

FIRST LISBURN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY 20th SEPTEMBER 2026

ANNOUNCEMENT SHEET

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

Sunday 20th Sept	11am - Church Romans 1:16–17 - How can sinful people be made right with a holy God? Today, 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. Let us hear again the gospel that brings freedom, peace and a completely new standing before God. <u>Retiring Offering for Operation Mobilisation</u> – <i>Following our service this morning, there will be an opportunity to give to the work of OM (Operation Mobilisation) through a retiring offering. Thank you for your support of this worldwide mission ministry.</i>										
Monday 21st Sept	Welcome Club: 10.30am – 12.30pm in the Downtown Centre GB in the Main Hall, Basement and Boyd Room <table border="0"> <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 22nd 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										
Wed 23rd Sept	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 <i>In Christ</i> 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.
Thursday 24th 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 25th 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! 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 7th October - 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.

Wednesday 7th October – CYU Club – 2pm in the Vestibule – Come along and enjoy an art workshop with Therese.

Saturday 10th October 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.

Sunday 15th November:

GB Enrolment service followed by

Soup and Bread in the main hall



Election of Congregational Committee - As part of the life and good governance of our congregation, it is now time to elect a Congregational Committee.

Our Congregational Committee plays an important role in the life of the church, helping to care for the congregation and oversee areas such as our finances, property and the practical running of church life. Yet this is more than a practical responsibility; it is a faith-filled ministry of Christian service and stewardship. In Acts, even those chosen to take care of practical needs were recognised as people whose faith shaped the way they lived and served. In that same spirit, Committee members are called to serve faithfully, using their God-given gifts and our shared resources for the life, mission and witness of the church, while working alongside and remaining accountable to Kirk Session.

In preparation for the election, a list of voting members is being prepared. This will be displayed in the vestibule on Sunday 4th October and Sunday 11th October and will be available for inspection on both Sundays.

A voting member is a person whose name is on the Communion Roll and who has contributed to FWO in the previous financial year. Further information about the process and key dates will be shared in the coming weeks.

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."* 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 and Inspire Magazines: The September edition of the Herald and Autumn edition of Inspire are 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 27th 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
Sunday 11th Oct	11am HARVEST THANKSGIVING SERVICE Join us for our Harvest Thanksgiving Service as we Celebrate God's goodness and give thanks 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 18th 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 25th Oct	11am IN CHRIST — I AM FREE - 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 and a new direction. Come and be encouraged by the transforming freedom Christ gives.

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