

# The Columban

ST. COLUMBA'S CHURCH, KNOCK, NOVEMBER 2022



*Remembrance day*

**Lest We forget**

At the going down of the sun  
and in the morning,  
We will remember them.



*An open door to friendship,  
fellowship and faith*



Dear Parishioner,

### **REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**

When we gather together in St. Columba's for the Act of Remembrance on Sunday 13th November, our thoughts will be with all those who have made the supreme sacrifice in times of war and conflict. It is so important that, as we remember them, we continue to commit ourselves to peace and reconciliation throughout the world. How we have been reminded so vividly during these past months of the horrors and destruction of war from the situation in Ukraine.

It is always a great privilege for me to read aloud the names of those who are recorded on the Roll of Honour, which are inscribed on the front of the two Nave Pillars. In past years, we did not have the Christian names of those former members of our parish. This year for the first time I will be using their full names in the Act of Remembrance following the research kindly undertaken by David Deane. He has done terrific work and has kindly given me a folder containing detailed information about each one. This is a significant development which includes the Christian names of the majority of them.

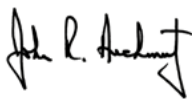


A few weeks ago, it was a great delight for me to launch Alasdair and Wendy MacLaughlin's lovely book on our beautiful stained glass windows. It makes specific reference to the window in the Side Chapel, which is the memorial commemorating those who served in the First World War. The central inscription on the engraved tablet mounted in the side chapel on black marble with the biblical text "Greater love hath no man than this that a man lay down his life for his friends" reads:

"These windows were erected to the glory of God and in honoured memory of those who gave their lives, and as a tribute to those who survived, in the service of their King and Country in the Great War, all being comrades in arms and members of this church of St. Columba".

I thank David Deane together with Alasdair and Wendy MacLaughlin for their diligent work during these past months, which will greatly enrich our Act of Remembrance in a very specific way. May we never forget the supreme sacrifice made for us by our predecessors in St. Columba's during wartime as we dedicate ourselves afresh on Remembrance Sunday to peace, justice, freedom and reconciliation for all at this challenging time.

Yours in His service,



### **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***

## CHURCH SERVICES

<b>Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>All Saints Day (transferred)</b>	<b>(White)</b>
<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b> <i>followed by refreshments</i>	
<b>Sunday 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>The Third Sunday before Advent</b>	<b>(Green)</b>
<b>8.15am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b> <i>(Side Chapel)</i>	
	Epistle 2 Thessalonians 2: 1-5, 13-17	Stand firm
	Gospel Luke 20: 27-38	The question about the resurrection
<b>10.30am</b>	<b>All Age Worship</b> <i>followed by refreshments</i>	
	<b>Reading</b> Luke 20: 27-38	The question about the resurrection
<b>Thursday 10<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>(Green)</b>
<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b> <i>followed by refreshments</i>	
<b>Sunday 13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Remembrance Sunday</b>	<b>(Green)</b>
<b>8.15am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b> <i>(Side Chapel)</i>	
	Epistle Ephesians 6: 10-17	The whole armour of God
	Gospel John 15: 9-17	The commandment of love
<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Morning Prayer with Act of Remembrance</b>	
	<b>First Reading:</b> Isaiah 2: 2-5	The future house of God
	<b>Second Reading:</b> John 15: 9-17	The commandment of love
<b>Thursday 17<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>(Green)</b>
<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b> <i>followed by refreshments</i>	
<b>Sunday 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>The Kingship of Christ</b>	<b>(White)</b>
<b>8.15am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b> <i>(Side Chapel)</i>	
	Epistle Colossians 1: 11-20	The supremacy of Christ
	Gospel Luke 23: 33-43	The crucifixion of Jesus

**10.30am**      **Morning Prayer** *followed by refreshments hosted by Mums & Tots*

1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	Jeremiah 23: 1-6	The righteous branch of David
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	Luke 23: 33-43	The crucifixion of Jesus

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup>**    **Saint Andrew (transferred)** **(Red)**  
**10.30am**      **Holy Communion** *followed by refreshments*

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup>**    **First Sunday of Advent** **(Purple)**  
**8.15am**      **Holy Communion** *(Side Chapel)*

Epistle	Romans 13: 11-14	An urgent appeal
Gospel	Matthew 24: 36-44	The necessity for watchfulness

**10.30am**      **Advent Carol Service**

### Online Services

*The audio recording of our 10.30am service each Sunday can be found on our parish website [www.stcolumbas.down.anglican.org](http://www.stcolumbas.down.anglican.org) under "Church Service Recordings".*

## **From the Registers Our Joys**

### **Service of Marriage Blessing**

Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> October	Matthew and Ley-Anne Haigh
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### **Our Sorrows**

#### **Funeral Services**

22 <sup>nd</sup> September	Thomas Stewart Joss
28 <sup>th</sup> September	Robert Mervyn McConkey
9 <sup>th</sup> October	Louise Frances Craig

## LEST WE FORGET

During the years of the First World War, 48 parishioners from St. Columba's served in H.M. Forces, the vast majority in the Army. Tragically, twelve did not return, a truly horrific rate of attrition. The names of both the fallen and the survivors are shown on the memorial plaque in the south transept where, in 1919, the beautiful memorial window was erected to their eternal glory. No less than three MC's, one MM and one DFC were awarded for gallantry. In the Second World War, reflecting its far greater global reach, 120 parishioners from St. Columba's served in HM Forces, not only in the Army but also in the Royal Air Force, the Royal Navy, the Merchant Navy, the Women's Royal Naval Service, the Auxiliary Territorial Service and the Women's Auxiliary Air Force. Tragically, twelve also did not return, eight from the ranks of the Royal Air Force alone, as high a rate of attrition as that suffered by those parishioners who served in the army during the First World War.

St. Columba's Roll of Honour in two World Wars, inscribed on the front two pillars of the nave, reads as follows:

### 1914-1918

**John Burke**

**Arthur Denman Deane**

**Thomas Brignall Elliot**

**Henry Hurst Hooton**

**Ian Campbell McCormick**

**Harold McCormick**

**Robert B. Nelson**

**William Nelson**

**John Purvis**

**Adam Rodgers**

**William Hubert Unsworth**

**Gilbert Watson Webb**



### 1939-1945

**Alexander Spence Craig**

**Robert Aubrey Alexander Doherty**

**Maurice David Green**

**James Carnegie Harris**

**A. R. Hill**

**Michael Christopher Hind**

**Hugh Graham Montgomery**

**Reginald Norman Morgan**

**Charles McConnell**

**Alexander McFarland**

**J. H. Rice**

**Dilworth Norman Turner**

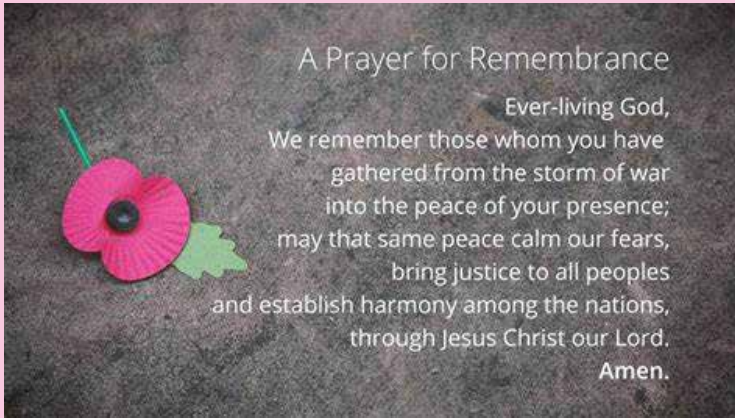
In more recent times, Constable William Mark Evans was killed on 7th September 1981 whilst serving with the RUC in Pomeroy, and his name is displayed on a memorial glass case towards the rear of the church.

Mindful of all current ongoing military operations, let us pause on Remembrance Sunday to remember those men and women who, in countless conflicts, made the ultimate sacrifice for their country and for our freedom. We also remember all worldwide victims of war, brutality, terror and oppression. Let us above all pray for those valiant young men who set forth from this parish in those dark and storm filled days, never to return home nor see their loved ones again.

***They knew their duty and they died for it***

**LET US HONOUR THEIR MEMORY**

# Remembrance 2022



2022 is a particularly poignant year for us all. As the nation continues to emerge from a long period of great difficulty, we reinforce our admiration for the unfailing service displayed by the Armed Forces, for the courage in adversity that they demonstrate, and we commemorate those who made the ultimate sacrifice. We remember them even in such recent times as during the Covid-19 pandemic, where our armed services assisted with the vaccination programme across the UK, undoubtedly saving more lives.

We remember Queen Elizabeth II, who served in the Auxiliary Territorial Service during the Second World War. As Sovereign, The Queen was Colonel in Chief of the Armed Forces, and was also the wife, mother and grandmother of individuals who served in the Forces during various wars. As we all watched and listened to details about her life and her funeral, we were reminded again of someone who gave their entire life to the service of others.

We also remember those who are currently involved in conflict around the world, and who are prepared to make the ultimate sacrifice on our behalf. We remember friends, neighbours, family members and loved ones who were lost to us, as we give thanks to God for our own lives and freedoms which exist due to the many sacrifices made by others. We pay tribute to the fallen and pray that leaders around the world will do all that they can to prevent more lives being lost in conflict.

**Karen Patterson**





## A Poem For Remembrance Day

Why are they selling poppies, Mummy?  
selling poppies in town today.  
The poppie, child are flowes of love.  
For the men who marched away.

But wht have they chosen a poppy, Mummy?  
Why not a beautiful rose?  
Because my child, men fought and died  
In the fields where the poppies grow.

But why are the poppies so red, Mummy?  
Why are the poppies so red?  
Red is the colour of blood, my child.  
The blood that our soldiers shed.

The heart of the poppy is black, Mummy.  
Why does it have to be black?  
Black, my child, is the symbl of grief.  
Fo the men who never came back.

But why, Mummy are you crying so?  
Your tears ae giving you pain.  
My tear are my fears for you my child.  
For the world is forgetting again.

(Author unknown)

## Clergy Parish Visiting

It is always a great privilege for the clergy to visit parishioners in their homes. If you would like to request a clergy visit, please telephone the Rector (9047 1514) or Canon Walter Laverty (9573 8743). In addition to requested parish visiting, the Clergy will be visiting parishioners in the following districts during November:

### Rector

Belvedere Park  
Bracken Hill Avenue  
Cabinhill Park  
Casaeldona Rise  
Campbell Park Avenue

### Canon Laverty

Burghley Mews  
Cabinhill Gardens  
Cabinhill Mews  
Campbell Chase  
Castlehill Manor



## PASTORAL SUPPORT

The clergy would appreciate being informed if parishioners are in hospital, are being transferred or if they have been discharged, and will be pleased to offer them pastoral support. ***Please do not assume that they already know this information.***

Please telephone the Rector (028 9047 1514) or Canon Walter Laverty (028 9573 8743) to enable them to take careful notes of the details. Thank you.



# Young Families Wine & Cheese Evening



**FRIDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER**  
**7.45PM**

**THE RECTORY**

**VOLUNTARY DONATIONS TO CHURCH FUNDS**

Contact Rachel Stewart on 07812 247343 to book places



Our Children's Christmas Party will take place at Campbell  
College Junior School on

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December, from 3.00pm-4.30pm.**

Come along for some fun and games, scavenger hunt,  
picnic, and

*meet the very special visitor from the North Pole!*

***Adults: please speak to a leader or Sunday School to see what you  
need to do! Please bring along your picnic***



On Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September delegates from the UK and Ireland gathered in St Anne's Cathedral for a service of Holy Communion marking the beginning of the Mothers' Union Annual Gathering and conference. The service of Holy Communion was led by the Bishop of Connor and provided an opportunity for delegates to worship together and honour Queen Elizabeth II our patron.



On Saturday delegates assembled at the Waterfront Hall for the business part of the conference which was themed "Transformation Now". We heard about Mothers' Union at work in the provinces of the UK and Ireland and the world. We listened to reports on the Mothers' Union literacy programme and the positive impact it has made and continues to make in the lives of mothers' and children in various countries. Gender based violence is an ongoing issue and Mothers' Union has been working to forge links with other charities drawing attention to this issue at home and abroad. It is good to note that we are supporting men who may also experience this type of violence. Other projects have been established to enable Bible stories to be told to young children and prison support projects are ongoing in many dioceses. In response to the Ukraine crisis large stock pots were purchased to enable refugee groups to meet over a familiar meal. The conference is a means of encouraging members to look at new ideas and celebrate success. It helps us to remember that Mothers' Union, a global organisation, is moving forward and that making changes locally, often in a small way is a meaningful and lasting form of achieving transformation.



#### November Calendar

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> 8.00pm, in the church

**Helen Setterfield** will share her experience of her attendance at the Queen's Funeral

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm Overseas meeting, Carryduff Parish

**Sheran Harper** Worldwide President

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Based Violence Details to be confirmed

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> Autumn Council Meeting Details to be confirmed.

**Barbara**

# Thought for the Month

## A little more in tune...In Paradisum

After I was sadly widowed last year, I wondered how I would ever cope with keeping our garden under control. My late husband, Alistair, was an avid gardener, but I had not much of a clue! Although my parents are excellent gardeners and tried to teach me bits and pieces over the years, I was the very best at killing house plants, with over-watering or sheer neglect. When we built our house in 1997, Alistair, along with conservation volunteers, planted hundreds of trees around the boundaries. As well as the trees, there were flowerbeds to weed and hedges to trim, amongst many other things.



Ruth McCartney

I decided that the best thing to do was to enrol in a gardening course. On Monday nights I attended Hollywood South Eastern Regional Centre with my sister-in-law, Clare. Although I learned techniques about planting bulbs etc, I think the best way to learn about gardening is to get out

there and experiment. To be honest, some of my efforts have been pretty awful, but rather than seeing gardening as a chore, I did not expect to actually enjoy it so much! I love to get out into the fresh air, wander through the trees and throw myself into chopping down branches, weeding and planting. I have even learned how to store wood for the winter.

As we know, Rome was not built in a day, but even a very small amount of gardening at a time is worth it. Even if you do not feel like working, I can thoroughly recommend getting out in the fresh air and taking in some vitamin D. Although it can be hard work, it has been very good for both my mental and physical health. It's common knowledge that exercise is good for you, but I feel much less anxious and gardening generally makes me feel more positive. I also sleep much better after a session in the garden and there is such a great feeling of satisfaction when a flower that I have planted comes into bloom.

Although I miss my lovely husband very much every day, I hope he would be proud of me for lifting the rakes and spades. I don't think I'll ever get to the stage of growing my own vegetables or selling tickets to enthusiasts to view my results, but I think that whether your gardens are large or small, get dirty and get out there as often as possible, maybe getting a little more in tune with the earth...Paradise!

Think of a world without any flowers,  
Think of a world without any trees,  
Think of a sky without any sunshine,  
Think of the air without any breeze.

We thank You, Lord,  
for flowers and trees and sunshine,  
We thank You, Lord,  
and praise Your holy name.

*Our sincere thanks to Ruth for sharing this 'Thought' with us.  
The December/January 'Thought for the Month' will be written by Ian Johnston.*

## FLOWER ROTA

<b>Sunday 6<sup>th</sup></b>	Barbara Gibson
<b>Sunday 13<sup>th</sup></b>	REMEMBRANCE
<b>Sunday 20<sup>th</sup></b>	John and Helen Proctor
<b>Sunday 27<sup>th</sup></b>	Geoff and Eleanor Launchbury

## Ladies Guild



It was a great joy to welcome 26 ladies to the church on Tuesday 20th September for our first meeting in almost three years. Seven new members joined us and it is so very heartening to once more be able to enjoy the fellowship and make new friendships. The Rector called in to offer words of welcome and encouragement which were much appreciated by all present.

Following the sad loss of Her Majesty the Queen, our chaplain, Maureen offered prayers for her and for the King and a short period of silent reflection was observed.

Our speaker for the afternoon was a fellow parishioner and choir member, Kate Morphey, who shared her great knowledge of the origins and history of plastics and their varied uses. Kate brought along a selection of her collection of plastic jewellery to illustrate her talk. At the conclusion of the talk there was much interest in inspecting the contents of Kate's boxes, causing us to remember the contents of our own jewellery boxes from some time ago. If only we had known how rare and collectable they would become!

The speaker on 15<sup>th</sup> November will be Brian Johnston who will "spin a few yarns" and give us a song or two. It should be an entertaining afternoon and we always have a welcome for visitors so feel free to join us.

**Eleanor**

# Prayers for your thoughts and comfort



November is the month when we descend rapidly towards the dark days of winter. For hundreds of years in Ireland, at the beginning of the month, bonfires were lit in many areas. It was seen as a means of keeping the evil spirits at bay, and has led to all the 'ghostly' practices associated with this time. The Gaelic word for the month is Samhain. It is believed to have Celtic pagan origins, and is one of the quarter days in the medieval Gaelic calendar.

This is far removed from the Christian significance of Hallow'een and All Saints/All Souls Day. Please take a note of prayers that may be helpful at this time. Of course, it is also a period of Remembrance, both nationally and personally.

As we approach winter, people are faced with rising energy costs and pressure in general on household budgets. A few prayers acknowledge the challenging times in which we live.

Hopefully, you will find some of the prayers and material helpful and encouraging.

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## **Hallow'een**

### **Biblical verses**

St. John 12 : 46 'Jesus said:- 'I have come into the world as a light, so that no one who believes in me, should stay in darkness.'

I Thessalonians 5 : 21 - 22 'Test everything. Hold fast what is good and abstain from every form of evil.'

Romans 13 : 12 'The night is far gone: the day is at hand. So, cast off the works of darkness and put on the armour of light.'



Almighty God, in whom there is no darkness. Grant us your light perpetually, and, when we cannot see the way forward, help us to put our trust in you, so that, being guided by your love, we may be protected from all harm, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**All Saints Day 1<sup>st</sup> Nov.**

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one Communion, in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ. Give us grace to follow your saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those joys which you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

We give you thanks Lord, for all those who have died in the faith of Christ: for the memory of their words and deeds and all they accomplished in their time: for the hope of reunion with them and for our communion with them now in your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**All Souls Day 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov.**

Eternal God, we recall with thanksgiving those faithful souls who, having served you here on earth, are now at rest in your presence. Give us grace to follow their faith and good example, that we may share their joy and be numbered with your saints, through the mercy of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**



### **A prayer for all times**

Lord, throughout each day and night

May the light of God shine ON us

May the love of God shine IN us

May the light of the Spirit shine THROUGH us. **Amen**

### **Remembering our loved ones**

Help us God, from whom all blessings flow, to focus in difficult times, on a hope which springs eternal. Remind us that time can never erase positive memories. We give thanks for all the good days we had with our loved ones, both through the ups and downs of life. Help us to bear our sorrows without bitterness, and to gain comfort from those who support us along the way. Grant that the light of the Holy Spirit will give us assurance that we can live in the hope of the promise that you will never leave us comfortless. **Amen**

### **A prayer for Remembrance Sunday/Day**

God of justice and peace, we pray for those who have been injured or disabled through war and civil strife, and for all who have lost loved ones and friends. We also pray for refugees including those who have been caught up in current conflicts. Comfort those who recall past sacrifices and acts of violence in our own society and guide us in contributing to a just and peaceful community for all, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### **A prayer for Reconciliation**

Lord, as we reflect on the horrors of the past that continue to haunt humanity and darken our world, and where people continue to be intimidated and oppressed, bring us to one another, in the name of the love you bear for all. We ask it in the name of him who proclaimed peace to all nations – Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**



## Social Justice

Here is a gaping sore, Lord!!  
Half the world diets, while the other half hungers.  
Half the world is housed, while the other half is homeless  
Half the world pursues profit, while the other half senses loss.  
Redeem our souls, redeem our peoples, redeem our times. **Amen**  
*(Composed by John Bell, former leader of the Iona Community)*

### **A prayer in a time of economic uncertainty**

Merciful God, we ask that you give our leaders the wisdom to guide our nation and world out of the current economic crisis. Help us to protect the poor and all who are struggling. May we share our resources, when possible, with those who lack the essentials for daily living. Send us out to free those trapped under the rubble of their fallen dreams that we may show the love of Christ to all people. **Amen**

'Lord, teach me to feel another's woe  
To hide the fault I see  
That mercy I to others show  
That mercy show to me.'  
*(Alexander Pope 1688-1744)*

'O Lord, build our hearts into a sense of the conditions and needs of all men'  
*(George Fox 1624-1691 Founder of the Society of Friends – The Quakers)*

### **A prayer acknowledging the value of friendship**

May the God who is the source of all our affection for each other 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 final thought and prayer**

'Let us make our way together Lord. Wherever you go, I must go, and through wherever you pass, there too I will pass.'  
*(Teresa of Avila 1515-1582).*

## PAUSE

**PAUSE** continues to provide an opportunity for parishioners, friends and readers of the Columban to meet and chat whilst enjoying tea/coffee with scones. It is a very pleasant way to spend a morning! I certainly enjoy chatting to whoever else is there.

In October we had a room all to ourselves at the Stormont Hotel. It was great. One parishioner was celebrating her birthday. She went off to lunch with her husband but not before we sang Happy Birthday!

We are returning to the Stormont Hotel on **Tuesday 8th November at 10.30am**. Again we are having tea/coffee with scones.

This is a very informal event. If you are free do come along.

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

**Eileen (9020 3684)**



## Stained Glass Windows book

Copies of our beautiful parish book pictured above are still available to purchase for £10 at the back of church each Sunday.

A perfect gift for friends or family, or even for your own personal use, this book explains the stories behind each of the beautiful windows. Get your copy while stocks last!



## DECEMBER/JANUARY PARISH MAGAZINE

Any articles or photographs for publication in the **December/January** parish magazine should be handed or emailed to the editor, **Billy McAlpine**, by **Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> November**.

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**

## MUMS AND TOTS

If you visit the church hall on a Friday morning between 10 o'clock and 11.30 you will be met with the noise of happy toddlers playing alongside one another and the buzz of parents/grandparents chatting with one another. It is great to be one of the volunteers on a Friday morning and it gives us such pleasure to see how the toddlers grow in confidence and develop their physical and social skills. Our role is to provide a safe and welcoming environment for babies and children up to 3 years in which to play. This gives parents/grandparents the opportunity to relax and chat to others. We provide a healthy snack for the children and encourage them to sit at a table with others. Adults are offered a welcome cup of tea/coffee and biscuits. We finish with a music circle and the children love Barbara's input. All this would not be possible without a fantastic, hardworking group of volunteers who set up the toys, prepare and serve the food, engage with the parents, wash up and put all the toys away. If you think you have a few hours to spare once a month please get in touch with me or speak to one of the volunteers. We will be serving coffee after the 10.30am service on Sunday 20th November.

**Joyce (07772 128944)**

## ST COLUMBA'S ART CLUB

You are invited to an **EXHIBITION/SALE OF PAINTINGS** by Club members



**Please join us in the church hall for tea/coffee on  
Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2022 10.00am-4.00pm**

## Church hall cleaning rota

**November 5<sup>th</sup>**

Joyce Stevenson and Yvonne Robb

**November 19<sup>th</sup>**

Clare and Jim Best

## Railway and Model club

Our Open Day went ahead as promised, but it was bitter sweet. The event was a success, but our member from Comber, Ian Parsons, had died on Thursday evening. Ian was the magic behind our 'n' gauge layouts, and we called him our technical advisor. He was one of life's gentlemen who ignored his health problems and attended as many club meetings as possible, cheerfully, still dishing out the banter we all enjoyed. To say he will be missed, is an understatement, and we offer our condolences to his daughter Dawn and the family. Ian's 'n' gauge layout, with photograph' was much admired at the Open Day.



The Open Day itself was a great success, due to our visiting layouts, stalls and willing helpers. Our own club had five layouts of various types and gauges on show, ranging from the tiny 1/1200th scale up to 00 gauge. Then we had visitors such as Glenabbey Railway Club, 1st Bangor Railway Club, Ulster Model Railway Club, the Dolls' Houses and Lego Railway. Other stalls included those of Carol Willis and Arlene Bothwaite. Many, many thanks to you all. Then to top it all, we had an army of ladies, in the kitchen, making and serving teas and coffee, and washing up. We had those ladies selling ballots, throughout the day.



I hope I have covered everyone. Again, our MASSIVE THANKS to you all. It would not have been possible without you all. Your help enabled us to give the Hall Fund a total of £1000.

As ever I ask that we all "Keep'er Rollin'.

**Rockie.**



# HARVEST

The All Age Worship Harvest Service was a hugely successful occasion which set the tone for what followed at the Harvest Lunch which was held in the church hall shortly afterwards.

The church was wonderfully decorated for Harvest, and it was also uplifting to see so many people coming to worship with over 200 in attendance.

The Sunday School children also played their part with joy and enthusiasm as they participated fully in the lesson and prayers which were all so well read and received.

The service provided a tremendous lift for all who attended and the very many who then made their way down to the Church Hall were buoyed by what they had experienced in church.

A great talking point both after the service and at the lunch was the newly published book, Stained Glass Windows in St Columba's Church by Alasdair and Wendy MacLaughlin, with all in agreement that the publication is a beautifully illustrated and informative work.





The lunch was a particularly special occasion as it was the first time that clergy, parishioners, and guests had gathered in this way for two and a half years due to the pandemic and its aftermath.

It was obvious from all who attended that these opportunities for fellowship have been sorely missed.

The catering committee provided an excellent meal after doing so much work to make the Harvest Lunch happen and the table service, with young members of the parish notably doing marvellously in helping serve and clear up, was another highlight.

All who sat down to lunch agreed that this was a tremendously upbeat way to spend time on a Sunday afternoon through just catching up again, swapping stories and enjoying the craic.

It was another glowing example of St Columba's at its very best with the buzz of friendship and laughter echoing around the hall.

All monies raised from the Harvest Lunch will go towards essential work which now needs to be carried out on the hall, with the guttering requiring urgent attention.

All in all, a hugely enjoyable occasion and, once more, thanks to all those involved in making it happen. How we have missed these lunches.

**Michael Sadlier**









## Choir News

Over the week of our Harvest Thanksgiving, at the beginning of October, we paid tribute to four members of the parish choir who have given many years of exceptional service and personal commitment to St Columba's church over recent decades. **Joy Murphy, Kate Morphey** and **Mary Beard**, all members of the alto section, along with **John Proctor** from the bass section, had all felt that it was time to retire. A choir is essentially a team of individual members who strive to blend together, in harmony, to create something that is attractive to hear and fit for its high purpose. Our four retiring members were excellent team players who, by their loyalty and desire to work together in their separate parts, were a joy to direct and a pleasure to know as friends.



At the main Sunday morning service, and at the Thursday communion service, the Rector presented the four individual singers with long service certificates from the Royal School of Church Music to which St Columba's has been affiliated for many years. Warm tributes were expressed by both the Rector and Dr. McKee.

I referred to the dwindling numbers of robed choirs, traditionally made up of sopranos, altos, tenors and basses, which had been the norm in Ulster Churches until recent years. The drop in church attendances across the United Kingdom generally, and unforeseen changes in life-style and in post-Covid society locally, had contributed to a situation where choir numbers are reducing everywhere. The Rector pointed out that we had been fortunate in Knock to have been able to share recorded services on Facebook throughout the periods of lock-down with much appreciated liturgical music of a high standard sung mostly by solo cantors, and reflected that the congregation had shown spontaneous pleasure and applause when the parish choir once again processed up the central aisle, after a long absence, when things returned to the "new normal."

And it is not only in churches that the "new normal" is presenting challenges we might not have imagined three or four years ago. We recognise that the legacy of lock-down has created a significant impact on the hospitality



industry, while we see how the increase in on-line shopping is causing serious damage to the High Street and to retail outlets. The education sector, one hears, is having to manage a range of complex issues due to pupils having been away from school for such a long period. In some cases, they are having to rebuild extra-curricular activities such as team sports and choirs which were denied their usual activities for an extended period.

At St Columba's we are finding new ways of carrying on our distinctive style of public worship and witness in the community of East Belfast. **Joy, Kate, Mary and John** will continue to share their undoubted musical talents in the main body of the church and the parish choir and the cantors will strive to do their very best to provide good choral music that will enhance our worship and raise our spirits week by week. If you think you might like to join the choir, even on a trial basis, please speak to me or Brian at any time.

**Joe McKee**

As winter approaches, we recommend checking our Parish Website and Facebook pages for any important information, as situations may change quickly.

**Our parish website** is [www.stcolumbas.down.anglican.org](http://www.stcolumbas.down.anglican.org)

Under the "News" tab will be any important information you need to know.

We also post our photos from events in the parish under "Gallery" – check out our most recent ones!

If you "like" us on Facebook, you can see important updates and information there also.

Search [St Columba's Knock](#) to join us.

***We suggest that you save these to your "Favourites" section and to get into the habit of checking them regularly!***

Finally, if you need to check something or are unsure of anything, you can email the parish office on: [office.knock@down.anglican.org](mailto:office.knock@down.anglican.org), or simply ring (9065 6891) during office hours

**Thank you!**



# PARISH ORGANISATIONS


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

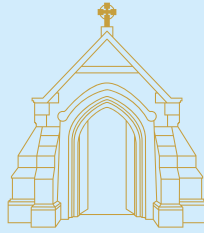
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Sunday School</b> <i>Candles (3 – 5 years)</i> <i>Lamps (6 – 10 years)</i> <i>Torches (11+ years)</i>	2 <sup>nd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> and 5 <sup>th</sup> Sundays 10.30am	Superintendent: Linda Wilson 07850 309097 Deputy Superintendent: Lynn Ryan 07955 479065
	<b>Crèche</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> and 5 <sup>th</sup> Sundays	Lindsay Rothwell 07710 590574
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Craft and Hobby Circle</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday each month 10.30am	Carol Willis 9079 9997
	<b>Railway and Model Club</b>	2.00pm	David Beattie 9028 5868
	<b>MU Afternoon Group</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday each month 2.30pm	Joy Montgomery 9029 5427
	<b>Mens' Club</b>	7.30pm	John Robb 9058 1438
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Ladies Badminton</b>	10-30am	Gillian Popplestone 9080 3799
	<b>Ladies Guild</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday each month 2.30pm in the church	Eileen Anderson 9020 3684
	<b>Activity Group</b>	Except 1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday 7.30pm	Maureen Irwin 9079 5155
	<b>Mothers' Union</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday each month 8.00pm	Barbara Lavery 9573 8743
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Bible Study Group</b>	2.30pm - 4.00pm	Eileen Anderson 9020 3684
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Art Club</b>	9.30am	Vida Shaw 90655063
	<b>Choir</b>	7.30pm	Dr Joe McKee 07976 294574
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Mums and Tots</b>	10.00am	Joyce Stevenson, 9058 3381
<b>Bi-monthly</b>	<b>Pause</b>	As arranged	Eileen Anderson 9020 3684
<b>Monthly</b>	<b>Youth Etc.</b> <i>(11-15 years)</i>	As arranged	Jonathan Martin, 07980 885990
	<b>Young Families</b>	Social events as arranged	Rachel Stewart 07812 247343

# WHO'S WHO IN ST. COLUMBAS

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<b>Rector's Glebewarden</b>	David Kelly	028 9079 6658
<b>People's Glebewarden</b>	Ian Johnston	07850 999909
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<b>Assistant Honorary Sexton</b>	Geoff Launchbury	028 9028 1204 17814 498 241
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## ST COLUMBA'S KNOCK

*An open door to friendship,  
fellowship and faith*

*YOUR attendance can strengthen YOUR parish!*



### 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.

