

The Columban

ST. COLUMBA'S CHURCH, KNOCK, MAY 2022

The word "PRAY" is rendered in large, bold, block letters. The letters have a distressed, weathered appearance with a mix of brown, orange, and dark grey tones, suggesting they might be made of metal or heavily treated wood. They are set against a background of vertical wooden planks with a natural wood grain and some staining.

The latest parish news, events and notices.



Dear Parishioner,

EASTER GENERAL VESTRY MEETING REPORT

This edition of the Columban contains full details of our recent Easter General Vestry meeting. It was a most positive and successful meeting which reflected all the many parish achievements of the past year. This would not have been possible without your hard work and commitment to the ministry of St. Columba's which has been reflected in so many different ways. As we gave thanks for the past year's work at the meeting we sought God's blessing for the new opportunities of the coming year as we continue to emerge from the shadows of the pandemic.

GILLIAN SADLIER

Gillian has served with great distinction and conscientiousness as our Honorary Treasurer for many years. Throughout her tenure Gillian has generously shared her professional skills as a chartered accountant with our parish and has guided us through financial challenges. This has enabled us to undertake many capital projects in addition to having the funds for our daily activities. I have always valued her wisdom and advice which she has generously shared with us despite having a relatively new job and many family commitments. Gillian presented the financial accounts with great clarity and reflected on the current financial position. These were very positive accounts which returned a surplus. This good news was very well received. Gillian retired as our Honorary Treasurer at the meeting and received loud applause as I conveyed our grateful thanks to her together with a token of our appreciation for all her work. I am delighted that she was re-elected to the Select Vestry and the Finance sub-committee for the coming year.

I am very pleased that **Brian Acheson** was elected as her successor and wish him well in his new work as our new Honorary Treasurer.

JIM STEVENSON

Jim has served as Rector's Glebewarden in a most dedicated and committed manner since my arrival in St. Columba's. He has worked tirelessly to ensure that all our buildings and the site are well maintained and kept in good order. Jim's great attention to detail and focus has enabled us to get many repair jobs carried out before the situation deteriorated resulting in a considerable saving of money. In addition to many of the routine maintenance issues Jim has successfully guided us through major capital projects including new boilers, the decoration of the church interior, new hall windows and the replacement of our church roof. He has been invaluable to us in the Rectory especially as my DIY skills are really non-existent! Jim also received loud applause as I conveyed our grateful thanks to him at the Easter General Vestry meeting. He too received a token of our appreciation for all his hard work.

I am delighted that he has accepted my invitation to serve as Rector's Churchwarden for the coming year which will include the Service of Dedication for our new roof on Sunday 12th June at 10.30am.

I was very pleased to appoint **David Kelly** as the new Rector's Glebewarden and wish him every good wish and Blessing in his work.

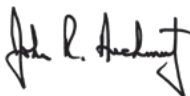
SELECT VESTRY

Linda Wilson and Jayne Martin have served as faithful members of the Select Vestry for many years where they made important contributions to our many discussions. They are also both former Churchwardens and have also made an important contribution to the liturgical worship of St. Columba's. They retired at the Easter General Vestry where they also received a loud applause for their enthusiasm and commitment generously conveyed and shown.

I am delighted that **Nigel Morrow** was elected to serve on the Select Vestry and am looking forward to the important contribution which he will make to our work in the year ahead. Nigel is well known in St. Columba's having previously served as a Finance Committee member. His financial and taxation support to us is most helpful and greatly appreciated.

Please remember our new Office Bearers, Select Vestry members and subcommittee members in your thoughts and prayers during these weeks and months.

Yours in His Service,



CHURCH SERVICES IN MAY 2022

(Covid-19 Government restrictions permitting)

Sunday 1st The Third Sunday of Easter (White)

8.15am Holy Communion (Side Chapel)

Epistle Acts 9: 1-6 The conversion of Saul

Gospel John 21: 1-19 Jesus and the miraculous catch of fish

10.30am All Age Worship followed by refreshments

Reading John 21: 1-19 Jesus and the miraculous catch of fish

Thursday 5th Saint Philip and Saint James, Apostles (transferred) (Red)

10.30am Holy Communion followed by refreshments

Sunday 8th The Fourth Sunday of Easter (White)

8.15am Holy Communion (Side Chapel)

Epistle Acts 9: 36-43 Peter in Lydda and Joppa

Gospel John 10: 22-30 Jesus is rejected by the Jews

10.30am Holy Communion

Epistle Acts 9: 36-43 Peter in Lydda and Joppa

Gospel John 10: 22-30 Jesus is rejected by the Jews

Thursday 12th Saint Matthias (Transferred) (Red)

10.30am Holy Communion followed by refreshments

Sunday 15th The Fifth Sunday of Easter (White)

8.15am Holy Communion (Side Chapel)

Epistle Acts 11: 1-18 Peter's report to the Church at Jerusalem

Gospel John 13: 31-35 The new commandment

10.30am Morning Prayer

First Reading: Leviticus 19: 1-2, 9-18

Ritual and Moral Holiness

Second Reading: John 13: 31-35

The new commandment

Thursday 19th (White)

10.30am Holy Communion followed by refreshments

Sunday 22nd The Sixth Sunday of Easter: Rogation Sunday (White)

8.15am Holy Communion (Side Chapel)
Epistle Acts 16: 9-15 The conversion of Lydia
Gospel John 14: 23-29 The promise of the Holy Spirit

10.30am Holy Communion
Epistle Acts 16: 9-15 The conversion of Lydia
Gospel John 14: 23-29 The promise of the Holy Spirit

Thursday 26th Ascension Day (White)

10.30am Holy Communion *followed by refreshments*

Sunday 29th The Seventh Sunday of Easter (White)

8.15am Holy Communion (Side Chapel)
Epistle Acts 16: 16-34 Paul and Silas in prison
Gospel John 17: 20-26 Jesus's prayer to God

10.30am Morning Prayer
First Reading: 1 Samuel 12: 19-24 Samuel's farewell
Second Reading: John 17: 20-26 Jesus's prayer to God

Online Services

The audio recording of our 10.30am service each Sunday can be found on our parish website www.stcolumbas.down.anglican.org under "Church Service Recordings".

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



MAY FLOWER ROTA

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| Sunday 1st May | Angela Kerr |
| Sunday 8th May | Margaret Stewart |
| Sunday 15th May | Pauline Scott |
| Sunday 22nd May | Joy Murphy |
| Sunday 29th May | Eleanor Launchbury |

Ladies Guild

After a prolonged absence, I am happy to report that the Ladies Guild is once more an active part of life in St Columba's.

On Tuesday 7th April a lively group of 36 ladies gathered in the Members' Room restaurant in the Assembly Buildings to enjoy lunch. We were delighted to also welcome the Rector. The atmosphere on a lovely bright day was vibrant with chatter as members caught up with friends and became acquainted with some visitors who had joined us. It was so good to see everyone enjoying the occasion which we hope will be the forerunner of other events. Members received a copy of our programme giving details of our meetings which we are planning to recommence in September. Please note we are meeting on a different day i.e. Tuesday at a new time of 2.30pm.

We are already planning our next event which will be a 'Royal Tea Party' to take place on June 9th in celebration of Her Majesty the Queen's Platinum Jubilee . Please put a note in your diary! More details will be in the June issue of the Columban.

Keep well.

Eleanor



It was encouraging to attend the Diocesan Zoom meeting and hear that we are beginning to plan more events for branches. The outgoing President, Roberta, was thanked for her leadership for the last three years and the new Diocesan President, Mavis, conducted her first meeting. The coordinators reported on the work that has proceeded whilst adhering to pandemic guidance.

A few things of particular note.

The Diocesan treasurer asked branch leaders to express her thanks to branch treasurers for their effective support during the particular difficulties experienced in the last two years. Well done, Yvonne.

Whilst it was not possible to meet or visit, it is of note that requests for help were met. Recently a request from a Maire Curie chaplain for palm crosses was supported and patients and staff were given a little pack.

The deferred annual gathering will take place in Belfast on 23rd and 24th September. There will be two services in St Anne's cathedral on 23rd at 4.30 and 7.00 pm. Admission to the services and the meeting will be by ticket. Bookings are being managed by "Eventbrite". At our next meeting we will take names and apply for tickets.

Advance notice. Sheran Harper, the Worldwide President, will be in Ireland for "Women's Get Away Weekend". She has agreed to speak at a "World Wide Evening" on Monday 7th November in Carryduff Parish. When we have more details, we will let you know.

May meeting Tuesday 3rd.

Barbara

From the Registers Our Joys

Holy Baptism

Sunday 10th April

Max Henry Rothwell

Thought for the Month

Moore and I were fortunate to make a trip to South Africa pre coronavirus.

After travelling for approximately 24 hours we arrived at Johannesburg. Our first stop was Pretoria, our hotel was situated in the Embassy region and was walled and fenced with security on the gate. We booked a restaurant which was a fifteen-minute walk but reception staff told us that walking was not advisable nor using a taxi. The hotel manager insisted in driving us to the venue and the restaurant owner drove us back after our meal. This was quite daunting at the start of our trip but we quickly realised the necessity for safety.

We set out on our five hour journey the following morning to Ngwenya Lodge at Komatipoort situated at the South end of Kruger National Park and border of Mozambique.

We arrived at our accommodation which overlooked Crocodile river. The crocodiles were basking at the river edge and the hippos happily enjoying



their space in the water. It was now evident to us that the journey was worthwhile. We were also fortunate to have a visit from an elephant appearing just below our balcony. This turned out to be a regular occurrence throughout our stay. We were able to take in a day safari also a night drive. The experienced guides were excellent ensuring that we got a collection of fantastic pictures of especially the big five.

On one of our drives, we watched a standoff between a large herd of buffalo and a pride of lions. After two hours the buffalo stampeded through many parked vehicles causing us some concern.

We were very shocked when we went to Komatipoort to see two extremes- such poverty, a shantytown on the outskirts, then such affluence in the town's tree-lined avenues.

Despite the poverty in the town the supermarket was comparable to our own supermarkets at home but we were amazed to see a large sign at the entrance with instruction "Leave your guns at reception".

Where we were staying there was no obvious signs of other habitation yet on Sunday morning we witnessed the Apostolic Church members dressed all in white, in a field holding their church service as they have no local churches. The Apostolic church across South Africa has millions of followers. They are known for open-air



Caroline Dunbar

worship and can be seen every weekend gathering in various areas. Apostolic church members do not believe in medicines and vaccinations as it is an insult to their faith. I since read they are mostly reluctant to accept covid 19 vaccinations. This has had a big impact on the spread of coronavirus.

Caroline Dunbar.

A rare insight into other cultures.

Our sincere thanks to Caroline for sharing this 'Thought' with us. The June 'Thought for the month' will be written by Elizabeth Miller

Mums and Tots

It is so good to be back after a two year break. Our numbers have been increasing each week and it has been wonderful to watch parents chatting and tots making new friends.

There is a great buzz of activity in our hall on a Friday morning. We even welcomed back some of children who had been with us as babies in March 2020. - Evelyn, Margo and Felicity - they are now confident 3-year-olds.

Joyce

Pastoral Visiting



As the weather begins to improve, more pastoral visits are taking place in homes and gardens. This provides the perfect opportunity to catch up with the Rector and have a chat. The Rector is also delighted to welcome parishioners to the Rectory or his "outdoor study" in the garden for your convenience – see picture!

If you would like a pastoral visit, please contact the Rector, who would be delighted to call with you.

If you prefer, you can arrange a time for a visit to the Rectory.

Thank you.

Karen Patterson



CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 15th - 22nd MAY 2022

We are delighted to announce our plans for our Christian Aid week in May. On Sunday 1st May we will welcome a speaker from Christian Aid to speak at the All-Age Worship service - this promises to be a most interesting and informative talk.

This year we have had to take into consideration the changes that the pandemic has made e.g. a mainly cashless society and we have tried to provide opportunities for people to donate in different ways.

We have included two Christian Aid envelopes in each magazine, one for yourself and one for a friend or family member so that they also have an opportunity to donate. These envelopes can be returned at any church service or to the Rectory. This year we are also introducing the QR code to our envelopes for those who wish to pay online. We are also operating a door-to-door delivery only service to the area surrounding our church and the residents have the option of returning the envelopes to the Rectory or using QR code.

Many of our faithful collectors have agreed to help in new ways e.g. putting stickers on envelopes, dropping off envelopes and baking buns but we would welcome new volunteers to come forward and join our team.

We will finish Christian Aid week on 22nd May with tea and coffee after church and a bun and cake sale.

Our confirmation candidates are invited to assist with the *bun & cake* sale.

Joyce Stevenson (07772 128944), Imelda Shepherd, Yvonne Robb, Isobel McDowell.

A Poem for Ukraine



Woke up warm and safe in my bed,
while someone else heard bombs overhead.
I jumped into a nice hot shower,
while someone else has lost all power.
I hugged my family, we were all together,
while others said goodbye, possibly forever.
While I fear the money that I will spend,
others worry of losing the country they defend.
In the time that it took me to write this post,
many have lost the things they love most.
So, when I start to whine and complain,
I will stop myself and pray for Ukraine.

By Art Smith

A simple poem to remind us that when we think things are difficult, others are suffering much more than we can comprehend. Please keep this in your mind today.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

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| 1st May | 10.30 am | All Age Worship |
| 8th May | 10.30 am | Sunday School and Creche |
| 15th May | 10.30 am | Morning Prayer |
| 22nd May | 10.30 am | Sunday School and Creche |
| 29th May | 10.30 am | Sunday School and Creche |

Well done to all the children who made lovely Easter items which were used to decorate the church. I hope you all enjoyed them.

In May we will look at how Jesus is our friend and how He is a healer of the sick. We finish May by exploring the meaning of the Ascension.

Joyce

CHURCH HALL CLEANING ROTA

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| Saturday 14th May | Patricia and Adrian Clements |
| Saturday 28th May | Jenny Smith and Mrs Kathryn Johnson |

MARMALADE

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

Thanking you
Maureen Beckwith



Prayers for your thoughts and comfort



What's the origin of the name of the fifth month of the year? The writer of these 'Prayers' has to admit that he had to consult 'google' to obtain an answer. The name 'May' has been in use since the early days of the English language in the 11th century. The month is named after the Greek goddess 'Maia', identified with fertility and growth.

In the Christian calendar Rogation Sunday, with very few exceptions, occurs in May. It is a time when we ask God to bless the crops that have been sown or planted, in addition to praying that our work in any area of life may produce positive results.

The Thursday after Rogation Sunday is observed as the Ascension Day.

In early May we will have an opportunity to vote in Assembly elections. Some of the above subjects and themes are included in this month's prayers in the Columban.

'March winds and April showers bring May flowers' (An old proverb)

'Some plant: others water, and God provides the increase.' (1 Corinthians 3 v.6)

A prayer as we journey through life

Creator God, forgive our moments of ingratitude and the spiritual blindness that prevents us from appreciating the wonder that is in this world, with its endless cycle of nature. Forgive us for taking without giving and reaping without sowing. Open our eyes to see, our lips to praise, our hands to share, and may our feet tread lightly on the road we travel with you, our guide and encourager. **Amen**

The Hope of Spring

Lord God, thank you for this Spring season and the hope of warmer, longer, brighter days. Thank you for growth and life and birth. Thank you that things have come awake in the our community and country. We cherish the reality of joy and health and loving relationships. May all that belongs in this season become facts in our lives, as we turn to you as the creator and sustainer of life.

Amen

The lesson of the seed

Lord, you taught people the lessons of the seed. The seed that springs up and grows in multiple ways. The seed that though the smallest becomes a great plant. The seed that gives its life that new life may be multiplied. Write these lessons of faith, hope and love on our hearts and minds, that we may yield an abundant harvest in your service, to the glory of your name. **Amen**

An Emmaus prayer (for Easter season)

Risen Lord, who on the first Easter day drew near to your two disciples on the Emmaus road, and at evening stayed with them in their village home. Be our unseen companion along the daily journey of our life, and, at the ending of the day, come and stay with us in our dwellings. We ask it in your name. **Amen**

A prayer for a troubled world

Lord God, we live in unstable times, with problems in many countries which affect all of us in smaller or larger ways. We think of the ongoing crisis facing the people and country of Ukraine with so many seeking refuge, fleeing from conflict, from fear, from oppression. Alongside this is the ongoing necessity to combat climate change and the effects that may have, especially on the lives of those living in underdeveloped countries. Help us in times of uncertainty to remember that you are unchanging and faithful. Therefore, when we feel overwhelmed by all that is happening around us, may we turn to you for encouragement, knowing that you are there to welcome and sustain us. We ask this in your name. **Amen**

A candle of hope

Lord, I light a candle for peace. May its light scatter the darkness. May its flame be a symbol of hope, and a sign of faith, joining with many other lights for peace. I light my candle for peace. May my life be an expression of peace making. May I seek to be a light in a dark world, pointing to you, the Prince of Peace, and following you in the way of peace. Lord, I make this offering to you. **Amen** (Source unknown)

The Assembly elections

Lord, we pray for wisdom and understanding as we prepare to vote in the forthcoming elections.

May those who seek election be willing to co-operate with one another in addressing the needs of the communities they seek to represent, including the underprivileged and marginalised. While candidates may have different opinions and priorities, grant them sound judgement to navigate with integrity those differences. Give them vision to work together to strengthen our society, striving to show that love is stronger than hate. May we, and our political representatives answer your call to act justly, to love mercy and to walk humbly with you, now and always. **Amen**

For neighbours and friends

May the God of love who is the source of all our affection for each other formed here on earth take our friendships into His keeping, that they may continue and increase throughout life and beyond it, in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

A 16th century prayer- Seeking God's presence

God be in my head, and in my understanding.
God be in mine eyes, and in my looking
God be in my mouth, and in my speaking
God be in my heart, and in my thinking
God be at mine end, and at my departing. **Amen**

An 18th century prayer

Lord, teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom. Lighten, if it be your will, the pressures of this world's cares. Above all, reconcile us to your will and give us a peace which the world cannot take away, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

A 5th century prayer

Eternal God, the light of the minds that know thee, the joy of the hearts that love thee, the strength of the wills that serve thee. Grant us to know thee that we may truly love thee, so to love thee that we may freely serve thee, to the glory of thy holy name. **Amen**

A Celtic Blessing (Source unknown)

May the road rise to meet you
May the wind be always at your back
May the sun shine warm upon your face
May the rains fall softly upon your fields
Until we meet again
May God hold you in the hollow of his hand. **Amen**

ST COLUMBA'S PARISH CHURCH KNOCK

PARISH OFFICE BEARERS 2022-2023

RECTOR – The Reverend Chancellor John R Auchmuty
ASSISTANT PRIEST – The Reverend Canon Ken Smyth
ASSISTANT PRIEST – The Reverend Canon Walter Laverty

RECTOR'S CHURCHWARDEN – Jim Stevenson
PEOPLE'S CHURCHWARDEN – Mark Wilson

RECTOR'S GLEBEWARDEN – David Kelly
PEOPLE'S GLEBEWARDEN – Ian Johnston

HONORARY SECRETARY – John Macpherson

HONORARY TREASURER – Brian Acheson
ASSISTANT HONORARY TREASURER – Victor Dukelow

SELECT VESTRY

**Rector, Churchwardens, Glebewardens,
Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer, Assistant Honorary Treasurer,
Suzanne Allen, Richard Caldwell, Andrew Hirst, John Kerr, Martin Moore
Nigel Morrow, Scott Rutherford, Gillian Sadlier, Jonathan Stewart**

REGISTERED AUDITORS

Diamond & Skillen Chartered Accountants

PAROCHIAL NOMINATORS

Victor Dukelow, Patrick Good, Elizabeth Leonard, Linda Wilson

SUPPLEMENTAL PAROCHIAL NOMINATORS

David Craig, Moranne Noad, Karen McAlpine

DIOCESAN SYNOD MEMBERS

Patrick Good, Elizabeth Leonard

DIOCESAN SYNOD MEMBER AGED UNDER 30

Hollie Wilson

SUPPLEMENTAL DIOCESAN SYNOD MEMBERS

David Craig, Elizabeth Miller



Chancellor John Auchmuty
Rector



Canon Ken Smyth
Assistant Priest



Canon Walter Lavery
Assistant Priest

SELECT VESTRY



Jim Stevenson
Rector's Churchwarden



Mark Wilson
People's Churchwarden



David Kelly
Rector's Glebewarden



Ian Johnston
People's Glebewarden



Gillian Sadler



Martin Moore



Suzanne Allen



John Kerr



Scott Rutherford



Andrew Hirst



Nigel Morrow



Richard Caldwell



Jonathan Stewart

CHURCH STAFF



Karen McAlpine
Diocesan Reader



Karen Patterson
Parish Administrator &
Financial Giving Secretary



Joe McKee
Organist & Choral Director



Brian Clements
Assistant Organist

OFFICE BEARERS



John Macpherson
Honorary Secretary



Brian Acheson
Honorary Treasurer



Victor Dukelow
Asst. Honorary Treasurer



Jack Dunlop
Gift Aid Secretary

PARISH OFFICERS



John Robb
Honorary Sacristan



Yvonne Robb
Honorary Sacristan



John Proctor
Honorary Sexton



Stewart Beckwith
Premises Convenor



Mark Lavery
Crucifer

PAUSE

When Al Jolson sang about April showers bringing flowers in May he may have been accurate, but at the time of writing the 'showers' are flattening every flower in my garden except for the wild ones! However, when the sun comes out everything will be beautiful and bright.

PAUSE has been meeting at the Stormont Hotel for some time now. It is very comfortable there and the staff look after us very well. It is great to meet up with other people in an informal situation. You can sit with your friends or with someone you do not know well. Anyone can come, whether a parishioner, a reader of the Columban or a friend.

This month we are meeting on **Tuesday 10th May 2022 at 10.30am**. There will be filter coffee, tea and scones. We will be following Covid-19 regulations which are relevant at that time. If you are free please do come along.

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

Eileen (9020 3684)



JUNE PARISH MAGAZINE

Any articles or photographs for publication in the **June** parish magazine should be handed or emailed to the editor, **Billy McAlpine**, by **Wednesday, 11th May**.

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

It's all happening!! We had a big Annual General Meeting, with eight of our nine members able to attend. As expected all our members were keen to accept office(some hope!!), but after much banter our two officers accepted re-election. So Stewart Beckwith remains as the chairman and Jack Dunlop remains as treasurer.

Now that our room has been cleared up, and the stock of material and kits noted, the discussion centred on our plans for the next year. By the time you read this we will have been to the Bangor Club's exhibition on 23rd/24th April.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY.... Our own Open Day is planned for Saturday, 10th September 2022. Yep....it will be in our own church hall. Please put that date in your diary and come down to see us.

Of course you are also welcome to visit us any Monday afternoon between 2:00pm and 4:00pm, to see us "at work".

In the meantime, Keep'er Rollin'.

David(Rockie)

Art Club

After an almost two year gap the Art club started again on 17th February with most members returning. We are all enjoying getting back together as well as doing some painting as there was a general agreement that we had not been very productive during our enforced break.

We were very lucky to have Julian Friers at our meeting on 23rd March. Julian, a past President of the Royal Ulster Academy, spoke on the principles of one-point and two-point linear perspective using excellent graphics to illustrate how everything we see is related to our eye level.

Vida

COMMITTEE MEMBERS 2022-2023

FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Rector (Chairman)
Brian Acheson
Victor Dukelow
Richard Caldwell
Stephen Armstrong
Gillian Sadlier

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

The Rector (Chairman)
Ian Johnston
David Kelly
John McKeown
John Proctor
Jim Stevenson
Mark Wilson

COVID-19 COMMITTEE

The Rector (Chairman)
Jim Stevenson
David Kelly
Martin Moore
Scott Rutherford
Andrew Hirst
Jayne Martin
Ronny Martin
Elizabeth Leonard

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

The Rector (Chairman)
Josephine Kelly
Elizabeth Leonard
Louise Mercer
Clodagh Reid
Linda Wilson

CATERING COMMITTEE

Clodagh Reid
Nan Hillier
Isobel McDowell
Alison Acheson
Emma Macpherson
Caroline Auchmuty

The Great West Window



Have you ever looked up at the great window that faces you as you leave St Columba's? That's the one at the back of the church as you exit by main door.

This contains images of The Evangelists - Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. Matthew and John were Disciples of Christ, and all four were principal spreaders of God's word; each of them wrote a book of the New Testament. They are ordered left to right in the order they appear in the Bible - Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.

This complex window takes time to unravel. For example, the Evangelists are symbolised by winged figures; Matthew by a winged angel, Mark by a winged lion, Luke by a winged ox and John by a rising eagle. It is suggested that Mark's lion 'never sleeps' unlike the disciples 'who could not keep their eyes open'. John's eagle could look straight into the sun and see beyond and above ordinary mortals. John, it is said, was capable of higher thoughts than the other Evangelists, and indeed, his Gospel begins by focussing on spiritual matters. That is why lecterns in the Anglican Communion are in the shape of an eagle with spread wings, inviting us to think above and beyond normal things.

The top figures are the Evangelists, the first, Matthew being on the left and so on across the window. The winged symbols are in the second row each below the appropriate Evangelist. They are illustrated as in the Book of Kells - written by the followers of St Columba. In the lowest line are symbols of the deeds of St Columba - our Evangelist and known as Ireland's too. On the left panel is Iona, next on its right is St Columba setting forth across the sea to Scotland, then St Columba the Abbot, and finally, St Columba's Cross.

We'll be hearing much more about our treasure trove of windows in the Church this year.

Look up and marvel at these intriguing images.

NUMBER SEARCH

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Can you find all the numbers?

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PARISH ORGANISATIONS

New members are always welcome at any of our organisations!


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

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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.

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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:

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Elizabeth Leonard **028 9065 3162**

