
Morning Order of Service – 3rd December 2006 @ 11am

Opening Praise – (led by the Henry Todd)

MP 13 “All hail the power of Jesus name”

MP 355 “Jesus is King”

MP 156 “For unto us a Child is born”

Welcome and Announcements

Preparation for The Word

Call to Worship

PRAISE “While humble shepherds”

Prayer

Proclamation of the Word

Reading Isaiah 2v1-5 (Page 648)

Children's Talk

PRAISE “With Christ in the vessel”

Reading Isaiah 11v6-9 (Page 655)

Sermon “Finding Peace at Christmas”

Response to the Word

PRAISE “I will sing the wondrous story”

Prayer (Intercession)

Offering

Dedication

PRAISE “O for a closer walk with God (Hymn 663)

Benediction “May God’s blessing” (Seated) (MP 460)

Today@first

10am **Sunday School and Bible Class** (Church halls)

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

11am **Morning Worship** - Rev Curry.

Crèche - pre school (Minor Hall), Junior Church (Minor Hall)

Everyone is invited to stay for a cup of tea in the main hall after the service.

2.30pm **Choir Practices** preparation for the Carol Service, in Minor Hall.

5:30pm **Christianity Explored Leaders** meet in Minor Hall

6pm **Christianity Explored Course** All Welcome (Main Hall). Cup of tea 5:45

“... his name shall be called
Wonderful, Counsellor,
The mighty God,
The everlasting Father,
The Prince of Peace.”
(Isaiah 9v6)

(Hymn 174)

With Christ in the vessel
we can smile at the storm,
smile at the storm, (x2)
With Christ in the vessel
we can smile at the storm
as we go sailing home.
Sailing, sailing home. (x2)
With Christ in the vessel
we can smile at the storm,
as we go sailing home.

(Hymn 380)

Monday 4th

7-8pm **5 a side football** at Meadowbank for 16 yr + (cost£2.50) all welcome! Further details - Philip Gorman (79300176)

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

8:30pm **Soul Mates** (A Ladies walking group). Leaving from the church car park.

Tuesday 5th

9-9.30am **School Assembly** (MPS) If you would like to help contact Rev. Curry.

1pm **Friendly Hour Christmas Dinner** (Usual lifts will call at 12:30pm)

7-9pm **English language classes** for migrant workers (*Main Hall / Graham Room*).

Wednesday 6th

10-12pm **Parent and Toddlers**. All parents and carers very welcome.

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 7th

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

8pm **MIDWEEK** We continue our Growing in Christ studies. Subject - "Defeated"- *The Devil*. Copies of the study are available on transept table.

Friday 8th

7.30-8.15pm **Instrument Practice** for Carol Service (*Graham Room*) All welcome.

Saturday 9th

7-8pm **J Team (Jr Youth@First)** (for children p3-p7) Children to be left off and collected at the door at back of halls. Further details from Melanie / Lorna.

8-10pm **YOUTH@First**. (for young people first form and over.)

Next Sunday 10th December 2006

10am **Sunday School and Bible Class** (*Church halls*)

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

11am **Morning Worship** - Rev Curry.

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

2.30pm **Choir Practices** preparation for the Carol Service.

5:30pm **Christianity Explored Leaders** meet in Minor Hall

6pm **Christianity Explored Course** All Welcome (*Main Hall*). *Cup of tea 5:45*

Church Notices

1. Anyone who would like to be a **Prayer Partner** with one of the Sunday school children, please put your names on the sheets available on the tables.
2. **Christianity Explored** continues. Feel free to join with us any evening you can. **Further details** from Rev Curry.
3. **Carol singing** will take place on Monday 18th Dec leaving the church hall at 7pm returning to Manse at 9pm for supper.
4. **Sunday School Christmas party** is on Tuesday 19th Dec. 5-7pm for juniors up to Primary 5. Then Primary 6 and over to meet 7-9pm.
5. **Anybody requiring bible reading notes** for 2006 contact Jackie Smyth on Tel 79634248. Examples - Our Daily Bread, Daily Bread by Scripture Union, IBRA Reading notes, Word For Today etc.
6. **Small Group Bible Studies** will resume on 18th January. If you would like to be part of a small group please take one of the information leaflets and place your name on the sheet on one of the tables.
7. **Anyone wishing to order a Reachout Desk / Wall calendar** please put their name on the sheets provided in the vestibule and at the Link door, or contact Pamela Evans 02879 469 322. Price £2.30 each.

8. **Some extra copies of the Book – Presbyterians in Ireland** “An illustrated history” are available at a cost of £25. A copy is available on the vestibule table to view. If interested please order through Jr Todd (79631484).
9. **There will be a Congregational Dinner on Fri 2nd Feb at 7:30pm** in the Church hall. Further details Jackie / Wallace Smyth.

Other Notices

1. **Magherafelt Boys Brigade** (Union Rd, Halls) Anchor Boys (p1-p4) Wed 6-7, Juniors (P5-P7) Fri 6:30-8, Company (1st year up) Wed 7:30-9:30.
2. **Old Time Christmas Carol Service** in Curran Old School on Fri 8th Dec at 8pm. Singing - Heavenly Sunshine, Speaker - Nigel Kissick (CWU).
3. **Desertmartin Primary School Open Morning** on Fri 15th Dec from 9.30am – 11am.
4. **Blood Transfusion Service** in Magherafelt High School on 18th & 19th Dec from 1.30pm-3.30pm & 4.45pm – 8pm.

Suggestions for Prayer - WORLD ‘AIDS’ DAY

Around 40 million people are living with HIV throughout the world. World AIDS Day on 1st December provides an opportunity to pray for Christians around the world; and to show love and concern to those affected by HIV and AIDS.

The stark reality is that, “in the next sixty seconds, five people will die of AIDS.” The scale of suffering as a result of the HIV/AIDS epidemic is overwhelming. It devastates livelihoods, communities and economies, and orphans millions of children. World AIDS Day raises awareness about HIV and AIDS in an attempt to combat the spread of this global tragedy. The poor, as ever, are worst affected. More than 90 per cent of people living with HIV are in developing countries.

Poverty and HIV are inextricably linked. Lack of healthcare, poor access to education, the low status of women and limited means of earning money all increase people's vulnerability to contracting HIV. In turn, HIV and AIDS throws people deeper into poverty, as it removes family's incomes and incurs costs for healthcare and drugs. Children miss out on education if they have to leave school to work or care for family members.

Prayer Points –

- For wisdom and compassion for all who are working with, and are seeking to help and minister to, people living with HIV and AIDS,
- That the global church will demonstrate practical love and care, and thereby witness to the hope that is found in and through Jesus Christ.

HUNGARY, ROMANIA & UKRAINE

The Board of Mission Overseas (BMO) is planning to send an all-age adult team to Transcarpathia in Ukraine for two weeks next July. The team will help run an English-teaching camp for local young people; there will also be opportunities for team members to share their faith through music, drama, discussion groups and friendship. PCI missionaries, Csaba and Ilona Veres, will be co-leading the team. *Information Leaflets and Application Forms* are available from the Mission Overseas Office.

The closing date for applications is Wednesday, 13th December 2006.

Prayer Point – God's guidance for those who are thinking about applying to join the team. Pray that the right people will be drawn together to serve on this team next summer.

Our Congregation

We remember those who are elderly or housebound this Christmas time. Pray for all who will attend the Friendly hour Christmas Dinner and those working hard to make this possible.

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

Welcoming Committee (Rota - Jr. Todd).

December – Dr Watson, J Smyth, H Todd, D Steele, H Stewart, J McRobert & H Palmer.

Crèche for Pre School children. (Rota - Janet Gregg).

Dec 3rd – Lorna Curry, Cheryl Hughes & Lauren Finlay.

Dec 10th – Esther Brown, Audrey Steele & Victoria Steele.

Junior Church for Primary School Children. (Rota - Anne Crossett).

December – Helen Badger, Doreen Brown & Lorna Curry.

Flowers Dec 3rd – Lorna Moore 10th – William Smyth 17th Judith Evans Del – Iris Brown

Projection (*Rota - Wesley Currie*). Dec 3rd – Jacqueline Currie

Dec 10th – Wesley & David Currie Dec 17th – Judith Evans

Parent & Toddlers (Rota - Maisie Smyth).

Dec 6th – Brenda Hogg, May Hogg, Rosemary Kerr & Irene Duncan.

Dec 13th – Sadie Todd, Maisie Smyth, Nan Gregg & Cheryl Hughes.

Youth@First (*Rota–H Palmer*). Dec 9th – J Evans, R Evans, H Palmer & R Palmer.

Opening Praise (*Rota–M Boyce*). Dec 3rd – H Todd 10th – W Currie 17th – A Hogg

Sound Desk (*Rota–J Smyth*). Dec 3rd– G Duncan 10th – B Smyth 17th – R McKeown

Announcements to be with Rev Curry or Church Office by 12noon on Thursday each week.

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