



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 6th to the 12th October 2024

- Sunday** **Prayer and Praise Service** at 6.30 pm in the Centenary Room
- Monday** **Bowling Club** 7.00 pm in the Church Hall.
- Tuesday** **PW** meet at 7.30 pm in the Minor Hall. Joanne Hall will speak about 'Healthy Body, Healthy Mind'.
- 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 Minor Hall at 7.30 pm.
- Friday** **Preparation for Poppy Festival** 2.00 pm - 4.00 pm in the Centenary Room. Please see details overleaf.
Badminton Club at 7.30 pm in the Church Hall. Open to all abilities age 16 and over.
- Saturday** **Blaze** 6.00 pm and **CHILL** 7.30 pm

Welcome Rota

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

Creche Rota

6th October Karen Elliott and Rachel Pollock
13th October Maude Lyttle and Julie Watters
20th October Karen Elliott and Rachel Pollock

Flowers

The church flowers today were kindly donated by
the Kilgore and Elliott families in memory of Raymond

Treasure Hunters

October Wendy Porter and team

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

Other Notices

PASTORAL CARE Stuart is usually in the office on Wednesday mornings if anyone would like to come in and speak with him. Also if you know of anyone who is ill or in hospital please contact Stuart with their name and details.

ESTABLISHED (for year 8 upwards) meet on the **2nd and 4th Sunday** of the month at 6.30 pm in the Manse. Members are encouraged to attend the Prayer and Praise Service this evening.

UNITED APPEAL FOR MISSION P.C.I supports projects, programmes and staff at home and overseas. It helps congregations and individuals to build God's Kingdom through youth and children's ministry, social action and the training of leaders, for example. **Harvest** is our opportunity to give to this important mission. To contribute please use the **special envelope in your FWO pack** or envelopes are also available at either exit.

HARVEST GIFTS For the Harvest services the Church will be decorated with flowers, fruit and vegetables. Members are invited to please contribute items and also **to come and help with decorating** the church on **Saturday 12th October, from 11.30 am – 2.00 pm**. Each organisation will also be responsible for an arrangement. **Canned and packet items can be brought and these will be donated to the CAUSEWAY FOODBANK.**

HARVEST LUNCH will be after the morning service next Sunday. If you would like to attend please sign one of the sheets in the Link or Vestibule.

PREPARATION FOR POPPY FESTIVAL If you can help with sewing the poppies on to the netting please come along to the Centenary Room on **Friday 11/10 2.00 –**

4.00 pm, **Saturday 19/10** 10.30 am – 1.00 pm and **Friday 25/10** 2.00 – 4.00 pm. You can stay for **any length of time**. Refreshments will be provided.

STATED MEETING OF CHURCH COMMITTEE on **Tuesday 15th October** at 7.30 pm in the Minor Hall.

CAMEO meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month. The next meeting is **Thursday 17th October** from 2.30 – 4.00 pm in the Centenary Room.

PORTSTEWART CHURCHES FRIENDSHIP GROUP invite you to a presentation by Richard Sanderson who will talk about his work with disadvantaged children in Bogota, Colombia. This will be on **Tuesday 8th October** at 7.00 pm in the Centenary Room. All welcome.

FAMILY LIGHT PARTY on **Saturday 2nd November** in the Church Halls 6.30 pm – 8.30 pm. There will be party games, prizes, food and a short epilogue. Volunteers are needed to welcome the families, help with the games and cook and serve the food. If you are able to help please speak to Michelle.



Harvest Celebrations
Sunday 13th October
10:30 am & 6:30 pm

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CONGREGATIONAL MEETING on Sunday 13th October

Concerning the co-option of an elder paragraph 181 (2) of the code states: The approval of the congregation shall be obtained by announcing the Session's intention to co-opt on two successive Sundays; and if, at a meeting of the congregation, approval be not then unanimous, the Session shall fix a day to take the opinion of the voters, when unless two-thirds of those then voting approve they shall not proceed with the co-option.

It was announced last Sunday (29th) and again this Sunday (6th) that a meeting of the congregation will be held on **Sunday 13th October** after morning worship.

Points for Prayer

Sunday 6th October

Some of our members along with folks in Ballywillan begin communicants' classes today. Pray for all those who are considering full communicant membership. Pray they would know God's leading and would feel a sense of belonging within our congregation.

Monday 7th October

Vacancies in **Banagher**, **Ballywillan**, **Portrush** and **Second Kilrea** continue to be progressed. Please pray that in each of the congregations there would be a means of providing stable ministry to the folks who faithfully attend and also an outreach into each local community.

Tuesday 8th October

The **PW** returns tonight after the summer break. Thank God for the work of the PW within our congregation and across the wider church as it encourages and disciples women and supports mission at home and abroad. **PW** provides funding for the training of deaconesses within our denomination, pray for the work of the deaconesses within PCI.

Wednesday 9th October

We have a significant number of people from within our congregation who are receiving one form of treatment or another. Pray for all who are undergoing what can be harsh and difficult medical treatments and procedures. Pray for healing and a very real sense of God's presence. Pray also for families who watch on often feeling helpless and frustrated at not being able to ease a loved one's suffering.

Thursday 10th October

Preparations are well underway for harvest. Pray for our harvest celebrations. Pray especially for **Martha**, **Sophie** and **Jodie** who hope to give reports on their summer mission trips at our evening service. Thank God for our young people and pray that they would be **established** in their faith and in the life of the church.

Friday 11th October

Thank God for the ministry and blessing that comes through the flowers that are donated each week in the church. Thank God for the way in which they are used to remind those going through hard times that the church has noticed and that it cares. Pray that within the church we would continue to build and develop a sense of family and togetherness in Christ.

Saturday 12th October

Tomorrow the congregation will be asked if it is agreeable to **Ronnie Crooks** being co-opted as an elder. Pray for Ronnie as he prayerfully offers himself in service to God and his church in this way. Pray for wisdom and discernment among the congregation. Pray also for Winnie as she seeks to support and encourage Ronnie.