

INFORMATION

SUNDAY SCHOOL and BIBLE CLASS	Sundays at 10.00am. Children will go into church and come out after the children's story.
CHILDREN'S CHURCH	Each Sunday
C.E. PRE-JUNIORS & JUNIORS	(Pre school to P7) from 6.45-7.45pm Fridays 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th Nov, 6th & 13th Dec
C.E. INTERMEDIATES	(1st year and up) from 8.00-9.00pm Fridays 8th, 22nd Nov & 13th Dec
YOUTH FELLOWSHIP	(1st year and up) £1 per night from 6.30-8.00pm 10th Nov in Raloo; 24th Nov in Magheramorne
YARNS	Tuesdays 5th & 19th Nov & 3rd & 17th Dec at 7.30pm
FLOWERS	Sharon Wilson ^{3rd & 10th Nov} Karen Anderson ^{17th & 24th Nov} Trudy Blair ^{1st & 8th Dec} Jemma Boyd ^{15th, 22nd & 29th Dec}
MUMS & TOTS	Thursdays from 9.30-11.30am finishing 12th Dec
PW	PW Link meeting on Tuesday 19th Nov at 7.30pm in Ballycarry Presbyterian Church Hall Christmas Lunch Tuesday 10th December Details will be announced at Sunday Services
OLD TIME SEQUENCE DANCING	Mondays at 8.00pm finishing 9th December
CONGREGATION MEETING	After service on 10th Nov re: Elder election
CHRISTMAS LIGHTS	Friday 29th November at 7.00pm - Christmas Lights switch-on with the CE and Killyglen Accordion Orchestra
DEATHS	Ken Barr on 19th September Freddie Nelson on 21st September

Salvation Army's Christmas Appeal:
Toys for Salvation Army Family Appeal due 8th December.

LARNE FOODBANK:

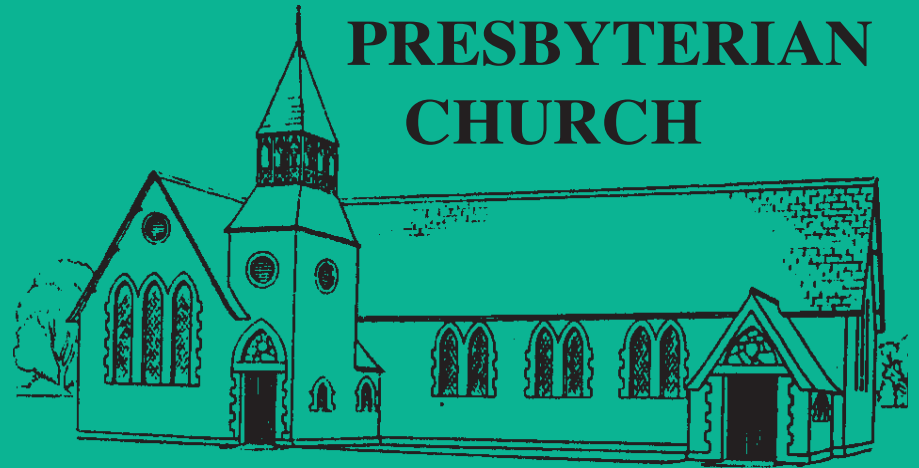
1 litre cartons of Fruit Juice, Tinned Custard or Rice, Long Grain Rice
Jars of Sauce for Rice, Tinned Fruit, Tinned Soup

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

Convenor: Rev Andrew Watson - Tel: 07863 288937

MAGHERAMORNE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Prayer and Information Diary

November/December 2024

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

Memory Verse

“Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself unless it abides in the vine, so neither can you unless you abide in Me.”

(John 15 4-5)

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www.magheramornepc.org

SERVICES

November

3rd	10.00 am	Communion (no Sunday school)	Rev Ivan Hull
		<i>Everyone is invited to stay for a cuppa and a chat after the service</i>	
10th	10.00 am	Remembrance Sunday	Rev Hastings McIntyre
17th	10.00 am	Morning Worship	Rev Hiram Higgins
24th	10.00 am	Morning Worship	Rev Andrew Watson

December

1st	10.00 am	Morning Worship	Rev Leslie Addis
		<i>Everyone is invited to stay for a cuppa and a chat after the service</i>	
8th	10.00 am	Morning Worship	Rev Hastings McIntyre
15th	10.00 am	Morning Worship	Rev Dr Norman Hamilton OBE
	4.00 pm	Candlelit Carol Service	Rev Andrew Watson
		<i>Everyone is welcome to stay for light refreshments and chat</i>	
22nd	10.00 am	Morning Worship	Rev Dr Norman Hamilton OBE
25th ^{Wed}	10.00 am	Christmas Day - Joint service in Magheramorne - TBA	
29th	10.00 am	Morning Worship	Rev Hiram Higgins

CHRISTMAS WREATH MAKING WORKSHOP

PW will once again host a Christmas Wreath making Workshop in the Church Hall at 11am on Saturdays 30th November & 7th December. Cost including lunch and morning coffee £40 for PW funds. See Phyllis, Jemma or Lorna for further details.

PRELIMINARY NOTICES

New Year party - Friday 3rd January 2024 6-8pm. Open to all preschool and primary school aged girls and boys from CE and Sunday School.

*"The Kirk Session and Committee wish
all members of the Congregation
a very Happy Christmas and Blessed New Year"*

Present

One of the themes of PCI's 'Present' initiative introduced at this year's General Assembly, encourages us to be present to God as his people, for the sake of his own glory and for our eternal joy. But make no mistake, this is a call, not from the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, but from Jesus himself to abide with him and remain in his love in our everyday lives (John 15: 4,9)

But in today's fast paced, distraction filled world in which so many different voices compete for our attention and devotion, just how can we be present to God as his people? Like Moses, how can we block out the noise and make space to be in the company of our heavenly Father?

Throughout Scripture, we find three basic practices that we can adopt in order to be with Jesus and become more like him.

Hear his voice (Bible reading)

The Bible is God's living and active Word to us through which his voice audibly speaks to reveal himself, his will, and his promises. Whether you feel like a beginner or the grizzled old veteran, one of the most important things you can do in the life is to regularly read the Bible.

Sadly, no biblical author gives us an easy formula for how we can go about doing this in our everyday lives. As much as we may want a quick fix, some fast lesson that makes us near- experts in a few short minutes, the best of Bible reading isn't learned overnight, but rather takes time over days, weeks, months, and years, imbibing God's words and allowing them to inform our minds, inspire our hearts, and instruct our lives.

Have his ear (prayer)

Prayer is one of the deepest joys of the Christian life. What an amazing gift to know that the God whose greatness and glory is beyond our wildest imagination listens to us every time we pray. He loves to hear our voice. Prayer is also a big deal. As followers of Jesus, prayer is vital to our everyday existence as eating, drinking, sleeping, and even breathing.

We know we need to pray. And yet, for many of us, prayer feels hard. When do we pray? What do we pray? How do we pray?

As a spiritual practice which enables us to be present to God, the Bible helps us to see that prayer is about learning to move through this life in one long extended conversation with the Lord. Throughout our days we can worship God for who he is and what he is like. We can say "Thank you" for all the things he has done for us. "Sorry" for the ways we have sinned, or cry "Help" as we ask for God to provide for our needs and establish his kingdom across the earth. Each type of prayer helps us to cultivate a deeper awareness of God's presence.

Belong to his body (fellowship)

Important as personal Bible reading and prayer are, we were made for more than private devotions. We were made to be present to Jesus together. We were made for fellowship. God has arranged each one of the parts of the body just as he wanted (1 Corinthians 12:18).

Practising fellowship- particularly by showing up at worship each week is not about finding the right group of people. It is about committing to a group of people and being devoted together to the apostles' teaching to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread, and to prayer(Acts 2:42)

Worshipping and praying together, listening to the Word being preached, parting in the sacraments, and serving others all draw us into God's presence and remind us that we are part of something larger than ourselves, while also fostering spiritual growth.

Being present to God is not limited to one aspect of our lives; it encompasses our entire being – heart, mind, soul, and strength. Through Bible reading, prayer, and fellowship, we create space in our lives for God's presence to dwell richly within us and anchor us in God's presence, helping us to live as his people, fully present to him, and engaged in his purposes.

(Present from the Presbyterian Herald)