



Prayer Points for week beginning 1st October
*For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son,
 that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.*
John 3:16

Our Church Family - *“Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus”.* 1 Thess. 5:16 – 18.

- Give thanks that God loved us so much that he sent His son into the world to die for us. Give thanks that through Christ we have the promise of eternal life. Pray that through the life and witness of our church many will come to know Christ as Saviour and Lord.
- Give thanks and pray for our manse family, Jeff, our minister, Ann-Marie, Luke and Anna. Pray that they will be richly blessed in their ministry. Remember Barbara, our office administrator, our members of Session, Committee and the leaders of our organisations.
- Pray for God’s blessing on all who are involved in preparations for the Harvest Thanksgiving service on 8th October and also on those involved in the BB Enrolment service on 15th October.
- Uphold in prayer members of our congregation who have been bereaved, those who are ill at home or in hospital, those who are in residential or nursing homes and those who are no longer able to attend church. Pray that God will meet their needs and that they will know the touch of God’s unfailing love.

Our Community - *For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: “Love your neighbour as yourself.”* Gal. 5:14

- Remember those in our community who are facing anxious or challenging times. Pray for those charities seeking to help people in difficulties such as Christians Against Poverty (CAP) and local foodbanks such as Storehouse in Bangor and House Church foodbank in Newtownards
- Uphold in prayer those who minister in our town. Pray that they will be encouraged in their ministry and that they will know God’s leading as they seek to bring the good news of salvation.
- Pray for God’s divine intervention in areas where there is tension in the community.

Our World - *For dominion belongs to the Lord and he rules over the nations.* Psalm 22:28.

- Uphold in prayer our missionaries at home and abroad. Pray for their protection and pray that they will be encouraged and strengthened as they share the good news of the gospel.
- Pray for those who suffer as a result of war, famine, persecution or natural disasters. Pray for the wounded, the captive, the grieving, the displaced and the homeless. Pray that all will know the love and peace of God. Pray for those suffering from the recent floods in Libya and the earthquake in Turkey/Syria. Pray also for those suffering because of the war in Ukraine. Pray for a peaceful resolution.



SUNDAY 1ST OCTOBER
Rev. Jeff McWatters: Communion

Welcome/ Announcements/ Birthday Spot

Call to worship

PRAISE: IPH360 *“What a wonderful Saviour is Jesus”*

Prayer

Children’s Spot

PRAISE: *“Light of the world”*
(Children leave for Discovery Sunday School)

Prayers of Intercession

Bible reading Luke 22: 7-16 (page 1057)

Sermon

PRAISE: MP1217 *“O to see the dawn (Power of the Cross)”*

Communion

PRAISE: IPH427 *“When I survey the wondrous cross”*

Benediction

After the service...

Tea/ coffee in the Welcome Area
 Library open

6.30pm

Elders’ Prayer Time

7-8pm

Youth Fellowship

UPCOMING SERVICES

Sunday 8th October – Harvest Thanksgiving

Sunday 15th October – B.B. Enrolment

Please also remember the **Ards Battalion Parade and Church Service** on **Sunday 8th October**, which will take place at 3pm, parading to 1st Newtownards Presbyterian Church.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next **PW MEETING** is on **Thursday 5th October** at **7.30pm** - 'Life of an Artist'. Our speaker is Jackie Fleming, a local artist. Her mother was given the Thalidomide drug and Jackie tells how this affected her life, that of her family and how her artistic talent developed. All ladies are very welcome.

SPECIAL APPEAL – Session made the decision to launch an appeal to support the peoples of Morocco and Libya, in the aftermath of the earthquake and flooding disasters. Donations can be made in the following ways:

- by envelope placed in the offering basket. Some envelopes, marked "Emergency Appeal", are available in the Church Entrance and Welcome Area. If you are signed up to Gift Aid, please add your name or FWO number to the envelope so this can be claimed.
- donate on-line, either into the FWO account or the Mission Account, marking your donation "Appeal" and using your name or FWO number in the reference.

We will then pass this money on to the relevant organisations working in these areas to bring help and relief to those affected.

HARVEST LETTERS AND ENVELOPES – a copy of the harvest letter has been e-mailed to members but copies of the harvest letter and envelopes are also available in the Church Entrance and Welcome Area. If you have a box of envelopes for 2023, a Harvest Envelope with your number is included in the box. Alternatively, details on how to donate on-line are provided in the harvest letter.

HARVEST THANKSGIVING – the church will be open on **Friday 6th September** from **7pm** for gifts of flowers, vegetables and items for the Foodbank to be left in. Anyone who is able to help decorate the church is also very welcome to come along. As the flowers and fresh produce are taken to our older members, we suggest bringing only flowers or smaller pieces of fruit and vegetables. Items specifically requested for the Newtownards Food bank: soup, tinned fish, packets of rice, biscuits, tinned tomatoes and toiletries (toilet roll, shampoo, deodorant, soap and toothbrushes).

BLYTHSWOOD SHOEBOX APPEAL - can you give a Christmas box to someone who lives in poverty? Leaflets are available in the Church Entrance and Welcome Area. Some items provided by the Craft Class will be available in the Kerr Hall after the service on Sunday 22nd October or you can call in during office hours during the week beginning 23rd October. **Filled shoeboxes must be returned by Sunday 29th October.**

E-MAILS – A problem with the church e-mail account is now resolved but members are requested to check their SPAM folder for e-mails for the next few weeks.

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Mon 2 nd	10am-12.30pm 6.45-7.45pm	Craft Class G.B.
Tues 3 rd	10.15-11.45am 6.30pm	Tots & Toddlers B.B.
Wed 4 th	7.30pm 8pm	Prayer Midweek Football & Fellowship
Thurs 5 th	10am-12.30pm 7.30pm 7.30pm	Indoor Bowls PW – see announcement Badminton
Fri 6 th	7pm	Harvest Decoration (see announcement)
Sat 7 th	10am-12noon 6.45-8.15pm	Coffee Morning – all proceeds to support the Friends of Ards Hospital Youth Club

UPCOMING EVENTS

ANTIQUES AND COLLECTABLES FAIR – the next fair will be on **Saturday 28th October** from **10am-4pm**, with jewellery, collectables, antiques, militaria etc. Refreshments will be available and proceeds in aid of Church Funds. Everyone welcome so please plan to attend and bring a friend. Also, are you able to help? Please speak to Lynn Cairns if you are able to help exhibitors in and out, or "do the door". There is a sign-up sheet on the Coffee Bar.

SATURDAY COFFEE MORNINGS (10-12 NOON)

21st October – PanC NI (Eileen Bell & Family)
4th November – Diabetes UK (Martin & Alison Conroy)
18th November – NI Children's Hospice (G.B.)
2nd December – Christmas Sale

OFFICE - Please email **announcements** etc. this week before Thursday. If you, or someone you know, is going into **hospital**, please let the office know.

If you have any specific requests for prayer, please contact our Minister, Jeff McWatters, on 07799552804. In addition, if there are any situations that arise for which you need practical support, please contact Jeff or our Clerk of Session, Wallace McKee, on 07985 085527, or your elder.

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