



WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Our main gatherings as a church family centre around Sunday worship. Our services are about an hour long. They are filled with Bible reading and teaching, prayers and praise, including a selection of traditional hymns and more contemporary praise. Our evening services normally take place on the first and third Sundays of the month in various formats.

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We are a Registered Charity in Northern Ireland: NIC 104474

MISSION STATEMENT

Gilnahirk Presbyterian Church exists to show the love of God in Christ Jesus, proclaim the Gospel and enable people to find its healing power, encourage members to worship and learn together and grow in faith, apply the faith in practical concern and help to others.



NEW TO GPC?

Whether you're new to church, have been a Christian for many years, or are looking for a fresh start, you're welcome here. Everything we do as a church is filtered through our focus on encouraging and equipping every person to take the NEXT STEP on their unique journey to connect with God and his church. We believe that as we keep walking together on this journey of faith, we are being transformed into the likeness of Jesus Christ and into a diverse but united community, where everybody lives, loves and serves with their whole heart.

VISITOR INFORMATION

We know that visiting a new church can feel a little overwhelming. We're here to welcome you and make your time with us a great experience! Step-free access to the building, lift, accessible toilets & baby changing facilities are available. Loop system is in place to assist hearing aid users during the worship service.

What's on

Sunday 26th April

11.00am Rev Stuart McCrea

Baptism of Miles Maxwell, son of Grant & Lynsey Linter

7.00pm Prayer & Reflection - a short time of prayer in the Meeting Room

Praise

11.00am

'10,000 Reasons'

'Our children, Lord' (IPH 376)

'Holy Spirit, we welcome you'

'Be Thou My Vision' (IPH 491)

SPRING PLANT SALE &

CRAFT FAIR

GILNAHIRK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SATURDAY 9TH MAY

10AM-12NOON

**Buy your plants for the garden or
bring your own baskets and pots to be filled**

**Handmade crafts
and homemade cakes for sale**

Tea, coffee & scones



FORGEAST
learn serve lead

CELEBRATION SERVICE

Sunday 26 April @ 7pm

Bloomfield Presbyterian Church

Refreshments available after the service

Join us, all welcome!

*A retiring offering will go towards the East Belfast
Presbytery Youth Fund to support similar initiatives*



**The
Bible
Course**
NEW EDITION

Do you want to explore
how to apply the Bible to
your daily life?

**Our Discipleship Groups are running
The Bible Course and YOU are invited to join!**

Next Session: Kings - The Story of Power

Tuesday 28th April @ 8pm

or

Friday 1st May @ 11.30am

Meet in Stye Brae Centre // Refreshments served on arrival

biblesociety.org.uk/thebiblecourse



Coming up

1. East Belfast Presbytery invite you to attend a Service of Celebration for Forge East this evening at 7.00pm in Bloomfield Presbyterian Church. It would be a great encouragement for those who were involved in Forge East to have attendees from across our Presbytery. Any loose offering will go towards the Presbytery Youth Fund which will support future such initiatives within East Belfast.
2. Monday Morning Drop In meets weekly at 11.00am in Stye Brae.
3. Gilnahirk Ladies Group meet on Monday 27th April from 2.15 - 3.45pm in Stye Brae Upper Hall with Hannah Elliott from International Justice Mission.
4. Discipleship Groups will meet on Tuesday 28th April at 8pm and Friday 1st May at 11.30am in the Stye Brae for the next session of The Bible Course - Kings : The Story of Power. Refreshments on arrival. All welcome.
5. Gilnahirk Men's Group have their Annual Outing on Wednesday 29th April.
6. Toddler Group meets weekly in the JB Halls on Thursdays at 10.00am.
7. Gilnahirk Urban Saints meets on Saturday 2nd May from 7.00pm - 8.30pm in Stye Brae. All children and young people from P6 - Yr14 are welcome.
8. **Sunday 3rd May**
11.00am Rev Roy Mackay
7.00pm Rev Stuart McCrea
9. **Sunday 10th May**
11.00am Christian Aid Week Service - Lynda Francis
Refreshments will be served in the Stye Brae Upper Hall after the service
7.00pm Prayer & Reflection - a short time of prayer in the Meeting Room
10. Calling all bakers! - We need your help to create an overflowing HOME PRODUCE stall at the **Spring Plant and Craft Sale** on Saturday 9th May. So dig out your granny's recipe books and start baking cakes, biscuits, breads - or make some chutneys and jams. All will be gratefully received. If you can help us it would be appreciated if you could pack them up for sale and of course come along and buy, drink coffee and chat to friends. Don't forget to invite your friends and neighbours too.

Announcements

1. Any pastoral issues can be directed to Rev Stuart McCrea by email: stuart.mccrea@gmail.com or by mobile 07528366668. Or, alternatively, please contact our Clerk of Session Heather Taylor via 07897243033
2. Please pray for the members of the East Belfast Presbytery Gilnahirk Vacancy Commission, especially Stuart, as they oversee the vacancy: Rev Dr Marty Gray (Moderator), Martin Hampton (Deputy Clerk), Rev Stuart McCrea (Convener), Rev Dr Drew Gibson, Rev Jimmy Warburton, Margaret Grayson, Tom McCullough and Hugo Wilson.
3. Prayer requests may be left in either of the boxes in the Styé Brae entrance and the vestibule. All requests kept confidential.
4. Manna Foodbank in Dundonald - special requests: Tined peas, carrots and potatoes. Thank you.
5. There is a receptacle in the Styé Brae entrance for baby and children's items that anyone wishes to donate for delivery to PCI's International Meeting Point Op Shop at Carlisle Circus. Donations of clothes, toys, equipment, nappies and wipes gratefully received.
6. The church office hours are Tue/Thu/Fri from 12 noon - 5pm.
7. The Flower Calendar is up in the entrance to the church. If you would like to provide flowers for a Sunday in 2026, please put your name at your chosen space. Further info - Valerie Gamble 90798602.
8. PCI Let's Pray Weekly Bulletin - this is available to download on our website under 'Prayer Resources'. Hard Copies are also available from the Styé Brae entrance table. Alternatively, you can subscribe to have it delivered straight to your email inbox by visiting <https://presbyterianireland.org>
9. Please return the key to the JB hall that hangs in the Minister's Room if you have borrowed it.
10. The Herald is offering a taster session from July to Dec – 5 issues for £10. The Herald is the PCI Magazine for our Church. It provides articles on church work at home and overseas, book and podcast reviews, “ Life in PCI” photos from Ballyholme to Minterburn (incl Dawn Services) and then dipping in the archives to revisit what was making headlines throughout the decades. Have a think about it and look for the ‘sign-up’ cards in May.