Prayer Requests

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

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.

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.

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

Sound Desk Rota

Today ..... Andrew Johnston Next week ..... David Hartley

Junior Church Rota

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

Crèche Rota

Today ..... Pauline Brown, Sandra Hunter
Next Sunday ..... 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

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First **Cookstown**

Knowing Jesus, making Jesus known

Weekly Bulletin

Sunday 8 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.

Catechism Corner

Q.27. Wherein did Christ's humiliation consist?

A. Christ's humiliation consisted in his being born, and that in a low condition, made under the law, undergoing the miseries of this life, the wrath of God, and the cursed death of the cross; in being buried, and continuing under the power of death for a time.

Praise

AM	**PM**
IPH 136 O God our help in ages past	As the deer pants for the water
IPH 29 My God is so big	From heaven You came helpless babe
Speak O Lord	Turn your eyes upon Jesus
IPH 89 Great is Thy faithfulness	To God be the glory

Today

11:30 am **Morning Service:** Revd Michael Currie - Romans 3:1-8 "God's Unfailing Faithfulness" (we will have our annual act of remembrance during worship)

6:00 pm **Evening Service:** Revd Michael Currie - Malachi 2:17-3:5 "Where is the God of justice?"

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

Monday

2:00 pm The **Friends at First Craft & Chat** will meet. Come along, bring something you're working on or help us put together our Christmas gifts. Look out for a change coming in the New Year for this group!

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).

7:30 pm **HOPE Tyrone** meeting in the Morrison room.

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 **Tyrone Foundations** in Molesworth. Topic: End Times. Speaker: Nigel McCullough.

Wednesday

6:30 pm **Guides** meet in the main hall, 6:30—8:00 pm.

8:00 pm **Prayer meeting** in the Morrison Room.

Saturday

9:00 am **PW Link Breakfast** in the Royal Hotel.

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 Matthew Black

12:30 pm **Brief meeting of the youth group** after church, to give out words and music and plan some practice. New members would be great. See what is happening.

6:30 pm **Evening Service:** Revd Michael Currie - Malachi 3:6-12 "Return to Me"

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.

Loose Offering

The Loose offering today (8th November 2026) will go to the RBL Poppy Appeal.

Hope Explored

REACH are running Hope Explored in Cookstown Leisure centre later this month. If you would be interested in helping, or could bring someone along, more details will be given next week.

Praise Coordinator

Due to a change in personal circumstances, Mark Dickson has tendered his resignation from the post of praise coordinator, which Kirk Session have formally accepted with sadness. The congregation have benefitted much from his ten years of dedicated service and we extend our best wishes to Mark for the future and we will arrange a suitable way to show our appreciation.

Child Protection Training

All members of the Congregation who work with children and young people are required to undertake PCI organised Child Protection Training every 3 years. Those members of the congregation who attended training at Molesworth on 24 May 2026, Dungannon on 6 October 2026 or Cookstown on 21 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 children or young people after 2027 until they are re-trained.

More training will be available in February - but places are limited and it is expected that they will be booked up quickly. The training dates and the facility to book them should 'go live' on PCI's website on Monday 9 November. 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 by those wishing to attend, and no group booking is possible. Training is carried out according to Presbytery and should only be booked at a location within the Tyrone Presbytery.

PCI have indicated that there should be more training later in the year for those who cannot attend this round of training, but no further details are available at this time.

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.

Operation Christmas Child (Scout Project)

First Cookstown Scout Group have been sending shoe boxes from the Scout Group and the congregation since 2007. These boxes go to children around the world to show God's love in a tangible way and share the good news of Jesus Christ. If you would like to fill a shoe box, leaflets and boxes are available in the front vestibule and the entrance to the halls. However, we would encourage you to decorate your own box. Please follow the guidelines on what items should or should not be included in the box. A £5 donation is requested with each box to cover shipping and other costs. You can also build a shoe box online or by scanning the QR code on the posters that are available in the halls. Please let us know if you have chosen to send a show box this way. Alternatively, you can make a monetary donation to help towards the cost of transportation. Filled shoe boxes can be left in the church on Sundays or the church hall on a Monday evening from 6-8 pm. The final date for leaving shoe boxes is Monday 9th November (tomorrow). For any further details you can contact Sandra Black, Naomi Ferguson or Sarah Thompson.

Irish Men's Convention

Saturday 6th March 2027 sees the 10th anniversary of the convention. Speaker - Andy Gemmill. Tickets - £23:00 (early bird price) on sale Monday 2nd November. 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.