

Morning Order of Service – 1st October 2006 @ 11 am

Our service this morning is taken by Rev Curry

Opening Praise – (led by Henry Todd)

Loved with everlasting love. (MP 452)

I'm accepted, I'm forgiven (MP 321)

Lord You are more precious (MP 447)

“The beginning of the
gospel about Jesus Christ,
the Son of God.” **Mark 1v1**

Welcome and Announcements

Preparation for The Word

Call to Worship

PRAISE “I'm not ashamed to own my lord” (with chorus) (MP 323)

Prayer (Including the Lord's Prayer)

Proclamation Of The Word

Reading Acts 15^{v36-41} (Page 142)

Children's Address

PRAISE “Wide, wide as the ocean”

Reading Mark 1^{v1-11} (Page 37)

Sermon

Response to the Word

Praise “The King of Love my Shepherd is” (Hymn 388)

Prayers of Intercession

Offering

Dedication

PRAISE “O Happy home” (Hymn 523)

Benediction

Today@first

All instrumentalists to collect their music for the Harvest services from Melanie today.

10am **Sunday School and Bible Class**

10:30 **Prayer Time** (Minister's room). Everyone Welcome.

11am **Morning Worship** Rev Curry (Crèche - pre school (*Minor Hall*), Junior Church – primary (*Main Hall*) There will be tea after the service in the main hall.

2.30pm **Choir Practice** in preparation for Harvest

3.15pm **Worship Group**

No Evening Service

Monday 2nd

- 7-8 **5 a side football** at Meadowbank for 16 yr + (cost£2.50) all welcome! Further details - Philip Gorman (79300176) / Richard Campbell (86747384)
- 7.45pm **Bowls** in the Main Hall. New members made very welcome.
- 8pm **PWA Committee Meeting** at the Manse.
- 8:30pm **Soul Mates** (A Ladies walking group). Meet for a walk and a chat. Leaving from the church car park, further details from Judith Evans, Caroline Hogg.

Tuesday 3rd

- 9-9.30am **School Assembly** (MPS) Helpers are required for supervision of children. If you can volunteer please contact Rev. Curry.
- 2:30 **Friendly Hour** in Minor Hall, Join us for a short service followed by a cup of tea, for transport contact Iris Brown. All Welcome (*Speaker – Rev Smith*)
- 7-9pm **English language classes** for migrant workers in Church Halls.

Wednesday 4th

- 10-12am **Parent and Toddlers**. All parents and carers with preschool children very welcome. New volunteer helpers very welcome, contact Maisie Smyth.
- 6-7.15pm **Girls Brigade - Explorers** Age 3-7
- 7-8.45pm **Girls Brigade - Juniors** Age 8-10
- 7.45-9.30pm **Girls Brigade - Seniors/Brigaders** Age 11+ years

Thursday 5th

- 7.45pm **Bowls** in the Main Hall. New members made very welcome.
- 8pm **MIDWEEK** this week is the first of our Growing in Christ Studies - *That's a good question*" (how to answer hard questions).

Saturday 7th

- Harvest decorating** - Church open on Sat from 10am.
- 8-10pm **YOUTH@First**. (for young people first form and over) **80's night**.

Next Sunday 8th October 2006

- 10am **Sunday School and Bible Class**
- 10:30 **Prayer Time** (Minister's room). Everyone Welcome.
- 11am **Morning Worship - Harvest Thanksgiving** Rev Curry
(Crèche - pre school (*Minor Hall*), Junior Church – primary (*Main Hall*))
- 6pm **Evening Service – Harvest Thanksgiving** Speaker - Rev I Smith. *There will be tea after the service in the main hall.*

Church Notices

- Suggestions for Prayer** for October
- MIDWEEK** programmes with suggested
- PRAYER TRIPLETS** - registration please register if you are meeting to pray information.
- Invitation to our Harvest services** session and committee. Extra copies are etc.
- After the very successful start to the **classes** for migrant workers taken by José Carlos Lara (Latin Link) there is a serving a cup of tea. If you would be willing to help please speak to Rev Curry or Harold Duncan.
- This Autumn we are running the **Christianity Explored** course on Sunday evenings 6-7pm starting on 15th October. This course has run very effectively in many congregations throughout the UK and covers the Gospel of Mark. It looks at who Jesus is, why He came and what He calls us to do. The format will be a cup of tea, discussion groups and a Talk. It is open to all who are interested in exploring what Christianity is really about. You can ask any questions you want or simply come and listen. **Further details** are on the invitation cards. Please put your name on the 'sign up' sheet if you are interested in coming along. We hope to have helpers who will take care of pre-school & primary school children, and a

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Everywhere.*

are available today.
topics are available on the tables.
cards and booklets are available;
so we can pass you prayer

are being distributed by Kirk
available on the tables for friends,

weekly **English language**
Keith Preston (Irish Mission) and
need for assistant with set up and

discussion group specifically for young people. If you would be willing to help in any way take one of the “**Helpers**” leaflets.

7. As a result of the review of caretaking needs in our congregation we are seeking to spread some aspects of the work of caretaker among a number of volunteers, and we thank those who have offered to help in this respect. The committee are also looking for a ‘**Church cleaner**’. This would be someone who would be willing to come in each day to Hoover, clean, etc (church, toilets, halls). As for other roles within the church we anticipate that there will be a voluntary aspect to this work. However, in light of the daily time commitment involved, there is a recommended payment of £2000 per year for this role. If you are interested and would like further details please speak to the Secretary of Committee (Mr H Todd).

Other Notices

1. **Magherafelt Boys Brigade** (Union Rd, Halls) Anchor Boys (p1-p4) Wed 6-7, Juniors (P5-P7) Wed 6:30-8, Company (1st year up) Fridays 7:30-9:30.
2. **Care for the Family Magazines** are on the Porch Table. Special features in the magazine are ‘caring for elderly relatives’, ‘drug prevention at home’ and ‘the greatest gift you can give your child – acceptance’. Please take one.
3. Salt & Light in Northern Ireland: A presentation by the **Christian Institute** in Molesworth Presbyterian Church, Cookstown on Tuesday, 3 October at 8pm
4. ‘**Reality**’, Care for the Family’s Special Event for Women will be held on Thursday 19th October at the Waterfront Hall, Tickets £6. Special Guests: Jeff and Kay Lucas and Joanne Hogg. Further information on the Information Tables. Anyone wishing to go please book with Lorna by 5th October.
5. **St Swithins Mothers Union** would like to invite the ladies of First Magherafelt PWA to their visitors’ night on Wednesday 1st November at 8pm. Speaker Mrs Mary Good, Subject Patchwork. Any member wishing to attend please contact Maisie Smyth by Mid October (02879 301681)

Suggestions for Prayer

Kenya – Pray for preparations for the visit to Tuum by a team from Markethill Presbyterian Church. The team is expected in Tuum from 6th October and will help build a staff house at the new girls’ secondary school.

CENTRAL ASIA Graham and Pat Connor are continuing to settle in and adapt to life in their new surroundings. Graham writes: “*The Mullahs have called for a ‘day of anger’ today, Friday, so we are in lock-up, staying at home. Our meetings have been cancelled and I will speak next week instead. We had a lovely picnic yesterday about 45 minutes outside the city and a walk in the countryside. We are well settled, but no further forward with our barrels [containing their personal effects]. Perhaps their contents are already on sale in a bazaar! Language school starting on 14th October is on the horizon and Ramadan starts on 24th September.*”

Rotas (Please speak to those who arrange rotas if there are any changes).

Welcoming Committee (Rota by Jr. Todd).

October – Dr. Hunter, H Duncan, W Gilmour, D Finlay, A Evans, J Glassey & R Crossett.

Crèche (For Pre School children) (Rota by Janet Gregg).

Oct 1st – Heather & Laura Britton & Helen Badger.

Oct 8th – Lorna Curry & Cheryl Hughes.

Junior Church (For Primary School Children)(Rota by Anne Crossett).

October – Helen Badger, Audrey Steele & Anne Crossett.

Flowers Oct 1st – Iris Brown. Delivery – Doreen Badger.

Projection (Rota by Wesley Currie). Oct 1st – Judith Evans Oct 8th – Laura Crossett

Parent & Toddlers (Rota by Maisie Smyth).

Oct 4th – Sadie Todd, Maisie Smyth, Nan Gregg & Cheryl Hughes.

Oct 11th – Rona McRoberts, Emmie McMaster, Thelma Cummings & Ann Brown.

Youth @ First Oct 7th – H Palmer, D Finlay, W Smyth & N Currie.

Opening Praise Oct 8th – Wesley Currie Oct 15th – Albert Hogg.

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