



# 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 13<sup>th</sup> to the 19<sup>th</sup> October 2024

### *Welcome to our Harvest Thanksgiving Service*

#### **“COME YE THANKFUL PEOPLE COME”**

- Sunday Harvest Evening Celebration 6.30 pm**
- 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.
- Friday Badminton Club** at 7.30 pm in the Church  
Hall. Open to all abilities age 16 and over.
- Saturday Poppy Sewing** 10.30 - 1.00pm Cent Room  
**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

13<sup>th</sup> October            Maude Lyttle and Julie Watters  
20<sup>th</sup> October            Karen Elliott and Rachel Pollock  
27<sup>th</sup> October            Mary Acheson and Maureen Moore

## Flowers

The church flowers today were kindly donated by Carol MacAulay in memory of her daughter Anne and husband Willis

## Treasure Hunters

October            Wendy Porter and team

*Thank you to everyone who assisted in decorating the church for Harvest.  
Please take time to look around and enjoy the decorations.*

*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.

**HARVEST DISTRIBUTION** Elders, Committee and Volunteers are required to distribute the flowers and gifts **tomorrow morning between 9.30 and 11.00 am. All help would be appreciated.**

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

**G.B. ENROLMENT SERVICE** next **Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October** at 10.30 am. There will be lunch afterwards in the Church Hall.

**PREPARATION FOR POPPY FESTIVAL** If you can help with sewing the poppies on to the netting please come along to the Centenary Room on **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.

**KIRK SESSION MEETING** on **Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October** at 7.30 pm in the Minor Hall.

**FAMILY LIGHT PARTY** on **Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> 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 on Sunday (29<sup>th</sup>) and Sunday (6<sup>th</sup>) that a meeting of the congregation will be held on **Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October** after morning worship.



Taste and see that the Lord is  
good; blessed is the one who takes  
refuge in him.

Psalm 34:8



## Points for Prayer

### Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October

Today is our harvest celebrations. Take time to thank God for his goodness and faithfulness. Pray for those whose harvest has failed and so face a year struggling to put food on the table. ***Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.*** (Lamentations 3: 22-23)

### Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October

It is over a year since the October 7<sup>th</sup> attacks on Israel and still families are waiting on news of loved ones taken hostage and the pain of those who mourn will never be taken away. Take time to pray for those who have been affected most by those attacks.

### Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October

The attacks on Israel sparked the war in Gaza and one year on that city has been left in ruins. Countless thousands are dead or wounded, millions displaced and as is

always the case it is the poor and vulnerable who suffer the most. Pray for an end to the war. Pray that Israel's calling to be a light and blessing to the nations would be fulfilled.

### **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October**

The invasion of Gaza has provoked increased rocket fire by Hezbollah from Lebanon into Israel. This in turn has provoked Israel's attacks in Lebanon, including the pager and walkie talkie attacks as well as a new ground offensive. This expansion of the war further increases suffering and destabilises the whole region. Pray for wise counsel on both sides that enables a drawing back from a full scale war and yet more suffering for the poorest in society.

### **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October**

The ripples of October 7<sup>th</sup> widened further with Iran and Israel inflicting military strikes on each other. This not only widens conflict in the region but draws western powers such as the US and the UK in as they provide assistance to Israel. Pray for a drawing back from the brink and a means of both countries saving face and so being able to draw a line under this particular tension.


### **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October**

Shipping in the Red Sea continues to face attack from Houthi rebels in Yemen. Pray for the merchant sailors who are defenceless against such attacks and rely on western warships being in the right place at the right time to defend them.

### **Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October**

It is easy to lose hope when we look at our world, the suffering endured by so many and the apparent victory of evil over good. Take time to remind yourself and to thank God that there will be a day when evil will be banished, and Christ's rule established.

***Therefore God has exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*** (Philippians 2:9-11)



**And I will restore  
to you the years  
that the locust  
hath eaten.**

Joel 2:25

