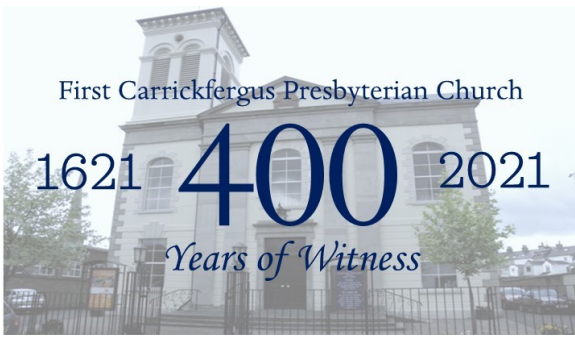


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Welcome

to our Morning Service this Sunday at 11am. We'd love to see you in person, otherwise join us online.

Joining The Family

What it means to be a member of
1st Carrickfergus Presbyterian Church

Saturday 13th November 9:30-12:30 in the Coffee Bar



What's the difference between attending church and becoming a member? Why should I bother with membership? Join us on Saturday 13th November to find out. If you can't make that date or want to find out more, speak to the Church Office or contact Cecil.

**Our Harvest Service takes place on Sunday 24th October.
We will hold our annual Harvest Collection for Tearfund.**



Envelopes will be in the pews over the next two weeks, if you wish to contribute.



Samaritan's Purse Ready-Made Shoeboxes

Please can Filled Shoeboxes be brought in on Sunday 7th November to the Vestibule. Alternatively, you can bring them into the office on the mornings of 8th–12th November. Thank you.



KEEP WARM!

As we come into the colder weather, we are still required to maintain ventilation in the building. Inevitably it will be cold. Please be prepared! Dress warmly. Even hot water bottles and rugs acceptable!

Could you spare *one hour once a month* to help carry out a few property-related checks?

They are easy to do and full training will be provided.

Tasks would include checking fire extinguishers are in place, first aid kits stocked and in place, etc.

If interested in finding out more, please contact Graham Hart 07484 376668.



Pray for Bibleless people groups around the world to encounter the love of God.
95% of the Vures people of Papua New Guinea identify as Christian, but they don't have any Scripture. Pray this will change.

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LADIES!



On Monday 18th October we will be finishing the study of Ruth.
Even if you haven't been along to the previous studies you will be most welcome to come and learn together.
Doors open at 7.20pm, bring a cuppa, Bible, notebook and pens.

50th Anniversary of the Bowling Club!



This week we marked the 50th Anniversary of our Bowling Club, with a presentation to a very special couple, Robert & Aileen McCowan, who have been involved from the beginning back in 1971.



The Bowling Club meets every Tuesday at 7pm and loves to encourage new members! No experience required, only a sense of fun! Ask the church office for further details.



Harry is hanging up his mop!

We are saddened to announce that after 10+ years as our caretaker, Harry McLean is stepping down at the end of October.

If you would like to contribute to a gift for Harry, please label your envelope "Gift for Harry" and hand it in via the offering plate on Sunday or the Church Office.

Alternatively you are welcome to give online with the same reference.

****A temporary post will be advertised shortly, please consider anyone who may be interested****

Saturday Prayer

Saturdays 8-9am

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

Sunday Moderator *Pray for the Moderator as he participates in the service of thanksgiving today at St Anne's Cathedral, celebrating 60 years of the Belfast Samaritans. Pray for all those in distress or despair or who experience suicidal feelings, that they may have the courage to ask for the help they need. Give thanks for the many Samaritans volunteers; pray that they may have the necessary strength, stamina and continuing compassion in every interaction.*

Encouraged by God in worship *Ask God to encourage his people in worship today, helping us look back with thankfulness and look forward in hope, anticipating his ongoing presence with us.*

Monday Diane Cusick (global mission in Zambia) *Pray for the Early Childhood Development centres in Livingstone, Monze and Mazabuka – for the children not only to have fun through play, but to learn that Jesus loves them.*

Zambia *Pray for CCAP Synod of Zambia as they hold their bi-annual General Administrative Committee meeting this week. Pray for wisdom as they make plans for the coming year. Pray for Diane as she presents a report on Early Childhood Development and assists the Synod with other presentations.*

Tuesday Sonya Anderson (deaconess in Shore St, Donaghadee) *Give thanks for the children's and adults' groups that are beginning to meet in person. Pray that God will use these gatherings to restore a sense of community and that people will be encouraged in their faith. Pray for wisdom as the congregation seeks a new minister.*

Kilkenny *Give thanks for fresh beginnings with the induction of Rev Jonathan Currie last month as minister, and a great openness to the preaching of God's Word. As restrictions further ease, pray for discernment about what activities to restart and when to restart them.*

Wednesday Russia *Pray for staff and students at the Christian University of St Petersburg, for improvements in its finances and the challenges connected to new Russian legislation. Pray for strength and vision for pastors who are former students of the university as they minister.*

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 pandemic restrictions.*

Thursday Norman Harrison (hospital chaplain) *Pray for Norman as he serves as chaplain in the Royal Group of Hospitals and as lead chaplain in the Northern Trust. Pray for strength and encouragement for Norman, and that through him God will speak to many patients, relatives and hospital staff.*

Limerick *Pray for God's blessing on the work and witness of the United Presbyterian and Methodist congregation of Limerick. Pray especially for Rev Stephen Hancock, the church council and leaders.*

Friday Social Witness *Pray for the managers of our homes and units as they deal with many tasks on a daily basis. There is a shortage of staff right across the care sector at present, which is affecting both the public and private sector. Pray that staffing levels rise and recruitment drives are successful.*

Retail | *Give thanks for those who work in retail and who have continued to provide for our daily needs in recent months. Pray that God would grant them grace, patience and stamina as they work long hours and serve customers who may be experiencing their own hassles and stress.*

Saturday General Council *As the marking of the centenary of the foundation of Northern Ireland remains a sensitive issue, pray for the Moderator and the other church leaders, as they collectively lead a service of worship in St Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh.*

Linkage Commission *The Linkage Commission meets on Tuesday. Three congregations are due to ask permission to call a minister. Pray for the Commission, and its convener James Livingstone, as it seeks to allocate resources across PCI at a time when the number of available ministers is low and falling.*

WHAT'S ON

Fridays	10am	Needle & Natter
	10am	Bowls Practice
	6-7pm	GB Explorers
	7.15-9.15pm	GB Company Section
Saturdays	8-9am	Saturday Prayer Meeting
	7.15-9.15pm	Youth Club
Sundays	11am	Morning Service
	11am	Kids Crew
	11am	Creche
	7-8.30pm	Youth Fellowship
Mon 18th	7.30pm	Empowered Bible Study
	8pm	Badminton Club
Tuesdays	6.30-7.30pm	CE
	7-9pm	Indoor Bowls
Wednesdays	8pm	Wednesday Worship
Thursdays	6-7pm	BB Anchor Boys
	7-8.30pm	BB Junior Section
	7.15-9.15pm	BB Company Section

What's your favourite verse of Scripture? Has a certain verse brought you great comfort recently which you'd like to share with others? Let the office know and we'll print it here, anonymously if you wish. Here's a great one to get us started:

"Don't be afraid. Just stand still and watch the Lord rescue you today.... The LORD himself will fight for you. Just stay calm" Exodus 14:13-14