

'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,

Sunday 1st February 2026 marks the first anniversary of the commencement of my ministry in First Armagh. It has been a real joy getting to know you and to serve you in the gospel and may the Lord guide and help each one of us as we seek to live for Him.

We have considered the theme of Christian worship in our Sunday sermons over the last few weeks, a topic that is important for every Christian to reflect upon.

Psalm 96:9 *'Worship the LORD in the splendour of holiness; tremble before him, all the earth!'*

God our creator and Father invites all of creation to praise Him. All that we see with our natural eye, from the stars on a crisp winter's night to the crocuses and daffodils bursting into bloom, point to our glorious God who has made all things well.

As human beings, we have been given a special place within the created order: we have voices to praise God, hearts to love Him, wills to serve Him. Psalm 8 reminds us that God has 'crowned us with glory and honour.'

St Augustine wrote: *'Thou hast made us for Thyself, and our hearts are restless until we find our rest in Thee.'*

We were made for worship: it is our highest and greatest privilege but often it doesn't come naturally to us. Through faith in Jesus Christ and the work of God the Holy Spirit, our hearts are changed and warmed to his love and grace, then we can experience for ourselves what it means to *'Glorify God and enjoy Him forever.'*

Yours in His Service,
Rev Thomas Moore



Looking Back

The first month of the new year began fittingly with a special service at which we shared the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, and it concluded with a united evening service alongside our friends from Armagh Methodist, the Mall Presbyterian, St Mark's Parish and Tassagh Presbyterian. Our regular weekly activities resumed after the Christmas break with Bowls and Crochet offering relaxed opportunities for fun and friendship, and our mid-week Bible Study and Prayer Meeting providing encouragement, reflection and shared witness. Our Kingdom members continued to be busy learning new songs and exploring the teaching of the Apostle Paul. The PW enjoyed their Annual Dinner, and the closing days of the month brought a flurry of activity. Our Church Teams Quiz, expertly led by Leslie Crowe, proved great fun and raised £495 for the Evora Hospice. Thank you to all who contributed, and congratulations to the Choir Team, who narrowly pipped the Cleaning Team to first place. We also marked the first anniversary of Thomas's installation in First Armagh with a beautiful cake kindly provided by Hannah Boyd. To round off the month, we were delighted to welcome back Foden's Band for their Annual Concert.

Prayer Points

- ◆ Give thanks for the continued growth of our Kingdom Kids and Kingdom Youth. Pray that our children and young people would trust in Christ and become His committed followers.
- ◆ The Presbyterian Church in Ireland has convened another special sitting of the General Assembly on Wednesday 18th February in Belfast. Pray for God's wisdom and guidance for all who will participate.
- ◆ Union Theological College is holding a '*Ministry Taster Day*' on Saturday 14th March. Pray for the Dean of Ministerial Studies, Rev Gordon Best, as he prepares for this important day and pray the Lord of the harvest will raise up workers for the harvest field.
- ◆ *Christians in Parliament* is an All-party Parliamentary Group in the Palace of Westminster. Pray for Christian MPs as they meet for regular Bible studies, prayer time and seek to bear witness for Christ in the UK's mother parliament.
- ◆ Pray for the citizens of Sudan, living under civil war since April 2023. With increasing threats of violence and loss of life, pray that old divisions may be overcome with prayer and diplomacy. Pray for the Church of Christ in this troubled land.

Services – 11.45am

Sunday 1st February

Sunday 8th February

Sunday 15th February

Sunday 22nd February

Family Service; Worship led by
Praise Band

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

Meetings & Events

Held in Temple Lundie Room unless stated.

Saturday 7th February

Big Breakfast, 10am, Tassagh
Orange Hall

Tuesday 10th February

PW Meeting, 7.30pm. Hannah
Watterson, Asha Trip to India

Thursday 26th February

Kirk Session Meeting, 7.30pm

Saturday 28th February

Hub – Ten Pin Bowling, 6pm,
Airtastic Lisburn; Meal, 7.15pm,
Blue Bear Grill

Study & Prayer

Held in Temple Lundie Room unless stated.

Wednesday 4th February

Bible Study, 7.30pm

Wednesday 11th February

Prayer Meeting, 7.30pm

Wednesday 18th February

Bible Study, 7.30pm, Tassagh
Presbyterian Church

Wednesday 25th February

Prayer Meeting, 7.30pm

Youth Ministry

Sunday 1st February

Kingdom Kids & Kingdom Youth

Sunday 8th February

Kingdom Kids

Sunday 15th February

Kingdom Kids

Sunday 22nd February

Family Service

Rotas

Cleaning Team (preparing for)

Sunday 1st February

Led by Melanie Houston

Sunday 8th & 15th February

Led by Jennifer Somerville

Sunday 22nd February

Led by Wilson Ballantine

Stewards

Wilson Ballantine, Brian Hamill,
David Harrison, Heather McCrea



Interested
in PCI
Ministry?

Come along to our Ministry Taster Day

Saturday 14 March 2026
10.30am–1.00pm
Union Theological College

- Meet Faculty members and current students
- Discover what's involved in the ministry application process
- Find out about different study pathways
- Hear about community life at the college
- Tea/coffee and a light lunch provided

This event is free, but booking is essential!

Please register by Friday 6 March, by emailing p.rod@union.ac.uk or telephoning
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