

## COMING SUNDAYS IN MAY

- Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May:** 'Youth Sunday' Services at 9.30am & 11.00am  
Dementia Friendly Service at 3.00pm
- Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May:** Services (with Communion) at 9.30am & 11.00am  
led by William Sinclair
- 'Everyday Evangelism' Equip night at 7.00pm led by  
Phil Small
- Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May:** Services at 9.30am & 11.00am. 'Mind the gap'

### TEAMS for Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May

<b>Welcome</b>	Jim Heatherington, Colin & Sandra Orr, Heather Allen, Norman & Evelyn Hamilton, Kenny McKane, Neil & Lorraine Kernohan & Crawford Gillespie		
<b>Info Point</b>	Lynn Clarke	<b>Co-ordinator</b>	Ronnie Ogilby
<b>Media</b>	Rick, Ian, Robyn, Caleb & Stuart		
<b>Thrive</b>	Judith Gordon, Ashlene Alexander, Joy Moody, Sonia & Stephen Burns, Rachel Steele, Edith & Stephen Wilson, Gillian Francey, Sam & Danielle Mullan & Jessie Houston.		

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## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

12th May 2024

2024  
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 9.30 & 11.00** with a focus on our youth

Join others for a cuppa between the morning services.

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

Today we're also holding a **Dementia Friendly Service at 3.00pm**

### 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 fortnightly during the service - none today.

**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...

### // TODAY'S SERVICES

We're looking forward to our young people and leaders playing a leading role in our 9.30 & 11.00am Services today. Speaker at 9.30am Service: Jonny McAteer (Ballyloughan). Speaker at 11.00am: Eve Lowry (SU Schools Worker, Ballymena)

At 3.00pm we're holding a special **Dementia Friendly Service** at the start of Dementia Action Week. 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. Everyone welcome.

### // MONDAY

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

**Safeguarding Training.** 7.30pm - 9.30pm. All those working with children, youth and vulnerable adults are required to complete our denomination's 'Taking Care' safeguarding training every 3 years. It is essential that everyone currently working with or planning in the future to work with children, youth and vulnerable adults attend. Venue: main church building.

### // 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

**Love North Ballymena.** During the months of May and June we're setting aside Wednesday nights to take time to further connect to bless our local community. Begins this Wednesday with all teams meeting at 7.15pm for a 7.30 sharp start.

**Games Team:** games and sports with children up on 'the green' in Dunclug

**'Hello' Team:** calling at homes in the local community to say 'hello', let people know of practical support that's available, and offer prayer.

**Hub Team:** a new team for this year - a team simply to be present up around 'the green' area, serving teas / coffees, chatting with parents and others.

**Prayer Team:** based at the church praying for various aspects of life in our community.

### // 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.

### // FRIDAY

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

### // SATURDAY

**Thrive Fun Afternoon** 2.00pm - 4.00pm. All children from Nursery to Primary 7 are welcome. Please see note from leaders or contact Vicky.

## OTHER NEWS & COMING DATES...

**Young Adults BBQ Night.** Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> May at the Johnston household. A great night of food, chat & maybe even a bit of volleyball! To help with plans for catering, please contact Chloe Backus (07841 654430) if you're planning to come along.

**Membership Session.** A session for those who have at some stage completed the Belong Course and wish to take the step to becoming a full member of Ballyloughan will take place on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm - 9.00pm. To register, speak with Darran or register via our website.

**Power Up 2024!** Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> - Friday 16<sup>th</sup> August, 6.30pm - 8.00pm. Power Up is back this summer for 3 fun-filled nights and it can't happen without your help! We have a number of different roles depending on your gifting - whether it's leading from the front or organising juice & biscuits - we would love you to be part of Power Up this year. If you can help out, please add your name to the signup sheet in the Welcome Area or speak with Sarah Woods (07729 452379).

**Summer Teams.** Are you planning on serving on a team this summer? We'd love to hear about that so that we can include you on our Summer Prayer Guide. Contact Darran (07711667454) to let him know where and when you're going.

**Autumn Team to India.** Tony Farquhar is planning to take a team of people from various churches to Delhi, India, in the autumn of 2024 (in conjunction with ASHA). If you want to find out more with a view to possibly going on the team, chat with Tony by Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May (07901 688464).

Save the date! **TearFund 5K Sponsored Walk.** Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2024 at Shanes Castle, Antrim. You can compete the walk any time from 4.00pm - 9.00pm, but we're encouraging everyone from BL to gather for 7.00pm and walk together. More info to follow.