

# Ballywillan Presbyterian Church

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

## Sunday 11th January 2026

### 10.30 am

Welcome and Announcements

#### **Call to Worship**

**Hymn 352** *Holy, Holy, Holy*

Prayer of Adoration and Confession

Bible Reading:

Luke 3: 1-20

Geoff Hagan

Children's talk

**Family Praise** *Create in me a clean heart*

Children leave for JAM & BREAD

**Praise** *Yet not I but through Christ in me*

Sermon *“About turn”* Gordy McCracken

**Praise** *Lord I need you*

Prayers of Intercession

**Hymn 89** *Guide me Oh Thy Great Jehovah*

*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 in the Frazer Room from **11.30 am to 12 midday** to pray with you.

### **Contributions for 2025**

Please note that all outstanding contributions for 2025 must be with the Church office by tomorrow

**Monday 12th January 2025**

**Congregational Bible Readings this week are from Jeremiah Ch10 to Ch15 or Immerse Prophets (IP) p226 to 238.** [www.immersebible.com/prophets-16-week](http://www.immersebible.com/prophets-16-week) contains an audio reading at days 38 and 39.

Ch 10 v 23-24; IP228 A prayer of Jeremiah: "I know, LORD, that our lives are not our own. We are not able to plan our own course. So correct me, LORD, but please be gentle." A sermon by Stephen on Ch 15 v10-21 is at 10/7/16 of [www.ballywillanpc.org/sermons](http://www.ballywillanpc.org/sermons)

### **Messy Church**

Messy Church is back! We'd love you and your family to join us on Sunday, 18th January, from 3:30-6pm for our first Messy Church of the year. Our theme this year is Bible Heroes, and there'll be lots of fun for everyone, hands-on crafts, games and activities, songs, a short Bible story, and a meal together. Messy Church is especially great for children and young families, so feel free to bring a friend or invite another family along with you. For more information, please speak to Chris or pick up a flyer from the Link.

### **Come Dine with Me**

The next "Come Dine with Me" will be held on Sunday 18th January at 12.30 pm in the Royal Court Hotel. Please sign up on the sheets in either the Link or Vestibule if you wish to attend.

### **Readers List**

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

### **Oasis Trolley**

The next date that food will be delivered to Oasis will be **Monday 12th January 2026**.

## Points for Prayer

### **Please pray:**

- for Billy Hook and Hayley Foster.
- for those in residential and nursing homes including - Ida Donnelly, Jim Clarke, Doreen McCrum, Pamela Douglas, Ruby Stewart, Irene Hosier, Betty McCaughern, Marie Bradley, Jeanette Mark, David Shaw, Maureen McCaughern & Eileen Glass

**Moderator |** *'My soul is downcast within me; therefore I will remember you ... Why, my soul, are you downcast? Why so disturbed within me? Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him, my Saviour and my God.'* Psalm 42: 6,11. *Pray for those who eagerly anticipate a new year, that in the midst of joy they might see God. And for those struggling with life, in their down times, may they hope in God.*

**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.*

**Stephen and Angelina Cowan, global mission workers, Kenya |** *Give thanks for the December youth and children's camps, not least for the leadership and wide-ranging contribution by the team from Park Road Fellowship, Nairobi. Give thanks for how God's Spirit was in work in the discipleship of the children and young people, and pray that the gospel seed sown would take deep roots and come to fruition as the year ahead.*

**The Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Poland (EPCP) |** *Give thanks for the work and witness of the EPCP. Pray especially for the Christ the Saviour congregation located in Krakow and its pastor, Rev Saško Nezamutdinov. Pray for the various ministries of the congregation, especially the discipleship of children and young people, and the provision of quality Christian literature for those in the wider community who are hungry for God's Word.*

**Care staff |** *Pray for care staff within our residential and nursing facilities as they undertake practical tasks and personal care duties throughout the working day. Specialist end of life care for residents can often be overlooked, but is demanding, both physically and emotionally. Pray for staff providing such care, that although challenging, they will also find it a rewarding experience.*

**Public Affairs |** *Give thanks for the many works of compassion and love carried out across PCI on a daily basis, whether in formal settings, or by individual Christians. Pray that, as these are done in response to our Lord's command to love our neighbour as ourselves, these acts of kindness will be a blessing to many. Pray, too, that they will demonstrate the greatest love of all, that of Jesus for his church.*

**General Council |** *Please pray for the planning for the Special Assembly which is due to be held in one month's time on 17 February. The preparations include the ongoing review of Safeguarding, and of the role of the Clerk of Assembly and General Secretary of PCI. Pray that the Lord would guide in all of these matters.*

**Training in Ministry |** *Pray for the Information Day held recently for current ministry applicants. Pray that the sense of call would be made clear through the application process. Pray for discernment and wisdom for the interview panels as together they seek to know the Lord's guidance and will.*

# Church Diary

## 11th - 17th January 2026

<b>Sunday</b>	Bible Class MTT	11.30 - 12 noon 7.30pm
<b>Monday</b>	Bowling Club	7.30pm
<b>Tuesday</b>	Causeway Coast Peace Group GB Company Section	10.00am - 12pm 6.50 - 8.30pm
<b>Wednesday</b>	Coffee Morning Wellness Hub Foundations launch night	10.30am 10.30am - 12.30pm 7.30pm
<b>Thursday</b>	BB Anchor Boys BB Junior section BB Company section	6.30 - 7.30pm 6.45 - 8.00pm 7.00 -9.00pm
<b>Friday</b>	GB Explorers	6.15 - 7.30pm

**The Causeway Coast Peace Group** will meet on Tuesday 13th January 2026, 10.00am - 12 noon in Ballywillan Presbyterian Church. The speaker will be Emma Mullan from the Coleraine Area Child Contact Centre.

New members/attendees always welcome and a warm welcome will be extended to all who come along.

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

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