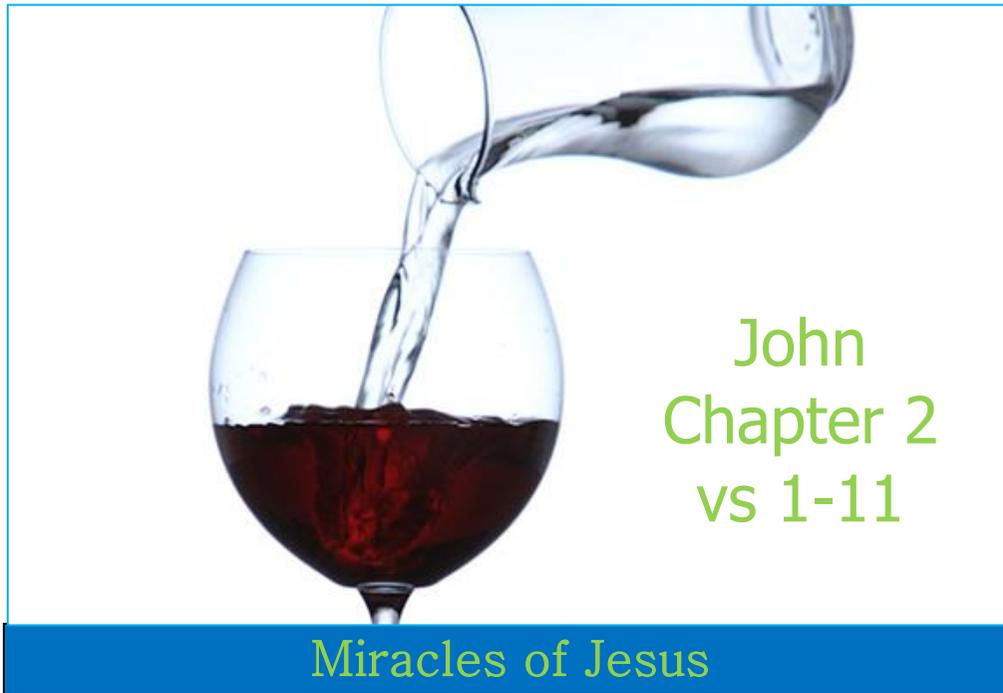




**Sunday 3rd January 2021**

Welcome to Worship.



**First Ballyeaston Presbyterian Church Registered Charity in N. Ireland NIC104880**

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**Happy New Year.**

**On this first Sunday in 2021 we wish all our members, friends and neighbours a happy, peaceful and blessed New Year.**

*"Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." 1 Thessalonians 5 v 16-18*

**Order of Service**

Welcome & Announcements	Eddie McDowell
Praise: You're the word of God the Father	
Prayer of adoration and confession	
Reading: John 2 v 1-11	Robert Hill
Children's Talk	
Praise: Look to Jesus	
Sermon:	
Prayer for Others	
Praise: I stand amazed in the presence of Jesus the Nazarene	
Benediction	

**Church Information**

The Kirk Session have decided to suspend our public worship services on Sundays for the duration of the six-week lockdown. As a result, we are not planning to reopen for public worship until Sunday the 7th February 2021. We have not been required to close our church by Government or by the Presbyterian Church. Although we would want to be worshipping together in church, we have taken this decision voluntarily, believing it is in the best interests of our church family and the local community, and we will continue to keep this situation under review.

**In the meantime, we will continue to livestream a Worship Service each Sunday morning at 11.30am.** The restrictions allow us to have a number of people in the church building for this purpose.

The Church building will continue to be available for weddings and funerals as the number of people is restricted to 25.

<b>Sunday 10th</b>	10.30am <b>Zoom Sunday School</b> resumes
	11.30am <b>Live Online Morning Worship</b>

**Pastoral care.** Rev McDowell & Rev Tosh are continuing to maintain contact with members by phone. If you are aware of anyone who would appreciate a phone call then please do contact Eddie 9332 2578.

**Prayer Ministry.** 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

**Church Organisations.** Our church organisations have been unable to resume their usual programmes. We will update you when we are able to do so. This includes Sunday school, Bible Class, Youth Fellowship, Creche, Children's Church, BB, GB, PW, Bowling Club and Midweek meetings.

**Presbyterian Children's Society.** We donated £1850. Thank you to everyone who has supported this.

**Moderator's Christmas Appeal.** Over £2,550 has now been donated to the Moderator's Appeal. Thank you to everyone who contributed to this.

**PW Wider World Update.** Magazine production will resume in March with 4 issues but with a reduced content whilst still keeping you up to date with developments in PW. Also, there will be no subscription fees as many did not receive their magazines in 2020.

**Newtownabbey Foodbank.** The Newtownabbey Foodbank has expressed their grateful thanks to everyone who has supported them so generously over the past months. All their Christmas hampers are packed and most are out, yet their stocks are already overflowing again! Incredible! The Foodbank are now NOT taking any more donations until the new year. They have also seen so many generous financial donations on their giving page. If you really want to donate in the next couple of weeks, maybe consider giving in this way. <https://www.peoplesfundraising.com/newtownabbey-foodbank>.

**The final date for contributions to the Church's accounts for 2020 is TODAY, Sunday 3 January 2021.** After that date all contributions received will be recorded for the 2021 year. If you are able to contribute to the work of the Church, please make it clear which year the contribution applies to:  
- post your contributions to me at 35 Rathmena Drive, Ballyclare BT39 9HZ. Make cheques payable to First Ballyeaston Presbyterian Church (do not post cash) and remember to include your name, address or WFO Number;  
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.

### ***Bereavement Notices.***

*As a congregation we are saddened by the death of Mrs Brenda Irvine on Wednesday past. Her funeral will take place in the church on Monday 4th January however it will be limited to strictly family only due to current COVID restrictions. We convey our sympathy to her daughter Carole, son Colin and their family circle.*

*As a congregation we are also saddened by the death of Mrs Jean Houston on Thursday past. Her funeral arrangements are yet to be confirmed. We convey our sympathy to her brother David and the family circle*

*We commend all who mourn to the loving arms of Almighty God.*

## **Local Information**

### **Upper Ballyboley Primary School Virtual Open Day**

<https://vimeo.com/493735715>. There is only so much information you can get from a website, so feel free to arrange a meeting with the Principal by emailing [psmith519@c2ken.net](mailto:psmith519@c2ken.net).

### **Tildarg Primary School Virtual Open Day - Watch our video on**

[www.tildargps.co.uk/](http://www.tildargps.co.uk/). Contact the principal via phone (02893 323948) or email ([info@tildargps.ballyclare.ni.sch.uk](mailto:info@tildargps.ballyclare.ni.sch.uk)) to arrange a suitable date for your visit.

**Antrim Area Hospital** has introduced a **Phone First** system for patients including children with an injury or illness which requires urgent treatment but is not immediately life threatening. The system operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. **PH: 0300 123 1123**. Anyone with a life-threatening condition/injury should still contact 999.

## **News from PCI**

### **Church Leaders' New Year Message**

<https://www.presbyterianireland.org/News/January-2021/Church-leaders-2021-New-Year-Message.aspx>

### **Moderator welcomes UK-EU trade deal**

[www.presbyterianireland.org/News/December-2020/UK-EUdeal](http://www.presbyterianireland.org/News/December-2020/UK-EUdeal)

**Considering Grace** book was launched back on Tuesday 5 November 2019. This book explored how Presbyterians responded to the Troubles. Following on from this an online conference Considering Grace: Unpacking the impact took place on Thursday 3 December 2020.

It looked at the impact of Considering Grace for PCI and for wider society, and the congregational resource to accompany the book was also launched. Speakers included Canon David Porter, Chief of Staff to the Archbishop of Canterbury; Very Rev Dr Stafford Carson, Principal of Union Theological College; the books co-authors Dr Gladys Ganiel and Dr Jamie Yohanis; the General Secretary of the Irish Council of Churches, Dr Nicola Brady; the resource author, Dave Thompson.

The event was recorded and is available to watch on the PCI [video channel here](#). Read the full [news story here](#).



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