



Morning Worship – 12th December 2010 @ 11am

Christmas – Are you Expecting the Unexpected?

Opening Praise (Led by C Hogg)

Christmas bells

Away in a manger Hymn 195

When He comes

"She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."
... "and they will call him Immanuel" which means, "God with us." **Matt 1v21, 23**

Call to Worship

Love came down

PRAISE In the bleak mid winter

Hymn 178

Prayer

Reading 1 Isaiah 9v2, 6-7

CAROL For unto us a child is born

MP 156 ... at Christmas

Reading 2 Luke 1v26-38

CAROL Joy to the world

MP 393

Reading 3 Luke 2v1-7

PRAISE See Him lying on a bed of straw MP 589

Reading 4 Matthew 2v1-11

PRAISE Come and join the celebration MP 83

Prayers of Intercession

Offering

Dedication

PRAISE O little town of Bethlehem Hymn 172

Benediction



If you have any questions or need assistance please speak to the ushers at the door.

If we can be of any help please let us know (Information cards are in the Pews)

Our Praise and Bible readings will normally be displayed on the screens. Songs are from a variety of books and Bible readings from the NIV (available on the tables).

Today@first

10^{am} **Sunday School and Bible Class**

10:30 **Prayer Time** (Minister's room). Everyone Welcome.

11^{am} **Morning Worship – All Age Carol Service** – Rev Curry,
Items for distribution by the carol singers can be left at the front today.
Crèche - *pre school (Minor Hall), NO Junior Church*

2.45^{pm} **Choir Practice** in preparation for Christmas

3.30^{pm} **Instrument (Junior & Senior) Practice** in preparation for Christmas

6^{pm} **Evening Service** – Mission Focus - Eric Clarke Christian Blind Mission
(Followed by tea in Hall)

7.15^{pm} **MAD@First** (Graham Room) All young people year 8 + 12 are welcome.

Monday 13th

10.30^{am} **Bible Study (Ladies)** *Discipleship Explored 8 Minor Hall*

7.45^{pm} **Bowling Club.** (Main Hall) All Welcome

Tuesday 14th

10^{am} **TenTen-Drop-in.** Minor Hall (*Crèche, English classes, and a Bible discussion*)

7-8.30 **English Classes** (Minister's Room)

Wednesday 15th

10^{am}-12 **Parent & Toddlers Party** – Helpers to be there at 9.30am
After the Christmas break - Resumes 12th January 2011

10.15^{am} **Bible Study (Men's)** *Discipleship Explored 8 Minister's Room*

6-7.15 **Girls Brigade - Explorers** Age 3-7

7-8.45 **Girls Brigade - Juniors** Age 8-10

7.45-9.30 **Girls Brigade - Seniors/Brigaders** Age 11+ years

8^{pm} **Bible Study** *Discipleship Explored 7 (Home Group)*

Thursday 16th

7.45^{pm} **Bowling Club – Christmas Party.** Pairs competition including prizes

8^{pm} **Midweek - Bible Study** *Discipleship Explored 8 (Minor Hall)*

9^{pm} **Bible Study Group** “Contentment Study” Minister's Room

9:15^{pm} **Christianity Explored Course** concludes (Minor Hall).

Saturday 18th

Youth@First Christmas parties

5:45-7:45^{pm} *Primary School Children – Sunday School, Junior Church and J Team*

8-10^{pm} *Year 8 and over – Senior Sunday School, Bible Class, Youth Club & MAD.*

Next Sunday 19th December

10^{am} **Sunday School and Bible Class**

10:30 **Prayer Time** (Minister's room). Everyone Welcome.

- 11^{am} **Morning Worship** – Rev Curry – Content in Christ – Philippians 4
Crèche - *pre school (Minor Hall)*, Junior Church -*Primary children (Main Hall)*
- 3^{pm} **Christmas Carol Service**
(*You are invited to join us for by Tea & Mince Pies in Hall after this service.*)
- 7.15^{pm} **MAD@First** (*Graham Room*) All young people year 8 + 12 are welcome.

Other Congregational Notices.

1. **Prayer updates** are available today in information tables
2. **Invitations for Christmas services** are available on the tables.
3. **Carol Singing** will be on Monday 20st Dec meeting at 6:45 at the Church hall and returning at 9pm to the Manse for Supper. All Welcome
4. **Christmas Day Service** 10:30am (Children, please bring a toy) The retiring offering will go to Mission Projects supported by our congregation.
5. Please note that On **Sunday 26th Dec** (Boxing Day) there will be no evening service.
6. We are arranging a **New Years Eve** event running from 9pm to 12:30am. An evening of Games, epilogue, supper, etc. For all ages – details from Carolyn Smyth.
7. Anyone requiring **Bible reading notes** for 2011 please contact Jackie Smyth
8. Anyone wishing to order a **calendar for 2011**, please put your name and address on the sheet provided or contact Allison Currie 7963 4008.
9. The **flower provision and delivery list for 2011** is in the Porch we would encourage as many as possible to volunteer for this ministry.
10. **Church Library** is now located on the hall stage. It is available on both Sunday mornings and evenings for people to borrow or return book or simply browse. There is a wide variety of books: from life stories to Christian fiction, from devotionals to more thought provoking books on particular topics and aspects of faith.
11. Offering for **Earl Haig fund** was £954.01 Thanks to all who donated.
12. **Some Coats** left behind in recent months are now on the stage and if they are not claimed by the end of December we will donate them to the Belfast City Mission.

Other Notices (*Further detail when available are on hall notice board*)

1. **Overseas Mission teams 2011** – Two teams are going to the Ukraine & Italy, this is a great opportunity for people of all ages to get involved in Christian Outreach. Further details Jackie Smyth
2. The quarterly meeting of the **Ruling Elders Fellowship** will be held on **Tuesday 21st December** @ First Magherafelt Presbyterian Church minor hall starting at 8.00pm. Our speaker will be Jeffrey Donaldson. The next meeting will be **Tuesday 15th March** in TBF Thompsons Garvagh.
3. **Magherafelt Primary School** open evening on Tuesday 14th Dec 7-8pm

PRAY FOR

I. Choir, instrumentalists and all who take part in our Carol Service on Sunday. Pray that as we celebrate our Saviours' birth we might bring glory to His name. Pray for a good number to come along and for those we can invite

2. Pray at this time that our hearts and minds **will not be overtaken by the commercialism** of Christmas rather than remembering our Saviour's birth and the real true meaning of Christmas.

Evening Worship @ 6 pm (Led by H Clark)

PRAISE	From Heaven You came	MP 162
	His name is wonderful	MP 234
	Infant Holy	MP 342

Prayer

PRAISE	God sent His son	MP 52
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Reading

Mission Focus Eric Clarke - Christian Blind Mission

PRAISE	Beauty for Brokenness	MP 806
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Prayer

PRAISE	For my sake and the Gospels Go	Hymn 476
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Benediction

Rotas *(Please speak to those who arrange rotas if there are any changes).*

Welcoming Team (Rota by H Todd).

Dec – A Crossett, Dr M Stevenson, J Smyth, R Crossett, J Hogg, Dr K Watson & J McRobert

Duty Elder Dec – H Duncan

Junior Church - Primary School (Rota by A Crossett)

Dec – M Gourley, J Currie, W Smyth

Crèche - Pre School (Rota by J Gregg).

Dec 12th – M Smyth, E Stewart, K Badger Dec 19th -

Parent & Toddlers (Rota – M Smyth)

Dec 15th – M Dawson, R Kerr, V Welch

Flowers Dec 12th – J Evans Dec 19th – V Welch

Projection (Rota - W Currie) Dec 12th – L Crossett Dec 19th – J Currie

Sound Desk (Rota - J Smyth) Dec 12th – B Smyth Dec 19th – W Smith

Opening Praise (Rota - M Boyce) Dec 12th – C Hogg Dec 19th – H Stewart

Vocalists (Rota - C Hughes) Dec 12th – Ladies Dec 19th – Snr S School

Lead Service pm (Rota - Rev Curry) Dec 12th – H Clark Dec 19th – Carol Service

Items for this sheet should e-mailed to Rev Curry or placed in the post box by 12noon Thur.
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