

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!

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

June Robert Hamilton, Alastair Henry
 July..... Maurice Murphy, Colin Rea

Collection Rota

Manse side (June) Chris Kerr
 Town side (June) David Hartley
 Gallery (June)..... Robert Hamilton, Heather Parke
 Manse side (July) Thomas Dripps
 Town side (July) Colin Rea
 Gallery (July)..... Jim Donaghy, Maurice Murphy

FWO Rota

This week Lynne Dripps Next week..... Stephen Park

(July - Dec Counting Team Rota is now available to view in office)

Sound Desk Rota

Today Stephen Park Next week..... Andrew Johnston

Junior Church Rota

Today Children's Day - Family Service
 Next Week..... Jennifer Park, Andrea Getty

Crèche Rota

Today Judith McGeown, Paula Faulkner
 Next Sunday Sharon Crooks, Victoria McKnight

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 7 June 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

Q17. Into what estate did the fall bring mankind?
 A. The fall brought mankind into an estate of sin and misery.

Praise

AM

This is the day
 Give me oil in my lamp
 Jesus strong and kind
 This little light of mine

PM

IPH 515 My hope is built on nothing less
 IPH 485 All I once held dear
 Come Holy Ghost our hears inspire
 Jehovah Tsidkenu

Today

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

Monday

2:00 pm **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.

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 **NO Bible Study** this week.

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.

Friday

7:00 pm **Car Treasure Hunt**—cars leaving the church car park up until 7:45pm.

Next Sunday

10:15 am **Sunday School and Bible Class** will resume in September.

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

11:30 am **Morning Service:** Revd Michael Currie; When you pray say, "And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil" Matthew 6:13

6:00 pm **Evening Service** Revd Michael Currie; "God's Promises Never Fail" Psalm 119:145 -152

Looking ahead...

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.

Loose Offering

Our loose offering today will go to towards the work of The Presbyterian Children's Society, which exists to support Presbyterian children in Ireland and works mainly through Ministers to alleviate poverty and financial hardship. The society is currently assisting 910 children in 440 families in over 200 congregations and remains ready to respond should Ministers identify others who face immediate challenges and pressures.

Children's Day Service

Presbyterian Children's Society envelopes are available in the front vestibule, rear porch and in the pews. If you are a UK tax-payer, please complete the details on the envelope to enable the church to claim Gift Aid to add to our donation to PCS this year. The loose offering this morning will also go to the Presbyterian Children's Society. Our church donation will include all envelope donations received on or before next Sunday 14 June 2026. (You can find out about the work of PCS at <http://presbyterianchildrensociety.org>).

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.

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 minster'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.

REACH Football camp

REACH are excited to announce that our football camp is planned for 20th-23rd July!! Registration opens at 6:00pm this Monday evening (8th). 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 Tuesday 30th June.

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