



FIRST OMAGH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday 4th December 2022



Welcome to the 125th Anniversary Thanksgiving Service for our church building. The service will be led by members of the Anniversary sub-committee and the speaker will be **PCI Moderator Very Rev Dr John Kirkpatrick**. Everyone is invited to tea and Anniversary Cake in the Rowan Hall after the service. Thank you to everyone taking part in the service and to Julie Boyle for baking the Anniversary Cake.



The service will also be livestreamed on www.firstomagh.com and <https://youtu.be/G3ePEml4Dx8> for those joining in from home.



Children will join us for the first part of the service and then go out to the Rowan Hall, Youth Room and Committee Room respectively. Please note Toddlers under 3 **MUST** be accompanied by a parent/adult. **JIGSAW** (p1-p7 Rowan Hall) and **TOTS** (u5 Committee Room) will meet weekly and **BLAST** (y1-y4 Youth Room) will meet on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month.

Next Sunday 11th Dec - 11:30am Gift Day Service. During the service gifts of unwrapped toys in gift bags and **Christmas Dinner Hampers in "Bags for Life"** will be received. These will be distributed to local children and families in our area by NSPCC, Reach Foodbank and Social Services respectively.

6:30 pm Advent Prayer and Praise Service. A short 40 minute service focusing on the theme of Advent Waiting and prayers for Christmas Services and events. Everyone welcome.

DEATH : Mrs Maude Steele. Hillcrest Nursing Home. Died on Thursday 1st Dec. Her funeral service took place in First Omagh on Saturday 3rd Dec. Please remember her daughter Sandra and sons John and Denzil and the wider family circle in your prayers at this sad time.



Bible Reading Challenge 2023. Next year's bible reading challenge will focus on 12 monthly themes from Scripture. Blank a5 diaries have been purchased to help you keep a daily record of your readings and reflections. Please sign the list in the front vestibule if you would like to order an a5 diary. Cost £3.

Christmas?
Presbyterian Women
Living for Jesus

TABLE QUIZ

On Fri 9th Dec at 7.30pm
In Rowan Hall
£20 per table
including refreshments
N.B. 4 per table
unless it is a family
Organised by PW
for missionary funds
Come along and join in the fun

Presbyterian Women
Living for Jesus

PW will meet on Tuesday 13th Dec at 8pm. We will have a **SNOWMAN BEETLE DRIVE** and some Christmas goodies. This would be a good time for anyone to come along to get a taster of what we do and we are always happy to welcome anyone.

World Development Appeal - This month we will be collecting for the 2022 World Development Appeal - **Rekindling Hope - from flight to flourishing**. This year the appeal will support **Christian Aid** and **Tearfund Projects** working in Lebanon South Sudan. For more information on this year's appeal check www.presbyterianireland.org

Rekindling hope
From flight to flourishing

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REGISTERED CHARITY IN NORTHERN IRELAND (NIC 105655)

Weekly Bible Reading Plan

52 : Week 49/52
Read James 1

Join First Omagh Bible Reading Challenge FB Group for future information and encouragement

Read



Day 1	James 1:1-3	Day 5	James 1:22-25
Day 2	James 1:4-8	Day 6	James 1:26-27
Day 3	James 1:9-15	Day 7	Rest Day
Day 4	James 1:16-21		

Why not go deeper and discover how the whole of Scripture comes and works together by also reading: Jeremiah 31:7-14

PRAYER CHAIN



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

Clothes for Malawi - Shoes, handbags, bed linen, Embangweni, Malawi fund.
Contact : Edwin Johnston: 07920 016573 to arrange a drop off time.

FIRST OMAGH CHRISTMAS SERVICES

11th Dec 11.30am - Gift Day Service. NSPCC Toys, Christmas Dinner Hampers & WDA.

11th Dec 6.30pm - Praise and Prayer Service Rowan Hall.



18th Dec 11.30am - All Age Christmas Service.

18th Dec 7.00pm - Carol Service and Festive Supper.

25th Dec 11.00am - Joint Service Trinity Church.

Christmas Dinner Hamper (Bring completed hampers to church on Sun 11th Dec)

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| 1 Mince Pies | 9 Tin of fruit cocktail |
| 2 Packet of shortbread | 10 Packet of trifle sponges |
| 3 After dinner mints | 11 Packet of angel delight |
| 4 Bottle of Shloer | 12 Bag of chocolate coins |
| 5 Pringles or an alternative | 13 Small selection box |
| 6 Bottle of diluting juice | 14 Packet of gravy mix |
| 7 Packet of jelly | 15 Box of Paxo stuffing mix |
| 8 Tin of custard | 16 Cranberry sauce |

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| 17 Tin of meat |
| 18 Tin of soup |
| 19 Packet of smash |
| 20 Tin of vegetables |
| 21 Coffee |
| 22 Tea |
| 23 Bag of sugar |
| 24 Pot of jam |



Please use a Bag for Life for your food hamper

Individual items can be placed in containers in the front porch

Hampers will be distributed by Reach Foodbank & Social Services before Christmas



COMMUNITY CAROL SERVICES - Thursday 8th Dec 7:00pm Scripture Union Carol Service

in First Omagh Church. Omagh County Primary School and Omagh Academy Choirs along with other pupils from local schools will be taking part in the service. Refreshments will be available afterwards in the Rowan Hall. Please come along and support the work being done in our local schools by our local SU E3 worker Sarah Emerson.



Sunday 11th Dec 7pm Omagh District Police Welfare Group Carol Service in St Columba's Church. Refreshments in the church hall. ALL VERY WELCOME.

Blair Memorial Flute Band 5K Santa Run/Walk

Saturday 10th December at 10am

Starting from Hospital Road Community Centre, Omagh

£10 ENTRY (Primary school children go free)

Registration from 9.30am on the day

Seasonal Refreshments to follow upon return to the Community Centre



Proceeds in aid of: 'Care for Cancer'



OMAGH MUSIC SOCIETY



INVITES YOU TO ITS
ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT

CONDUCTOR
DAVID BAXTER
ACCOMPANIST
DERICK WEIR

IN OUR 50TH ANNIVERSARY SEASON, ENJOY THE MUSIC OF RUTTER, HANDEL, JENKINS AND OTHERS AS WELL AS MORE TRADITIONAL CAROLS!

SUNDAY 11 DECEMBER 7.30 PM

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DUBLIN ROAD
OMAGH

ADMISSION £10, CHILDREN FREE

Nativity Crib Festival. Babs Barratt has collected 300 Nativity cribs from around the world using a variety of materials and styles and these will be available to view in St Joseph's Church Hall today Sun 4th Dec from 10am -7pm. Tea and coffee will be provided and **all donations will go towards Mellon Educate, a charity building and supporting schools in South African townships.**



Tues morning
Ladies now
finished
until the
new year

BADMINTON



Toddle Along

All Church organisations will meet at usual times. Please check with leaders for Christmas break arrangements.