

Ballywillan Presbyterian Church

“To know Christ and lovingly to make him known”

Sunday 3rd May 2026

10.30 am

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

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

Prayer of Adoration and Confession

Bible Reading: Psalm 42: 1-11

Karen McCracken

Children's talk

Family Praise *Create in me (that I might serve you)*

Children leave for JAM & BREAD

Praise *Be still for the presence*

Sermon

“He restores my soul”

Gordy McCracken

Praise *Strength will rise*

Prayers of Intercession

Hymn 388

The King of love my shepherd is

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.

Congregational Bible Readings this week are from Joel and Jonah or Immerse Prophets (IP) 429-444 <https://immersebible.com/prophets-16-week/contains> an audio reading at days 78 to 80 **Joel 2 v 13, 32; IP434, 436** Return to the LORD your God, for He is merciful and compassionate, slow to get angry and filled with unfailing love..... everyone who calls on the name of the LORD will be saved. At <http://www.ballywillanpci.org/sermons>, Stephen and Gordy have a series of 4 sermons on Jonah from 14/9/14 to 5/10/14, and Isaac has a sermon on Jonah Ch 4, dated 30/6/24.

This completes our readings from **Immerse Prophets**.

Walking Group

The Walking Group will commence their walks on Monday 4th May at 7.00pm - meeting at Strand Road car park, Portstewart, for a walk along the beach. A programme of all walks is available in the Link and Vestibule this morning.

Readers list

A new Readers list is now on the link noticeboard. We would encourage as many people as possible to sign up to read a passage of scripture at the Sunday service.

Please Note:

There will be **no** Badminton Club on Tuesday 5th and Thursday 7th May.

Spring Clean up of Church Grounds

We are hoping to do a clean up of the Church grounds on Saturday 16th May from 10.00am to 12 noon. If you would like to volunteer your services for a couple of hours please come along.

Please Note:

There will be **no** Coffee Morning on Wednesday 6th May due to road closures for NW 200.

Points for Prayer

Please pray:

- for Hayley Foster.

- for those in residential and nursing homes including - Ida Donnelly, Jim Clarke, Doreen McCrum, Pamela Douglas, Irene Hosier, Betty McCaughern, Marie Bradley, Jeanette Mark, David Shaw, Pat Canavan, Maureen McCaughan, Maurice Daly & Eileen Glass.

Moderator

Pray for the ongoing work of safeguarding in PCI as the Safeguarding Development Committee meets during this incoming week and also for the appointment of a Head of Safeguarding as this important piece of recruitment is progressed. Pray for wisdom and insight for all those engaged in this area of work.

The Church of North India (CNI)

Pray for the leadership Board of the Church of North India, especially Most Rev Dr Paritosh Canning, President; Rt Rev Dr Silvans Christian, Vice-President; and Rev Dr Ajith Kumar, Secretary, as they seek God's guidance and work to implement the new roadmap for the Synod's Standing Committees over the next three years.

Drum, Cootehill & Kilmount

Give thanks for the ongoing ministry of Rev Daryl Edwards in these congregations, as well as the recent activities at Easter which brought encouragement. Pray for the upcoming summer activities and for the members of the three congregations that they may know God's presence as they meet together for worship and fellowship.

Heather McKelvie, community outreach worker, High Street Antrim

Pray for preparations for the holiday Bible club to be held in June, that God would bring along children and their families and that he would prepare their hearts for the gospel. Continue to pray for discipleship in the ladies' and men's groups that they would grow in their understanding of the Bible.

General Council

Pray for the work of the Union Theological College Management Committee, convened by Very Rev Dr John Kirkpatrick as it meets this week. Pray that the committee might exercise discernment and sound decision making as they think about the considerable challenges, financial and other, that lie ahead for the College.

Training in Ministry

Pray for the two weeks of intensive study on Pastoral Care and Reflective Practice for 1st and 2nd year ministry students this month. Pray too, for the intensive study in interpersonal skills for the 3rd year students. Pray that these courses will be a blessing in the lives of the students and in their future ministries.

3rd - 9th May 2026

Church Diary

Sunday	Bible Class MTT	11.30 - 12 noon 7.30pm
Monday	Church office closed	

Please note:
Road closures for NW200
Wednesday 6th May
9.00am - 3.00
Thursday 7th May
9.00am - 3.00pm and 4.45pm - 9.00pm
Saturday 10th May
9.00am - 7.00pm

These dates and times may change if weather is bad

Come Dine with Me

The next Come Dine with Me will be held on Sunday 17th May at 12.30pm in the Cromore Halt, Portstewart. If you wish to go please sign up on sheet in Link or Vestibule.

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

PLEASE NOTE

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

*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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