

# 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 7th September

- (1) ‘Vision Sunday’
- (2) United Evening Service,  
Armagh Methodist Church, 7pm

### Sunday 14th September

Kingdom Kids & Kingdom Youth  
Leader Dedication Service

### Sunday 21st September

Soup Lunch  
Singing on the Steps, 2.30pm

### Sunday 28th September

- (1) Family Service  
Worship led by Praise Band
- (2) Anniversary Thanksgiving Service,  
Tassagh Presbyterian Church, 7pm

### Sunday 5th October (Advance Notice)

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

## Meetings & Events

Held in Temple Lundie Room unless stated.

### Monday 1st September (Practice Resumes)

Bowling Club, 8pm, College Street Halls

### Tuesday 9th September

Presbyterian Women, 7.30pm  
Speaker: Lynda Pollock

### Saturday 13th September

First Aid Training, 9am - 1.30pm

### Tuesday 16th September

Congregational Committee, 7.30pm

### Saturday 20th September

Kirk Session Away Day, 9.30am,  
County Armagh Golf Club

### Thursday 25th September

Kirk Session, 7.30pm



Dear friends,

September marks the beginning of a season of ministry and my first as your minister. The God of the Bible is a God of new beginnings. God created the heavens and the earth out of nothing. Though the earth was **‘without form and covered in darkness’** (Genesis 1:2), the voice of God brought forth creation, light and life. The Lord also grants new, spiritual beginnings to churches, families and individuals. St Paul wrote **‘Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: the old has gone, the new is here!’** (2 Corinthians 5:17)

Not everyone welcomes change, but change is necessary if we are to grow. God appeared to Solomon after he completed the Temple and said: **‘If my people, who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.’** (2 Chronicles 7:14)

As a church family, we are called by God because he loves us. We must humble ourselves and recognise this new season of challenge but also of opportunity we find ourselves in. We must pray and seek God's face; we must turn from our sin and embrace Christ. Only when we humble ourselves, pray and seek Christ will God grant us his blessing. Let us continue to be a Christ centred fellowship of God's people for **‘He is good; His love endures for ever.’** (2 Chronicles 7:3)

Yours in Christ,  
Rev Thomas Moore

## Youth Ministry

Sunday School, now known as Kingdom Kids, resumes during the church service on Sunday 7th September. Kingdom Kids is for all primary school aged children. Kingdom Youth will also start on Sunday 7th September. This is open to all secondary school aged pupils. Registration forms & further information at the following links:

Kingdom Kids: <https://forms.gle/xwU2qC4SFq5Ngikm9>

Kingdom Youth: <https://forms.gle/Wbac7fB7MN7sF9fo6>

## Study & Prayer

The Apostle Peter reminds the church 'But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.' (2 Peter 3:18)

The minister encourages the whole congregation to attend mid-week meetings. Prayer and Bible Study are essential for growth in Christ.

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**Wednesday 3rd September**

Bible Study, 7.30pm

**Wednesday 10th September**

Prayer Meeting, 7.30pm

**Wednesday 17th September**

Bible Study, 7.30pm, Tassagh Church

**Wednesday 24th September**

Prayer Meeting, 7.30pm

## Rotas

**Cleaning Team (preparing for)**

**Sunday 7th & 14th September**

Led by Roberta Pollock

**Sunday 21st & 28th September**

Led by Melanie Houston

**Stewards**

Stanley Lockhart, Ruth McCann,  
Heather McCrea, Ivor Stevenson.

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## Looking Back

Although July and August have been quieter months in the life of our Church, they have been rich in fellowship and special moments. On Sunday 6th July, we were pleased to welcome Armagh District LOL No. 5 for their Annual Divine Service. Every fortnight we gathered in prayer, taking time to pause and be still together before God. The joint walking group with Tassagh explored the city, Gosford Forest Park, and Loughgall Country Park, with Gosford also providing a wonderful setting for our Family Fun Day – a joyful time of friendship and laughter. Our Bowling Club also enjoyed their Annual Dinner and Presentation of Awards. Over the summer, we were delighted to welcome visitors through Summer Opening, as well as musicians from across the world during the Charles Wood Festival and Northern Ireland International Organ Competition.



## Prayer Points

- ✦ Pray for our children and young people as they return to school and college following the summer break. Pray for the work of our Sunday School, now known as 'Kingdom Kids' and other youth initiatives that God would grant us his blessing.
- ✦ Pray for our minister and elders that God would grant them all needed wisdom in this new season of ministry and pray that the Holy Spirit will move powerfully in our two churches.
- ✦ Pray for the work of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, remembering our Moderator *Rt Rev Dr Trevor Gribben* and all who work in Assembly Buildings in Belfast that God would grant to each one the grace of the Holy Spirit.
- ✦ The Christian charity, *Open Doors*, reports that 380 million Christians face persecution for their faith. Pray that God would protect and guide our brothers and sisters around the world.
- ✦ Pray for those in authority over us, including our prime minister and members of parliament that they would pass good and just laws for the flourishing of society and the good of our nation.