

First
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March 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,

Sunday 1st March is known as *'The Second Sunday of Lent'* in the church calendar, a time when the church universal prepares for the events of Good Friday and Easter Sunday. Lent traditionally begins on Ash Wednesday and lasts for forty days until Maundy Thursday.

'Remember you are dust and to dust you shall return.' (Genesis 3:19)

The evangelist Mark tells us that immediately following his baptism, Jesus was led into the wilderness by the Spirit to be tested by Satan. Often in our own spiritual lives, moments of great joy are followed by moments of testing and trial, and God always gives us the grace to endure such trials.

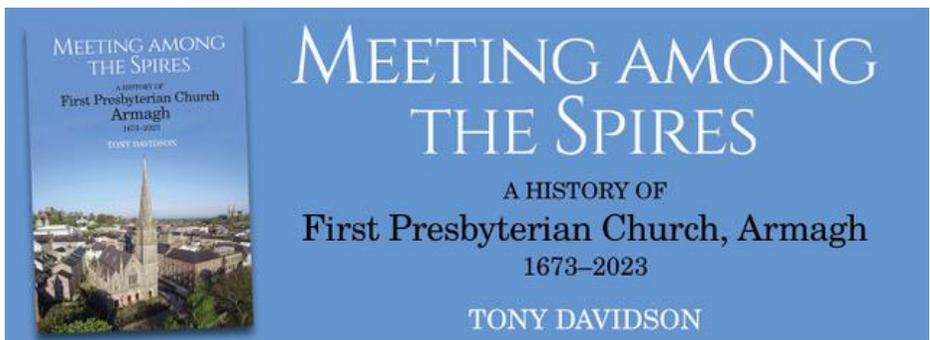
Lent is a time to reflect on what truly matters in our lives so that we can focus on the suffering and death of our Saviour.

Tom Wright in his book *'Lent and Easter for everyone'* notes:

'Lent is a time to abstain, to fast, to clear the mental, spiritual and physical horizon in order to focus on prayer, penitence, holiness and hope in the days and weeks before Easter.'

During this period of fasting and reflection, we can draw closer to God through Jesus as we declutter our lives of all unnecessary distractions. To remember our great dependence upon God for everything, to commit all our tomorrows into His hands and to emerge from Lent into the light and hope of the glorious resurrection of our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Yours in His Service,
Rev Thomas Moore



Looking Back

February was a rich and inspiring month in the life of our Church. We were delighted to celebrate the Sacrament of Believer's Baptism with Roy Mitchell, and enjoyed another Family Service, with the children enthusiastically leading the actions to My Lighthouse. We also gathered for our Annual Memorial Service and shared in the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Our youth ministry continued to flourish as Kingdom Kids completed their study of the Apostle Paul and began to look ahead to the Easter season. Pancake Sunday was a particular highlight, and it was wonderful to witness a record attendance this month. We were grateful to hear Hannah Watterson speak about her recent trip to India with Asha, sharing her experiences with both PW and the wider Church family. Bible Study concluded its series on prayer and began a new exploration of The Apostles' Creed, while members of the Crochet Club enjoyed a visit to 'The Longest Yarn' exhibition in St Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen, followed by lunch at the Killyhevlin Hotel. Our Annual Ten Pin Bowling Night provided a wonderful conclusion to the month, with great fun enjoyed by all involved. Congratulations to our winners: Rose McDonald (Junior), Henry Brown (Youth) and Stephen Kerr (Senior).

Prayer Points

- ◆ Our minister Rev Thomas Moore has been appointed to convene the vacancy in Knappagh and Lislooney Churches. Pray for Thomas as he takes on these additional duties and responsibilities that the Lord will sustain him.
- ◆ Pray for those families who have lost loved ones in road traffic collisions in recent weeks across County Armagh and beyond. Pray they will experience the God of all consolation (2 Corinthians 1:3)
- ◆ Pray for the work and witness of our congregation as we seek new initiatives to share the gospel with our city and community. Pray that many people will put their trust in Christ.
- ◆ Pray for the work of missionaries and evangelists who take the good news of Jesus to remote and challenging places. Pray that God would keep them safe and many people will hear the gospel, perhaps for the first time.
- ◆ Pray for the people of Ukraine, who continue to live under the shadow of war. Pray that God will move in the hearts of world leaders to end this violence and that *'justice will flow like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream.'* (Amos 5:24).

Services – 11.45am

Sunday 1st March

Led by Rev Dr Liz Hughes
United Evening Service, 6.30pm,
Mall Presbyterian Church

Friday 6th March

World Day of Prayer Service, 8pm,
Armagh Methodist Church

Sunday 8th March - Gift Sunday

Special music by the Choir

Sunday 15th March

Sunday 22nd March

Worship led by Praise Band
Singing on the Steps, 2.30pm

Sunday 29th March - Palm Sunday

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
New communicants received
Special music by the Choir

Meetings & Events

Held in Temple Lundie Room unless stated.

Thursday 5th March

Committee Meeting, 7.30pm

Monday 9th March

Book Launch – 'Meeting among
the Spires: A History of First
Presbyterian Church, Armagh,
1673-2023' by Rev Dr Tony
Davidson, 7.30pm, Church

Tuesday 10th March

PW Meeting, 7.30pm. AGM &
Elise Crean, 'Music & Me'

Thursday 19th March

Kirk Session Meeting, 7.30pm

Saturday 28th March

Hub – Pudding Party & Board
Games Night, 7.30pm

Youth Ministry

Sunday 1st March

Kingdom Kids & Kingdom Youth

Sunday 8th March

Kingdom Kids

Armagh Youth Connect, 7.45pm,
Drumhillery Presbyterian Church

Sunday 15th March

Kingdom Kids & Kingdom Youth

Sunday 22nd March

Kingdom Kids

Sunday 29th March

Junior Church

Study & Prayer

Held in Temple Lundie Room unless stated.

Wednesday 4th March

Bible Study, 7.30pm

Wednesday 11th March

Prayer Meeting, 7.30pm

Wednesday 18th March

Bible Study, 7.30pm, Tassagh
Presbyterian Church

Wednesday 25th March

Prayer Meeting, 7.30pm

Rotas

Cleaning Team (preparing for)

Sunday 1st March

Led by Wilson Ballantine

Sunday 8th & 15th March

Led by Karen Kerr

Sunday 22nd & 29th March

Led by Lynda Coleman

Stewards

Melanie Houston, Don McDowell,
Florence Megaw, Stanley Lockhart