



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 10th to 16th December 2023

Sunday Youth Fellowship 6.30 pm Church Hall

Monday Bowling Club 7.00 pm Church Hall

Tuesday **PW Guest Evening** at 7.30 pm in the Minor Hall. Ladies are asked to **please bring their Mission Boxes** to this meeting.

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 Bowling Club 7.00 pm Church Hall

Saturday Blaze and Chill **Christmas Party** 6.00 – 8.00 pm

Next Sunday 17th December

10.30 am Christmas Nativity Service

6.30 pm Carol Service and Mince Pie Supper

Welcome Rota

December **Derrick Turbitt**, Janet Allison, Will Browne, Heather Hamilton,
Jimmy Jack, Noel Lyttle, Brian Hall

Creche Rota

10th December Fiona Hogg and Rebecca Watters
17th December Rita McVeigh and Dorothy Lynch
24th December Caroline Scott and Rachel Greer

Flowers

The church flowers today are in memory of Leslie and Betty McGowan and their beloved daughter Freda

Treasure Hunters

December Wendy Porter and team

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

Other Notices

CHOIR PRACTICE for the Carol Service will be after the service this morning.
Everyone welcome.

UNITED APPEAL Please help us reach our target by bringing your United Appeal envelopes to church during December.



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING There will be a Congregational Meeting next **Sunday 17th December** after the morning service. The purpose of this meeting is to appoint new property trustees for the church building.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO CHURCH FUNDS It is helpful for completing Church Accounts for 2023 if all monies for the Church are handed in on or before 31.12.23.

FAMILY CARE ADOPTION SERVICES is an Adoption Agency and a core part of their work is to place children with new adoptive families. Adoptive Parents are needed urgently. If you want more information please see the notice on the notice boards.

COUNTERPOINT CHOIR AND CAUSEWAY CHURCHES FORUM warmly invite you to a Festival of 9 Lessons and Carols in St Malachy's Church, Coleraine tonight, **Sunday 10th December** at 5.00 pm. Everyone welcome.

CAROL SINGING Come and join Portstewart Churches Friendship Group carol singing in some of Portstewart's Residential homes on **Wednesday 13th December**, meeting at 7.00 pm outside Agherton Grange, Mill Road. Refreshments afterwards in the Centenary Room.

SING CAROLS with Coleraine Community Choir on **Friday 15th December** at 8.00 pm in First Coleraine Presbyterian Church. See noticeboards for full details.



Children's Nativity Service – 10:30 am Sunday 17th December
Carol Service and Mince Pie Supper – 6:30 pm Sunday 17th December
Christmas morning service – 10:00 am
Travelling Service – 11:30 am Sunday 7th January 2024 starting in the Methodist Church



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Points for Prayer

We hope you find these prayer points useful.

This week we are using advent prayers and reflections written by some of the great heroes of the Christian faith. The language may be archaic in places, but take the time to allow the words, thoughts and meanings to sink in as you reflect on the importance of advent.

Sunday 10th December

O blessed Love of God, that all may taste and see how good thou art, once more I pray:
Love through me – even me. (Amy Carmichael 1867-1951)

Monday 11th December

Wherever in the world I am, in whatsoever estate, I have a fellowship with hearts to keep
and cultivate; and a work of lowly love to do for the Lord on whom I wait. (Anna Laetitia
Waring 1820-1910)

Tuesday 12th December

Let your love so warm our souls, O Lord, that we may gladly surrender ourselves with all
that we are and have to you. Let your love fall as fire from heaven upon the altar of our
hearts; teach us to guard it carefully by continual devotion and quietness of mind, and to
cherish with anxious care every spark of its holy flame, with which your good Spirit would
quicken us. (Gerhard Tersteegen 1697-1769)

Wednesday 13th December

Whatever you, Lord, ordain is right: Here shall my stand be taken; through sorrow, need,
or death be mine, yet I am not forsaken. My Father’s care is round me there; you hold me
that I shall not fall; and so to you I leave it all. (Samuel Rodigast 1649-1708)

Thursday 14th December

Ah, Lord, dost thou not see my heart? Alas, how little love! I pray thee, do not lose thy
part; drop softness from above. Oh, keep it tender, keep it soft, that I may know to raise,
and quickly fir the lowest string, unto a tune of praise. (John Mason 1646-1694)

Friday 15th December

Lord, my heart is before you, I try, but I myself can do nothing; do what I cannot. Admit
me into the inner room of your love. (Anselm of Canterbury 1033-1109)

Saturday 16th December

Come down, O love divine, seek thou this soul of mine, and visit it with thine own ardour
glowing. O comforter, draw near, within my heart appear, and kindle it, thy holy flame
bestowing. (Bianco da Siena 1350-1399)

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 www.portstewartpresbyterian.org

Name

Address

Tel:

I would like to know more about:

Youth Work

Men’s Ministry

Women’s Ministry

Visit from Minister

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.