

FIRST LISBURN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY 13th SEPTEMBER 2026

ANNOUNCEMENT SHEET

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

Beginning today – IN CHRIST – NEW SERMON AND DISCIPLESHIP SERIES –
Who are you – beneath the roles you carry, the expectations placed upon you and the labels you give yourself? This autumn, our new In Christ series will help us rediscover the deepest and most secure answer: our identity is found in Jesus. Across six Sunday messages, we will explore what Scripture says is true of those who belong to Christ. Alongside the sermons, five relaxed Wednesday discipleship gatherings will begin our ten-session journey through Paul's letter to the Ephesians, helping us understand our union with Christ and the difference it makes to everyday life. We will continue with the remaining sessions next year. United in Christ. United in hope. Come and discover who you are in him

Sunday 13 th Sept	11am - IN CHRIST — I Am In Christ - Ephesians 1:1–14 - Today we begin our new sermon series, <i>In Christ</i>, by exploring the truth at the heart of the Christian life: we are united to Jesus. In Ephesians 1, Paul describes the extraordinary blessings that belong to those who are in Christ. Our identity is no longer secured by achievement, approval or circumstance, but by what God has done for us through his Son. Let us begin this journey as we ask what it really means to live every day from the security, grace and hope we have in Jesus.										
Monday 14 th Sept	Welcome Club: 10.30am – 2.30pm in the Downtown Centre GB in the Main Hall, Basement and Boyd Room <table 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 15 th Sept	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 PW Meal -7.30pm in the Main Hall – Members of PW would be delighted to welcome all ladies of First Lisburn for a meal in the church hall. Come along and enjoy some good food and great company. Looking forward to seeing you there!										
Wed 16 th Sept	GUIDED PRAYER — WITH CHRIST 10.30am and 7.30pm in the Coffee Dock - Part One: Christian Hope Beyond Death - Join us for the first part of <i>All Things New</i>, a peaceful one hour long guided prayer										



	journey exploring the Christian hope beyond death. Through Scripture, silence, reflection and guided prayer, we will consider the comfort of being with Christ, the grief we carry and the greater hope of the resurrection to come. There is no expectation to pray aloud. Simply come, be still and allow the promises of God's Word to strengthen your hope.
Thursday 17th Sept	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 18th Sept	Downtown Sunshine Group: 10.30am – 12.30pm in Downtown Young Life Friday Night Club is now Back for the new term! - The club meets every Friday evening from 8pm–9.30pm for young people in school years 8–14. These evenings are full of energy, laughter, games, food, friendship and Jesus-centred Bible teaching, creating a fun and welcoming space for young people to come along, bring friends and discover more about life with Jesus. There's more for our teenagers too! Young Life also runs a discipleship group for teenage boys during the week, offering a smaller space to go deeper in faith, ask questions, build friendships and explore what it means to live life with Jesus. Plans are also underway for a girls' discipleship group, which we hope to start soon — so stay tuned for more details! Please spread the word and encourage young people and families you know to get involved. Everyone is very welcome! For more information about Young Life, contact Jordan Brown at jbrown@ylinternational.org, or Rev. Mariann Gilicze on 07404 439433 or mgilicze@presbyterianireland.org.

Wednesday 23rd September: IN CHRIST DISCIPLESHIP — SESSION ONE – 10.30am and 7.30pm in the Coffee Dock

Introduction to Ephesians

Who are we? How should we live? These are the two great questions at the heart of Paul's letter to the Ephesians—and the questions that will guide our new *In Christ* discipleship journey. In our opening session, we will explore the background and central message of Ephesians. In the first half of the letter, Paul reveals our new identity and all that God has done for us in Christ. In the second, he shows us how this new identity transforms the way we live. Through salvation, we have been united to Jesus. We are in him, he is in us, and his identity changes our identity. Come as we begin this journey together and discover how knowing who we are in Christ can bring greater security, hope and purpose to everyday life. The atmosphere is relaxed, welcoming and conversational. Come in the morning or evening and discover more of who you are in Christ.



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.

Moderator's call for prayer for Nepal

The Moderator has asked that we pass on his call for prayer for the Country of Nepal, following the recent tragic floods.

PCI's Moderator, Right Rev Dr Richard Kerr said:

"We have a long and close association with Nepal through the United Mission to Nepal, and we have a close affinity with the country and its people. Like so many of us, I've watched with horror the video footage of the devastation caused by these flash floods. We are deeply concerned for the communities affected, and we encourage our members to hold these people in prayer and support the relief efforts of our partners".

The Moderator asks for prayer for:

- God's comfort for those who have lost loved ones or who are continuing to search and wait for news of missing relatives
- Affected families, who have lost homes, land and livelihoods
- Safety and wisdom for teams who are responding to the immediate needs as well as planning for longer term interventions
- Communities that have been cut off, that aid would be able to get to them
- Christian organizations that are responding – that their service would reflect God's love

Website details can be accessed through the PCI website at:

<https://presbyterianireland.org/news/moderator-calls-for-prayer-for-nepal>

Presbyterian Herald: The September 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.

SUNDAY SERVICES

Sunday 20 th Sept	11am - Church Romans 1:16–17 - How can sinful people be made right with a holy God? This Sunday, our <i>In Christ</i> series takes us to the heart of the gospel: we are justified by faith. Our standing before God does not rest on our goodness, religious effort or ability to prove ourselves. It rests entirely on Jesus Christ and his finished work for us. This is good news for guilty consciences, tired strivers and anyone who wonders whether grace could really be enough. Come and hear again the gospel that brings freedom, peace and a completely new standing before God.
Sunday 27 th Sept	11am – Communion Service – IN CHRIST: I AM ADOPTED - Galatians 3:26–4:7 - This Sunday we gather around the Lord's Table and continue our In Christ series with one of the tenderest truths of the gospel: in Jesus, we are adopted into God's family. We are not merely forgiven and kept at a distance. Through faith in Christ, we are welcomed as beloved sons and daughters, given a new family and invited to call the sovereign God "Father". Come as we worship, hear God's Word and share in Communion together—remembering the grace that brings outsiders home and makes us one family in Christ.

	4pm - AFTERNOON COMMUNION — You are warmly invited to our <u>Afternoon Communion</u>—a shorter, quieter and accessible service centred on Scripture, prayer and the Lord's Table - This gathering is especially designed for those who may find a morning service difficult because of health, age, caring responsibilities or other circumstances, but everyone is welcome. Come and share in the comfort of God's presence and the grace of Jesus Christ in a gentle, unhurried setting
Sunday 4th Oct 	10am BREAKFAST CHURCH —I AM MADE BY GOD - Genesis 1:26–31 - Join us 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. Come from 9.30am for breakfast, friendship and conversation before worship begins shortly after 10am. Bring the family, invite a friend and discover the joy of knowing that you are wonderfully made by God. 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

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