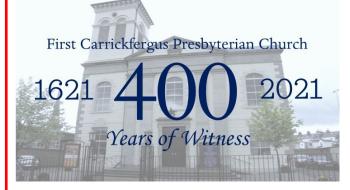
10th September 2021





Welcome to our Church, online or in person at 11am on Sunday 12th September.

Why go to church? Why not watch at home? Why have church at all? What's the point? Those are important questions we'll be looking at.

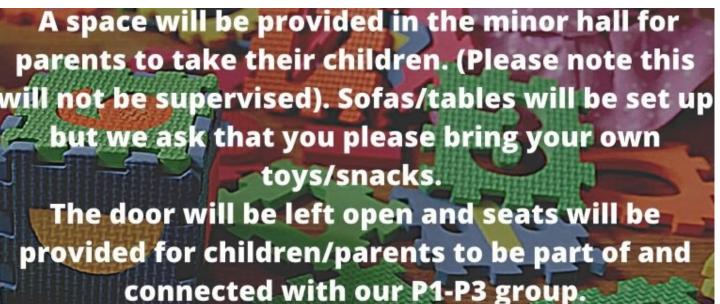


Pray for others!

Support one another!

Join us for worship and prayer each Wednesday at 8pm.

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Do you have any of these items at home?

- Pre-loved uniform (including hoodies)
- . Metal badges

Please could you consider donating these back to GB to be used for current members?

Items can be left in the office any morning. Alternatively you may bring them in on: Friday 10th September 7-8.30pm Friday 24th September 7-8.30pm

Thank you!

DIGITAL RESILIENCE TRAINING Online Paren Workshop

THANKS TO LOCKDOWN, CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE ARE MORE ATTACHED THAN EVER TO THEIR DIGITAL DEVICES. HELPING THEM TO FIND A HEALTHIER BALANCE IN THEIR USE OF TECHNOLOGY AND SOCIAL MEDIA IS VITAL FOR THEIR WELLBEING.

This practical, informal, and non-judgemental workshop will help parents, grandparents and carers explore the relationship between social media, electronic devices, and their child's wellbeing. It will equip them with the tools they need to help their children to thrive by becoming digitally resilient. The workshop will be delivered by Dr Deborah Webster of Thrive Academy and has been generously funded by The Presbyterian Childrens Society Covid-19 Grant Scheme.



1st Carrickfergus Presbyterian Church would like to invite you to our ONLINE Parent Workshop. We would love to see you there!

When?	Tuesday 21st September 2021
Time?	7.30pm
Who is it for?	Parents, Grandparents, Carers
How do I sign up?	Email sonya_firstcarrickpres@hotmail.com





Sunday 12 September

Let's Pray



- **Moderator** | Pray for the Moderator as he visits the congregation of Upper Clonaneese on Sunday to dedicate and open the new suite of halls. Pray for safety for him and for Zoe as they travel to different venues and events now that a more normal schedule is gradually being resumed.
- **Regrouping & regathering for worship |** *Thank God for those who lead worship preparing the building, preaching, providing accompaniment for praise and providing technological input. Pray for continued passion and perseverance.*

Monday 13 September

- **Peter & Valerie Lockwood (global mission workers, Nepal)** | On top of the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, monsoon season has brought considerable flooding to the Terai region of Nepal. Pray for the team and local partners as they coordinate with local and district-level stakeholders to support food relief to the neediest.
- **Syria & Lebanon |** *Pray for the work and witness of the National Evangelical Synod of Syria and Lebanon, especially for the efforts to bring humanitarian aid and education to refugees and displaced people in the region.*
- **Tuesday 14 September Cheryl Meban (university chaplain)** [_Pray for Cheryl in her role as chaplain in the Ulster University campuses at Belfast and Jordanstown, particularly as students prepare for a new term. Pray for those students who will be starting their first year of university, that they will adjust well to university life.
- **Douglas** | Pray for the congregation of Douglas as they seek to return to something approaching normality after the disruption caused by Covid-19. Pray that the Kirk Session will have wisdom in the decisions they make for Church Life.
- Wednesday 15 September Csaba & Ilona Veres (global mission workers, Romania) | Pray for Diakonia's new LINK-IN ministry aimed at calling, training and equipping volunteers to serve in their children's ministries. Pray for recruitment meetings and training events to inspire local mission through the work of Diakonia.
- **Latvia** | Pray for our partners in Latvia, the Evangelical Reformed Church of Latvia and the Baltic Reformed Theological Seminary. Pray for their work and witness through the restrictions caused by the Covid-19 pandemic.
- **Thursday 16 September Colin Megaw (prison chaplain)** | Chaplaincy ministry returned to Woodlands Juvenile Justice in an in-person format at the start of August and chaplains are delighted to be back with the staff and young people. Please pray for their ongoing outreach and support work.
- **Great Victoria Street (Belfast)** | Following the pandemic, please pray for a recovery period where Great Victoria St congregation can start to build again. Give thanks for the opportunities they have had to support one another. Pray that the congregation can find its way to flourish in whatever is to come.

Friday 17 September

- **Social Witness** | As the new school year begins, pray for children and young people who are experiencing bullying, for strength not to give in and to always tell a trusted adult. Pray especially for those targeted by bullies online.
- **On These Steps |** Today a special event takes place at Union Theological College marking the role it played in hosting the first NI Parliament 100 years ago. Pray that those who attend and watch online would have an opportunity to reflect on our shared past and also be enabled to look forward with Christian hope to a shared future across these islands.

Saturday 18 September

- **General Council |** Pray for the Clerk, Deputy Clerk and all the staff in the General Secretary's Department as they make final preparations for the General Assembly. Pray especially that there will be time for the necessary precautions in what is a very busy autumn period in church life.
- **Training in Ministry |** The Auxiliary Ministry Scheme training course that started in Jan 2020, has been completed, after a Covid-19 delay, with the Service of Accreditation tomorrow night. Give thanks for the nine trainees. Pray that AM posts will be created in congregations, and that the Lord will use them to build his Church.

Saturday Prayer

Our Saturday Morning Prayer Meetings will recommence Saturday 25th September!

We'd love you to join us in the Upper Room for this special time to pray for our church and for others. Times to be confirmed.

Samaritan's Purse Ready-Made Shoeboxes

If you require box(es), please phone Rosalind 9336 1480 with your details and the number of boxes you would like.



Due to rising costs, the price is now 50p per box.

The shoeboxes have already been ordered with the manufacturer, however shipping is currently delayed. We will get the boxes to you as soon as we can.

GB Company Outdoors Friday 10th

Music Rehearsal Friday 10th September 8.45pm

Youth Club

Saturday 11th September 7.15-9.15pm

Kids Crew Sunday 12th September at 11am

YF

Sunday 12th September 7-8.30pm

Indoor Bowling Club Tuesday 14th September 7-9pm

Wednesday Worship Wednesday 15th September 8pm

> Boys' Brigade Thursday 16th September



Pop these dates into your diary and get ready to finish the study of Ruth. New ladies would be most welcome. Please let Sonya know if you can attend the September study sonya firstcarrickpres@hotmail.com

Monday 27th September 7.30pm Continuing the study of Ruth 3:1-18

Monday 18th October 7.30pm Finishing the study of Ruth 4:1-22





Monday 22nd November 7.30pm Hope & Light Jewellery Evening

Monday 13th December 7.30pm Christmas Evening come along and take the time to stop in this busy season.



Youth Club



Saturday 11th September 7.15-9.15pm





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'Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable if anything is excellent or praiseworthy - think about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.' Philippians 4:8-9