
Morning Order of Service 17th February 2008 @ 11am

Opening Praise (led by W Currie)

MP 590 Seek ye First
MP 37 As the deer pants
MP 646 The greatest thing

Welcome and Announcements

Preparation for The Word

Call to Worship

PRAISE Praise to the Lord Hymn 9

Prayer

Proclamation Of The Word

Children's Address

PRAISE Jesus bids us shine
(Junior Church)

Reading John 9

Sermon 'A Blind Beggar'

Response to the Word

Praise Lead us, heavenly father Hymn 90

Prayers of Intercession

Offering

Dedication

Praise How deep the Father's love MP 988

Benediction.

If you have any questions or need assistance please speak to the ushers at the door.

If we can be of any help please let us know (Information cards are in the Pews)

Our Praise and Bible readings will normally be displayed on the screens. Songs are from a variety of books and Bible readings from the NIV (available on the tables).

Today@first

10^{am} **Sunday School and Bible Class**

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

11^{am} **Morning Worship** Rev Ivor Smith - "A Blind Beggar" John 9

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

Choir Practices – Men 2.15-2.45pm, Ladies 2.45–3.15pm, Worship Group 3.15–3.30pm, Praise Band / Men's Group – 3.30-3.45pm.

6^{pm} **Evening Service** Dr Joe Thompson
(Minor Hall, followed by cup of tea in the main hall)

Monday 18th

7-8^{pm} **Five-a-side football** (aged 15 and over). (£2.50 for students and £3 for others). For further details contact Richard Campbell (86747384)

7.45^{pm} **Bowling Club.** All welcome.

8:30^{pm} **Soul Mates** (A Ladies walking group) meeting at Church Car-park.
Further details from Caroline Hogg (79468747) or Judith Evans (79300672)

Tuesday 19th

7-9^{pm} **English Language Classes** for migrant workers, in the Halls.

8^{pm} **PWA / Mission Awareness** meeting. Special speakers Joe Law and Nancy Bell from 'Mission Impossible, Portglenone' Everyone Welcome (Minor hall)

Wednesday 20th

10^{am}-12 **Parent & Toddlers.**

6-7.15 **Girls Brigade - Explorers** Age 3-7

7-8⁴⁵ **Girls Brigade - Juniors** Age 8-10

7.45-9.30 **Girls Brigade - Seniors/Brigaders** Age 11+ years

Thursday 21st

7.45^{pm} **Bowling Club.** All welcome.

8^{pm} **Midweek** - Congregational Mission (Union Road) Speaker - Trevor Matthews

Saturday 23rd

6⁴⁵-8^{pm} **'Jr Youth @ First'. The J-Team** in the church halls for children in school years P3 to P7. (Further details from Lorna).

8-10^{pm} **YOUTH@First** for those first form and over. Contact Heather or Judith.

Next Sunday 24th February

10^{am} **Sunday School and Bible Class**

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

11^{am} **Morning Worship** Rev I Smith (Rev Curry will be in Moneymore)

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6^{pm} **Evening Service** Rev J Curry (Minor Hall, followed by cup of tea in the main hall)

7:15^{pm} **'Youth @ First' on Sunday** (Graham Room)

7:15^{pm} **Church Membership Classes** (Minister's Room)

Other Congregational Notices

1. Rev Curry will be on holidays from Wed 13th Feb to Tue 19th Feb if you need to contact a minister please ring **Rev Ivor Smith on 8674 8212.**
2. You should have received envelopes for the annual **Mission Awareness collection.** Please return these during February, more are available on the tables. Thanking you for your generosity towards mission.
3. **Election of Committee** takes place every three years. Ballot papers are available today from the tables and are to be returned to the ballot box in the vestibule by Sunday 24th Feb. We would encourage all voting members to participate prayerfully in this important part of our congregation by voting for up to 18 people as outlined on the ballot papers.
4. **Wanted:** Groundsman to cut grass at Church & Manse. Anyone interested please contact Property Convenor R Crossett by 29th March (028796 33498).
5. The next **All Age Church Event** will be on Fri 29th Feb at 7:30 and take the form of a Board Game Evening – All ages very welcome. Details from Albert Hogg.
6. **Bread and cheese lunch** in aid of Ballykajoni Orphan care Centre in Malawi. On Sun 2nd March after the morning service. Serving home made soup, cheese, bread, tea and coffee. If you are planning to come along please sign the sheets on the information tables. Everyone Welcome.
7. Anyone interested in helping with **CEDU** meet at the manse on Tuesday 4th March at 8pm.



Prayerline (www.presbyterianireland.org/)

KENYA Stephen Cowan writes, "I was in Nairobi last week, and life was very normal. There is certainly little sign of despair in the traders and they have no plan to move out. Even the main highway at Naivaisha had people walking on it again and that was only one week after the bad attacks." Prayer Points –

Give thanks for an ongoing return to normality in large parts of the country. However, there are still many displaced people in camps, and many others with relatives.

For this month's Bible teaching time in Tuum that it will be a time of great encouragement, especially as it will be the first meeting for adults since November.

At the girls' secondary school in Tuum, first form students will report this week. Pray for all teaching staff as they cope with a larger workload. Pray for the Christian input at the school to impact the girls' lives and to help them grow up as servants.

Thomas Leremore left Belfast on 12th to explore a role in peace and reconciliation with PCEA. Pray for Thomas as he seeks direction and makes decisions about living accommodation, so that Naomi and Aaron can join him soon.

INDIA In the state of Orissa, thousands of people are still living with the consequences of the recent attacks on Christians and churches and fear further violent attacks. Over 1,500 Christians in Barakhama are living in a refugee camp following the recent violence. Thankfully, they are getting sufficient food but they cannot go to work nor can the children get to school. The government has started to distribute aid to homeless Christian families to help them rebuild their houses, but some people fear they may be prevented from rebuilding in the same place. *Prayer Points* –

- *All who have suffered due to the violence – particularly those who have been injured, or have lost loved ones, homes or livelihoods.*
- *All Christians in the area, especially for the Bishop and the members of the CNI's Phulbani Dioceses that they may each stand firm, remain true to their faith and keep witnessing through their lives at this time of oppression, intimidation and violence.*
- *Those trying to help those in need; and those seeking to promote peace.*

Evening Service @ 6pm – (Led by Youth)

PRAISE	To be in Your presence	MP 951
	Open our eyes, Lord	MP 545
	Wonderful grace	MP 966

Prayer

PRAISE	Who put the colours in the rainbow?	JP 288
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Reading Colossians 2 v1-12

PRAISE	I know not why	MP 279
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Sermon

PRAISE	What a friend we have in Jesus	MP 746
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Benediction

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

Welcoming Committee (Rota - H Todd).

Feb – R McKeown, T Johnston, H McKay, J McRoberts, H Stewart, D Steele & H Palmer.

Mar – Dr Watson, H Todd, J Smyth R Crossett, C Currie, A Evans & A Crossett.

Crèche *(For Pre School children)* (Rota - J Gregg).

Feb 17th – J, H & C Currie Feb 24th – E Stewart, M Smyth & L Finlay.

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

February – L Bain, J Currie & M Stevenson

Parent & Toddlers (Rota - M Smyth)

Feb 20th – E Ferson, D Meharg, M Moore & N Currie.

Feb 27th – P Evans, E Connell, A Watson, P McCullough & E Freestone.

Flowers Feb 17th – H McKay Feb 24th – F Johnston Del - H McKay.

Sound Desk *(Rota - J Smyth).* Feb 17th – B Smyth Feb 24th – W Smith.

Opening Praise *(Rota - M Boyce)* Feb 17th – W Currie Feb 24th – Praise Band.

Projection *(Rota - W Currie).* Feb 17th – J Currie Feb 24th – J Evans.

Youth @ First *(Rota J Evans)* Feb 23rd – J & R Evans, T Diamond & H Badger, Epilogue L Shannon.

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