FIRST LISBURN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SUNDAY 15th NOVEMBER 2026

ANNOUNCEMENT SHEET

Welcome to any visitors worshipping in our church today

The flowers for today's service are a gift from ***Helen Shepherd***

Sunday 15th Nov	**11am – GIRLS' BRIGADE ENROLMENT SERVICE –**Welcome to 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.
Monday 16th Nov	**Welcome Club:** 10.30am – 12.30pm in the Downtown Centre **GB in the Main Hall, Basement and Boyd Room** 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 Contact details for Gillian Methven (GB Captain) are on the back page
Tuesday 17th Nov	**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 18th Nov	**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.

Thursday 19th Nov	**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 20th Nov	**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.

Wednesday 25th November: GUIDED PRAYER — HOME IN THE NEW CREATION - 10.30am and 7.30pm | Coffee Dock



Part Two: The New Jerusalem and the Life of the World to Come - The Bible's final hope is not that we escape creation for ever, but that Christ returns, the dead are raised and God makes all things new. Join us for Part Two of All Things New, a peaceful guided prayer journey through the promises of Revelation 21–22. Through Scripture, silence and prayerful reflection, we will consider the New Jerusalem, God dwelling with his people, the end of death and sorrow, and the river and tree of life.

No one will be asked to pray aloud. Simply come, be still and allow the hope of the world to come to strengthen the way you live today.

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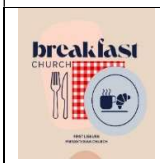
Firstly, we want to say a huge **THANK YOU** for your incredible generosity and support throughout the year, and especially during Harvest. First Lisburn donated a generous 179.3kg of food – equivalent to 426 meals. Your donations are used to help make up emergency food parcels for families facing food poverty.
We want to let you know about this year's **Lisburn Foodbank Christmas Appeal**.

🎁 **Christmas Hamper Bags -** This Christmas we'll once again be providing **Christmas hamper bags** filled with festive food and treats to bring a little joy to households across the greater Lisburn area. Our aim is simple: to ensure families not only have the essentials they need but also something special to enjoy over the Christmas season.

🛒 **How Your Church Can Help -** To help us prepare hundreds of Christmas hamper bags, we're asking each church to collect **one or two specific festive items. First Lisburn has been asked to supply cranberry sauce and tins of sweets.** By focusing on particular items, we can ensure every hamper contains a balanced selection and avoid receiving too much of one product and not enough of another. Please could all donated items be delivered to Lisburn Foodbank **no later than Monday 30th November 2026.** Thank you again for your continued kindness and generosity — it truly makes a difference to local people in crisis.

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

SUNDAY SERVICES

Sunday 22nd 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
Sunday 29th Nov	**11am - FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT — COMMUNION SERVICE - Church Jesus Brings Hope into Doubt** On the First Sunday of Advent, we begin preparing our hearts to celebrate the coming of Jesus and share together in Communion. Advent does not ask us to pretend that every question has been answered or every struggle resolved. It invites us to wait with hope. This Sunday, we will reflect on how Jesus meets us in our doubts and gives us a hope grounded not in wishful thinking, but in God's faithfulness. Come and gather around the Lord's Table as we remember Christ's first coming, look forward to his return and receive fresh hope for the journey. * * * * * **4pm - TOGETHER COMMUNION SERVICE Traditional hymns from 3.30pm · Communion service at 4pm** You are warmly invited to our Together Communion Service—a short and accessible service as we begin the season of Advent. This gathering is especially suited to those who find attending morning worship difficult because of health, age, caring responsibilities or other circumstances, but everyone is welcome. Through Scripture, prayer and sharing around the Lord's Table, we will reflect on the love of God made known to us in Jesus. Come from 3.30pm to enjoy listening to traditional hymns before the service begins at 4pm. Stay afterwards for refreshments and a chance to chat. Everyone is warmly welcome.
 Sunday 6th Dec	**10am BREAKFAST CHURCH -** Join us for our December Breakfast Church on the second Sunday of Advent. We will light our second Advent candle and continue our 'Who Are You?' series, reflecting on what it means to be wonderfully made by God as we prepare our hearts to celebrate the coming of Jesus. We look forward to welcoming contributions from GB, Exodus and Young Life.
	There will also be a bookstall offering Christian books for different ages, interests and stages of faith—a lovely opportunity to find thoughtful

	Christmas gifts for family and friends, or something encouraging for yourself. Take time to browse; payment by cash or card will be available on the day. Come from 9.30am for breakfast and conversation, with worship beginning shortly after 10am. Bring the family or invite a friend—there is a place for you around the table * * * * * * * **7.30pm PRAYER SPACE -** As December gets under way, join us for an evening of prayer in the Coffee Dock. Together we will bring before God the people and concerns on our hearts, the life of our congregation and our wider community. We will pray especially for our Christmas gatherings and for those who find this season difficult through illness, loneliness, bereavement or worry. Please bring any prayer requests you would value others praying for. Whether you wish to pray aloud or quietly alongside others, you will be very welcome.

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