



Portstewart Presbyterian Church

Registered Charity in N.I. (NIC105562)
Website: www.portstewartpresbyterian.org

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 2nd to the 8th February 2025

- Sunday** **Prayer and Praise Service** at 6.30 pm in the Centenary Room
- Monday** **Bowling Club** 7.00 pm 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 Main 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. This week they will be having fun with flowers. All welcome.
- Bowling Club** 7.00 pm Church Hall
- Bible Study Group** will meet in the Minor Hall at 7.30 pm
- Friday** **Badminton Club** at 7.30 pm in the Church Hall
- Saturday** **Blaze** 6.00 pm and **CHILL** 7.30 pm

Welcome Rota

February **Mervyn Pyper**, Ronnie Crooks, Robin Gawne, Cathy Martin, Joy Teese

Creche Rota

2nd February Fiona Hogg and Karen Scott
9th February Caroline Scott and Rachel Greer
16th February Barbara Hall and Julia Morrow

Flowers

The church flowers today are in memory of Martha Esler and her son Raymond

Treasure Hunters

February Wendy Porter 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.

WE WELCOME WESLEY QUINN to our service this morning. Wesley is applying for the Ministry and will be joining us for 6 weeks. This placement is part of his application process.

ESTABLISHED meet on the **2nd and 4th Sunday** of the month at 6.30 pm in the Manse. The next meeting is **Sunday 9th February**.

P.W will meet on **Tuesday 11th February** at 7.30 pm in the Minor Hall. The theme will be 'Hope 365'.

SEMERON CANCER SUPPORT GROUP are meeting on **Saturday 8th February** 11.00 am – 12.30 pm in Terrace Row Presbyterian Church Hall, Coleraine. They will be showing a Video by Joni Eareckson Tada on 'Lessons from Cancer' . If you would like to attend please see the details on the noticeboards.

TRUTH RECOVERY INDEPENDENT PANEL Along with all mainline denominations, the Presbyterian Church in Ireland has been approached by this Panel, with a request that we make members of our congregation aware of its important work. Please see below:

Truth Recovery Independent Panel

The Truth Recovery Independent Panel, appointed by the Northern Ireland Executive Office, is carrying out an independent investigation into Mother and

Baby Institutions, Magdalene Laundries and Workhouses in Northern Ireland from 1922 - 1995, and their related pathways and practices, including the adoption and care systems.

The Independent Panel is particularly keen to understand more about **Hopedene Hostel, Thorndale House, Malone Place** and **Kennedy House**. The Panel wishes to hear from: any person who has been directly impacted, relatives of those directly impacted or any person who has worked or volunteered in or lived in close proximity to one of these institutions.

If you would like to share your experience, please get in touch with the Panel directly by **Thursday 1st May 2025**:

Truth Recovery Independent Panel
4th Floor, Equality House
7 - 9 Shaftesbury Square
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Information on the work of the Panel can be found at:

www.independentpanel.truthrecoveryni.co.uk



Points for Prayer

Reflections

Sunday 2nd February

Read John 4:29. Who have we ever invited to come to church with us? If we believe there is something special about a gathering of God's people, that this is a unique way of encountering God, should we not be like the woman from the well and inviting people to come and see? Pray about how we could invite people to encounter Jesus. Pray also for **Wesly Quinn** who begins a six-week placement with us.

Monday 3rd February

Read John 4: 16-19. Jesus spoke into this woman's life in a way no-one else could have. Follow the example of Psalm 139: 23-24 and ask God to search our hearts this morning.

Tuesday 4th February

Read John 4:13-14. What are the things we long for in life, where do we look for satisfaction? Reflect on Jesus words to the woman at the well and ask God that we might find our satisfaction, that sense of belonging and peace in him.

Wednesday 5th February

Read John 4:9. Jesus surprised people with who he chose to spend his time with; the people he readily associated with. Take time to reflect on the people we associate with or maybe don't associate with. Pray about how we could become more like Jesus and so be able to bring the good news of the gospel to places where it is rarely talked about.

Thursday 6th February

Read John 4:19. Who is Jesus? We know he is more than just a prophet; he is the Son of God; Saviour; Messiah; Lord. Do we give him this place in our lives? Do we treat Jesus in this way or is he relegated to something lesser? Take time to pray about the place we give to Jesus.

Friday 7th February

Read John 4: 31-38. Jesus understood the urgency of the mission, time will not go on forever. The opportunities to turn to God will come to an end. Have we grasped this? Have we understood the urgency of the church's calling? Pray that we would know the importance of telling others about Jesus.

Saturday 8th February

Read John 4:23. How will we prepare for worship tomorrow? The passage we will be reading is on our website, will we have read it? Will we have prayed that God will open our hearts and our minds that we would be able to hear and understand him? Will we join with God's people in prayer before the service? Reflect on how we prepare for worship.

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.