



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 Kidzone is available for children 3 years old and 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 hymnboards, hymn books and bibles are in the pews for your use.

* Please stand (if able) as the service beings when the Bible is carried in and the Choir and Minister enter, and remain standing until the Minister says 'Let us Pray'

* The Offering is after the Sermon and is not announced

* 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 Church.

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

CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS

'World Development' (for PCI World Development Appeal – Hives of Hope) and 'Cregagh Christmas' (for Congregational Mission Projects) envelopes will be in the pews over the Christmas period

CONGREGATIONAL FINANCES

Members are reminded that today is the last Sunday to make contributions for WFO Property Fund and United Appeal for 2025. Books will close on 31st December 2025.

HELPERS REQUIRED

Helpers are required to clear away the Christmas tree and Church decorations on Monday 29th December from 9.30am. This should only take a couple of hours and your help would be appreciated.

LAST LIGHT SERVICE

On Wednesday 31st December at 4pm A service of Reflection and Remembrance will be held at Cregagh Methodist Church. We hope members will join with the Salvation Army for this time of reflection.

JANUARY SERVICES

Sunday 4th January at 11 am

New Year Communion - Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Sunday 11th January at 11am

Morning Worship with Praise Group

6.30pm – Café Connect – Guest Speaker – Rev Corrina Heron (served at Student Assistant Minister 2010)

Sunday 18th January at 11am

Guest Preacher – Rev John Murdock (served as Ordained Assistant Minister 1993-1996)

4pm Prayer and Bible Study – 2 Chronicles

Sunday 25th January at 11am

'Church family service' – more information next week

WEEKLY NEWSHEET

Any items to be included in the Newssheet for Sunday 4th January 2026 should be forwarded no later than Tuesday 30th December.

NEXT SUNDAY

Sunday 4th January 11am – New Year Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Retiring Offering for the Benevolent Fund.

COMMUNION TOKENS

Communion Tokens are available from the Vestibule for those attending New Year Communion on 4th January 2026.

2026 FLOWER CALENDAR

The Flower Calendar is available in the Welcome Centre for people to check their dates for paying for the church flowers. If anyone wishes to add their name to the calendar please write it in any space with a contact number and any message you would like printed in the news sheet.

PW

PW will meet on Monday 5th January 2026 at 2.30pm in the Allen Hall. Rev McKenzie will bring New Year greetings. Members are reminded to bring something for the bring and buy table.

MORNING WATCH

Morning Watch will next meet on Tuesday 6th January at 10.45am in the Dennison Mahood room.

BREWS BROTHERS

Brews Brothers will next meet on Tuesday 6th January at 12.30pm in the McIntyre Suite

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

TEA AND TALK

Tea and Talk will next meet on Wednesday 14th and 28th January 2026 from 2.00pm in the McIntyre Suite.

BLOBS GROUPS

Blobs 1 – Next meeting will be Tuesday 20th January at 9.30am

Blobs 2 – Next Meeting will be Tuesday 27th January at 7.30pm

CHRISTMAS AT CREGAGH

At the end of another Advent and Christmas Season we would thank everyone who made Christmas at Cregagh so very special in our 125 Anniversary Year. Special thanks to the Church Choir and John Dallas, the Junior Choir and Maureen Mulligan, the Praise Group and Kathryn Glover, the Handbell Choir and Dorothy Platt, the Young Peoples Bible Class, Zidzone and Karen McCurry. Those who decorated the church and Christmas trees, supplied greenery etc and those that will help to clear away. 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 printing 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 clearing 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 2026

125th ANNIVERSARY GALA DINNER

Booking is now open for the final social event of our 125 Anniversary year. Our Gala Dinner is on Friday 24th April 2026 at 7.00pm in the Grand Ballroom, Stormont Hotel. Dress code is formal and the cost is £49 per person.

To book please contact Elaine Gillespie, Tel: 07990 610918 or see her at the 125 merchandise table after church.

You can pay in full up front, or else pay a deposit of £10 per person to secure your place with the balance to be paid by the end of March 2026. Payment by credit or debit card is welcome and menu choices will be sent out to guests nearer the time.

JANUARY DUTY ROTAS

KIRK SESSION Maureen Mulligan and David Gillespie

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

COFFEE BAR –

FLOWER DELIVERY (4th) Barbara Dunlop (11th) May Gordon and Lily & Ivan Taylor

CRECHE (4th) Angela Watson & Laura Armstrong (11th) Catherine Bailie & Janette Brown (18th) Lydia & Florence Easton & Katie McCormick (25th) Julie & Steven Pollock

THURSDAY DOOR (8th) Rosemary Patton (15th) Jim Acheson

WISHING YOU A BLESSED NEW YEAR!



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YEARS
1900-2025

WEEKLY NEWS SHEET **Sunday 28th December 2025**



"He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins." – 1 John 4:9-10

MORNING WORSHIP at 11 am in the church
Rev Edward McKenzie

Readings: Ecclesiastes Ch 3 v1-11 and Mark Ch 1 v14-20

Theme: 'What's the time?'

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