

PRAYER DIARY

Monday 29th: In-between 2025 and 2026 think about the blessings in your life. What are you most thankful for? Why not pray and thank God for it. Ask God to make us more aware of his grace in our lives and to be more thankful.

Tuesday 30th: Many of us know the blessings of family and friends. Take some time to reflect on how people closest to us impact us. How do we impact them? Then pray that God would make us good for each other; that we would be instruments in his hands that make us all kinder, gentler, more graceful, and more like Jesus.

Wednesday 31st: At the close of the year, pray for yourself. Think about your relationship with Jesus and where it needs some work. Ask God to show you, and then help you find paths back to a closer walk with him. Pray for guidance, and then go seek it in his Word. Pray for the courage to live for him in this world.

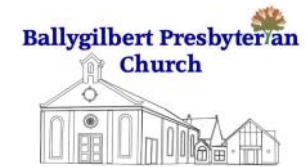
Thursday 1st: New year, new possibilities! Many will make resolutions today, and the next few months will show how much they meant them. As God's people, we should always resolve to be better ... better readers of God's Word; better at praying alone and with other Christians; better at serving others, etc. Pray accordingly.

Friday 2nd: Already a week since the big day, and we realise how quickly time flies! The whole year will be the same. We will marvel at how fast next Christmas approaches. So pray for a good pace of life; that we would take time when we

need it; that we would use it to help others; that we would recognise God and eternity and learn to number our days rightly.

Saturday 3rd: On the eve of one of the quieter Sundays of the year, we remember that God's real people (the Church) don't give up meeting together. We look forward to seeing one another, encouraging love and good deeds, and to hearing from God again. We are disciples in his school before we are anything else. Pray ahead of church tomorrow.

Sunday 4th: Our All-Age services have been a real blessing and encouragement to us. We pray for today and that 2026 would see more people come join us. That young families will find it an easy service to come to; that our older members would also come and taste its encouragement; and that those who opt-out of this particular service would reconsider and come see God doing a good thing in our midst.



Ballygilbert Presbyterian Church
Registered Charity: NIC 105298

28th December 2025

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

Praise: **In Christ Alone**

Prayers of Adoration & Confession

Children's Talk

Praise: **I'm Special**

Offering

Prayers of Intercession

Praise: **In the Bleak Midwinter**

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 9.1-7 (P693)

The Sermon: Rev Craig Jackson
"Christmas Confidence"

Praise: **Thine Be the Glory!**

The Benediction

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

Announcements

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

11.00am: 4th January

All-Age Service

"Why we love free will"

Rev. Craig Jackson

11.00am: Sunday 11th January

Communion Sunday

Rev Craig Jackson

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.

CHURCH OFFICE HOLIDAYS

For office related matters please contact Craig.

The office is now closed and will reopen
Tuesday 6th January 2026 at 9.30am.

THE **HERALD + INSPIRE** are available for collection in the vestibule for those who have previously ordered.



Please note there will be NO Vestry Hour until Wednesday 7th January.

COMING UP

**Sunday 11th January
11am: Communion Service**



STOREHOUSE CHRISTMAS THANK YOU!



**Storehouse North Down
reopens on 5th January**

Many thanks to all who so generously supported us during this Christmas period. We have given out over 450 hampers and it is only by the support of so many that we were able to cover all the requests. Our shelves are very depleted now.

A special thank you to all our volunteers who worked really hard over the last fortnight. They were absolutely amazing.

Wishing you God's richest blessings
Margaret, Chairperson

MISSION BOXES

Although we have very few PW Mission boxes in our congregation we raised an amazing

£994 plus Gift Aid

for the projects in Sligo and Ukraine.

Many thanks for your support.

Linda and Jean

Presbyterian World Development
CHURCH IN IRELAND



CHRISTMAS OFFERING

Support the World Development Appeal to help communities in places like Honduras and Ethiopia continue to provide food security.

Helping churches and communities transform and thrive. Working together, serving our neighbours and glorifying God.

Special envelopes available.

Please prayerfully consider your gift.

www.presbyterianireland.org/world-development

Freewill Offering Contributions

Are your contributions up to date?

The **last** day for receipt of 2025 contributions will be **Sunday 4 January 2026**, when the books will close.

Organisation Treasurers

Please have your audited accounts to 31st December 2025 with the Church Treasurer by 25th January 2026.

CHURCH FLOWERS



The Flower Book is open in the church vestibule for booking your dates (except July/August/December)

BOOK OPEN NOW for 2026 DATES

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