



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 17th to 23rd December 2023



A big thank you to all the children involved in our Children's Nativity Service and a welcome to their families

Sunday CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE 6.30 pm
followed by **Mince Pie supper** in the Minor Hall

Wednesday G.B. CHRISTMAS PARTY
Explorers 6.00 pm – Company 7.00 pm

Thursday CAMEO CHRISTMAS MEETING 2.30 pm – 4.00 pm in the Centenary Room

All other groups and organisations will recommence in January please see overleaf

Welcome Rota

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

Creche Rota

17th December Rita McVeigh and Dorothy Lynch
24th December Caroline Scott and Rachel Greer
31st December Barbara Hall and Julia Morrow

Flowers

The church flowers today were kindly donated by Robert Walker
in memory of his parents

Treasure Hunters

December Wendy Porter and team

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

Other Notices

CAROL SERVICE Anyone wishing to help with instrumental music for the Carol Service please come to the practice in the Church at 5.00 pm tonight.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING There will be a Congregational Meeting 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.

WORLD DEVELOPMENT APPEAL You are invited to bring your gift for our Christmas Appeal (using the special envelope in your FWO pack) to **ANY** of our Christmas Services.

BOWLING CLUB will recommence on **Thursday 4th January.**

PRAYER AND PRAISE will recommence on **Sunday 7th January.**

P.W. will meet on **Tuesday 9th January** at 7.30 pm in the Minor Hall.

MUMS AND TOTS will recommence on **Wednesday 10th January.**

CHURCH ART GROUP will recommence on **Wednesday 10th January.**

BIBLE STUDY GROUP will recommence on **Thursday 11th January.**

BLAZE AND CHILL will recommence on **Saturday 13th January.**

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP will recommence on **Sunday 14th January.**



The songs of Christmas

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.

Thank you for praying for the life of our congregation through 2023. Please do remember there are opportunities for us to pray together on Sunday mornings before the service and at our prayer and praise services on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month.

Sunday 17th December

Isaiah 9:4 Thank God that the birth of Jesus is the one single event in the whole of history that will lift all the burden of sin that makes life so difficult at times. Thank God that Jesus birth is also what will end every kind of oppression that is still so evident in our world.

Monday 18th December

Micah 5:4 Thank God that Jesus is the Good Shepherd. Take time to remember the great promise of scripture that we will never be abandoned by the shepherd. Take time today to simply sit in the presence of God, to be aware of his leading, care and love in our lives.

Tuesday 19th December

Isaiah 11:6-9 Christmas is not just about the time when Jesus came to the earth, but a time to look forward to when he will return. Thank God for what will be, the peace and absence of war, death and fear.

Wednesday 20th December

Luke 1:38 Mary offered herself in service to the Lord in an incredible way. Take time today to consider how we might offer ourselves in service to God, the church and one another.

Thursday 21st December

Luke 2:7 Jesus was born into poverty and homelessness. He was a refugee at an early age. Take time to pray for the many people in Gaza, Israel, Ukraine, and many other places across our world who are refugees. Pray for our friends living next door to the church as they spend a Christmas away from their families.

Friday 22nd December

Luke 2:14 It is incredibly easy to let the preparations for Christmas overshadow the meaning of Christmas. Take time today to pause and echo the song of the angels. Give glory to God for all that he has done. Why not list your blessing (count them one by one) and glorify God for all that he has done. Start the list with the fact that Jesus Christ has died for us!

Saturday 23rd December

John 1:5 The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it. Rejoice, and again I say rejoice that the light of Christ continues to shine in this dark world. In the turmoil, in the pain, in the good and in the celebrations. Thank God for the light of Christ, the hope of Christ and the promise of Christ... Happy Christmas!



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.