

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 remind everyone that our services of public worship are placed on our YouTube channel.** We would invite our visitors to sign the Visitor's Book in the Vestibule, giving name and full postal address. This morning Pebbles crèche is available for babies and toddlers and Kidzone for children aged 3 years and upwards in the Stewart Hall who leave the service after the Children's praise.

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 for the final Praise and 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.

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

CHURCH FLOWERS

The Pedestal flowers are provided by Mrs S Stewart

The Sanctuary flowers are provided by Mrs M Hamilton and are 'In memory of Mrs M Scott'

NEXT SUNDAY

Sunday 26th April at 11am – We welcome Rev Dr Allen Sleith (Home congregation and son of our former Minister Rev Dr Albert Sleith who served 1976-2001) to conclude our Cregagh 125 Celebrations.

ELDERSHIP ELECTION

The congregational voters list has been lodged with East Belfast Presbytery and voting members are now invited to nominate names for consideration for the eldership. Nomination papers are available, alongside the voters list and criteria for election in the McIntyre Suite. Nomination papers can be lodged up until 1pm today Sunday 19th April. All being well the names of the potential new elders will be announced to the congregation next Lord's Day with information regarding the next stage in the election process.

BLOBS GROUPS

BLOBS 3- Bible Study: Next meeting will be Monday 20th from 7-8pm in the Dennison Mahood Room.

BLOBS 1: Next meets on Tuesday 21st April at 9:30am

BLOBS 2- Current Affairs: Next meets on Tuesday 28th April at 7:30pm

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

The Wednesday Bible Study group will next meet on Wednesday 22nd April at 10.30am in Robyn McCullough's home. St Mark Study Book – Day 46

TEA AND TALK

Tea and Talk will next meet on Wednesday 22nd April 2.00-3.30pm in the McIntyre Suite. All welcome.

YOUTH BIG NIGHT

The next 'Big Night' for all P7 and Secondary age young people will take place on Saturday 25th April from 7-9pm. Please let the leaders know if you plan to attend.

BREWS BROTHERS

Brews Brothers will meet on Tuesday 28th April at 12.30pm when Ann McKelvey will talk about The Troubles and The Good Friday Agreement. All men with their friends and neighbours are welcome.

125th ANNIVERSARY GALA DINNER

As we are getting ever closer to our Anniversary Gala Dinner on Friday 24th April at the Stormont Hotel, please can we remind anyone that hasn't yet paid or handed in their menu choices to see Elaine Gillespie today as we are trying to finalise numbers. If you would like to go to it there is still time, but please book your place as soon as possible. Don't miss out on your chance to enjoy this memorable evening in the company of your Cregagh family, with good food, good music and good conversation.

(Elaine Gillespie – Tel: 07990 610918)

BELFAST CITY MARATHON

On Sunday 3rd May we will meet for worship at the later time of **11.30am** due to the Belfast city Marathon. As usual we will be handing out refreshments as the runners pass. If anyone is willing to help out please speak to Rev McKenzie or Karen McCurry.

JUNIOR CHOIR CONCERT

At the Junior Choir Concert on Tuesday 5th May at 6.30pm you will have the opportunity to see individuals performing as well as singing in the choir. There will be an opportunity to give a donation at the end of the concert and Gift Aid envelopes will be available. All proceeds will go to Emmanuel Ministries Calcutta in Kolkata, India, to help with the wonderful work they do.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

Christian Aid Week is 10th-16th May. We have a speaker from Christian Aid for our service on Sunday 10th May. Our fundraiser this year is coffee and scones etc before and after church on 10th May. More details next week.

125th ANNIVERSARY EXHIBITION

The 125th Anniversary exhibition will be dismantled on Monday morning 27th April. Any members who have loaned photographs or artefacts for the exhibition are asked to collect them at the Church on Monday 27th or Tuesday 28th between 9.30am and 12 noon.

SAFEGUARDING

In an attempt to ensure we are up to date with safeguarding in Cregagh, we are holding another Access NI surgery on Wednesday 29th April running from 6-8pm. We encourage anyone who works with children or vulnerable adults (including any teenage helpers recently turned 18) and has not completed a check with the church to come along. A list of what to bring is on the noticeboard in the McIntyre suite. **This is particularly important for those helping out with Crèche and holiday bible club.** Any questions or concerns please chat to Rev McKenzie or Joan Taylor.

ONE-WAY SYSTEM

At certain busy times during the week you will see a one-way system being implemented to access the church car park. At the moment it is in force on a Thursday evening when so many different groups are meeting in an effort to protect children and other users entering and exiting the building. Both sets of gates will be open with entry on the left hand side in front of the church, and exit on the right hand side in front of the Allen Hall. Signs will be on the gate posts to indicate this. **Please take care at all times when using our church car park as we want it to be a safe place for everyone.**

MAY SERVICES

Sunday 3rd May at 11.30am – Morning Worship Rev Edward McKenzie

Sunday 10th May at 11am – Christian Aid Sunday

4pm Prayer and Bible Study – Job

Sunday 17th May at 11am – Youth Service

6.30pm Café Connect – more information next week

Sunday 24th May at 11am – Morning Worship - Pentecost

Sunday 31st May at 11am – Morning Worship - Trinity Sunday

APRIL DUTY ROTAS

KIRK SESSION Maureen Mulligan and David Gillespie

CONGREGATIONAL COMMITTEE Ruth Hill, Jim Hill, James McCormick, Ivan Taylor, Thomas Clarke, Susan Forsythe, Andrew Todd

FLOWER DELIVERY (19th) Helen & Eady Molloy and Beth McNair (26th) Barbara Dunlop and Sarah Platt

COFFEE BAR (19th) Guides/Brownies/Rainbows/Gillian Simons (26th) PW/Carol Ferguson

CRÈCHE- (19th) Gordon & Linda McIlmoyle (26th) Rebecca & Thomas Clarke

THURSDAY DOOR- (23rd) Carol & Leslie Ferguson (30th) Jim Hill



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WEEKLY NEWS SHEET

Sunday 19th April 2026



*The Elders who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honour, especially those whose work is preaching and teaching **1 Timothy 5:17***

MORNING WORSHIP at 11 am in the church
Rev Edward McKenzie

Readings: Exodus ch18 v13-27 and Titus ch1 v5-16
Theme: 'The Eldership'

PRAYER AND BIBLE STUDY at 4pm
Study - Esther

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