



# FIRST OMAGH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## SUNDAY 25th August 2019



**J I G S A W**  
Jesus Is Great Super And Wonderful



**JIGSAW (Y1 - Y7) and BLAST (Y8 - Y11)** will start on Sunday 8th Sept but will now meet during church time. A new group **TOTS** for under 5's will also start the same day in the Committee Room. Children under 3 will need to be accompanied by parent/guardian. 3-5 year olds will have their own leaders. Everyone will worship together in church from 11:30am and then children will go to their respective group from 11:45 -12:30.

**Tues 27th Aug Walking Group.** The last walk of the season will leave the church car park at 7pm and will **finish with supper in the Rowan Hall**. If you can't come to the walk then please come to the supper (from 8.00pm). All are encouraged to attend.

**Thurs 29th Aug 7:30pm Congregational Prayer Meeting** in the Committee Room. Please come along and pray for the congregation, its members and organisations as the new autumn season begins.

**Fri 30th Aug Free Food Friday for young people aged 11+.** The final lunch will take place 12.45pm to 2.15 pm at **GRINDERS COFFEE SHOP**. Parental permission required. Contact Emma for more information. 07378 721312 emma@firstomagh.com

**Sun 8th Sep 7pm Café Church in Rowan Hall.** Time of informal worship and opportunity to hear about the First Omagh Team's Trip to Embangweni in Malawi during the summer. Please come along and hear all about God's work at the mission station and the people and experiences the team encountered during their time in Malawi.

**Sun 8th Sep Back to Church Sunday 11:30am – A new Season. A new Beginning.** Elders please collect leaflets from the church office to deliver to each home in your district over the next two weeks.

**Sunday 8th Sept ~ Sunday School in Trinity and Gillygooley will re-commence.**

### Weekly Prayer Topics:

**The World ~** Give thanks for the recent congregational mission trip to Embangweni in Malawi and the opportunity to build relationships with brothers and sisters in Christ and to see at first hand the work they are doing for Christ and his kingdom.

**The Church ~** Pray for the Moderator Dr William Henry as he begins his Moderatorial year. Pray that his visits across the church would prove an encouragement to congregations across the island.

**The Congregation ~** Give thanks for Space Academy Holiday Bible Club week which took place earlier in the month and for the commitment and dedication of the leaders. Pray that the children would grow in faith as they learn to trust in God for all things, just like the prophet Daniel.

**The Community ~** Pray for all young people as they process the implications of recent GCSE and A level results and as they consider the next steps in their education. Pray that they would know that they are loved and valued regardless of their exam grade.

### CLOTHES COLLECTION FUNDRAISER

CONTACT EDWIN JOHNSTON (079 2001 6573) OR BASIL VIRTUE (077 1009 3564) IF YOU HAVE ANY ITEMS TO DONATE

**CD RECORDINGS OF RECENT SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE ON THE TABLE IN THE FRONT VESTIBULE**

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## PRAYER CHAIN



**Prayer Chain ~** Contact Isobel: 07789 424606 if you have a confidential request for yourself or for someone else. (with their permission)

**The Council for Congregational Life and Witness** are running regional events in the Autumn called **Side by Side** to help inspire women in congregations. These events are designed to help focus on how we, as women, can live for Jesus side by side in different ways. They are open to anyone in our congregation, women of all ages and stages of life. 8 places have been booked for a regional event on Sat 21st Sept from 10.30am to 1pm in Richhill Presbyterian Church. **If you are interested in attending please contact Margaret Cummings on 07428 157236 or 82 244954 or at church.** If there are any who would like to attend but the date isn't suitable there are regional events on 7th September in Assembly Buildings, Belfast; 5th October in Wellington Ballymena and 19th October in Kilfennan, Londonderry (same day as PW planned coffee morning). Anyone wishing to attend another date would need to book early at [www.presbyterianireland.org/sidebyside](http://www.presbyterianireland.org/sidebyside) The cost of event is £5.

### Message from the Moderator

Rt Rev Dr William Henry



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**WE WERE NOT ASKED | THEY CANNOT SPEAK**

**Silent protest about planned liberalisation of abortion**

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2019, 7pm, Stormont Estate**

Wear black or dark colours | Carry a mobile phone or other electric light  
Strictly no banners, slogans or flyers other than the above

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### Why?

On 10 July 2019, the Westminster parliament voted in favour of an amendment to the Northern Ireland Executive Formation Bill that would liberalise abortion legislation in Northern Ireland. The bill, including this amendment, will take effect after 21 October if the Stormont executive is not reinstated by then. This silent protest at the vote and its repercussions says:

- a) **We were not asked.** Westminster has legislated for us without hearing us. Every sitting Northern Ireland MP voted against these changes, the people of Northern Ireland were not consulted, and there is no public support in Northern Ireland for the wholesale legalisation of abortion that has been planned.
- b) **They cannot speak.** Westminster has ignored the unborn child. The human individuals whose lives will be ended if abortion is legalised have no voice in the debate and many speeches in parliament concerning this amendment dehumanised the unborn child and disregarded its value and right to life.

### Who?

People of all ages, religions and political persuasions are welcome – anyone who objects to this planned change to the law. We need as many people as possible to express their concerns in silent dignity. Please spread the word.

This protest is not affiliated with any religious or political organisation, is not coordinated by any organisation or campaign group, and is about this single issue alone. It has been planned by concerned citizens of Northern Ireland who wish to express their deep dissatisfaction with this intended change in a law we consider good.

### How?

Gather at the lower gates of Stormont Estate for 7pm. At the blow of a whistle we will walk silently and slowly to the foot of the steps to Parliament Buildings where we will stand in silence, heads bowed and lights held high, for six minutes (one for each county) until another whistle is blown.

If you'd like to coordinate the protest elsewhere in NI for people who can't get to Stormont, contact us

### Ulster Project Service A Service of Thanksgiving, after the completion



of this year's Project, is being arranged for next **Sunday 1st September** at 3pm in **Sacred Heart Church.**

Something Old, Something New **Wedding Dress Display Lislimnaghan Church Hall** Sat 31st Aug (11am to 8pm) Sunday 1st Sep (2-7pm) Mon 2nd Sep (11am- 4pm). An amazing display of vintage and modern bridal gowns and wedding memorabilia. Donations to Cappagh Church funds.

**The 28th Bluegrass Music Festival will take place at the Folk Park from 30 August to 1st September next week. The Spirit of Bluegrass Gospel Concert takes place on Sunday 1 Sept from 6.30pm to 8.00pm** featuring the multi award winning Joe Mullins and The Radio Ramblers from the United States. All tickets are priced at: £15.00 per person. **The venue is our 19th century replica of Mountjoy Meetinghouse** in which to enjoy a performance from this wonderful group of musicians. For more information and tickets :

[www.nmni.com/whats-on/bluegrass-omagh-2019-gospel-concert](http://www.nmni.com/whats-on/bluegrass-omagh-2019-gospel-concert)