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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**

**22nd – 28th October 2023**

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***We welcome the girls from GB and their families to this special service***

**Sunday Youth Fellowship** 6.30 pm Church Hall

1**Monday Bowling Club** 7.00 pm Church Hall

**Tuesday Kirk Session Meeting** 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

**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.

**Bowling Club** 7.00 pm Church Hall

**Saturday Blaze** 6.00 pm and **CHILL** 7.30 pm

***ENROLMENT SERVICE***



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

**Welcome Rota**

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

Jimmy Wright

**Creche Rota**

22nd October Fiona Hogg and Rebecca Watters

29th October Caroline Scott and Rachel Greer

5th November Barbara Hall and Julia Morrow

**Flowers** The Church flowers today are in memory of Mr & Mrs Willie Teese

**Treasure Hunters**

October There is no Treasure Hunters today due to GB Enrolment Service

***You are all invited up to the Church Hall after the service for a light lunch***

# Other Notices

**CHRISTMAS SHOE BOX APPEAL** Please take a leaflet and a shoe box from the foyer, follow the instructions and return to the Church or Church Hall before **Sunday 5th November.** Please see list of suggested gift items on the back of the bulletin but make note of the items that **cannot** be included. If anyone just wants to provide a few items there will be a special covered box in the link that these can be put in.

**THE CHRISTMAS MARKET** will be on **Saturday 25th November**. The Events Committee would be grateful for any donations of cakes, bakes, chutneys, marmalade or jam for their cake stall. Please speak to any member of the Events Committee if you can provide any of the above.

**CMS UK HOPE AND GLORY CHOIR** will be performing in Ballywillan Presbyterian Church on **Friday 27th October** at 7.30 pm. This is a ladies choir from the Kingdom of Eswatini. See posters in Vestibule and Link for full details.

**ELECTION OF ELDERS** Last week we announced that the three people to have reached the required 1/3rd of the votes cast in our eldership election are: **Helen Davies, Samantha McPeak** and **Julie Watters**. If you know of any reason why any of these people should not be considered as an elder in the church, then please let Stuart know in writing by the close of worship next **Sunday 29th October**. Kirk Session have called a congregational meeting for **Sunday 26th of November** immediately after the service. At this meeting each candidate must secure 2/3rd of the votes cast to become elders elect.

A group of children posing for a photo

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# Points for Prayer

We hope you find these prayer points useful.

**Sunday 22nd October**

This morning we read the names of **Helen Davies, Samantha McPeak** and **Julie Watters** for the second Sunday as we continue the process of electing new elders. Please pray for Helen, Samantha and Julie as they have allowed their names to become part of a very public process. Pray they would know God’s blessing and presence in the coming days and weeks.

**Monday 23rd October**

**Can these bones live?** (Ezekiel 37:3) When Ezekiel was presented with the valley of dry bones, he was asked **Can these bones live?** As part of the process of bringing the bones to life God told Ezekiel to **Prophesy**, to speak God’s word to the bones. Take time this morning to remind yourself of God’s word to us, the church today. Read **Colossians 3: 1-17** and pray that God would lift our eyes to Christ and everything he has done for us.

**Tuesday 24th October**

**Kirk Session** is meeting tonight along with **Burnside** elders to hear a presentation from an organisation called **Safe Families.**  Safe families aims to help families who are in crisis for one reason or another. Pray for both Kirk Sessions, pray for the families in our community who find themselves in a difficult situation and pray that we as a combined Presbyterian witness would make a difference in our community.

**Wednesday 25th October**

On Sunday morning we welcomed our **Girls’ Brigade** into the church for their enrolment service. Thank God for the girls, the leaders, officers and captain of the GB. Pray that the GB would be a place where girls find friendships, love and above all that it would be a place where they see the love and faithfulness of God through Jesus Christ.

**Thursday 26th October**

**Karen Elliot** sends birthday cards to every child connected to the church, be that through baptism, Treasure Hunters, GB and Youth Club. Thank God for Karen and this important work. Thank God also for the approximately **100 children** that we as a church have weekly contact with. Pray that God would bless this work and that it would become a stepping stone to bring more families into our church family and faith in Jesus Christ.

**Friday 27th October**

The congregations of **Moneydig** and **Second Kilrea** where Stuart was minister are still vacant almost 2 and a half years since he moved to Portstewart. This is a story repeated many times over throughout our denomination. Pray for Moneydig and Second Kilrea, pray also regarding the difficulty are church has in finding new ministers and for the new ways it is trying to find to provide stable ministry for many small congregations.

**Saturday 28th October**

**Blaze** and **Chill** (Youth Clubs) meet tonight. Thank God for the work **Michelle** is doing among our young people. Pray that as she adjusts to working on her own over these next weeks that she would know encouragement and support from us as a congregation, but also that she would be encouraged through the work she is carrying out.

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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.