



# 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 1st March - 2nd Sunday of Lent

**11.00am** - Rev Roy Mackay

Children and young people will leave for Kids Church & Roots after the second praise

**7.00pm** - East Belfast Presbytery Mission Service Garnerville Presbyterian

### Praise

**11.00am**

Behold our God

I am special loved accepted and forgiven

There's a wideness in God's mercy (IPH 425)

How deep the father's love (IPH 407)

In Christ alone (IPH 408)

**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!**

**Tuesdays @ 8pm**

or

**Fridays @ 11.30am**

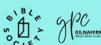
**Meeting fortnightly**

**starting on**

**3<sup>rd</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> March**

Meet in Stye Brae Centre / Refreshments served on arrival

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



## World Day of Prayer Service

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March**

**Gilnahirk Presbyterian Church**

**7.30pm**

I WILL GIVE YOU REST: COME

Program written by the

World Day of Prayer Committee of Nigeria for 2026



Refreshments available after the service



*You are invited to*

## The Big Splash!

**Sunday 8 March at 2pm**

**Bangor Aurora**

**Pool fun & food for young families and teens**

**Aqua Challenge (6+) & Leisure Pool (all ages)**

**£10pp (only if in the water)**

**Under 3s go FREE**

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GLOBAL PRAYER COMMITTEE

# Coming up

1. Monday Morning Drop In meets weekly in the Stye Brae at 11.00am.
2. Discipleship Groups will meet on Tuesday 3rd March at 8pm and Friday 6th March at 11.30am in the Stye Brae. for a new series entitled 'The Bible Course'. All welcome.
3. Gilnahirk Men's Group meet on Wednesday 4th March from 10.30am - 12.00 noon in JB Hall with Janet Boyle (1986 Commonwealth Games Bronze Medalist).
4. Toddler Group meets on Thursdays in JB hall from 10.00am-11.30am.
5. World Day of Prayer 2026 will be held on Friday 6th March in Gilnahirk Presbyterian at 7.30pm. Our sisters in Nigeria invite us to join them for a service that reflects on the theme, "I will give you rest."
6. Youth Club will meet on Saturday 7th March from 7.00pm - 9.00pm in the JB hall for young people in Yr 8 -Yr 12.
7. Gilnahirk Urban Saints meets on Saturday 7th March - 7.00 pm - 8.30pm in Stye Brae. All children and young people from P6 - Yr14 are welcome.
8. **Sunday 8th March - 3rd Sunday of Lent**  
**11.00am** - Rev Roy Mackay  
**2.00pm** - The Big Splash in Bangor Aurora for young families and teens
9. Congregational Committee meets on Monday 7th March at 7.45pm in Stye Brae.
10. Save the Date - Lent Challenge  
Walk Together and Count our Blessings at Stormont on Thursday 12th March at 10.30am.
11. **Changemaker** Aspects of the Easter Story, woven alongside the work of Christian Aid, told in song and word. Dates - Friday 27th and Saturday 28th March at 7.00pm in Gilnahirk Presbyterian Church. Tickets available (as a commitment to attend) from Lorna Thompson, Carol Noble or the church office. Donations on the night, in lieu of ticket purchase, to Christian Aid.

# 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: Jam and marmalade, 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. 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. Further info - Valerie Gamble 90798602.
8. **Spring Newsletter** - Please send any articles etc for the next issue to the church office - office@gilnahirkpresbyterian.org before **next** Sunday!
9. The March issue of The Herald is now available. Please collect from the Vestibule or Stye Brae entrance.
10. 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>