AHOREY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

To magnify Christ by making disciples in Ahorey and beyond

The Lord's Day 29th November 2026

In a League of His Own

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
Look, Ye Saints, the Sight Is Glorious
Prayer of Adoration and Confession
Assurance of Pardon
Psalm 132 (p. 519)
Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus
Prayer of Intercession
New City Catechism
Reception of New Member
Brick after Brick
Exodus 15:1-21 (p. 57)
The Sermon
Prayer of Application
Hear the Church Triumphant Singing
The Benediction

The New City Catechism

Part 3: Spirit, Restoration, Growing in Grace

Q. 48. What is the church?

A. God chooses and preserves for himself a community elected for eternal life and united by faith, who love, follow, learn from, and worship God together. God sends out this community to proclaim the gospel and prefigure Christ's kingdom by the quality of their life together and their love for one another.

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Exodus 15:1-21

Praise the Warrior-Redeemer Who is in a league of His Own.

1. Praise the **Warrior Who annihilates His foes** (vs. 1-12).

2. Praise the **Redeemer Who accompanies His friends** (vs. 13-21).

Who is like the Lord our God?
Strong to save, faithful in love.
My debt is paid, and the vict'ry won—
the Lord is my salvation.

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Announcements

Sun 29 Nov	Public Worship @ 10:30 a.m. (Philip) Sunday School and Creche during service (Creche throughout)
Mon	Congregational Committee Meeting in hall @ 7:30 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.
Wed	Happy Hippos Toddler Group in Clare @ 10:00 a.m. BB Junior Section (P.5-7) in hall @ 7:00-8:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting in Ahorey @ 8:15 p.m.
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	Young Adults Group in Clare @ 7:30-9:00 p.m.
Sun 6 Dec	Bible Class in hall @ 9:30-10:15 a.m. Public Worship @ 10:30 a.m. (Andrew Houston, Belfast City Mission) Sunday School and Creche during service (Creche throughout) Tea and coffee after service in hall

New Member: It is a delight to receive Bethany Irwin as a communicant member of Ahorey. Do welcome Bethany into your hearts and homes. Numbers 6:24-26.

Advent Devotional: "The Newborn King" is a selection of twenty-five readings drawn from the sermons of C.H. Spurgeon. "Whether you're new to Spurgeon or have enjoyed his writing for many years, you will find encouragement, inspiration and delight in the pages of this devotional." Copies are available today for £4.50 each. Please feel free to take a copy today and pay later. Please pay simply by enclosing £4.50 in an envelope marked "Advent" and placing it in an offering plate.

New Meeting House: As announced last Sunday, we are thrilled and thankful that The Benefact Trust has very generously given £125,000 towards our new meeting house. The enabling works for the project have commenced, and our contractor Sam McNiece plans to commence work on the full project the week commencing 4 January 2027. 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.

Belfast City Mission Christmas Gift Appeal: Gift Suggestions (unwrapped please). Selection Boxes, Tins of sweets (Roses, Quality Street, Haribo etc), Boxes of Biscuits, Monetary Gifts, Gift Cards, (£5, £10, £20 etc), Supermarket Vouchers (Tesco, Sainsburys, Asda etc), Groceries (non-perishable). New toys, books, toiletries and games are also accepted. The gifts will be collected next Sunday (6 December), when our guest preacher DV will be Mr Andrew Houston.

Praying for the Presbytery: Today we focus on the ministry of Rev Peter Gamble, Deputy Clerk of the General Assembly:

Give thanks:

- For the Lord's protection and grace during the past year in the midst of extraordinary difficulties for the denomination;
- For a very close working relationship, first with Rev Dr David Allen when he was Acting Clerk of Assembly, and now with Rev Jonny Boyd, Clerk of Assembly.

Please pray:

- That I will keep my own walk with the Lord in humble dependence on him. It's not unique to my role. Every minister faces the same issue. However, with life so busy it is easy to lose sight of this;
- For wisdom as I seek to assist the work of PCI in many complex situations;
- For strength to keep going. With all that's going on, we're 'running hot' the whole time. Several senior staff are constantly at over-capacity. I'm struggling to keep abreast of details that would normally be simple. It is simply overwhelming at times;
- For my role as liaison with the PSNI. Pray that our present situation will be one that the gospel will be proclaimed, even in the midst of everything.

Choir practices for the Christmas Carol Service on Sunday 20th December are scheduled for: Friday 11th December and Thursday 17th December at 8pm. Come along to enjoy fellowship and praise.

The Children's Christmas Party will be held in the church hall on Saturday 12 December 2026 at 2:00 p.m.

Herald Magazine subscription: Due to rising costs, the annual print subscription will increase from £20 to £22. The digital subscription will remain £16. The Herald Office hopes you will continue to find the magazine a useful resource and good value for money. Refer a Friend offer for 2027: When a current subscriber refers a friend who takes out a new subscription, both will receive a £5 Faith Mission voucher as a thank-you. A referral card will be included in the November edition. Christmas gift promotion: The Christmas promotion is also returning. If an annual subscription is purchased as a gift, the December/January issue can be gift-wrapped. Requests must be received by Friday 11 December. Further information: Please speak to Liz Solomonides if you would like any further information. Thank you.

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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