

Ballywillan Presbyterian Church

"To know Christ and lovingly to make him known"

Sunday 14th January 2024

10.30 am

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Hymn 9 *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

Prayers of Adoration and Confession

Children's talk

Family Praise *Our God is a great big God*

Children leave for JAM

Bible Reading:

Luke 15: 1-7

Paddi Power

Praise *Holy Spirit living breath of God*

Sermon *"The stories Jesus told -
the Lost Sheep"* Stuart Morrow

Praise *Sovereign over us*

Prayers of Intercession

Hymn 88 *God of grace and God of glory*

The Benediction

Tea and coffee will be served in the Link after the service. Everyone welcome.

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**.

Immerse readings for week beginning Sunday 14 January 2024

Day 44 pp. 164-169 Leviticus 9 vs 14 - 12

Day 45 pp. 169-175 Leviticus 13 & 14

Audio version at week 9 of immersebible.com/beginnings-16-week/

Come Dine with Me

The next Come Dine with me will be held on Sunday 21st January at 12.30 in the Royal Court Hotel. Please sign up on sheet in Link if you wish to go.

Readers list

A new reader's list is now on the Link noticeboard for 2024. Please add your name to it if you would like to read a passage of scripture at the service.

Flowers for Worship

A new flower rota is now on the Link noticeboard. If you wish to have flowers arranged for you to mark an anniversary or other, please add your name on the date required and leave money for flowers in the Church Office. Thank you.

The Ladies Friendship Group

The Ladies Friendship Group will re-commence on Tuesday 30th January 2024 at 1.30pm in the Youth Room! We will be providing a Soup Lunch with wheaten bread. All ladies are most welcome and do feel free to bring a friend.

It would be helpful if you could add your name to the list in the link if you intend to be there so as we can have an idea of numbers for catering!

Looking forward to getting together again!

Thompson House Donations

To practically support the work of Thompson House and it's male residents there will be a box available in the Link where non-food items such as toiletries, shower gels, laundry tablets etc can be placed for monthly delivery and distribution. This is a very practical way for us to demonstrate Christ's love in action.

Oasis Trolley

The next date that food will be delivered to Oasis will be Monday 22nd January 2024.

Points for Prayer

Please pray

- for Frances Hume, Valerie Barron, Jim Clarke, Ronald, Mary and Jonathan Wilson, Ron McCartney & Dennis Higgins.
- for those in residential and nursing homes including - Ida Donnelly, Doreen McCrum, Kathleen Campbell, Pamela Douglas, Ruby Stewart, Jean Glenfield, Elsie Irwin, Jos Lapsley, Ian Moffatt and Eddie Flanigan.

Moderator | *Pray for the Moderator who will preach in Great Victoria Street this Sunday as the congregations of Great Victoria Street and Windsor are merged. Give thanks for their past ministries and pray for God's blessing on this new beginning under the leadership of the Rev Ivan Steen in Belfast city centre.*

Worship: Part of something bigger | *"Praise the Lord, all you nations; extol him, all you peoples." Psalm 117:1. As we worship today ask God to increase our awareness that we participate in the worship of the worldwide people of God.*

United Mission to Nepal | *Pray for UMN Executive Director, Dhana Lama as she and her colleague, Ramesh, conclude a visit to Mugu and Surkhet, especially for safety in travel and that they would be aware of God's presence with them. Pray also for God's guidance in the appointment of a new Cluster Team Leader in Mugu.*

Presbyterian Church in Myanmar | *Pray for an end to the civil war in Myanmar and for PCM members who have been forced to flee their villages due to bombardment by government forces.*

Rev Gary Aitcheson, prison chaplain | *Pray for Gary and all of PCI's prison chaplains as they share the message of Christ with those in prison. Pray that they would know the Lord's strength as they support inmates in each of their specific situations.*

Mental health | *None of us knows when we or those known to us will suffer poor mental health. Resources are often difficult to source and mental health cases have risen significantly due to financial strain, unemployment, family issues and drug and alcohol misuse. Pray that there will be adequate funding for Health Trusts to provide services in the community. Pray that God will be close to those suffering from depression and other mental health problems. Grant patience and wisdom to families and carers.*

Palliative Care | *Give thanks for those medical staff who provide care to those coming to the end of their life. Pray that in the face of limited resources and mounting pressure to change the law to legalise assisted dying, that they would continue to be able to respond effectively and compassionately to ease pain and suffering.*

14th - 20th January 2024

Church Diary

Sunday	MTT	7.30pm
Monday	Bowling Club	7.00pm
Tuesday	English Class (Acacia Path) 10.00am-12noon GB Company Section	6.50 - 8.30pm
Wednesday	Wellness Hub Coffee Morning Bowling Club Back to Basics	10.00am - 12 noon 10.30am 7.00pm 7.30pm
Thursday	English Class (Acacia Path) 10.00am-12noon BB Anchor Boys BB Junior Section BB Company Section	6.30 - 7.30pm 6.45 - 8.00pm 7.00 - 9.00pm
Friday	GB Explorers	6.00 - 7.15pm

Our service from Ballywillan is broadcast live every Sunday. Please be aware that your image may be captured on screen.

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

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