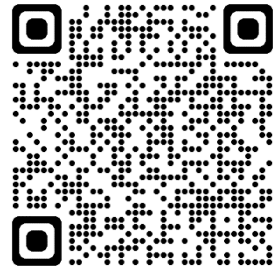


HELLO & WELCOME LUNCH...

Are you relatively new to Ballyloughan and would like to find out a little more? We'd love to welcome you to our 'Hello & Welcome Lunch' **after the 11.00am Service today!** Lasting for approximately an hour, this will be an opportunity to have a light lunch, meet members of our leadership team, see around the buildings, and hear a little more about Ballyloughan. If you haven't already registered to come along, don't worry, just come along!



TEAMS for Sunday 28th April

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| Welcome | David Paul, Sam Mullan, Nick Greer, Jay Mcllroy, Susan Speers, Paul Baird, Mercy McClelland & Andrew Gardiner. | | |
| Info Point | Sheena McNeill | Co-ordinator | Stephen Kerr |
| Media | Richard W, Kirsty, Robyn, Stuart & Andrew | | |
| Thrive | Marie McKendry, Suzanne Lutton, Jessie R, Sarah Woods, Alana Steele, Courtney, John & Mercy McClelland, Sarah Farquhar & Claire Campbell | | |

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Growing followers of Jesus who

LOVE GOD | LOVE EACH OTHER | LOVE GOD'S WORLD

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

21st April 2024

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EVERYONE

BEARING FRUIT FOR JESUS

Welcome to Ballyloughan!

Whether you're part of our church family, exploring faith, or looking for a church you can call home, it's great to have you with us. We pray that through worship today you will encounter God and experience much hope and encouragement. If you're new to Ballyloughan, please do say hello and ask for one of our Welcome Packs at our 'hello & welcome' point. Why not also check out the 'Hello & Welcome' page of our website for more info and next steps you can take?

Sunday Services at 9.30am / 11.00am / Equip 7.00pm

Join others for a cuppa between the morning services.

Livestream Service at 11.00am available on our website & YouTube Channel.

Youth Breakfast takes place at 10.00am in the North Room

Youth & Children

Our **Thrive** programme for children in nursery school to Primary 7 takes place during the 11.00am service. Children will leave during the Service and return to their parents / responsible adult during the final praise.

SOLID for young people in school years 8-10 takes place today during the service.

BoB Creche: You can leave your babies / toddlers with our team during the Service - ask a member of the Welcome Team for directions!

We have a **Quiet Room** available for any children who might feel overwhelmed or experience sensory overload. Ask one of our team.

Prayer Ministry

Members of our prayer ministry team are available to pray with you at the end of the Service at the front of the church building.

THIS WEEK...

// TONIGHT - EQUIP AT 7.00PM

Our monthly 'Equip' nights aim to help you think through and live out your faith in the face of the big questions and issues of today. This month we'll have some teaching and discussion on "Resilience: bending but not breaking." Serving tea / coffee from 6.30.

// MONDAY

Tots & Co. for parents, grandparents, carers, babies & tots, 10.00am - 12noon.

Thrive leaders meeting at 7.30pm.

Training evening for those involved in the **School Prayer Space**, 7.00pm to 8.00pm. See across.

// TUESDAY

Early Morning Prayer in the Welcome Area, running from 7.00am to 7.45am. Everyone welcome!

Foodbank. Open from 6.30pm to 7.30pm to receive 'drop offs' of food donations and arrange stock. Speak with Pauline if you want to find out more.

// WEDNESDAY

Over a cuppa, an opportunity to drop in for a cuppa & chat, is open between 10.00am and 12 noon.

Life Groups meet this week at various times and places.

// THURSDAY

The Open Door opens from 10.00am to 12 noon in the North Room, as a place for people to come to a welcoming environment, have a cuppa, a chat and a listening ear. For those who need it, there's also help from Foodbank, or signposting to other sources of help.

Community Youth Club for young people in Primary 6 to school Year 10 - meets from 7.15pm - 8.30pm.

Belong - an extra (and optional) session for those who wish to learn more about baptism, both believers' baptism and infant baptism. 8.00pm in the Welcome Area.

// FRIDAY

The Mix our programme for young people of secondary school age - meets from 8.15 - 10.15pm.

OTHER NEWS & COMING DATES...

School Prayer Space. We are hosting a Prayer Space for the pupils of Dunclug Primary School from this Tuesday (23rd) to Thursday (25th) in Ballyloughan. Prayer Spaces in Schools is an initiative of the organisation 24/7 Prayer, and Scripture Union NI and their Schools' Workers have been running Prayer Spaces in schools across Northern Ireland this year. A Prayer Space is for children of all faiths or none to come and be still, explore life's questions, process their worries, express things they are thankful for and pray, if they would like to. We aim to demonstrate to them that we can pray in any way, at any time, and God will always hear us. Eve McMullan (SU Ballymena School worker) is taking the lead on this but we're looking for volunteers from the local churches to help supervise a prayer space activity each day for as long or short a time as you can. If you'd like to find out more, speak with Darran or Shannen. There will be a **training evening on Monday 22nd April in Ballyloughan from 7-8pm.**

M.O.B. (Men of Ballyloughan). Our next event is on Tuesday 30th April at 7.30pm on the theme of 'body matters'!

Church Family Meeting. An AGM of the congregation will take place on Wednesday 1st May at 8.00pm. As part of this meeting, we will be asking voting members to confirm the election of our 4 new ruling elders: Kenneth Johnston, Stephen Johnston, Richard Nevin and Phil Small.

Love North Ballymena. This year's Love North Ballymena, where we use Wednesday nights during the months of May and June to connect further with our local community, will begin with a launch night on Wednesday 8th May at 7.30pm. In the meantime, you might want to have a think about getting involved in one of this year's teams: 'Games Team' for children up at 'the Green' in Dunclug, 'Hello Team' team calling at homes, 'Hub Team' chatting with people up at the Green, 'Cleanup Team' during some of the weeks, and the 'Prayer Team' praying for the community.

Dementia Friendly Service. We're holding a special Dementia Friendly Service on Sunday 12th May, the start of Dementia Action Week, at 3.00pm. Sometimes crowded, long or noisy services can be difficult for those living with dementia to cope with. This short, quiet service, consisting of much that is familiar, aims to help those living with some form of dementia and their carers to worship meaningfully and enjoy some fellowship with others.

Safeguarding Training. All those working with children, youth and vulnerable adults are required to complete our denomination's 'Taking Care' safeguarding training every 3 years (without exception). A training evening will take place on

Monday 13th May, 7.30pm - 9.30pm. It is essential that all leaders of those working with children, youth, and vulnerable adults attend. Please save the date and plan to attend.