



**A prayer for wise witness in a post pandemic wasteland**

Lord of softly spoken truth, I hear the volume of life steadily rising, Redeeming Father, you so love this world, that you gave your one and only Son, so that anyone who believes in him, need not perish, but can receive eternal life. Right now this world needs to know your love so much. In my worlds of family, friends, neighbours and colleagues, so much has perished in this post pandemic wasteland. The loss of loved ones is deeply felt, the loss of certainty and security has exposed new fears, the loss of confidence in just being together, has created a cavern of distance between us.

And yet, I need to remember in my witness to others, that you did not send your Son into the world to condemn it, but to save the world through him. So help me in my thoughts and words and deeds, my attitudes and actions, to find the tenor of truth, and the tone of grace, that is wise and winsome, in welcoming the hurting to find healing, the weary to find rest, the fearful to find peace in Jesus. In whose name we pray. Amen

**Sunday Service @ 11 am and live streamed online**  
**(ARRANGEMENTS TO ENSURE YOUR SAFETY LISTED OVERLEAF)**

**Prayer**

1. Wednesday "zoom" prayer time at 8pm – join through Church Announcements WhatsApp group
2. Each Thursday evening at 8pm individuals encouraged to pray for an hour.
3. Prayer Ministry Team available for prayer after online Sunday Service

6<sup>th</sup> September: Ben Bovis 07780001736

13<sup>th</sup> September: Sandra McCormick 07561829565

20<sup>th</sup> September: Adrian McLernon 07546770060

4. Prayer txt ministry available – requests to Adrian 07546770060
5. PCI Lets Pray resource overleaf

**Bible Study**

Since re-opening we have been making age appropriate material available for children/family use. While there will be no formal Sunday School programme until it is safe to do so, we encourage parents to make use of this material either during the service and/or at home during the week.

Additionally, starting on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September our Sunday sermon series will be accompanied by Study material either to be used individually or in small groups in accordance with current COVID regulations.

**Tearfund Service**

On behalf of Tearfund thank you for supporting our service this morning. We especially value prayer for worldwide projects, details of which can be found in TEAR TIMES. If you do not already get a copy, speak to Helena and she will organise that for you. Also if you can commit to making a regular monthly donation to the work of TEARFUND, you will receive a bag made in Beirut, by Tamam's project. If you can, please consider gift aiding your donation today. We are sorry that due to present circumstances we cannot share our lunch together today, but we hope you will still give generously to this great work of God through TEARFUND.

**Samaritan's Purse Christmas Shoebox Appeal**

Once again it is time for the Drumbo church family to be involved in this opportunity to share God's love with underprivileged children throughout the world. Last February our 2019 shoeboxes were distributed in the Middle East.

There are a few shoeboxes available this morning and more next week. Because of COVID protocols our date for collection this year is the **4TH OCTOBER. PLEASE NOTE!**

It is also possible to fill a shoe box online this year! Just go to SAMARITANS PURSE UK web page and follow the link. Any questions contact Helena

**From the treasurer: figures for the month of August 2020**

Number of Contributors to FWO	95
FWO envelopes So's & loose offering	10385
United Appeal Envelopes & standing orders	110
New Halls Fund envelopes & standing orders	1135
Graveyard Income	3635
Sundry other receipts	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>15265</b>

**Fund Balances at end of month:-**

New Halls	-75586
United Appeal (paid quarterly)	417
Other missions (inc. 10% harvest)	2486
Graveyard	21929
Property Maintenance	12668
General Account & other Small Balances	21888
<b>Total</b>	<b>-16198</b>

**Minus sign indicates negative balance**

**Prayer Points**

**Presbyterian Women**

- Give thanks for the ways in which Presbyterian Women's groups have responded to the coronavirus crisis and lockdown to support one another and live out this year's theme of Side by Side.

**God's power**

- Give thanks for God's power, asking that we might praise him in our worship today for all the ways it has been made perfect in our weakness during the coronavirus pandemic and lockdown.
- Pray that God's power might be evident working in and through his people as they serve him, love others and point them to Jesus.

**Brexit**

- Pray for those negotiating Brexit, asking that God would enable a settlement that preserves the best of working relationships between the United Kingdom and the European Union, and Ireland north and south.
- Pray for those who will be most impacted by Brexit, including business and farming sectors and those who live in border communities, asking God to help them plan and prepare for what is ahead.



### COVID Arrangements for Worship Services

**1 Numbers:** Based on single worshippers it is possible to accommodate a minimum of 81 people in the church building in order to comply with the 2m rule (45 in the ground floor and 36 in the gallery). This is based on single worshippers with numbers increasing as you factor in “family bubbles” of various sizes. In practice this means using 1 in 3 pews. Services will also be relayed to the Hall where it will be possible for families with younger children to meet in “family bubbles” with a maximum of 8 families in the main Hall and additional space in the café area and Meeting Room 2. Please note there will be no choir, creche or Sunday School initially but material will be available for children to use during the service.

**2 Entering and Exiting:** To ensure the safety of worshippers the following arrangements will be in place:

- a) On arrival worshippers line up at one of two marked lines outside, in front of steps.
- b) Stewards will take worshippers in turn through the vestibule where hand sanitiser will be applied and then directly to a pew.
- c) Pews will be filled from the front of the church backwards, simultaneously on both sides. This will allow stewards to ensure compliance with the 2 m rule irrespective of the size of the family as we have no control of who is coming, at what time they will arrive at or the family size.
- d) Given site lines in the gallery we will fill from the back forward.
- e) At the end of the service please remain in your seat until requested by a steward to leave. Worshippers will exit from the back pews forward and one aisle at a time, departing through the door they came in i.e. the vestibule doors. This will be synchronised with the gallery and controlled by stewards.
- f) A video is available on the church website, facebook page and church announcements WhatsApp which illustrates what church will look like on your return.

**3 Pew Bibles & Source Books:** Pew Bibles and Source books have been placed in storage and we encourage worshippers to bring their own Bible

**4 Offering:** Offering plates will be placed on chairs in the vestibule to be used on the way out and not on the way in.

**5 Toilets:** Only the toilet in the vestibule will remain open and we would hope that its use would be kept to a minimum.

**6 Service times** will be shorter (approx. 45 mins) and singing will be led from the front in accordance with PCI guidance: “the principles of ‘less rather than more’, ‘softer rather than louder’ and ‘listening to some and singing some’ are all useful guides, at least in the early days of return to Church.”

**7 Face masks:** all stewards will be wearing face coverings. “The Presbyterian Church in Ireland joins with Christian church leaders all over this island in formally recommending and encouraging the use of face coverings at all services of worship, along with the ongoing maintenance of 2 metre physical distancing”

**8. Contact Tracing:** Cards will be placed on each pew to be used along with a pen or pencil so each household could fill in their name and contact number.

**9. Be on time and be patient** as it may take a little longer to get everyone seated.

**10 While we wish to encourage people to attend anyone with COVID symptoms must not attend.**

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