
Morning Service – 17th Sept 2006 @ 11am

Opening Praise (*Hugh Stewart*) MP666, MP746, MP691

Welcome and Announcements

Preparation for The Word

Call to Worship

PRAISE “O Lord My God” MP 506

Prayer

Proclamation Of The Word

Reading Matt 15v29-39 (*Page*)

Children's Address (*Maureen Stevenson*)

PRAISE “Our God is a great big God” Sheet
(*Junior Church Leave*)

Reading Jeremiah 18v1-10

Mission Focus - *Maureen Stevenson* (DGMH – *Livingstonia*)

Response to the Word

PRAISE “Filled with Compassion for all creation” MP 828

Prayers of Intercession

Offering & Prayer of Dedication

PRAISE “O God our help in ages past” Hymn 611

Benediction

Evening Service @ 6pm (Minor Hall) *Led by Rev Curry*

PRAISE *O worship the King* MP 528 *Thou art worthy* MP696, *Man of sorrows* MP458

Prayer

PRAISE Before the throne of God above (MP 975)

Reading Acts 11v11-18

PRAISE Have you heard the news?

SERMON ***The Gospel is***

PRAISE At the name of Jesus (MP 41)

Benediction

Today@first

10am **Sunday School and Bible Class**

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

11am **Morning Worship** Mission Focus - Speaker – Dr Maureen Stevenson

(Crèche - pre school (*Minor Hall*), Junior Church – primary (*Main Hall*) There will be a cup of tea after the service in the main hall, all are invited to stay.

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

3.15pm **Worship Group**

6pm **Evening Service** (*Minor Hall*) Speaker - Rev Jonathan Curry.

7.15-8.30pm **Youth Fellowship**. In the Graham room for age 11+ years. Nicola will speak on her trip to Kenya.

Monday 18th

7-8 **5 a side football** at Meadowbank for 16 year olds and above (cost£2.50) all welcome! For further details contact Philip Gorman (028 79 300176) or Richard Campbell (028 867 47384)

7.45pm **Bowls** in the Main Hall. New members made very welcome.

8:30pm **Soul Mates** (A Ladies walking group). If you would like to meet up for a walk and a chat come along. Meet in the church car park, further details from Judith Evans, Caroline Hogg.

Tuesday 19th

9-9.30am **School Assembly** (MPS) Helpers are required for supervision of children. If you can volunteer please contact Rev. Curry.

8pm **PWA Open Night** - Theme: Use your Talents. Ladies from the group are taking part. All ladies welcome.

Wednesday 20th

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 21th

8pm **MIDWEEK** – A Christianity Explored information and preparation evening will be held on Thursday 21st September at 8pm in the Minor Hall. If you are willing to help with the course in any way please come along.

Friday 22nd

8pm **Gospel Concert** in church hall. Artists taking part include Victor Gregg compere and gospel singer, Kenny Archer gospel singer and yodeller, and Macosquin Presbyterian church orchestra and choir. Proceeds in aid of church building fund. Tickets (£6) available from Frances Gillespie, Bobby McKeown and Iris Hamilton. Fire side quiz will also be available (£1 each)

Saturday 23rd

8-10pm **YOUTH@First**. (for young people first form and over) Further details from Heather Palmer or Judith Evans.

Next Sunday 24th Sept 2006

10am **Sunday School and Bible Class**

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

11am **Morning Worship** PWA Service - Amanda Cooper, Praise band will play during service.

(Crèche - pre school (*Minor Hall*), Junior Church – primary (*Main Hall*))

6pm **Evening Service** (*Minor Hall*) Speaker - Rev Jonathan Curry.

7:15-8:30 **'A Blaze 4 Christ' Coffee Bar** (Graham room). Guest speakers will be attending and visiting youth fellowships. All youth will be very welcome.

Church Notices

1. **MIDWEEK** programmes with suggested topics are available on the tables, please take one and return your selection of topics next Sunday.
2. **PRAYER TRIPLETS** - registration cards and booklets are available on the tables, please register if you are meeting to pray so that we can pass prayer information to groups.
3. Envelopes are available today for the **Presbyterian Children and Orphan society** which seeks to help children in need. Please give generously. (Further details from Rosemary Finlay)
4. Copies of a **fireside quiz** are available on the tables, please leave monies in the boxes provided. All proceeds to church building fund.
5. This Autumn we will be 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 discussion group specifically for young people. If you would be willing to help in any way take one of the "**Helpers**" leaflets.
6. **Congregational Committee** meet on 26th Sept at 7:30. This will be followed by a Kirk session and Committee time of prayer.

7. Young people (first year and over) are all invited to a **Youth@first day away** on **Sat 30th October** 1pm to 9pm at Springhill. Activities will include – archery, treasure hunts, outdoor pursuit activities, BBQ, Quiz and youth evening. Registration/Consent forms available today and please make sure you let Judith know if you are coming (leaders too). Further Details from youth leaders or contact Judith Evans (7930 0672) judithevans70@hotmail.com
8. **J Team (Jr YOUTH@First)** next meet on Saturday 30th Sept 7-8pm (then fortnightly) for children p3-p7. Parents are asked to leave children off and collect them at the door at back of church halls. Further details on tables or from Melanie Boyce / Lorna Curry.
9. As a Joint outreach with Union Road Presbyterian Church we will be hosting weekly **English language classes** for migrant workers in the Minor Hall / Graham Room starting on Tuesday 26th Sept. Keith Preston (Irish Mission) and José Carlos Lara (Latin Link) will be teaching the classes, however, we need 3-4 people to help with welcoming and practical matters. If anyone would be willing to help please speak to Rev Curry as soon as possible.

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. **Presbytery of Tyrone Ruling Elders Fellowship**
The quarterly meeting will be held on Tuesday 19th September in Stewartstown Presbyterian Church at 8pm, Speaker: Cookstown Group. All members of session are invited to attend.

Prayerline (www.presbyterianireland.org/)

MALAWI In addition to the prayer points in the Monthly Diary

Give thanks for the tremendous support for DGMH in recent years and pray for Maureen as she seeks secure **ongoing support** now that she is at home. Pray that the great challenges and many needs will be met in the future.

Remember William Turner and the team from Mourne Presbyterian church currently in Livingstonia. Pray for wisdom as they meet many people and discuss how they can best provide assistance in the coming years.

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

Welcoming Committee (Rota by Jr. Todd).

Sept – I Brown, W Currie, J Dawson, A Crossett, C Currie, H Stewart, D Steele.

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

September 17th – Heather & Paula Palmer.

September 24th – Norma Currie, Louise Bain.

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

September - Rosemary Caskey, Hester Clarke & Ruth Hunter.

Flowers Sept 17th E McMaster

Sept 24th Cheryl Hughes

Projection (Rota by Wesley Currie). 17th Sept Wesley & David Currie.

Sound Desk (Rota by Jackie Smyth). 17th R McKeown.

Parent & Toddlers (Rota by Maisie Smyth). 20th Sept Pamela Evans, Anne Watson, Elaine Freestone, Vivienne Weir.

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Our God is a great big God, (x3)

And he holds us in his hands.

(repeat)

He's higher than the skyscraper,

And deeper than a submarine,

He's wider than the universe,

And beyond my wildest dreams.

And he's know me And he's loved me,

Since before the world began,

How wonderful, to be a part,

Of God's amazing plan!

Our God is a great big God, (x3)

And he holds us in his hands.

(repeat)

And he holds us in his hands.

1/3 **Filled with compassion** for all creation,
Jesus came into a world that was lost.
There was but one way that He could save us,
Only through suffering death on a cross

Chorus

God, You are waiting,
Your heart is breaking
For all the people who live on the earth.
Stir us to action,
Filled with Your passion
For all the people who live on the earth.

2/3 Great is Your passion for all the people
Living and dying without knowing You.
Having no Saviour, they're lost forever,
If we don't speak out and lead them to You.

3/3 From every nation we shall be gathered,
Millions redeemed shall be Jesus' reward.
Then He will turn and say to His Father:
'Truly my suffering was worth it all.'