

Ballywillan Presbyterian Church

“To know Christ and lovingly to make him known”

Sunday 22nd December 2024

10.30 am

4th Sunday in Advent



Welcome and Announcements

Prayer

Poem - BREAD

Talk 1

Alistair Bill

Solo

Holly Carey

(Accompanied by
Rebecca Ross)

Nativity story

Cong Hymn O little town of Bethlehem

Nativity Story

Song There were Shepherds

Nativity Story

Song The Guys with the camels

Talk 2

Alistair Bill

Nativity Story

Cong Hymn O come all ye faithful (Let us adore him)

Nativity Story

Talk 3

Alistair Bill

Song Sing for the King

Cong Hymn Adore

Prayer

Bible Class

The Benediction

Tea and coffee will be served in the Link after the service. Everyone welcome.

Prayer Ministry Team

The prayer ministry team will be available on Sunday mornings from **11.30 am to 12 midday** to pray with you. You can either **call or text** during that time. The prayer ministry team can be contacted at **07927292336**.

Congregational Bible Readings This week we are using some sermons from recent years and their associated readings. They may all be found at www.ballywillapci.org/sermons or in the webcast services.

- 1 The Baptist's cry: opportunity and mission; **Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 3:1-20**; Rev Isaac Thompson; 15th Dec 2024
- 2 Looking back with gratitude, but moving forward with faith; **Joshua 4:1-9**; Rev Ivan Hunter; 8th Dec 2024
- 3 The miracle of the moment; **Galatians 4:1-9**; Rev Stuart Morrow; 1st Dec 2024
- 4 The Bible on Bible Sunday; **2 Timothy 3:14 to 4:8**; Rev Noel McClean; 10th Dec 2023
- 5 Old Testament Prophets: waiting for a promise; **Isaiah 40:1-11**; Rev Stephen Williamson; 4th Dec 2022

Congregational Bible readings

Week beginning Sunday 29th December 2024

- 6 God in charge; **Psalms 46**; Rev Donald Watts; 10th Nov 2024
- 7 Blessings; **Psalms 1**; Rev Jim McCaughan; 21st Jan 2024
- 8 The road from Bethlehem; **Matthew 2:1-12**; Rev David Clarke; 31st Dec 2023
- 9 No mountain to climb; **2 Corinthians 8:1-12**; Wesley Stewart; 15th Jan 2023
- 10 Jesus: patterning values; **Mark 1:29-39**; Rev Alistair Bill; 31st January 2021

Important notice regarding the vacancy

Sunday 5 January 2025

A single candidate will preach for the vacancy at Morning Worship at 10.30am and at Evening Worship at 7.00pm.

A time for congregational prayer will take place from 9.50am in The Main Hall. Please join us for this for if you can.

Monday 6 January 2025

A Congregational Meeting will be held at 7.30pm on 6 January 2025 to ascertain whether the qualified voters of the congregation desire to give a Call to any minister; and, if they should so desire and if any eligible minister should have the requisite measure of support, to have the Call to such minister adopted and signed.

Points for Prayer

Please pray:

- for Frances Hume, Valerie Barron & Dennis Higgins.
- for those in residential and nursing homes including - Ida Donnelly, Jim Clarke, Doreen McCrum, Kathleen Campbell, Pamela Douglas, Ruby Stewart, Irene Hosier, Elizabeth Greer, Ian Moffatt and Eddie Flanigan.

Moderator | *“Lo within a manger, he who built the starry skies”. Pray for congregations all across Ireland as they remember the Saviour’s birth, that the wonder of the virgin birth may not be lost.*

Worship as celebration this Christmas | *“Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favour rests”. Luke 2:14. Pray that our worship today might be filled with the glory, peace and joy of Christ’s presence.*

Christmas Eve | *“The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it.” John 1:5. Pray that people across Ireland would see the Light of the World this Christmas and come to know Jesus.*

Home Mission congregations | *There are 61 Home Mission congregations across Ireland, from Galway in the West to Greystones in the East, and Carndonagh in the North West to Cork in the South. Pray that they would each know God’s blessing over this Christmas season of services and outreach.*

PCI global mission workers | *Pray for all PCI global mission workers (GMWs) wherever they are located around the world. Pray that each will know God’s abiding presence as they celebrate the birth of Christ. Pray for the families of GMWs, including those children separated from parents who are serving abroad this Christmas.*

Portugal | *Pray for the country of Portugal with a population of over 10 million of which 3% are evangelical Christian. Give thanks for the growth of the church plant Comunidade Pedras Vivas in Porto and pray for the members as they meet to celebrate Christ’s birth.*

Ballina & Killala, Rev David Clarke, vacancy convener | *Give thanks for those who faithfully attend and serve in the congregation week by week. Pray for encouragement, spiritual growth and a growing sense of prayerful expectation within the congregation in this period of vacancy. Pray for wisdom, discernment and vision for those making decisions about the future.*

Roberta Irvine, deaconess, Elmwood | *Pray for Roberta as she continues to serve as a deaconess in Elmwood Presbyterian Church, Lisburn. Give thanks for the many initiatives she is involved in, particularly those seeking to reach out in the local community. Pray that Roberta would find a sense of refreshment in her ministry at this time of year.*

22nd - 28th December 2024

Church Diary

Monday	Carols by Candlelight	8.00pm
Tuesday	Church Office closed	
Wednesday	Church Office closed	
Wednesday	Christmas Day Service	10.30am
Thursday	Church Office closed	

World Development Appeal envelopes are in the pews this morning. They will also be in the Candlelight order of service and for those of you who have FWO envelopes you will find a green envelope at the back. The World Development Appeal is in aid of Tearfund.

Daily Bread

Copies of Daily Bread from January to March 2025 are now available in the office. The cost is £7.00.

Reach Christmas Day Dinner

Reach will again be generously hosting a free Christmas Day dinner in the Kelly Memorial Hall this year from 12.30-2.30pm. A Christmas Day delivery of a meal is also possible. Please contact Val to book a space (07929369228)

Our service from Ballywillan is broadcast live every Sunday. Please be aware that your image may be captured on screen.

Church Office Hours: Monday to Thursday 9.00am - 1.00pm

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