



FIRST OMAGH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday 8th December 2024



Advent
A Season of Hope
& Expectation

Theme : Waiting in Silence and Wonder.
Bible Passage: Luke 1: 5-25.



The service will be live streamed on: <https://youtube.com/live/G53zg-IwATo> for those joining in from home.

Gift Day Hampers and Toys - Christmas Hampers should be left in the front porch and vestibule before the morning service. Individual items for the foodbank can be left in the containers in the vestibule. Unwrapped toys will be collected by the children during the service, so please bring them into the pew with you. Thank you for your generosity and your gifts will be distributed by LTC Food Bank and Social Services before Christmas to families in need in the Omagh area.

TOTS, JIGSAW & BLAST - **TOTS** will be in the Choir Room for pre-school children and babies. Children under 3 must be accompanied by a parent. **JIGSAW** for primary aged children will be in the Rowan Hall. **BLAST** Year 8 -11 will be in the Youth Room.

**GOOD NEWS
NATIVITY
SERVICE**



Next Sun 15th Dec 11:30am "Good News" Nativity Service taken by JIGSAW and BLAST. Festive Refreshments in the Rowan Hall after the service. Everyone welcome.

Presbyterian Women
Living for Jesus



PW Tues 10th Dec: We are looking forward to welcoming **Patricia Smyth** to our **Christmas Craft Night** at PW this Tuesday evening, 10th December at 8.00pm in the Rowan Hall. All who have booked a space please remember to bring along £15. Festive treats will be served.

TITHES & OFFERINGS

Thank you for your giving

The Finance Team will be in the church on **Sat 14th December** between **10am - 11.30am** for anyone who wishes to discuss or query their 2024 contributions. *** THIS WEEK ***

Christmas Services @ First Omagh

SUNDAY 15TH DEC
11:30AM JIGSAW & BLAST
NATIVITY SERVICE

SUNDAY 22ND DEC
11:30AM ALL AGE SERVICE
7.30PM CAROL SERVICE & SUPPER

CHRISTMAS DAY @ 11 AM
JOINT SERVICE IN TRINITY CHURCH

O COME ALL YE FAITHFUL

PRAYER TOPIC for week beginning 8th Dec - Pray for residents and staff in all our local nursing homes but particularly for PCI's Harold McCauley House and for opportunities to share the Good News of God's love through Carol Services and Christmas visits.

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REGISTERED CHARITY IN NORTHERN IRELAND (NIC 105655)

2024 5x5x5
Navigators Discipleship Tool
 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 50 | Day 1: Rev Ch 8 Day 2: Rev Ch 9
 8th Dec | Day 3: Rev Ch 10 Day 4: Rev Ch 11
 14th Dec | Day 5: Rev Ch 12

The Coffee Stop
 10.30 am - 12 noon
 With Omagh County Primary School Junior Choir singing carols
 Mince Pies, shortbread, tea, Coffee and orange juice
 Everyone Welcome
Festive Coffee Morning
 Wednesday 11th December

9 NEW IRISH ARTS
New Irish Arts are coming to Strule Arts Centre Sat 15th March 7:30pm to share the Story of Patrick in word and song. Tickets cost £20 and can be booked in Strule Arts Centre or online.
New Irish Arts presents Patrick: Music & Stories

Ласкаво просимо **ранкова кава**
 Приходьте зустрітись з українцями на чай/каву та поспілкуватись!
- 14 Грудня
 10:30 - 12:30
COFFEE MORNING
 COME AND MEET FELLOW UKRAINIANS FOR A TEA/COFFEE AND A CHAT!
SECOND SATURDAY OF MONTH
- 14 TH DECEMBER
 10.30AM - 12.30PM
 FIRST OMAGH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HALL
 First Omagh Presbyterian Church Hall
 Dublin Road, Omagh BT78 1 HF
 (Opposite Omagh Library)

Blair Memorial Flute Band
Carol Service
 Monday 9th December, 8.00pm
 @
First Omagh Presbyterian Church
 Proceeds Going To...
Care For Cancer & Marie Curie

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The Craft Class Bring your own knitting or any other project
Knit & Natter Every Mon 2.30 - 4.00pm
 New members welcome Have a natter and a coffee
BADMINTON
 Seniors Monday : 8.00pm
 Ladies: Now finished until new year
 Captian Andy: 07818 851710
 Joanne 07809 105288
 Emma-Jayne 07793 275851
BOYS BRIGADE Every Tuesday night
 Anchor Boys 6.45 - 7.45pm
 Juniors/Seniors 7.00 - 8.30pm

Coffee Stop Last one for this season on Wed 11th
SEE POSTER TOP RIGHT
GIVE INDOOR BOWLS A GO!
INDOOR BOWLS
 Every Wednesday : 7.30pm
 New members are very welcome
 Thurs 10.30 - 12 noon : Rowan Hall
 Parent, Baby & Toddler Group
 Contact Dorothy 07912 369889

ULSTER PROJECT USA NORTHERN IRELAND
 Are you a young adult who would be interested in serving as a group leader for the 2025 Ulster Project?
 To be eligible you should be: • at least 21 years of age. • available for regular group meetings between February and June 2025. • available to travel to the US for a full month from late June. • committed to the cross-community aims of the Ulster Project.
 If you feel that you meet these criteria, and wish to be considered as a possible Leader for 2025, you should contact Rev. Jane as soon as possible.

Toddle along
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.