

Church Dates for your Diary for 2026

10th May 2026 - 11.00 am Sunday Morning Communion Service led by

the Rev William Sinclair

17th May 2026 - 11.00 am Sunday Morning Family Service led by Rev William

Sinclair

24th May 2026 - 11.00 am Pentecost Sunday Service led by Rev Phil Small

31st May 2026 - 11.00 am Sunday Service led by Rev Phil Small

7th June 2026 - 11.00 am Sunday Service led by Rev William Sinclair Choir in Kells Co Meath

14th June 2026 - 11.00 am Sunday Service led by Rev Norman McDowell

21st June 2026 - 11.00 am Sunday Service led by Rev Rob Craig

28th June 2026 - 11.00 am Sunday Service led by Rev Rob Craig

SAFEGUARDING DESIGNATED PERSON - The Kirk Session has appointed the following Designated Person: Mr. Aaron Foster, Mrs. Alison Ramsey (Deputy Designated Person) & Jennifer McLernon (Adult Safeguarding Champion)

The Designated Person will give advice and support to Organisations and the Kirk Session on matters concerning the welfare of children and young people. The Kirk Session will keep Organisations' leaders updated with the name of the Designated Person. Any matter brought to the attention of the Designated Person will be treated in strict confidence. Information will be divulged only where there is a legitimate need to know.

West Church Giving QR Code:



West Church

Celebrating and Serving Jesus Together



10th May 2026

11.00 am Sunday Morning Communion Service

Led by Rev William Sinclair

AM Services Streamed Live on U tube

This morning's flowers are Sponsored and arranged by Alison Ramsey.

There will be Tea/Coffee in the Social Area after the Service

Weekly Church Bulletin is available in foyer to collect and to view online @

www.westchurchballymena.org/news

Submissions no later than 12 noon on a Wednesday to guarantee inclusion in any Medium

Parents/guardians are reminded to pick up their children promptly from the various groups at the end of the service, when supervision becomes the responsibility of parents.

Minister Convenor Rev William Sinclair 07710809370	Deaconess Mrs. Sylvia Bryce 07719380352	Youth Associate Mrs. Laura Kelly 07803289722	Co-ordinator of Youth Ministry Mr. Zac Owens 07377427397
---	---	--	---

Church Office: Tel: 028 2564 8327 info@westchurchballymena.org

NB. The Church Office hours this week are Tuesday to Friday at 8.30 am until 1.30 pm. Please e-mail, or leave a message on the answering machine.

PRAYER MINISTRY - is available today at the right-hand side of the church for anyone wishing or seeking prayer. Where Scott Wharry and Sarah Orr from the prayer team will be there to pray with you.

HAMPER MINISTRY - Thank you all for your continued support. The Foodbank deliveries have recently increased and our stock is low. We are looking for an additional 4 people to contribute £20 per month either in food purchases or cash to stock up shortfalls in supplies. Regarding the regular donations we specifically need Tinned Fruit, Tinned Custard and Biscuits

VACANCY UPDATES. Step three of stage 2 of the vacancy:

Voting members of the congregation are invited to suggest names of ministers that you would like the Kirk Session to consider as people who could fill the vacancy. For the next two Sundays there will be a box in the vestibule where you can place any names you want to suggest.

The Kirk Session have considered the two processes available to them as we consider callings minister and they have decided to go down the road of bringing candidates for the vacancy that they feel suitable to lead this church to come to preach to the congregation.

The first step we now need to take is to start asking all voting members if there are any names of ministers in PCI that they would like the session to consider. There is a box in the vestibule and if there are names you wish to bring forward please leave them in the box. The box will be available until Friday 15th May.

- If you're suggesting a name, please also sign your own name to the piece of paper
- After the 15th of May, the convenor and clerk of session will look through the proposals and make a list of all the names eligible to be considered and present them to the session. The name of the proposer will not be on the list.
- Once presented to the session, the session will have two weeks to prayerfully consider the names brought forward.
- It is hoped to approach possible candidates some time in June.

Please continue to pray for the vacancy and this next step we are taking.

MUG N BEAN - Every Tuesday at 10.30 am. Everyone welcome to come and join us for a chat and tea or coffee and a treat.

PRAYER HALF HOUR - Every Wednesday evening at 7 pm in the Prayer Room. Everyone is very welcome to come and pray for the concerns on their hearts.

PILATES CLASSES Pilates Classes as usual this week every Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday. See Heather Kerr to book your place & or the Events Calendar on the website for times.

BUDDIES & BUNDLES - Every Wednesday at 9.45 am. Parents, Carers & Children up to 4 years are all very welcome to come and join us for a cuppa, morning snack & safe surroundings for children to play.

BIBS N BOBS - Every Wednesday at 10.30 am. Display rails will be available in the Social Area on the first Wednesday of every month from 10.30 am to 12 pm with the exception of school holidays.

MEN UNITED - Men United every Wednesday at 10.30 am, in the Lounge upstairs. All men are welcome to join us for a chat and some refreshments too.

COFFEE AND CRAFT - Meet every Thursday at the time of 10.30 am in the Upstairs Lounge. We look forward to meeting you there.

WILD WEST NEEDS YOU! This Summer our Wild West Team needs a few extra hands! We're looking for **new volunteers—Leaders and helpers** to support the team over the Summer months, help cover holidays and give our faithful volunteers a well deserved short break.

If you feel God may be calling you to serve in this way, we would love to hear from you. No experience required just a willing heart. Please speak to Lorraine McKane, or any of the Wild West Leaders.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S CONFERENCE - Saturday 16th May 2026 from 10.30am to 1.45 pm. Includes tea/coffee & Scones.—Assembly Buildings, Belfast - Speaker Jo Frost. Tickets £10 per person. Booking is essential at presbyterianireland.org/events.

TEARFUND WALK 2026 - Friday 29th May at Shane's Castle Antrim, BBQ and Walk anytime between 4pm - 9 pm. We Look forward to seeing you there. See Margaret Bohoussou for further details.

THE BEREAVEMENT JOURNEY - a place to talk. Grief is hard and Death can impact all life. A series of seven film and discussion sessions for anyone bereaved anytime. Continuing Thursday 21st May until 25th June, in West Church at 7.30 pm in meeting rooms 1 & 2.

THE ANNUAL CHOIR TRIP TO KELLS, Co. Meath will be on Sunday 7th June 2026. A free minibus will leave the Church at 9.45am to arrive at the Headfort Arms, Kells for lunch at 12.30. There will be a preorder menu which will be available at a cost of £30pp. This will be available closer to June. If interested please add your name to the sheet on the welcome desk.

Presbyterian Heralds - The Herald team are launching a 6 month trial promotion with the aim of increasing subscriptions. The 6 month trial offer includes five issues for £10.00 covering July/August, September, October, November, December/January. Anyone wishing to avail of this offer please speak to Liz Lynn on 07743322758.

PRIVACY POLICY - Personal data will be treated as strictly confidential and will only be shared with other members of the church in order to carry out a service to other church members or for purposes connected with the church. This information will not be shared with third parties outside of the church without your consent.