

# Welcome

Good morning and welcome to Portstewart Presbyterian Church.
This announcement sheet is designed to keep you up to date with church life. Our Minister is Stuart Morrow, and he is available if you need to speak with him after the service or at another time.

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Please remember the food bank in the vestibule.

**PRAYERTIME** before worship in the Creche Room 9.45 – 10.10 am

# What's happening 7<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> May 2023

**Sunday** Evening Communion Service 6.30 pm

Youth Fellowship 6.30 pm Church Hall

Wednesday Mums and Tots 10.00 am – 12.00 noon in the Minor Hall

**Church Art Group** 10.30 – 12.30 pm in the Main Hall

Saturday Blaze 6.00 pm and CHILL 7.30 pm.

# Festival of Talents and Crafts Friday 26th to Sunday 28th May

If anyone has anything they have made, no matter how big or small, that they would like to have displayed please contact Helen or Hazel as soon as possible. Please see enclosed flyer for full details on dates and times.

## **Welcome Rota**

May Derrick Turbitt, Helen Davies, Sarah Powers, Hazel Walker,

Jimmy Wright

## **Creche Rota**

7<sup>th</sup> May
 Barbara Hall and Caroline Scott
 14<sup>th</sup> May
 Maude Lyttle and Julie Watters

#### **Treasure Hunters**

May Julie and Rebecca Watters

Tea and coffee will be served in the Link after the morning service

# Other Notices

STATED MEETING OF CHURCH COMMITTEE on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30 pm in the Minor Hall.

<u>GB BIG BREAKFAST</u> A big thank you to everyone involved in organising the breakfast last Monday and a special thank you to the young GB helpers who showed people to their seats and took their orders in a very efficient manner. Just over £1000 was raised for GB Funds

<u>CHRISTIAN AID WEEK</u> is 14th – 20th May. Your gift this year will help farmers in Malawi plant better seeds, secure a fairer price for their crops and build happier futures for their children. If you wish to make a donation there will be **Christian Aid envelopes** inside the bulletin next week. Once filled these can be placed in the collection plate.

<u>CAMEO</u> meets on the  $1^{st}$  and 3rd Thursday of the month. The next meeting is Thursday  $18^{th}$  May from 2.30 - 4.00 pm in the Centenary Room.

**BIBLE CLUB WEEK** This year we will again be running the Bible Club in the school from **19**<sup>th</sup> – **23**<sup>rd</sup> **June.** Volunteers will be needed so if you can help please speak to Michelle or Heather.

**OPEN DOORS MAGAZINES** are available at both exits. Please take one.

<u>PASTORAL CARE</u> If you know of anyone who is ill or in hospital please contact Stuart with their name and details.



# Bible in a year

Monday	2 Chronicles 12-16,	Psalm 47: 1-9,	Proverbs 22: 16
Tuesday	2 Chronicles 17-20,	Psalm 48: 1-14,	Proverbs 22: 17-19
Wednesday	2 Chronicles 21-24,	Psalm 49: 1-20,	Proverbs 22: 20-21
Thursday	2 Chronicles 25-28,	Psalm 50: 1-23,	Proverbs 22: 22-23
Friday	2 Chronicles 29-31,	Psalm 51: 1-19,	Proverbs 22: 24-25
Saturday	2 Chronicles 32-34,	Psalm 52: 1-9,	Proverbs 22: 26-27
Sunday	2 Chronicles 35-36,	Psalm 53: 1-6	Proverbs 23: 1-3

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# Points for Prayer

This week we follow the prayer points from **Open Doors** for Sub Saharan Africa.

## Monday 8th May

Jihadist groups are active in an increasing number of countries in the region. Their reign of terror has a devastating impact, with governments unable to provide security. Pray for leaders and governments, for wisdom to secure their nations and provide an environment where citizens are safe.

## Tuesday 9th May

The church in sub-Saharan Africa has the largest number of under 25s in the world - and there is an unprecedented onslaught against them. Pray that these young people will be filled with hope and faith that their future remains secure in God.

#### Wednesday 10th May

Pray for the jihadists and militants who are persecuting Christians. Ask the Lord to turn their hearts away from hatred and violence and pray that they will encounter the perfect love of Jesus.

## Thursday 11th May

Violent persecution is especially devastating for young people and puts their future in jeopardy. Pray that young people will hold firm to their faith. "I want my fellow Christians to pray that we will live lives that glorify God," says Ayuba. "Also, pray for us here in Nigeria experiencing terrorism. Pray with us that God will bring an end to it."

## Friday 12th May

Christians face increasing targeting by jihadists. People are being killed and churches destroyed. Pray for protection for Christians and their leaders facing these dangers. Pray for grace to continue living out the gospel as they face increased persecution.

## Saturday 13th May

The church in northern Mali has not yet recovered from the Islamic extremist uprising in 2021, which displaced thousands. Although some Christians have returned to the north under police protection, they still live under the threat of attack. Ask the Lord to protect and provide for His church and pray that Christians will have courage to keep sharing Christ with those around them.

## Sunday 14th May

Open Doors partners are serving Christians across the region with relief aid, trauma care, training and livelihood support. Pray for continued strength for their work and ask God to work through them to help persecuted believers become resilient, resourceful, and powerful in their witness for Christ.

If you would like more information about life in Portstewart Presbyterian, then please complete this slip and place in the offering plate or give to any of the elders at the door or visit <a href="https://www.portstewartpresbyterian.org">www.portstewartpresbyterian.org</a>						
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I would like to know		Women's Ministry	Visit from Minister			