

## SUNDAYS IN MAY

- Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May:** Services at 9.30am & 11.00am. 'Mind the gap' 'Kingdom Come' Worship & Prayer at 7.00pm.
- 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. 'Everyday Evangelism' Equip night at 7.00pm
- Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May:** Services at 9.30am & 11.00am. 'Mind the gap'

### TEAMS for Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May

<b>Welcome</b>	Stephen Johnston, Tom Kerr, Arlene Ball, Andy Logan, Jo Ann Kennedy, Willie & Sandra McKay, Bob Wells & Andy Hampton		
<b>Info Point</b>	Tanya Greer	<b>Co-ordinator</b>	Jonny McAteer
<b>Media</b>	David S, Matthew, Will, Norman & Andrew.		
<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

**5th 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 9.30am / 11.00am / 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 (SUNDAY)

**Monthly Kingdom Come Worship and Prayer** at 7.00pm. Everyone welcome as we worship and pray for God's Kingdom to come and will to be done in our lives, town and land.

### // MONDAY

**Tots & Co.** On a break for Bank Holiday Monday.

### // 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**, has now closed for the summer months and will reopen again in September.

**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, begins with a **launch night this Wednesday at 7.30pm.** You'll have a choice of teams to get involved in: '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. For more info, speak with Phil Small (Outreach co-ordinator) (07853 768810).

### // 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

**GB Tinies and Junior Sections Events.** Parents should have received info about times and places.

### // NEXT SUNDAY (12<sup>TH</sup> MAY)

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

We're holding a special **Dementia Friendly Service** next **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May**, the start of Dementia Action Week, at **3.00pm.** 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.

## OTHER NEWS & COMING DATES...

**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. A training evening will take place on **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May, 7.30pm - 9.30pm.** It is essential that everyone currently working with or planning in the future to work with children, youth and vulnerable adults attend.

**Thrive Fun Afternoon** Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May from 2.00pm - 4.00pm. All children from Nursery to Primary 7 are welcome. Please see note from leaders or contact Vicky.

**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 about more with a view to possibly going on the team, chat with Tony by Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May (07901 688464).