

'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,

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

With these ancient words from Luke 24, Christians today celebrate the glorious resurrection of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. The resurrection of Christ is at the very centre of the Christian faith; indeed, without the resurrection of Christ there would be no salvation (1 Corinthians 15:17) .

As the church militant gathers for worship this Easter day, we do so as a community of the resurrection; we gather at the feet of one who died for our sins on the cross, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God. We come before one who has conquered death, hell and the grave, and has opened this new and living way whereby we may approach God our Father.

When the women went to the sepulchre on that first day of the week, Luke 24 records:

“Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: ‘The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.’” Then they remembered his words.

As we mark this, the most important date in the Christian calendar, rejoice in what Christ has done for you. He came into our world on a rescue mission to seek and to save the lost and through his death and resurrection, we find new life in his life, new hope in his resurrection and a great assurance of heaven in his ascension.

The resurrection of Jesus Christ ought to astound us; perhaps we’ve become too familiar with the story. Today, may we be filled with an inexpressible joy that our Lord and Saviour lives and lives forevermore.

May our joy be that of St Peter’s:

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. (1 Peter: 1:3)

With every blessing this Easter,
Rev Thomas Moore

Looking Back

At the beginning of March, Rev Thomas began his new role as Convener of Knappagh and Lislooney Presbyterian Churches, and we also joined with neighbouring congregations for a United Evening Service in The Mall Presbyterian Church. On Mothering Sunday, Kingdom Kids presented daffodils to the ladies of the congregation, kindly provided by Heather and Ivor Stevenson. We were blessed with beautiful weather for Singing on the Steps as we witnessed outdoors. At our Palm Sunday service we welcomed James McCullins and Roy Mitchell to the Lord's Table for the first time. Another highlight was the launch of *Meeting among the Spires*, Rev Dr Tony Davidson's book charting our 350-year history. PW held their final meeting of the season, with Elise Crean sharing about music and motorbikes. In addition, Renate Kyle presented flowers on behalf of PW to Mrs Margaret Bownes to mark her 95th birthday. The Hub also held its final gathering with a Pudding Party and Board Games Night. Meanwhile, Kingdom Kids have been learning the Easter story, enjoying creative crafts and egg hunts, and supporting the Bible Society of Northern Ireland's Bread of Life Project in Peru through their weekly offerings.

Prayer Points

- ◆ Pray for members of our congregation who are experiencing health challenges and sickness. Give thanks for the NHS and all who work within it and pray that the Lord will grant health and strength to those who are unwell.
- ◆ Pray for our various organisations including our midweek Bible study and prayer meeting, Kingdom Kids/Youth, PW, the Bowling Club, the Girl Guides and others. May our various organisations continue to be a means of growing in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ.
- ◆ Pray for individuals and families struggling with rising fuel costs because of the war in the Middle East. Pray that a peace deal will be agreed soon and that peace can be achieved through political dialogue.
- ◆ Pray for the persecuted Church of Christ around the world, remembering in particular Christians in North Korea, the most dangerous place on earth to be a Christian (Open Doors UK). Pray that our brothers and sisters may find fresh hope in the resurrection of Jesus this Easter.
- ◆ Pray for our gospel outreach, that the Lord would guide and equip us as a congregation to take the gospel to the next generation here in Armagh and further afield. Pray that many will commit their lives to Christ.

Services – 11.45am

Sunday 5th April – Easter Sunday

Special music

Sunday 12th April

Rev Dr Liz Hughes

Sunday 19th April

Rev Kenneth Crowe

Sunday 26th April

Family Service

Worship led by Praise Band

Evening of Favourite Hymns, 7pm

Holy Week Schedule

Wednesday 1st April

Midday Meditation, 1pm

Thursday 2nd April

Midday Meditation, 1pm

Friday 3rd April

Midday Meditation, 1pm

Good Friday Service, 8pm

Special music by the choir

Meetings & Events

Saturday 18th April

PW Coffee Morning, 10am -

12noon, Temple Lundie Room

Choir Meal, 7.30pm, Dante's Deli

Tuesday 21st April

Armagh Presbytery Evening for

Elders, 7.30pm, Druminnis

Presbyterian Church

Annual Leave

Rev Thomas Moore will be on holiday from Monday 13th April until Monday 20th April. In cases of pastoral emergency, please contact the Clerk of Session, Ian Kyle on 07713636413.

Youth Ministry

Sunday 5th April

No provision

Sunday 12th April

Kingdom Kids

Sunday 19th April

Kingdom Kids & Kingdom Youth

Sunday 26th April

Family Service

Armagh Youth Connect, 7.45pm,

Gosford Forest Park

Study & Prayer

Held in Temple Lundie Room unless stated.

Wednesday 8th April

Prayer Meeting, 7.30pm

Wednesday 22nd April

Bible Study, 7.30pm, Tassagh

Presbyterian Church

Wednesday 29th April

Prayer Meeting, 7.30pm

Rotas

Cleaning Team (preparing for)

Sunday 5th & 12th April

Led by David Harrison

Sunday 19th & 26th April

Led by Sadie Somerville

Stewards

Ken Gordon, Karen Kerr,

Jim Leeman, Sadie Somerville

