



Portstewart Presbyterian Church

Registered Charity in N.I. (NIC105562)
Website: www.portstewartpresbyterian.org

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 29th October to 4th November 2023

Sunday Youth Fellowship 6.30 pm Church Hall

Monday Bowling Club 7.00 pm Church Hall

Wednesday **NO** Little Treasures (Parent & Toddlers) **this week only**

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 **CAMEO** will meet in the Centenary Room 2.30 pm – 4.00 pm. Ladies drop in for tea/coffee, company, chat and crafts.

Bowling Club 7.00 pm Church Hall

Bible Study Group will meet in the Minor Hall at 7.30 pm.

Friday **Pre-Communion Service** at 7.30 pm in the Church

Saturday **Blaze** and **CHILL** outing

Welcome Rota

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

Creche Rota

29th October Caroline Scott and Rachel Greer
5th November Barbara Hall and Julia Morrow
12th November Maude Lyttle and Julie Watters

Treasure Hunters

October Wendy Porter and team

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

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.

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



*The next meeting is Tuesday 14th
November at 7.30pm in the Minor Hall
when Claire Cooper will speak about her
Cerebral Palsy Study*



**Pre-Communion – Friday 3rd
November at 7:30 pm
Communion – Sunday 5th
November at 10:30 am & 6:30 pm**

Points for Prayer

We hope you find these prayer points useful.

Sunday 29th October

Our Kirk Session meeting last Tuesday was a joint meeting with **Burnside** and we had a presentation from an organisation called **Safe Families**. We heard about the need for churches to be a source of support and friendship to families who are finding life difficult for various reasons. Please pray for families in our community. Pray for unity and continued togetherness.

Monday 30th October

This evening Stuart is meeting a candidate for the ministry who will be taking part in a short placement within our congregation. Currently it is estimated that our church has a **short fall of 70 ministers**. Pray for ministry within our church, pray also for vacant congregations who endure long vacancies because of this shortfall.

Tuesday 31st October

Today is Halloween, a time when ghosts and ghouls are seen as harmless fun. Yet there is an evil reality that ought not to be meddled with. Pray especially for the protection of our children, ask that they would be filled by everything that is good, holy and righteous. That they would celebrate the work of the **Holy Spirit** and shun all that is evil.

Wednesday 1st November

There are many in our congregation who are unable to get to church as they once did. With this comes a sense of loneliness and isolation. Take time to pray for some of the people we no longer see Sunday by Sunday. Why not also take time to **visit** with them and remind them that they are still loved and part of our church family.

Thursday 2nd November

Tonight, we begin a new 5-week course on the life of **Elijah**. Pray that as we take time to study and think about God's word that we would see more clearly just what Jesus Christ has done for us. Pray that our faith would be strengthened and so we would be better equipped to share the gospel with friends and neighbours.

Friday 3rd November

Schools have been on half term holidays. Pray that both teachers and children will have been refreshed. Pray especially for P7 children who will be making final preparations for the **transfer tests**. Ask that they will know God's peace and presence as that day approaches.

Saturday 4th November

Pray for the local churches in Portstewart. Pray especially for the **Baptist** as they welcome a new outreach pastor onto their team. Pray that as he meets other ministers and church workers that there would be a sense of unity of spirit and purpose for the gospel being shared in our town.

★ SHOEBOX GIFT IDEAS ★

SPECIAL ITEM

- Football with pump
- Doll
- Cuddly toy



TOYS

- Toy cars
- Skipping ropes
- Yo-yos
- Toys that light up and make noise (with extra batteries)



PERSONAL CARE ITEMS

- Toothbrushes
- Washcloths
- Combs
- Hairbrushes



SCHOOL SUPPLIES

- Pens, pencils, sharpeners, crayons, and markers
- Notebooks
- Colouring and picture books
- Solar calculators

ACCESSORIES

- Socks
- Sunglasses
- Jewellery and watches
- Torches (wind-up or with extra batteries)



DO NOT INCLUDE

Toothpaste, sweets, lotions and liquids; used or damaged items; war-related items; seeds, gum, chocolate or food items; religious or political literature; medicines, aerosol cans, sharp or fragile items.

For additional gift suggestions and more, visit SAMARITANS-PURSE.ORG.UK/OCC

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.