



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 8th to 14th September 2024

Sunday ESTABLISHED The first meeting of our renamed Youth Fellowship will be in **the Manse** at 6.30 pm. Young people 1st year plus are encouraged to come along. There will be a BBQ, Bible Study and Praise.

Monday Bowling Club 7.00 pm in the Church 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

Events Committee Meeting at 7.15 pm in
the Centenary Room.

Thursday Bowling Club 7.00 pm in the Church Hall
Bible Study Group will meet in the Minor
Hall at 7.30 pm.

Saturday Preparation for Poppy Festival in the
Centenary room 10.30 – 1.00 pm.
Refreshments will be provided. Full
details are overleaf.

Welcome Rota

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

Creche Rota

8th September Karen Scott and Pauline Pierce
15th September Kerry McCammond and Dorothy Lynch
22nd September Fiona Hogg and Rebecca Watters

Flowers The church flowers today were kindly donated by Jennifer Wilson

Treasure Hunters

September Heather Hamilton 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 Wednesday 11th September

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. Communicant's classes will begin shortly.

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 14/9, 21/9 or 28/9**. The time is 10.30 – 1.00 pm and you can stay for **any length of time**. Even an hour is appreciated.

STATED MEETING OF CHURCH COMMITTEE on **Tuesday 17th September** at 7.30 pm in the Minor Hall.

OPEN DOORS MAGAZINES are available at both exits. Please take one.

PORTSTEWART CHURCHES FRIENDSHIP GROUP invites you to a 'Quiet Day' in Corrymeela, Ballycastle on **Tuesday 15th 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 **8th, 15th, 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. 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.



Acts

The church on fire for Jesus

Sunday 8th September: Acts 1: 12-26



Let's Pray

Sun 8 September - Sat 14 September 2024

Sunday 8 September

Moderator | Pray for the Moderator as he leads the Sunday services in Roseyards and at St Johnston for their 300th anniversary. Give thanks for the witness and work of these congregations over the years and pray for new opportunities for mission and ministry at Maynooth, where the Moderator will be dedicating the opening of the new building on Saturday.

- **Knowing the blessings of God in worship** | 'May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.' Romans 15:13. Ask that as you worship today you may know the blessings of God's overflowing hope, joy and peace.

Monday 9 September

- **Naomi Leremore, global mission worker, Kenya** | Pray for Naomi and her family as they adjust to life and work back in Nairobi following a time of rest and refreshment in Northern Ireland, and especially for God's comfort as they grieve the death of Naomi's Dad at the end of July.

- **Nepal** | Pray for the United Mission to Nepal (UMN) as they take forward the process of selecting and appointing new board members, especially seeking those with skills in finance, fundraising, organizational change and human resource management.

Tuesday 10 September

- **John Coulter, chaplain in Ulster University, Coleraine** | Please pray that at the start of a new academic year, John would renew and build on relationships with students and

staff developed in previous years and that, new relationships would be established. Pray for John as he works in cooperation with the Christian Union in various joint ministry projects.

- **Donegal and Stranorlar** | Pray for these congregations as they meet for worship, that the members will have experienced a time of refreshment over the summer and know the Lord's equipping for the next church year. Pray also that a new minister would be identified in the coming months.

Wednesday 11 September

- **Ilona and Csaba Veres, global mission workers, Hungary** | Give thanks for the camps and outreaches that took place during the summer months and pray for their fruitfulness. Remember Csaba and Ilona as they settle back into work after a recent holiday.

- **Latvia** | Pray for the work of the Baltic Reformed Theological Seminary, especially Mr Artis Celmins, Director, as he develops the work of the Seminary, and for the students taking courses in-person and online.

Thursday 12 September

- **Church planting** | A Church Planting Taster Day is taking place in Maynooth in November. Pray this event will envision congregations and stir the hearts of individuals so we might see more churches planted in Ireland.

- **Mission Pioneers** | Give thanks for those undertaking the Mission Pioneers training programme with CMI. Pray that they would be blessed and encouraged as they learn and that they would receive the support they need.

Friday 13 September

- **Addiction** | Addiction is an ever-growing problem throughout Ireland. Pray for those suffering, that they may get the right help and support to overcome their addiction problems. Give thanks for those who work with individuals struggling with addiction, and pray for sufficient resources. Pray especially for Carlisle House, PCI's Centre providing addiction support.

- **Public Affairs** | Please pray for communities that have experienced unrest in the recent months and weeks. Pray that peace will be restored and that those living in those communities will feel welcome. Pray for wisdom for community workers who are working within these communities.

Saturday 14 September

- **General Council** | Pray for the work of the General Secretary's Department in Assembly Buildings. Remember all the staff as they carry out the workload of co-ordinating agendas, minutes and papers for regular meetings, as well as dealing with numerous individual queries by telephone and email. Pray for wisdom, grace and resilience.

- **Training in Ministry** | Prof Michael McClenahan has entered his second year as Union College Principal. Give thanks for the gifts and grace of God at work in Michael's life, and pray for him as he continues this demanding role. Pray for wisdom and energy, and ask the Lord to use Union to build his Church and further his Kingdom

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.