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Morning Order of Service – 17<sup>th</sup> December 2006 @ 11am

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**Opening Praise** – (led by the W Currie)  
of Mary.'

MP 234 'His name is wonderful.'

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Preparation for The Word**

**Call to Worship**

**PRAISE** "In the bleak mid winter"

(Hymn 178)

**Prayer**

**Proclamation of the Word**

**Children's Talk** David Steele

**PRAISE** "He's got the whole world in his hands"

(MP 225)

**Reading** Mark 2v1-12 (Page 39)

**Sermon/Report** David Steele

**Response to the Word**

**PRAISE** "Beauty for brokenness"

(CMP 806)

**Prayer** (Intercession)

**Offering**

**Dedication**

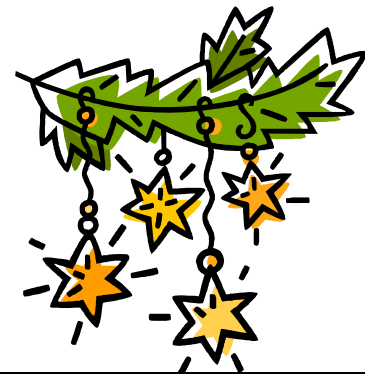
**PRAISE** "Speak forth Thy word, O Father"

(Hymn 468)

**Benediction**

*"Come to me,  
all you who are weary  
and burdened,  
and I will give you rest."  
(Matt 11:28)*

MP 71 'Child in the manger, infant  
MP 342 'Infant holy, infant lowly.'



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**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)

3pm **Traditional Carol Service** (Offering to World Development Appeal)  
(Everyone is invited for a cup of Tea & Mince Pies in Main Hal after the service).

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup>**

7pm **Carol Singing** – leaving from the Church hall and returning to the Manse at 9pm for supper. All welcome.

7.45pm **Bowls** in the Main Hall.



## Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup>

5-7pm **Sunday School Christmas party for juniors** up to Primary 5.

7-9pm **Sunday School Christmas party** for Primary 6 and over.

9.15pm **Kirk Session Pray Time** (*Minister's room*)

## Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup>

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

## Next Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December 2006

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

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

11am **All age Carol Service** - participation by Sunday School and Bible Class.



## Monday 25<sup>th</sup>

10:30 **Christmas Morning Worship** – Rev Curry (Children, please bring a toy) The retiring offering will go to World Development Appeal.

## Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup>

10am **“Run of the Turkey” football** at Meadowbank for 16 yr + (cost£2.50) all welcome! Further details - Philip Gorman (79300176)

## Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> December 2006

**NO Sunday School or Bible Class**

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

11am **Morning Worship** – Speaker – Rev Curry (*This service will include the sacrament of Baptism*).

## Church Notices

1. **Suggestions for Prayer** should be left in the prayer boxes or sent to [LornaJCurry@hotmail.com](mailto:LornaJCurry@hotmail.com) by Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> Dec. the next suggestions for prayer will be out next Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> Dec.
2. Jackie Smyth is now allocating **Prayer Partners** for the Sunday school children, to be involved put you names on the sheets available on the tables.
3. 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.
4. **Small Group Bible Studies** will resume on 18<sup>th</sup> January. If you would like to be part of a small group please take one of the information leaflets and place you name on the sheet on one of the tables.
5. 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.
6. 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).
7. There will be a **Congregational Dinner** on Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb at 7:30pm in the Church hall. Further details Jackie / Wallace Smyth.

## Other Notices

1. **CHRISTMAS SOCIAL with 'ETERNITY'** Friday, 22nd December 10.30pm – 1.00am in 2nd Moneymore Presbyterian Church Hall. Age: 15+ Admission: £5 Proceeds towards the Tanzania 2007 Project (*First Moneymore has 2 teams going our next summer to assist Glenn & Julie Anne Cousley who are working with Mission Aviation Fellowship in Dodoma, Tanzania*)
2. The Christian Institute has called for Christians to write to Tony Blair to oppose **the proposed 'Sexual Orientation Regulations'**. Details of the issue are on their web site. [www.christian.org.uk](http://www.christian.org.uk) A web petition has now been established which you can sign to bring pressure on government on this issue. *The petition is ... We the undersigned petition the Prime Minister to Delay the passing into Legislation of the Sexual Orientation Regulations for Northern Ireland. The Creator of the petition states "These Regulations should be withdrawn as they offend the vast majority of people in Northern Ireland across the sectarian divide. Will severely limit free speech in Northern Ireland. The School curriculum and assemblies must be entirely exempted. Could lead to Bibles being banned from Hospitals where the Word of God offers much succor. Christian Teachers could be forced out of the profession removing the bedrock of our System. They override the consciences of Christian teachers and are contrary to Article 9 of the European Convention on Human Rights. Gay rights activists have sought to ban University CUs and this will spread to schools."* To sign go to <http://petitions.pm.gov.uk/NISexOrient/>
3. **Blood Transfusion Service** in Magherafelt High School on 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> Dec from 1.30pm-3.30pm & 4.45pm – 8pm.
4. **Poppy Appeal collection** raised £129.96.

## Suggestions for Prayer

### **MALAWI – David and Maggie Steele and Family**

- Pray for David and Maggie as they prepare to return to Malawi on 15<sup>th</sup> January.
- At this time of year while we rejoice in having so much remember those who live in extreme poverty in Malawi. Pray for missionaries and church leaders as they seek to minister and bring practical help.
- Pray that God would use them as a family as they are involved with helping students, teaching in the college and preparing discipleship materials.

### **SPAIN**

Derek and Jane French are planning to move to Bilbao in Northern Spain in the New Year. This month, Derek will be visiting Bilbao to look for suitable accommodation in the city.

#### *Prayer Points –*

- For wisdom and guidance as to where Derek and Jane should live in Bilbao, and that they may find suitable accommodation at the right price.
- Derek would appreciate prayer for the continual pain he has in his neck.
- As Derek and Jane remain in Spain for Christmas and the New Year, pray that it would be a restful and spiritually uplifting time for them.

## Our Congregation

Pray for those who will go carol singing tomorrow evening and all who will receive gifts and a copy of the carol service on CD.

## 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.

January – WR Brown, E Wylie, R Britton, R Crossett, C Currie, A Evans & A Crossett

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

Dec 17<sup>th</sup> – Heather & Paula Palmer.

Dec 24<sup>th</sup> – Janet Gregg & Evadne Savage.

Dec 31<sup>st</sup> – Clare Gorman & Doreen Brown.

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

December – Helen Badger, Doreen Brown & Lorna Curry.

**Flowers** Dec 17<sup>th</sup> Judith Evans 24<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> – Iris Brown Del – Iris Brown

**Projection** (*Rota - Wesley Currie*). Dec 17<sup>th</sup> – Judith Evans Dec 24<sup>th</sup> – Jacqueline Currie

Dec 31<sup>st</sup> – Laura Crossett.

### **Parent & Toddlers** (*Rota - Maisie Smyth*). .

Dec 20<sup>th</sup> – Rona McRoberts, Emmie McMaster, Thelma Cummings & Ann Brown.

**Opening Praise** (*Rota - M Boyce*). Dec 17<sup>th</sup> – W Currie 24<sup>th</sup> – C Currie 31<sup>st</sup> – Praise Band

**Sound Desk** (*Rota - J Smyth*). Dec 17<sup>th</sup> – R McKeown 24<sup>th</sup> – W Smyth 31<sup>st</sup> – G Duncan



