

FIRST LISBURN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY 4TH OCTOBER 2026

ANNOUNCEMENT SHEET

Welcome to any visitors worshipping in our church today
*The flowers for today's service are a gift from **Jewell Vint***

Sunday 4th Oct	10am BREAKFAST CHURCH —I AM MADE BY GOD - Genesis 1:26–31 – Welcome as we begin a new Breakfast Church series entitled 'Who are you?' and welcome a special guest for an 'Around the Table' interview. This month, we will explore the truth that every person is made by God and bears his image. Our value does not come from appearance, ability, popularity or success; it begins with the God who created us, knows us and gives human life dignity and purpose. PRAYER SPACE – 7.30pm in the Coffee Dock – Prayer Space is a relaxed opportunity to pray together for the needs we carry personally, the life and witness of First Lisburn, our community and current events. Bring any prayer requests that are on your heart, or simply come and help us listen, seek God and pray for others. Whether you prefer to pray aloud or quietly, you will be very welcome. Let us make space together for God's peace, guidance and renewing presence										
Monday 5th Oct	Welcome Club: 10.30am – 12.30pm in the Downtown Centre GB in the Main Hall, Basement and Boyd Room <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td>Tinies (age 3 - P1):</td><td>6.15pm – 7.15pm</td></tr> <tr> <td>Explorers (P2 – P4):</td><td>6.15pm -7.45pm</td></tr> <tr> <td>Juniors (P5 – P7):</td><td>6.45pm – 8.15pm</td></tr> <tr> <td>Seniors (Y8 – Y10):</td><td>7.15pm – 8.45pm</td></tr> <tr> <td>Brigaders/Associates (Y11+):</td><td>7.15 pm – 8.45pm</td></tr> </table> Contact details for Gillian Methven (GB Captain) are on the back page	Tinies (age 3 - P1):	6.15pm – 7.15pm	Explorers (P2 – P4):	6.15pm -7.45pm	Juniors (P5 – P7):	6.45pm – 8.15pm	Seniors (Y8 – Y10):	7.15pm – 8.45pm	Brigaders/Associates (Y11+):	7.15 pm – 8.45pm
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Tuesday 6th Oct	Coffee Dock Café: 10 – 12 noon in the Coffee Dock. Come along for some craic, coffee and scones Downtown Drop in: 2 – 4pm in the Downtown Centre										
Wed 7th Oct	IN CHRIST DISCIPLESHIP — SESSION TWO 10.30am and 7.30pm Coffee Dock Chosen and Redeemed Ephesians 1:1–10 - Paul begins Ephesians with a magnificent outpouring of praise for who God is and everything he has done for us in Christ. In Session Two, we will explore the wonderful truth that believers have been chosen by God, adopted into his family and redeemed through the blood of Jesus. Our salvation does not begin with our goodness, effort or ability to earn God's favour. It begins with God's sovereign purpose and the grace he has freely lavished upon us in his Son. These truths are not intended merely to fill our minds; they are meant to lead us into worship and reshape the way we see ourselves. Come and discover the security, freedom and wonder of knowing that, in Christ, you are chosen, loved, forgiven and redeemed. CYU Club – 2pm in the Vestibule – Come along and enjoy an art workshop with Therese. Everyone welcome. 😊										

Thursday 8 th Oct	Downtown Choir – Doors open at 10.30am in the Vestibule. If you enjoy music, love to sing and want to have fun, this is the place for you Downtown Drop In: 2–4pm in the Downtown Centre and Boyd Room
Friday 9 th Oct	Downtown Sunshine Group: 10.30am – 12.30pm in Downtown Young Life meets every Friday evening from 8–9.30pm for young people in school years 8–14 . Expect plenty of games, food, friendship, fun and Jesus-centred Bible teaching , in a welcoming space where young people can discover more about life with Jesus. Young Life also runs midweek discipleship for teenage boys , with plans underway for a girls' discipleship group too. For more information, contact Jordan Brown at jbrown@ylinternational.org , or Rev. Mariann Gilicze on 07404 439433 or mgilicze@presbyterianireland.org .
Saturday 10 th Oct	Celebrating 100 Years of Women in Church Leadership – This year marks 100 years since women were first admitted to the eldership in the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. We would love you to join us for a special afternoon as we give thanks for this important milestone and celebrate the contribution of women to the life and leadership of the Church. Afternoon tea will be served from 3.30pm , followed at 4pm by a Service of Celebration and Thanksgiving , including a specially produced centenary video, presentation, prayers and reflection as we remember the past, celebrate the present and look with hope to the future. Everyone is very warmly welcome.

2nd October – 21st October: The 'Waves of Hope' Tour features the *Logos Hope*, the world's largest floating book fair, operated by Operation Mobilisation. The ship visits Belfast from **2nd October – 21st October 2026** docking at Clarendon Dock with public access opening on 3rd October. More details are provided directly through the Operation Mobilisation Tour page. Leaflets are in the vestibule.

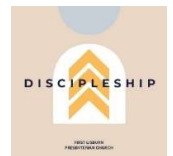
Tuesday 13th October: PW Meeting – 7.30pm in the Boyd Room

All ladies of the congregation are warmly invited to come to the PW meeting. Our speaker will be Denise Weir, known as the "Stitch and Story lady". Denise will share some her handicrafts and tell some stories. She would love any of the ladies who are interested in crafts- knitting, sewing, crotchet, cross stitch, embroidery etc- to bring along some of their work! Looking forward to seeing you all there.

Voluntary subscriptions (£20) will be collected at this meeting. Thank you

Wednesday 21st October IN CHRIST DISCIPLESHIP — SESSION THREE — 10.30am and 7.30pm | Coffee Dock Safe and Confident | Ephesians 1:11–23

Where can we find lasting security in an uncertain world? In Session Three, we will discover that our confidence rests in God's unchanging purpose, the finished work of Christ and the presence of the Holy Spirit. Paul tells us that those who believe the gospel are included in Christ and sealed with the promised Holy Spirit—the guarantee of the inheritance God has prepared for his people. He then prays that the eyes of our hearts would be opened so that we might



know the hope to which God has called us and the immeasurable greatness of his power. This is the same power displayed when God raised Jesus from the dead and seated him above every power and authority. Come and be encouraged that your safety does not depend upon your own strength. In Christ, you are secure, filled with hope and upheld by his resurrection power.

Sunday 15th November:
GB Enrolment service followed by
Soup and Bread in the main hall



Election of Congregational Committee – Voting List - The list of members eligible to vote in the forthcoming Congregational Committee election is now displayed in the vestibule and will be available for inspection today and again on Sunday 11th October. Please take a moment to check the list. If you believe that any correction needs to be made, please speak to Mariann or provide the details in writing by the end of Sunday 11th October.

A voting member is a person whose name is on the Communion Roll and who has contributed to FWO in the previous financial year.

Presbyterian Herald: The October edition of the Herald is available for collection from the vestibule.

Global Mission Workers: Leaflets about the different overseas mission workers are available in the Vestibule. Please take a copy for information.



Letter from Lisburn Foodbank: *Dear Church Leaders and Friends, As we approach Harvest, I wanted to personally say a **huge thank you** for the continued support you give to Lisburn Foodbank. Our local churches are such an important part of what we do. Through your donations, volunteering, financial support and prayer, you help us be there for individuals and families across Lisburn when they are going through difficult times. We are incredibly grateful for the way you continue to stand alongside us.*

SUNDAY SERVICES

Sunday 11 th Oct	11am HARVEST THANKSGIVING SERVICE - Join us for our Harvest Thanksgiving Service as we Celebrate God's goodness and give thanks
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	for his faithful provision. We are delighted to welcome Rev Stephen Moore as our guest preacher. There will also be an opportunity to share God's generosity by bringing donations for the Foodbank, supporting local people and families facing need. During the service, we will highlight PCI's United Appeal for Mission, through which congregations support a wide range of gospel, pastoral and community ministries at home and overseas. Come, give thanks and help us turn gratitude into generous action.
Sunday 18 th Oct	11am IN CHRIST — I AM SAFE IN CHRIST - Romans 8:31–39 -Can anything separate us from the love of God? This Sunday, our In Christ series brings us to one of the Bible's strongest passages of assurance. Life can feel uncertain, and suffering can cause us to question where God is. Yet Romans 8 declares that those who belong to Jesus are held by a love stronger than trouble, accusation, fear, death or anything else in all creation. Come and be reminded that our security is not found in an easy life, but in the faithful Christ who died, rose again and intercedes for us.
Sunday 25 th Oct	11am - IN CHRIST - I AM FREE -Church Romans 8:5–13 -What does Christian freedom really mean? It is not simply freedom to follow every desire but freedom from the rule of sin and freedom to live a new life through the Holy Spirit. This Sunday our In Christ series explores the contrast between a mind governed by the flesh and a mind governed by the Spirit. In Jesus, we are no longer powerless or condemned to remain as we were. God's Spirit gives us new desires, new strength & a new direction. Come and be encouraged by the transforming freedom Christ gives

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