



FIRST OMAGH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday 21st January 2024



Theme The story of the Older Brother. Bible Reading Luke 15: 25-32



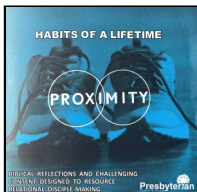
The service will be live streamed on: <https://youtube.com/live/XKdUqSf8wJA> for those joining in from home.

Jigsaw & Tots will meet today Sun 21st Jan. Blast will meet Sun 28th. N.B. TOTS aged 0-5 will have 2 adult helpers each week, U3's to be accompanied by an adult.

Death: John C Fyffe. Former member. Wednesday 10th January 2024. His funeral service took place on Thursday 18th January in First Omagh. Please remember the Fyffe family in your thoughts and prayers at this sad time.



Sunday lunch resumes on Sunday 28th January. Those planning to attend should put their name on the sheets provided in the vestibule table by latest today.



Spring Bible Study, entitled Proximity - Habits of a Lifetime - will begin on Thurs 1st February @ 10.30 am in Audrey's home and @ 7.30pm in church hall. This study is produced by PCI & copies of booklet, costing £2, may be picked up from the vestibule.

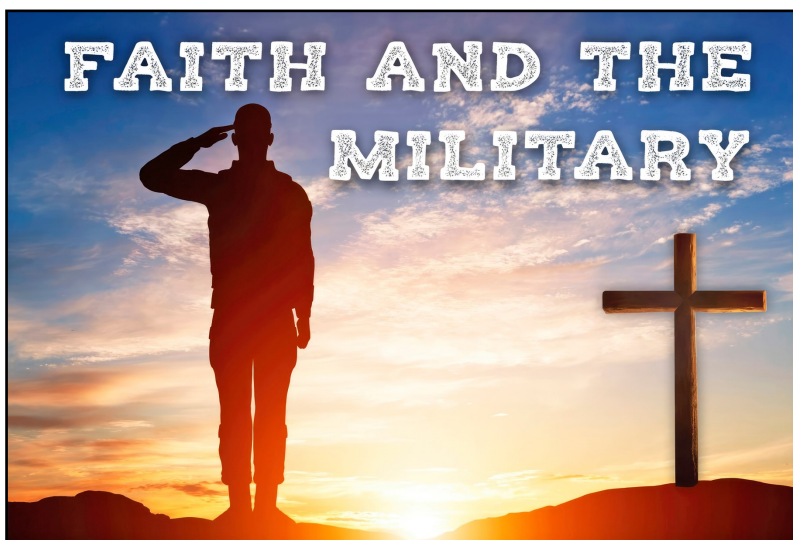
Sunday 4th Feb : Communion Sunday 11:30am. Special Guest Speaker: Dr Anne Zaki, Professor of Evangelical Theological College, Cairo. Dr Zaki will reflect on what God is doing through the church in Egypt today. She will highlight, given the context and challenges encountered, how the church is responding creatively to the call of God.



7pm - Evening Thanksgiving Service followed by shortened communion service.

'God's Church in Egypt; Challenges, Calling & Creativity' PCI Conference.

Friday, 2 February 2024 at 9.30 am - Assembly Buildings, Belfast, Key speaker: Dr Zaki.



Guest Speaker :

Rev Edwin Frazer

Isaiah 41:10

"So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."

Friday 26th January @ 8pm

First Omagh Presbyterian Church Hall
Dublin Road Omagh BT78 1HF

Free Admission * Light Refreshments *

This is open to everyone in the community. You will be very welcome


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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.

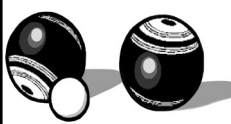
 **2024 5x5x5**
Pick up a copy of the plan in the Church porch any Sunday
New Testament Bible Reading Plan
Read through the New Testament in one year
5 chapters a week, 5 days a week, 5 minutes a day
Week 4 | **Day 1: Mark Ch 16** **Day 2: Acts Ch 1**
21-27 | **Day 3: Acts Ch 2** **Day 4: Acts Ch 3**
Jan | **Day 5: Acts Ch 4**

 **Craft group.** Will meet this week on **Monday 22nd January 2024.** New members are very welcome.

 **Senior Badminton.** Will meet this week on **Monday 22nd Jan.**
Ladies - Tuesday 23rd Jan : 10.30am.

 **BB : Will meet - Tues 23rd Jan.**
 Contact Captain Andy 07818 851710.

 **Mission Africa**
 Donations will be received during the month of Jan.
 For more information check <https://www.missionafrica.org.uk/>

 **Bowling Club.** Will meet on **Wed 24th Jan** at 7.30pm. New members are very welcome.

TODDLE ALONG **Meeting Thurs 25th Jan.**

Omagh Presbytery Elders' Conference "Looking Outward in Mission" **Saturday 27th January 10am - 1pm** in First Omagh Church Hall. Speakers: Mr Rick Hill (CMI) , Rev Lachlan Webster (Craigavon PC) and Leslie and Mabel Brush (Tartaraghan PC).

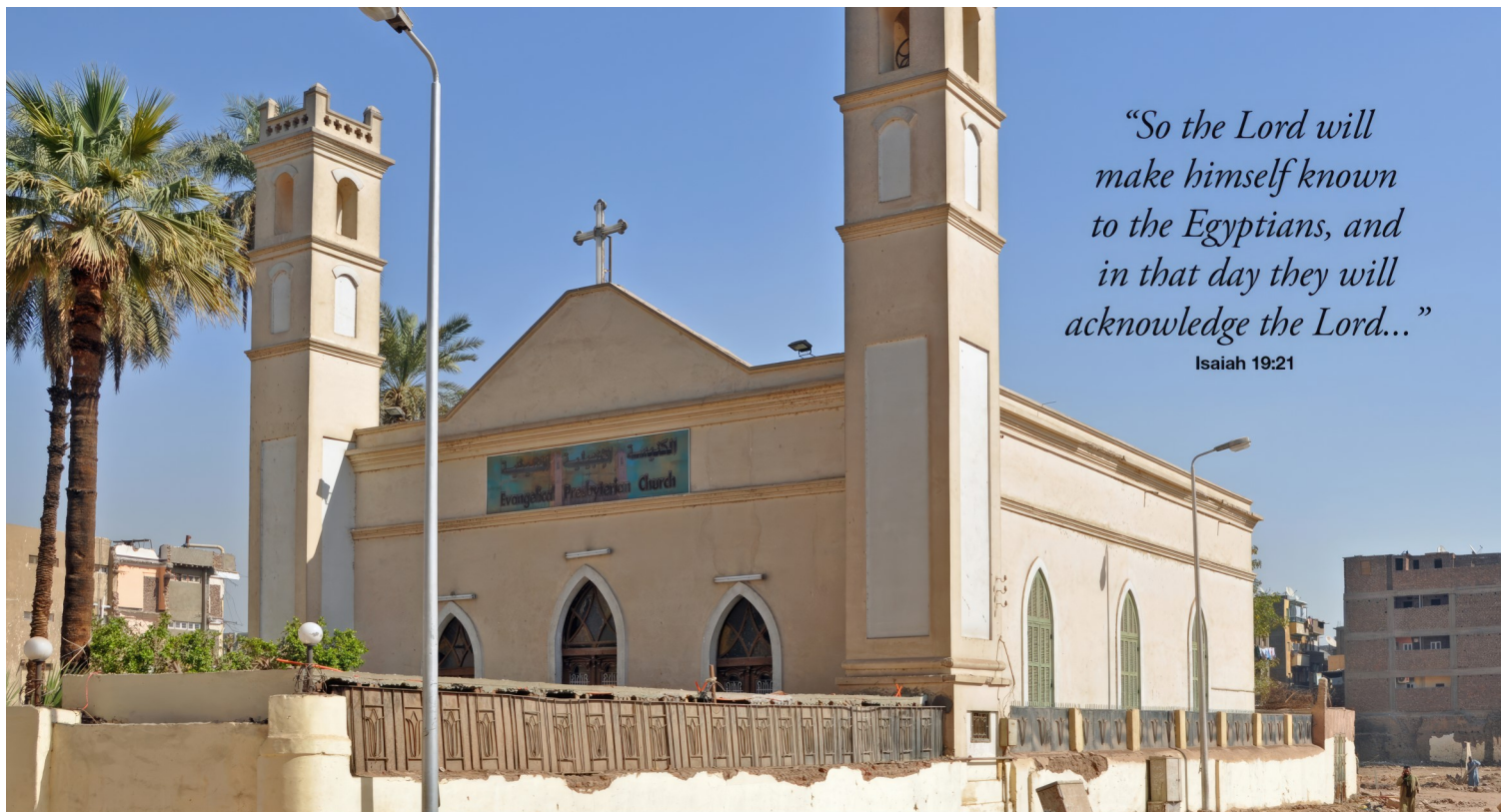
Omagh Churches' Forum Service
First Omagh Presbyterian Church
Tonight Sunday 21st January @ 7pm
 followed by refreshments
Everyone Welcome
 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2024
www.ctbi.org.uk/weekofprayer

 **PCI Council and Committee Vacancies** - If you are a communicant member of our congregation and would be interested in serving the church in this way then please speak to Jane by 31st January. For more info check out: <https://www.presbyterianireland.org/Utility/About-Us/Opportunities/Committees,-Councils-and-Commissions.aspx>

ADOPTION – Could you provide a child with a family for life? Are you married, single or co-habiting and are interested in adopting a young child into your family? The Western Trust are holding Information events about Adoption: • **Friday 26th January 2024 from 3.00 – 5.00pm. This will be held online via Microsoft Teams.** • **Monday 29th January 2024 from 3.00 – 5.00pm. This event will be held in the Case Conference Room in Omagh Hospital & Primary Care Complex.** • **Wednesday 31st January 2024 from 3.00 – 5.00pm. This event will be held in the Family Room, Whitehill, 106 Irish Street, Londonderry, BT47 2 ND.** Please feel free to drop into any of the Information sessions. If you prefer to join the online event, please contact Colette McCann, Social Worker on **07879 803297** or **028 82 835114.**

January Prayer Topics

- Trinity and Gillygooley congregations and Vacancy Convenor Rev Jane Nelson.
- Naomi and Thomas Leremore and sons Aaron (16) and Silas (13) PCI missionaries in Nairobi Kenya.
- Japanese Earthquake, the injured, bereaved and homeless.
- First Omagh Badminton and Bowling Clubs as they begin a new season.



*"So the Lord will
make himself known
to the Egyptians, and
in that day they will
acknowledge the Lord..."*

Isaiah 19:21

God's Church in Egypt; Challenges, Calling & Creativity

Dr Zaki will speak at the following events and everyone interested is welcome to attend:

CONFERENCE

Friday 2 February 2024

9.30am–1pm

Assembly Buildings, Belfast

The conference will include presentations, table group discussions, lunch and is free of charge.

Pre-booking is essential by:

Tel: +44 (0)28 9032 2284

Email: mission@presbyterianireland.org

Web: www.presbyterianireland.org/events

Closing date for conference bookings is Friday, 19 January.

ADDITIONAL EVENTS

No pre-booking required

Friday 2 February

7.30pm

Garnerville Presbyterian Church, Belfast

Sunday, 4 February

11.30am

First Omagh Presbyterian Church

7pm

Glendermott Presbyterian Church
Derry & Donegal Presbytery event

These events are an opportunity to help us discover how best we can stand alongside, support and learn from Christian communities in the Middle East, not least when they face persecution, uncertainty and conflict in the region.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Dr Anne Zaki grew up in Cairo in a pastor's home. She is married to Rev Naji Umran and they have four sons.

Dr Zaki holds a Bachelor's degree in Psychology and Sociology from Calvin University, USA; a Master's degree in Social Psychology from the American University, Cairo; a Master's of Divinity from Calvin Theological Seminary; and a PhD in theology with a concentration on preaching from Fuller Theological Seminary.

Having worked as a resource development specialist, a psychologist and a counsellor, and served together with her husband in churches in Michigan and British Columbia, Dr Zaki has served as a Professor of Preaching and Practical Theology at the Evangelical Theological Seminary in Cairo, Egypt since 2013.

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