

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, ARMAGH

‘A place of history, holiness and hope.’

To all who are weary and need rest, to all who mourn and need comfort, to all who feel worthless and wonder if God cares. To all who fail and need strength, to all who sin and need a Saviour, to all who hunger and thirst for righteousness, and to whoever else will come. This church opens wide her doors and offers welcome and love, in the name of the risen Christ. You are most welcome.

Services - 11.45am

Sunday 4th May

Sunday 11th May

Sunday 18th May - Gift Day

Special Music by the Church Choir.
Followed by a short AGM.

United Evening Service
St Mark's Parish Church, 7pm

Sunday 25th May

Led by Rev Dr Tony Davidson

Meetings & Events

Bible Study

Tuesday 6th May, 7.30pm,
Temple Lundie Room

Wednesday 28th May, 7.30pm,
Tassagh Presbyterian Church

Prayer Meeting

Wednesday 14th May, 7.30pm,
Temple Lundie Room



Dear friends,

They say first impressions count and we only get once chance at them. The very first words ever spoken by Jesus are recorded in Mark 1:15 ***“The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.”*** The coming of Christ into our world was good news because all of God’s promises came to fulfilment in the person of Jesus. God’s kingdom was no longer remote and far away but now ‘at hand.’

Jesus preached ***‘repent and believe in the gospel.’*** That was his message and a radical message it was. Repentance means turning around and taking a different direction; it means acknowledging our sin in honesty before God and laying it at the feet of Christ. St Paul wrote in Romans 3:23 ***‘for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.’***

The glorious message of the Christian faith is that Jesus invites us to ‘believe in the gospel.’ Whilst churches, denominations and institutions have their role to play, God calls us first and foremost to repent of our sin and believe in the gospel. God welcomes people in love to embrace Jesus; to know Jesus; to love Jesus. He alone is the gate to eternal life; he alone is the Saviour of the world. As we travel together through Mark’s gospel on Sunday mornings, may our heart’s desire be that of the Greeks in John 12 ***“Sir, we wish to see Jesus.”***

Yours in Christ,
Rev Thomas Moore



Youth Ministry

Sunday School continues during the Morning Service on Sunday 11th & 18th May. There will be Junior Church on Sunday 4th & 25th May.

Rotas

Cleaning Team (preparing for)

Sunday 4th & 11th May
Led by Roberta Pollock

Sunday 18th & 25th May
Led by Melanie Houston

Stewards

Godfrey Abbott, Hamilton Brown,
Florence Megaw, Sadie Somerville.

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If anyone is admitted or discharged from hospital, please inform our minister, Rev Thomas Moore.

Rev Thomas Moore will be away from Monday 19th May to Sunday 25th May at mandatory PCI post ordination training in Church House, Belfast. In cases of pastoral emergency, please contact our Clerk of Session, Ian Kyle (07713636413).

Looking Back

April began fittingly with the installation of our Church new sign. It was also a month filled with special services including the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday. A particular highlight was the presentation made to Harry McKennell, marking his retirement after an incredible 58 years of faithful service as a Sunday School teacher. We also enjoyed welcoming a range of musicians and visitors as part of the province-wide 'Play the Organ Day 2025'. And we wished Hannah Watterson every blessing as she undertakes a sponsored climb of Slieve Donard, raising funds for her October mission trip to India with the Royal School, Armagh; donations would, of course, be greatly appreciated.



Prayer Points

- ♦ First Armagh and Tassagh received 'leave to call' under a seven-year reviewable tenure. Pray that the Holy Spirit would guide us and move in the hearts of many in our churches to return to regular, public worship.
- ♦ Pray for those living with long-term illnesses, those who are housebound or living in nursing homes, that they would know the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit.
- ♦ Pray for persecuted Christians around the world who live in constant fear because of their faith in Christ, that God would guide and protect them. (Psalm 34:15)
- ♦ Pray for a peace settlement between Russia and Ukraine and ask that God would grant His wisdom to all involved in peace negotiations.
- ♦ Pray for the work of evangelisation across the UK, Ireland and abroad and pray especially for PCI as she bears witness to God's redeeming love in Christ.



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