

# Ballywillan Presbyterian Church

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

## Sunday 31st May 2020

### 10.30am

Welcome and Announcements

**Call to Worship**

**Praise**                    *For Thy gift of God the Spirit*

Prayers of Adoration & Confession                    Dave Conway

Bible Reading:  
Acts 2: 1-21                    David Wray

**Praise**                    *Come Holy Ghost, our hearts inspire*

Sermon    *“When the day of Pentecost came...”*    Stephen Williamson

**Praise**                    *Holy Spirit, living breath of God*

Prayers of Intercession

**Praise**                    *Restore O Lord, the honour of Your Name*

*The Benediction*

### **Wednesday Evening Devotional**

We invite you to join with us each Wednesday evening during June at 9.00 pm for a short devotional. This will be on the usual Live Webcast platform.

The Church Office is now closed but can still receive and respond to emails. If you wish to contact us by email we will do our best to answer your queries. ([office@ballywillanpci.org](mailto:office@ballywillanpci.org)) If you wish to leave a message on the telephone (70822612) we will also respond.

### **F.W.O.**

Please note: if you prefer to leave your church envelopes at the church, there will be someone here **each Monday fortnight** to take them. The next date will be **Monday 1st June**. This will coincide with leaving items in the Oasis trolley.

### **Oasis Food Donations**

The shopping trolley is in the outside porch of the Church **between 9 and 11 am each Monday fortnight**. If you would like to donate please leave your items before 11.00am. The next pick up date is **Monday 1st June**. They particularly need foodstuffs that can be cooked in a microwave as some of their clients don't have cookers. Thank you for your continued support.

### **Bulletin/Order of Service**

A copy of this bulletin sheet can be printed from the website. If you know of anyone who cannot access the internet and therefore cannot follow our Sunday Service - please print them out a copy so that they can keep in touch with notices and prayers etc.

### **Let's Do Church**

A WhatsApp Group for members of the congregation has been set up to keep in touch during these difficult times. If you would like to join the group please contact Heather Williamson on 07713840060 (Ladies Group) or Isaac Thompson on 07802984242 (Men's Group)



## Girls Brigade Northern Ireland

Girls Brigade NI have brought out a resource called "Resources4home." It includes lots of wonderful ideas for creative prayers, crafts, indoor games, and baking. It can be found on the Girls Brigade website, or at this link:

[www.gbni.co.uk/resources4home](http://www.gbni.co.uk/resources4home)



## Holiday Bible Club

We are looking into running a Holiday Bible Club Online this year in July. We would love to get as many volunteers involved as possible. If you would like get involved, please either contact the office or Chris Cunningham at

[ballywillanyafworker@outlook.com](mailto:ballywillanyafworker@outlook.com)

## Points for Prayer

### *Please pray*

- for Ruth Brennan, Audrey Robinson, Ronnie Dunlop, Ian Moffatt, Ben Johnston, Ron McCartney, George Hall, Dennis Higgins, & Robin Henry.
- for those in residential and nursing homes including - Ida Donnelly, Noel Harte, Jean Fillis, Margaret McKeague, May Twaddle, Kathleen Campbell, Pamela Douglas, Jean Steenson, Ruth Taylor, Eddie & Eileen Flannigan, Alan McCrum, Jean Francis, Margaret Dunlop.

### **Enjoying God**

- *As congregations gather online for worship today, pray for the outgoing Moderator, Dr William Henry as he leads his final service for the wider church. Pray that this would be a significant moment as the church reflects on his theme, 'Enjoying God'.*
- *Pray for the Clerk of the General Assembly, Rev Trevor Gribben and the Deputy Clerk, Rev Jim Stothers as they prepare themselves for meetings of the Standing Commission of the General Assembly during this week. Pray that even though the full General Assembly cannot meet, God would guide this Commission in its work.*

### **New Moderator**

- *Pray for the Moderator-Designate, David Bruce, his wife Zoe and their family, as David is installed as Moderator on Monday evening. Pray that the service will prove to be an uplifting moment for him and the wider church as he takes on this new role for the year.*
- *Pray for Global Mission Workers, and PCI's Global Mission Partner churches who will have hoped and planned to send delegates to the General Assembly this week. As they may be watching the opening night event online, pray for an increasing sense of fellowship and belonging across the Presbyterian family.*

## **Standing Commission of the General Assembly**

*- The Standing Commission of the General Assembly will meet Tuesday and Wednesday. Pray for its work in determining ways forward on some essential items of business, and for wisdom in considering how the church may manage its work through the current restrictions.*

*- Pray for David Bruce as he responds to invitations to represent the church's views on a wide variety of issues in the media this week. Pray for PCI's Press Officer, Mark Smith as he prepares press releases, and offers advice to those asked for comment on behalf of the church.*

## **PCI Care Homes**

*- Pray for the vital work of the Council for Social Witness, and specifically its work in Residential Homes which may be vulnerable to COVID-19 infection. - Give thanks for the dedicated and skilled work of staff in PCI's care homes, and for their dedicated Christian witness.*

*- Pray for the work of the Council for Congregational Life and Witness, in seeking to support and resource the work of local churches throughout Ireland. When conferences and other meetings cannot take place, give thanks for the new and imaginative ways the Council is seeking to do its work.*

## **Global and Irish mission**

*- Pray for the work of the Council for Global Mission, and specifically in its current support for Global Mission Workers, some of whom have returned to Ireland while others remain in their overseas locations. Pray for the safety of overseas staff, far from home.*

*- Pray for the work of the Council for Mission in Ireland acting in support of the Home Mission, Irish Mission, Chaplaincy and other aspects of the Church's outward face at home. Pray that the important work of reimagining PCI's mission in light of current events will bear fruit in coming years.*

## **Online worship**

*- As the first of the new Moderator's online worship services will be available next Sunday morning, pray for the team working on these services each week, including the technical people, musicians, readers and other participants. -*

*- Pray that God would be honoured through these services Thank God that He is Lord of his Church – that nothing can change this, and that even though there has been much to disrupt what we do, he remains in control of everything. Pray that his people would be given the gift of faith to “be sure of what we hope for, and certain of what we do not see”. (Hebrews 11:1)*

## In this moment

### A prayer for a church apart when it is usually assembled

Sole King and Head of the church,  
in this our annual week of General Assembly,  
we bow before you, a church strangely apart.  
This year there will be no opening night,  
sharing of bread and wine in silent communion,  
rousing singing at the Wednesday night rally,  
catching up with familiar faces in the coffee queue.  
We are experiencing a twenty first century disruption to our  
Presbyterian ways,  
caused by threat to public health, rather than theological  
principle.  
And yet, this year,  
we find ourselves curiously more drawn together than ever,  
not in one place, for one week,  
but as one people, to witness as one,  
the Presbyterian Church in Ireland,  
in shared circumstances across the whole island.  
We look again to you, Lord Jesus Christ,  
for in you, and for you, all things were created,  
even life in lockdown and vaccines for viruses.  
You reign in heaven and earth,  
unpanicked in the face of pandemic.  
In these uncertain times,  
still shaken governments north, south, east and west,  
bow envious of the power of your kingdom,  
which doesn't falter and cannot fail.  
You hold all things together,  
even when they feel like they might be falling apart.  
And you are the head of this body, the church -  
*this* church,  
*our* church, as we like to call it,  
even though we know it is really *yours*.  
Yours to lead, guide, direct, correct in this moment,  
because, glorious firstborn from among the dead,  
in everything you have the supremacy.  
Amen

## **Youth and Family Updates:**

### **M.T.T. and Bible Class:**

The Ballywillan Youth team have crash landed on the internet! Join us on Discord throughout the coming months, which will be our official meet up space online. On Sunday nights, this is where we will be hosting M.T.T. from 7:30pm-9:15pm. We would love members of Bible Class, who normally meet on a Sunday morning and other teenagers to join us. Over the course of the night, there will be time for fellowship, prayer and bible study.

To get involved, download a consent form from the Church website.

### **Boys Brigade:**

Boys Brigade NI have launched a resource for the next few weeks called B.B at Home, which is available from their website. Each week, they will update it with new resources, which will have lots of fun activities, games and challenges to keep the boys entertained, whatever age they are.

### **JAM:**

Each Sunday, after the church service finishes at about 11:15, we are running JAM online. It will last about 15-20 minutes and include a song, memory verse, story and some activities to do at home. No matter what age you are, we hope that you'll invite your friends along and join with us again this Sunday.

### **Weekly Family Email:**

Each week we want to send out an email which will have an encouragement, some resources that can help you at home during this time and some prayer topics. Over the next couple of weeks, we will be trying to build a list of emails for families in the church. If you would like to be added to the list, please contact the email below or the church office.

### **Midweek Devotional:**

Every Wednesday, on the Ballywillan Youth Facebook and Instagram pages and also over email, we will be posting a midweek personal devotional. It will follow the SOAP bible study method and give you a chance to dig deeper into the passages.

### **Youth Club:**

Youth Club leaders have been creating devotionals, which will be sent out each Saturday night to the parents of young people to let them know we are thinking about them.

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