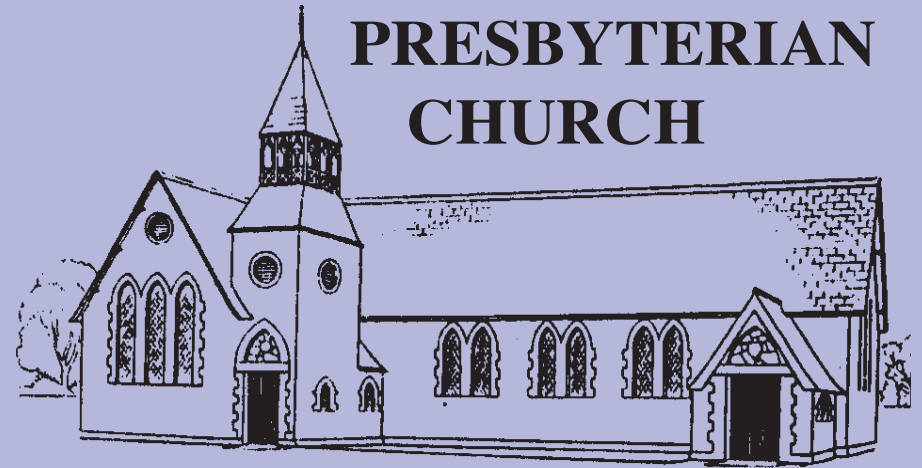


## INFORMATION

<b>SUNDAY SCHOOL and BIBLE CLASS</b>	Sundays at 10.00am. Children will go into church and come out after the children's story.
<b>CHILDREN'S CHURCH</b>	Each Sunday
<b>C.E. PRE-JUNIORS &amp; JUNIORS</b>	(Pre school to P7) from 6.45-7.45pm Fridays from 10th Jan
<b>C.E. INTERMEDIATES</b>	(1st year and up) from 8.00-9.00pm Fridays 10th, 24th Jan; 7th & 21st Feb
<b>YOUTH FELLOWSHIP</b>	(1st year and up) £1 per night from 6.30-8.00pm 12th Jan in Magheramorne; 26th Jan in Raloo 9th Feb in Magheramorne; 23rd Feb in Raloo
<b>YARNS</b>	Tuesdays 7th, 21st Jan; 4th & 18th Feb at 7.30pm
<b>FLOWERS</b>	Phyllis Boyd <sup>5th &amp; 12th Jan</sup> Joan Gardner <sup>19th &amp; 26th Jan</sup> Heather Hislop <sup>2nd &amp; 9th Feb</sup> Margaret Liddle <sup>16th &amp; 23rd Feb</sup>
<b>MUMS &amp; TOTS</b>	Thursdays from 9.30-11.30am recommencing 23rd Jan
<b>OLD TIME SEQUENCE DANCING</b>	Mondays at 8.00pm recommencing 13th January

# MAGHERAMORNE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



## Prayer and Information Diary

### January/February 2025

Please use the enclosed suggestions in your private prayers, supplementing them with your own ideas, to pray for your Church each day.

#### *Verse for the New Year*

“I will never leave you nor forsake you.”

“Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.” **Joshua 1:5b, 9**

The open door of another year  
I've entered by God's grace divine:  
No ills I fear no foes I dread  
For a wonderful guide is mine.  
Through joy or chastening my way He lead,  
In tears though my race be run,  
What'er my lot, this my prayer shall be,  
“Not mine, but thy will be done”

#### NEW YEAR'S PARTY

Friday 3rd January 2025 6-8pm. Open to all preschool and primary school aged girls and boys from CE and Sunday School.

#### LARNE FOODBANK:

Long life juice, long life milk, tinned potatoes, Smash, tinned meat, tinned vegetables, pasta, rice, noodles and shampoo

**Mission Aviation Fellowship:** Box at the back of the church to collect new and used postcards which will be sent to Mission Aviation Fellowship as part of their fund-raising.

**Used Stamps:** Box at the back of the church to collect used stamps

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## SERVICES

### January

5th	10.00 am	Morning Worship <i>Everyone is invited to stay for a cuppa and a chat after the service</i>	Rev Dr Norman Hamilton OBE
12th	10.00 am	Morning Worship	Rev Robert Bell
19th	10.00 am	Morning Worship	Rev Leslie Addis
26th	10.00 am	Morning Worship	Rev Hastings McIntyre

### February

2nd	10.00 am	Morning Worship <i>Everyone is invited to stay for a cuppa and a chat after the service</i>	Rev Andrew Watson
9th	10.00 am	Morning Worship	Rev Hiram Higgins
16th	10.00 am	CE Service - Loose offering to the work of the CE <i>Everyone is invited to stay for a cuppa and a chat after the service</i>	Rev Leslie Addis
23rd	10.00 am	Morning Worship -	Rev David Allen Deputy Clerk of Assembly

### Reflection

It's all connected you know. My phone and my car and that satellite hundreds of miles up in space. They're all connected so that when I get in the car it starts playing music from Spotify which is an internet app on my phone and then a woman's voice speaks up and asks do I want directions to my next destination! But before satellite or mobile phones or even cars all the various bits of the Bible were connected by the Holy Spirit who was guiding people to know and follow God's plan.

The Magi were the professors and scientists of the day. Some of them may have been court officials and advised kings. They came to Jerusalem from the East. Now what's east of Jerusalem? Well, Babylon, and who was taken there as a captive in 605BC? Daniel! Who we're told became a leader of the wise men. Whatever else they studied in subsequent years, the learned people in Babylon would read Daniel's visions and when they saw something unusual in the heavens above they reckoned Daniel's prophecy about God's kingdom was starting to happen!

So some of them came looking and knelt in reverence and brought offerings to the infant Jesus. They realised this wasn't just a king for one nation but a Saviour King for all peoples in all ages, including us. By implication we're in this story too! We can be connected to Jesus if we're willing.

They're sometimes called 'the wise men' and if we would like to be wise men and women and boys and girls this year we should try and do something like they did. Seek the Lord Jesus by praying, humbly put our trust in Him as Saviour and offer our lives in obedient service to Him as our King.

The Bible says the Shepherds and the Wise Men went on their way rejoicing but not everyone was happy. King Herod desperately wanted to cling onto the little power he had under the Romans and cruelly tried to kill the new king, killing lots of other children in the process. We read he himself died a horrible, painful death just shortly afterwards.

Well then, there's your choice, live selfishly and perish in misery or bow wisely, submit to the Lord Jesus and discover eternal life and joy!

Let's submit to Jesus and have a very happy New Year!

*Rev Andrew Watson*