

## **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 this morning will leave church just before the service commences.

### **ORDER OF SERVICE**

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

\*\* Please follow the printed order of service, you are invited to stand for the congregational singing and for the Benediction

\*\*There will be no offering lifted at this mornings service however plates will be available to place your contribution as you arrive or leave

### **TODAY'S SERVICE**

We are delighted to welcome Rev Dr Bert Tosh and his colleagues from BBC Radio Ulster to our service today and look forward to sharing on the airwaves this morning. We also welcome Mr Gordon Myers back to the organ and offer our thanks to him, the readers, John and the choir for their work in putting today's service together.

### **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 are provided by Denise and David Douglas and are 'In Memory of John and Pearl'

### **PRE SERVICE PRAYER**

Normally 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**

Next Lord's Day we look forward to our Kidzone Christmas Tree Gift Service at 11am and encourage a good attendance to support the children of our church and their leaders. Everyone is invited to bring unwrapped toys to be placed under the Christmas tree.

### **PRAYER WALK**

There will be another prayer walk for our Cregagh community happening tomorrow evening. 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.

### **CHRISTMAS INVITATIONS**

It is hoped to distribute Christmas invitations around the area on Tuesday evening. If anyone would be available to help please speak to Rev McKenzie.

## **WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY GROUP**

Next Bible study meeting will be held on Wednesday 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 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 from 10am, any help from 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 from 7:30-9:30pm. Final numbers for the class must be known by Tuesday at the latest. Also would those who have indicated that they are taking part please let Maureen know if you wish to make a wreath or swag.

### **YOUTH BIG 'CHRISTMAS' NIGHT**

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

### **PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN**

PW will meet at 1pm on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December in the Allen Hall for their Christmas lunch, following by entertainment with Anne Stevenson.

A thank you – "Grateful thanks from the Prison Fellowship to members of Cregagh PW who so kindly donated food items to be made up into Christmas hampers and given to prisoners' families who are struggling financially. Your donations are gratefully received."

### **BLOBS**

BLOBS will meet on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 9:30am

### **MORNING WATCH**

Morning Watch will meet on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 10:45am for their last gathering before Christmas.

### **BREWS BROTHERS**

Brews Brothers will meet on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 12:30 and will have their Christmas dinner on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup>.

### **TEA AND TALK**

Tea and Talk will meet on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December for their last meeting before Christmas.

### **CHRISTMAS SERVICES**

**15<sup>th</sup> – Youth Bible Class Christmas Service – 11am**

**Carols in the car park – 4pm (Please spread the word!!)**

**22<sup>nd</sup> – Handbell Choir Service – 11am**

**Candlelight Carol Service – 7pm**

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Eve Service – 11:30pm**

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Day Family Service – 9am**

**29<sup>th</sup> – Last Sunday of 2024 – 11am**

**Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> – Last Light Service – 4pm – Cregagh Methodist Church**

\*\* Over the years the generosity of the congregation and visitors to our Christmas offering has been much appreciated. This year we would again invite folk to contribute using the special envelopes. All funds raised will go to our mission account supporting the work of the Kingdom at home and abroad. Thank you in advance.\*\*

#### **PRESBYTERIAN HERALD**

The December/January copy of the Herald is ready for collection.

The *Presbyterian Herald* is the official magazine of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. It provides a forum for debate and discussion on a wide range of topics and aims to educate, inform and inspire Presbyterians and the general public. The *Herald* contains news items, reflection pieces and articles from a wide range of sources. Contributors come from many spheres, including academics, ministers and fellow Presbyterians. As your 'Herald' agent could I ask those who do not already receive a copy to give serious thought to subscribing. The Herald is issued 10 times in the year and the cost is £20. New subscribers or anyone wishing to change their order please contact Joan Taylor (07791150354) before the end of December.

#### **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](mailto:d.gillespie@ntlworld.com) by Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2025.

#### **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

#### **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](mailto: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- (1<sup>st</sup>) OKAY (8<sup>th</sup>) Kirk Session (15<sup>th</sup>) Kidzone (22<sup>nd</sup>) PW (29<sup>th</sup>)

Congregational Committee

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

THURSDAY DOOR- (5<sup>th</sup>) Eddie Harper (12<sup>th</sup>) Gordon & Barbara Dunlop



# CREGAGH

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## **WEEKLY NEWS SHEET**

### **1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent**

### **1<sup>st</sup> December 2024**



## 1. **ad**VENT

*..but those who hope in the Lord  
will renew their strength"  
(Isaiah ch40 v31)*

MORNING SERVICE at 10am in the Church.

The first candle of Advent- The purple candle of HOPE

Music and Readings for Advent

Welcoming BBC Radio Ulster

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