SESSION – Anne Graham, Joan Taylor, Beth McNair and Robert McNair.

CONGREGATIONAL COMMITTEE – Ruth Hill, Jim Hill, James McCormick,

Ivan Taylor, Thomas Clarke, Susan Forsythe and Andrew Todd.

COFFEE BAR – (3rd) Creche/Cathy McCormick. (19th) OKAY/Peter Armstrong.

(17th) Malawi Group/James McCormick. (24th) Congregational Committee/Ruth Hill

FLOWER DELIVERY – (3rd) Hewitt Family.

THURSDAY DOOR DUTY – (7th) Pauline Gibson. (14th) Joan & Malcom Taylor



WEEKLY NEWS SHEET Sunday 26th November 2023



'And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased'

Hebrews 13:16

'Carry each others burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ'

Galatians 6:2

MORNING SERVICE at 11.00 a.m in the Church
Conducted by Rev McKenzie assisted by James McCormick
Theme: 'World Development Appeal 2023'
Scripture Readings: Isaiah 58: 6-12 and Matthew 25: 31-46

EVENING PRAYER and BIBLE STUDY at 6.30 p.m.. in the Church
Rev McKenzie. Study of John

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