

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

May Brian Donaghy, Margaret Hamilton
 June..... Robert Hamilton, Moira Shaw

Collection Rota

Manse side (May)..... Keith Hamilton
 Town side (May)..... Gary McKeown
 Gallery (May)..... Trevor Crooks, Norman Wilson
 Manse side (June)..... Moira Shaw
 Town side (June)..... David Hartley
 Gallery (June)..... Robert Hamilton, Heather Parke

FWO Rota

This week..... Clarke Faulkner Next week Bob Agnew

Sound Desk Rota

Today Andrew Johnston Next week David Hartley

Junior Church Rota

Today Helen Black, Rachel Johnston
 Next Week Jennifer Park, Sandra Hunter

Crèche Rota

Today Joan Park, Sandra Henry
 Next Sunday..... Julie Anne Bell, Judith Mitchell



First Cookstown

Knowing Jesus, making Jesus known

Weekly Bulletin
Sunday 24 May 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

- Q15. What was the sin whereby our first parents fell from the estate wherein they were created?
 A. The sin whereby our first parents fell from the estate wherein they were created was their eating the forbidden fruit.

Praise

AM

Bless the Lord O my soul (10,000 reasons)
 IPH 491 Be Thou my vision
 IPH 527 The Lord’s my shepherd
 IPH 104 Guide me O Thou great Redeemer

PM

What tho’ clouds are hovering o’er me
 I have a maker (He knows my name)
 Thank You for the Cross
 In moments like these

Today

- 11:30 am **Morning Service:** Revd Michael Currie; This then is how you should pray, “Give us this day our daily bread” Matthew 6:11 (we will celebrate the sacrament of baptism during worship)
 6:00 pm **Evening Service:** Revd Michael Currie; “The heart of the true worshipper” Psalm 119:121-128

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 **NO** meeting for **Squirrel Scouts** this week.
6:30 pm **NO** meeting for **Cub Scouts** this week.
7:00 pm **NO** meeting for **Beaver Scouts** this week.

Tuesday

10:30 am **Prayer Time** in the Morrison Room.
7:45 pm **First Cookstown Bowling Club:** Our meetings resume in September, when we look forward to welcoming you to join with us once again!

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** in the Morrison Room (repeated).

Thursday

7:00 pm **PCI Safeguarding Training** will be held in Molesworth Presbyterian Church (registration from 6:30pm). This is the first of the new training that will be delivered and all volunteers are encouraged to attend.
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; "When you pray say, "forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors." Matthew 6:12
6:00 pm **Evening Service** Revd Michael Currie; "When the Word brings Wonder & Weeping" Psalm 119:129-136

Looking ahead...

Saturday 6/6/26 **Praise Night:** Come along @ 7:30pm, praising God in song to raise money in support for Timothy Johnston on an **Exodus mission trip** to Spain this summer. Donations are greatly appreciated and will go towards the work in Barcelona. Tea and coffee will be served afterwards in the church hall.
Sunday 7/6/26 **Children's Day** (note this is a week earlier than usual)
Friday 12/6/26 **Car Treasure Hunt**—cars leaving the church car park between 7 and 7:45pm.
Monday 22/6/26 **Holiday Bible Club** week, until Friday 26/6/26.
Saturday 27/6/26 **Youth end-of-school-year fun night**, 7-9pm.
Sunday 28/6/26 **Holiday Bible Club celebration family service.**

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 ([07880975337](tel:07880975337)) or Colin Rea ([07761229052](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.

Christmas Carol Festival

There are still a few items from the Carol Festival left in the minster's room. If these belong to you could you collect them, thank you.

Holiday Bible Club 2026

This year's Holiday Bible Club will run from Monday 22nd June to Friday 26th June, with a celebration family service on the Sunday.

Prayer Requests

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

Summer Mission Teams

Could those heading off on summer mission teams please let Michael know the details, where you are going, who are you going with and when, thank you.

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 meet each Friday evening at MUSA to play football. If you would be interested, contact Michael for more information.

'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!

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