

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.

Sperrin Choir Concerts

The Sperrin Choir, under the direction of Sam Cuddy, will take you on a walk down memory lane with their presentation of a "Soundtrack through the decades" on Thursday 7th May and Friday 8th May, each evening at 8pm in the Burnavon Theatre. The choir will perform well-known pop anthems from the 70s to the noughties. Special guest on Thursday is guitarist Revd David Bell and on Friday the choir will be joined by Sperrin Kidz and Sperrin Youth Choir. Tickets are available online or at the box office.

ROTAS

Church Stewarding Rota

May Brian Donaghy, Margaret Hamilton
June..... Robert Hamilton, Moira Shaw

Collection Rota

Manse side (May)..... Keith Hamilton
Town side (May)..... Gary McKeown
Gallery (May) Trevor Crooks, Norman Wilson
Manse side (June) Moira Shaw
Town side (June) David Hartley
Gallery (June) Robert Hamilton, Heather Parke

FWO Rota

This week..... Robert Hamilton Next week..... Brian Donaghy

Sound Desk Rota

Today..... Andrew Johnston Next week..... David Hartley

Junior Church Rota

Today..... Victoria McKnight, Andrea Harkness
Next Week Nicola Cheevers, Rachel Johnston, Timothy Johnston

Crèche Rota

Today..... Helen Black, Sandra Hunter
Next Sunday..... Sharon Crooks, Naomi Ferguson



First Cookstown

Knowing Jesus, making Jesus known

Weekly Bulletin
Sunday 3 May 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

- Q12. What special act of providence did God exercise toward man in the estate wherein he was created?
- A. When God had created man, he entered into a covenant of life with him, upon condition of perfect obedience; forbidding him to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, upon the pain of death.

Praise

AM

IPH 25 Immortal invisible
Blessed be the name of the Lord
IPH 457 Breathe on me breath of God
Bless the Lord O my soul (10,000 reasons)

PM

I sing the mighty power of God
IPH 98 The King of love my shepherd is
IPH 168 Focus my eyes on You O Lord
IPH 530 Yield not to temptation

Today

- 11:30 am **Morning Service:** Revd Michael Currie; Matthew 9:6b This then is how you should pray, "Hallowed be Your Name" (a cup of tea will be served afterwards in the church hall)
- 6:00 pm **Evening Service:** Revd Michael Currie; Psalm 119:97-104 "Why we need a love for God's Word"

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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Monday

6:00 pm **NO** meeting for **Squirrel Scouts** this week.

6:30 pm **NO** meeting for **Cub Scouts** this week.

7:00 pm **NO** meeting for **Beaver Scouts** this week.

Tuesday

10:30 am **Prayer Time** in the Morrison Room.

7:45 pm **First Cookstown Bowling Club:** Our meetings resume in September, when we look forward to welcoming you to join with us once again!

8:00 pm **Kirk Session** meet in the Morrison Room.

Wednesday

10:30 am **NO Bible Study** this week.

6:30 pm **Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Rangers** in *The Loft* and halls.

8:00 pm **Pre-communion** in the sanctuary “Servant Song #4 part 2” Isaiah 53:1-6.

Thursday

8:00 pm **Prayer Meeting** in the Minister’s Room.

Next Sunday

10:15 am **Sunday School and Bible Class.**

10:50 am **Prayer Time** in the Minister’s room until 11:10 am.

11:30 am **Morning Service:** Revd Michael Currie; This then is how you should pray, “Your kingdom come” Matthew 6:10 (we will celebrate the sacrament of the Lord’s Table)

12:30 pm **Holiday Bible Club 2026** will run from Monday 22nd June to Friday 26th June, with a celebration family service on the Sunday. A brief **planning meeting** will be held after church. If you are willing to be involved please do come along.

6:00 pm **Evening Service** Revd Michael Currie; “When God’s Word becomes clear” Psalm 119:105-112

Looking ahead...

Tuesday 12/5/26 **Finance Sub-Committee** meeting at 7:15 pm in the church office.

Tuesday 12/5/26 **Congregational Committee** meeting in the Morrison Room at 8 pm. A full attendance is requested, if possible.

Sunday 7/6/25 **Children’s Day** (note this is a week earlier than usual)

Monday 22/6/26 **Holiday Bible Club** week, until Friday 26/6/26.

Sunday 28/6/26 **Holiday Bible Club celebration family service.**

Congregational Treasurer Contact Details

Congregational Treasurer: Brian Donaghy

Contact: 07912 562888 (preferably after 6pm week-days or anytime at the weekend)

Email: b.donaghy@yahoo.co.uk

Christmas Carol Festival

There are still a few items from the Carol Festival left in the minster’s room. If these belong to you could you collect them, thank you.

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.

Summer Mission Teams

Could those heading off on summer mission teams please let Michael know the details, where you are going, who are you going with and when, thank you.

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 meet each Friday evening at MUSA to play football. If you would be interested, contact Michael for more information.

'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!

Cookstown High School

As part of the school’s 220th anniversary celebrations there will be a special Heritage Exhibition celebrating the rich history and traditions of both the Intermediate and High School community on Saturday 16th May from 11:00am – 4:00pm. This special exhibition will showcase historic photographs, newspaper articles and a range of fascinating items from the school archives, offering a unique glimpse into the life and legacy of Cookstown High School through the decades. Afternoon Tea will also be available throughout the day and will include tea, coffee or juice, vegetable soup with wheaten bread, a selection of sandwiches, and freshly baked scones. To help us gauge numbers, please complete the booking form if you intend to stay for afternoon tea. Cost: Adults: £13, Children: £8. We warmly invite past pupils, families and members of the wider community to join us for this celebration of 220 years of Cookstown High School and the memories that continue to define it.

Old Manse Update

The vast majority of the external work has been completed to the Old Manse. This includes new roof slating, replacement of flat roofs, the rebuilding of chimneys, lead encapsulation of the front parapet and bay roofs. There has been cleaning, repointing and repairs to the front elevation stonework as well as replacement lime rendering to the side and rear elevations. Internally repairs to plasterwork are nearly complete. First fix electrical and plumbing have been carried out. We have been very fortunate to be awarded a grant of £8,000 from the Department for Communities - Historic Environment Fund towards the roof repair works.