



# Portstewart Presbyterian Church

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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 15<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> September 2024

**Sunday** **Prayer and Praise Service** at 6.30 pm in the Centenary Room. **ESTABLISHED** - members are encouraged to come to the Prayer and Praise Service this week

**Monday** **Bowling Club** 7.00 pm in the Church Hall

**Tuesday** **Stated Meeting of Church Committee** at 7.30 pm in the Minor Hall

**Wednesday** **Little Treasures** (Mums and Tots) 10.00 am – 12.00 noon in the Minor Hall

**Church Art Group** 10.30 – 12.30 pm in the Church Hall.

**Girls' Brigade** Explorers 6.00 – 7.00 pm

Company Section 7.00 – 8.30 pm

**Thursday** **CAMEO** will meet 2.30 – 4.00 pm in the Centenary Room

**Bowling Club** 7.00 pm in the Church Hall

**Bible Study Group** Minor Hall at 7.30 pm.

**Saturday** **Preparation for Poppy Festival** 10.30am - 1.00 pm in the Centenary Room. Please see details overleaf.

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

## Welcome Rota

September      **Mervyn Pyper**, Robin Gawne, Cathy Martin, Joy Teese

## Creche Rota

15<sup>th</sup> September      Kerry McCammond and Dorothy Lynch

22<sup>nd</sup> September      Fiona Hogg and Rebecca Watters

29<sup>th</sup> September      Caroline Scott and Rachel Greer

## Flowers

The church flowers today were kindly donated by Mary Acheson in memory of her father

## Treasure Hunters

September      Heather Hamilton and team

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

## Other Notices

**PASTORAL CARE** If you know of anyone who is ill or in hospital please contact Stuart with their name and details.

**CHURCH MEMBERSHIP CLASSES** If you would like to become a Communicant member of our congregation with full voting rights please speak to Stuart.

**ESTABLISHED** will meet next **Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September** at 6.30 pm in the Manse. Young people year 8 plus are encouraged to come along.

**KIRK SESSION MEETING** on **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September** at 7.30 pm in the Minor Hall.

**PREPARATION FOR POPPY FESTIVAL** Helen and Hazel are asking for ladies to help with sewing the poppies on to the netting. If you can help please come along to the Centenary Room on **any or all** of the following **Saturdays 21/9, 28/9, 19/10** 10.30 am – 1.00 pm **or Fridays 11/10 and 25/10** 2.00 – 4.00 pm. You can stay for **any length of time**. Even an hour is appreciated. Refreshments will be provided.

**THE FLOWER ROTA** for September 2024 – August 2025 is now complete and is displayed in the Link. Many thanks to all those who donate to the Fund and arrange or deliver flowers.

**PORTSTEWART CHURCHES FRIENDSHIP GROUP** invites you to a 'Quiet Day' in Corrymeela, Ballycastle on **Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October** starting at 9.30 am with tea/coffee. A payment of £25, which includes lunch, will register a place. The group thanks the Cromie Institute for its generous donation. The facilitator/speaker is Rev Stuart Morrow. Registration forms will be in the link **15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> September**. Please speak to Roye, Julia Ross, or Rev Brian McMillan if interested.

**PORTSTEWART MENS SHED NEEDS YOUR HELP** Due to cutting cuts, staff will no longer be available to manage the shed activities. The members have formed a working group to share these responsibilities to keep the Mens Shed running. They are missing some key volunteer roles and are seeking help from local men or women who could offer the Mens Shed support:      **Administrator:** (weekly time commitment 1 hr)

**Shed Activities Coordinators** (weekly time commitment 1-2 hrs)

**Catering team members** (weekly time commitment 2-3 hrs)

For full details of these roles, and contact numbers for further information please see the noticeboards in the Link, Vestibule and Church Hall.



## Let's Pray

**Sun 15 September - Sat 21 September 2024**

### **Sunday 15 September**

**Moderator** | The Moderator will be leading the services at Seskinore (200th anniversary) and Ballykeel (50th anniversary) today. Pray that these two congregations may feel encouraged as they reflect on the work they have accomplished over the years and as they anticipate the ways in which God will direct their ministry in the future.

• **Knowing the blessings of God in worship** | 'May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do it'. 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24. Ask that as you worship today you may know the blessing of the assurance that you are being made holy and are kept by God.

### **Monday 16 September**

• **Derek and Jane French, global mission workers, Spain** | Pray for Christian students as they return to their studies at university, especially that they would be bold in their witness and strengthened in the Lord.

• **Scripture Union, Malawi** | Pray for the effectiveness of the range of specialist ministries of Scripture Union that have been designed to help children, young people & families come to know Jesus Christ & to learn more about God through the Bible.

### **Tuesday 17 September**

• **Toni Bassett, community outreach worker, West Belfast** | Praise God for an encouraging attendance at the first monthly worship service. Pray that God's Word

preached would continue to impact hearers. Pray for Toni and Elaine as they start to coordinate a ladies' English conversation class – may warm friendships develop amongst the women.

- **Drogheda, Rev Damien Burke, minister** | Pray for the congregation as they begin a new church year, that the Lord Jesus would be known and made known amongst them, and in the town of Drogheda.

### **Wednesday 18 September**

- **Naomi Keefe, global mission worker, Brazil** | Pray for Naomi as she settles back into her work in Brazil after a period of home assignment, and especially for the expansion of the 'Reading in the Park' activities to new communities.

- **The Christian Church in Sumba (GKS), Indonesia** | Pray for Rev Marlin Lomi, GKS General Chairperson, and Mr Jacob Bill, GKS General Secretary, that they would know strength, encouragement and wisdom in their leadership roles.

### **Thursday 19 September**

- **Drum, Cootehill & Kilmount, Rev Daryl Edwards, minister** | Pray for the congregations as they meet, that the members will have experienced a time of refreshment over the summer and know the Lord's equipping for the next church year.

- **Paula Burrows, deaconess, Ballygrainey** | Thank God for the opportunity we had to share his love with all the children who came to our holiday Bible club. Pray that many of them will come along to our children's midweek meeting, 'Konnnect Kids', giving us the opportunity to continue to share the gospel with them.

### **Friday 20 September**

- **Older people** | Give thanks for older people and the encouragement and practical help they offer to their families, church and community. Pray that they may feel valued and appreciated, and secure in their surroundings. Pray also for older people in our residential & nursing homes, and for ministers, deaconesses and pastoral assistants who conduct weekly devotions.

- **Politicians** | Please pray for politicians at the Oireachtas, Westminster and Stormont as they return to Parliament following the summer recess. Pray for wisdom and guidance and for God's leading in this autumn term. Pray for Christian politicians that they will be ambassadors for Christ in the public square.

### **Saturday 21 September**

- **General Council** | Pray for members of the General Assembly councils, committees, panels and task groups as the autumn work of these bodies commences. Pray particularly for conveners and secretaries as they give leadership, seeking to carry forward the decisions and policies set by the General Assembly.

- **Training in Ministry** | Pray for David Leach, Professor of Ministry and Director of the Institute for Ministry, as a new academic year begins. David teaches ministry students, oversees their placements, and manages the recruitment process for potential students, among other things. Give thanks for him and all that he brings to this demanding role, and pray that he will be sustained and used this academic year.

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.