

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 Crèche or KidZone for 3 year olds upwards (in the Stewart Hall) who leave church after the children's hymn

ORDER OF SERVICE

** The Processional and Recessional hymns are not announced – the numbers are on the hymn boards – hymnbooks 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 says: "Let us pray"

**This morning 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 the 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

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

OFFERINGS

** 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.**

** World Development Appeal envelopes are also available-

The Appeal this year is entitled: "Hunger Pains: Scarcity to Abundance."

The pain of hunger is a reality for many across the world today who are living below the poverty line. By giving to the PCI's World Development Appeal you will help supply the necessary funds to support Tearfund projects in Rwanda, Malawi, Bangladesh, Uganda and Burkina Faso and Christian Aid projects in Honduras, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Sierra Leone and also Burkina Faso. Thank you **

Also please make sure your FWO and contributions are up to date for 2024, any concerns or queries please speak to Gordon Dunlop

LAST LIGHT SERVICE

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

Everyone of all ages is invited to this special combined service between the Methodist church, Salvation Army and ourselves. The service provides an opportunity to reflect on the year that has gone and pray for God's blessing on the year that lies ahead.

JANUARY SERVICES

5th 11am New Year Communion (the Sacrament of Baptism will also be preformed)-
Rev Edward McKenzie

4pm Prayer and Bible Study- Deuteronomy

12th 11am Morning Worship- Rev Colin McCormack

19th 11am Morning Worship with the Praise Group- Rev Edward McKenzie

6:30pm Café Connect- ASR Scott Witherick from SASRA

26th 11am Morning Worship- Rev Edward McKenzie

7pm Choral Evening Service on the theme of Prayer

BIBLE STUDY AND PRAYER

The monthly Bible Study and Prayer evenings start again next Sunday. This is a relaxed time beginning with a short time of prayer followed by an overview of a bible book, this upcoming study is Deuteronomy. At the end some folk stay behind for a coffee. Please come along and support this important part of our church life and encourage others to join in. It starts at 4pm and last for around an hour.

CHRISTMAS AT CREGAGH

At the end of another Advent and Christmas Season we would thank everyone who again this year made Christmas at Cregagh so very special: those who made the worship so inspiring including the Church Choir, John Dallas, Gordon Myers, the Junior Choir and Maureen Mulligan, the Praise Group and Kathryn Glover, the Handbell Choir and Dorothy Platt, the Bible Class, KidZone and Karen McCurry. Those who decorated the church and Christmas trees, supplied greenery etc. Those who catered for the various events and the organisations who arranged special parties for their members. Those who looked after the sound and visual items and preparing the special Orders of Service. To the children and adults who placed gifts under the Christmas tree for distribution by Belfast City Mission. We would also thank our Minister, Rev McKenzie for arranging the special services and our appreciation is due to our caretaker, Don Jackson, for all the extra cleaning and hall arranging duties. To all we say a very big 'THANK YOU'

THANK YOU FROM THE MINISTERS

Our Minister, Rev Edward McKenzie and the Minister Emeritus, Rev Hastings McIntyre and their families thank the members of the congregation for all the good wishes, cards and gifts they received at Christmas and wish you all God's Blessing for 2025.

CHURCH CLEAR UP

If you would be free tomorrow for an hour or two from 9:30am to help clear the church after Christmas, any help would be much appreciated.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

PW will meet on Monday 6th January at 2.30 pm. Rev McKenzie will bring greetings for the New Year and give an update on his work as chaplain within the Army Reserve. All welcome!

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 and financial reports to Joanne Hewitt (07912 878937) not later than Sunday 12th January 2025.

TUESDAY 14TH JANUARY

On 14th January Morning Watch starts back at the normal time of 10:45am as does Brews Brothers at 12:30pm

PRAYER WALK

Thank you to those who have supported the prayer walks. 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.

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

JANUARY DUTY ROTAS

KIRK SESSION- Gordon Dunlop, Maureen Mulligan, David Gillespie

CONGREGATIONAL COMMITTEE- Karen McCurry, Pauline Gibson, Angela Watson, Wilma McCluskey, Laura Armstrong, Sarah Platt, Jim McCurry

FLOWER DELIVERY- (5th) Helen & Eady Molloy and Maggi & Tommy Hamilton (12th) Lynn Jennings and Barbara Elwood (19th) Miriam & Ian Sheppard and Sheena Stewart (26th) Easton family and Heather & Christine Sharpe

COFFEE BAR- (5th) Choir/Praise Group (12th) Crèche (19th) Malawi working group (26th) KidZone

THURSDAY DOOR- (16th) Pauline Gibson (23rd) Joan & Malcolm Taylor (30th) Rosemary Patton



WEEKLY NEWS SHEET

The Sunday after Christmas

29th December 2024



*“He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over Jacob’s descendants forever; his kingdom will never end.”
(Luke ch1 v32&33)*

MORNING SERVICE at 11am in the church
Rev Edward McKenzie and the church choir
Theme: ‘The king is dead, long live the king!’
Readings: John ch18 v28-40 & 2 Chronicles ch9 v29-31

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