



# 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 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 Stye Brae led by Rev Stuart McCrea with special guest Rev Gareth Stewart. Refreshments available - **6.30pm**

### Praise

#### 11.00am

'King of Kings, majesty' (IPH 452)

'Every blade of grass'

'Speak O Lord'

'Make me a channel of your peace' (IPH 596)

'Amazing Grace' (IPH 486)

#### 7.00pm

'There is a Redeemer' (IPH 192)

'Be still for the presence of the Lord' (IPH 165)

'Cornerstone'

'I surrender all'

'All I once held dear' (IPH 485)

**GIVE BLOOD**  
**Save Lives**

Book now for your local community blood donation session!

**VENUE**  
St Mary's Church Hall  
Dundonald

**DATE & TIME**  
Friday 22 May  
12:30 - 19:00

Northern Ireland needs 1200 blood donations per week.  
That's 1 every 8 minutes.

www.NIBTS.org

Northern Ireland Blood Transfusion Services



### Equal to Rule

You are warmly invited to the premiere showing of 'Equal to Rule'.

The two short films are to mark the centenary of women becoming ruling elders with men in the Presbyterian church.

They are dedicated to over 1,000 women elders serving Christ in the church today.

Part 1. Sets the decision of 1926 in its historical and missional context.

Part 2. Gives a biblical basis for the policy of the church.

The link to book an appointment is:

<https://nibts.hscni.net/online-booking-for-blood-donation-appointments/>

Tuesday May 26th at 7.30pm

Central Church  
13-15 May Street  
Belfast BT1 4NA

# Coming up

1. **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.
2. Monday Morning Drop meets on Monday 11.00am in Styel Brae.
3. Toddler Group meets weekly in the JB Halls on Thursdays at 10.00am.
4. Gilnahirk Urban Saints meets on Saturday 23rd May from 7.00pm - 8.30pm in Styel Brae. All children and young people from P6 - Yr14 are welcome.
5. **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
6. Youth Club will meet on Saturday 30th 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.
7. **Sunday 31st May**  
**11.00am** Morning Worship led by Martin Hampton (Elder, Strand P.C.)  
**7.00pm** Evening Worship - Service of Music & Psalms led by Choir and Praise Group.
8. Our Spring Plant Sale & Craft Fair last Saturday raised over £1700.00. Thank you so much to everyone who helped and came along to make it such an enjoyable event for all.
9. A big thank you to Braeside Nursery for their continued support of our annual Plant sale.
10. Newsletter - Please send any articles etc for the June issue by Sunday 7th June. Many thanks, Anne - [office@gilnahirkpresbyterian.org](mailto:office@gilnahirkpresbyterian.org)
11. Laura will be on leave from Monday 18th May - Monday 25th May inclusive.

# 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 Edward McKenzie (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. 'Equal to Rule' - short film to mark the Centenary of women becoming Ruling Elders with men in the Presbyterian Church. This will Premier on Tuesday 26th May at 7.30pm in Central Church (13-15 May Street, Belfast). All warmly invited.