



# 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 10th May**

**11.00am** Christian Aid Week Service with guest speaker Lynda Francis  
Children & young people will leave for Toddler Church, Kids Church & Roots after the second praise

Please join for refreshments in the Stye Brae Upper Hall following the service (lift access is available)

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

### **Praise**

**11.00am**

'Great is Your faithfulness' (IPH 89)

'He's got the whole world in his hands' (IPH 118)

'You came to raise the last and least'

'When I needed a neighbour'

**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: Exile - The Story of Loss**

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May @ 8pm**

**or**

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May @ 11.30am**

**Meet in Stye Brae Centre // Refreshments served on arrival**

[biblesociety.org.uk/thebiblecourse](http://biblesociety.org.uk/thebiblecourse)



# Coming up

1. Praise Group will meet on Sunday 10th May at 7.30pm. All singers and musicians welcome.
2. Monday Morning Drop resumes on Monday 11.00am in Styé Brae.
3. Discipleship Groups will meet on Tuesday 12th May at 8pm and Friday 15th May at 11.30am in the Styé Brae for the next session of The Bible Course - Exile - The Story of Loss. Refreshments on arrival. All welcome.
4. Toddler Group meets weekly in the JB Halls on Thursdays at 10.00am.
5. Youth Club will meet on Saturday 16th May from 7.00pm-9.00pm in JB hall for young people in Yr 7 - Yr 12. Please note that P7's are invited to come along for the summer term.
6. Gilnahirk Urban Saints meets on Saturday 16th May from 7.00pm - 8.30pm in Styé Brae. All children and young people from P6 - Yr14 are welcome.
7. **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May**  
**11.00am** Service led by Rev Stuart McCrea (followed by our Congregational AGM which will take place in the church afterwards)  
**7.00pm** Evening worship in Lower Styé Brae led by Rev Stuart McCrea w/ special guest Rev Gareth Stewart. Refreshments available from **6.30pm**
8. **Gilnahirk Ladies Group Outing** - on Monday 18th May leaving church at 11.00am to Glenarm Castle and grounds inc Lunch, with option for House tour. Spaces available, if you would like to join us please contact Edna Caldwell - 07752 985397.
9. **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May**  
**11.00am** Service led by Rev Roy MacKay  
**7.00pm** Prayer & Reflection - a short time of prayer in the Meeting Room
10. Praise & Worship led by the New Irish Choir & Orchestra on Saturday 30th May at 7.30pm in Glenmachan Church. All proceeds in support of Abura Nursery & Primary School, in Northern Uganda; a school supported by Trinity since 2020. Further info: [niatickets@trinitygreyabbey.org](mailto:niatickets@trinitygreyabbey.org)

# Announcements

1. Any pastoral issues can be directed to Rev Stuart McCrea by email: [stuart.mccrea@gmail.com](mailto: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 Stye Brae entrance and the vestibule. All requests kept confidential.
4. Manna Foodbank in Dundonald - special requests: Pasta'n'sauce, Jam and Tomato Ketchup. Thank you.
5. There is a receptacle in the Stye 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. Flower Calendar - Thank you to those who have helped out we now only have 5th & 26th July. There are still spaces in August, October & November. If you could help please fill in your name on the calendar in the front vestibule. Further info - Valerie Gamble 90798602.
7. PCI Let's Pray Weekly Bulletin - this is available to download on our website under 'Prayer Resources'. Hard Copies are also available from the Stye Brae entrance table. Alternatively, you can subscribe to have it delivered straight to your email inbox by visiting <https://presbyterianireland.org>
8. The Herald issue for May is available to collect in the Vestibule and at the Stye Brae entrance.
9. The Church office hours are Tue/Thu/Fri from 12 noon - 5.00pm.