

# FIRST LISBURN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## SUNDAY 11<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2026

### ANNOUNCEMENT SHEET

Welcome to any visitors worshipping in our church today  
*The flowers for today's service are a gift from **Kathy McAllister** in  
 memory of **John and Maureen McAllister***

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| Sunday<br>11 <sup>th</sup> Oct  | <p><b>11am HARVEST THANKSGIVING SERVICE</b> - Welcome to 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. Give thanks and help us turn gratitude into generous action space together for God's peace, guidance and renewing presence</p>  |                      |                 |                      |                |                    |                 |                     |                 |                              |                  |
| Monday<br>12 <sup>th</sup> Oct  | <p><b>Welcome Club:</b> 10.30am – 12.30pm in the Downtown Centre<br/> <b>GB in the Main Hall, Basement and Boyd Room</b></p> <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> <p>Contact details for Gillian Methven (GB Captain) are on the back page</p>                                                                                                                                               | 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<br>13 <sup>th</sup> Oct | <p><b>Coffee Dock Café:</b> 10 – 12 noon in the Coffee Dock. Come along for some craic, coffee and scones<br/> <b>Downtown Drop in:</b> 2 – 4pm in the Downtown Centre<br/> <b>PW Meeting – 7.30pm in the Boyd Room</b> - 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</p>                                                                               |                      |                 |                      |                |                    |                 |                     |                 |                              |                  |
| Wed<br>14 <sup>th</sup> Oct     | <p><b>Faith and Friendship Group</b> – 7pm in the Downtown Centre</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                      |                 |                      |                |                    |                 |                     |                 |                              |                  |

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| Thursday<br>15 <sup>th</sup> Oct | <b>Downtown Choir</b> – 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<br><b>Downtown Drop In:</b> 2–4pm in the Downtown Centre and Boyd Room                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Friday<br>16 <sup>th</sup> Oct   | <b>Downtown Sunshine Group:</b> 10.30am – 12.30pm in Downtown<br><b>Young Life</b> meets every <b>Friday evening from 8–9.30pm</b> for young people in <b>school years 8–14</b> . Expect plenty of <b>games, food, friendship, fun and Jesus-centred Bible teaching</b> , in a welcoming space where young people can discover more about life with Jesus. Young Life also runs <b>midweek discipleship for teenage boys</b> , with plans underway for a <b>girls’ discipleship group</b> too. For more information, contact <b>Jordan Brown</b> at <a href="mailto:jbrown@ylinternational.org">jbrown@ylinternational.org</a> , or <b>Rev. Mariann Gilicze</b> on <b>07404 439433</b> or <a href="mailto:mgilicze@presbyterianireland.org">mgilicze@presbyterianireland.org</a> . |

**2<sup>nd</sup> October – 21<sup>st</sup> 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 **2<sup>nd</sup> October – 21<sup>st</sup> 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.

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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 displayed in the vestibule and is available for inspection today. 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 today. 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 next stage of the election will be shared next Sunday.

**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.

## **SUNDAY SERVICES**

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| <p>Sunday<br/>18<sup>th</sup> Oct</p>                                                                                    | <p><b>11am IN CHRIST — I AM SAFE IN CHRIST</b> - Romans 8:31–39 -Can anything separate us from the love of God?</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> |
| <p>Sunday<br/>25<sup>th</sup> Oct</p>                                                                                    | <p><b>11am - IN CHRIST - I AM FREE</b> -Church Romans 8:5–13 -What does Christian freedom really mean?</p> <p>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 &amp; a new direction.</p> <p>Come and be encouraged by the transforming freedom Christ gives</p>         |
| <p>Sunday<br/>1<sup>st</sup> Nov</p>  | <p><b>10am BREAKFAST CHURCH — I AM MADE TO LOVE OTHERS:</b><br/><b>Genesis 1:26–27; 2:18–25</b> - Breakfast Church returns as we continue asking, Who are you? This month, we will discover that we were not made to live only for ourselves—we were made for loving relationships with God and one another. In a world where loneliness and division are painfully real, the Bible reminds us that community, friendship, family and faithful love are part of God’s good design. Together we will consider how his love reshapes the way we see and treat other people.</p>                                           |

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|                               | <p>Come from 9.30am for breakfast, with worship beginning shortly after 10am. Everyone is welcome around the table.</p> <p><b>PRAYER SPACE - 7.30 PM   Coffee Dock</b> - Join us for a relaxed evening of prayer in the Coffee Dock. Together we will bring relevant issues, personal needs and prayer requests before God, while also praying for First Lisburn and the people, churches and community of Lisburn.</p> <p>Please bring any prayer requests you would value others praying for. You are welcome to contribute aloud or simply pray quietly alongside others. Come as you are, and let us seek God's help, wisdom and blessing together.</p> |
| Sunday<br>8 <sup>th</sup> Nov | <p><b>11am - REMEMBRANCE SERVICE</b> - Join us for our Remembrance Service as we pause with gratitude to remember those who served and sacrificed in times of war and conflict.</p> <p>We are pleased to welcome Rev Roy Mackay, retired minister of Second Comber Presbyterian Church, as our guest preacher. Together we will honour the memory of the fallen, pray for all who continue to live with the consequences of war and ask God to grant peace in our troubled world.</p> <p>In our remembering, we place our ultimate hope in Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace and the One who promises to make all things new.</p>                           |

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