

Ballywillan Presbyterian Church

“To know Christ and lovingly to make him known”

Sunday 27th November 2022

10.30 am

1st Sunday in Advent



Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Hymn 165 *O come, O come, Emmanuel*
(vs 3 men, vs 4 ladies)

Children's talk

Children leave for JAM & Bible Class

Prayers of Adoration and Confession

Bible Reading:
Mark 13: 24-37

Paddi Power

Praise *Shout to the North*

Sermon *"The people of God:
waiting for a Saviour"* Stephen Williamson

Praise *Across the lands*

Prayers of Intercession

Hymn 81 *My faith looks up to thee*

The Benediction

Prayer Ministry Team

The prayer ministry team will be available on Sunday mornings from **11.30 am to 12 midday** to pray with you. You can either **call or text** during that time. The prayer ministry team can be contacted at **07927292336**.

Messiah Bible Reading Experience

Introduction & readings to Matthew are at www.immersebible.com/messiah-16-week/

Day 51 p. 311-318 Ch 1 v 1 to 4 v 25

Day 52 p. 318-324 Ch 5 v 1 to 7 v 29

Day 53 p. 324-329 Ch 8 v 1 to 10 v 42

Day 54 p. 330-336 Ch 11 v 1 to 13 v 52

Day 55 p. 337-340 Ch 13 v 53 to 15 v 39

Christmas at Ballywillan 2022

Cards with details of services over the Christmas period are available in the Link and Vestibule this morning.

Church choir practice

A church choir practice, in preparation for Christmas, will take place on Wednesday 30th November at 7.30pm.

Ladies Friendship Group

Following our recent, successful and well attended get together, the next ladies coffee morning is planned for Tuesday 6th December at 10.30am in the Link.

F.W.O.

Please place your freewill offering envelopes into the baskets in the Link or Vestibule.

Oasis Trolley

The next date that food will be delivered to Oasis will be **Monday 28th November**

Points for Prayer

Please pray

- for Frances Hume, Ronnie & Mark Dunlop, Valerie Barron & Dennis Higgins.
- for those in residential and nursing homes including - Ida Donnelly, Doreen McCrum, Kathleen Campbell, Pamela Douglas, Meta Laverty, Ruth Taylor, Ruby Stewart, Jean Glenfield and Eddie Flanigan.

Moderator | *Pray for the Moderator as he attends two services today, Killyleagh (400th anniversary) and Spa (150th anniversary). Give thanks for the faithful witness of these two congregations over many generations and pray for their continued growth and encouragement in the future.*

Worship that encourages | *But you LORD, are a shield around me, my glory, the One who lifts my head high. Psalm 3:3. Ask that God would encourage and lift our heads as we experience his presence and renew our confidence in his power as we worship today.*

Diane Cusick (global mission worker, Zambia) | *Pray that Diane would continue to gain strength in preparation for further surgery and for a date for the surgery to take place. Remember also the teachers on the Early Childhood Development Programme as they plan and prepare activities for the children.*

Christmas Cracker | *In the run up to Christmas there are a lot of extra activities and for families who care for a loved one with a learning disability, fulfilling such activities can be difficult. 'Christmas Cracker' – a respite scheme for adults with learning difficulties within some of our congregations, gives carers much needed additional time. Give thanks for this initiative and the volunteers who help run it. Pray that families will benefit from having free time for themselves.*

Baby Loss | *Pray for women and their families who grieve as a result of pregnancy or baby loss, and who may find the run up to Christmas especially difficult. Give thanks for organisations which support, and pray too that local congregations would find ways to sensitively care for those who are affected.*

General Council | *Pray for all congregations as they prepare for Advent and for all ministers and ministerial teams in the busyness of this time of year with many different events and services planned for this special season. Pray that amidst all the activity there would be time and space to reflect on the significance of Christmas.*

Training in Ministry | *The Pastoral Care for Ministers and their Families Panel meets on Wednesday 7 December. Pray for the Panel and its convener, Rev Niall Lockhart, that they will know God's guidance as they seek to support ministers, their families and the presbyteries that care for them.*

27th Nov - 3rd Dec 2022

Church Diary

Sunday	MTT	7.30pm
Tuesday	GB Company Section	7.00 - 8.30pm
Wednesday	Bowling Club	7.00pm
	Back to Basics	7.30pm
	Choir practice	7.30pm
Thursday	Men's Fellowship	10.30am
	BB Anchor Boys	6.30 - 7.30pm
	BB Junior Section	6.45 - 8.00pm
	BB Company Section	7.00 - 9.00pm
Friday	GB Explorers	6.00 - 7.15pm
	Bowling Club	7.30pm

Come Dine with Me

The next "Come Dine with Me" will be held on Sunday 18th December at 12.30 pm in the Royal Court Hotel. Please add your name to the list in either the Link or Vestibule.

Church Office Hours: Monday to Thursday 9.00am - 1.00pm

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