

and grandchildren are going to learn in RE lessons in the future are encouraged to respond. The consultation closes on 30th September at 11.59pm. To read it and have your say on it, follow this link: <https://www.education-ni.gov.uk/consultations/consultation-religious-education-core-syllabus>

REACH Football camp
REACH are excited to announce that our football camp is planned for 20th-23rd July!! Registration is now open. Details and registration at the following link, <https://buytickets.at/reach/2239724> Also, if you would be willing and able to help, coaching or otherwise that week, please speak to Michael. A training evening is planned for Monday 6 July (note the change of date!).

Grant Award - Work to Halls
Good news! We have been successful in applying for a grant, the Northern Ireland Community Infrastructure Fund from the Department of Communities and the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs. The grant award is for projects up to a value of £50,000, of which we have been awarded the maximum of £40,000. We are required to make up the £10,000 shortfall out of church funds. This will be used to do some urgent repairs to the hall roof and guttering, which will hopefully help with the water penetration to the halls. The works will be completed over the summer months. Scaffolding will be required around part of the hall, however access will be maintained to and from the hall using the normal routes. We would like to thank the various organisations that sent in letters of support for the grant application.

'Harvest Fete' - Saturday 3rd October
Save the date and start prepping for our 'Harvest Fete' - Saturday 3rd October. From fresh vegetables and homemade cakes to delicious preserves and creative crafts, there will be something for everyone to enjoy! Our church is delighted to host a 'Harvest Fete' this year, and we would love as many people as possible to take part. Now is the perfect time to start planting, baking, and creating, so you can share your talents and join in the fun. We look forward to a wonderful day of community, competition, and harvest joy!

<u>ROTAS</u>	
<u>Church Stewarding Rota</u>	
July	Maurice Murphy, Colin Rea
August	Brian Donaghy, Judith McGeown
<u>Collection Rota</u>	
Manse side (July).....	Thomas Dripps
Town side (July).....	Colin Rea
Gallery (July).....	Jim Donaghy, Maurice Murphy
Manse side (August).....	Margaret Hamilton
Town side (August).....	Norman Purdy
Gallery (August)	Chris McKnight, Norman Wilson
<u>FWO Rota</u>	
This week	Clarke Faulkner
Next week	Bob Agnew
<u>Sound Desk Rota</u>	
Today.....	David Hartley
Next week	Stephen Park
<u>Junior Church Rota</u>	
Today.....	Pauline Brown, Rachel Brown
Next Week.....	Naomi Ferguson, Rachel Johnston
<u>Crèche Rota</u>	
Today.....	Sandra Black, Naomi Ferguson
Next Sunday	Nicola Cheevers, Gillian Lyle

You can keep up with all that is going on in church life by following our Facebook page, subscribing to our YouTube channel, or visiting our website: www.firstcookstown.co.uk

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First Cookstown
Knowing Jesus, making Jesus known

Weekly Bulletin
Sunday 12 July 2026

“Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.” Psalm 25:6

We warmly welcome you to worship this morning on this first day of another week, whether you are part of our church family, here in First Cookstown, or just visiting with us.

We hope that as we worship together we will encounter God and experience the hope and assurance of the Gospel and the relevance of God’s word in our world today.

If you’re new to First Cookstown, we do hope you have been made welcome at the door and someone helped you get your bearings. Maybe you are new to the area and you are looking for a local church where you can feel at home.

Catechism Corner will return in September

Praise	
AM	PM
Psalm 130 Lord from the depths	IPH 85 God our strength and refuge
IPH 210 I’m special	IPH 621 Lord the light of your love is shining
God sent His Son (because He lives)	Turn your eyes upon Jesus
IPH 89 Great is Thy faithfulness	IPH 241 The Lord is King

Today 11:00 am 6:00 pm	Morning Service: Revd Michael Currie; “The Christian Battlefield #1 Guilt” Psalm 32 Evening Service Revd Michael Currie; “Paul in Idol city” Acts 1:1-34 (this service will be in the church sanctuary. There will be a cup of tea served afterwards in the Morrison room)
Monday 2:00 pm 6:00 pm 6:30 pm 7:00 pm	Unfortunately there will be NO Friends at First Craft & Chat this month, as it falls on 13th July, but we look forward to seeing everybody on Monday 10th August. Squirrel Scouts will resume in September. Cub Scouts will resume in September. Beaver Scouts will resume in September.

Tuesday

10:30 am
7:45 pm

Prayer Time in the Morrison Room.

First Cookstown Bowling Club: Our meetings resume in September, when we look forward to welcoming you to join with us once again!

Wednesday

10:30 am
6:30 pm
8:00 pm

NO Bible Study.

Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Rangers in *The Loft* and halls.

Congregational Committee meet in the Morrison Room.

Thursday

8:00 pm

Prayer Meeting in the Minister's Room.

Next Sunday

10:15 am
10:50 am
11:00 am

Sunday School and Bible Class will resume in September.

Prayer Time in the Minister's room until 11:10 am.

Morning Service: Revd Michael Currie; The Christian Battlefield #1 Image - Colossians 3:1-14 32 (there will be a congregational meeting after worship)

6:00 pm

Evening Service Revd Michael Currie; "Acts 17:14-34 "Paul in Athens - Resurrection Reaction" (this service will be in the church sanctuary. There will be a cup of tea served afterwards in the Morrison room)

Looking ahead...

Monday 10/8/26
Sunday 6/9/26
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Sunday 13/8/26

Friends at First Craft & Chat

Back to school with God family service @ 11:30 am.

Evening Communion Service

Sunday School & Bible Class will recommence.

Bereavement

It is with regret that we announce the death of Miss Dorothy Hamilton of Fairfields Nursing home and formerly of 77 Beechway, Cookstown, who passed away peacefully in the Antrim Area hospital on Thursday evening, 9th July 2026. A funeral service will take place this afternoon, 12th July 2026 at Steensons Funeral Home which will be followed by burial in Cookstown Cemetery.

Safeguarding

We are delighted to announce that from now on Mr Stephen Park will be our Designated Person and Louise Reid will be our Deputy Designated Person. We thank them for their willingness to take up this vital role within the life and witness of our church and we wish them God's blessing as they take up these respective roles. Their contact details are as follows: Stephen ([07763 119783](tel:07763119783) / dp@firstcookstown.co.uk) and Louise ([07765 93081](tel:0776593081) / ddp@firstcookstown.co.uk) These details will be displayed in due course, and we encourage you to hold them in prayer. We also pay tribute to our previous Designated Person team of Derek Short and Lynne Dripps, sincerely thanking them for their service over the past number of years.

Burger Stall

Make sure you pay a visit to our burger stall outside the manse on the Moneymore Road and encourage your friends to do the same tomorrow, at the twelfth parade.

Membership Classes

Membership classes will be held in the autumn, in preparation for our November communion service. If you would be interested in being a communicant member, please speak to Michael. Classes can be arranged to suit whoever comes along.

Ruth's Ramblings

Ruth Mahood's latest update is now available from either vestibule table.

Church Gates

It is requested that anyone opening or closing the gates into the church car park, please ensure that the gates are properly secured in either the open or closed position at all times, and not left free to move accidentally. Everyone's cooperation in this matter is appreciated. Thank you.

Scout Leaders required (urgently)

As you may be aware, the Scout Section of 1st Cookstown Scout Group (11-14 year olds) has not been able to run for the past 2 years as we haven't been able to find leaders. This situation gives us great concern. If there is anyone who would feel able to undertake the role with 1/2 others please contact Margaret Hamilton ([07880 975337](tel:07880975337)) or Colin Rea ([07761 229052](tel:07761229052)) for details.

Prayer Requests

If anyone has any requests for prayer, please contact Lynne Dripps on 07901 691093.

REACH

The REACH team, made up of volunteers from the local churches, have started a night-time street outreach ministry. If you would be interested in being involved, or would like some more information please speak to Michael.

Congregational Walk

A congregational walk has been organised for Saturday 19th September along the North Coast from Portstewart to Portrush and back. We plan to meet at the harbour end of Portstewart promenade at 11:00am, and return by early afternoon. You are encouraged to bring a packed lunch and we will eat together at the West strand in Portrush at 12:30pm. If you can meet in Portstewart that would be great, alternatively if enough people wish to travel by bus, we can arrange to hire one. Everyone will be made very welcome and are encouraged to join with us on the day.

Summer Services

Just to remind everyone that the morning services in the months of July and August will start at the earlier time of 11:00am. Also, as in previous years, we will have joint evening services. We will host July when Molesworth will join with us and Molesworth will host in August when we will join with them. We hope to have a cup of tea afterwards.

Parking

Work continues on the old manse. This means that the back yard is no longer available for additional parking.

Football

A group from the local churches regularly meet on Friday evenings at MUSA to play football. If you would be interested, contact Michael for more information.

Women's Book Study

Women are encouraged to take a copy of Cheryl Marshall's book, entitled "all of me", for a read over the summer. Later in the year a study will be held based on the book, so if you are happy to leave a contact number on the sign up sheet when you pick up your copy that would be appreciated. Even if you don't think you will make the study, feel free to take a book.

Men's Book Study

In the Autumn, as part of our Men's Fellowship, we hope to complete the study material that accompanies Matt Fuller's book, entitled *Reclaiming Masculinity*. From next Sunday (dv), all men can sign up and collect a copy to read over the summer months in preparation for later in the year. Even if you can't make the study, you are welcome to take a copy as it will be well worth reading.

General Assembly

You can access the review of this year's General Assembly following the link: presbyterianireland.org/ga26 or by using the QR code.



RE Lessons Public consultation

Back in February, the Education Minister announced that there was to be a review and update of the content of RE following the ruling of the Supreme Court that RE in Northern Ireland was unlawful. A drafting group was set up to revise and rewrite the content, the first draft of the new Core Syllabus has been released for public viewing. This is not the final version and is open for public consultation meaning we can read it and respond with our thoughts and suggestions for improvement. Anyone with an interest in what our children