

### 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.

### 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.

### 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 ..... Brian Donaghy    Next week ..... Brian Donaghy

#### Sound Desk Rota

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

#### Junior Church Rota

Today ..... Nicola Cheevers, Rachel Johnston, Timothy Johnston  
Next Week ..... Nicola Cheevers, Sandra McKeown

#### Crèche Rota

Today ..... Sharon Crooks, Naomi Ferguson  
Next Sunday ..... Gillian Lyle, TBC

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](http://www.firstcookstown.co.uk)

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## First Cookstown

Knowing Jesus, making Jesus known

## Weekly Bulletin Sunday 10 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

Q13. Did our first parents continue in the estate wherein they were created?  
A. Our first parents, being left to the freedom of their own will, fell from the estate wherein they were created, by sinning against God.

### Praise

#### AM

IPH 610 The kingdom of God is justice...  
IPH 270 Jesus loves me  
IPH 266 Break now the bread of life  
IPH 383 Here O my Lord

#### PM

IPH 567 Rise up, O Church of God  
IPH 120 In heavenly love abiding  
IPH 93 Lord, I come before your throne...  
IPH 491 Be Thou my vision

### Today

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 (Communion will be served in the Minister’s Room immediately afterwards, for those unable to attend the morning)

### **Monday**

2:00 pm **Friends at First Craft & Chat** meets from 2pm to 4pm. Come along and enjoy the chat, have a cup of tea and work on some craft. You don't have to be good at craft and you can bring your own project if you want. It's all a bit of fun and fellowship together.

6:30 pm **Squirrel and Beavers** meet **together** in the halls until 7:30 pm.

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

### **Tuesday**

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

7:15 pm **Finance Sub-Committee** meeting in the church office.

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 **Congregational Committee** meet in the Morrison Room.

### **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 **Bible Study** in the Morrison Room (repeated).

### **Thursday**

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

### **Saturday**

8:40 am **Beaver Scouts** meet for Beaver Rally Day.

### **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 will be done on earth as it is in heaven” Matthew 6:10b

6:00 pm **Evening Service** Revd Michael Currie; “When it is good to fear the Lord” Psalm 119:113-120

### **Looking ahead...**

Thursday 28/5/26 **PCI Safeguarding Training** will be held in Molesworth Presbyterian Church at 7:00pm (registration from 6:30pm). This is the first of the new training that will be delivered and all volunteers are encouraged to attend.

Saturday 6/6/25 **Praise Night:** Come along @ 7:30pm, praising God in song to raise money in support for Timothy Johnston 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.

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.

### **Home Communion**

Home Communion will be available for those with legitimate reasons for not being able to attend worship. Please contact your district elder or Michael with any requests.

### **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!

### **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.