



## Prayer Points for week beginning 21<sup>st</sup> April 2024

*For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

*Romans 8:38,39*

Give thanks to God for his steadfast love and for His promise to be with us, to strengthen us and help us. **Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good. His love endures forever. Psalm 136:1.**

Pray for our minister Jeff and others who minister in our town as they bring help, hope, comfort and the good news of the gospel to their congregations. **How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, "Your God reigns!" Isaiah 52:7.**

Give thanks for the leaders of our organisations. Uphold in prayer all those participating in the GB parents' night on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April. **One generation commends your works to another; they tell of your mighty acts Psalm 145:4.**

Pray for the Congregational Meeting and the AGM to be held on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April. Pray for God's blessing on those who will be elected as congregational trustees for the church property. Pray also for God's blessing and guidance for those who organise the AGM or who present reports at it. **In all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight. Prov. 3:6.**

Pray for friends or relatives or those in our congregation who are ill at home or in hospital. Pray that God will intervene and bring peace, comfort and healing by His Spirit. Uphold in prayer those who have been bereaved, those who are in residential or nursing homes and those who are no longer able to attend church. Pray for those who are carers. Pray that God will meet their needs and that they will know the touch of His unfailing love. **"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." Matt. 11:28.**

Pray for our community, especially those who are fearful or lonely. Pray for those who struggle to find work and for those from other communities living in our country, perhaps far from home and family. **Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it. Hebrews 13:2.**

Pray for our world, for those who suffer because of famine or disease. Pray for our brothers and sisters suffering persecution in many countries around the world. Pray for all those involved in Open Doors or Tear Fund or similar organisations seeking to bring comfort and relief. Pray for the many thousands who suffer because of war in Ukraine or Gaza. Pray for a swift and just resolution to these conflicts. **For dominion belongs to the Lord and he rules over the nations. Psalm 22:28.**



**Let His Light Shine**

**SUNDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> APRIL 2024**

**Rev. Jeff McWatters: all-age service**

Welcome/ announcements/ birthdays

Call to worship

**PRAISE:** IPH209

*"I am so glad that our Father in heaven"*

Prayer

Matthew 14:22-36

Update on Heidi

Prayers of intercession

**PRAISE**

*"Yet not I"*

Talk

Keeping our eyes on Jesus

**PRAISE:** IPH408

*"In Christ alone"*

Benediction

After the service...

Elders' Meeting (Meeting Room 2)

Tea/ coffee in the Welcome Area

Library open

7-8pm

Youth Fellowship

### ROTAS

**CRÛCHE**

Today – Catherine Burns & Adrienne Campbell

28 April – Rosemary Black & Jane Bell

**TEA/COFFEE**

Today – Sunday School Leaders

28 April – Drew & Jean Hiles & Lynn Long

**RECEPTION DUTY**

Today – Phil Baron & Tom Hamilton

28 April – Charlotte Cunningham & Nola McC.

### ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup>	10.30am	Craft Class Outing – see below
	6.45pm	G.B. Parents' Night
Tues 23 <sup>rd</sup>	10.15-11.45am	Tots & Toddlers
Wed 24 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Small Group
	8pm	Football & Fellowship
Thurs 25 <sup>th</sup>	10am	Indoor Bowls
	10.30am	Men's Breakfast @ Clandeboye Golf Club
	7pm	Committee Meeting
	7.30pm	Congregational Meeting & A.G.M.
Fri 26 <sup>th</sup>	12.30-1.30pm	Small Group

The Craft Class end-of-term party is in the Strangford Arms Hotel, meeting at 10.30am on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April.

#### Notice of a Congregational Meeting and Annual General Meeting

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the congregation will be held on **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm** when -

1. the appointment of new congregational trustees for church property will be made by the members of the congregation duly qualified to vote. Mr. Matthew Morrison, Strean's solicitor, will be present at this meeting to answer any questions and to complete the necessary legal paperwork.
2. the members of the congregation duly qualified to vote will be asked to approve the addition of the new screen centred on the face of the gallery.

Our Annual General Meeting will follow immediately after the Congregational Meeting.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**NEWTOWNARDS FOODBANK** – we have received a letter of thanks for the 235.5kg of food that we donated between September 2023 and February 2024. Our ongoing support has allowed the Foodbank to feed 1,052 adults and 731 children in this period. The letter is displayed on the noticeboard above the trolley in the Welcome Area. The trolley will be emptied on **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April**. Items that are currently in short supply: tinned fish, tinned tomatoes, long grain rice, jam, biscuits, coffee and deodorant.

The new **UCB "WORD FOR TODAY"** booklets are available from the Welcome Area and Church Entrance.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**St Andrew's Pres. Church, Bangor**, is hosting a free workshop on "**Stress and Anxiety in Children and Young People**" on **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April at 7pm-9pm**. Further information is available on the poster in the Welcome Area. Places are limited and must be booked; if you would like to attend, please let Jeff or Barbara know by tomorrow, Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April.

The **TRINITY PLAYERS** production of "Family Fever" by Sam Cree will be performed on **26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> April in Trinity Greyabby Pres. Church**. Tickets (£10) are available from Solid Ground Café (Tuesday) & Greba Jewellers (Wed – Saturday). The chosen charities are Macmillan Cancer Care and Peninsula First Responders, as well as church funds.

If you are in Year 8 - Year 14, you are invited to the next **CONNECT** inter-church youth night on **Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May from 7.30 to 9.30-9.45pm** (approx). This month's event is being held in Strean; the topic this month is "Encounters with Jesus: Doubting Thomas" and afterwards a time for refreshments and spend time together.

**ANTIQUES AND COLLECTABLES FAIR** – the next fair will be on **May Day, Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May**, from **10am-4pm**, with jewellery, collectables, antiques, militaria etc. Refreshments will be available and proceeds in aid of Church Funds. Everyone welcome so please plan to attend and bring a friend. Also, are you able to help? Sign-up sheets are available in the Church Entrance and Welcome Area or speak to Lynn Cairns if you are able to help exhibitors in and out, "do the door" or help serve tea and coffee.

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

**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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