



# 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 14<sup>th</sup> December

11am Rev Stuart McCrea

All Age Nativity led by Young Gilnahirk.

Refreshments will be served in the Stye Brae Upper Hall after the service.

7pm 'Carolling for the King' - Guided prayer meditation in the church, using the music of Christmas

## Praise

11am

Away in a Manger (IPH 309)

Come and join the celebration (IPH 314)

*'Carolling for the King'*

**Sunday 14 December**

**7pm**

A guided prayer meditation in the candlelit church, using the music of Christmas

A Christmas musical by Pepper Choplin

## Night of the Father's Love

The awe and mystery of God with us

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> December**

**7pm**

**St Colmcille's, Ballyhackamore**

The Gilnahirk Contact Singers warmly invite you to a celebration of Christmas by candlelight

All welcome

For unto us  
a child is born!

**SUNDAY  
21ST  
DECEMBER  
11AM**

All Age Christmas Celebration

**SUNDAY  
21ST DECEMBER  
7PM**

Carol Service

# Coming up

1. Monday Morning Drop In meets weekly in the Stye Brae at 11.00am.
2. Gilnahirk Men's Group meets on Wednesday 17th December 10.30am-12noon in JB Hall - Christmas Carols with Gilnahirk Primary School choir.
3. PW Christmas Party will be on Wednesday 17th December at 2.30pm in the Stye Brae.
4. Toddler Group is now off for Christmas. Re-opens on Thursday 8th January.
5. **Sunday 21st December**  
11am All Age Christmas Service led by Laura  
7pm Service of Lessons & Carols  
Carol Singing around the local area will follow the service.  
Refreshments for the Carol Singers in the Stye Brae afterwards.
6. Monday 22nd December 7pm in St Colmcille's, Ballyhackamore  
Night of the Father's Love— the awe and mystery of 'God with us'. A Christmas Cantata. The Gilnahirk Contact Singers warmly invite you to a Celebration of Christmas by candlelight.. Donations to the Simon Community. All welcome.
7. **Thursday 25th December**  
***10am Christmas Morning Celebration—we would love to see what gifts the children have received—they are invited to bring a present along.***
8. **Sunday 28th December**  
11am Morning Worship - Louise Davidson , Deaconess, Friendship House.  
No Toddler Church, Kids' Church or Roots
9. **Sunday 4th January**  
11am New Year Communion - Rev Roy Mackay  
Toddler Church, Kids' Church and Roots re-starts  
7pm Evening Service - Rev Stuart McCrea

# 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.
4. Manna Foodbank in Dundonald - special requests this week include tins of stew or meatballs, canned spaghetti, toothbrushes. 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. A reminder that the church office is closed until further notice. Please leave any messages on answering machine 02890403589 or email [office@gilnahirkpresbyterian.org](mailto:office@gilnahirkpresbyterian.org)
7. BIBLE STUDY NOTES – Samples of United Christian Broadcasters "Word for Today", Scripture Union "Daily Bread" and IBRA "Bible Readings" are available on the Stye Brae entrance table. These publications are designed to assist people to read the Bible with greater understanding. Orders for previous subscribers will be processed automatically. However, those who wish to subscribe for the first time or amend a previous order, please record your contact details on the appropriate sheet or contact Stephen Jackson on 07879 487835
8. Flower Calendar - the Flower Calendar is now 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. For further information contact Valerie Gamble tel: 02890798602.