

First Larne Presbyterian Church

"We are here to worship God, build up His church and share His love."

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"England has two books, the Bible and Shakespeare.
England made Shakespeare, but the Bible made England."
Victor Hugo

WORSHIP @ First

Sunday 22nd November 2020

BIBLE SUNDAY

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Hymn 125: "Lord, for the years Your love has kept and guided"

Prayer

READING: Nehemiah 8 v.1-12

Hymn 265: "Break forth, O living light of God"

A Bible for a post-pandemic world

Prayers for Others, Prayers for Ourselves, Prayers of Dedication

Hymn: "In psalms and hymns of joyful praise"

BENEDICTION

Important INFORMATION for Online Users

Our services are now live streamed on Facebook and YouTube.

After the live stream the service is available to view immediately on **Facebook**.

On **YouTube** it can be up to 24 hours after the live stream before the video is available.

Similarly, it can be up to 24 hours before the service recording is on our website.

Listen to the latest service by phoning local number 028 91249550.

Services, reflections and input from other sources are still posted on FaceBook, YouTube and our website www.firstlarne.org.uk



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We acknowledge a generous grant from the
Allchurches Trust Ltd "Hope Beyond" scheme

(associated with the Ecclesiastical Insurance Group)

which has assisted us in providing ongoing streaming and video provision of our
services, ensuring access is available to all,

including those unable to be physically present in our Meeting House.

PRESBYTERIAN CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

The annual collection will take place between now and Christmas. If you do not have a collector "calling" with you and would like to contribute please put your donation in an envelope marked "Children's Society Appeal" and place in the offering plate.

COLLECTORS: please collect your envelope with the necessary paperwork from the stewards in the vestibule. We would be grateful if your card and all monies be left into the church office before Christmas. Thank you for your support.

COMMITTEE MEETING by Zoom

Monday 14th December at 7.30pm

CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Gifts can be left under the Christmas tree on **Sunday 13th December**.

If wrapped, it would be helpful to have some indication
as to who the gift is suitable for.

PRESBYTERIAN HERALD & WIDER WORLD

It is hoped to produce spring editions. No subscriptions are due for 2021.

BRIDGE NEWS

We are currently preparing the Christmas edition. Any articles/photos etc.
should be forwarded to Michael Bailie (mwjbailie@gmail.com)
as soon as possible.

Kids Church meeting today in the Memorial Hall

The recent restrictions mean that the next Kid's Church will be on **Sunday 13th December**.

Extra-special measures will be in place to ensure everyone's safety and comfort.

Children will be greeted at the "Link" door to the Church Halls just prior to the beginning of the service. Parents should remain in their seat, at the end of service, when they will be called to collect their children.

YOUTH EVENT

A planned even on Sunday 6th December has been postponed.

Details to follow.



Advent and Christmas like never before - but still Christmas!

Here are a few details, with much more to follow.....

AT HOME FOR CHRISTMAS?

NEXT Sunday 29th November 11am (*Premiered on Facebook & Youtube*)

A Service connecting with our global partners, launching the Moderator's Appeal

Sunday 6th December 11am - Mary & Joseph Luke 2 v.1-7
(*Premiered on Facebook & Youtube*)

Sunday 13th December 11am - Shepherds Luke 2 v.8-16

Sunday 20th December

11am Nativity Service – led by Kid's Church in a very different way!

7pm SERVICE OF LESSONS & CAROLS: Hope Up Close

Christmas Day - 10.30am

Pre-registration to attend the services on 20th and 25th December will become available.

SOME GREAT COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS OPPORTUNITIES

Thursday 17th December

Larne Lessons & Carols

a first-ever streamed carol service from First Larne led by representatives from local churches. No congregation – but available on Facebook, YouTube, website.

“In Search of Christmas”

A Covid-safe outdoor Christmas treasure hunt, involving QR Codes, for families and households to do in their “bubbles” and in their own time.

This will be set up for December. Details to follow.

Blog of the Week

“Worship and emotions” Can we be emotional before God?

Go to website homepage and click on link

HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS and other pastoral information

Even though routine visiting by ministers and chaplains is curtailed, continue to inform the Rev. McClure of any relevant pastoral issues, such as hospitalisation or illness at home.

Some On-line Resources for Families we would recommend

from “Care for the Family”

Simply visit the website, register and book a date, and then receive the link.

Primary Parenting: Building their future together – cff.org.uk/primary

Viewing dates: 24,25,26 November 7.30pm

Rob Parsons and Katherine Hill take us through the ebbs and flows of parenting children up to the age of twelve. (They have six children and seven grandchildren between them!)

Update on PCI Global Mission Workers

The latest update on most of our Global Mission Workers is available clicking on the link on the homepage of our website.

(Please note, there are several whose details cannot be published online for)

Click [here](#) or on the website link for the latest bulletin from the Leremores.

CHRISTIAN AID IRELAND Magazine (Autumn/Winter 2020)

This edition has some real local interest! Available in vestibule
<https://www.christianaid.ie/resources/christian-aid-ireland-magazine-issue-58-autumnwinter-2020>

CHRISTMAS GIFTS THAT MAKE A REAL DIFFERENCE

A brochure detailing Christian Aid Charity Gifts will allow you to start your Christmas shopping early AND do something really special when you are at it!

FOR YOUR DIARY (details to follow)

Christian Aid Christmas Quiz Tuesday 8th December 2020

Christian Aid Carol Service Sunday 13th December 2020

“UNPRECEDENTED”:

PCI’s virtual Small Group using “Zoom”

Below are details of the first three groups:

TUESDAY mornings at 11am (2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month)

Tuesday 24th November 2020 Email Bev Moore: bevandnat@gmail.com

WEDNESDAY evenings at 7.30pm (fortnightly)

Email Sandy Lindsay: sandy30654@gmail.com

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Women’s Group: Next meeting on **Wednesday 2nd December “Spared”**

Email the Rev. McClure: cmcclore@presbyterianireland.org

Refined *Ardens sed Virens*

A wealth of resources for this exceptional time in our lives produced by PCI for PCI. Check it out!

N.B. PCI Webinar for youth and children’s leaders on Wednesday 25th (8-9pm) “Redefining our Children’s and Youth Ministry”
Book in on the PCI website.

UCB “Word for Today” November-January

Copies are available from church.

Contact the Rev. McClure if you would like a copy/copies left off.

READERS

We are refreshing our list of readers and are currently looking for volunteers of all ages.

Contact the Rev. McClure if you would be interested.

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At Home for Christmas?

MODERATOR’S CHRISTMAS APPEAL 2020



Covid-19 is wreaking havoc and undoing decades of development work in so many parts of the world. Please support the Moderator’s Christmas Appeal to assist the work of PCI’s relief and development partners Christian Aid and Tearfund, as well as PCI partner churches as they continue to work in fragile nations.

To find out more and to donate, please visit:

www.presbyterianireland.org/christmasappeal2020



NOTICE TO ORGANISATIONS from TREASURY TEAM

If your organisation is making the usual donation for heat & light it would be very helpful to have it with Shirley Torbitt before the end of November.

Scripture Union E3 Workers in Schools throughout East Antrim

The latest edition of their prayer letter is now available.

Go to the home page of our website and you will find a link with the other resources.

PW MISSION BOXES - Message from the PW Committee

PW Mission boxes are due in this month. As things are not normal please bring your box to Church Service or if you need one of us to collect your box please contact Lorna (28277949) or Janet (28278374) and we will arrange pick up.

Many thanks for your support.

Connect with services ONLINE, CD, DVD and by PHONE

Live feeds are still on Facebook and YouTube.

Let the Rev. McClure know if you know somebody who would simply like to watch or hear our services on a DVD or CD player.

We can provide audio recordings on a CD or videos on DVD (preferably user's own player).



Not online? USE YOUR PHONE

First Larne Service – Dial this local number (028) 91 249550

Normal charges apply. However, for most landlines there will be no charge if phoned at those times your supplier gives free calls of up to one hour. Likewise, mobile charges will vary according to your contract.

2. “Daily Hope”

A freephone service provided by the Church of England.

Dial **0800 804 8044**

The Archbishop of Canterbury is still there to greet you!

You can then choose from several options, including favourite hymns, the stories behind some hymns, prayers, reflections and other services.



UPDATE

NOVEMBER 2020

Thank you for helping feed people in need



Thank you for your response to our Christmas Hamper requests. We have been overwhelmed by your generosity. Each week we have received exactly what we asked you for and the tally of each item to be included in the Christmas Hampers is exactly what we need. We now have all our gravy, pringles, jellies, cranberry sauce, chocolates, and shloer as well as all the normal store cupboard items, so thank you very much.



Organisations and businesses have contacted us with offers of help and we have given them a list of the items still required.

SCHOOL DONATIONS



Cairncastle Primary School
Larne Foodbank volunteers receive donations from local schools who have helped provide food and toiletries. Thank you to all who have donated items.
Roddensvale Special School



Larne Foodbank Volunteers Recognised by Mid and East Antrim Mayor, Peter Johnston

The Mayor, Cllr. Peter Johnston, wrote to personally congratulate the Volunteers of Larne Foodbank for their outstanding work to help the most vulnerable in our community during the Covid 19 pandemic.

He commented, "At a time when we needed it most, you stepped up to the mark and selflessly served your community. Your extraordinary effort has been an inspiration to many".

As a token of his appreciation for the hard work and voluntary contribution to the Borough and its residents he presented the Foodbank volunteers with the above certificate.



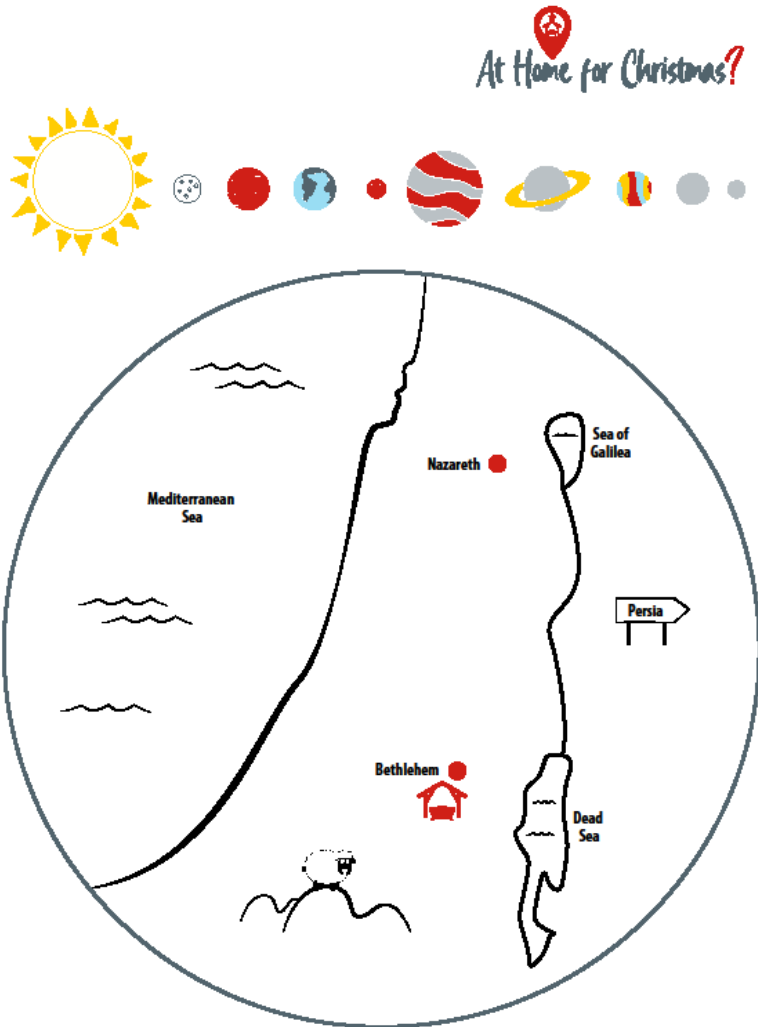
CHRISTMAS HAMPER PACKING AND DELIVERY

A reminder to those interested in helping to pack or deliver the Christmas Hampers? We are asking people to register in pairs of people who are already in a bubble. The Packing will be on the 8th December and the deliveries will be on the 9th December. Due to Covid regulations we are asking people to register this year. If you would like to register to do a couple of hours on the 8th or the 9th then please contact the Foodbank office by email on info@larne.foodbank.org.uk and we will send you a registration form. Thank you.



A Winter's Tale

During these colder months heating will be provided by our usual under-pew heating pipes. Don't forget that heating pipes under your pew may become very hot. Given that there are fewer people sitting on fewer available pews, and that during the present health emergency air flow and ventilation have been enhanced, you may find keeping on a jacket or coat more comfortable when attending worship.



TAKE UP THE OPPORTUNITY OF FREE HOME ENERGY SUPPORT

Are you or anyone you know struggling to heat your home, have difficulty understanding energy bills, or how to work your heating controls?

If so Mid and East Antrim Borough Council have a free home energy service to help with these issues around the home.

They can:

Refer you to energy efficiency grant schemes available for a range of home improvements (including wall & roof insulation and heating) to maximise the energy efficiency of your home (eligibility criteria apply).

Provide advice on current household energy use and managing your heating system.

Provide advice on budgeting for fuel.

**Should you require further information, contact one of the Community Health and Wellbeing Officers. Email wellbeing@midandeastantrim.gov.uk (giving your name, address and a contact telephone number)
Tel. **028 28 262 498** - open Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm**

If you need help with getting food, medicine or supplies you can call Mid and East Antrim Community Advice Service.

Tel. 028 96 001 333

**advice line open Monday to Friday,
9am to 5pm (closed 12-1 for lunch)**

Email michele.campbell@meacas.com