

## **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.

### **ORDER OF SERVICE**

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

\*\* A big thank you to everyone who has brought gifts for the BCM Christmas Appeal. During the service you will be invited to come forward and place them under the Christmas Tree.

\*\* Please stand as the offering is brought to the Sanctuary for Dedication.

### **TODAY'S SERVICE**

Today we enjoy together our KidZone service. We extend our thanks to the children, to Karen and the leaders, and the parents for all the work over the year. Please continue to pray for the children and young people of our church family.

### **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 Barbour Window flowers are provided by David Scott and Deborah Strain and are "In memory of Myrtle and Cecil"

The organ side flowers are provided by Mrs Eileen Allen and are "In memory of Raymond and Mervyn"

### **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**

Next Lord's Day we look forward to our Bible Class Christmas service at the normal time of 11am. Please make a special effort to come along and support our young people.

**Carols in the Carpark** – at 4pm we gather with our friends from the Methodist Church and the Salvation Army as we share in music, readings and singing. Please come along and invite others to this special event. Refreshments are provided.

### **CHRISTMAS INVITATIONS**

You will find an invitation to our Christmas Services in the news sheet this morning. Please pass it on to someone and invite them along to Cregagh this festive season.

## **PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN**

PW will meet at 1pm on Monday in the Allen Hall for their Christmas lunch, followed by entertainment with Anne Stevenson.

### **TUESDAY**

Blobs will meet at 9:30am

Morning Watch will meet at 10:45am for their last gathering before Christmas.

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

### **TEA AND TALK**

Tea and Talk will meet on Wednesday at 2pm for their last meeting before Christmas.

### **UPCOMING SERVICES**

**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.\*\*

### **FLOWER ROTA**

The flower rota sheets for 2025 are in the McIntyre Suite where folk can check their week or add their name where there is an empty space. Many thanks to everyone who supports this work.

### **PRAYER WALK**

Thank you to those who supported the prayer walk last Monday evening. In the New Year it is hoped to build a small team to make prayer walking a regular part of Cregagh's life, along side our neighbouring churches. If you would be interested please speak to Rev McKenzie.

### **INSPIRE**

The Winter issue of Inspire magazine is ready for collection today.

Copies of Inspire, formerly Wider World, need to be ordered by 2nd January 2025.

The annual subscription will be £10 for 4 magazines which represents excellent value. Inspire is full of very interesting articles suitable for PW members and women of all ages in the congregation.

Any new subscribers or anyone wishing to change their order should contact Dorothy Platt ( 07803264286) before the end of December 2024.

## **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.

## **ASSISTED DYING**

Since the passing of recent legislation regarding assisted dying in the House of Commons, there has been much conversation about its implications. It would be hoped, if there was enough interest, to organise an evening of reflection and discussion in the New Year to think about this complex topic. Please speak to Rev McKenzie if you would find this helpful.

## **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- (8<sup>th</sup>) Kirk Session (15<sup>th</sup>) Kidzone (22<sup>nd</sup>) PW (29<sup>th</sup>) Congregational Committee

FLOWER DELIVERY- (8th) James & Cathy McCormick and Drew & Geraldine Haire

THURSDAY DOOR- (12th) Gordon & Barbara Dunlop



# CREGAGH

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## **WEEKLY NEWS SHEET**

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

### **8<sup>th</sup> December 2024**



*“Oh give thanks to the LORD,  
for He is good, for His  
steadfast love endures  
forever!”  
(Psalm 107 v1)*

KidZone Christmas Tree Gift Service

The second candle of Advent- The purple candle of LOVE

11am in the church

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