

Ballywillan Presbyterian Church

“To know Christ and lovingly to make him known”

Sunday 22nd January 2023

10.30 am

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Hymn 346 *O Lord, Thou art my God and King*

Children's Talk

Children leave for JAM and Bible Class

Prayers of Adoration and Confession

Bible Reading:
Genesis 12: 1-9

Paddi Power

Praise *How great is our God*

Sermon *“Not knowing where
you are going”* Stephen Williamson

Praise *Ancient of days*

Prayers of Intercession

IPH 515 *My hope is built on nothing less*

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**.

JAM

We are looking for extra helpers to help with JAM which runs during church each Sunday morning. We currently have five teams that run for a month at a time on a rota basis. During each session at JAM, there are lots of different ways to get involved, either by helping with crafts, games, story times, prayer, or interacting with the children who come along each week. If you feel that you could help in any way, please get in touch with Emma Peacock or Chris Cunningham.

Ladies Friendship Group

The next get together of the Ladies Friendship Group will be on Tuesday 24th January 2023 at 10.30am for coffee and chat in the Youth Room! Looking forward to seeing you all and perhaps you could bring any suggestions or ideas of what you would like to do over the next number of months that would give variety to our meetings! Everyone welcome.

Messiah Readings

Those of you who have been following the Immerse Messiah readings will know that we have come to the end of the 80 readings. We do not intend to suggest any pattern of readings for the next four weeks, but Lent begins on 22nd February, and Stephen proposes to introduce some studies during Lent. In the meantime, you might have some of "Messiah" still to read, or you might wish to re-read some parts. Alternatively, you might wish to choose your own path through part of the Bible, or possibly use some of the Psalms during those weeks.

The Word Action Group, a small group set-up by Session, oversaw the use of Immerse Messiah in our congregation. We would be interested in whether or not it helped your reading of the Bible and appreciation of its relevance to you. Please give specific reasons for your views. You may talk to any member of the group, Stephen Williamson, Judith Adams, Christine Dunlop, Anne Taylor, Robert Wilson, Ron McCartney, or e-mail mccartneys@ballywillanpci.org Thank you.

YouthReach 40th Celebration

This year, we believe YouthReach is 40 years old, and so we'd love to celebrate reaching this milestone. We are hoping to produce a display with lots of different photographs from down the years, which we can show in the link before church on the Sundays leading up to Easter. If you have any photos that you would be willing to share, please bring them into the office or give them to Chris, with your names on the back of each photograph so they can be returned at the end of YouthReach.

ACT

Anxious about our Country and our Nation

Concerned about the state of our Health Service

Troubled about the state of the economy

Why - not join with us and walk the prayer trail, praying for our Nation, praying through the Lord's Prayer, bringing our concerns to God.

When - anytime from 4pm - 9pm Sunday 29th January 2023.

Where - Our Main Hall and the Frazer Room.

Who - everyone welcome: come on your own, with a friend, or as a family..... all ages welcome.

No pre booking required. **No** time limit- feel free to come and go as you please. **No** pressure to pray out loud.

Wonderful years - A Reflection by Claire Trueman

Sixty years ago, a young woman with a passion, a vision and a determination to serve, left all that she knew behind and crossed the Atlantic Ocean to offer service to her Lord in a strange land.

Clare Trueman decided to live out her call to a ministry that defied borders and geographical boundaries in the small developing state of Jamaica which was a far cry from her native land, Northern Ireland.

Claire has written a book about her memories of Jamaica over the years. [This book is available from the church office at a cost of £5.](#)

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, Ruby Stewart, Jean Glenfield and Eddie Flanigan.

Moderator | *Please pray that the Moderator would have discernment to build the right relationships with the right people, speaking wisely into every encounter.*

Worship: Directed and set free | *'Direct my footsteps according to your word; let no sin rule over me.' Psalm 119: 133. As we worship today ask God to direct our daily living and set us free from sins that overshadow our lives.*

Steve and Rosie Kennedy (global mission workers, Romania) | *Pray for Steve and Rosie in their ongoing commitment to learn the Hungarian language and give thanks for their steady progress.*

Nepal | *Pray for the grieving families of the 72 people, including three members of Nadipur Church, who died in the recent plane crash in Pokhara. Pray also for improved passenger and airline safety in Nepal.*

Mental Health | *Mental health cases have risen significantly throughout the pandemic & now due to financial strain of the cost of living crisis. Pray that there will be adequate funding for our Health Trusts to provide services in the community. Pray that God will be close to those suffering from depression and other mental health problems.*

Education | *Give thanks for those who voluntarily serve on school boards of governors and management across the island of Ireland. Pray for great wisdom and discernment for those who have particular responsibility to uphold Christian ethos in schools and for all governors as they seek to support principals and staff in making the best decisions for pupils.*

General Council | *Pray for the staff in PCI's IT Department who support not only the offices in Assembly Buildings but also Union College, all of the Social Care units and several other sites. Pray for wisdom as they seek both to facilitate the work of the Church, and also protect it from the sadly increasing number of online threats.*

Training in Ministry | *Licentiates, or assistant ministers, are placed in congregations to continue their training 'on the job'. An important part of this is supervision by the minister of the congregation. Pray for these ministers, and the other elders in the congregations.*

22nd - 28th January 2023

Church Diary

Sunday	MTT	7.30pm
Monday	Bible Study	10.30am
Tuesday	Ladies Friendship Group	10.30am
	GB Company Section	7.00 - 8.30pm
Wednesday	Bowling Club	7.00pm
	Congregational prayer group	7.30pm
Thursday	Mens Fellowship AGM	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
Saturday	Elders prayer time	8.00am

Word for Today, for those who have ordered is available in the Link this morning

The **Connections** group will meet in Culture Coffee, Portstewart at 7:30pm on Tuesday 24th January for coffee and chat. Please join us for informal chat, coffee and connection with others.

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

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