



# Main Street Garvagh Presbyterian Church

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

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## **15<sup>th</sup> December 2024**



**Welcome to our Morning Service.** The third Sunday of Advent. "Christmas according to Matthew" Reading Matthew 1:18-25. Refreshments will be available at the close of the service.

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### **CAROL SERVICES**

Main Street Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm  
Closing epilogue Rev Brian Smyth

Killaig Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December at  
7.30pm – Closing epilogue Very Rev Dr  
John Lockington



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

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***Leprosy Mission ~ Anyone with boxes, phials or donations for The Leprosy Mission please give to Ruth Reynolds by TODAY. 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 ~ Prayer meeting at 7pm.**

**Wednesday ~ Killaig Carol Service at 7.30pm**

**Thursday ~ Friendship Group** will meet at 2pm. Christmas fun and afternoon tea followed by an epilogue Rev Brian Smyth. All welcome.

### LOOKING AHEAD

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December** “Christmas according to Luke”

**Christmas Day** we will meet in Main Street at 10.30am for our Christmas morning service. A relaxed and informal service. Children are encouraged to bring a toy for Brian to play with! The offering on Christmas morning will go to the **Presbyterian Children’s Society**. If you can Gift Aid please use your PINK envelopes.



**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.**

**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



1<sup>st</sup> Garvagh Carol Service  
Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December at 7.00pm

#### An important announcement about Used Stamps



We want to say a huge thank you to everyone who has collected stamps to raise funds for people affected by leprosy. We know that so many of you have spent precious time collecting, cutting and trimming with great care. Over the years you have raised thousands of pounds and transformed lives across Africa and Asia – all with stamps! It’s been a joy to receive bags and parcels at the office, all packed and posted with love.

In the last couple of years, the value of stamps has greatly reduced. Now that bar-coded stamps have been introduced, stamp value has been further decreased. Sadly, we have now reached the point where used stamps no longer raise the money they did in years gone by.

## **ROTAS**

### **Stewarding**

Dec 15 & 22	William Campbell	Alex farlow
Dec 29 & Jan 5	Basil Moore	Brian Farlow

### **Collectors**

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

	<b>Sound</b>	<b>Streaming</b>	<b>Powerpoint</b>
Dec 15 & 22	Trevor Wright	Lewis Wright	Matthew Farlow
Dec 29 & Jan 5	David Kelly	Rachel Boyce	Michelle Donnell

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

Dec 15 & 22	Jayne Torrens	Thomas Torrens
Dec 29 & Jan 5	Vicky Kelly	Charlie Kelly

### **Sunday Morning Tea**

Dec 15	Vonla Smyth	Carol Service
Dec 22	Gemma Smyth	-
Dec 29	Vicky Kelly	-

### **Sunday Evening Tea**