

'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!

2026 HOPE Tyrone dates for your diary (for more details speak to Michael)

September

- Youth Leaders Training - Tuesday 22nd Sept, 7:30-9:30pm, Omagh Community Church

October

- 1WAY Youth Event - Saturday 10th Oct, 7:00-10:00pm, Dungannon Leisure Centre
- I am Mark (staging of Mark's Gospel) Wednesday 14th October 7:30pm, First Cookstown
- Family Carnival & Kids Event - Saturday 17th Oct, 1:00-4:00pm, Molesworth Presbyterian, Cookstown
- Adult Outreach Event - Friday 23rd Oct, 8:00pm, The Burnavon, Cookstown

November

- Puppet Training - Saturday 7th Nov, 9:30am-1:00pm, Dungannon Baptist

ROTAS

Church Stewarding Rota

September Alison Bell, David McDowell
October Norman Bell, Clarke Faulkner

Collection Rota

Manse side (September) Alison Bell
Town side (September) Gary McKeown
Gallery (September) Alastair Brown, Ronnie Nicholl
Manse side (October) Norman Bell
Town side (October) Clarke Faulkner
Gallery (October) Trevor Crooks, Ted McKinney

FWO Rota

This week Bob Agnew Next week Lynne Dripps

Sound Desk Rota

Today David Hartley Next week Stephen Park

Junior Church Rota

Today Jennifer Park, Sandra McKeown
Next Week Jennifer Park, Lynn Faulkner

Crèche Rota

Today Sharon Crooks, Judith McGeown
Next Sunday Nichola Cheevers, Judith Mitchell

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

To contact Revd Michael Currie, Tel: [07754 168911](tel:07754168911) or Email: mcurrie@presbyterianireland.org

First Cookstown Presbyterian Church, 71 James Street, Cookstown, Co Tyrone. BT80 8AE

First Cookstown is a congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, registered with the Charity Commission of Northern Ireland (NIC 105651).



First Cookstown

Knowing Jesus, making Jesus known

Weekly Bulletin

Sunday 13 September 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

Q20. Did God leave all mankind to perish in the estate of sin and misery?

- A.** God having, out of his mere good pleasure, from all eternity, elected some to everlasting life, did enter into a covenant of grace, to deliver them out of the estate of sin and misery, and to bring them into an estate of salvation by a redeemer.

Praise

AM

PS 100 All people that on earth
God's love is the best love
IPH 192 There is a redeemer
There is one Gospel on which I stand

PM

IPH 492 Before the throne
IPH 191 Such love, pure as the whitest
IPH 500 God of grace
IPH 121 I will sing the wondrous story

Today

- 11:30 am **Morning Service:** Revd Michael Currie - Romans 1:1-7 “The Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ”
- 12:30 pm **Youth Group**—brief meeting after church.
- 6:00 pm **Evening Service:** Revd Michael Currie—Malachi 1:1-5 “I have loved you”
- 7:00 pm **Youth Fellowship** meet in *The Loft* for those in Year 8 to age 18.

Monday

- 2:00 pm **Friends at First Craft & Chat** meets in the Minor Hall. Come along, even if it's just for the tea and chat. Everyone will be made very welcome.
- 6:00 pm **Squirrel Scouts** resume 21 September (6:00 - 6:55 pm). [Squirrel registration for boys and girls aged 4-6 years on Monday 14 September, 6:15 - 7:00 pm.](#)
- 6:30 pm **Cub Scouts** resume 21 September (6:30 - 8:00 pm). [Cub registration for boys and girls aged 8-10½ on Monday 14 September, 6:30 - 7 pm.](#)
- 7:00 pm **Beaver Scouts** resume 21 September (7:00 - 8:00 pm). [Beaver registration for boys and girls aged 6-8 years on Monday 14 September 6:15 - 7:00 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

Wednesday

- 8:00 pm **Bible Study & Prayer** meeting in the Morrison room.

Thursday

- 10:30 am **Trefoil Guild** in the Morrison Room until 12 noon.

Saturday

- 11:00 am **Congregational coastal walk** (see fuller announcement on page 3 for further details)

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:** Mr Andrew Houston (Belfast City Mission).
- 6:00 pm **Evening Service:** Revd Michael Currie—Malachi 1:6-14 "Honour the name of the Lord"
- 7:00 pm **Youth Fellowship** meet in *The Loft* for all those in Year 8 to age 18.

Looking ahead...

- Saturday 26/9/26 **Coffee morning** in Claggan Presbyterian Church Hall from 10:00am-12:30pm. Proceeds towards Fikia Dada.
- Sunday 4/10/26 **Harvest services**
- Wednesday 7/10/26 **Tyrone Foundations** in Molesworth - John Graham will speak on baptism.

Child Safeguarding Training

Those in the congregation who received interim child safeguarding training in First Cookstown in January and March of this year are reminded that this interim training was only a temporary measure until official PCI safeguarding training became available. It is also advisable that those who received official PCI training in 2024 & 2025 retrain, sooner rather than later, due to major changes in the training curriculum

The child protection training in Dungannon on 6 October 2026 is now 'sold out' (due to demand, all 80 places were booked in less than 2 weeks).

PCI have now announced an extra date of training for Tyrone Presbytery to be held in First on 21 October. Each training date is limited to 80 persons, and pre-booking through PCI's website is compulsory. Bookings have to be made individually, and no group booking is possible. PCI have stressed that even though it is being held in First, members of our congregation can only attend if they pre-book. They also ask that those in First who booked 6th

October in Dungannon should attend that training, and do not rebook for the 21st.

There is high demand in Tyrone for places, and this session my 'sell out' as quickly as the 6th in Dungannon did. Anyone wishing to attend should book ASAP.

Anyone who does attend should ensure that our DP or DDP is notified to enable accurate records to be kept.

Membership Classes

Membership classes will be held in the autumn, in preparation for our November communion service. If you would be interested in being a communicant member, please speak to Michael **by today (13/9/26)**. Classes can be arranged to suit whoever comes along.

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.

Congregational Walk

A congregation walk has been organised for Saturday 19th September along the north coast from Portstewart to Portrush and back. We will 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 around 12:30pm, before walking back. Everyone will be made very welcome and are encouraged to join with us on the day.

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.

RE Lessons Public consultation

Back in February, the Education Minister announced that there was to be a review and update of the content of RE following the ruling of the Supreme Court that RE in Northern Ireland was unlawful. A drafting group was set up to revise and rewrite the content, the first draft of the new Core Syllabus has been released for public viewing. This is not the final version and is open for public consultation meaning we can read it and respond with our thoughts and suggestions for improvement. Anyone with an interest in what our children and grandchildren are going to learn in RE lessons in the future are encouraged to respond. The consultation closes on 30th September at 11.59pm. To read it and have your say on it, follow this link: <https://www.education-ni.gov.uk/consultations/consultation-religious-education-core-syllabus>

Independent Governance and Safeguarding Review Survey

INEQE Safeguarding Group have been commissioned to conduct an Independent Governance and Safeguarding Review of The Presbyterian Church in Ireland (PCI). As part of the review process it is hoped to engage with those who visit and attend services through PCI, via an online survey. The survey is both anonymous and confidential. The survey results are received directly by INEQE's Review Team and not by The Presbyterian Church in Ireland. Listening to and learning from individuals involved in the life and work of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland is a critically important part of the Review. Information will only be shared if what you tell indicates a serious risk of harm. You can access the survey here: ineqe.com/presbyterian-church-in-ireland Closing date is 21st September.