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

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

#### 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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**What’s happening**

**3rd to 9th September 2023**

**10.30am Rev Stanley Stewart**

**Wednesday Little Treasures** (Parent & Toddlers)

10.00 am – 12.00 noon in the Minor Hall

**Girls’ Brigade** Explorers 6.00 – 7.15 pm

Company Section 7.15 – 8.45 pm

**Thursday Coffee Time** 1.45 pm – 4.00 pm in the

Minor Hall (see below for details)

**Bible Study Group** at 7.30 pm in the

Minor Hall.

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**Please remember the food bank in the vestibule.**

**Welcome Rota**

September Arnold Brown, Rosie King, Samantha McPeak, Neil Pierce,

Julia Ross, Julie Watters

**Creche Rota**

3rd September Caroline Scott and Rachel Greer

10th September Barbara Hall and Julia Morrow

**Flowers** The church flowers today were kindly donated by

Gillian Kinkead in memory of her husband Robert

**Treasure Hunters**

September Julie Watters and team

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

# Other Notices

**CAMEO** meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month. The next meeting is this **Thursday 7th September** from 2.30 – 4.00 pm and this will be at **The Coffee Hut.**

**BOWLING CLUB** recommences on **Monday 11th September.**

**CHURCH ART GROUP** recommences on **Wednesday 13th September.**

**EVENTS COMMITTEE MEETING** The next meeting is **Wednesday 13th September.**

**BLAZE AND CHILL** recommence on **Saturday 16th September.**

**PRAYER AND PRAISE** will begin in the Church on **Sunday 17th September** at

6.30 pm.

**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.

**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. Please find enclosed insert with the paragraphs from ‘The Code’ (The book of constitution of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland) that set out the duties and responsibilities of elders. Also included are the paragraphs on who are qualified to vote.

The Voting List will be displayed in the Vestibule and Link **next Sunday, 10th September**, and this is the same list as used for the Committee election with the addition of any new communicant members who have contributed in this Financial year.

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**Let’s Pray** **Sun 3 to Sat 9 September 2023**

**Sunday 3 September**

**• Moderator |** ‘Be still and know that I am God.’ Psalm 46:10 Selah. September is busy, frantic at times and often stressful. God desires that we pause, be still and quiet our hearts to meet with him. Make time to be still before God, hear his gentle call, obey him in this, at various times throughout our busy September days.

**• Knowing the blessings of God in worship |** ‘The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face towards you and give you peace.’ Numbers 6:24-26. Ask that as you worship today you may know the blessings of God’s favour, grace and peace.

**Monday 4 September**

**• James and Heather Cochrane (global mission workers, Portugal) |** Pray for James and Heather’s time of refreshment, deputation and sabbatical study continuing into 2024. As they share the story of their work, reflect and study, please pray that God would guide them clearly regarding next steps.

**• The Evangelical Christian Church of Halmahera – Indonesia (GMIH) |** Pray for the leadership and members of the Evangelical Christian Church in Halmahera, for the training of new ministers at the Faculty of Theology, Halmahera University, Tobelo, and for the church’s effective outreach in the region.

**Tuesday 5 September**

**• Deaconesses |** Pray for all our deaconesses as they begin this new term. Give thanks for the work they have done and continue to do for God’s glory. Pray that they would share the love of Christ with those they meet.

**• Donegal and Stranorlar |** Give thanks for the ministry of Rev Stephen Richmond in these congregations over the past two decades and pray for the ongoing work and witness of these two congregations as they look to the future.

**Wednesday 6 September**

**• Volker and Jinhyeog Glissmann (global mission workers, Southern Africa) |** Pray for Malawi, as the last few months have brought many challenges. The maize harvest was okay but the price of maize and all other commodities is rising fast. Please continue to pray for the health and safety of the Glissmann family.

**• Refugees |** Pray for the ongoing work of Hungarian Reformed Church Aid, especially with Ukrainian refugees. Pray for the provision of humanitarian assistance, their integration into local communities, skills training, job creation and the care of orphaned children and those with disabilities.

**Thursday 7 September**

**• Tori McClelland, youth outreach worker, Movilla |** Pray for the church, its leaders and helpers as they continue their outward approach of ministry. Pray that the local community and children would be open to hearing the gospel and accepting the love of Jesus.

**• Drogheda |** Give thanks to God for the August holiday Bible club at the church. Pray that God's Word will have been deeply rooted in the lives of the children who attended. Pray for the congregation as they prepare for a new church year that the Lord Jesus would be known and made known amongst them, in this town and to the ends of the earth.

**Friday 8 September**

**• Peacehaven |** This service is situated in Greystones, Co Wicklow, for 17 residents living with disability. Pray for Michael Williams, the manager, as he seeks to develop the strategic planning objectives and his team of qualified staff to enhance the service in Peacehaven.

**• Education |** As the new school year is well under way, give thanks for all of those who support our children and young people at school – classroom assistants, teachers, cleaners, support staff, caretakers, principals, governors and others. Pray that Christians on staff would have opportunities to share the love of Jesus throughout the school year.

**Saturday 9 September**

**• General Council |** Pray for Mr Ken Swarbrick, our Financial Secretary Designate, as he begins work on Monday 11 September. Pray also for Clive Knox, our current Financial Secretary, as he works with Ken in the hand-over period up to his retirement at the end of the year.

**• Training in Ministry |** Pray for David Leach, Professor of Ministry and Director of the Institute for Ministry, as a new academic year begins. David teaches ministry students, oversees their placements, and manages the recruitment process for potential students, among other things. Give thanks for him and all that he brings to this demanding role, and pray that he will be sustained and used this academic year.

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.