

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

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 David Hartley Next week Robert Hamilton

Sound Desk Rota

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

Junior Church Rota

Today..... Family Service
Next Week..... Alison Currie, Sandra Henry

Crèche Rota

Today..... Gillian Lyle, Jo Nicholl
Next Sunday..... Katie Wilson, Jennifer Faulkner



First Cookstown

Knowing Jesus, making Jesus known

Weekly Bulletin

Sunday 28 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 will return in September

Praise

AM

Bless the Lord O my soul (10,000 reasons)
Our God is a great big God
IPH 558 I want to walk with Jesus Christ
Yet not I but through Christ in me

PM

IPH 160 Glory be to God the Father
IPH 452 King of kings, majesty
IPH 488 As the deer pants
IPH 123 Like a river glorious

Today

11:30 am

Holiday Bible Club Family Service: Everyone is invited to bring along a packed lunch and join us afterwards at Loughry College for our annual church picnic. Access to the College grounds is the same as last year: Enter the college via the main entrance; Drive towards the barrier and just before you reach it take the turning to the right. Do not enter the car park. Keep right until the road turns left and follow this road. You will soon find the sports field and parking area.

6:00 pm

Evening Service Revd Michael Currie; “Dependant upon grace in the now and in what is yet to come” Psalm 119:161-176

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

6:30 pm

7:00 pm

Tuesday

10:30 am

7:45 pm

Wednesday

10:30 am

6:30 pm

Thursday

8:00 pm

Saturday

10:00 am

Squirrel Scouts will resume in September.

Cub Scouts will resume in September.

Beaver Scouts will resume in September.

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!

Bible Study in the Morrison Room.

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

Prayer Meeting in the Minister's Room.

Another month has flown by and **Friends at First** have their monthly **Coffee & Chat** from 10am to 12noon. We always have some lovely home baked treats to enjoy with the tea and coffee, and the chat is always good. Everybody will always be made very welcome.

Next Sunday

10:15 am

10:50 am

11:00 am

6:00 pm

Sunday School and Bible Class will resume in September.

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

Morning Service (There will be a cup of tea served afterwards in the church hall)

Evening Service Revd Michael Currie; " Acts 17:14-34 "Paul arrives in Athens"

Looking ahead...

Tuesday 8/7/26

Monday 13/7/26

Kirk Session meeting in the Morrison Room @ 8pm.

Unfortunately there won't be the **Friends at First Craft & Chat** in July, as it falls on 13th July, but we look forward to seeing everybody on Monday 10th August.

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.

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.

Prayer Requests

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

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.

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!](#)).

'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!