

PRAYER DIARY

Church Families: Each week we pray for folks in Ballygilbert, family by family. Pray this week for: David and Maureen Ringland; Avril Robb; Lynn and Julian Robertson; the Robertson family - Ben, Nisha and Luca; Frank and Valerie Robinson; Lois Robinson.

Trouble in NI: With the recent car bomb outside a police station in Dunmurry the old feelings of worry return to us. We should pray that our politics has truly moved on from the dark days of the Troubles. Pray that peace might survive. Pray that those who would still choose violence would be brought to justice and shown a different way to live. Pray that God would send people into their lives to show them Jesus.

"May we think of freedom, not as the right to do as we please, but as the opportunity to do what is right."

Peter Marshall

Exam Season: With pupils finishing soon for study leave, let's pray for them. We can pray that their hard work and revision will bear fruit in their exams. Pray that they will do their best and find their way to the next phase of their education or work. Above all of that, pray that our Christian young people would know who they really are: children of God, saved in Jesus, and led by the Spirit. Nothing else matters!

"It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery."

The Apostle Paul

Church Caretaker: We are looking for a new caretaker! We give thanks for Ken's years of service and pray that we would find a new caretaker soon. Pray for the Committee as they begin that process soon and for the person who will take up that role. Ask God to prompt them, and to help us find the way forward.

Word for the Week:

From **Luke 15.31**

"'My son,' the father said, 'you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.'"

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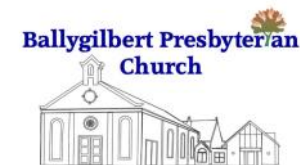
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Please use above numbers if you need pastoral assistance or wish to inform us of a hospital stay and also when you return home again.



Ballygilbert Presbyterian Church

Registered Charity: NIC 105298

3rd May 2026

Welcome & Announcements

Prayer

Praise: **Behold Our God**

Children's Talk

Offering & Praise: **10,000 Reasons**

Birthday Bucket / Prayers for Others

Scripture Reading: Luke 15.11-31 (P1049)

The Sermon: Rev Craig Jackson
"True Freedom"

Praise: **King of Kings**

The Benediction

The flowers today are kindly provided
by Holly Webb

Announcements

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

11.00am: 10th May

Rev Craig Jackson - "The Church: Discipline"

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.

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

Coffee&Chat

Monday 4th May at 7.30pm

All ladies welcome.

Looking forward to seeing all of you!

Vestry HOUR

Craig will be in the Church office

WEDNESDAY morning

9.30-12.30.

If you need a form filled in, or just want to chat, feel free to drop in and do so.

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.

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!

Stream Presbyterian Church
Antiques & Collectables Fair

Monday 4th May 10am-4pm

Proceeds to Church Funds & Missions



Prayer Meeting

The next meeting is

Tues 12th May at 8pm in the Manse.

You are most welcome to come pray with us.

It's a must as a church family!

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.

- 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*

CHURCH FLOWERS



VACANT DATE 28th June

Please contact Wendy to discuss nearer date.

She can be contacted on 07836 596 101.