



Prayer Points for week beginning 9th June 2024

This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. 1 John 4:10

Give thanks for God's gift of salvation through Christ's sacrifice on the cross. Pray that many will come to know Christ as Saviour and Lord.

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life, No one comes to the Father except through Me." John 14:6

Uphold in prayer our minister Jeff, our members of Session and Committee and the leaders of our organisations. Pray that as they seek to advance Christ's kingdom here on earth, they would know God's blessing.

How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!" Romans 10: 14-15.

Give thanks for our church family in Strean. Continue to uphold our children and young people in prayer as they prepare for and sit examinations. Pray that they will know that their future is safe in God's hands. Uphold in prayer those who are ill. Remember those who are undergoing treatment and those who are in hospital. Pray for God's healing. Remember those who are in nursing or residential homes. Pray that they would know God's presence. Remember those who have been bereaved. Pray that they would know God's comfort.

The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing. He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he refreshes my soul. Ps 23:1-2

Uphold in prayer those who are troubled or anxious about health, family, employment or financial matters. Give thanks for the work of the local foodbanks and organisations such as CAP which seek to address and alleviate suffering and poverty.

I will say of the Lord, "He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust". Psalm 91:2.

Remember those who have been displaced because of persecution, war, famine, natural disasters or other causes. Pray that we, along with governments, will act with compassion. Give thanks for the organisations seeking to bring relief. Continue to pray for peaceful resolutions to the ongoing conflicts in Ukraine, Gaza and Myanmar. Pray for God's divine intervention.

God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Psalm 46:1.

Continue to uphold in prayer all who are involved locally and nationally in the upcoming general election.

I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people – for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. 1 Tim. 2:1-2



Let His Light Shine

SUNDAY 9th June 2024

Rev. Jeff McWatters

Welcome/ announcements/ birthdays

Call to worship

PRAISE: MP14 "All heaven declares"

Offering prayer

Children's talk

PRAISE: IPH88 "God who made the earth"

(Children leave for Children's Church)

Prayers of Intercession

Video: Psalm 121 "I lift my eyes"

Bible Reading Genesis 22:1-14 (page 22)

Sermon God wouldn't ask that!

PRAISE: MP1141 "You're the Word of God the Father"

Benediction

After the service... Tea/ coffee in the Welcome Area

Library open

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Mon 10 th	7.30pm	Session Meeting
Wed 12 th	7.30pm	Small Group
Thurs 13 th	10am	Bowls
Fri 14 th	12.30-1.30pm	Small Group
Sat 15 th	10am-12noon	Coffee Morning & Carwash – see below
	2-4pm	Knight School Preparation & Training

COFFEE MORNING & CAR WASH – everyone is welcome to come along and support our Knight School HBC, which is on from 5th to 9th August for P1-P7 (in September 2024), and our 3-day Summer Blitz Residential, from 29th to 31st July at Delamont Education Centre (for Year 8-14).

KNIGHT SCHOOL LEADERS/ HELPERS – if you can, plan to come in the morning, enjoy some treats and get your car washed, then stay to eat your own packed lunch (buns and tea/ coffee/ juice will be provided) and attend the team preparation and training session from 2-4pm. If you are unable to stay for the training session, or have any questions, please speak to Kirsty or Jeff.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2024

The 2024 General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland will take place in Assembly Buildings, Belfast from **Thursday 20th June to Saturday 22nd June.**

New for 2024:

- *The Opening of the General Assembly: This will take place on Thursday at 10am when the Moderator, Dr Mawhinney, will constitute the Assembly and give his address*
- *Installation of the new Moderator: This will take place on Friday @ 4.30pm The Moderator-Designate, Rev Richard Murray, will be formally elected and installed as Moderator for 2024-2025 at a service of worship and give his address*

Other opportunities to worship together:

- *Assembly Celebration: Thursday at 7.30pm, with guest speaker John Risbridger, Chair of the Evangelical Alliance.*
- *Assembly Communion Service: Saturday at 12 noon.*

All are welcome to attend and no tickets are required. More information is available on the poster in the Church Entrance or Welcome Area.

ROTAS

CRÈCHE

Today – Nessie Spence & Julie Beattie

16 June – Lynn Cairns & Julie Beattie

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Today – Alison Causby & Heather Faloon

16 June – All-age service

TEA/COFFEE

Today – Eileen B., Stephanie B. & Nola McC.

16 June – Catherine, Dorothy & Ann-Marie

RECEPTION DUTY

Today – Phil Baron & Tom Hamilton

16 June – Jennifer Rankin & Roberta Wilson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

You are invited a **SAUSAGE SIZZLE** on **Sunday 30th June**, after the morning service. All the family are welcome. For catering purposes, please put your name on the sign-up sheets in the Welcome Area or Church Entrance and indicate any dietary requirements.

Ballyblack Presbyterian Church are organising a **CAR TREASURE HUNT** on **Friday 14th June**, starting at the church between 6.45pm and 7pm. The Treasure Hunt will finish back at the church for a light supper. Cost is £10 per car, with all proceeds donated to charity. For contact details, please read the poster on the Welcome Area noticeboard.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 19th June at 7.30pm: Committee Meeting

Sunday 23rd June at 11am: Communion

Sunday 30th June at 7pm in 1st Ards Presbyterian Church: this is a combined service for all the Newtownards Presbyterian churches with Rev. James Rogers (Ballygrainey) as the speaker.

OFFICE - Please email announcements etc. this week before Thursday. If you, or someone you know, is going into hospital, please let the office know. **The office will be closed on Tuesday 11th June.**

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.