

THE BAILIEBOROUGH GROUP OF PRESBYTERIAN CHURCHES

News Sheet - September-October 2022



Welcome back!

Dear church family,

For many September is the time when life goes back to “normal”. Back from summer holidays to return to work, school, regular church, and Sunday school. It has been a beautiful summer and I hope you all managed to enjoy the good weather!

I am looking forward to some new initiatives in our congregations. Our Sunday school curriculum has changed and hopefully this will help the children to feel more involved in our congregation as the new material more closely matches what will be covered in Sunday services and the children will return to join the congregation during the closing hymn. I have also begun this news sheet, which is planned to be produced every two months, to help people keep track of church events and notices.

I encourage you all to keep these new efforts in your prayers and bear with us as we get things off the ground. I believe these things can really make a positive difference in the life of our congregations. I also encourage you, after the summer and after a long time of Covid-related disruptions, to get into the practice of regular attendance of public worship. We would love to have you join us whether we are worshipping in your home congregation or one of the other congregations in the group. Regularly meeting together is a great encouragement to your brothers and sisters in Christ and is vital for Christian discipleship and growth.

Yours in Christ,
Rev. John.

Prayer Requests

- Please pray for the children who have returned to school in September. Pray that they would adjust to the changes of a new school year, make good friends, and enjoy learning.
- Pray also for teachers and school staff, that they would feel supported and that God would bless their work to educate and encourage children.
- Pray for the young people who have recently received their exam results. Some will be delighted and others disappointed. In any case, this is a time of change and can bring with it anxiety and uncertainty, as well as excitement. Growing up is a difficult and sometimes scary process, so please keep our young people in your prayers.
- Pray for the sick in our congregations, that they know healing and God’s peace during their illness.
- Pray for those worst affected by the cost-of-living crisis in Ireland.
- Flooding in Pakistan has been devastating to the people there. Please pray for those who mourn the loss of loved ones, and those displaced and left homeless by the floods. Pray also for the ongoing aid and medical efforts.
- Pray for peace in Ukraine, in Israel/Palestine and in all areas of conflict.

Notices

Bible Readers: We need people to read the Bible at our Sunday services. If you would be interested in helping, please let Rev. John know.

Sunday School resumes on Sunday, 18th September. Children will leave after the hymn following children's address and return to the congregation during the closing hymn.

Corglass PW meeting on Tuesday, 4th October. New members will be made very welcome!

Focus Youth Fellowship dates for September and October:

9th September, 20:30-22:00, Trinity Hall
 23rd September, 20:30-22:00, Trinity Hall
 7th October, 20:30-22:00, Trinity Hall
 21st October, 20:30-22:00, Trinity Hall

Our **Harvest** services are scheduled for the first two Sundays in October. These will be all-age services with no Sunday School. It would be great to have the children attend and celebrate harvest with us!

It is planned to serve **tea and coffee** after the Harvest services and after united services (when we have a fifth Sunday in a month). Please let Rev. John know by the 25th of September if you would like to help.

In preparation for **Corglass church harvest** there will be a clean-up and decorating of the church at 2 PM on Saturday, October 1st.

Bible Reading Group is planned to recommence on 13th October at 8 PM, following the harvest services. Meetings will be held at the manse, but people should also be able to join in via Zoom. Rev. John will give further details.

If you would like a notice included in the next news sheet, please let Rev. John know.

Services

September

4 th	Corglass (10:30) Ervey (12:00)	Communion Service The Feeding of the 4,000	Mark 8:1-13
11 th	Trinity (10:30) Corraneary (12:00)	Communion Service Spiritual Blindness	Mark 8:14-26
18 th	Corglass (10:30) Ervey (12:00)	"Who do you say I am?"	Mark 8:27-33
25 th	Trinity (10:30) Corraneary (12:00)	"Follow me"	Mark 8:34-9:1

October

2 nd	Corglass (10:30) Ervey (12:00)	All-Age Harvest Service	
9 th	Trinity (10:30) Corraneary (12:00)	All-Age Harvest Service	
16 th	Corglass (10:30) Ervey (12:00)	The Transfiguration	Mark 9:2-13
23 rd	Trinity (10:30) Corraneary (12:00)	Overcoming Unbelief	Mark 9:14-29
30 th	All- Age United Service in Trinity (11:00)		