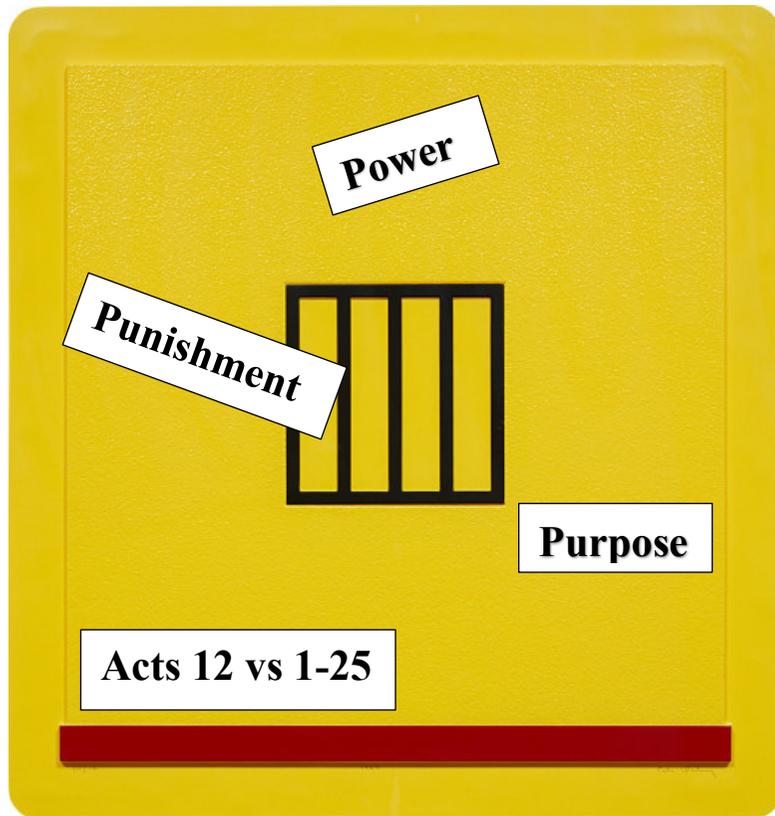




Sunday 6th September 2020

We warmly welcome everyone to Worship



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Order of Service

Welcome

Eddie McDowell

Praise: IPH 165 Be still for the Presence of the Lord

Prayer

Reading: Acts 12 vs 1-12 Robert Hill

13-25 Claire Campbell

Children's Address

Children's Praise: In my Father's House (Getty)

Sermon

Prayers for others

Praise: Still be Still (Getty)

Benediction

Welcome back! Over the past week every member should have received an updated letter providing full details for the return to worship in the church building on 20th September. However, below is a shortened summary!

Sunday 6th Internet service - Pre-recorded in the church building

Sunday 13th Internet Service - Live streamed from church

Sunday 20th We welcome you back to the church building for Morning Worship at 11.30am

It will be a bit different!

Services will be shorter family services. Kids activity packs will be delivered to you in advance containing the crafts, worksheets for the next 6 weeks.

2M social distancing will limit seating capacity however there will be additional seating in the Galbraith Hall with a large screen to watch the service. Please remember to sit in your household groups.

To meet track and trace requirements we will photograph the congregation to avoid the need to sign in (this photograph will be held for 3 weeks, only for this purpose and then destroyed).

Please bring your own Bible as pews have been cleared of hymn books and bibles. There will be a Retiring offering. A face covering is not compulsory although it is encouraged. No singing – initially anyway.

Please do not come if: You have any symptoms of COVID 19 or

You are in quarantine due to contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID19.

We understand some members will be unsure about returning to the church building and no one should feel under pressure to come. We will be continuing to provide services on the internet and CD.

Pastoral care and support. Rev McDowell & Rev Tosh are continuing to maintain contact with members primarily by phone however if you feel you would like them to call please do get in touch 9332 2578.

Prayer Ministry continues. We offer everyone an opportunity to ask for prayer whether it be for themselves, a friend or a loved one. Contact Jean Woodside Tel: 07484767751 or Email: woodside880@btinternet.com

From our Treasurer - If you are able to give to our church finances:
- post your contributions to me at 35 Rathmena Drive, Ballyclare BT39 9HZ. Please make cheques payable to First Ballyeaston Presbyterian Church (do not post cash) and remember to include your name, address or WFO Number on the back: or
- set up a Standing Order for a regular monthly payment. Please contact me on 07889348337 if you want to do so. Many Thanks, Joe Bingham.

Church Organisations

At this time none of our organisations are resuming their usual September programmes. However, we will update you when we are able to do so. This includes Sunday school, Bible Class, Youth Fellowship, Creche, Children's Church, GB, BB, PW, Bowling club and Midweek meetings.

Newtownabbey Foodbank is extremely grateful for all your donations of food, money or time. If you could donate at least one item out of your weekly shop it would really help those who are helping the most vulnerable in our community. Please leave any **donations** in the Foodbank trolley at ASDA or Ballyclare Presbyterian Church each Thursday 2.30-5pm or Ballynure Presbyterian each Wednesday evening 6.30-7.30pm. Current items most in need include: **custard, pudding rice, coffee, cleaning products and washing powder/liquid or tablets**. However, if you wish to contribute but cannot leave your home or wish to donate financially then click on the link below for **Bankuet webpage which accepts donations for foodbanks and you can then specify Newtownabbey**.
<https://www.bankuet.co.uk/newtownabbey/>

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www.nidirect.gov.uk/campaigns/coronavirus-covid-19



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Hate Crime review presbyterianireland.org/Strikingtherightbalance
Face coverings in church presbyterianireland.org/facecoverings

A prayer of new appreciation for the community of the church

Lord of the church,
what a gift you have given us in the body of Christ,
in living stones locally assembled to be a spiritual house.
Sometimes I haven't seen my congregation that way,
as I have grumbled and complained about my spiritual family,
selfishly looked to my own needs before the interests of others,
and carelessly neglected my need to meet with brothers and sisters,
for their encouragement and mine.

Now I see things more clearly -
valuing little things like the chat before or after worship,
that reminds me that someone else cares;
cherishing the opportunity to raise my voice with others in praise of God,
even if they or I am a little out of tune;
gaining a new sense of awe for the word of God preached,
and the way it challenges and encourages my everyday walk with Jesus;
setting much more store on your invitation to ask, seek and knock in prayer,
now that we have seen you give,
found you answering,
and known doors opened,
during the period of pandemic,
life under lockdown.

Help me not to lose this new found appreciation for the community of my church,
as things begin to return to normal.

Help me not to take for granted those who lead and serve,
but to pray for and support them as they labour in the Lord,
listening, learning and lending a hand where I can.

Help me to express a fresh commitment to the life of my church,
and its living witness to Jesus,
experienced in those ways that show we belong to him,
and to one another.

Chosen and precious cornerstone,
thank you for the people of your choosing,
that make up my congregation,
built together as one,
a holy nation of fellow travellers,
your special possession,
called out of darkness to bear your light.
In Jesus' name. Amen