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.

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.

Annual Memorial Service

The 8th County Tyrone Battalion of the UDR C.G.C. will hold their annual memorial service on Sunday 22nd November (today) at 3:00pm in St. Anne's Parish Church, Dungannon. Refreshments will be served in the main hall afterwards.

Bible Society Northern Ireland

Any child born during 2026 can receive a free Bible in their 1st and 5th birthdays, courtesy of the Bible Society Northern Ireland. Registration will be open until 31st January 2027 via the following link: https://www.biblesocietyni.co.uk/bibles-for-babies

ROTAS

Church Stewarding Rota

November ..... Robert Hamilton, Alastair Henry
December ..... Ronnie Nicholl, Moira Shaw

Collection Rota

Manse side (November) ..... Glen Morton
Town side (November) ..... David Hartley
Gallery (November) ..... Robert Hamilton, Heather Park
Manse side (December) ..... Moira Shaw
Town side (December) ..... John Topping
Gallery (December) ..... Paul Ferguson, Ronnie Nicholl

FWO Rota

This week ..... David McDowell Next week ..... David Hartley

Sound Desk Rota

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

Junior Church Rota

Today ..... Nativity Helpers
Next Week ..... Nativity Helpers

Crèche Rota

Today ..... Jennifer Faulkner, Joan Park
Next Sunday ..... Rachel Johnston, Sandra Black

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 22 November 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.

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Catechism Corner

Q28. Wherein consisteth Christ's exaltation?

A. Christ's exaltation consisteth in his rising again from the dead on the third day, in ascending up into heaven, in sitting at the right hand of God the Father, and in coming to judge the world at the last day.

Praise

AM	**PM**
IPH 492 Before the throne of God above	You're the Word of God the Father
I've got peace like a river	Thank you for the Cross Lord
IPH 452 King of kings, majesty	Jesus strong and kind
Yet not I but through Christ in me	My God is all I need

Today

11:30 am **Morning Service:** Revd Michael Currie - Romans 3:9-20 "None are Righteous"

12:30 pm **Youth Group:** Brief practice after the morning service for a first run through the piece for Christmas.

6:00 pm **Evening Service:** Revd Michael Currie - Malachi 3:13-18 "A book of remembrance"

8:00 pm **Joint Youth Fellowship** (everyone will meet out at Sandholes).

Monday

6:00 pm **Squirrel Scouts** in the halls (6:00 - 6:55 pm).
6:30 pm **Cub Scouts** in the halls (6:30 - 8:00 pm).
7:00 pm **Beaver Scouts** in the halls (7:00 - 8:00 pm).

Tuesday

10:30 am **Prayer Time** in the Morrison Room.
7:45 pm **First Cookstown Bowling Club:** First Bowlers meet every Tuesday night from 7.45pm. We are a group of men and women who come together to play some bowls, chat and have a cup of tea. We can supply bowls, so if you'd like to come and try it, you will be made very welcome.
8:00 pm **Kirk Session** meeting in the Morrison Room.

Wednesday

6:30 pm **Guides** meet in the main hall, 6:30—8:00 pm.
8:00 pm **Bible Study and Prayer meeting** in the Morrison 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 - Romans 3:21-31 "God's Righteousness Revealed"
6:00 pm **Evening Service:** Revd Michael Currie - Malachi 4:1-6 "Remember the Law and Wait for the Lord"
7:00 pm **Youth Fellowship** meet in *The Loft*.

Looking ahead…

Sunday 20/12/26 **Nativity Service** @ 11:30 am.
Sunday 20/12/26 **Carols by Candlelight Service** @ 6 pm.
Friday 25/12/26 **Christmas Morning Service** @ 10:30 am.

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Fire Drill

It is intended to hold a fire drill after worship on Sunday 22nd November (today). After the benediction, instead of leaving as normal, the congregation should wait in their seats until the alarms sound. Once the alarm sounds, the congregation should then evacuate the building promptly and calmly until the building is empty. The Creche and Children's Church will not be effected, and parents can collect their children as normal after the evacuation. After leaving the building, there is no need to remain on site and everyone may continue on as normal.

Youth Fellowship

This evening is a joint meeting in Sandholes at 8:15pm. Come along to hear all the details. Speaker - Jordan Haffey. Topic - " Where do I belong? -living in a world that is not our home."

Prayer Requests

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

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Appeal

We would like to thank all who brought shoeboxes for our Samaritans Purse Christmas Child Shoebox Appeal. 46 shoeboxes and a sum of money were delivered to the drop off centre last Wednesday evening. We want to thank the Scout Group, who once again donated the printed Samaritans Purse shoeboxes.

Table Quiz

Campaigners Youth & Children's Ministry are holding a table quiz on Saturday 5 December at 7:30 pm in Claggan Presbyterian Church Hall. £5 per person—max 6 per team. All welcome. Refreshments provided

Hope Explored

REACH are running the three week course, Hope Explored, this month on Monday 23rd/30th in room 2 in Cookstown Leisure centre. This is a tremendous opportunity to bring someone along, to ask any question about the Christian faith or simply to sit and listen.

Child Protection Training

All members of the congregation, who work with children and young people, are required to undertake PCI Child Protection Training every 3 years. Those members of the congregation who attended training at Molesworth in May 2026, or Dungannon or First Cookstown in October 2026 are now fully trained until 2029.

Everyone else is required to complete the new training during 2027 to enable them to continue to work with children or young people. Anyone who does not attend training during 2027 will be unable to continue their work with until they are re-trained.

One training date for members of churches within Tyrone Presbytery is available at First Magherafelt on 2 February 2027. Places are limited and half of them have already been booked since Monday. Those who need training are encouraged to book their training as soon as possible at https://presbyterianireland.org/safeguarding/safeguarding-for-northern-ireland/northern-ireland-safeguarding-training

Training must be booked individually on the PCI website, and no group booking is possible.

PCI have indicated that there will be more training later in 2027 for those who cannot attend this round of training, but no further details are yet available."

INSPIRE Magazine Subscription

Anyone wishing to start a subscription for the INSPIRE magazine, or to cancel an existing subscription, please contact Rachel Johnston on 07732 107352 or johnstonrachel77@gmail.com The cost of the annual subscription for 2027 remains at £10.00 (4 issues), or the digital copy of the magazine can be purchased online for £2.50 per magazine. Could I have payments by Sunday 6th December, please and thank you.

Irish Men's Convention

Saturday 6th March 2027 sees the 10th anniversary of the convention. Speaker - Andy Gemmill. Tickets - £23:00 (early bird price) currently on sale. Anyone interested in attending please speak to Michael.

Christmas Brunch

Please put this in your diaries now: Friends at First invite you to a Christmas Brunch in the hall on Saturday 5th December at 11am. All will be made very welcome to come and enjoy the fellowship along with some food.

Old Manse Update (26th September 2026)

Work has been ongoing at the manse. The second fix joinery and electrics are nearly complete. Some floors are being tiled, a new kitchen will soon be installed and the internal painting has commenced. We are currently in negotiations with a potential tenant, with the hope that the property will be fully let before the end of the year.