

# Ballywillan Presbyterian Church

*“To know Christ and lovingly to make him known”*

**Sunday 19th March 2023**

**10.30 am**

Welcome and Announcements

## **Call to Worship**

**Praise**            *Blessed be your name*

Children’s Talk

**Praise**            *Turn your eyes upon Jesus*  
(GB vs 1 & 2 and chorus)

Children leave for JAM and Bible Class

Prayers of Adoration and Confession

Bible Reading:  
Genesis 16: 1-16

Melanie McAllister

Sermon    *“Keep your eyes upon Jesus”*    Stephen Williamson

**Hymn 87**        *Be thou my vision*

Prayers of Intercession

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

*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**.

**PCI Safeguarding Training** has been arranged for Tuesday 21st March at 7.30pm in the main hall. This training is mandatory for leaders of youth organisations eg. BB, GB, MTT and Youth Club, along with JAM teachers and helpers.

### **Lent Studies**

In our own life, or with others, we all have to face difficulties or sorrow. This year's Lent Studies, "Daring to Hope", are aiming to help us in those situations by directing our attention to the grace of lament in the Bible. The coming week's theme is "Permission to protest or complain". It will be on Wednesday 22nd March at 7:30pm in the Frazer room, or please contact the church office to link online. You are very welcome to come along. "Why, Lord,... do you hide Yourself in times of trouble?" (Psalm 10 v 1)

### **Coffee Morning**

Please note that the coffee morning will now commence at **10.30am every Wednesday**.

Cake will be served this Wednesday so please come along and 'eat cake' and join in the chat.

**Defibrillator** - As part of our duty of care for one another, the Congregational Committee which includes the Session of Ballywillan Presbyterian Church has decided to buy a defibrillator. This amounts to a major investment, both the purchasing of a defibrillator (suitable for all ages) as well as the training up of a number of people to be ready to use it. If you would like to contribute to this initiative, please put your donation in a sealed envelope with "Defib" written clearly on the outside. This may be left in the offering plate on a Sunday morning or handed in to the church office.



### **Reminder:**

Clocks will go forward one hour next Sunday 26th March.

# 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** | *Pray for the Moderator as he meets his fellow church leaders this coming Friday at the meeting of the Church Leaders Group (Ireland). Pray that the Church leaders might be enabled to speak together on significant issues for the common good of our society, both in Northern Ireland and in Ireland.*

**Worship: Exploring God's truth** | *As we worship today ask God to help us to do so with hearts open to his Word and ready to explore what it means for our lives.*

**Edwin and Anne Kibathi (global mission workers, England)** | *Pray for the Kibathis as they engage in outreach and offer pastoral care to East African expatriate fellowships in East London, Reading, Luton and Birmingham.*

**Persecuted Church** | *Pray for those PCI partners in India, Pakistan, the Middle East and parts of Africa who are currently enduring persecution, that they would be strengthened in their worship and witness.*

**Csaba and Ilona Veres (global mission workers, Romania)** | *Pray for Csaba and Ilona as they seek God's direction for their future and that God's kingdom would flourish in Roma communities in Hungary and Romania.*

**Leaders in Training** | *Pray for Revs Brian Theu and Thomas Nyang'ama from Malawi who, with scholarship support from PCI, are currently in their final year of PhD Studies (by distance) through Aberdeen University.*

**General Council** | *Pray for the AGM of the Irish Council of Churches, in its centenary year, being held at Limerick Cathedral this coming Thursday. Give thanks for the work and witness of ICC over the past 100 years.*

**Training in Ministry** | *The Linkage Commission meets next Tuesday, 28 March. Pray for the Commission as it seeks to take an overview of the denomination in providing resources for ministry, especially at this time when there are fewer ministers than vacant congregations. Pray too for Rev Ker Graham, its convener.*

# 19th - 25th March 2023

## Church Diary

<b>Sunday</b>	MTT	7.30pm
<b>Monday</b>	Bible Study Group	10.30am
<b>Tuesday</b>	Safeguarding training	7.30pm
<b>Wednesday</b>	Coffee Morning	10.30am
	Bowling Club	7.00pm
	Lent Studies	7.30pm
<b>Thursday</b>	Men's Fellowship	10.30am
<b>Friday</b>	Bowling Club	7.30pm

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

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