



**CELEBRATING THE HARVEST ~ NEAR AND FAR  
FIRST OMAGH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
OCTOBER 2021**

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> @ 11:30am in Church (for surnames A-H) and Online... **'Harvest Near and Far (Part 1)'**.

Scripture Passage... Deuteronomy 16: 13-17.

Hymns... IPH051 'Come ye thankful people come' and IPH058 'Praise God for the harvest of orchard and field'.

Thanks to John, Daryl and the choir for our Harvest music, Trevor for the scripture reading and David, Peter and Nev for their technical assistance.

*You are warmly invited to join us for worship in First Omagh Church or online. New social distancing guidelines now mean that we have seating available in every other pew rather than every third pew but we are still required to wear face coverings throughout the service unless exempted or participating at the front. Hand sanitation, track and trace and the one way system will continue to operate as usual. Seats will be allocated in church on a first come first served basis and an overflow will be available in the Hall should it be needed.*

**Please do not come out to church if you are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms or been asked to self isolate.**

The service will also be livestreamed on [www.firstomagh.com](http://www.firstomagh.com) and on YouTube <https://youtu.be/x58mCIWFFFY> for those joining in from home and will also be available to listen to on our sermon line 028 2502 2512 later on Sunday evening.

**JIGSAW and BLAST** will meet during church time (11:30am - approx 12:15pm) in the Rowan Hall and Youth Room respectively.

**Parents with Toddlers** are welcome to come to the service either in church or in the overflow in the upstairs Lecture Hall where a creche space will be made available. Please bring your own toys, books etc

**Please do not attend if you, or anyone in your household, have COVID-19 symptoms or been told to self isolate.**

**Church Committee meeting...** Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October @ 7:30pm in the Rowan Hall.

**Bible Study...** 'Love your Church' on Thursdays @ 10:30am or @ 7:00pm from 14<sup>th</sup> October. This is an 8 week course looking at 8 great things about being a church member. The course will involve a short video followed by a time of discussion based on a bible passage and some practical applications. If you would be interested in coming along please contact Audrey (AM group) or Jane (PM group).

**First Omagh Bible Reading Challenge Week 51/52...** This week's readings are: **Mon Deuteronomy 29-31, Tue Esther 1-5, Wed Psalms 146-148, Thu Song of Songs 5-6, Fri Revelation 12-17 Sat Acts 25-26 and Sun 3 John.** Daily reading posts and encouragements are posted on First Omagh Bible Reading Challenge group to help keep us on track as we read through the bible in a year.

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> October - Harvest Service...** 11:30am in Church and Online - 'Harvest Near and Far (Part 2)' - Surnames I-Z.

Our Harvest Speaker will be Mr. Henry Coulter from International Meeting Point .

JIGSAW and BLAST will not meet but families are encouraged to attend the harvest service together irrespective of alpha split.

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> October - Online Thanksgiving Service...** 7:00pm on First Omagh Gathering Place and [www.firstomagh.com](http://www.firstomagh.com). This year we have decided to continue with an online thanksgiving service and would encourage members to watch the short service online at 7:00pm and then enjoy a harvest cuppa and cake at home. Thanks to JIGSAW and BLAST for providing Harvest photos and Chris for her harvest thanksgiving solo.

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> October - Bible Sunday Service...** 11:30am with Special Speaker Mr. Andrew Dickson from the Bible Society NI.

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> October - Bible Reading Challenge Celebration Evening...** 7:00pm - An opportunity to meet in the Rowan Hall to share experiences of the challenge and encourage one another to keep reading the bible daily. This Service is open to any member of the congregation interested in developing a daily bible reading routine.

**Organisation's Reopening Dates...** The following organisations have completed Covid Risk Assessments and have been given permission by Kirk Session to reopen:-

**Bible Study...** Thursdays @ 10:30am (Youth Room) and @ 7:30pm (Lecture Hall) starting 14<sup>th</sup> October for 8 weeks.

**Craft Class...** Mondays from 7:30pm-9:00pm in the Youth Room starting on 18<sup>th</sup> October.

**Badminton...** Mondays from 8:00pm-9:30pm in the Rowan Hall (no start date notified yet).

**Boys Brigade...** Tuesdays in the Rowan Hall and Youth Room :: 6:45pm-7:45pm Anchor Boys :: 7:00pm-9:00pm Junior & Company section :: starting Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> October.

**Coffee Stop...** Wednesdays 10:30am-12:00pm in the Rowan Hall starting 27<sup>th</sup> October.

**Please comply with each organisation's COVID-19 guidelines and do not attend any organisation if you have COVID-19 symptoms or been told to self-isolate.**

**Clothes for Malawi...** If you are doing an end of summer clear out and have old clothes, shoes, handbags, bedlinen, duvets or pillows that you would like to donate to our Embangweni Malawi fund Clothes for Cash Appeal then please contact Edwin Johnston on 079 2001 6573 to arrange a drop off time.

**Advance notice of Communion Services...** Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> October @ 11:30am for surnames A-H and Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> November for surnames I-Z.