



# Main Street Garvagh Presbyterian Church

*Purpose Statement: "To see unbelieving people become committed members of Christ's Church"*

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**1<sup>st</sup> December 2024**



**Welcome to our Family Service.** The first Sunday of Advent. **"The Gift"** Refreshments will be available at the close of the service.

You are invited to return to our **Evening Service** at **7.00pm**. Missionary meeting with Mr Colin Hayburn from Friends of Vispa who will tell us about their ministry in Kenya. Jill Holmes will also share about how she is involved with Friends of Vispa. This is a meeting you will not want to miss!

The church is involved again this year in the town **Christmas Lights switch on**, on **Monday the 2nd of December**- a great opportunity to communicate that Jesus is the Reason for the Season. The Gospel Truck will be at the event and we need help in the following areas: Putting together outreach gift bags, Singers for the Churches Choir spot, helpers for the hot drinks stall, and manning the outreach stall.

***Those singing in the Churches Choir at the Christmas switch-on to go to the Minor Hall for a short practice after church this morning.***

***Leprosy Mission ~ Anyone with boxes, phials or donations for The Leprosy Mission please give to Ruth Reynolds by 15<sup>th</sup> December. Thank you.***

**Mingle at the Manse.** As this is our first Christmas in Garvagh we want to invite EVERYBODY to the Manse as our way of saying thank you. On Friday 20th December you are welcome to the Manse for refreshments and festive treats. You will be very welcome anytime between 2.00pm - 5.00pm or between 7.00pm - 9.00pm. We look forward to seeing you then. Brian & Pamela



### THIS WEEK IN MAIN STREET

**Monday ~ Christmas Lights Switch on.**

**Tuesday ~ Women Together** are having their Christmas meeting and the men are invited to “Cake Masters”. Come along at 8.00pm.

**Wednesday ~ Christmas Choir Practice** 7.15 – 7.45pm in the church.

**Small Groups (Study 7)** will conclude at 8.00pm. Reminder about our small collection.

**Thursday ~ Munchkins** 10 – 11.30am “Christmas Party”

**Thursday & Friday ~ Boys Brigade**

**Saturday ~ Bus Pass Christmas Afternoon Tea** at 3.00pm. If you require a lift contact the office 028 2955 7406 (leave a message)

### LOOKING AHEAD

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December** “Christmas according to Isaiah”

**Kirk Session** are asked to meet on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December at 8.00pm.

**Joint Midweek** on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 8.00pm. Special Special so come along and support CEF.

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## CAROL SERVICES

Main Street Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm

Killaig Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December at  
7.30pm

Both services will have readings & carols  
followed by supper.  
Bring your friends & family



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**Christmas Day** we will meet in Main Street at 10.30am for our Christmas morning service. Bring the family.

**Main Men.** We are delighted that we are getting a ministry to men re-established and it will be called 'Main Men'. Our first get together will be on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> January at 9.00am (SHARP) in the Pantry for a fry followed by an epilogue from Mr Andy Williamson. **If you wish to attend a sign-up sheet is in the vestibule.** Numbers are limited to 40 so get your name down ASAP! **Cost: £10 per person and the money should be given to Mr Fred Smyth to secure your place.**

## BELFAST CITY MISSION CHRISTMAS GIFT APPEAL 2024

- *New Toys* · *Selection Boxes* · *Tins of sweets (Roses, Quality Street, Haribo etc.)*
- *Boxes of biscuits.* · *Monetary gifts* · *Gift Cards (£5, 10, 15, 20 .....*)
- *Supermarket Vouchers (Tesco, Asda, Sainsburys, M & S)*
- *Toy Stores (Smyths, Argos Etc.)* · *Groceries (non-perishable) Toys*

**Please leave your gifts in church by Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December.**

**United Appeal 2024** our target is £7236 an average of £56 per family. "The United Appeal for Mission is at the very heart of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. Every aspect of the Church's mission depends to some extent on United Appeal. It supports projects, programmes and staff at home and overseas. It helps congregations and individuals to build God's Kingdom through youth and children's ministry, social action and the training of leaders, for example" Please **USE YOUR YELLOW ENVELOPE** before Christmas ~ Thank you!

**Accounts 2024** – All accounts will close on 31st December to allow accounts to be finalised for Presbytery and Charity Commission. Please have all donations in before 29<sup>th</sup> December 2024. Organisation treasurers please have completed accounts in the office by 10<sup>th</sup> January 2025. Thank you!

**Freewill Offering envelopes for 2025** are available to pick up. Speak to some of the stewards if you would like give regularly to the church.

### OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

**NI Blood Transfusion Service** in Main Street on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December. Book your appointment now! Times 12.30-7.30pm. Tel 08085 534653 or [www.nibts.org](http://www.nibts.org)

**Macmillan Cancer Support WINTER PLANT SALE** Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December 9am – 4pm at the Nurseries, 86 Mettican Road.

### ROTAS

#### **Stewarding**

Dec 1 & 8	Fred Smyth	Stephen Dinsmore
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#### **Collectors**

Dec	Basil Moore	Kenneth Moore	Nevin Smith	Keith Clyde
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#### **Sound Desk**

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Dec 1 & 8	Luke Dinsmore	Samuel Church	Vonla Smyth

#### **Creche & Children's Church**

Dec 1 & 8	Gemma Smyth	Alice Kelly
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#### **Sunday Morning Tea**

Dec 1	Ruth McGilligan	Valerie Hibbert
Dec 8	Pamela Smyth	

#### **Sunday Evening Tea**