

First Presbyterian Church ARMAGH



Monthly Bulletin January 2026

'Faith and Community in the Heart of the City'



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.

Monthly Reflection

Dear friends,

In January, we often hear of people making ‘new year resolutions.’ Those resolutions normally involve making personal commitments to self-improvement, such as changing diet or exercising more, making a career change or saving for a summer holiday. Most however, are unable to keep their ‘new year resolution.’

As we begin 2026 as a Church family, I want to encourage you, not to necessarily give something up, but to **receive** Jesus Christ as your friend and Saviour.

Jesus said in John 10:10, ‘**the thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.**’

What does abundant life in Jesus look like?

Jesus offers us eternal life which begins here and now. When our lives are hidden in Christ (Colossians 3:3) we experience the forgiveness of all our sin (Psalm 103:3), peace for all our tomorrows (John 14:27) and the hope of heaven (John 14:2).

Abundant life in Jesus is a completely different life than before; it’s a life where we walk in step with the Holy Spirit (Galatians 5:25) and know the joy of the Lord as our strength. In short, Jesus came from Heaven to give us a new heart and a new life (2 Corinthians 5:17).

Most of the gifts we received at Christmas will be forgotten, but the gift of new life in Christ will last forever; in fact, it gets better with every passing day.

The past year has been difficult for many around our world with warfare and conflict. Life is uncertain; no one knows what a new day will bring. Why not begin this new year by committing your life to Jesus Christ, confessing your sin and your great need of his salvation. Then, we not only begin a new year but new and everlasting life in Jesus.

‘**Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.**’
(Matthew 11:28)

Come to Christ and live.

Yours in His Service
Rev Thomas Moore

Looking Back

Advent was an incredibly busy and enriching time in the life of our congregation. It began with welcoming visitors to the church on Georgian Day. Many appreciated our generous hospitality and children enjoyed a new craft table initiative. On the first Sunday of the season, we were delighted to celebrate the Sacrament of Infant Baptism for Matilda Boyd. That evening, we held our first joint service with Tassagh Presbyterian Church: an Advent Carol Service combined with the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. As December progressed, we were privileged to welcome Rev Dr Liz Hughes, who spoke about the life-changing impact of Christian Aid. Particularly special highlights included a joyful Cradle Roll Service led by Kingdom Kids and Kingdom Youth, and an uplifting Carol Service featuring special music by the Choir. Our outreach extended beyond the church walls with Carols on the Steps, led by Armagh Old Boys Band, and a visit by the Choir to Sunnymead Residential Living. The Annual Christmas Gift Appeal once again reflected the kindness and generosity of the congregation, while Christmas gatherings hosted by the Bowling Club, Hub, PW and Kingdom Groups ensured much fun and fellowship throughout the month.

Prayer Points

- ◆ Pray for the work of our congregation as we begin this new year and season of ministry. Pray for our minister Thomas, the elders and committee as they lead our congregation under the guidance of the Spirit of God.
- ◆ Pray for our children and young people as they return to school, college or university. Pray for God's wisdom and grace to apply themselves fully to their learning and development. Pray for the work of Kingdom Kids and Kingdom Youth.
- ◆ Pray for the Presbyterian Church in Ireland (PCI) as it seeks to address serious safeguarding failures. Pray for wisdom for all in senior leadership and pray that God would comfort and help all victims of abuse inside or outside the church.
- ◆ Pray for the persecuted Church around the world, remembering especially our brothers and sisters in Nigeria. According to the charity **Open Doors**, more Christians are murdered in Nigeria than the rest of the world combined. May God protect them and help them.
- ◆ Pray for the people of Ukraine, that true and lasting peace will be possible and the light of the glorious gospel may reach that land and transform lives.

Services – 11.45am

Sunday 4th January

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Sunday 11th January

World Development Appeal
(Special Collection)

Sunday 18th January

Worship led by Praise Band

Sunday 25th January

Retiring Offering for Clones
Presbyterian Church
United Evening Service, 7pm

Meetings & Events

Held in Temple Lundie Room unless stated.

Monday 12th January

Bowling Club, 7.30pm, College
Street Halls (*weekly practices resume*)

Tuesday 13th January

PW Dinner, 7.30pm

Wednesday 14th January

Crochet & Chat, 10.30am
(*weekly meetings resume*)

Thursday 15th January

Committee Meeting, 7.30pm

Thursday 22nd January

Kirk Session Meeting, 7.30pm

Friday 30th January

Hub – Church Teams Quiz with
Supper, 7.30pm. Donations in
aid of Evora Hospice.

Saturday 31st January

Armagh Old Boys Band / Foden's
Band Workshop, 10am, Church
Foden's Band Annual Concert,
7.45pm, Church

Youth Ministry

Sunday 4th January

No Provision

Sunday 11th January

Kingdom Kids & Kingdom Youth

Sunday 18th January

Kingdom Kids
Armagh Youth Connect, 7.45pm,
Mall Presbyterian Church

Sunday 25th January

Kingdom Kids

Study & Prayer

Held in Temple Lundie Room unless stated.

Wednesday 7th January

Bible Study, 7.30pm

Wednesday 14th January

Prayer Meeting, 7.30pm

Wednesday 21st January

Bible Study, 7.30pm, Tassagh
Presbyterian Church

Wednesday 28th January

Prayer Meeting, 7.30pm

Rotas

Cleaning Team (preparing for)

Sunday 4th January

Led by Norman Shilliday

Sunday 11th & 18th January

Led by Roberta Pollock

Sunday 25th January

Led by Melanie Houston

Stewards

Leslie Crowe, Ken Gordon, Joe
McCarragher, Sadie Somerville