



Portstewart Presbyterian Church

Registered Charity in N.I. (NIC105562)
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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 3rd to 9th December 2023

Sunday **Prayer and Praise** at 6.30 pm in the Centenary Room

Youth Fellowship 6.30 pm Church Hall

Monday **Bowling Club** 7.00 pm Church 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

Events Committee Meeting at 7.15 pm in the Centenary Room

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

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

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

Welcome Rota

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

Creche Rota

3rd December Karen Scott and Pauline Pierce
10th December Fiona Hogg and Rebecca Watters
17th December Rita McVeigh and Dorothy Lynch

Flowers

The church flowers today were kindly donated by Helen Davies
in memory of her son Stuart

Treasure Hunters

December Wendy Porter and team

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

Other Notices

Please note the Church Office will be closed **Friday 8th December**

ELDERS ELECT We are delighted to announce that Helen Davies, Samantha McPeak and Julie Watters all received the overwhelming support of the congregation. They will now go for training in the New Year and conferral with Presbytery. Please continue to pray for them.

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

P.W. GUEST EVENING is on **Tuesday 12th December** at 7.30 pm in the Minor Hall.

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 on **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.

SING CAROLS WITH COLERAINE COMMUNITY CHOIR on **Friday 8th December** at 7.30 pm in Portrush Presbyterian Church. See noticeboards for full details.

COUNTERPOINT CHOIR AND CAUSEWAY CHURCHES FORUM warmly invite you to a Festival of 9 Lessons and Carols in St Malachy's Church, Coleraine on **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.



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

Points for Prayer

We hope you find these prayer points useful.

Sunday 3rd December

Thank God for the results from our congregational meeting: **Helen, Samantha & Julie** all received the overwhelming support of the congregation and so will now undergo a period of training before a conferral with Presbytery. Please continue to pray for each of the three new **elders elect**.

Monday 4th December

As we enter the **Christmas** period it is good to remember that for some this is a time of great sadness and difficulty. People are on their own, they miss loved ones who have died through the year. For some children it is a time when they become acutely aware that their family is very different to everyone else's. Pray for those for whom Christmas is difficult.

Tuesday 5th December

Presbytery will meet tonight. A busy agenda will include nominations for an incoming moderator, discussions around how ministry will be re-configured. We will also seek permission to offer **Michelle** a full-time position as **Youth and Family Worker**. Ballywillan will also present their vacancy papers to Presbytery. Please pray for what will be a busy meeting.

Wednesday 6th December

Little Treasures, our mums and tots' group, has been incredibly successful this session. Thank God for the opportunity to provide a safe space for families and an opportunity for parents to meet and talk. Pray for **Julia** and her team of leaders as they model an example of family worship each Wednesday morning.

Thursday 7th December

We continue to have a few of our members in hospital. Please pray for families who worry about the health of loved ones. Pray especially for those who have been in hospital for a lengthy period. Pray for God's healing and strengthening.

Friday 8th December

Our tech team, headed up by **Alistair Nichol & David Porter** continue to provide an invaluable service Sunday by Sunday. Thank God for Alistair and David, but also thank God for the different young people who do so much to help and improve our audio-visual output each Sunday.

Saturday 9th December

Ronnie Hyndman continues to faithfully care for our buildings. Thank God for all that Ronnie does and pray that he would know God's blessing and presence as he serves the church.

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.