

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 lighting of the Advent Candle

ORDER OF SERVICE

** A separate Order of Service has been produced for the service today**

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.

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 Church flowers today are provided by Denise and David Douglas and are 'In memory of John and Pearl'

NEXT SUNDAY

Sunday 7th December 125 Anniversary Service followed by lunch. **guest preacher Rev. Nigel Craig- Dean of Residence at Derryvolgie Hall and Presbyterian Chaplain to Queens University, Stranmillis and Union Theological College.** We look forward to a well-attended service as we celebrate the peak of our 125 year.

FLOURISH NI

On behalf of Flourish NI, I wish to formally express our sincere appreciation to all who contributed to our Christmas Food Bank Appeal. Your generosity has provided vital support to individuals and families experiencing significant need at this time of year. We are deeply grateful for your thoughtful contributions and continued commitment to our work (Michael Graham)

SPONSORED SLIM

Six weeks ago seven people started a six week sponsored slim and I am delighted to say that a total of 43lbs were lost. We were raising funds for Emmanuel Ministries Calcutta in Kolkata and three people in the congregation also gave donations which brought our total up to £338. It is not too late if anyone else would like to make a donation. Thank you to everyone who played a part in any way.

BIBLE STUDY GROUP

The next meeting of the Wednesday Bible Study Group will be on Wednesday 3rd December at 10.30 a.m. in the home of Geraldine Haire. New comers are most welcome

‘GRILL THE GODSQUAD!’

On Wednesday 3rd December everyone is invited to our special outreach evening at 7pm, where a panel of ministers will be as ready as possible to take questions from the audience. Come along to this 125 event, bring someone with you, and give the panel a grilling!

CHRISTMAS WREATH OR SWAG EVENING – 5TH DECEMBER

This year we will be working in the Stewart Hall from 7pm to 9pm. This should be a fun, learning and productive evening. As usual we will finish with light refreshments.

MORNING WATCH

Morning Watch will next meet on Tuesday 9th December at 10.45am.

BREWS BROTHERS

Will next meet on Tuesday 9th December 12.30-2pm in the McIntyre Suite and Tuesday 16th for Christmas Dinner.

PW

The ladies of Cregagh have received an invite from Orangefield PW to their Carol service at Orangefield Presbyterian on Tuesday 9th December at 7.30pm featuring the Salvation Army band, followed by supper. If you are interested in going please contact Carol ph 07880672836 (to facilitate catering) PW and Evergreens Christmas lunch provided by Cafe Nicole will be held on Monday 15th December at 1pm in the Allen Hall. Anne Stevenson will be there to entertain us

WILLOWFIELD MEMORIAL SERVICE

The Christmas memorial service arranged by Willowfield Private Funeral Home will be held in our church on Wednesday 10th at 7pm. Although this is mainly a time of remembrance of loved ones who passed away in 2025 and whose funerals were undertaken by Willowfield, members of the congregation and others are welcome to come along.

BLOBS

Blobs 1 will next meet on Tuesday 16th December at 9.30am in the McIntyre Suite

‘BIG NIGHT’

Youth Big Christmas Night and Christmas Jumper Competition will take place on Saturday 20th December, 7:30-9pm. All p7 and secondary school age young people are invited!

BELFAST HOMELESS SERVICES CHRISTMAS APPEAL

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.

INSPIRE MAGAZINE

Inspire Magazine is for women of all ages in the congregation and for PW members. The annual subscription is £10.00 for four magazines which represents excellent value. Any new subscribers or anyone wishing to change their order should contact Dorothy Platt (07803264286) before the end of November.

PRESBYTERIAN HERALD

The Presbyterian Herald is the official magazine of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. 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 21st of December.

BIBLE NOTES 2026

If anyone would like to order IBRA Fresh from the Word, Scripture Union Daily Bread or Day by Day with God (written for women) speak to Barbara Dunlop

2026 CALENDAR

Flower Festival Calendars for 2026 are available today from Beth McNair priced at £5 each. Proceeds from the sale of the Calendars are for Church Funds.

CREGAGH 125 CHRISTMAS CARDS

Why not pick up some of our new 125 Anniversary Christmas Cards to send to your nearest and dearest at home or further away, to give them a seasonal reminder of Cregagh. They are available today on our Merchandise table and will cost £4 for 5 cards. Come and have a look.

CREGAGH 125 CHRISTMAS MERCHANDISE

Some of our 125 Merchandise has had a makeover for Christmas and has now been packed in bundles ideal for Christmas gifts or has been displayed in festive packaging ready to give. All the normal merchandise is still available, but these added Christmas options could be an ideal solution for those on your Christmas present list. The Christmas Table is on display in the Welcome Suite. (card payment is available)

ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY

Members of Cregagh are cordially invited to a celebratory event to mark the 60th Anniversary of the Ordination to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament of Dr Jim Campbell. It will be held in Cooke Centenary Church, Ormeau Road, on Sunday, 7th December from 3 to 5 pm.

DIRECTORY AND STATEMENTS OF ACCOUNTS FOR 2025

Organisations are asked to send their annual reports for 2025, including venue for meeting, day, time, leaders names, contact details and numbers attending to David Gillespie at d.gillespie@ntlworld.com no later than Sunday 11th January 2026 please

DECEMBER SERVICES

Sunday 14th December 11am Kidzone Christmas Tree Gift Service All children (and adults if they wish) are invited to bring their gifts of toys, books, sweets etc unwrapped to the Christmas Tree. They will be taken to the Belfast City Mission for distribution to needy children and families in Belfast.

4pm Carols in the Carpark

Sunday 21st December 11am Handbell Choir service led by the Bible Class

7pm Lessons and Carols by candlelight

Wednesday 24th December 11.30pm – Christmas Eve Service

Thursday 25th December 9am – Christmas Morning Service

Sunday 28th December 11am Last Service of 2025

Wednesday 31st December 4pm Last Light service at Cregagh Methodist



125
YEARS
1900-2025

WEEKLY NEWS SHEET

Sunday 30th November 2025

First Sunday in Advent

‘HOPE’



*‘He has caused us to be born again to a living hope’
1 Peter 1:3*

MORNING WORSHIP at 11 am in the church
Service of Readings and Music for Advent

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