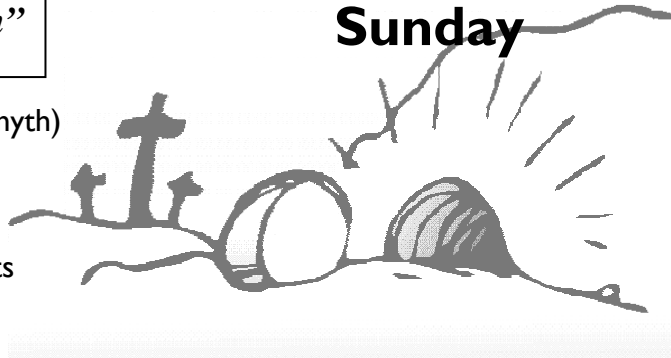


Morning Order of Service – 8th April 2007 @ 11am

*"Why do you seek the living
among the dead?
He is not here, but is risen"*
(Luke 24v5-6)

EASTER Sunday



Opening Praise (Jackie Smyth)

MP 691 *This is the day*
MP 988 *How deep the Fathers love*
MP 14 *All heaven declares*

Welcome and Announcements

Preparation for The Word

Call to Worship

PRAISE "God sent His son" (Hymn 275)

Prayer

Praise Band 'See what a morning'

Proclamation Of The Word

Children's Address

PRAISE "God's not dead" (JP 60)
(Junior Church Leaves)

Reading *1 Corinthians 15 (P 185)*

Worship Group "He came in Love"

Sermon *Believing ... Jesus is risen.*

Response to the Word

PRAISE "I serve a risen saviour" (MP 295)

Prayer *(Intercession)*

Offering (**Choir** – *Worthy the Lamb that was slain*)

Dedication

PRAISE "Thine be the glory" (Hymn 279)

Benediction

Closing night of Holy Week Mission

Evening Order of Service, @ 6pm – Speaker Rev Smith

Opening Praise "There is a Redeemer" MP 673
"At your feet we fall" MP 45
"Jesus Christ is alive today" MP 358

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

PRAISE "One day when heaven" MP 540

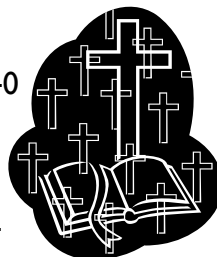
Prayer

Choir 'Oh to see the dawn'

PRAISE What a wonderful saviour is Jesus JP 274

Reading

Praise band 'Church Arise'



PRAISE "What a wonderful change in my heart" MP 748

Choir 'He grew the tree'

Sermon *Believing ... there is more to life than this*

PRAISE "When the trumpet of the" MP 759

Benediction.

Today@First

6.15am **Dawn Service** at Slieve Gallion (*Breakfast in hall after service*)

NO Sunday School or Bible Class (*Resumes 15th April*)

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

11am **Morning Worship** – "Believing ... Jesus is Risen." (Rev Curry)

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

6pm **Evening Worship – Close of Holy Week Mission**

"Believing ...there is more than this life." (Rev Smith)

Sunday 15th April 2007

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 (*Main Hall*)

6pm **Evening Worship** – Rev Curry

After the service there will be an opportunity for tea and discussion.

7:15pm **Young People's Bible Study**

Church Notices

1. **A big thank you** to all who helped with our special services in this past week and for all who faithfully attended each evening. Recordings of the services are available free of charge.
2. **Kirk Session Prayer time** will be held on Tuesday 10th April at 9pm in the Ministers Room.
3. **Containers for Malawi.** Anyone wishing to donate items as listed on church notices for the above appeal may do so by depositing the same in the church main hall on Saturday 14th April between 09.00 - 11.00 a.m. Care is to be taken to ensure that only those items listed are donated. Any queries do not hesitate to contact Dr. Maureen Stevenson or Hugh Stewart. It is intended that these items are taken to the container in Belfast docks in May for onward transportation to Malawi.
4. **Parent & Toddlers** will reopen after Easter on Wednesday 18th April.
5. The Church is now set up to receive regular contributions on a monthly **direct debit** basis. If you would be interested in contributing to the church in this way, please contact Albert Hogg (07879834249) for more details and the appropriate forms.
6. **ACE event** to be held on Friday 18th May at 7.30pm in Springhill, Moneymore.
7. The well-known speaker and author **John Blanchard** will be the speaker at a special service to be held on Thursday 20th Sept 2007 in First Magherafelt. This service has been arranged in conjunction with other local Presbyterian Churches. Please note this in your diary and plan to come and bring others.
8. **Recycle old mobiles** and raise money to help Christians who are persecuted for their faith. Release International will receive an average of £3 for every mobile phone donated. Please return unwanted mobile phones to Jackie Smyth.
9. **Visitors Night – Gospel Concert** is being held by Magherafelt Baptist Women on Friday 20th April at 8pm in their new premises on Ballyronan road. Special guest Amy Roberts. All Ladies welcome

Prayer focus

Congregation Give thanks for the special services last week and the opportunity this was to allow God to speak to us this Easter. Give thanks for all who took part and helped in our services this past week. Pray there will be a deep and lasting impact in the lives of many people as a result of this past week.

MALAWI In Mzuzu where David and Maggie Steele are based (and possibly in other parts of Malawi as well), the Muslim community held an overnight rally last Saturday night and marched through the town on Palm Sunday. There are also plans for further rallies throughout the Easter period. This is likely to cause tension between the Christian and Muslim communities. *Prayer Points* –

- Pray that Christians in Malawi may be united together in love, and through their love they may also reach out to their Muslim neighbours.

Over the Easter Weekend, Rev. Chimwemwe Mhango and his band are planning to hold concerts in Mzuzu and Mzimba prisons. Rev David Steele also hopes to take part in the visits and in speaking and praying with the prisoners, and in the distribution of the gifts of soap, toothpaste and Christian literature. *Prayer Points* –

- Thank God for this open door to minister to these prisoners.
- Pray that it may be a time of encouragement for those prisoners who are believers and also a time of challenge for those who do not know Christ.

Margaret McClelland, a member of Whiteabbey Presbyterian Church who arrived in Malawi a couple of weeks ago, is settling in well. Margaret, an experienced mid-wife tutor is serving for two months at Ekwendeni Nursing School, assisting Mphatso Nguluwe, Deputy Principal of the Nursing School. New students were due to start at the Nursing School last Monday (2nd), however this has been delayed to Monday next (9th) due to financial reasons. *Prayer Points* –

- Pray for senior students at the Nursing School who finished their studies on Friday 30th March and who will be sitting exams on 9th April.

- Pray for the intake of new students.
- Pray for Margaret; for her health and safety and for her energy levels to remain high.

PAKISTAN In Pakistan, as in many other areas of the world Christians are facing persecution because of their faith. *Prayer Points –*

- Pray for the quick release of many innocent victims of the Blasphemy law and for God’s protection on their families.
- Pray that Christians in Pakistan will experience peace and freedom and worship God without fear.
- Pray for the replacement of discriminatory laws, which persecute Christians instead of protecting them.
- Pray for church leaders in Pakistan, including those in the Presbyterian Church of Pakistan (our partner church), that God will give them strength and wisdom to encourage their congregations to stand strong in their faith.
- Pray for the wisdom for the government of Pakistan that they may be able to act justly by changing the laws that persecute Christians and help out the suffering citizens of their country.
- Pray for courage and wisdom for all those who seek to help and support the persecuted Christians in Pakistan.

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

Welcoming Committee (Rota - Jr. Todd).

April – H McKay, T Johnston, R McKeown, A Crossett, R Crossett, D Steele & H Stewart.

Crèche for Pre School children. (Rota – J Gregg).

Apr 8th – C Gorman & J Gregg Apr 15th – H & L Britton & H Badger.

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

Apr – Helen Badger, Doreen Brown & Lorna Curry.

Flowers Apr 8th – C Kane Apr 15th – M Smyth Del – I Duncan.

Projection (Rota - W Currie). Apr 8th – W Currie Apr 15th – L Crossett

Youth@First (Rota - J Evans) Apr 28th – Stay Awake.

Opening Praise (Rota–M Boyce). Apr 8th – J Smyth Apr 15th – H Stewart

Sound Desk (Rota–J Smyth) Apr 8th – W Smith Apr 15th – G Duncan

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

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