

# The Columban

ST. COLUMBA'S CHURCH, KNOCK, APRIL 2022



*'Light of the world'*

*The latest parish news, events and notices.*



Dear Parishioner,

## **Jesus - the Light of the World**

**As we cautiously emerge from the shadows of the pandemic, we give thanks for the great resilience shown by our parishioners and local community.** The pandemic has changed so many aspects of our lives. **Parishioners have "stepped up and stepped out in faith" in so many courageous ways.** Friendships have deepened, random acts of kindness have been increasing, love for our families is stronger and our thanks are immeasurable. Our church has strengthened and developed.

**So many sacrifices have been made to keep ourselves and others safe as we live out Jesus' command to love God and Neighbour.** Such actions have helped enormously to keep parishioners safe and to prevent many infections.

At the end of a long dark winter, we welcome the increased daylight of these spring days. **As people of faith, we give thanks that the light of Christ is the strongest of all and cannot be extinguished.**

### **The New Church Roof**

**John 8:12 "Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness but will have the light of life."**

**Wilson & Mawhinney completed the reroofing and other associated improvement works to our church, preserving and enhancing its architectural heritage, whilst also maintaining a safe place of worship with a successful completion on 1st December 2021.** Through their hard work and great attention to detail, this essential work on our church was



completed six weeks ahead of schedule. Throughout the duration of the reroofing contract Wilson & Mawhinney demonstrated great accommodation to us, enabling us to have use of the church building for our Sunday services. The foreman and staff were extremely efficient and at all times most courteous.

**I thank the Diocesan Surveyor Chris McCollum in his management of this project. He maintained excellent communication at every stage of the project and worked closely with the Select Vestry, the Roof sub committee and myself to complete**

**this complex project whilst remaining within the necessary financial constraints.** His professional advice was always clear and most helpful at every stage which enabled us to get all the necessary approvals at every stage without difficulty.

While the church was covered in scaffolding, we were able to carry out a number of repairs to the stonework and the East Stained-glass window.

They also replaced the parish lawn at the front door of the church, which is now growing and looks healthy!

The fabric of our beautiful church building has now been protected for many years. Plans will be made later in the year to have the interior of the church painted.

**It is a wonderful blessing to see the church looking so smart and tidy. I thank John Macpherson, the Honorary Secretary of the Select Vestry, the Select Vestry, the Roof sub committee, the Finance and Property committee members as well as many others who contributed both of their time, talents and finance to complete this work in such a timely manner and with the minimum of disruption to parish life and services.**

As a parish, we are extremely grateful to Bryn Harris and Leonard Pugh for their most generous legacies which enabled us to start this work much earlier than planned. I also thank our neighbours for their patience and understanding whilst the work was ongoing.

**The dedication of our new church roof will take place during our Patronal Festival Sung Eucharist on Sunday 12th June at 10.30am. I am delighted that Archbishop Robin Eames will be the preacher at this service and that he will also dedicate our new roof. This will be a joyful day of thanksgiving for us following the completion of all the work.**



## New Parish Website

**John 12:46 "I have come into the world as light, so that whoever believes in me may not remain in darkness."**

Our new parish website, [www.stcolumbasdown.anglican.org](http://www.stcolumbasdown.anglican.org) was launched on Friday 25th September. **The new website was carefully designed by our webmaster Dr Ivan Roche, and we are extremely grateful**

**for his generous donation of time and skills in creating a much more user-friendly and interactive website.**

From the new website, you can:

- *Listen to church services under the 'Church Service Recordings' tab which has seen a steadily growing number of people listening to our recorded service each week.*
- *Download important forms e.g. Gift Aid, Standing Order, Larder Donations under the 'Giving' tab*
- *See immediately if there has been an urgent message or letter from the Rector under the 'News' tab*
- *Keep up to date with photos and information about our organisations*
- *Contact the parish office without hunting for the email address under the 'Contact Us' tab*
- *Access Safeguarding Trust information under the 'Safeguarding' tab*

**... plus lots of information and much, much more! Have a browse around it if you have not had a chance yet – it is well worth a visit. Please use this new key parish resource regularly.**

## Services

**1 John 1:5 "This is the message we have heard from Him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all."**

**Our church services have continued with all of the necessary Covid Guidelines strictly adhered to. We continue to provide a safe place for worship. We encourage everyone to get back into the routine of regular weekly worship in church. A warm welcome awaits you!**

**While we have all taken great benefit from the Facebook pre-recorded weekly services, there is nothing quite like the full experience of actually being surrounded by live music in the church.** I thank Mark Ryan, Alan Boyd, David Deane, Charles Auchmuty, Jonathan Kelly, the organists and the cantors who joined Canon Smyth and myself for these weekly recordings for our Facebook page throughout the past two years.

**We are so fortunate to have such magnificent music to encourage us in our faith at our services.** I thank Dr Joe McKee, Brian Clements the parish choir and the cantors: Lynda Barrett, Jamie Blair, Morven Bremner, Lauren Cheshire, Ronnie Drury, Eibhlin Eddy, Adam Gadd, Timothy Howe, Sam Magee, Ruth McCartney, Christine McKee, Rebecca Moore, Claire Murray and Mark Ryan for all their hard work.

**I thank those who carefully prepare the church for worship each week –** Murray and Pam Hunter ( who served as Honorary Sacristans until their recent retirement); John and Yvonne Robb (who recently succeeded them and have settled well into this new role); John and Helen Proctor who assist with the no parking cones on Thursday mornings and carry out regular tidying of the church grounds including the Garden of Rest; Adrian and Patricia Clements together with Minster Cleaning and the cleaning committee ensure that our buildings are in a good state of cleanliness; and Jim Stevenson who is assisted by David Kelly prepares the risk assessments and the seating plan which are revised on a regular basis. I thank our Thursday churchwardens, Geoff Launchbury and Angela Kerr and our churchwardens Martin Moore and Scott Rutherford for ensuring that all the necessary preparations have been done both before and after each service. At each of our services we have lovely flowers in the Sanctuary, and on festival occasions our church is beautifully decorated. I thank Eleanor Launchbury and Patricia Clements together with those who assist them.

**In June, we celebrated the 125th anniversary of our parish church, when a visit from the Primate, Archbishop John McDowell to preach at our Sunday service, was a huge blessing to us all.**

**In October, we welcomed the Reverend Canon Jono Pierce from St Finnian's to preach at our Harvest Thanksgiving service.** Our children made leaf wreaths for the service which were delightfully enjoyed by all.

**We celebrated the 75th anniversary of our Mothers' Union branch with a service of Holy Communion in October.** Group leader Barbara Laverty was delighted to welcome members to the service, where a beautiful hymn written by Angela Kerr was sung and enjoyed by those in attendance.

**In December, we held a Christingle service.** This was a 'first' for us and follows an old Anglican tradition of making a Christingle to light during the service. Everyone who came along with a Christingle enjoyed the service.

**We reluctantly brought our Family Communion services to a conclusion with the full agreement of those who were attending them.** The numbers are now significantly higher at the 10.30am service on the third Sunday, which includes the Sunday School children.

## Finance

**Isaiah 9:2 "The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned."**

**I thank parishioners for their generous financial support to St. Columba's throughout the challenges of this past year. This is clearly reflected in our financial accounts which show a respectable surplus. This is in addition to generous financial support for the Church Roof Appeal, Hall Fund and Charity and Mission Envelopes.**

**Parishioners who currently only use Free Will Offering envelopes are encouraged to consider Standing Order as a means of contributing to the work of St Columba's.** This is the easiest and safest way to contribute as no cash is involved, and there is no need to hunt for money to fill envelopes. It also allows the Select Vestry to budget in advance, and it protects the bank lodgement team as they don't have to handle excess amounts of cash.

**We have also contributed £1,250 from our Charity and Mission Envelopes to these local charities:** The Black Santa Appeal, Alzheimer's Society, Children's Cancer Fund, Lagan Search & Rescue, NI Air Ambulance, PIPS, St John Ambulance, Stand by Me and Marie Curie. They were most appreciative of your support.

**We also claimed £46,219 in Gift Aid in 2021-2022. This is a significant part of our income, for which we are extremely grateful.** If you are able to assist us in this way, please contact Karen Patterson in the parish office for more advice and assistance, or download a form from our parish website, complete it and return to her.

**During the pandemic, we were successful in sending £3,030 to Christian Aid under the careful guidance of Yvonne Robb, Imelda Shephard and Joyce Stevenson.** This has been a wonderful achievement during difficult circumstances, and we thank everyone involved for their generous support.

**We also thank Maureen Beckwith, who has been making and selling jars of her very popular marmalade, and donating the money received to the Church Roof fund.** This has been a wonderful way to help the fundraising, and those who have enjoyed the marmalade are most grateful to Maureen!

I thank the Honorary Treasurer, Gillian Sadlier, the Assistant Honorary Treasurer, Victor Dukelow, the Finance sub committee, the Bank Lodging team, The parish administrator and Jack Dunlop for all their hard work looking after all our financial matters so efficiently. I also thank our Auditor, Nigel Skillen for carrying out the audit so efficiently.

## The Larder

**Psalm 119:105 “Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.”**

The Larder at St Christopher's in Mersey Street has benefitted immensely from the generosity of St Columba's parishioners. **During the last year, we have been contributing approximately £1,000 per month.** We also have a team of parishioners who are preparing and freezing meals for those who are

in palliative care, undergoing cancer treatment or suffering from chronic conditions.

**This has been carefully coordinated by Brian Acheson, who has been arranging food deliveries, storing the prepared meals and taking our financial donations to the Larder on a regular basis.** We are

most grateful to Brian for sharing his time, organising skills and dedication to helping those in our community who are desperately in need. We also thank everyone who assists Brian by preparing meals or contributing

financially. It is wonderful to see what a difference this makes to those in need.

Please see our parish website for Standing Order or Gift Aid forms, and Brian's contact details if you would like to help make a difference.

We contributed 50% of the loose plate collections from our Christmas services to the Larder, with the other 50% going to the Black Santa Appeal at St Anne's Cathedral.

## Parish Organisations

**Ephesians 5:8 “For at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light”**

Despite the lock-down, some of our organisations held activities when the regulations were eased. Some parishioners met for socially distanced walks, some met for coffee in each other's gardens and others provided telephone and email support to their members. It was so encouraging to see the parish working for each other and the community in such difficult times.

**One of the socially distanced parish activities we held was the Sunday School Prizegiving and Picnic in the grounds of Campbell College on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> September.** It was an immense privilege to be able to use the







beautiful grounds to spread out and enjoy a picnic lunch, while enjoying the conversations and laughter as people had an opportunity to spend a short time together. Being outdoors meant that the children could play games and receive their Sunday School gifts safely.

**We returned to Campbell College on Saturday 4th December for our Sunday School Christmas Party which was very well attended.** We used the outdoor

classroom and the children enjoyed doing a Treasure Hunt in the grounds before the

arrival of a special guest! I thank the Headmaster and the Board of Governors for kindly granting us permission to have the benefit of the magnificent grounds on both occasions.

**Our PAUSE group meets at the Stormont Hotel each month. It has been wonderful to see parishioners meeting for coffee, scones and sharing conversations with each other. I thank Eileen Anderson for organising these increasingly popular gatherings. Everyone is welcome.**

**We are grateful to Betty Gregory from the Art Club who designed our lovely parish Christmas card. The Art Club members organised a display at our Patronal Festival service in June and again on the 5th December in church to celebrate the 1500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of St Columba.** These were enjoyed by those attending church on both occasions.

**Our Railway & Model club have been creating a vast range of models at home for their club.** We have been given a few hints about what they have been working on, and we cannot wait to see the results!

## **The Columban**

**John 1:5 "The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it."**

**I thank our Columban editor, Billy McAlpine, for his hard work in arranging a comprehensive magazine each month. This has been a most valuable source of information for parishioners, who have enjoyed the articles, news and photographs. The 'pull-out' prayer section in the middle of the magazine is the work of Canon Ken Smyth, who carefully selects relevant prayers for us to use each month.** These are gratefully appreciated by parishioners and myself. Thank you to everyone who contributes articles for the enjoyment and enrichment of others.



**I also like to thank our magazine delivery team. They carefully and safely deliver the magazines to every home in the parish each month.** They are a wonderful help to the parish administrator by also delivering church envelopes when required, and their efficiency and dedication has meant that every home receives their personal copy without us having to incur postage costs.

The magazine seems to 'travel the world'! We are hearing reports of it being sent to friends and family members overseas, in USA, Australia and many places in the UK. Thank you for sharing our great news!

### **Confirmation Service**

**On Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> June at 7pm The Bishop of Down and Dromore, The Right Reverend David McClay will administer the Rite of Confirmation in St. Columba's where thirteen parishioners will be confirmed.** This is most encouraging news, and we look forward to supporting the candidates as they prepare to become full communicant members of the church. The classes will commence immediately after Easter. Please remember them and their families in your prayers.

### **Clergy Team**

It is a great privilege for me to share ministry in St. Columba's with our dedicated and conscientious assistant priests: Canon Ken Smyth and Canon Walter Laverty. They are both actively involved in the life of our parish assisting in specific areas of liturgical and pastoral ministry. It has been a delight to welcome back our Diocesan Lay Reader, Karen McAlpine, to our services in recent months. It was a great joy to welcome Kyle Flanigan to our parish for his ten week placement which was an integral part of his ordination training.

### **Parish Organist and Choral Director**

We are so very fortunate to have a most dedicated parish organist and choral director. Dr. Joe McKee has embraced new and fresh opportunities to provide uplifting music in safe ways to encourage us all in our faith. He is greatly supported by the assistant organist, Brian Clements the Organist Emeritus, Gerald Hill, and Alasdair MacLaughlin who assist on the organ rota.

### **Parish Administrator**

Our parish administrator, Karen Patterson provides invaluable support to us all. Her great attention to detail ensures that all our administrative work is always up to date and fully compliant with all the GDPR regulations and the Charity Trustees Guidelines.

**I thank them all for their great personal support and encouragement as we learn new ways to serve as we move forward in faith. May we not be paralysed by fear or anxiety during these days of fresh opportunities for our parish.**

### **Conclusion**

**I thank you for your contribution to our parish work and ministry in St. Columba's and for everything you are doing – not just in your attendance at church services and parish organisations but in your adoption of innovative ways to embrace current challenges with confidence.**



As we emerge together and look forward to brighter days, longer evenings and the joy of the great outdoors, we thank Christ for His richest blessings on us and His careful guidance through the darkness into His bright light. May the light of Christ guide us and be reflected in our thoughts, words and actions.

**As we move forward may we continue to develop God's Kingdom and to serve our parishioners and community to the best of our ability.**

**Romans 13:12 "The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armour of light."**

**Yours in His Service**

## **FLOWER ROTA**

**Sunday 3rd April**

Wendy Killen

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> April**

Palm Leaves and Greenery

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> April**

Easter Lilies

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April**

April Mercer

# CHURCH SERVICES

(Covid-19 Government restrictions permitting)

## APRIL CHURCH SERVICES

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|--------------------------------|---|-----------------|
| <b>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup></b>   | <b>The Fifth Sunday in Lent</b>   | <b>(Purple)</b> |
| <b>8.15am</b>                  | <b>Holy Communion</b> <i>(Side Chapel)</i><br>Epistle    Philippians 3: 4b-14    Christ as our goal<br>Gospel    John 12: 1-8                    Mary anoints Jesus   |                 |
| <b>10.30am</b>                 | <b>All Age Worship</b><br>Gospel    John 12: 1-8                    Mary anoints Jesus  |                 |
| <b>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup></b> |   | <b>(Purple)</b> |
| <b>10.30am</b>                 | <b>Holy Communion</b>   |                 |
| <b>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup></b>  | <b>The Sixth Sunday in Lent</b>   | <b>(Red)</b>    |
|                                | <b>Palm Sunday</b>  |                 |
| <b>8.15am</b>                  | <b>Holy Communion</b> <i>(Side Chapel)</i><br>Epistle    Philippians 2: 5-11    Imitating Christ's humility<br>Gospel    Luke 19: 28-40    Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem  |                 |
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| <b>Monday 11<sup>th</sup></b>  | <b>Monday in Holy Week</b>  | <b>(Red)</b>    |
| <b>10.00am</b>                 | <b>Holy Communion</b>   |                 |
| <b>1.15-1.45pm</b>             | <b>Lunchtime service in Knock Methodist</b><br>Reading:    John 12: 1-11    The anointing at Bethany<br><b>Preacher: The Reverend Aian Ferguson</b><br><b>"Loving with an extravagant, reckless love"</b>   |                 |
| <b>8.00pm</b>                  | <b>Service of the Word</b><br>Reading:    Isaiah 42: 1-9            The Servant, a Light to the Nations<br>Reading:    Matthew 21: 1-13        Jesus' Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem<br><b>Preacher: The Reverend Canon Ken Smyth</b><br><b>An Uncertain Journey"</b> |                 |
| <b>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>Tuesday in Holy Week</b>   | <b>(Red)</b>    |
| <b>10.00am</b>                 | <b>Holy Communion</b>   |                 |
| <b>1.15-1.45pm</b>             | <b>Lunchtime service at Knock Methodist Church</b><br>Reading:    John 12: 20-36            The Hour has come<br><b>Preacher: The Reverend Paul Maxwell</b><br><b>"Living begins with dying"</b>  |                 |

**8.00pm**

**Service of the Word**

Reading: Isaiah 49: 1-7

The servant's mission

Reading: Mark 12: 13-17

The question about paying taxes

**Preacher: The Reverend Canon Ken Smyth**

**"A Difficult Choice"**

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> Wednesday in Holy Week**

**(Red)**

**10.00am**

**Holy Communion**

**1.15-1.45pm**

**Lunchtime service in Knock Methodist Church**

Reading: John 13: 21-32

Judas goes out

**Preacher: The Reverend Aian Ferguson**

**"Betraying though loved to the end"**

**8.00pm**

**Service of the Word**

Reading: Isaiah 50: 4-9a

The servant's humiliation and  
vindication

Reading: John 19: 1-11

Jesus and Pilate

**Preacher: The Reverend Canon Ken Smyth**

**"A Path to Freedom"**

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> Maundy Thursday**

**(White)**

**10.30am**

**Holy Communion for Housebound Parishioners followed by refreshments**

**1.15-1.45pm**

**Lunchtime Service in Knock Methodist Church**

Reading: John 13: 1-17 and / or verses 31-35

Washing the Disciple feet

**Preacher: The Reverend Paul Maxwell**

**"Serving like our Lord and Saviour"**

**8.00pm**

**Holy Communion followed by the stripping of the altar.**

Epistle: I Corinthians 11: 23-26

The Institution of the Lord's  
Supper

Gospel: John 13: 1-15

Jesus washes the Disciples' feet

**Preacher: The Reverend Canon Ken Smyth**

**"Betrayal or Discipleship"**

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup>**

**12-3.00pm**

**Good Friday**

**The Three Hour Devotions**

**Conductor: The Very Reverend Henry Hull**

**Dean of Down Cathedral**

**8.00pm**

**Tenebrae Service**

**Reflection: The Reverend Canon Ken Smyth**

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> Easter Day (White)**

**8.15am Holy Communion (Side Chapel)**

Epistle Acts 10: 34-43 Gentiles hear the Good News

Gospel John 20: 1-18 The Resurrection of Jesus

**10.30am Holy Communion**

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Gospel John 20: 1-18 The Resurrection of Jesus

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> (White)**

**10.30am Holy Communion**

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> The Second Sunday of Easter (White)**

**8.15am Holy Communion (Side Chapel)**

Epistle Acts 5: 27-32 The Apostles are persecuted

Gospel John 20: 19-31 Jesus appears to the Disciples

**10.30am Holy Communion**

Epistle Acts 5: 27-32 The Apostles are persecuted

Gospel John 20: 19-31 Jesus appears to the Disciples

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> Saint Mark the Evangelist (Transferred) (Red)**

**10.30am Holy Communion**

### **Online Services**

***Each Sunday at 10.30am, there will be a service of Holy Communion on our parish Facebook page (St Columba's, Knock) and on our parish website under "Church Service Recordings" at [www.stcolumbas.down.anglican.org](http://www.stcolumbas.down.anglican.org)***

## **PARISH PRAYER**

God, our Heavenly Father, make the door of our Church wide enough to welcome all who need human love, fellowship and a Father's care; but narrow enough to shut out all envy, pride and hatred. Here may the tempted find help, the sorrowing receive comfort and the penitent be assured of your mercy. And here may all your children renew their strength and go on their way in hope and joy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**Amen.**

**Bishop Thomas Ken 1637-1711**

# Thought for the Month

A few months back I was asked if I would join the church cleaning committee and my first committee meeting was socially distanced in the rectory garden.

As I walked through the garden gate memories came flooding back of my very first visit to the garden many years ago. It was there I attended some of my confirmation classes with the late

Canon Whittaker. It also reminded me of my brother taking me to Sunday School in the Sandown Road Hall on the cross bar of his bicycle, with me often ending up with oil from the bicycle chain on my Sunday best ankle socks. Then there was the excitement of seeing the very modern design of the new hall being built and waiting to have our first Sunday school classes there. Happy days they were.



Nan Hillier

In 1979 Donald and I were married in St Columba's by the late Reverend Stacey and we now have 2 daughters Louise and Nicola and 2 grandsons Noah and Seth. Having moved to the Cregagh area after we married we joined Mountmerrion parish and were involved in many church activities. We made many wonderful friends and many more great memories. Even though we had left St Columba's we still had a strong connection with it through my late mother Mrs Toan. We attended many church services and events with her over the years and now Donald and I have very happily returned once again to St Columba's.

The church has changed in lots of ways over those years but what hasn't changed is its warmth of welcome, its caring support and its steadfast message of hope for the future, for each one of us and most importantly for the next generation

Nan Hillier

*Our sincere thanks to Nan for sharing this 'Thought' with us. The May 'Thought for the month' will be written by Caroline Dunbar*

# Prayers for your thoughts and comfort



Last month, when drawing attention to the fact that the month, March, was named after the Roman god of war, none of us realised that the month would coincide with the outbreak of a brutal war against the Ukrainian nation when the Russian armed forces invaded the country. Much continues to be written about that devastating war and its consequences for millions of displaced people. Some prayers in this copy of the Columban focus on the destructive nature of war, and more positively, include prayers for peace.

April includes Holy Week and Easter, when Christians think about the violence perpetrated against Christ and many other people, but also celebrate the significance of the Resurrection.

During the month of April, the Easter General Vestry – the annual general meeting of the Parish, is scheduled to take place. You may wish to use the appropriate prayer in the days and weeks before that important meeting.

## **Prayers for the Ukraine, its people, and freedom from the threat of war**

Lord, lead us from death to life – from falsehood to truth. Lead us from despair to hope – from fear to trust. Let peace fill our hearts, our world and our universe. Let us dream together, pray together, and work together to build one world of peace and justice for all. **Amen**

Heavenly Father, we pray for our brothers and sisters in Ukraine, especially children who are suffering as the crisis deteriorates. Help those in positions to influence events, to discover and promote means of reconciling differences. Give wisdom to world leaders who have the means, not only to start war, but to strive for peace also. As we cry out for an end to this war, we acknowledge that you are light, hope and love in a confused and divided world. Grant us your peace. **Amen**



God of peace and justice, we pray for the people of Ukraine. We pray for those who fear tomorrow, that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them. We pray for those with power over war or peace, that they may have wisdom, discernment and compassion. Above all, we pray for children and their families, at risk and in fear, that you would grant them a sense of security. We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. **Amen** (Prayer of Archbishops of Canterbury and York)

God of hope and mercy, we pray for all victims of violence and natural disasters. Help us to provide practical help to those in need. Strengthen the devastated and console the grieving. Bless those engaged in disaster relief efforts with safety and courage. Help all people of good will to respond to need, with compassion and generous hearts. **Amen**

### **Prayer for all Relief Organisations**

God of compassion, you created a world for us to know your love and peace. Yet, amidst the beauty of creation, we encounter pain and hurt, and harmful forces beyond our control. At times like this, we ache with sorrow at the destruction of lives, homes, families and livelihoods. In praying for all affected by human tragedy, grant energy and commitment to all working to bring relief and fresh hope to the distressed. We ask this in your name. **Amen**

### **Prayer for the Underprivileged and Neglected**

Almighty God, we remember the poor and neglected whose need in our society may be greatest. We include the homeless, those struggling to meet weekly financial commitments and all who are burdened in body or spirit. Enable those of us who can assist, through supporting the Larder and many other Caring Organisations in our community, to contribute towards turning their distress into hope. Grant this through the name of the helper of the helpless, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### **A short Lent prayer**

Father, may this season of repentance bring us the blessings of your forgiveness, and the gift of your light, through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen**

### **A Lent prayer (perhaps said daily)**

Grant Lord, we pray, that by observance of the season of Lent, we may advance in the knowledge of the mystery of Christ, and show forth His mind in conduct worthy of our calling, through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen**

### **A prayer for Guidance at difficult times**

Lord, give to us (me) and all your people, in times of anxiety, serenity: in times of hardship, courage: in times of uncertainty, patience, and, at all times, a quiet trust in your wisdom and love, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### **An Easter family prayer**

Lord of life, we rejoice at this Easter time, in the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. Visit our homes and family with your blessing of peace. Bless those who work to prepare our meals and care for us day by day. May we give to one another, something of your Easter love and joy. **Amen**

### **A prayer for our Environment**

Lord our Creator, as we enjoy the lengthening days of Spring, we thank you for blessing us with the beauty of creation. Help us, as individuals, and together as a nation, to be wise stewards of your creation, so that we may respect our natural resources for those who inhabit the earth, now, and in generations to come. We ask this in your name. **Amen**

### **A personal prayer at the end of the day**

Heavenly Father, I thank you for encouraging me through another day. You have blessed me from sunrise to sunset. Please continue to be my support and protection during the night and guide me each day of my life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### **A prayer in preparation for the Easter General Vestry meeting**

Holy Spirit of God, source of knowledge and wisdom. We pray for the forthcoming Easter General Vestry meeting and for the Rector as he prepares to chair it. May all present and those who seek election to office, think calmly and carefully, and decide wisely and well, so that everything may be done in accordance with your will, so that through us, you may be able to carry on your work in our parish and faith community. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen**

And finally.....

Do not be anxious about anything but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God.'  
Philippians 4 v.6

'May the Lord of peace give you peace at all times in every way. The Lord be with you.' 2 Thessalonians 3 v.16

# Holy Week Preachers

## 8.00pm Holy Week Services

## "Tested by the Cross"

At our 8.00pm services during Holy Week, we are delighted that Canon Ken Smyth will be our preacher. He writes...



***Recent events in Europe, and instances of turmoil and suffering globally, either because of the destructive forces of nature, including the pandemic known as Covid 19, OR the cruel actions of individual human beings, remind me that we live in a dysfunctional world. The Christian faith challenges us to show that the light of Christ can shine in the darkest of places.***

***The account of the journey of Jesus in Holy Week is familiar to most of us. In some respects, He lived in a violent and divided world not dissimilar to our world today. As we think of contemporary events, and those of the first Holy Week, I am aware that we can be 'Tested by the Cross.' Hopefully, if circumstances allow, we can spend time together in St. Columba's in the most sacred week of the Christian year and explore the significance of the events which led to the death of Christ at Calvary on Good Friday.***

## 12noon – 3pm Good Friday

## Three Hours Devotions

At our Three-Hour Devotions service on Good Friday, we are delighted to welcome back the Very Reverend Henry Hull, Dean of Down Cathedral. Dean Hull is well known to us as he preached at our Holy Week services in 2017.

Dean Henry writes...



***I am really looking forward to sharing in the Three hour Meditation in St Columba's on Good Friday.***

***Each year I personally like to re-read the account of the last days of Jesus from Maundy Thursday through to Easter Sunday and take time to reflect on all that happened.***

***I would love to invite you to join me between 12.00 and 3.00 when I will select some of the incidents following the arrest of Jesus and ending with His last words from the cross.***

***It will be mixtures of a reading; a reflection; silence; and prayer. The last hour from 2.00 - 3.00 will focus specifically on the last words of Jesus from the cross.***

***If you can come for three hours, it would be wonderful but each meditation will stand alone and so you can drop in for as much or as little time as you are able.***



## **DEC UKRAINE HUMANITARIAN APPEAL**

We are part of the Disaster's Emergency Committee (DEC), which unites 15 member charities who are experts in humanitarian aid and specialists in different areas of disaster response.

The DEC launches appeals during times of monumental suffering, which is the case in Ukraine right now. Please donate to this vital appeal and help us reach families and communities in Ukraine and the border countries.

Your donation will be used to reach people in urgent need, including:

- Providing food, first aid, clean water, shelter support, warm clothing, hygiene parcels and medicines
- Supporting hospitals and healthcare facilities
- Supporting fire fighters and civil protection units
- Training people up in life-saving first aid
- Helping families stay in contact with each other

- Educating people on the risks of explosives
- Repairing vital infrastructure
- Helping to repair homes, healthcare centres, schools and community centres

So far, Red Cross teams in Ukraine have distributed over 30,000 food and hygiene parcels and provided food, warm clothes, and other aid to around 8,000 people sheltering in metro stations. First aid training has also been delivered to over 2,000 people taking cover in metro stations and bomb shelters, so they have the skills to treat their loved ones if needed.

Your donation will help us reach more people.

**£10** could provide a hygiene kit to a family of five, giving them supplies to stay healthy for a month

**£20** could provide five blankets to families taking shelter

**£33** could provide 40 chlorine tablets to ensure that families have access to clean, safe water

**£100** could provide sleeping mats for 66 people who have been forced from their homes

**£210** could provide a fully equipped first aid kit, including supplies, to a first aider treating those wounded

### **PLEASE HELP TODAY!**

- **Telephone:** Contact 0300 023 0820 to make a telephone donation
- **On the Pews:** Complete the Gift Aid form *IN FULL* along with your cheque or credit card information and place inside the blank envelope provided. Please make sure envelope is sealed.
- **Loose cash** may also be placed on our collection plate and we will send a cheque from the parish (this cannot be Gift Aided as the church is a charity). Thank you.



# The Myths and Legends of Easter



Following the 40 days of fasting and repentance comes Holy Week. Each day of Holy Week holds a significance to Christians as they lead up to the events of Easter.

Images of Easter include lambs, Easter eggs, white lilies and bunnies. The relevance comes from traditions steeped in history. During Holy Week, early Christians were forbidden to eat chicken, eggs and ham, however the hens

continued to lay eggs! The eggs were marked to show which were oldest and to be consumed first after Holy Week, and this may be the reason behind decorating eggs at Easter. They have been a universal symbol in many religions across the millennia, symbolizing new life, rebirth, and fertility.

The reference to lamb in Christianity goes back to the book of Genesis, when Abraham was asked to sacrifice His son. In Exodus, when Egypt experienced terrible plagues and the deaths of firstborn sons, the Jews painted sacrificed lamb's blood on their doors so that God would 'pass over' their homes while punishing sinners. Early Jews, after offering a lamb as a sacrifice, celebrated Passover by eating lamb to mark this occasion. Across history, lambs were also the most readily available livestock after a long winter. The association of Jesus as "the lamb of God" is very significant, as it ties together the shepherds who visited the baby Jesus in the manger, the innocence of a new-born lamb and the sacrificial lamb of the Passover. It also solidifies the image of God as the Good Shepherd, watching over His flock. In past centuries it was considered a lucky omen to meet a lamb at Easter time.



White lilies decorate churches and homes at Easter. In early paintings, the Angel Gabriel is seen handing a bouquet of white lilies to the Virgin Mary. In other paintings, the saints are bringing vessels full of lilies to Mary and the baby Jesus. It is said that beautiful white lilies sprang up in the Garden of Gethsemane, where Jesus wept in the last hours before He was betrayed by Judas. Sometimes known to some as the "white-robed apostles of hope," white lilies are



believed to symbolize the purity and innocence of Christ. The white colour signifies peace, hope, and purity. This beautiful, fragrant flower emerges from an ugly bulb planted in a ground, which acts as a symbol of the resurrection and new life, just as Jesus emerged from the tomb after His brutal death. The Easter lilies act as a reminder to celebrate this joyful season of renewal and rebirth. The trumpet shape of the Easter lily also fit into the image of a trumpet sounding the message that Jesus had risen and so loss becomes a form of rebirth too. Lilies are mentioned in both the Old and New Testaments of the Bible and are also associated with funeral services as they portray the innocence that has been restored to the soul of the departed.



For many years a parishioner, Caroline Cramp, and her family have supplied the large lilies for the sanctuary on Easter morning. In 2015, Caroline and her family kindly gifted a new Rose Window in the West End of the church, which incorporates Easter Lilies and was designed by David Esler. David describes the window as follows:

***“The two Easter lilies, (upper section) represent purity, hope and life capturing the spiritual essence of Easter and combine as a reminder of the flowers provided by the family over the years for the Easter services. Centrally the suggestion of a rising sun reminds us of Christ’s resurrection while stars of gold and silver symbolizing dreams on a ‘blue and dim background’ are inspired by the W.B. Yeates poem, ‘The Cloths of Heaven’. The gold and silver light is interwoven with the beautiful blues of the sky at morning, noon and night. In the bottom left hand panel is a mouse that is a personal reference to a family member.”***

This beautiful window allows us to reflect on the importance of lilies at this important time of year, and we thank the Cramp family for their kindness over the years.



The hare was an Egyptian symbol of fertility. Rabbits and hares produce many off-spring and are thought to be a perfect symbol of springtime, as the northern



hemisphere emerges from the long dark days of winter. The happy, bouncing bunnies symbolise birth, fertility and a joy for life. However, the "Easter Bunny," who visits children on Easter morning, was an invention of German Protestants; the Osterhase or "Easter Hare," brought eggs and sweets to "good children," in the same way that Santa Claus brought gifts to well-behaved youngsters.

After 40 days of fasting, which often includes not eating chocolate during Lent, it is little wonder that the shops are full of chocolate eggs, chocolate bunnies and chocolate lambs!

Wishing you all a Happy Easter!

**Karen Patterson**

## **Ladies Guild**

In the two years since we last met as Guild members we have been subjected to many far reaching changes to our lifestyle and the ways in which we could engage in fellowship with one another. The Ladies Guild, as with other church based organisations, has been a casualty of the situation.

Thankfully, with the easing of restrictions, we can once again begin to reorganise and plan our meetings. The committee has been discussing our way forward and to start the ball rolling as it were, we have organised a **lunch to be held in the Members Room, Parliament Buildings on Thursday 7th April at 12.30pm.** Our last visit there in December 2019 was a most enjoyable occasion and we felt it would be a good venue in which to renew our fellowship. You are welcome to bring along a friend or family member should you wish to do so.

Members should have received a menu for their consideration during March. Anyone who did not get one but who would like to join us, please contact me on 9028 1204 / 07709 917548 before 4th April.

We look forward to seeing everyone again and issue a warm invitation to new members to join us.

**Eleanor**

It was great to see 25 members in attendance at our last meeting. The church was comfortable and measures for safety were in place. Walter gave an interesting talk about the origin and significance of clerical robes before we enjoyed a chat over a cup of tea and pancakes.

The April meeting will be on Tuesday 5th at 8.00pm in the church. Our speaker, Dr Joe McKee, will help us understand the role of music in worship and services. I hope many of you will be able to attend.

**Barbara**

## Confirmation



## CONFIRMATION 2022

Confirmation classes are due to commence for those parishioners who will be confirmed by the Bishop of Down and Dromore on Sunday 26th June at 7.30pm in church.

If you wish to be considered for confirmation at this service, please contact the Rector **BEFORE** Sunday 17th April. Please remember all the candidates and their families in your prayers, as they prepare for this most significant occasion in their lives:

Katie Allen  
Jake Armstrong  
Lucy Armstrong  
Sophia Irwin  
Lara King  
Hazel Macpherson  
Adam Moore

Emily Morrow  
Janie Reid  
Rebecca Sadlier  
Rebecca Stewart  
Rory Stewart  
Patrick Whiteside

**The Rector.**



Maundy Thursday

**Holy Communion for  
Senior Parishioners**  
in  
**St. Columba's Parish Church**  
on  
**MAUNDY THURSDAY 14th April**  
**at 10.30am**  
with Holy Week Hymns and seasonal  
refreshments

**Save  
the  
Date**



**St Columba's Patronal Festival Eucharist and Dedication  
of the new Church roof** *followed by refreshments*

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June**

**10.30am**

**Preacher: Archbishop Robin Eames**

**All welcome!**

*More details to follow...*

## **Mums and Tots**

We were delighted to be back after 2 years. Please tell your friends and family if they have children up to 3 years that we meet on Fridays 10 am - 11.30. Thank you to all our lovely volunteers who have returned to help us. If you have a couple of hours to spare once a month would love to have you on our team.

**Joyce**



## **Annual Easter General Vestry Meeting**

Our Annual Easter General Vestry Meeting will take place on

**Wednesday 6th April**

**at 7.30pm**

**in Church.**

All parishioners are encouraged to attend, however only those who are registered can vote at the meeting.

We look forward to seeing you there.

## Activity Group

We have been walking in various locations each Tuesday and there are so many places to choose from. Coffee and scones are most welcome after our walk, where we share fellowship and catch up on each other's news. Meeting up and walking has been so beneficial in keeping us together as a group.

**Clare**

We are hopeful that we'll return to the church hall in the near future and look forward to coming together to play badminton and scrabble soon.

**Maureen**

## From the Registers Our Joys

### Holy Baptism

**Sunday 13th March**

**Luke Martin James Wilson**

### Our Sorrows

### Funeral Services

**10th March 2022**

**Joseph Middleton McIntyre**



## Facebook Services

As we are currently encouraging everyone back to church, we concluded our Facebook services at the end of March. *(Our Sunday morning recorded services will still be available on our parish website.)*

We appreciate how well the Facebook services were received and enjoyed, however with the easing of restrictions, it is important to focus our attention on the provision of 'in church' services.

I would like to thank everyone involved in the setup and recording of these services and encourage **you** to return to worship in our beautiful church building where there is full adherence to Covid regulations for your safety. Thank you.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

|                   |                 |                                 |
|-------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------|
| <b>3rd April</b>  | <b>10.30 am</b> | <b>All Age Worship</b>          |
| <b>10th April</b> | <b>10.30 am</b> | <b>Sunday School and Creche</b> |
| <b>17th April</b> | <b>10.30 am</b> | <b>Easter Sunday</b>            |
| <b>24th April</b> | <b>10.30 am</b> | <b>Holiday</b>                  |

In March we looked at the meaning of Lent and our aims for this season. On 27th March we celebrated our mothers by making them a hand crafted card.

On April 10th we will prepare for Easter by making decorations to place in the church.

Wishing all the Sunday school children and their families a lovely Easter holiday.

**Joyce**

## CHURCH HALL CLEANING ROTA

|                                       |                                 |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <b>Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> April</b>  | Nan Hillier and Isobel McDowell |
| <b>Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> April</b> | Christine and Ian Johnston      |
| <b>Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> April</b> | Clare and Jim Best              |

## MARMALADE

Order your marmalade now for collection or delivery. Phone **Maureen 9048 6622**. Unfortunately prices have risen therefore I have had to increase the price to £3.00 per jar, I hope everyone understands.

With thanks.

**Maureen Beckwith**





## PAUSE

Spring has **PAUSED!** Today has arrived with driving rain, strong winds and low temperatures. But it is another new day for us to enjoy and we can look forward to writing in our Lenten notebooks.

I was reading some copies of the Columban from previous years. In April 2016 I had written 'PAUSE never stops'. I, of course, meant that PAUSE continued throughout the year. That was before we had heard of Covid-19! What a difference that pandemic has made to all of our lives. Thankfully, restrictions have eased and we are slowly reverting to socialising - in a careful way.

**PAUSE** has been meeting once a month at the Stormont Hotel. It is great to meet up with parishioners and friends and occasionally visitors. The next meeting of **PAUSE** will be at the Stormont Hotel on **Tuesday 5th April 2022 at 10.30am**. There will be filter coffee, tea and scones. If you are free do come along. Bring a friend or neighbour. All are welcome. We will be following all the Covid-19 guidelines which are relevant at that time.

If you require further details or help with transport please contact me.

**Eileen (9020 3684)**



## MAY PARISH MAGAZINE

Any articles or photographs for publication in the **May** parish magazine should be handed or emailed to the editor, **Billy McAlpine**, by **Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> April**.

His contact details are:-

**10 Old Quay Court, Holywood BT18 0HT**  
Tel: **9042 4390** Email: **colmaged@outlook.com**

*We all love to see photographs of people enjoying our Church activities. So we can all benefit fully from this and for reproduction purposes, it is very important that photographs are clear and in focus.*

**Many thanks**

## Railway and Model club



Yes, you are correct.....that's a curling stone. Why? Well the Railway & Model Club and Mens Society were having talks on using the bottom corridor of the church hall as a curling rink. However as the winter is almost over we decided not to bother. Instead we have bought two electric blow heaters. Also, we now meet on Monday afternoons starting at 2:00pm.

What a difference some heat means. Everyone has pitched in and worked on checking our rolling stock and (model) buildings. Scenery has also been checked and the condition of our actual layouts is being checked. Ian's shunting yard will be getting a complete overhaul!!

Currently we empty our de-humidifier once per week. This piece of equipment helps to safeguard the condition of the big 00 gauge layout.

In spite of our present problems, we consider ourselves to be very fortunate to have the rooms in the church hall for our club activities. During the last two years we have heard of other much larger and 'older' clubs having to move out of their club premises with COVID being the main cause. Thanks again to our clergy and vestry for their support.

We are still keepin' her rollin'.

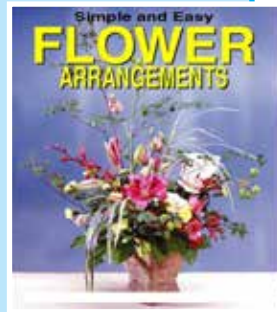
**David(Rockie)**

Belfast City Marathon will take place this year on **Sunday 1st May**. It will commence at **9am at Stormont Estate**, which may impact journey times to church. Please carefully plan your route to church on that day and allow enough journey time to arrive at church in time for the service at 10.30am. Thank you.



## Decorating The Church For Easter Flower-Arranging Workshop

- When and where: Thursday 14th April at 2.00pm in the Parish Hall. Afternoon tea will be provided
- No previous flower arranging skills required. The purpose of the workshop is to prepare floral arrangements for the windowsills, etc in the church for Easter Sunday.
- Flowers, oasis and containers will be provided for which there will be a charge of £6.00 per attendee.
- Please bring foliage.
- If interested, please contact either Patricia ([patriciaclements.new@gmail.com](mailto:patriciaclements.new@gmail.com)) or Eleanor (07709 917548).



## Christian Aid

The pandemic made it impossible to hold our house-to-house collection for the past two years and has resulted in a mainly cashless society. At the time of writing this article we are busy organising for Christian Aid week (15th - 22nd May 2022) and we are aiming to introduce new creative ways of raising money. In early March, Imelda, Isobel and myself attended a conference and heard that Christian Aid are very much involved in the DEC (Disasters Emergency Committee) which is providing vital emergency supplies in Ukraine. At the same time, it continues to support long term projects in Africa and Asia. St Columba's has always had a very dedicated group of collectors and we hope they will continue to volunteer but in a different way. We would welcome any new volunteers who could spare a couple of hours of their time or share their skills.

**Joyce Stevenson (07772128944 )**

# PARISH ORGANISATIONS

*New members are always welcome at any of our organisations!*


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| <b>Sunday</b>     | <b>Sunday School</b><br><i>Bubbles (3-5 years)</i><br><i>Splash (5-8 years)</i><br><i>X-treme (8-11 years)</i><br><i>The Grid (11-14 years)</i> | 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> and 5 <sup>th</sup> Sundays<br>10.30am | Superintendent:<br>Joyce Stevenson<br>9058 3381 |
|                   | <b>Crèche</b>   | 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> and 5 <sup>th</sup> Sundays            | Christine Johnston<br>07811 599291              |
| <b>Monday</b>     | <b>Craft and Hobby Circle</b>   | 1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday each month<br>10.30am         | Carol Willis<br>9079 9997                       |
|                   | <b>Railway and Model Club</b>   | 2.00pm   | David Beattie<br>9028 5868                      |
|                   | <b>Ladies Bowling</b>   | 2.00pm   | Helen Coates<br>9065 8977                       |
|                   | <b>MU Afternoon Group</b>   | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday each month 2.30pm                                 | Joy Montgomery<br>9029 5427                     |
|                   | <b>Mens' Club</b>   | 7.30pm   | John Robb<br>9058 1438                          |
| <b>Tuesday</b>    | <b>Ladies Badminton</b>   | 10.30am  | Gillian Popplestone<br>9080 3799                |
|                   | <b>Ladies Badminton</b>   | 2.00pm   | Anne Clarke<br>9065 1412                        |
|                   | <b>Activity Group</b>   | Except 1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday<br>7.30pm                                 | Maureen Irwin<br>9079 5155                      |
|                   | <b>Mothers' Union</b>   | 1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday each month<br>8.00pm                             | Barbara Lavery<br>9573 8743                     |
| <b>Wednesday</b>  | <b>Bible Study Group</b>  | 2.30pm - 4.00pm  | Eileen Anderson<br>9020 3684                    |
|                   | <b>Ladies Guild</b>   | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday each month<br>7.45pm                           | Jennifer Beattie,<br>9028 5868                  |
| <b>Thursday</b>   | <b>Art Club</b>   | 9.30am   | Billy Nelson<br>9048 3889                       |
|                   | <b>Choir</b>  | 7.30pm   | Dr Joe McKee<br>07976 294574                    |
| <b>Friday</b>     | <b>Mums and Tots</b>  | 10.00am  | Joyce Stevenson,<br>9058 3381                   |
| <b>Bi-monthly</b> | <b>Pause</b>  | As arranged  | Eileen Anderson<br>9020 3684                    |
| <b>Monthly</b>    | <b>Youth Etc.</b><br><i>(11-15 years)</i>   | As arranged  | Jonathan Martin,<br>07980 885990                |
|                   | <b>Young Families</b>   | Social events as arranged  | Rachel Stewart<br>07812 247343                  |

Requests for the occasional use of the church halls must be submitted to the Premise's Convenor.

# WHO'S WHO IN ST. COLUMBAS

Parish website: [www.stcolumbas.down.anglican.org](http://www.stcolumbas.down.anglican.org)

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|-------------------------------------|--|--|
| <b>Rector</b>                       | The Reverend Chancellor<br>John R Auchmuty   | St. Columba's Rectory<br>29 Kings Road<br>BT5 6JG<br>028 9047 1514<br><a href="mailto:rectorknock@down.anglican.org">rectorknock@down.anglican.org</a> |
| <b>Assistant Priests</b>            | The Reverend Canon<br>Ken Smyth<br><br>The Reverend Canon<br>Walter Laverty  | 3 Mount Royal<br>Bangor BT20 3BG<br>028 9145 8706<br><br>6 Hanwood Heights<br>Dundonald BT16 1XU<br>028 9573 8743                                      |
| <b>Diocesan Lay Reader</b>          | Karen McAlpine   | <a href="mailto:readercolumba@gmail.com">readercolumba@gmail.com</a>   |
| <b>Rector's Churchwarden</b>        | Martin Moore   | 07964 422574   |
| <b>People's Churchwarden</b>        | Scott Rutherford   | 07896 835979   |
| <b>Rector's Glebewarden</b>         | Jim Stevenson  | 028 9058 3381<br>07973 392448  |
| <b>People's Glebewarden</b>         | David Kelly  | 028 9079 6658  |
| <b>Honorary Sexton</b>              | John Proctor   | 028 9087 0526<br>07989 469773  |
| <b>Select Vestry</b>                | Rector, Churchwardens, Glebewardens,<br>Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer, Assistant Honorary<br>Treasurer, Brian Acheson, Suzanne Allen, Richard Caldwell, Andrew<br>Hirst, Ian Johnston, John Kerr, Jayne Martin, Jonathan Stewart,<br>Linda Wilson |  |
| <b>Honorary Secretary</b>           | John Macpherson  | 10 Sandhill Gardens<br>BT5 6FF<br>028 9028 2076<br><a href="mailto:jdmacpherson@hotmail.com">jdmacpherson@hotmail.com</a>                              |
| <b>Honorary Treasurer</b>           | Gillian Sadlier  | 548 Upper Newtownards Road<br>BT4 3HE<br><a href="mailto:sadliergillian@gmail.com">sadliergillian@gmail.com</a>  |
| <b>Assistant Honorary Treasurer</b> | Victor Dukelow   | 028 9029 0625  |

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| <b>Gift Aid Secretary</b>  | Jack Dunlop   | 028 9065 4103  |
| <b>Parochial Nominators</b>  | Victor Dukelow, Patrick Good,<br>Elizabeth Leonard, Linda Wilson      |  |
| <b>Diocesan Synod members</b>                                      | Patrick Good, Elizabeth Leonard<br>Hollie Wilson (under 30)           |  |
| <b>Organist and Choral Director</b>                                | Dr Joe McKee  | 07976 294574   |
| <b>Assistant Organist</b>  | Brian Clements  | 028 9079 3641  |
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| <b>Bible Reading Fellowship notes</b>                              | Joan Madill   | 028 9065 6591  |
| <b>Church flowers</b>  | Eleanor Launchbury  | 028 9028 1204  |
| <b>Premise's Convenor</b>  | Stewart Beckwith  | 028 9048 6622  |
| <b>Crucifer</b>  | Mark Lavery   | 028 9573 8743  |
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## CHURCH CAR PARKING

When parking to go to church services or Parish Organisations please be sensitive to the residents in the local community by taking care not to block entrances or pavements.

Thank you!



## Facebook

St Columba's Knock is now on Facebook. **'Like'** our page to see updates on events, services and photos.

Search coiknock on Facebook or Messenger to find us easily.

For those who are new to St Columba's and would like more information about the life and membership of the parish, please give your name and phone number to our Churchwardens or contact the Parish Office during office hours Monday-Friday, 9.00am-1.00pm on 028 9065 6891.

**Pastoral Care:** If anyone has a pastoral concern and would like to speak to someone, please contact the Rector (028 9047 1514) or Canon Ken Smyth (028 9145 8706).

## SAFEGUARDING TRUST

The Rector, Select Vestry and parish leaders are committed to upholding good practice in the parish's ministry with children and young people. Should you have cause for concern or suspicion regarding child welfare in the parish, please contact:

The Rector ..... **028 9047 1514**

Patrick Good ..... **028 9065 6908**

Elizabeth Leonard ..... **028 9065 3162**

