

## FIRST OMAGH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Sunday 6th March 2022



# The service today will be taken by Audrey Hodge our clerk of session.

**Naaman's Story** Scripture Reading: 2 Kings 5:1-19a. *Humns*: 570 Stand up, stand up for Jesus. 408 In Christ Alone.

Next Sunday 13th March Rev Jane Nelson

**MODERATOR'S APPEAL** 

PRAY FOR

UKRAINE

Thanks to John for the music, Nev, Peter and David for their technical assistance.

You are warmly welcomed to join us for worship in First Omagh Church. Changes to Covid Mitigations from today Sunday 6th March 2022 - Following guidance from Assembly Buildings we will no longer be required to keep a record of attendance for Track and Trace purposes and all church pews will be available to use. We strongly encourage people to sit in an empty pew and continue to maintain a 1m social distance from others at all times. Face coverings will continue to be worn, unless exempt, whilst moving around and when standing to sing but may be removed whilst seated. The use of hand sanitisers, the one way system and a retiring offering will continue for now. Announcement sheets should be collected on your way into church.

Please do not come out to church if you are experiencing Covid Symptoms or been told to self-isolate. The service will also be livestreamed on www.firstomagh.com and on https://youtu.be/ OCKRKVqMaMA 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** will meet during the church service. **BLAST** will not meet but are welcome to attend the church service. Parents and toddlers can attend the church service or the crèche in Lecture Hall.

**Moderator's Appeal Ukraine** - Due to the humanitarian crisis in Ukraine the Moderator has launched an appeal for financial resources to help assist the emergency relief work in Ukraine and those fleeing the conflict. £60,000 has already been advanced to our partners Tearfund and Christian Aid and to Hungarian Reformed Church Aid in anticipation of your generosity. Donations can be made on Sunday 13th or 20th March using the blank FWO envelope in your packs and marking it Moderator's Appeal. If you use a separate blank envelope please also remember to record your name and/or FWO number.

### Moderator's Prayer Points for Ukraine

The Moderator has also called us to ongoing prayer for Ukraine asking God that:

- the conflict would not spread further;
- that those who have lost loved ones would be comforted;
- those who find themselves without homes would be led to places of welcome and shelter;
- the Christian Churches in Ukraine would have endurance, protection and a faithful witness at this time of trial;
- a way would be found to bring a peaceful end to this needless war.



**from our Minister** - Jane deeply appreciates the prayerful support of the congregation as she self-isolates with Covid. Her symptoms are mild and her 10 day self-isolation will end at midnight Sunday 6th March.



**Choir Meeting: after Church today** - to discuss returning to the choir pews and rehearsals for Easter music. A warm welcome is extended to both new and previous members of the church choir.

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### **REGISTERED CHARITY IN NORTHERN IRELAND (NIC 105655)**

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

#### THE CHURCH ORGANISATIONS **COFFEE STO** Craft Class Mon 7th March. 7.30 - 9.00pm in the Youth Room. Mon 7th March, 8 - 9.30pm in Rowan Hall. Tues 8th, Ladies Badminton 10.30 - 12 noon Badminton **Bovs Brigade** Tues 8th March. Anchor Boys 6.45 - 7.45 pm : Junior and Company section 7 - 9.00pm Tues 8th March, 8.00pm in Rowan Hall. Speaker will be Alison Presbyterian **PW** Brown. Subject: 'Creating Biblical Activity Books for Children'. Women Coffee Stop Wed 9th March, 10.30 - 12 noon. Will continue for 6 weeks. **Bible Study Bible Study** Thurs 10th March - 10.30am Audrey's House. 7.30pm Lecture Hall. 'A song for when sin seems good'. Psalm 16. Sunday lunch Sun 20th March in Rowan hall. Happy days - it's back! We plan to have a lunch after the morning church service on 20th March. To remind you this is available for anyone living alone. You will find a sheet in the front porch where you are asked to place your name if you plan to attend. Please also add a contact number just in case it is necessary to contact you. Any enguiries to Margaret Cummings 07428 157236. There is no charge but donations towards costs will be welcome. Weekly Bible Reading Plan Read Day 1 Exodus 12:1-11 Day 5 Exodus 12:37-42 Day 6 Day 2 Exodus 12:12-20 Exodus 12:50-51 52: Week 10/52 Dav 3 Exodus 12:21-28 Day 7 **Rest Day** Day 4 Exodus 12:29-36 Read Exodus 12 Why not go deeper and discover how the whole of Scripture comes and works together Join First Omagh Bible Reading Challenge FB by also reading: Exodus 13-15; Psalm 51:7, 106:1-12; John 1:29; Romans 6:1-4 Group for future information and encouragemen A meeting of Omagh Presbytery Elders' Fellowship will take place in Dromore Presbyterian Church on Monday 21st March starting at 8.00pm.

### The guest speaker will be Rev John Hanson. His topic will be 'The Role of an Elder'.

The AGM of the Fellowship will follow Rev Hanson's presentation.

This is the first meeting of the fellowship in two years following its suspension because of Covid 19. A full attendance is requested.

**Attention Young Families !!** - PCI have organised an online webinar for parents of children aged 0-11 years on Wed 23 March 7:45 - 9pm. Parenting and discipling children two years on from the first lockdown. This is an opportunity for parents to listen, reflect and learn from one another. Parents who wish to book a place on this online event should register at https://www.presbyterianireland.org/twoyearson



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