



# 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 19<sup>th</sup> April

**11.00am** Morning worship with Rev Roy Mackay

**7.00pm** Evening worship with Rev Stuart McCrea with special guest Louise Davidson (Deaconess, South Belfast Friendship House)

### Praise

**11.00am**

'Come people of the risen King'

'Be bold, be strong'

'Lord's my shepherd' (IPH 527)

'As the deer pants for the water' (IPH 488)

'Yet not I but through Christ in me'

## SPRING PLANT SALE & CRAFT FAIR

GILNAHIRK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**SATURDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> 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**



**EVENING  
WORSHIP**

GUEST SPEAKER  
LOUISE DAVIDSON

**SUNDAY  
19<sup>TH</sup> APRIL  
7PM**

**LOWER STYE BRAE**

REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE FROM 6.30 PM



*led by  
Rev Stuart  
McCrea*



## MEN@GILNAHIRK

**FRIDAY  
24 APRIL  
AT 6.30PM  
IN  
STYE BRAE  
CENTRE**

**GUEST SPEAKER:  
JOHN WHITCROFT**  
*from the Samaritans*

*Tea & sandwiches  
served on arrival*

Please speak to Stephen  
Chambers or Ricky  
Patterson for more info

SAMARITANS



# Coming up

1. Monday Morning Drop In meets weekly at 11.00am in Stye Brae.
2. Kirk Session meeting on Monday 20th April at 7.45pm - Stye Brae.
3. Toddler Group meets weekly in the JB Halls on Thursdays at 10.00am.
4. Men @ Gilnahirk meet on Friday 24th April at 6.30pm in Stye Brae with guest speaker John Whitcroft from the Samaritans.
5. Gilnahirk Urban Saints meets on Saturday 25th from 7.00 pm - 8.30pm in Stye Brae. All children and young people from P 6 - Yr 14 are welcome.
6. **Sunday 26th April**  
**11.00am** Rev Stuart McCrea.  
**7.00pm** Prayer & Reflection - a short time of prayer in the Meeting Room
7. 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.
8. 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.
9. Gilnahirk Men's Group have their Annual Outing on Wednesday 29th April.
10. **Sunday 3rd May**  
**11.00am** Rev Roy Mackay  
**7.00pm** Rev Stuart McCrea
11. 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 Stye Brae entrance and the vestibule. All requests kept confidential.
4. Manna Foodbank in Dundonald - special requests: Toiletries. 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. 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 Stye 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 April edition of the Herald is now available at Stye Brae entrance or Front Vestibule for collection. Thank you.