

FIRST LISBURN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY 25th OCTOBER 2026

ANNOUNCEMENT SHEET

Welcome to any visitors worshipping in our church today
*The flowers for today's service are a gift from **Jennifer Heatley in memory of Billy and Pat Cree***

Sunday 25 th Oct	11am - IN CHRIST: I Am Unfinished Philippians 1:1–11 - Our final <i>In Christ</i> sermon reminds us that God is not finished with us yet! - Paul writes with confidence that the God who began a good work in his people will carry it on to completion. The Christian life is not instant perfection, but a lifelong work of grace in which God patiently forms us to love more deeply, discern what is best and live for his glory. Let's receive hope for the unfinished places in our lives—and fresh confidence in the faithfulness of the One who is still at work. We're also delighted to welcome some special guests from Young Life! They'll be taking part in our worship and sharing updates about their work with young people, as well as ways we can support this important ministry through prayer, practical involvement and financial giving. Jordan Brown will also be around after the service, so please do take the opportunity to have a chat, ask questions and find out how you can stay connected and involved. To learn more about Young Life in Northern Ireland, visit: https://northernireland.ylinternational.org/
Monday 26 th Oct	Welcome Club: 10.30am – 12.30pm in the Downtown Centre GB are off on Monday for the half term holiday. They will resume on Monday 2nd November
Tuesday 27 th 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 28 th Oct	
Thursday 29 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 30 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.

Downtown Knitting Group: -

Poppies are available in the vestibule, knitted by the Downtown knitting group with all donations going to the British Legion.

Wednesday 4th November - IN CHRIST DISCIPLESHIP — SESSION FOUR - 10.30am and 7.30pm | Coffee Dock: Made Alive |

Ephesians 2:1–10 - Ephesians 2 begins with an honest and sobering picture of the human condition: apart from Christ, we are spiritually dead and unable to rescue ourselves. Then come two of the most hope-filled words in Scripture: "But God..."



God, who is rich in mercy and great in love, has made us alive with Christ. We have been saved by grace through faith—not because of anything we have achieved, but entirely as God's gift. In Christ, we have been raised to new life and created anew for the good works God has prepared for us. In this session, we will reflect on the wonder of grace and the difference it makes to our everyday lives. Christianity is not simply an attempt to behave better; it is the new life that God gives us through union with Jesus. Come ready to rediscover the mercy that saves us, the grace that changes us and the purpose for which God has made us alive.

Thursday 12th November: KIRK SESSION MEETING – 7pm | Upper

Room - Kirk Session will meet to pray, reflect and make decisions concerning the worship, pastoral care, discipleship and mission of First Lisburn. Please remember our servant leaders in your prayers. Ask God to give wisdom, unity, courage and discernment as they seek his direction and serve the congregation together.

Wednesday 18th November: IN CHRIST DISCIPLESHIP — SESSION FIVE — 10.30am and 7.30pm | Coffee Dock –

Brought Near | Ephesians 2:11–22 - We were once far away, without hope and without God in the world. But now, in Christ Jesus, those who were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ.



In Session Five, we will explore how Jesus reconciles us both to God and to one another. Christ himself is our peace. Through the cross, he has broken down the barriers that divide people and created one new family in which we are no longer strangers or outsiders, but fellow citizens and members of God's household. Paul describes the church as a living temple, built upon the truth of God's Word, with Jesus as its cornerstone and every believer being joined together as a dwelling place for God's Spirit.

As the first part of our journey through Ephesians draws to a pause, come and reflect on what it means to belong—to Christ and to his people. We will continue our In Christ journey through Ephesians next year.

Election of Congregational Committee – Reminder

A reminder to voting members that the Congregational Committee election is now underway.

Please prayerfully consider your choices and return your completed election paper to the church by next Sunday, 1st November.

As we take part in this process, please pray for God's guidance and for those who will be called to serve our congregation through the work of Congregational Committee.

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

SUNDAY SERVICES

Sunday 1st Nov 	10am BREAKFAST CHURCH — I AM MADE TO LOVE OTHERS: Genesis 1:26–27; 2:18–25 - 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. Come from 9.30am for breakfast, with worship beginning shortly after 10am. Everyone is welcome around the table. PRAYER SPACE - 7.30 PM Coffee Dock - 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. 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.
Sunday 8th Nov	11am - REMEMBRANCE SERVICE - Join us for our Remembrance Service as we pause with gratitude to remember those who served and sacrificed in times of war and conflict. 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.

	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.
Sunday 15 th Nov 	11am – GIRLS' BRIGADE ENROLMENT SERVICE –Join us for our Girls' Brigade Enrolment Service—an encouraging all-age celebration of the girls, young women and leaders who are part of GB at First Lisburn. -Together we will worship, hear God's Word and pray for everyone taking part in the year ahead. Come and show your support, celebrate all that God is doing through this ministry and offer a warm First Lisburn welcome to the families joining us. And don't rush away afterwards! Everyone is warmly invited to stay for soup and bread in the hall, with donations in aid of GB funds. It will be a lovely opportunity to enjoy some food, fellowship & conversation together while supporting the wonderful work of our Girls' Brigade.
Sunday 22 nd Nov	11am - IN CHRIST — We're delighted to welcome Rt Rev Dr David Bruce, former Moderator of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, who will be leading us in worship. We look forward to hearing God's Word together and being encouraged and strengthened in our faith. Do join us as we gather to worship, pray and enjoy fellowship as a church family, and extend a warm First Lisburn welcome to David

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