

2025/26 Programme

God... *ever present*

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Psalm 46:1

Welcome to *Presbyterian Women*

Presbyterian Women seeks to encourage women to live for Jesus, being disciples and making disciples, and it is our prayer that you may know the light of God's presence as you meet together in friendship and love.

Theme:

The 2025 - 2026 theme is *God...ever present* and is based on Psalm 46:1

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Motto:

Women Living for Jesus

Mission Statement:

Presbyterian Women exists to encourage, envision and equip effective ministry among women of the congregations of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, enabling women to:

- Grow in the knowledge and love of God
 - Care for one another
 - Reach others with the gospel
- Serve the wider work of the local congregation
- Support the mission of the wider church in Ireland and across the world

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Inspire is the magazine of *Presbyterian Women* and has a readership of around 11,000 women (and men!) throughout our congregations in Ireland and beyond. Included are articles on Global Mission Workers, Deaconesses, PW/Women's Ministry Groups and events, as well as issues facing Christians today. It is published quarterly – March, June, September and December and the annual subscription is £10.00/€12.00, or £2.50/€3.00 for single copies.

We would like many more women to enjoy the magazine and benefit from its very relevant articles and we would appreciate your help in promoting this in your congregation and group.

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How your partnership makes a difference

The work of *Presbyterian Women* is fully reliant on the generosity of group donations which enables us to support the development of ministry to women in the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. Your giving allows us to produce group resources, organise conferences and run training events.

Every year we support various projects at home and overseas. From helping to support the work of Prison Fellowship NI and their ministry to female prisoners and their families, to partnering with the Women's Guild in Zambia who are transforming women's lives throughout Zambia by producing a leader's training manual which is being used to equip women to serve well, to study God's Word, and to extend the love of Christ to others.

Your partnership also supports the work of deaconesses here at home, the training of new student deaconesses, and the work of South Belfast Friendship House in Sandy Row, and your generosity continues to reach across the world by supporting the work of PCI's 17 Global Mission Workers in 8 different countries.

"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up". Galatians 6:9

Ways to respond

There are lots of ways you can partner with us.

You can support us via:

- A Mission Box - Fundraising Events - Group Donations - Direct Debit

www.presbyterianireland.org/pw/How-to-Donate

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Special Home Project 2025-26

Presbyterian Women's Special Home Project for 2025/26 will come alongside the amazing work that is being done in **Sligo Presbyterian Church** through their **Haven** multi-cultural outreach ministry. This valuable ministry seeks to respond to the practical, emotional and spiritual needs of this multi-cultural setting.

Sligo Haven Outreach is a developing ministry which is welcoming people from all backgrounds into the life of this congregation. Mainly through the creation of a Café space with tea, coffee, social activity and English classes, many people are engaging weekly with Haven and being drawn into other aspects of church life.

As *Presbyterian Women's* special home project it is hoped that we will raise £15K which will be used to help support the outreach ministry at the Haven as well as fund the purchase of digital translation equipment to help further the work of reaching out to others with the good news of the gospel.

Special Overseas Project 2025-26

In February 2025 Ellen Hillen (PW President) and Linda Beattie (PW Overseas Vice President) travelled to Hungary and Western Ukraine to meet with the leaders of PCI's partner church, the Hungarian Reformed Church District in Transcarpathia, in order to determine how *Presbyterian Women* could come alongside the church in Ukraine. There are many areas of need in this war-torn country - rising costs and lack of facilities make it difficult for the Diaconal Centre to cope with the situation. One area of great need however is the **Crisis Centre** based in the town of Berehove.

The centre was originally set up as a mother and baby home but, with the war, it has become a Crisis Centre where 22 families are living in very cramped conditions, sharing facilities such as the kitchen and bathroom. Even though the centre is well looked after, the bathroom area is in the greatest need of updating, but the strain of rising running costs leaves little room in the budget for any improvements. In 2025/26 *Presbyterian Women* seeks to raise £15K to help provide families staying at the Crisis Centre with new improved bathroom facilities. It is hoped that this will add to a better sense of well-being as well as helping to ease other financial strains for the Diaconal Centre.

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