



**Prayer Points for week beginning 17<sup>th</sup> August**  
*Pointing to, his disciples, He said, "Here are my mother and my brothers. For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother." (Matthew 12:49)*

Give thanks we are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and members of the household of God. (Ephesians 2:19)

Pray for Jeff as he leads our all-age service this morning.

Pray for our session and leaders of organisations as they prepare for the autumn activities within the congregation. Pray that they will know the guidance of the Holy Spirit in all the plans.

Give thanks for all the local churches in Newtownards. Pray for unity, spiritual growth, effective ministry, and outreach to the community.

Pray for those in our church family recently bereaved, and those struggling with illness, that they will know the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles. (2 Cor. 1:3,4)

Pray for those in our congregation suffering from dementia. Pray for comfort and peace for the sufferer, and strength, patience, and wisdom for the caregiver.

Pray for those struggling with mental health challenges, including loneliness and anxiety. Pray they can find comfort and support.

Pray for our young people currently awaiting, or who have recently received, exam results. Pray for wisdom as they seek to navigate future choices. Above all pray that they realise, no matter what the results, they have a Father in heaven who knows every sparrow that falls to the ground and has numbered every hair on their head.

Pray for those in authority in war torn areas of the world. Pray for wisdom and compassion in all decisions made. Pray that they will understand Jesus' words "Blessed are the peacemakers for they will be called sons of God."

Pray for an end to the suffering of the Palestinians in Gaza. Pray for the release of all hostages. Pray that those in authority will bring an end to this horrific war.

Pray for a renewed effort in peace talks between Ukraine and Russia. Pray for those with power over war and peace, for wisdom, discernment, and compassion to guide their decisions.

**If you have any specific requests for prayer, please contact our Minister, Jeff McWatters, on 07799552804. In addition, if there are any situations that arise for which you need practical support, please contact Jeff or our Clerk of Session, Wallace McKee, on 07985 085527, or your elder.**

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***Let His Light Shine***

**SUNDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST**  
**Rev. Jeff McWatters: all-age service**

Welcome, announcements and birthday spot

Call to worship

**PRAISE: MP38**

*"As we are gathered, Jesus is here"*

Offering Prayer

**PRAISE: MP151**

*"For I'm building a people of power"*

Bible Reading

Psalm 25: 1-15 (page 556)

Talk 1

Who do you trust?

**PRAISE:**

*"Never be shaken"*

Talk 2

God wants us to follow Him

**PRAISE:**

*"The goodness of God"*

Prayers of intercession

**PRAISE: IPH408**

*"In Christ alone"*

Benediction

**NEXT SUNDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2025**

10.20am Prayer Time in the Prayer Room

11.00am Rev. Jeff McWatters

**ROTAS**

**CRÈCHE**

Today – Kathryn Gilliland & Susie Smyth

24<sup>th</sup> Aug. – Elaine Erwin & Susie Smyth

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH**

Today – All-age service

24<sup>th</sup> Aug. – Ann Armstrong & TBC

**TEA/ COFFEE**

Today – Phil & Alison Causby & family

24<sup>th</sup> Aug. – Michael & Jenny Brown & family

**RECEPTION**

Today – Jen Rankin & James Patton

24<sup>th</sup> Aug – Elaine Orr & Warren Boal

### 2025 SEPTEMBER START DATES

Weekly activities (unless indicated otherwise)

**G.B.** - Monday 1<sup>st</sup> @ 6.45pm

**B.B.** - Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 6.30pm

**P.W.** - Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> @ 7.30pm (1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month)

**Youth Club** - Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> @ 6.45pm (alternate Saturdays)

**Craft Class** - Monday 8<sup>th</sup> @10am

**Wednesday Small Group** - Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> @7.30pm

**Football & Fellowship** - Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> @ 7.30pm

**Badminton** - Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> @ 7.30pm

**Friday Small Group** - Friday 13<sup>th</sup> @ 12.15 – 1.45pm

(2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of the month)

**Discovery Kids Sunday School** - Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> @ 11am

**Tots 'n' Toddlers** - Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> @ 10.15am

**Men's Fellowship** - Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> @ 7.45pm (3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month)

**Youth Fellowship** - Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> @ 7-8.30pm (1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday)

**The following activities are held throughout the year:**

**Crèche** during the Sunday morning service @11am

**Indoor Bowls** - Thursdays @10am

**Ladies' Coffee** at Hillmount, N'Ards @10.30am (3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month)

**Men's Breakfast** at Clandeboye Golf Club @10.30am (4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month)

Registration evenings for **G.B.** and **B.B.** will be on **Monday 1<sup>st</sup>** and **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September** respectively. An e-mail will be sent to parents this week with the G.B. and B.B. registration details. If you do not receive an e-mail, please speak to Kirsty Patton (G.B.) or Stephen Boyle (B.B.).

Consent forms for **Discovery Sunday School**, **Children's Church**, **Crèche**, **Youth Fellowship** and **Youth Club** will be electronic again this year and details will be available later this month.

**For youth leaders: TAKING CARE TRAINING** has been organised in **St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, Bangor**. There are 2 sessions available, both at **7.30pm: Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> August** and **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> September**. Please contact the church office if you plan to attend as places must be reserved in advance.

### ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Wed 20 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Ladies Coffee@ Hillmount – see below
	7.15pm	Use of Halls meeting – see below
Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup>	10am	Indoor Bowls

**LADIES COFFEE @ Hillmount (Ards):** lifts are available from the church car park at 10.15am. If you need a lift, speak to your elder or pastoral visitor.

**USE OF HALLS MEETING** – a short tour of the property will take place at **7.15pm** for all committee members, organisation leaders and anyone else involved in opening/ locking the premises. The tour is for familiarisation and health & safety purposes. It is important for our committee members and organisation leaders/ reps to attend and will be as brief as possible. The Use of Halls meeting for organisation leaders will start immediately afterwards.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Autumn edition of the **CHURCH MAGAZINE** is now available. Please collect your copy from the Kerr Hall after the service.

New rotas for **CRECHE** and **SUNDAY TEA/ COFFEE** are displayed in the Church Entrance and Welcome Area. Thank you to everyone who has agreed to help. Please check the rotas and arrange a swap if the date doesn't suit. Any changes to the rota should be mentioned to Barbara in the church office.

**BOOKMARKS** with details of all our weekly activities for adults (blue) and children/ young people (cream) are available at the front of church and on the table beside the library in the Welcome Area. Please use these to invite family, friends or neighbours to come along during the week or on Sundays.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**ARDS PRESBYTERY PRAYER & PRAISE GATHERING** on **Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> August** at **6.30pm** in **St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, Bangor**, with the Moderator Rt Rev Dr Trevor Gribben.

**SERVICE OF PRAYER & THANKSGIVING** (in Streaton) on **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September** at **7pm**. All are invited to this service, when we will focus on the work of our church throughout the year. Please plan to come along for part or all of the service as we take the opportunity to pray for God's blessing and guidance for all of our organisations at the start of the new church year.

**OFFICE** – Please email announcements etc. this week before Thursday. If you, or someone you know, is going into hospital, please let the office know.