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), leaving the service after the children's hymn.

ORDER OF 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, and remain standing until after the Benediction

COFFEE BAR

The Coffee Bar is open in the Allen Hall after this mornings service. Everyone is invited to stay for a cuppa and a further time of fellowship.

CAFÉ CONNECT – THIS EVENING

Cafe Connect, 6:30pm. Rev. McKenzie will give his annual chaplaincy update. Please make an extra effort to come along to hear about and encourage him in this work

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 for private prayer and meditation

FLOWERS

The Pedestal flowers are provided by Mr and Mrs R Molyneaux

The Sanctuary flowers are provided by Helen Hoy and Family

HARVEST GIFT DAY

Grateful thanks to everyone who has contributed to Harvest Gift Day. The amount raised thus far for the Property Fund is £3,502 reflecting an 11% increase year-on-year. Your kind generosity is so very much appreciated. Thank you!

SUPPORT FOR FLOURISH NI – FOOD BANK APPEAL

Flourish NI is a Christian organisation based on Botanic Avenue that provides vital support to all victims of human trafficking – men, women, and families. As part of their work, they operate a food bank service. Unfortunately, their current stocks are running very low. They have asked if we would consider helping by collecting food items throughout the month of November. The items most needed are: **Tea & coffee: Tinned foods: Instant noodles:**

Rice: Cooking oil: Tuna & sardines: Toilet rolls: Any contributions, big or small, will make a real difference to those in need. Thank you for your generosity and support (Michael Graham)

BELFAST HOMELESS SERVICES CHRISTMAS APPEAL

As Christmas approaches our thoughts are drawn to those less fortunate. The homeless and the vulnerable. Reaching out to others in need is an essential component of our mission plan and whilst we already have a relationship with 'Flourish' and their food bank appeal, please consider supporting 'Belfast Homeless Services', (BHS) a cross community

voluntary led registered charity which provides a 'drop in' facility for vulnerable and homeless people in our capital city. Based in King Street, it provides guests with clothing, sleeping bags, toiletries, and a bite to eat. They also offer advice, guidance and support to those in need. BHS has launched its Christmas appeal and would welcome donations of the following: Toothbrushes & toothpaste; Deodorants; Socks; Hats, scarves, gloves; Baby wipes; Shampoo/Conditioner/body wash; and sweets and chocolate;

If you would like to support this most worthy charity, please leave any of the above in the box provided in the McIntyre Suite. The closing date for donations is Sunday 7th December. If you want any further information please speak to Elaine Molyneaux.

PW

PW will meet on Monday 3rd November at 2.30pm in the Allen Hall when speaker Tom Saunders will talk about the First World War and the Ulster Division's part in it. All welcome.

BIBLE STUDY GROUP

The next meeting of the Wednesday Bible Study Group will be on Wednesday 5th November at 10.30 a.m. in Barbara Dunlop's house. New comers are most welcome.

ARMY CADET OPEN NIGHT

Cregagh ACF are holding an Open Night on Wednesday 5th November, 7-7:30pm and 9:30-10pm. All are welcome to pop in and learn about the Army Cadet Force.

125 ANNIVERSARY PAGEANT

New tickets are now available for our rescheduled 125 Anniversary Pageant on Friday 7th Nov at 7.00pm (note change of start time). You can do a straight swap of your old tickets for new by giving them to Beth or Karen, and if you can no longer attend the new date you can request a refund. Tickets are still available at a cost of £5

BLOBS

Next meetings- Blobs 1 Tue 18th Nov 9:30am, Blobs 2 Tue 25th Nov 7:30pm.

LOVE FOR LIFE

Instead of Big Night this month we look forward to a special evening for young people with 'Love for Life' on Saturday 29th November. More information will follow but please save the date!

CHRISTMAS FLOWER CLASS

A number of people have asked if we are having a Flower Class to make Christmas Wreaths or Swags. I have permission to hold it on Friday 5th December from 7pm to 9pm. If you are interested please speak to Maureen.

LADIES CHRISTMAS DINNER

Ladies attending the Christmas Dinner are asked to confirm their Menu choice and the balance payment should be paid to Angela or Cheryl by Sunday 16th November.

UPCOMING SERVICES

Sunday 9th November – Remembrance Sunday at 10.45am

All young people and leaders are encouraged to attend in the uniform of whichever organisation they belong to and gather in the Allen Hall no later than 10:30am. The congregation are invited to wear medals and decorations as appropriate.

Sunday 16th November – PW Service at 11am

As part of our 125 celebrations we are delighted to welcome Linda Beattie, President of PW, along to speak at our service. We look forward to this special occasion and encourage the congregation to invite others along.

PM- 4pm Prayer and Bible Study (1 Chronicles)

Sunday 23rd November – BB Celebration Service at 11am

This special service is being organised to commemorate the work of The Boys' Brigade in the church. This will take into account our former company, the 70th Belfast, and also more recently, the 25th Belfast Company which we now share alongside our Methodist friends.

Boys are asked to turn out **in uniform and old boys to wear their lapel pins**. The Chief Executive of the Belfast Battalion of The Boys' Brigade, Mr Paul McCarroll, will also be taking part in the service.

<u>Sunday 30th November – Music and Readings for Advent at 11am</u>

DATES FOR THE DIARY

<u>Wednesday 3rd December</u>- 'Grill the Godsquad' outreach evening at 7pm. Everyone is invited to a special evening, where a panel of ministers will be as ready as possible to take questions from the audience. Come along, bring someone with you, and give them a grilling!

<u>Sunday</u> 7th <u>December</u> will be our 125 Anniversary Service with the Moderator of the General Assembly, the Rt Rev Dr Trevor Gribben, followed by lunch. We look forward to a full church for this special service.

Sunday 14th December – 4pm Carols in the Carpark

NOVEMBER DUTY ROTAS

<u>KIRK SESSION</u> Rebecca Clarke, Avril Pollock, Dorothy Platt, Richard Molyneaux, Elaine Molyneaux

<u>COMMITTEE</u> Heather Sharpe, Carol McCormick, Jenny Mooney, Maggi Hamilton, Alan McNair, Don Jackson

COFFEE BAR – (2nd) Malawi Group/James McCormick (9th)

Guides/Brownies/Rainbows/Gillian Simons (16th) Big Night/Bible Class/Susan Forsythe (23rd) OKAY/Peter Armstrong (30th) PW/Carol Ferguson

<u>FLOWER DELIVERY</u>- (2nd) Ian & Miriam Sheppard & Maggi & Tommy Hamilton (9th) Lynn Jennings and Barbara Elwood (16th) The Easton Family and Christine & Heather Sharpe (23rd) Sharon & Myke Hall and Dorothy Platt (30th) Helen & Eady Molloy and Beth McNair

<u>THURSDAY DOOR</u> (6th) Carol & Leslie Ferguson (13th) Robert McNair/James McCormick (20th) Tommy & Agnes Duncan ((27th) Pauline Gibson



WEEKLY NEWS SHEET Sunday 2ND November 2025



MORNING WORSHIP at 11am in the church Rev Edward McKenzie

<u>Theme: Biblical, Spiritual, Strategic- Part two</u> <u>Readings: Psalm 96 & Matthew ch28 v16-20</u>

<u>CAFÉ CONNECT 6.30pm in the Allen Hall</u> Rev Edward McKenzie – Chaplaincy update

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