

# 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 1st June*

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

### *Sunday 8th June*

Pentecost Sunday

### *Sunday 15th June*

Children's Day & Prize Giving

Teddy Bears' Picnic, Mall, 12.45pm

Singing on the Steps, 2.30pm

### *Sunday 22nd June*

Worship led by Praise Band

### *Sunday 29th June*

## Meetings & Events

*Held in Temple Lundie Room unless stated.*

### *Bible Study*

Wednesday 4th June, 7.30pm

Wednesday 18th June, 7.30pm,  
Tassagh Presbyterian Church

### *Prayer Meeting*

Wednesday 11th May, 7.30pm

### *Kirk Session*

Thursday 12th June, 7.30pm

### *Congregational Committee*

Tuesday 17th June, 7.30pm

### *Steak Barbecue*

Saturday 28th June, 6.30pm

Tickets should be purchased by  
Sunday 22nd June.



Dear friends,

During my ordination in First Armagh in January, we sang the beautiful hymn, ‘**God is love: let heaven adore him,**’ penned by Timothy Rees (1874-1939). It contains the words: ‘**He who laid the earth’s foundations, He who spread the heavens above, He who breathes through all creation, He is love, eternal love.**’

God has many attributes: we think of his holiness, his justice, his kindness, his goodness and omniscience. But the one which perhaps resonates the most is his love. <sup>1</sup> John speaks more of God’s love than any other book in the Bible: ‘**God’s love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins.**’ <sup>1</sup> John 4:9-10 (NRSV)

God is rich in love and mercy, and his love endures forever (Psalm 136). Even though our love for God is often cold, his love for us is strong, steadfast and eternal. God never changes and his love for us never changes. Out of love, he sent his Son Jesus Christ into our world to redeem a great multitude no one can number. Through the ups and downs of life, know that you are loved beyond measure, because God is love.

Yours in Christ,  
Rev Thomas Moore.

## Youth Ministry

Sunday School continues during the Morning Service on Sunday 1st and 8th June. Sunday 15th June will be our annual Children's Day and Prize Giving Service. This will be followed by a Teddy Bears' Picnic on the Mall. There will be Junior Church on Sunday 22nd and 29th June.

## Rotas

### *Cleaning Team (preparing for)*

Sunday 1st & 8th June

Led by Jennifer Somerville

Sunday 15th & 22nd June

Led by Jim Leeman

Sunday 29th June

Led by Karen Kerr

### *Stewards*

Leslie Crowe, James McCarragher,  
Norman Shilliday, Raymond Sloane.

## Summer Opening

The Church will be open for viewing, prayer and quiet reflection on Thursday, Friday and Saturday afternoons from 19th June to 14th September. Exact timings will be confirmed soon so please 'keep an eye out' for the sign-up sheet in the vestibule if you can assist with this.

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If anyone is admitted or discharged from hospital, please inform our minister, Rev Thomas Moore, as information doesn't always come through from hospital chaplains.

## Looking Back: Sunday School Focus

May has been another fun month at Sunday School. We learned about Gideon, a humble man chosen by God to lead Israel. Though he doubted himself, Gideon trusted God's guidance. With only 300 men, he defeated a massive enemy army, showing that faith and obedience are more powerful than strength alone. We brought to life how Gideon asked God for signs, like the fleece and dew, to be sure of His will. This taught us it's okay to seek God's direction when we're unsure. Gideon's story reminded us that God can use anyone to do great things: *'The Lord is with you, mighty warrior.'* (Judges 6:12). It's been a joyful time of learning, growing, and walking together in faith. We thank God for each child!



## Prayer Points

- ✦ The PCI General Assembly meets from 10-12 June in Belfast. Pray for the incoming Moderator Rev Trevor Gribben, the Clerk of the Assembly Rev Dr David Allen and all who will participate that God would grant His wisdom and discernment.
- ✦ The Presbyterian Church in Ireland currently has a record number of vacant congregations. Pray that the Lord of the harvest will raise up workers for his vineyard.
- ✦ Pray for our children and young people as they sit school exams and submit coursework. Pray for Primary 7 children moving school and young people leaving school into the world of work or further study.
- ✦ Pray for the people of Gaza, especially the children, who are facing starvation in the unfolding humanitarian disaster there. Pray that peace talks would commence and a ceasefire can be reached.