



AHOREY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

To magnify Christ by making disciples in Ahorey and beyond

The Lord's Day 11th October 2026

Morning Harvest Thanksgiving

Welcome to Ahorey! We meet to enjoy fellowship with the Lord Jesus Christ, our King and Saviour, and with one another. If you are visiting, we give you a special welcome in his name.

Call to Worship

"O Lord, Our Lord" (Choir)

We Plough the Fields and Scatter

Prayer of Adoration and Confession

Assurance of Pardon

"How Great Is the Greatness of God" (Choir)

For the Beauty of the Earth (Collection)

Prayer of Intercession

"Come Unto Jesus" (Choir)

The Sunday School

Every Blade of Grass

Isaiah 55:6-13 (p. 615)

The Sermon

Prayer of Application

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

The Benediction

Announcements

Sun 11 Oct	Prayer meeting in Hall @ 9:45-10:15 a.m. Public Worship @ 10:30 a.m. (Andrew) Harvest Thanksgiving Creche during service Public Worship @ 6:30 p.m. (Philip) Harvest Thanksgiving Harvest Thanksgiving Supper in Hall after evening service
Mon	PW meeting in Hall @ 8:00 p.m.
Tues	GB Under-fives & Explorers (3 years-P.4) in Hall @ 6:15-7:20 p.m. Juniors (P.5-7), Seniors (8-10) & Brigaders (11-14) in Hall @ 7:30-9 p.m. The Academy in First Portadown at 7:30 p.m.
Wed	BB Junior Section (P.5-7) in Hall @ 7:00-8:00 p.m. Midweek Meeting in Ahorey @ 8:15 p.m. (Study 5)
Thurs	BB Anchor Boys (P.1-4) in Hall @ 6:45-7:45 p.m. BB Company Section (Years 8-14) in Hall @ 8:00-9:30 p.m.
Fri	Making disciples wherever we are
Sat	Making disciples wherever we are
Sun 18 Oct	Bible Class in Hall @ 9:30-10:15 a.m. Prayer meeting in Hall @ 9:45-10:15 a.m. Public Worship @ 10:30 a.m. (Philip) Sunday School and Creche during service (Creche throughout) Public Worship in Clare @ 6:30 p.m. (Seamus Burke) Harvest Harvest Thanksgiving Supper in Clare after evening service

New Meeting House: The following significant update is shared with much thankfulness to the Lord for his kindness towards us.

The tender process

At the Congregational Meeting held on Monday 5 October 2026, it was reported that five contractors completed tender submissions, that the lowest tender submission was £1,237,000 from SL McNiece Building Contractor Ltd., and that following post-tender adjustments negotiated by the architect and agreed between SL McNiece and the quantity surveyor, the final contract price is £1,190,164.10. When various additional costs are factored in, including professional fees, the final overall sum (as advised by the architect based on informed costings) is £1,290,164.10. Given that the overall estimated cost conveyed to the congregation in December 2024 was £1,164,000 and that since then inflation and construction costs have risen dramatically, we have much reason to be incredibly thankful to the Lord. SL McNiece plans to be on site this month, possibly even tomorrow, to commence work on the new minor hall entrance before proceeding with the full project.

Security authorisation for congregational borrowing

It was also reported that the prospective lender, namely Community Finance Ireland, had following the Congregational Meeting on 17 June 2026 advised that security would be required. Financially, this benefits us, as secured borrowing would be repaid at a

lower interest rate, which would equate to monthly repayments of £6,643 (instead of £7,079), i.e. £79,716 annually (instead of £84,948), and over £75,000 less over the course of fifteen years than would have been the case with unsecured borrowing. The following resolution was passed:

That to facilitate the decision taken by the congregation on 17 June 2026 “to pursue taking out a loan up to the value of £800,000 from Community Finance Ireland”, the giving of the security required by the lender over the car park (including the church hall and in due course the new meeting house) be authorised by the congregation, subject to the authorisation of the Presbytery (Code Par. 72.1).

The following evening (Tuesday 6 October 2026), the Armagh Presbytery passed the following resolution:

That to facilitate the decision taken by the congregation of Ahorey on 17 June 2026 “to pursue taking out a loan up to the value of £800,000 from Community Finance Ireland” to help build its new meeting house, the giving of the security required by the lender over the car park (including the church hall and in due course the new meeting house), having been authorised by the congregation on 5 October 2026, be authorised by the Presbytery (Code Par. 72.1), subject to positive examination of the terms of the lending agreement by the General Assembly Solicitor.

As reported at the Congregational Meeting, the Congregational Committee at its meeting on 28 September 2026 resolved to appoint the General Assembly Solicitor to act on behalf of the congregation in engaging with Community Finance Ireland’s solicitor regarding the terms of the lending agreement, liaising with our own solicitor (Walker McDonald) in so doing, should the congregation and Presbytery authorise the handing over of the required security (Code Par. 72.1) and should Community Finance Ireland issue a letter of offer. Congregational and Presbytery authorisations having been obtained, we now await a decision from Community Finance Ireland’s Credit Committee.

Property trustees

Meanwhile, the Kirk Session has had regard also to Code Par. 72.2, which states, “Any security authorised in accordance with Par 72.1 shall be given by the congregational trustees on the instruction of the congregational committee.” In 2008, the congregation appointed six qualified voters as its congregational trustees. Our list of congregational trustees must now be reviewed because of various changes in circumstances. The Kirk Session is doing so and will in due course call another Congregational Meeting to act according to Code Pars. 88 and 89.

Prayer

Let us continue to pray much about this project, with thanksgiving and excitement, in view of our mission to magnify Christ by making disciples in Ahorey and beyond. Let us believe that, as Hudson Taylor put it, “God’s work done in God’s way will never lack God’s supply.” And let us move forward together, longing that God might be glorified in a united missionary church humbled under grace.

Harvest: After this evening's service, refreshments will be served in the hall, and all are most welcome. Thank you to the musicians, choir and AV team, to those involved in preparations for the supper, to the Sunday School children, to those who decorated the meeting house, and to everyone for helping in any way today. The special offerings today will be allocated to our Mission and Charity Fund, which supports Antonio and Anna in Italy (including visits to and from them) as well as several other missions and charities.

Craigavon Area Foodbank Harvest Collection: If you would be able and willing to contribute to the Craigavon Area Foodbank Harvest Collection this would be greatly appreciated. Please bring any items and leave them in the church hall **today**. The items desired by the Foodbank are tinned fruit, tinned custard, tinned soup, tinned meat, instant noodles, porridge oats, instant mash, rice, crisps, chocolate, toiletries.

Praying for the Presbytery: Today's prayer points focus on Bellville.

Give thanks for:

- the ministry of our stated supply, Rev. Frank Gibson and for his dedication to the pastoral visitation of our congregation;
- the gradual but steady increase in the attendance at public worship over the last six years;
- God's continued provision for our church in both spiritual and material blessings.

Pray for:

- our convener Rev. John Graham as he diligently oversees the work of Bellville's Interim Session as well as the heavy workload he carries for Covenant Church in Portadown;
- our Harvest and Carol services which offer an opportunity to reach those who attend from different faiths;
- that the faithful preaching of God's Word may lead to revival within His Church throughout Armagh presbytery and beyond.

PW: Monday 12 October at 8:00 p.m. Our speaker will be Angus Wilson from Fields of Life. All women will be most welcome. Please note that missionary boxes will be collected this month.

Loans and Borrowings Fund for New Meeting House: Apart from our New Meeting House Fund we have a Loans and Borrowings Fund into which interest-free loans totalling £100,000 have been given to date. These contributions help minimise our borrowing requirements. An explanatory leaflet can be shared with anyone interested.

Let's Pray: You can sign up to receive the PCI prayer resource by email via this link: <https://www.presbyterianireland.org/Prayer/Prayer-for-Today.aspx>.

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