

Ballywillan Presbyterian Church

"To know Christ and lovingly to make him known"

Sunday 24th August 2025 10.30 am

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Psalm 103 *O Thou my soul, bless God the Lord*
(vs 1-5)

Prayer of Adoration and Confession

Children's talk

Family Praise *This little light of mine*

Children leave for JAM & BREAD

Bible Reading:
Psalm 103

Christine Dunlop

Praise *When I was lost*

Sermon *'Reflection'*

Gordy McCracken

Praise *Here is love*

Prayers of Intercession

Hymn 360 *Praise my soul the King of heaven*

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**.

Gift Aid Envelopes for visitors

If you are a visitor to our church and would like to gift aid your offering, please use the envelopes in the Link and Vestibule.

PLEASE NOTE

Donations to F.W.O., Outreach and Repair Fund may now be made via QR Code on the noticeboard in the Link.

Walking Group

The next walk will be on Monday 25th August. We will meet at the Hill Portstewart for a walk around Portstewart.

“The people who walk in darkness will see a great light. For those who live in a land of deep darkness, a light will shine.” These are words from Isaiah, and they begin one of the passages which cause some Christians to consider the book of Isaiah to be a fifth Gospel.

Isaiah is one of the Old Testament books which we shall include in our **Congregational Bible Readings** beginning in September. You are warmly invited to follow these readings from next Sunday either in your **Bible** or by using **Immerse Prophets (IP)**. Those who have ordered a copy of **IP** may collect it in the Link after this morning's service.

Messy Church

To start preparing for Messy Church this year we are hoping to have a quick planning meeting on Thursday 4th September from 7:30pm in the youth room. If you can help out with anything, including crafts, activities, stories, food, registration, or welcoming and guiding people around, we would love your help. If you'd like more information please get in touch with Chris Cunningham.

Family Fun Day

Join us on **Saturday 30th August** from 3–6pm at the Jardine's home (BT55 7PS) for an afternoon of fun, food, and fellowship. It is open to people of all ages, whether you're up for some games and activities, face painting, fancy some BBQ and ice cream, or simply want to relax and chat whilst enjoying the atmosphere. There'll be plenty of seats, good company, and something for everyone. To help us plan, please let us know you're coming by adding your name to the list in the Link or scanning the QR code on the screen. We'd love to see you there!

Points for Prayer

Please pray:

- for Billy Hook, Raymond deZeeuw, Dennis Higgins and Hayley Foster.
- for those in residential and nursing homes including - Ida Donnelly, Jim Clarke, Doreen McCrum, Kathleen Campbell, Pamela Douglas, Ruby Stewart, Irene Hosier, Elizabeth Greer, Betty McCaughern, Marie Bradley, Mary Adams, Mildred Douglas, David Shaw and Ian Moffatt.

Moderator | *This morning the Moderator will be leading the Sunday service in Castlerock along with the minister, Rev Dr Peter Fleming. Pray that the service will be a source of blessing and encouragement to all who attend and that the ministry and witness of the congregation in the area will continue to flourish.*

Worship throughout the year: Pray for those who make arrangements | *Give thanks for those who make practical arrangements for worship – open the buildings, providing technical support, collecting and counting the offering, arranging the flowers. Ask that they will know God's blessing as they undertake this 'behind the scenes' ministry.*

St Petersburg Christian University (SPBCU), Russia | *Pray that God would provide the students and staff of SPBCU with a good rest ahead of the new academic year and make provision for their financial, emotional and spiritual needs. Pray also that the Rector, Vice Rector and teaching staff would know God's guidance and encouragement as they plan for the year ahead.*

Scripture Union Malawi (SUM), Malawi | *Pray for the SUM National Director, Maropafadzo Chirwa-Chisalipo, as she provides leadership and seeks to promote the reading of the Bible, especially among youth and children. Pray for the SUM – PCI partnership, especially regarding further exploration of gap year, cross-cultural mission opportunities for self-supporting volunteers with a passion for sharing the gospel with children and youth.*

School life | *Pray for our children as they return to school and begin a new term. Pray that they will be eager to learn and settle in well to their new surroundings. We also pray for families that may be struggling with the return to routine and the financial burden that goes along with it. We pray that they will be able to access the help and support they need.*

Government | *Pray for MLAs and TDs as they prepare to return following Summer Recess. Pray for the incoming parliamentary season, that these elected representatives would display good leadership and make a positive impact representing their local communities.*

General Council | *Pray for all the Sunday schools and youth organisations that are starting up again for the new term. Pray for all Sunday school teachers and youth leaders that they might be an inspiration, an encouragement and a good role model as they help young people grow in their faith.*

Church Diary

24th - 30th August 2025

Monday	Church office closed	
Tuesday	Catering Committee meeting	7.30pm
Wednesday	Wellness Hub	11.00 am - 1.00pm

Reader's List

A new reader's list from September to December is now on the noticeboard in the Link. Please add your name to the list if you could read a passage of scripture at the Sunday service. Thank you.

Dates for your diary.....

Two musical evenings in aid of the Repair Fund

20th September 2025

Eilidh Patterson

11th October 2025

'Heart and Soul' (featuring George Jones)

Oasis Trolley

The next date that food will be delivered to Oasis will be **Tuesday 26th August.**

Children and infant facilities

Unmanned Crèche facilities are available in our Children's Room for young families needing the use of a crèche.

A responsible adult must accompany and supervise each child.

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

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