



# FIRST OMAGH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## Sunday 17th December 2023



**Theme** The Light Nativity Service by JIGSAW & BLAST: 11.30am  
Thanks to Jigsaw & Blast and their leaders for taking part in today's service.



The morning Nativity service will be live streamed on: <https://youtube.com/live/BQucgDLJwGc> for those joining in from home.

**Theme** Sunday Evening Carol Service and Festive Supper: 7pm.  
The Birth of Jesus in Word and Song.

Thanks to John and the Choir for Christmas Anthems and to C4U leaders for the festive supper.

**Carol Service**



*Everyone's Welcome*



The evening Carol Service will be live streamed on: <https://youtube.com/live/hLtIluBxbA8> for those joining in from home.

**Jigsaw & Tots will meet again on Sun 7th Jan. Blast back on 14th.** The choir room will be available on Sundays 24th and 31st Dec for any parents with young children.

**Live Stream:** Sun24th <https://youtube.com/live/p9yhLHHqgSo> Mon25th <https://youtube.com/live/QD0heq673mg>

**Donations for World Development Appeal should be made using the WDA envelope in your FWO packs and placed on the plate any Sunday in December.**

**Death: Basil Virtue** on Mon 11th December 2023. Please remember Basil's wife Elaine, children Neill and Joanne, his mother Tillie (aged 102) and their families in your thoughts and prayers at this very sad time. Basil's funeral service took place on Wednesday 13th December.

**Christmas Window and Tree Decorations.** Many thanks to everyone who has helped with Christmas window and tree decorations this year and to those who provided floral arrangements throughout 2023.

**Hamper and Toy Appeal :** Thanks. 60 hampers and over 30 toys were donated at last Sunday's Gift Day Service. They have all been collected by Social Services and Reach Foodbank for distribution to families in need over the Christmas and New Year period. Thank you very much for your very generous donations to this annual appeal.



## QUESTIONS + CAROLS

Wednesday 20th Dec  
at 7.30pm : Rowan Hall



**Carol singing**

Refreshments  
provided



Unique fun evening of Quizzing  
and Carolling for all the family

£10  
per table

Christmas Jumpers optional  
Prize for child with best Jumper

**QUIZ  
NIGHT**

**A family evening not to be missed**

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**PRAYER CHAIN**  **Prayer Chain** - Contact Isobel: 07789 424606 if you have a confidential request for yourself or 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.

## WEEKLY BIBLE READINGS


### Week 17 - 23 Dec

17 1 Corinth 15: 57 - Sun  
18 Exodus 17: 14-16 - Mon  
19 Judges 6: 22-24 - Tues  
20 Ephesians 2: 13-16 - Wed  
21 2 Kings 6: 15-17 - Thurs  
22 Isaiah 24: 21-23 - Fri  
23 Exodus 31: 13 - Sat



**Theme**  
*December*  
**Focus on the**  
*Names of God*  
Bookmarks for December can be picked up in the Church Porch

**2024 Bible Reading Challenge** - Read the New Testament in a year. 5 chapters a week taking 5 minutes a day for 5 days in the week. Pick up a yearly reading plan plus a journal notebook in the church vestibule. **Plan and Notebook**

 **5x5x5** provided free of charge. More details to follow.  
**New Testament Bible Reading Plan**  
Read through the New Testament in 5 days a week, 5 minutes a day.

## Trinity and Gillygooley Vacancy.

Jane will become the vacancy convenor for Trinity and Gillygooley congregations following Rev Robert Herron's retirement on Sunday 31st Dec. Please remember Robert and Sheena Herron in your prayers as they begin a new stage in life and the congregations of Gillygooley and Trinity as they seek leave to call a new minister for their congregations.



**Craft group** are now closed for the Christmas/New Year break. Will re-open on **Monday 15th January 2024.**



**Senior Badminton** will meet this week **Monday 18th Dec.** Then closed until **Monday 8th January.**

**Ladies Badminton back on Tues 9th Jan.**



**BB : Back in new year - Tues 9th Jan**  
Contact Captain Andy 07818 851710.



**Bowling Club** will re-start on **Wed 10th Jan** at 7.30pm. New members are very welcome.

**TODDLE ALONG** Re-starting **Thurs 11th Jan.**



**The Coffee Stop**  
**Winter season finished**

Re-starting Spring 2024. Date TBC.

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**There will be NO ANNOUNCEMENTS on Sundays 24th & 31st December. Please keep these announcements for reference to events over next weeks.**

**Sunday 24th Dec 11:30am** - All Age Top Ten Carol Countdown Service.

**Monday 25th Dec 11am** - Joint Christmas Day Service with Gillygooley and Trinity Congregations. St Eugene's Brass Band will play carols in Church from 10:40-11.00am.

**Sunday 31st Dec 11:30am** - Miss Audrey Hodge (Jane will be on leave).

**Sunday 7th Jan** - Rev Charles Clements (Jane will be in Gillygooley and Trinity Presbyterian Churches declaring congregations vacant).

**Christmas Leave** : Jane will provide emergency pastoral cover only from Tues 26th to Thurs 28th Dec. Rev Charles Clements will provide urgent pastoral cover from Fri 29th Dec to Mon 1st Jan inclusive (Tel 028 8075 8245).