



### The Purple Candle of Love

*Today we light the Second Candle of Advent, the Candle of Love. In their old age God gave to Zechariah and Elizabeth a son called John. John spoke to the people bravely in the desert denying his own comforts and prepared to die for what he believed. John taught that we should share with others, treat each other kindly and show God's love. He did this because he cared for people and wanted them to repent.*

### **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 Second Sunday in Advent. 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 children's address and hymn.

### **TEA AND TOAST**

Tea and Toast are being served in the McIntyre Suite before this morning's service.

### **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.

### **HANDMADE CRAFTS**

A lovely selection of handmade craft items, Christmas and otherwise, are on display in the McIntyre Suite today. A good opportunity to purchase some nice Christmas gifts. Proceeds from the sale of these items will go towards Emmanuel Ministries Calcutta.

### **PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN**

PW will meet on Monday at 2.30 p.m. in the Allen Hall for an afternoon of 'Festive Cheer' with Anne Stevenson. The ladies of PW would be happy to welcome any ladies in the congregation to this relaxed time of fellowship.

### **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 'Office Hours' until further notice. Any matters requiring attention may be referred to Rev McKenzie (07809 674068).

### **OPEN CHURCH**

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

### **CONGREGATIONAL FINANCES**

Members are reminded that there are only three more Sundays on which to bring your 2023 WFO, Property Fund and United Appeal contributions up to date.

The Congregational finance books will close promptly on 31<sup>st</sup> December.



## **CHRISTMAS AT CREGAGH**



**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 11.00 a.m.**

Handbell Choir Christmas Service

Rev McKenzie and the Bible Class will lead the service

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 7.00 p.m.**

Candlelight Service of Nine Lessons and Carols

The Christmas Message presented in Scripture and Carols in a traditional Christmas setting. The first seven lessons this year will be read by ladies of Presbyterian Women to mark 90 years of the organisation in Cregagh.

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December at 11.00 a.m.**

Christmas Eve Morning Worship

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December at 11.30 p.m.**

Christmas Eve in Cregagh by Candlelight

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> December at 9.00 a.m.**

Christmas Day Family Service.

**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> December at 11.00 a.m.**

New Year's Eve Service – the Last Service in Cregagh in 2023.

**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> December at 4.00 p.m.**

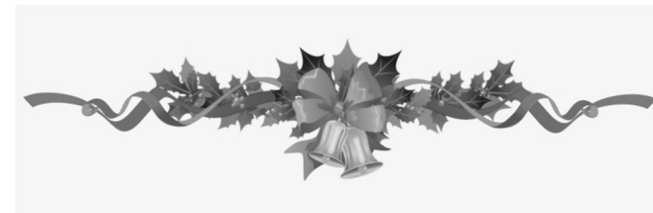
'Lights Out' Service of Reflection and Remembrance

In Cregagh Methodist Church

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at 11.00 a.m.**

New Year Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

**Christmas Offerings:** 'World Development' (for PCI World Development Appeal) And 'Cregagh Christmas' (for Congregational Mission Projects)  
Envelopes are in the pews today and over the Christmas period.



## **MALAWI CALENDAR 2024**

A fundraising calendar, in aid of projects in Malawi supported by Cregagh, will be available from next Sunday. Suggested minimum donation £5

A great stocking filler!

## **CHURCH FLOWER CALENDAR**

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. Contacts: Maureen Mulligan and Dennison Mahood.

## **CHURCH PUBLICATIONS**

### 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)

### PRESBYTERIAN HERALD

The Presbyterian Herald for 2024 will be ordered at the end of December.

The annual subscription has increased to £20 for 10 copies. Each issue provides a forum for debate and discussion on a wide range of topics which aim to inform and inspire the reader. New subscribers are welcome and any existing who wish to change their order should please contact Joan Taylor (07791 150354).



***May the Christmas gifts remind you of God's greatest gift  
His only begotten Son.***

***May the Christmas candles remind you of Him who is the  
'Light of the World'***

***May the Christmas trees remind you of another tree  
upon which Jesus died for you***

***May the Christmas cheer remind you of Him who said  
'Be of good cheer'***

***May the Christmas bell remind you of the glorious  
proclamation of His birth***

***May the Christmas also remind you of the song the angels  
sang 'Glory to God....'***

***May the Christmas season remind you in every way of  
Jesus Christ your King.***



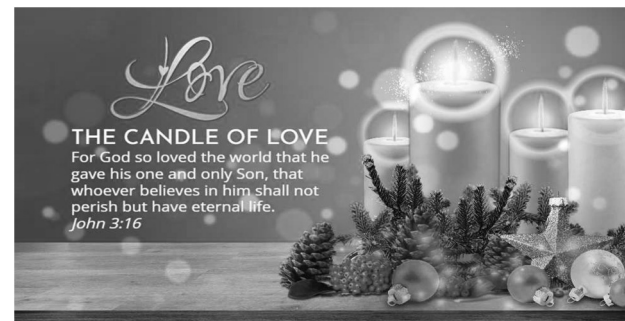
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## **WEEKLY NEWS SHEET**

### **10<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

## **The Second Sunday in Advent**



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

Kidzone Christmas Tree Gift Service

Theme: 'Starry Christmas'

Scripture Readings: Psalm 147: 1-11 and Matthew 2: 1-12

CAROLS IN THE CARPARK at 4.00 p.m.

Community Event organised by Cregagh Presbyterian,  
Cregagh Methodist and the Salvation Army.

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