



## March 2010 at Ballycrochan

15	Mon	6:00pm	Campaigners - <i>Boy &amp; Girl Eagles</i>
		6:45pm	Campaigners- <i>Boy &amp; Girl Junos</i>
		7:15pm	Campaigners - <i>Boy &amp; Girl Inters</i>
		8:00pm	Campaigners- <i>Craftsmen</i>
16	Tues		
17	Wed	10:00am	Parent & Toddlers
		8:00pm	Home Groups (No Prayer Meeting in the Church)
18	Thurs	6:45pm	Sparks - Boys out Girls in
19	Fri	8:00pm	Friday Evening Youth - Ignite
20	Sat		
21	Sun	10:00am	Prayer
		11:00am	Family Worship, Pastor L Hutchinson, Crèche, Communion
		11:20am	SMY - Star Kids Club
		6:30pm	Prayer
		7:00pm	Missionary Focus - Steve McClurg Frontiers
		8:00pm	Sunday Evening Youth - Ablaze
22	Mon	6:00pm	Campaigners - <i>Boy &amp; Girl Eagles</i>
		6:45pm	Campaigners- <i>Boy &amp; Girl Junos</i>
		7:15pm	Campaigners - <i>Boy &amp; Girl Inters</i>
		8:00pm	Campaigners- <i>Craftsmen</i>
23	Tues	10:30am	BWF - Craft
<b>24</b>	<b>Wed</b>	10:00am	Parent & Toddlers
		<b>7:30pm</b>	<b>Church Members AGM</b>
25	Thurs	6:45pm	Sparks - Eggstravaganza
26	Fri	8:00pm	Friday Evening Youth - Ignite
27	Sat		
28	Sun	10:00am	Prayer
		11:00am	Family Worship, Pastor L Hutchinson, Crèche, Communion
		11:20am	SMY - Star Kids Club
		6:30pm	Prayer
		7:00pm	Evening Worship - Youth Focus Pastor L Hutchinson
		8:00pm	Sunday Evening Youth - Ablaze
		8:00pm	Campaigner Chiefs Meeting
29	Mon	6:00pm	Campaigners - <i>Boy &amp; Girl Eagles</i>
		6:45pm	Campaigners- <i>Boy &amp; Girl Junos</i>
		7:15pm	Campaigners - <i>Boy &amp; Girl Inters</i>
		8:00pm	Campaigners- <i>Craftsmen</i>
30	Tues	8:00pm	BWF - Easter Praise with Irene Weir
31	Wed	8:00pm	Prayer & Praise
		2:30pm	Friendship Hour

### ***Relying on God's Character***

***"Alas, O Lord, the great and awesome God, who keeps His covenant and lovingkindness for those who love Him and keep His commandments . . . righteousness belongs to Thee. . . . To the Lord our God belong compassion and forgiveness" (Dan. 9:4, 7, 9).***

Prior to the Babylonian Captivity God had warned His people not to adopt the idolatrous ways of their captors. Their gods were idols that could neither hear nor deliver them from distress ([Isa. 46:6-7](#)).

In marked contrast, our God loves us and delivers us from evil. When we confess our sins and intercede for others, He hears and responds. In [Isaiah 45:21-22](#) He says, "There is no other God besides Me, a righteous God and a Savior; there is none except Me. Turn to Me, and be saved, all the ends of the earth; for I am God, and there is no other."

In his prayer Daniel mentions several attributes of God that have a direct bearing on answered prayer. In verse 4 he calls Him "the great and awesome God." That speaks of His power and majesty. You can pray with confidence because God is powerful enough to change your circumstances when it serves His purposes.

God's faithfulness is reflected in the phrase "who keeps His covenant" (v. 4). He always keeps His promises. He made a covenant with Israel that if they repented He would forgive them ([Deut. 30:1-3](#)). He promised never to forsake them ([Deut. 31:6](#); cf. [Heb. 13:5](#)).

God's love is seen in His acts of mercy toward those who love Him (v. 4). His justice and holiness are inherent in the phrase "righteousness belongs to Thee" (v. 7). God's actions are always loving and righteousness. He never makes a mistake ([Gen. 18:25](#)).

Verse 9 mentions two final attributes: compassion and forgiveness. Compassion is a synonym for mercy. Forgiveness means He pardons your wrongdoings by cancelling the penalty sin has charged to your account. He reconciles you to Himself in sweet communion.

What a gracious God we serve! Rejoice in His love and lean on His promises. He will never fail you.

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