

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 children's hymn

ORDER OF SERVICE

** The following may help our visitors to share in the service:-

**This morning the Offering is after the Sermon and is unannounced

** Please stand as the collectors bring the Offering to the Sanctuary for dedication.

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 Elaine Peel

PRE SERVICE PRAYER

Each Lord's Day a short prayer meeting takes place in the prayer room, located beside the Church Vestibule at 10:30am, all are welcome

OPEN CHURCH

The church will be open on Fridays from 10am – 12.00 noon.

NEXT SUNDAY

BBC Radio Ulster will be coming to Cregagh to live record our Advent Service of music and readings next Sunday. The service will 'go out' at 10:03am. In order for sound check and preliminaries to be complete prior to broadcast **the congregation need to be seated with doors closed by 9:30am sharp.** The service will last around 40mins. Kidzone, creche and coffee bar will be still be available

CONGREGATIONAL COMMITTEE

Committee will meet on Monday at 7:45pm in the session room with Finance

Committee meeting at 7:15pm in the Minister's room.

District deliveries are available for collection

TUESDAY

10:45am Morning Watch in the session room

12:30pm Brews Brothers Mens Group (Brews Brothers will meet again 10th December and will have their christmas dinner on 17th)

TEA AND TALK

Tea and Talk will meet on Wednesday at 2pm and again on 11th December.

WALKING GROUP

The final walk of the season will be on Sat 30th Nov in Lady Dixon Park followed by lunch in Bob Stewart's. Folk are asked to meet either in the church carpark at 10:30am or in the upper car park in Lady Dixon Park at 10:45am. If the weather is bad, the walk will be abandoned but the lunch will still go ahead.

DECEMBER SERVICES

8th – Kidzone Christmas Tree Service – 11am (members are encouraged to bring unwrapped toys to be left under the tree for Belfast City Mission)

15th – Youth Bible Class Christmas Service – 11am

Carols in the car park – 4pm

22nd – Handbell Choir Service – 11am

Candlelight Carol Service – 7pm

Tuesday 24th – Christmas Eve Service – 11:30pm

Wednesday 25th – Christmas Day Family Service – 9am

29th – Last Sunday of 2024 – 11am

Tuesday 31st – Last Light Service – 4pm – Cregagh Methodist Church

PRAYER WALK

There will be another prayer walk for our Cregagh community happening on Monday 2nd December. Meeting at Cregagh Methodist at 7:30pm. This is a joint venture between the Methodist Church, Salvation Army and ourselves. Folk of all ages are encouraged to come along.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY GROUP

Next Bible study meeting will be held on Wednesday 4th December at 10:30am in Maureen Mulligan's home. All newcomers will be most welcome

CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL SERVICE

The christmas memorial service arranged by Willowfield Private Funeral Home will be held in Cregagh on Wednesday 4th December at 7pm. Although this is mainly a time of remembrance of loved ones who passed away in 2024 and whose funerals were undertaken by Willowfield, members of the congregation and others are welcome to come along. The service will be conducted by Rev McKenzie

DECORATING

We will be decorating the church for Christmas on Friday 6th Decemeber from 10am, any help form members who are free to assist would be very much appreciated

CHRISTMAS WORKSHOP

There will be a class to make either a door wreath or swag for Christmas on Friday 6th December from 7:30-9:30pm. If interested please speak to Maureen

YOUTH BIG 'CHRISTMAS' NIGHT

Youth Big Night's christmas jumper competition and party will be on Saturday 7th December, 7-9pm. All P7 and up are welcome. Please let us know who all can come along.

BLOBS

BLOBS will meet on Tuesday 10th December at 9:30am

CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAYRE

Once again a big thank you to everyone involved in putting the craft fayre together. We are delighted to announce that the sum of £1,582.50 was raised for church funds.

DIRECTORY AND STATEMENTS OF ACCOUNTS FOR 2024

Organisations are asked to send their annual reports for 2024, including venue for meeting, day, time, leaders names, contact details and numbers attending to David Gillespie at d.gillespie@ntlworld.com by Sunday 12th January 2025.

TEARFUND

The recent Tearfund service raised £361.22 including gift aid for the amazing work they do all over the world. If anyone would still wish to contribute, to add to this total, please speak to Maureen

MALAWI

The Malawi Working Group would like to enter a relay team in next year's Belfast Marathon to raise funds for our friends in Malawi. If you're up for the challenge or want an incentive to work off all those Christmas treats please join the team.

Contact Ian Sheppard for more details

FLOURISH NI

At a recent meeting with Flourish NI we were made aware by staff that they have relocated to premises at Botanic Avenue. The increase for their support is at an all-time high due to the number of referrals to their services (male, females and family units). This has caused a drain on resources and in particular their food bank. They are short on the following items, coffee, ketchup, mayo, noodles, spices, tuna, sardines, rice, cooking oil, toilet rolls. I know things are tough at present but if you could provide one or two items during the month of Nov, it really would be appreciated. Jill Robinson has asked the congregation to pray for the staff and vulnerable clients. Flourish NI is a Christian organisation which provides much needed support for Victims of Human Trafficking. Jill will attend (DV) at our Connect Service in the New Year to speak on their work.

CHURCH DOORS

In an effort to conserve heat in the church over the winter months the main front church door will remain closed on Sundays, with the exception of special services, for the next few months. Entrance may be made through the McIntyre Suite Doors.

WEEKLY NEWS SHEET

Please forward any items for the weekly news sheet to Rev McKenzie no later than Wednesday each week. emckenzie@presbyterianireland.org

DECEMBER DUTY ROTAS

KIRK SESSION- Joan Taylor, Anne Graham, Beth & Robert McNair

CONGREGATIONAL COMMITTEE- Ruth Hill, Jim Hill, James McCormick, Ivan Taylor, Thomas Clarke, Susan Forsythe, Andrew Todd

COFFEE BAR- (1st) OKAY (8th) Kirk Session (15th) Kidzone (22nd) PW (29th) Congregational Committee

FLOWER DELIVERY- (1st) The Hewitt Family and Barbara Dunlop (8th) James & Cathy McCormick and Drew & Geraldine Haire

THURSDAY DOOR- (5th) Eddie Harper (12th) Gordon & Barbara Dunlop



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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

WEEKLY NEWS SHEET

Morning Worship

24th November 2024



*“Love the Lord your God
with all your heart and with
all your soul and with all
your strength”
(Deuteronomy ch6 v5)*

MORNING SERVICE at 11a.m in the Church.

Rev Edward McKenzie and the praise group

Theme: 'Listen!'

Scripture Readings: Deuteronomy ch30 v1-10 and

Matthew ch22 v34-40

Café connect at 6:30pm

In the Allen hall

Army Chaplaincy update

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