

## WELCOME 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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#### 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 little a overwhelming. We're here to welcome you and make your time with us a great experience! Step-free access to 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 28th April

**11.00am** "The Church under the spotlight" (Ephesians 2:11-22) with Roy Mackay followed by a short Annual Congregational Meeting. Children and young people leave for Toddler Church, Kids Church & Roots in the JB Hall after the opening praise.

### Praise 11.00am

IPH 146 'Jesus put this song into our hearts'
IPH 155 (v1,3,4,5) 'Your hand, O God, has guided'
IPH 147 'Lord of the church, we pray for our renewing'
'Come, people of the risen King'

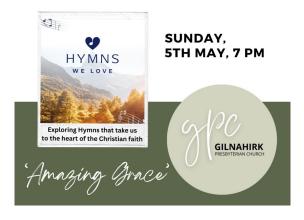
TUESDAYS
@ 8 PM

16th April
30th April
14th May
4th June

FRIDAYS
@ 11.30 AM

19th April
3rd May
17th May
7th June

SPENDING THE FIRST 15 MINUTES OF EACH DAY SEEKING GOD IN HIS WORD



Coming up

- Monday Morning Drop In meets weekly at 11.00am in the Stye Brae but not on Monday 6th May due to the Bank Holiday.
- 2. Gilnahirk Ladies Group meets on Monday 29th April at 2.15pm in the Stye Brae with Wendy Smith Hypo Dogs, assisting with disability.
- 3. Old hand at table tennis or fancy giving it a go? New season for adults, ladies and gentlemen, commences Tuesday 30th April at 7.30pm in the JB Halls.
- 4. Gilnahirk Men's Group annual outing on Wednesday 1st May is a bus guided tour of east Belfast with luncheon in Shandon Park Golf Club.
- 5. Gilnahirk Friendship Group are meeting on Wednesday 1st May for a trip out to Castle Espie.
- 6. Toddler Group meets weekly on Thursdays at 10.00am in the JB Hall.
- 7. Youth Club meets on Saturday 4th May from 7.00pm to 9.00pm in the JB Halls for young people Year 8 Year 14. Cost £2 per night.

#### 8. Sunday 5th May

- **11.00am** "The Eldership A Spiritual Leadership" with Stephen Moore as we continue to prayerfully seek God's guidance during the course of our election of elders.
- **6.15pm** Prayer Time in the Meeting Room.
- **6.30pm** Come to the lower Stye Brae for a cuppa and chat before we start a time of worship together.
- **7.00pm** "Hymns we love Amazing grace" in the lower Stye Brae with Mariann Gilicze.
- 9. East Belfast Presbytery meets in Gilnahirk at 7.30pm on Tuesday 7th May.

#### 10. Sunday 12th May

**11.00am** Christian Aid Week Service with Mariann Gilicze. Please join us for worship and as we support this important work financially through a special offering. Refreshments will be served in the Stye Brae upper hall after the service.

# Announcements

- 1. Prayer requests may be left in either of the boxes in the Stye Brae entrance and the vestibule.
- Online services Find GPC's YouTube channel by searching for 'Gilnahirk Presbyterian Church' on the YouTube website or app. A link has also been published on the Church Facebook page.
- 3. Manna Foodbank in Dundonald Special requests this week include: UHT milk, shampoo, crisps, tinned tomatoes. Thank you!
- We normally use the NIV-UK Bible translation in our services. If you wish, please use the pew Bibles (Good News translation) to view the relevant passages. Alternatively, collect one of the NIV-UK Bibles from the vestibule or Stye Brae entrance area as you arrive, but please return it to its place as you leave at the end of each service. Or bring your own Bible if you prefer.
- 5. The 2024 flower calendar is in the vestibule. If you would be willing to provide flowers for a Sunday put your name at the chosen date. There are opportunities in May and June to assist with this important ministry. A volunteer is also needed for the delivery of flowers in September. For further details contact Valerie Gamble 02890798602.
- 6. Free copies of Premier magazines (Christianity, Woman Alive and Voice of Hope which includes 92 days of Bible-based devotions) courtesy of Katie Pollock are available in the Stye Brae entrance. Please take one for yourself or to give to someone else.
- 7. Items for the summer edition of the GPC Newsletter are to be with the Church Office Secretary by Sunday 12th May at the latest.
- GPC Spring Plant Sale and Craft Fair at the JB Halls on Saturday 11th May from 10.00am to 12.00 noon. Please come along and bring your family and friends.
- In advance of our forthcoming election of ruling elders, a list of voting members is being exhibited in the vestibule and the Stye Brae entrance on Sunday 28th April and Sunday 5th May 2024. Further information is included on the insert.