

## PRAYER DIARY

**Church Families:** Each week we pray for folks in Ballygilbert, family by family. Pray this week for: The Moore family - Joseph, Maureen and Ian; Morie Moore; Joyce Morrison; John Murdie; the Nevin family - Garth, Victoria, Robbie and Jamie.

**The Middle East:** We should not tire of praying for peace in our world, especially in the Middle East, but also for those nations who are in various degrees engaged in the conflict. Pray that talks would bear lasting fruit; that peace would break out; and that that peace would make way for the Gospel of Jesus Christ - he is needed in the Islamic world and the Jewish world more than ever.

*"I judge all things only by the price they shall gain in eternity."*

**John Wesley**

**Give Thanks:** We can always give thanks in our prayers. Take time to think of the blessings in your life and to thank God for them. Think about something you're looking forward to and thank God for it. Pray for the people you love and thank God for them. Remember that Jesus is the ultimate cause of our thanksgiving - *"Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful."* (Colossians 3.15)

*"I do not believe one can settle how much we ought to give. I am afraid the only safe rule is to give more than we can spare. If our charities do not at all pinch or hamper us, I should say they are too small. Cont.*

*There ought to be things we should like to do and cannot do because our charitable expenditure excludes them." - C.S. Lewis*

**The Grace of Giving:** We're thinking about our giving this morning and it's something we should pray about. We're to discard the idea of the tithe (10%) and push further towards grace and generosity. Today might be as good a moment as any to review your giving. It doesn't have to go to the church; we can give to all kinds of good causes, but God is interested in what we give and what we keep. It's helpful to recall the Gospel here - that God gave us his only Son to save us. He is a generous God.

### Word for the Week:

From **2 Corinthians 8.5-7**

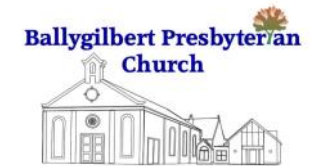
*They gave themselves first of all to the Lord, and then by the will of God also to us ... But since you excel in everything — in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in the love we have kindled in you — see that you also excel in this grace of giving.*

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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

**12th April 2026**

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

Praise: **For the Beauty of the Earth**

Prayers of Adoration & Confession

Children's Address

Praise: **Take My Life and Let it Be**

Scripture Reading: 2 Corinthians 8.1-15 (P1162)

The Sermon: Rev Craig Jackson  
"The Church: Our Giving"

Praise: **Faithful One**

Offering

Prayers for Others

Praise: **Great is Thy Faithfulness**

The Benediction

The flowers today are kindly provided  
by Lynda Eccles

## Announcements

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

**19th April**

11.00am: Rev Richard Patton

**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.

## ~ EASTER HOLIDAYS ~

### Vestry Hour

The next Vestry Hour will be Wed 15th Apr.

### Church Office

The office is currently closed but will reopen Wednesday 15th.

### Toddlers

Back on Thurs 16th April.

### Youth Club

Meeting again Friday 24th April.



## Prayer Meeting

The next meeting is

**Tues 14th Apr at 8pm in the Manse.**

You are most welcome to come pray with us.

It's a must as a church family!



Please note there will be **NO Vestry Hour** until Wednesday 15th April.

### ♥ Hymns We Love (Easter) ♥

**Wednesday 15 April 11.30am**

We will be singing and learning about, **'O God Our Help in Ages Past'**

Followed by a light lunch. Spread the word and make sure to join us.

*If you need a lift don't hesitate to get in touch.*

### Ladies Coffee Morning



All ladies are invited to join us at Source Cafe (behind Elim Church Bangor) **Thursday 16 April 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!**



## Coffee&Chat

Monday 20th April at **7.30pm**

All ladies welcome.

*Looking forward to seeing all of you!*

## CHURCH FLOWERS



**VACANT DATES MAY + JUNE**

**17th, 24th + 31st May**

**7th + 28th June**

*Please contact Wendy to discuss nearer date.*

*She can be contacted on 07836 596 101.*

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.



## STOREHOUSE



The need never stops and life continues to be a stressful time for many. There is always great demand so please continue to support us with the usual items.

*Thank you for your support and prayers.*

*Full list of items on trolley in vestibule or at*

**www.storehousenorthdown.com**