



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 22nd to 28th September 2024

- Sunday** 10.30 am **Rev Stanley Stewart**
6.30 pm **ESTABLISHED** meet at the Manse. Young people year 8 plus are encouraged to come along.
- Monday** **Bowling Club** 7.00 pm in the Church Hall.
- Tuesday** **Kirk Session Meeting** 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** **Bowling Club** 7.00 pm in the Church Hall.
Bible Study Group Minor Hall at 7.30 pm.
- Friday** **Crafting** for the Christmas tree Festival 7.00 – 9.00 pm in the Centenary Room.
- 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,
Ronnie Crooks

Creche Rota

22nd September Fiona Hogg and Rebecca Watters
29th September Caroline Scott and Rachel Greer
6th October Karen Elliott and Rachel Pollock

Flowers

The church flowers today were kindly donated by
Rebecca Lemon

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.

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 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**. Refreshments will be provided.

CAMEO meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month. The next meeting is **Thursday 3rd October** from 2.30 – 4.00 pm in the Centenary Room.

PORTSTEWART CHURCHES FRIENDSHIP GROUP 'Quiet Day' in Corrymeela, Ballycastle on **Tuesday 15th October** starting at 9.30 am. 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 **22nd and 29th 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. If you can give some time to this cause then please see the notice on the noticeboards for full details and contact numbers.

The Men's Shed are also selling kindling at £2 per bag on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11.00 am - 2.30 pm.



Acts

The church on fire for Jesus



Let's Pray

Sun 22 September - Sat 28 September 2024

Sunday 22 September

- **Moderator** | The Moderator will be celebrating the completion of new kitchen facilities at Hilltown and Clonduff this Sunday – pray that this might provide new opportunities for outreach and hospitality for this congregation. Give thanks also for 350 years of worship and ministry at Donegal Town being marked on Friday evening of this week.
- **Knowing the blessings of God in worship** | ‘Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Jesus Christ throughout all generations, for ever and ever!’ Ephesians 3:20-21. Ask that as you worship today you may know the blessing of God’s ability to constantly exceed our expectations of him.

Monday 23 September

- **Gary and Mary Reid, global mission workers, Kenya** | Pray for Gary and Mary whose departure for Kenya after home assignment has been delayed on medical grounds. Pray for God’s timing in regard to their return to work at PCEA Acacia Grove Mission.
- **The Evangelical Christian Church of Halmahera (GMIH), Indonesia** | Pray for the communities of Central Halmahera as they seek to recover from devastating flooding at the end of July. Pray for effective follow up with the victims, including ongoing medical care, mental health support, and for steps to prevent the outbreak of disease.

Tuesday 24 September

- **Dundalk, Rev Jonathan Porter, minister** | Pray that the congregation takes every opportunity to do good and pray without ceasing. Give thanks for the summer outreach among children and young people and pray for wisdom on how to build this work in the months ahead.

• **Hospital chaplain (Marie Curie Hospice), Rev Billy Hamilton** | Pray that Billy would know the Lord's strength as he seeks to provide spiritual support to patients, their families and close friends. Pray for wisdom and sensitivity as he journeys with people experiencing extremely difficult and challenging circumstances.

Wednesday 25 September

• **St Petersburg Christian University (SPBCU), Russia** | Pray that the members of faculty would know good health, much grace and wisdom now that they have commenced the new semester. Pray also for the ongoing publication and availability of key texts for theological study.

• **The Presbyterian Church of Brazil (IBP)** | Pray for the outreach initiatives of the Beberibe congregation, Recife, especially for 'Reading in the Park' activities and for those volunteering to help with this work.

Thursday 26 September

• **Gavin Doyle, community outreach worker, Trinity Cork** | Give thanks and pray for new community outreach workers appointed in recent months. Pray for Gavin Doyle as he settles into his role in Trinity Cork, that he would know God's leading and guiding as he begins his work there.

• **Drumkeeran, Killeshandra, Cavan & Bellasis, Rev Jean Mackarel, minister** | Pray for these congregations as they meet to worship the Lord each week, that they would grow in faith and fellowship with one another.

Friday 27 September

• **Stress** | In the UK alone approximately 5 million people are stressed and this figure is ever increasing. Pray for those suffering from the effects of stress; pray especially for staff within our Social Witness Services, often working under pressure.

• **Council for Public Affairs** | As they prepare to meet in the coming weeks, please pray for the committees, panels and task groups within the Council for Public Affairs. Pray for their conveners and members, that they will be able to discern God's leading regarding their topics and subjects, so that they will engage effectively and speak Christian truths confidently and graciously into the public square.

Saturday 28 September

• **General Council** | Pray for wisdom for the senior staff based in Assembly Buildings as they face many challenging issues before them – remembering those who deal with external and statutory bodies in this increasingly complex world.

• **Training in Ministry** | An induction day for ministry students gives time for worship, prayer and fellowship, along with preparation for the new academic year. Pray for the new students starting their training, and for the second- and third-year students who are returning to full-time study after their summer placements.