

## PRAYER DIARY

**Church Families:** Each week we pray for folks in Ballygilbert, family by family. Pray this week for: Gordon and Susan Patton; Jean Patton; Robert and Ann Proctor; Michael and Margaret Rea; the Reid family - Trevor, Wendy, Robbie, Jackson, Patsy and Fraser.

**Mission:** Even as we think about prayer today, we have to link that to God's mission. We can pray for all kinds of things, but at the heart of prayer is God's will to see people return to him. Take some time to pray for someone you know whom you would love to see declare faith in Jesus. Pray for an opportunity to speak to them about faith. Pray that God would go ahead of us in that mission.

*"Prayer is not eloquence, but earnestness; not the definition of helplessness, but the feeling of it."*

**Hannah More**

**Peace:** We must keep praying for peace in our world. That's a good prayer, but we can also trust that God knows what he is doing in his world. So pray that we would become clear on God's will, whether that is judgement or blessing, and that we would follow him no matter what. People need hope which is the same as saying people need Jesus. Pray for a world in which Jesus' reign is extended and the problems and pettiness of the world start to fade away.

*"I pray because I can't help myself.  
I pray because I'm helpless.  
I pray because the need flows out*

*of me all the time, waking and sleeping. It doesn't change God. It changes me."*  
**- C.S. Lewis**

**The Johnston Family:** Keep praying for Paul & Rosemary, and their family, in the wake of Nessie's funeral last week. Ask God to bless them with peace, calm, and the encouragements they will need in the weeks to come. We can also be thankful for Nessie; for her sharp wit, good humour, and years of service in the congregation.

### Word for the Week:

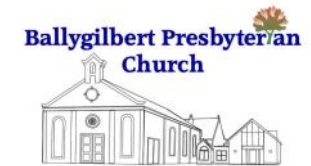
From **1 Timothy 2.1-2**

*I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people - for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.*

### CONTACT DETAILS

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Please use above numbers if you need pastoral assistance or wish to inform us of a hospital stay and also when you return home again.



**Ballygilbert Presbyterian Church**  
Registered Charity: NIC 105298

**26th April 2026**

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

Praise: **Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven**

Prayers of Adoration & Confession

Children's Talk

Praise: **Only By Grace**

Scripture Reading: 1 Timothy 2.1-8 (P1192)

The Sermon: Rev Craig Jackson  
"The Church - Our Praying"

Praise: **Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus**

Offering

Prayers of Intercession

Praise: **And Can it Be?**

The Benediction

The flowers today are kindly provided  
by Yvonne McFarlane

## Announcements

A warm welcome to our service. If you're visiting, please make yourself known to us.

**11.00am 3rd May: All-Age Sunday**  
Rev Craig Jackson - "True Freedom"

**Crèche:** Please make use of our vestibule if you or your children need a space to move around or take a break.



CDs of the Service can be made available Let us know if you require this service for someone.



**PRAYER LINK**  
Contact Yvonne 07716 129 970  
For confidential and urgent prayer requests.



## Coffee&Chat

Monday 4th May at 7.30pm

All ladies welcome.

*Looking forward to seeing all of you!*

## - Mission Grants -



As part of our remit in Mission Group we want to help adults and young people in our congregation, in prayer and financially, who are taking part in short term mission projects.

Applications for financial support should be in writing, noting when and where you are going and a little bit about the project. This should be given to me by **Sunday 17 May 2026**.

If you need any further information please speak to me. *Jean Patton*

**Vestry**  
HOUR

Please note there will be **NO Vestry Hour** until **Wednesday 29th April**.



## Prayer Meeting

The next meeting is

**Tues 28th Apr at 8pm in the Manse.**

You are most welcome to come pray with us.

**It's a must as a church family!**



## BADMINTON

Wednesdays 7pm-9pm

Speak to Eric Thompson for details

Women@Ballygilbert

Join us for

## Afternoon Tea



And a showing of the film

**"Downton Abbey The Grand Finale"**

**On 7th May 2026 at 2.00pm**

Donation £5 - payable on the day. But to gauge numbers please sign up in vestibule.

## Ladies Coffee Morning



All ladies are invited to join us at Source Cafe (behind Elim Church Bangor)

**Thursday 14 May at 10.30am.** If you need any transport or further details ease speak to Shirley, Yvonne or Jean.

## LUNCH OUTING

The 'Hymns We Love' folk are heading out for lunch in May and we'd love you to join us.

**When: Wednesday 20th May at 12.15pm**

**Where: Crawfordsburn Inn**

**Cost: £25 for a main course and a drink.**

To secure your place, please give your name (with £25) to Gillian **BEFORE Sunday 10th May.**

Transport can be provided.  
**EVERYONE is welcome!**

Thank You

## Thompson House

Over the last few months we at Thompson House have been so appreciative of your contributions of plates, mugs, cutlery and bedding etc. At this time we are fully stocked and as we have little storage space I would ask that you do not supply any more items just now! No doubt in the future we will be looking for supplies again and I will let you know!!

In the meantime a very big **"Thank You!"** to all who have supplied items for our use. *Vicky McLaughlin*

## CHURCH FLOWERS



**VACANT DATES MAY + JUNE**

**17th + 31st May**

**28th June**

**Please contact Wendy to discuss nearer date.**  
**She can be contacted on 07836 596 101.**