

Welcome to our E-News for BPC

IN PERSON CHURCH SERVICE SUNDAY

9th May 2021

@ 11:00am

we will also be broadcasting again on FM88.5 to the car park

speaker: Rev Jonathan Moxen

Staying safe at Sunday worship

In order to be able to meet physically for Sunday worship there are guidelines that the Kirk Session and committee must adhere to and we would ask for your cooperation in order that everyone, including those in attendance and the welcome team remain safe.

1. Doors will open at 10.40am. **You do not need to book your seat.**
2. As you queue outside please maintain 2metres social distance and queue up the side of the church building (using the cones as guidance for distance).
3. If you are going to the Bell Room and Macbeth Hall please be mindful of others wishing to enter the doors.
4. Please sanitise your hands and make sure your mask is in place before entering. Unless you are exempt we encourage everyone to wear a mask. We have disposable ones available if you forget yours.
5. The church building is filled from the front to the back. Please do not ask the stewards to sit you in a specific seat. Once capacity is reached the front doors will be closed.
6. In the overflow rooms please do not move chairs as they are placed to adhere to social distance guidelines. If your family group is more than 3 people we would encourage you to sit near each other in two groups.
7. You may use the bathrooms if you need to and there are sanitising wipes in each bathroom.
8. Please complete the Track and trace slip in your seat and leave in one of the offering plates as you leave.
9. At the end of the service please wait in your seat until a steward asks you to leave.
10. For those in the overflow room we would ask that you do not linger but leave the room as quickly as possible.
11. We would encourage you to catch up with each other in the car park but again encourage you to consider retaining social distance guidelines.



**LIVE STREAMING
EACH WEEK ON
YOUTUBE CHANNEL**

**A RECORDING WILL
ALSO BE AVAILABLE
FROM THIS SUN-
DAYS SERVICE JUST
FOLLOW THE LINK**



<https://www.youtube.com/c/BallyclarePresbyterianChurch>

**MEMBERSHIP
NEWS**

We would love to see you at our Zoom Bible Study and prayer time. 11:00am on Wednesday Morning and 7:30pm Wednesday Evening, just for an hour. Open to young and old, no one is asked to speak. It is good to meet together around the word of God to learn and share and fellowship as God's people.



Foodbank.

We continue to accept donations and are particularly in need of TINNED FRUIT, CUSTARD, AND UHT MILK (we have extensive supplies of pasta, cereal beans and would request until asked that these items are not donated). Thanks for your interest, generosity and support. Michelle

Wednesday morning from 11:00am to 12:00 noon

<https://zoom.us/j/91040630661?pwd=b3Q4MUg2dWRkNFZ0Y2dhSXdJZzFOdz09>

Meeting ID: 910 4063 0661

Passcode: Bible

Wednesday evening, 7:30pm to 8:30pm.

<https://zoom.us/j/94585067336?pwd=SUxydW5QNStWZFBFSmZlRzNROTZHQT09>

Meeting ID: 945 8506 7336

Midweek Bible Study & Prayer Time.

This weeks study is on James 5v7-12 & Job 1v1-20 Patiently Stedfast.

1. Why did James urge patience? What was happening to his readers?
2. Why is it hard to wait and be patient in the midst of suffering? Why do you think James used Job as an example?
3. Read Job 1v1-3&v8. Do you think it is easier or more difficult to give to God when you have lots of possessions like Job?
4. How can the world's perspective cause us to give up more quickly, rather than keep moving forward?
5. How do you think Job felt about his standing before God, prior to all his loss? Why did Job have to experience these horrible things?
6. Read Job 1v9-17. What might Job have been thinking as messenger after messenger delivered bad news? How might economic hardships affect our heart toward sacrificial giving?
7. Read Job 1v20-22. What difference does his faith in God make in the way Job deals with his losses? How might a person without faith respond to similar losses?
8. Read James 5v11 How have you seen God's compassion and mercy even in the experience of suffering in your life?

Personal application

What has been the most challenging trial in your life?

What have you learned from it? How did it require patience?

How can we prepare for adversity in our lives? What kind of mind-set does it take to keep moving when that adversity comes?

How might faith in God sustain you in the face of similar losses?

What hardships are causing you to want to give up right now?

What response is God asking you to give in light of life's difficulties?

Church Office, working from home

Our church office continues to be open on the following days:

Monday/ Wednesday/Thursday/Friday (from home only)

The best way to contact Ingrid during the hours of 9am -1pm is to email or leave a message on the answering machine which she will check regularly. The post box will also be checked daily

GIVE BLOOD Save Lives

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HALL,
BALLYCLARE

**MON 10TH &
TUES 11TH MAY**

1:00pm - 4:00pm &
5:00pm - 7:30pm

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THESE THREE REMAIN...

Faith, Hope & Love



Let's Pray

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A4 [Let's Pray PDF \(pdf\)](#)



9th May to 15th May

Christian Aid week will be going ahead this year as planned. We will not be participating in door to door collections as I feel this would have a negative impact on both collectors and Christian Aid in general. However I cannot state strongly enough how much Christian Aid still need your financial support. In line with all charities, Christian Aid has seen its revenues plunge. It would be such a shame if it had to curtail many of its support projects because of lack of funding. You can still give via the "just giving" attachment to the church's website and I would encourage you to try to make this a priority during May. I will also be putting out the traditional red envelopes into the church pews during C.A. week. Please be as generous as possible to help C.A. help other in need throughout the world.

Weekly Prayer points

Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.
(Romans 12:12 NIV)

- ◇ Pray for patience as we wait on the Lord, acknowledging that our timing is not always God's timing which is perfect.
- ◇ Pray that we lead lives that expect and are prepared for God's return.
- ◇ Pray that everyone who engages in our worship service every Sunday will encounter God and experience much hope and encouragement.
- ◇ Pray that churches continue to observe the changing legal restrictions regarding COVID-19; pray that as society opens up, we also continue to open up to God.
- ◇ Pray for encouragement for churches in the Republic of Ireland who have been in the longest lockdown.
- ◇ Pray for our politicians (councillors, MLAs and MPs) as they serve their constituents. Pray that they seek wisdom for decisions to be made.
- ◇ Give thanks that God commands us: "Fear not, for You are with us". Ask God to settle our fear-filled hearts.

Welcome Team - the Welcome Teams are an essential part of our Sunday morning service, especially at the moment. We need new team members but especially need assistance in the next few weeks. If you can help any of those weeks as a one off it would be greatly appreciated.

Contact or email the Office

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CASTLEWELLAN CASTLE:

It has been suggested for the weekend of 28th-30th May for anyone interested to try and get booked in to enjoy some fun and fellowship down at the Castle.

If interested make direct contact with Andrew at the Castle (see attached document) as soon as possible. Numbers will be limited under current restrictions to keep everyone there safe.

If you have any queries speak with Paula Gordon (07740469806) or Keith Marshall (07843190326).