



Portstewart Presbyterian Church

Registered Charity in N.I. (NIC105562)
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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
Centenary Room 9.45 – 10.10 am

CRECHE is in the Creche Room **from**
10.15 am

What's happening 17th to 23rd September 2023

- Sunday** **Prayer and Praise** begins tonight in the Centenary Room at 6.30 pm. Meetings will be the 1st and 3rd Sundays monthly
Youth Fellowship 6.30 pm Church Hall
- Monday** **Bowling Club** 7.00 pm Church Hall
- Tuesday** **Stated Meeting of Church Committee** at 7.30 pm in the Minor Hall.
- Wednesday** **Little Treasures** (Parent & Toddlers) 10.00 am – 12.00 noon in the Minor Hall
Church Art Group 10.30 – 12.30 pm in the Main Hall
Girls' Brigade Explorers 6.00 – 7.15 pm
Company Section 7.15 – 8.45 pm
Events Committee Meeting 7.15 pm in the Centenary Room
- Thursday** **Coffee Time** 1.45 pm – 4.00 pm in the Minor Hall. Come along for a cuppa and chat between the school pick up times.
CAMEO in the Centenary Room 2.30 – 4.00 pm. Full details on back page.
Bowling Club 7.00 pm Church Hall
Bible Study Group at 7.30 pm in the Minor Hall.
- Saturday** **Blaze** 6.00 pm and **CHILL** 7.30 pm

Welcome Rota

September Arnold Brown, Rosie King, Samantha McPeak, Neil Pierce,
Julia Ross, Julie Watters

Creche Rota

17th September Maude Lyttle and Julie Watters

24th September Karen Elliott and Rachel Pollock

Flowers

The church flowers today were kindly donated by Mary Acheson
in memory of her father

Treasure Hunters

September Julie Watters and team

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

Other Notices

KIRK SESSION MEETING Tuesday 26th September at 7.30 pm in the Minor Hall.

FLOWER ROTA The Flower Rota for 2024 is being prepared. If anyone would like to provide flowers in 2024 or become involved in the arranging of flowers please contact the Church Office at 70834529 or speak to Helyn Kirkpatrick.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP CLASSES If you would like to become a Communicant member of our congregation with full voting rights please speak to Stuart. Communicant's classes will begin in October.

PORTSTEWART CHURCHES FRIENDSHIP GROUP invite you to a 'Quiet Day' in Corrymeela, Ballycastle on **Tuesday 17th October** 9.30 am with tea/coffee before. Cost, £25 includes lunch. The facilitator is Rev K McGuckien and the theme discipleship. To book your place please speak to Roye Hamilton or Peter O'Neill or sign the sheet in either the Vestibule or Link. Last date to register is **Thursday 28th September**.

ELECTION OF ELDERS

We plan to have an election of up to 4 elders with voting beginning on **Sunday 1st October**. We would encourage you to prayerfully consider who God is calling to this position.

A list of **full voting members** is on display in the Link and Vestibule **today and was also there last Sunday**. If you are a full member, you are eligible to vote. Please ensure that your name is on the list. Any objections should be made in writing **by 6.00 pm today, Sunday 17th September**.



Let's Pray

Sun 17 to Sat 23 September 2023

Sunday 17 September

Moderator | Pray for Rev William Hayes and his team from Dublin and Munster Presbytery who will be sharing the gospel at the National Ploughing Championships in Ratheniska, Co Laois, from Tuesday 19 – Thursday 21 September. The Moderator, Rt Rev Dr Samuel Mawhinney, will be preaching in 1st Ahoghill Presbyterian Church.

- **Knowing the blessings of God in worship** | 'May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do it.' 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24. Ask that as you worship today you may know the blessing of the assurance that you are being made holy and are kept by God.

Monday 18 September

- **Naomi Lere more (global mission worker, Kenya)** | Pray for the strategies being employed to raise awareness about the Theological Education by Extension (TEE) courses, that people would hear and want to join the programme. Give thanks to God for the ongoing growth and development of the TEE department.

- **Leaders in Training** | Pray for Revs Brian Theu and Thomas Nyang'ama from Malawi who, with scholarship support from PCI, are currently in their final year of PhD studies (by distance) through Aberdeen University.

Tuesday 19 September

- **Louise Davidson, deaconess, West Church, Bangor** | Pray for wisdom, grace & strength for Louise & the ministry team as they minister pastorally to members going through difficult times. Pray for the opening of West Kilcooley on 17 Sept after refurbishment, that it will be a great day of celebration, as we praise God for his goodness in the past and the future.

- **Greystones, Co Wicklow** | Having recently returned to their church building, please continue to pray for a clear vision to best use their building and be a blessing to the ever-growing town. Pray also that they would strive to be faithful followers of Jesus learning how to walk with God.

Wednesday 20 September

- **Derek and Jane French (global mission workers, Spain)** | Pray for the need for more workers, specifically for two young people to be involved in various student and church ministries. Pray for

the Bilbao International Church (BIC) leadership as they plan and consider the identity and future development of the church.

• **Association for Theological Education (ATEN), Nepal** | Give thanks for the work of ATEN, and pray especially for progress in the upgrading of their library and the purchase of e-books and equipment, remembering the students who will avail of these much-valued resources.

Thursday 21 September

• **Shirley McGonigle, assistant project leader, International Meeting Point (North Belfast)** | Praise God that the building work was finished in time for reopening. Pray that God would be glorified through all that happens in the centre. Give thanks for the expanding team of volunteers. Pray that God will guide them as they serve. Pray also for Robert who is joining the team part-time.

• **Fermoy and Cahir** | Pray for the congregations as they meet each week to worship. Pray that they would seek to share the love and good news of Jesus with those they encounter.

Friday 22 September

Social Witness | Pray for the Senior Management team in the Council for Social Witness, who are dedicated to this ministry. May they continue as a team to promote integrity in daily practices and may hearts remain full of compassion for those who reside and work in our services.

• **Financial Pressure** | Give thanks for organisations like Christians Against Poverty and Trussell Trust who support those facing financial hardship. Pray that those struggling financially would be able to access and receive the support they need.

Saturday 23 September

• **General Council** | Pray for the staff of the General Secretary's Department in the busyness that comes with the start of a new church session. Pray for Susan Hamilton in her role as PA to the Clerk of the General Assembly and the Moderator. Pray for the smooth running of the office as the main interface with many office bearers within our congregations.

• **Training in Ministry** | Union College is blessed to have the most extensive theological library in the country – an enormous benefit to students and researchers. Give thanks for the wise stewardship that has provided this resource, and pray for Joy Conkey & Margaret Ollivier, the Librarian & Assistant Librarian respectively, as they manage the library & support its users.



CAMEO

Come And Meet Each Other



1st and 3rd Thursday of each month

In the Centenary Room - side door of church off Enfield Street
Ladies, drop in any time 2.30 - 4pm

The purpose of the group is to meet and encourage each other physically, socially and spiritually with tea/coffee, company, chat and possibly craft.



Bring any craft you're working on, help complete a jigsaw, learn to knit or crochet, cross-stitch, make greeting cards, recommend a book and chat.
We can also help with small tasks like sewing on a button, fix a hem.



You'll be very welcome,
See you Thursday 21st September



.....encourage one another and build each other up.... 1 Thessalonians 5 v 11

Please note: As our Church Services are recorded and available to watch on the church website anyone not wishing to be on camera should sit in the balcony.