

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.

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.

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 Bob Agnew Next week Lynne Dripps
(July - Dec Counting Team Rota is now available to view in office)

Sound Desk Rota

Today..... David Hartley Next week Stephen Park

Junior Church Rota

Today..... Jennifer Park, Sandra Hunter
Next Week..... Children's Day - Family Service

Crèche Rota

Today..... Julie Anne Bell, Judith Mitchell
Next Sunday..... Judith McGeown, Paula Faulkner



First Cookstown

Knowing Jesus, making Jesus known

Weekly Bulletin

Sunday 31 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

Q16. Did all mankind fall in Adam's first transgression?

A. The covenant being made with Adam, not only for himself, but for his posterity; all mankind, descending from him by ordinary generation, sinned in him, and fell with him, in his first transgression.

Praise

AM

IPH 486 Amazing Grace
Deep & Wide

IPH 192 There is a Redeemer

What love could remember (His mercy...)

PM

IPH 514 My heart is filled with thankfulness
IPH 427 When I survey

IPH 407 How deep the Father's love

What gift of grace (yet not I)

Today

11:30 am **Morning Service:** Revd Michael Currie; When you pray, say “forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.” Matthew 6:12 (could members of Kirk Session meet briefly in the Morrison Room after worship)

6:00 pm **Evening Service** Revd Michael Currie; “When the Word brings Wonder & Weeping” Psalm 119:129-136

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 **Squirrel Scouts** meet in the halls until 6:55 pm.

6:30 pm **Cub Scouts** meet in the halls until 8:00 pm.

7:00 pm **Beaver Scouts** meet in the halls until 8:00 pm.

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!

Wednesday

10:30 am **Bible Study** in the Morrison Room (handouts available).

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

8:00 pm **NO Evening Bible Study** this week.

Thursday

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

Saturday

10:00 am The monthly **Friends at First Coffee & Chat Morning** happens on between 10 am and 12 noon. Please come along and bring a friend.

7:30 pm **Praise Night:** Come along, praising God in song to raise money in support for Timothy Johnston, going on an **Exodus mission trip** to Spain this summer. Donations are greatly appreciated and will go towards the work in Barcelona. Tea and coffee will be served afterwards in the church hall.

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 **Children's Day:** Revd Michael Currie; "The Fruit of the Spirit" Galatians 5. Tea / coffee will be available in the church hall following this service.

6:00 pm **Evening Service** Revd Michael Currie; "The Righteous Word of the Righteous God" Psalm 119:137-144

Looking ahead...

Monday 8/6/26 **Friends at First Craft & Chat** meets in the Minor Hall. Come along, enjoy a coffee and do some craft. We are making items to sell at the Harvest Fate to raise funds for the Building Fund or if you've got a personal craft project, bring it along to work on. You can, of course, just come along for the chat. Everybody will be made very welcome.

Friday 12/6/26 **Car Treasure Hunt**—cars leaving the church car park between 7 and 7:45pm.

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

Saturday 27/6/26 **Youth end-of-school-year fun night**, 7-9pm.

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

Presbyterian Herald

The Herald is now offering a 6-month trial subscription for £10, including 5 issues from July/ August 2026 to December/January 2027. To avail of this offer through your congregation, please speak to our Herald agent Philip Leonard, or alternatively you can sign up at: herald@presbyterianireland.org

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.

Children's Day Service

Next Sunday, 7th June 2026 is our annual Children's Day Service, when envelope donations and loose offering is collected for the work of the Presbyterian Children's Society. Envelopes are available today in both the front vestibule and rear porch and will be available in pews next week.

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.

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.

Christmas Carol Festival

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

Holiday Bible Club 2026

This year's Holiday Bible Club will run from Monday 22nd June to Friday 26th June, with a celebration family service on the Sunday. You can sign up using this QR code, or the following link: forms.gle/cHkoCZSw65pSfqa9



Prayer Requests

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

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.

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.

'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!