

## **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 third hymn

We welcome to our 125 Anniversary Service, guest preacher Rev. Nigel Craig- Dean of Residence at Derryvolgie Hall and Presbyterian Chaplain to Queens University, Stranmillis and Union Theological College.

## **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 pedestal flowers are provided by David Scott and Deborah Strain and are 'In memory of Myrtle and Cecil'

The Sanctuary flowers are provided by Mrs Eileen Allen and are 'In memory of Raymond and Mervyn'

## **NEXT SUNDAY**

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> 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 be placed under 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** – We look forward to this Community Event along with our friends from Cregagh Methodist and The Salvation Army.

## **MORNING WATCH**

Morning Watch will next meet on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December at 10.45am in the Dennison Mahood room.

## **BREWS BROTHERS**

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

## **PW**

The ladies of Cregagh have received an invite from Orangefield PW to their Carol service at Orangefield Presbyterian on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> December at 1pm in the Allen Hall. Anne Stevenson will be there to entertain us

## **TEA AND TALK**

Tea and Talk we next meet on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2.00-3.30pm in the McIntyre Suite.

## **WILLOWFIELD MEMORIAL SERVICE**

The Christmas memorial service arranged by Willowfield Private Funeral Home will be held in our church on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30am in the McIntyre Suite

## **BIBLE STUDY GROUP**

The next meeting of the Wednesday Bible Study Group will be on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 10.30 a.m. in the home of Geraldine Haire. New comers are most welcome

## **'BIG NIGHT'**

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

## **LEPROSY MISSION NI**

The Leprosy Mission have produced Advent Devotionals for 2025, written by staff and supporters of The Leprosy Mission. The link is available on our website <https://cregaghpresbyterian.org/advent/> Prayer Diaries for 2026 are also available in the McIntyre Suite. Please do to take a copy.

## **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 21<sup>st</sup> 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 Maureen 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)

## **125<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY GALA DINNER**

Booking is now open for the final social event of our 125 Anniversary year. Our Gala Dinner is on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS**

‘World Development’ (for PCI World Development Appeal) and ‘Cregagh Christmas’ (for Congregational Mission Projects) envelopes will be in the pews over the Christmas period (14<sup>th</sup> -28<sup>th</sup> December)

## **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, later today 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](mailto:d.gillespie@ntlworld.com) no later than Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2026 please

## **DECEMBER SERVICES**

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December** 11am Handbell Choir service led by the Bible Class

**7pm** Lessons and Carols by candlelight

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> December 11.30pm** – Christmas Eve Service

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> December 9am** – Christmas Morning Service

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> December 11am** Last Service of 2025

**Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> December** 4pm Last Light service at Cregagh Methodist



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1900-2025

## **WEEKLY NEWS SHEET**

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2025**

**Second Sunday in Advent**

‘LOVE’



‘For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life’

**John 3:16**

**MORNING WORSHIP at 11 am in the church**  
**125 Anniversary Service**

**Readings: Psalm 19 and 1 Peter ch2 v1-12**

**Sermon: ‘A precious cornerstone, of a sure foundation’**

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