

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 2nd November

Led by Rev Norman McAuley

Sunday 9th November

Remembrance Service

Sunday 16th November

United Appeal Service

Sunday 23rd November

Family Service

Worship led by Praise Band

Sunday 30th November

Advent Carol Service & Sacrament
of the Lord's Supper, 7pm

Meetings & Events

Held in Temple Lundie Room unless stated.

Thursday 6th November

Committee Meeting, 7.30pm

Friday 7th November

Hub Beetle Drive, 7.30pm

Tuesday 11th November

Presbyterian Women, 7.30pm

‘Let's make Christmas Crackers’

Thursday 13th November

Kirk Session Meeting, 7.30pm

Thursday 20th November

Presbyterian Historical Society of
Ireland: Lecture on Rev Dr John Hall
led by Rev Dr Tony Davidson, 8pm

Saturday 29th November

Georgian Day (Volunteers Required)
Church Opening, 1pm - 7pm

Organ Interludes - 30 Minute
Recitals: 1.30pm, 3pm, 4.30pm, 6pm

Street Food Dining Area, Temple
Lundie Room, 1pm - 7pm



Dear friends,

November is a time when we pause to remember the ultimate sacrifice paid by millions of people in the two World Wars and other conflicts. Estimates suggest between 15 to 22 million died in the First World War and over 60 million in the Second World War. The cost and sacrifice of war is incalculable, and it is only right and proper that we never forget all those who died in war.

From my study window in the Manse, I have a direct view over the Cenotaph, situated at the top of the Mall. The red poppy wreaths provide a flash of red amidst the mundane colours of the surrounding buildings. I walk and drive past the Cenotaph every day and it is a daily reminder, in the busyness of one's day, that millions sacrificed their lives for our liberty and peace.

At the very heart of the Christian faith is the cross - a universally recognised symbol. On the cross, Jesus Christ, **‘bore our sins on his body’**. (1 Peter 2:24). Jesus paid the ultimate sacrifice too, not to bring political peace, but so we could know peace with God (Romans 5:1).

Peace is a very precious gift. Millions are still living under the shadow of war and conflict and are crying out for justice and peace. Through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ on our behalf, we can know peace with God. There is no greater blessing than this.

‘Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends.’ (John 15:13).

Yours in Christ,

Rev Thomas Moore

Youth Ministry

Sunday 2nd November is half-term holiday. Junior Church will be available. Kingdom Kids meets during the service on Sunday 9th, 16th & 30th November. Kingdom Youth meets on Sunday 16th November. There will also be an Armagh Youth Connect Gathering on Sunday 16th November at 7.45pm in Druminnis Presbyterian Church.

Study & Prayer

Held in Temple Lundie Room unless stated.

Wednesday 5th November

Bible Study, 7.30pm

Wednesday 12th November

Prayer Meeting, 7.30pm

Wednesday 19th November

Bible Study, 7.30pm, Tassagh Church

Wednesday 26th November

Prayer Meeting, 7.30pm

Rotas

Cleaning Team (preparing for)

Sunday 2nd & 9th November

Led by Karen Kerr

Sunday 16th & 23rd November

Led by Lynda Coleman

Sunday 30th November

Led by David Harrison

Stewards

Brian Hamill, James Leeman

Joe McCarragher, Heather Stevenson

Looking Back

October was a busy and uplifting month in the life of our Church. We shared together in the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper and gave thanks for God's goodness at our Harvest Services, with beautiful music from the Choir. An incredible 253.6kg of food and other items were donated to Armagh Food Bank, which continues to be a lifeline for those facing hardship in our community; a massive thank you to everyone who contributed. Kingdom Kids and Kingdom Youth have had lots of fun, including decorating pumpkins, while both groups have launched new logos that capture the spirit of their ministry. We enjoyed a delicious Harvest Supper at our first Hub of the season, and there was plenty of laughter as we attempted a number of 'Taskmaster' challenges. It has also been heartening to see encouraging numbers attending both our Bible Study and Prayer Meeting.



Prayer Points

- Pray for Remembrance services taking place across the UK and Ireland. May God grant healing and peace to those still living with the effects of war and conflict.
- As we remember those who have died in conflict, pray for peace in Ukraine, Syria, Yemen, Sudan and the Israel-Gaza conflict. Pray that many will **'beat their swords into ploughshares'** and pursue peace through political means.
- Pray for our community outreach during the Georgian Festival on Saturday 29th November. Pray that the good seed of the gospel will reach many lives.
- Pray for the persecuted church around the world, especially in Muslim majority countries. Thank God for the freedoms and blessings we enjoy.
- The Bible Society UK reports a 'silent revival' is taking place across all four nations of the UK. Pray that a great many people will trust in Christ for their eternal salvation and join a local church.



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