

### **Scout Leaders required (urgently)**

As you may be aware, the Scout Section of 1st Cookstown Scout Group (11-14year 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.

### **Prayer Requests**

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

### **Christian Teachers' Conference**

Christian Teachers' Conference in Carnmoney Presbyterian Church on 21/2/26, from 9:00am-1:30pm. For more details use the QR code:



### **ROTAS**

#### **Church Stewarding Rota**

January.....Lynne Dripps, Maurice Murphy  
February.....Robert Leonard, David McDowell

#### **Collection Rota**

Manse side (January) ..... Lynne Dripps  
Town side (January) ..... David Hartley  
Gallery (January)..... Alastair Brown, Maurice Murphy  
Manse side (February) ..... David McDowell  
Town side (February) ..... Alastair Henry  
Gallery (February)..... Robert Leonard, Judith McGeown

#### **FWO Rota**

This week .....Brian Donaghy    Next week ..... Clarke Faulkner

#### **Sound Desk Rota**

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

#### **Junior Church Rota**

Today ..... Jennifer Park, Alison Currie  
Next Week.....Jennifer Park, Naomi Ferguson

#### **Crèche Rota**

Today ..... June Reid, Nichola Cheevers, Naomi Ferguson  
Next Sunday ..... Gillian Lyle, Faye 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 11 January 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**

Q2. What rule hath God given to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him?  
A. The Word of God, which is contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, is the only rule to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him.

### **Praise**

#### **AM**

You're the word of God the Father    IPH 449 Crown Him with many crowns  
IPH 87 - God loves you and I love you    IPH 637 - Jesus shall reign where'er the sun  
IPH 457 - Breathe on me breath of God    IPH 402 - Here is love vast as the ocean  
IPH 123 - Like a river glorious    IPH 514 - My heart is filled with thankfulness

#### **PM**

## Today

11:30 am **Morning Service:** Revd Michael Currie - 1 Samuel 28 "A dark night for David, but a darker night for Saul!"

6:00 pm **Evening Service:** Revd Michael Currie - Genesis 21:22-34 "How to practice Everyday Faithful Living!"

7:00 pm **Youth Fellowship** meet in *The Loft*.

## Monday

2:00 pm **Friends at First Craft & Chat** will be meeting from 2pm to 4pm. Bring something you're already working on or you can join a group activity. You don't have to be interested in the craft side of things, if you just want to come along and chat and have a cup of tea. Everybody most welcome, so come along and bring a friend.

6:00 pm **NO Squirrel Scouts**—Squirrels will resume on 19 January.

6:30 pm **NO Cub Scouts**—Cubs will resume on 19 January.

7:00 pm **NO Beaver Scouts**—Beavers will resume on 19 January.

8:00 pm **PW**, which was postponed last week due to the weather, will meet in the Morrison Room. Come along and enjoy an evening listening to Deborah Caskey. Some of you will remember Deborah (Kee) who grew up in First or know her now, as wife of Revd Dean Caskey in Moneymore Congregational.

## Tuesday

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

7:45 pm **First Cookstown Bowling Club:** We look forward to welcoming anybody who would like to try bowls for the first, or who maybe hasn't played in a while, as well as our 'old faithfuls'. Even if you just want to come along to watch, chat and have a cup of tea, please come and join us.

8:00 pm **Refresher Safeguard Training** 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** (repeated).

## Thursday

8:00 pm **Prayer Meeting** in the Minister's 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 - 1 Samuel 30 "David's Source of Strength"

6:00 pm **Evening Service:** Revd Michael Currie - Genesis 22:1-19 "Faith that Leads to Obedience without Delay"

7:00 pm **Youth Fellowship** meet in *The Loft*.

## Looking ahead...

Monday 19/1/26 **Kirk Session** meet in the Morrison Room.

Sunday 25/1/26 **Evening Service:** the next of our more informal evening services where someone will share about their journey of faith.

Sunday 25/1/26 **Financial and written reports** for inclusion in the 2025 report booklet to be with Brian Donaghy ([b.donaghy@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:b.donaghy@yahoo.co.uk)) or Paul Ferguson ([paul@digitance.co.uk](mailto:paul@digitance.co.uk)), respectively.

## **Safeguarding Training**

Refresher Safeguarding Training will be held in the Morrison room on Tuesday 13/1/26 at 8:00pm. All those involved in any form of ministry to children, youth or adults are encouraged to attend. If you would like any more information, speak to Michael.

## **Parking**

Work continues on the old manse. This means that the back yard is no longer available for additional parking.

## **Evening Services**

From November we will hold our evening services in the Morrison Room. Once a month we will also have a more informal service with tea/coffee beforehand. On these evenings someone will also share their journey with God when we will also have an epilogue. Even if you cannot commit to every Sunday evening, do come along if possible as we seek to grow in our faith together and encourage one another as a church family.

## **REACH**

The REACH team made up of volunteers from the local churches are exploring the idea of a night-time street outreach. If you would be interested in helping out, or would like some more information please speak to Michael.

## **Tyrone Presbytery Marriage Preparation Course**

Couples married within the Presbyterian Church must attend some form of preparation and each year presbytery facilitates classes free of charge. The next course will be held on Saturday 7th February 2026. Couples can register using the following link: [tyronepresbytery.weebly.com](http://tyronepresbytery.weebly.com)

## **Website**

We recently updated our church website: [www.firstcookstown.co.uk](http://www.firstcookstown.co.uk) We trust this will be easier to navigate for those who visit in the future.

## **Old Manse Update**

The building contractor, after taking a couple of weeks off for the Christmas break, will be re-starting in the new year, focusing mainly on the internal areas of the property. The majority of the outside work is now complete, with some site works and drainage alterations still to be completed when the weather improves.