

Ballywillan Presbyterian Church

“To know Christ and lovingly to make him known”

Sunday 6th September 2026 10.30 am with Communion

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Praise *How deep the Father's love for us*

Prayer of Adoration and Confession

Children leave for JAM & BREAD

Bible Reading:
Luke 14: 15-24

Victor Sinclair

Praise *When I Survey*

Sermon *“The beggars banquet”* Gordy McCracken

Hymn 573(Vs. 1-4) *Here O my Lord*

The Sacrament of Communion

Hymn 573(Vs. 5-7) *Too soon we rise*

Prayer of Reflection

Hymn 583 *Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour*

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 Meeting

There will be a short congregational meeting after the service next Sunday 13th September to endorse the election of a new Congregational Committee.

Bowling Club

The Bowling Club will start on Wednesday 9th September at 7.00pm
Bowling nights will be Monday & Wednesday at 7.00pm
New members welcome

We begin a new series of **Congregational Bible Readings** this week with Psalms 1 to 17, which is also in Immerse Poets (IP) on pages A9 to p15, including introductory pages. You can find an audio of the readings at immersebible.com/poets Psalm 8 v 3-4: When I look at the night sky and see the work of your fingers—the moon and the stars you set in place —what are mere mortals that you should think about them, human beings that you should care for them? Play or sing any hymns or songs which these Psalms bring to mind

The Kitchen

Refresher training in hygiene will be available for anyone involved in using the kitchen from any organisation. This will be led by Alice McAlary who will deliver a talk entitled “Ain’t no bugs on us”! It would be great if we could have a representative from every group using the church kitchen. This will take place on Monday 21st September at 7.30pm. To book a place please call the church office by 16th September as Alice needs to bring the correct number of handouts.

Readers list

A new Readers list (from September to December) 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.

Oasis Trolley

The next date that food will be delivered to Oasis will be **Monday 7th September.**

Points for Prayer

Please pray:

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

Moderator | *Pray for the Moderator's first presbytery tour starting today in North Belfast and also for the Clerk of the Presbytery, Mr Trevor Long. Pray for Dr Kerr as he visits various congregations, schools, and organisations in the community and meets with key figures in civic society. Pray for God's blessing on all these interactions and for strength and stamina for the Moderator as he undertakes a busy programme.*

Knowing the blessings of God in worship | *The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face towards you and give you peace. Numbers 6:24-26. Ask that as you worship today you may know the blessings of God's favour, grace and peace.*

Volker and Jinhyeog Glissmann, global mission workers, Malaysia | *Pray for Volker and JinHyeog as they prepare to be commissioned by Dromore Presbytery on Sunday, 13 September at 6.30pm in Harmony Hill congregation for service with the Increase Association based in Malaysia. Pray that they will know much grace and strength as they continue with deputation speaking engagements ahead of travelling to Kuala Lumpur in early October.*

Persecuted Church, Afghanistan | *Pray for Christians in Afghanistan, a country that is so often in transition and where persecution is ongoing and severe. Pray for the believers seeking to live as faithful disciples, despite being driven underground, isolated from each other and the global church. Pray that they would know God's protection, be able to evade arrest, and still manage to live as fruitful witnesses of Christ.*

Howth & Malahide | *Pray for the congregation of Howth & Malahide and for Rev Alastair Dunlop as he ministers here. Pray that the elders and other leaders would be enthused and encouraged as they seek to serve God across these two locations.*

Chris Purdy, community outreach worker, New Mossley | *Give thanks for the work in which Chris is involved in the area of New Mossley and pray for the upcoming Hope Explored course. Pray that Chris would be strengthened and encouraged as he builds relationships in the congregation and community.*

CMI Chaplaincy Conference | *Pray for all of those attending the Chaplaincy Conference to be held today (10 September), that each chaplain would find it helpful for their ongoing ministry. Pray also for all of those contributing to the event, including keynote speaker Daniel Caldwell and those facilitating seminars. Give thanks for the ongoing work of all PCI chaplains.*

Fermoy & Cahir | *Pray for Rev William Montgomery in his ministry and for all those connected to these congregations, that they would be blessed and encouraged in their continued witness in this area.*

General Council | *Pray for the recommencement of various meetings this week in Assembly Buildings with groups such as the General Assembly Arrangements Panel, convener Rev Mervyn Burnside, and the Church Relations Panel, convener Rev Nigel Craig, meeting. Pray for wisdom and discernment as they take forward the work of the General Council.*

Church Diary

6th - 12th September 2026

Monday	Messy Church meeting	7.30pm
Tuesday	GB Company Section	7.00 - 8.30pm
Wednesday	Wellness Hub	10.30am - 12.30pm
	Bowling Club	7.00pm
	Foundation Groups launch night	7.30pm
Thursday	BB Registration evening	7.00 - 8.00pm
Friday	GB Explorers	6.15 - 7.30pm

Presbyterian Herald

Copies of the Herald are available in the Vestibule and mailboxes this morning for those who have pre-ordered them

Ladies Friendship Group

Ladies Friendship Group will resume on Tuesday 22nd September at 2pm in the youth room for tea/coffee and chat. All ladies are very welcome so do not hesitate to bring some friends along with you. We plan to make a membership list on the first day so it would be appreciated if you could be good enough to bring your membership fee that day

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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