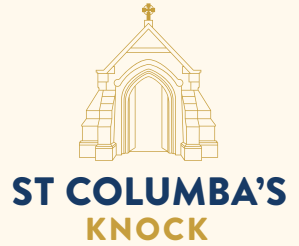


The Columban

ST. COLUMBA'S CHURCH, KNOCK, JUNE 2023





RECTOR'S LETTER

Dear Parishioner,

COLUMBAN AWARD

I am delighted to begin my letter this month with the great news that *The Columban* was highly commended in the parish category in the Church of Ireland Communications Competition. This clearly reflects the hard work of our editor Billy McAlpine who is supported by his wife, Ann, all our contributors, the Parish Administrator, Karen Patterson together with our Graphic Designer, Mike Fee and all the team at MAD Colour who print *The Columban*. The award was presented by the Bishop of Meath and Kildare at the General Synod in Wexford. We are immensely fortunate to have such an informative magazine which is professionally printed, and it is so encouraging that it has received this prestigious prize. I also thank our magazine distributors who deliver the Columban to your home. **Congratulations!**

PATRONAL FESTIVAL SUNDAY 11th JUNE

This is always a most significant day in the life of our parish as we remember with thanksgiving the life and ministry of Columba. We will do this in a specific way during our Sung Eucharist where there will be inspirational music and active lay participation throughout the service. We will give thanks for those who established and formed our parish church and for the legacy we have inherited from our predecessors in years past. In addition, we will give thanks for the active support of all those who share in the ministry of St. Columba's today and for the great friendship and fellowship we enjoy with each other. **Thank you for your individual contribution to St. Columba's through the generous giving of your time, talents and finances.** This is greatly appreciated by the Select Vestry and myself enabling us to maintain our parish and to facilitate new initiatives.

I am most grateful to the McQuillan family who have kindly gifted two short promotional videos of our beautiful church which will be shown during the

service. The first is a drone video giving a magnificent visual tour of the church. It provides a most comprehensive “first impression” and will be very beneficial for promoting St. Columba’s in the community. The second video is of the stained glass windows where I provide a brief description of three windows. This video is to compliment the excellent publication by Alasdair and Wendy MacLaughlin of all our stained glass windows. Both videos were professionally made by the McQuillan’s who spent considerable time in our church with high level equipment making them. **These videos are a most generous gift and will be most useful for those considering joining our active parish and for those in our schools and community who are carrying out research on Columba.**

Columba demonstrated through his ministry that despite challenges, difficulties and divisions that fresh starts and new beginnings are possible. How we have experienced that in the history of our parish in so many different ways, not least through the re-roofing of our beautiful church building and we continue to do so as we move forward together with confidence in the spirit of Columba.

CRÈCHE AND SUNDAY SCHOOL PRIZEGIVING SUNDAY 18th JUNE

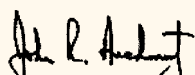
It will be a great joy to present our Crèche and Sunday School children with their prizes during our 10.30am service on Sunday 18th June which will be followed by a parish BBQ at the front of church. They have all worked extremely hard and it will be a delight to welcome them together with their families on this important occasion. I encourage you to be with us to support the children who will be participating in the service.

I thank our Superintendent **Linda Wilson** and her wonderful team of teachers and helpers together with our Crèche Co-Ordinator, **Lindsay Rothwell**, who have all worked incredibly hard to provide such interesting and enjoyable classes for the children. I also thank all the parents for their unstinting support throughout the year.

Linda will be retiring as Superintendent this summer due to increased family and work commitments. I thank Linda for her great support and hard work throughout the year. I am very pleased that she will continue to attend Sunday School meetings and that we will have the benefit of her many experiences as a school Principal.

I am very pleased that our Deputy Superintendent **Lynn Ryan** will be our new Superintendent. I am most grateful to Lynn for accepting this responsibility and assure her of our prayers and support.

Yours in His service,



SERVICES IN JUNE

Thursday 1st The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Transferred) (White)

10.30am Holy Communion *followed by refreshments*

Sunday 4th Trinity Sunday (White)
8.15am Holy Communion

Epistle 2 Corinthians 13: 11-13 Paul's final greetings and
 Benediction
 Gospel Matthew 28: 16-20 The commissioning of the
 Disciples

10.30am All Age Worship *followed by refreshments*

Gospel Matthew 28: 16-20 The commissioning of the
 Disciples

Thursday 8th (Green)

10.30am Holy Communion *followed by refreshments*

Sunday 11th Saint Columba (Transferred) (White)

8.15am Holy Communion

Epistle Romans 15: 1-6 Please others not yourself
 Gospel John 12: 20-26 Some Greeks wish to see
 Jesus

10.30am Patronal Festival Eucharist

Epistle Romans 15: 1-6 Please others not yourself
 Gospel John 12: 20-26 Some Greeks wish to see
 Jesus

Thursday 15th Saint Barnabus (Transferred) (Red)

10.30am Holy Communion *followed by refreshments in the Choir Vestry*

Sunday 18th The Second Sunday after Trinity (Green)

8.15am Holy Communion

Epistle Romans 5: 1-8 Results of justification
 Gospel Matthew 9: 35- 10:8 The twelve Apostles

11.00am Sunday School & Creche Prizegiving *followed by BBQ*

First Reading Genesis 18: 1-15 A son promised to Abraham
 and Sarah

Second Reading Matthew 9: 35- 10:8 The twelve Apostles

Thursday 22nd The Birth of Saint John the Baptist- (Transferred) (White)
10.30am Holy Communion *followed by refreshments*

Sunday 25th The Third Sunday after Trinity (Green)
8.15am Holy Communion

Epistle Romans 6: 1b -11 Dying and rising with Christ
Gospel Matthew 10: 24-39 Jesus teaches the Disciples

10.30am Holy Communion
Epistle Romans 6: 1b -11 Dying and rising with Christ
Gospel Matthew 10: 24-39 Jesus teaches the Disciples

Thursday 29th Saint Peter (Red)
10.30am Holy Communion *followed by refreshments*

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".

JUNE FLOWER ROTA

Sunday 4th Geoff and Eleanor Launchbury
Sunday 11th Joan Oswald
Sunday 18th Margaret McKee
Sunday 25th Rosemary Coffey

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

A Day Fit for a King

On Thursday 27 April, seven soprano choristers from Methodist Collage set off for the final stretch of rehearsals in preparation for the Coronation of King Charles. Accompanied by myself, Ruth McCartney and Graeme McCullough – all familiar faces at St Columba’s, the excitement was palpable as we checked in for the flight to London.

It had already been quite a journey to get to this point. After Ruth received the invitation from Andrew Nethsingha, the Westminster Abbey Director of Music, in February, it had been a whirlwind of auditions, rehearsals, interviews, meetings and phone calls. Now the final preparations would begin.

I don’t think any of us were prepared for the scale of the operation involved in putting on the Coronation. A huge team behind the scenes attended to every detail. The Abbey was alive with tradespeople, security teams, clergy, musicians, florists, historians, admin. staff, caterers – the list goes on and on. The beautiful royal blue carpet from Ulster Carpets had been laid and we were asked not to walk on it in our outdoor shoes but with fetching blue plastic bags on our feet- cue much laughter!



The girls began a series of long and intense rehearsals with the boys and men of the choir (one of whom was an MCB alumnus, David Martin) and with seven other girl choristers from Truro Cathedral. It was such an honour for these fourteen girls to be the first female choristers to ever sing at a Coronation. They were making history!





Mid-way through the week the orchestral players were added into the mix. The orchestra, conducted by the renowned Sir Antonio Pappano, was seated in the organ loft high above the singers and making sure that the two groups of players

were completely in sync was a very difficult balancing act involving screens, microphones and hours of rehearsing.

Finally, the day itself dawned and it was an early start for the girls. Everything was timed with military precision and when the choir all lined up and our girls made their way into the Abbey it was a very emotional moment. We had prepared them as best we could and now it was over to them. As the brass players and singers came in with the opening notes to Parry's 'I Was Glad' with its majestic crescendo, it's fair to say that we were in bits!

If you watched the ceremony at home you will know just how exquisite the music was and how the performances that day were of world class quality. Ruth, Graeme and I were simply bursting with pride at how our Methody girls performed. They were so professional and dealt with the pressure admirably. All their hard work to prepare the music meant that on the day they could just enjoy the whole experience and give it their all.

As we made our way home that evening, tired and emotionally drained but very happy indeed, it is fair to say that it really had been a day fit for a King!



Lynda Barrett

SUNDAY 7th MAY – post Coronation

Our church was beautifully decorated on Sunday 7th May for our service following the Coronation in Westminster Abbey the previous day. There was lovely singing from the parish choir and congregation. In addition, two of our Cantors sang Psalm 121 and the well-known anthem “O how amiable are thy dwellings” by Ralph Vaughan Williams.

In his sermon the Rector reminded us of the words of humility which King Charles said at the beginning of the Coronation, “*I have come not to be served but to serve*” and encouraged us to examine ways how we can increase our service in St. Columba’s and throughout the community by supporting voluntary organisations.

A number of the children led us in the Bible reading and the prayers.

The service concluded with the singing of the National Anthem before we enjoyed delightful refreshments at the West End of the church.

An audio recording of this service is available for those who were unable to attend or those who would like to enjoy it again on our parish website www.stcolumbas.down.anglican.org under “Church Service Recordings”.





From the Registers

Our Joys

Wedding

13th May

Olivia Martin Moore
with
Colin Gerald Leonard
at
Old Court Chapel, Strangford
(Service conducted by our Rector)

Holy Baptism

Sunday 23rd April

Benjamin Conor Rutherford

Our Sorrows

Funeral Services

Wednesday 26th April

Friday 28th April

Tuesday 9th May

Michael Lockyer
Sandra Elizabeth Greer
Joanne Lesley Boyd

CHURCH LAWN

“All things bright and beautiful” – the words spring to mind when we see how wonderful our church lawn is looking! The weather (rain and sunshine!) and some tender loving care have transformed this muddy patch into a beautiful lawn at the front of our church building.

We thank everyone involved in making this a special space for us to enjoy.





In May we held our first Annual General Meeting since the pandemic enabling us to reflect on Mothers' Union and the direction of the organisation as new ways are sought to engage with members and encourage growth.

St Columba's Mothers' Union was established more than 75 years ago and as a group we have a long history of service at local and diocesan level. It is our intention to build on this strong foundation in the years ahead.

Sincere thanks were expressed to the outgoing committee Elizabeth Miller, Joy Montgomery, Maureen Irwin, and Caroline Auchmuty and in particular Joyce Stevenson and Yvonne Robb, who as secretary and treasurer served during a period which covered some of the most challenging of times for us all. It was a joy to be part of a group of ladies who worked in harmony and were enthusiastic. Thanks were also expressed to the Rector and the Select Vestry for their support as we established meetings post pandemic.



Following the appointment and election of a new core committee we retired to the Rectory for supper which included Coronation Quiche.

Thanks were expressed to the Rector and Caroline for the hospitality.

Core Committee

- Barbara Laverty Appointed
- Angela Kerr Secretary
- Helen Armstrong Treasurer
- Elizabeth Leonard
- Caroline Auchmuty (Ex-Offico)

Don't forget our outing to the Linen Green and St Anne's Church Dungannon Flower Festival on Saturday 17th June.

Barbara

The Rector writes...

I was very encouraged to welcome so many Mothers' Union members to their recent Annual General Meeting where there was such a positive atmosphere. We are immensely fortunate to have a long established and active Mothers' Union branch in St. Columba's which meets regularly. It is so important that we maintain our branch and work hard to encourage new members to join especially as it has been a very considerable time since I had the privilege of presiding at an Enrolment service. I was so encouraged that this was agreed at the Annual General Meeting and that the new committee was encouraged to make the necessary changes to their programme. It would be great to welcome new members of all ages at the earliest opportunity.

Caroline and I were delighted to welcome everyone back to the Rectory for a lovely Coronation supper which was thoroughly enjoyed.

Barbara

Marie Curie

It was a great delight for the Minister of Knock Methodist Church, the Reverend Fiona McCrea and myself to visit Marie Curie recently to deliver a cheque for £1,193.81. This was the amount collected from our joint Holy week services to support the great work being done by Marie Curie in our local community. Thank you to all those who generously supported Marie Curie.



The Rector

Prayers for your thoughts and comfort



Some readers will be aware that the Roman Empire, whose influence spread over much of the world in the time of Christ on earth, has left a lasting impression on our culture, language and traditions. For example, the month of JUNE is named after the Roman goddess, Juno, the goddess of marriage and the wife of Jupiter. Julius Caesar added the month of June to the Julian calendar.

The Irish language word for June – Meitheamh – means 'mid-Summer'.

June is the favourite month of the year for those who enjoy the long days, as well as the signs in the fields and gardens that summer has arrived.

Perhaps it does not have the same appeal for those who associate it with school and college exams or the search for new employment!

This month includes our patronal festival – St. Columba's Day. In addition, we observe Father's Day and four dates when we recall the lives of early Christian saints.

Some of these subjects and themes are included in this month's prayers.

You may wish to note one or more of them in your thoughts and prayers at home.

Prayer at the beginning of a new month

Lord God, the Creator of all good things, may I know you better in this new month. While aware of my own shortcomings, I thank you that forgiveness is there for the asking, and that you are the God of restoration and new beginnings. Enable me to set any regrets behind me, and to look forward to a new start with you as my guide. Help me to grow in faith and confidence day by day. **Amen**

Prayer for our environment

Lord our Creator, we thank you for blessing us with the beauty of creation and providing for us from the land, as well as through the work and efforts of our fellow human beings. 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 it in your name. **Amen**

Summertime

Loving God, we thank you for the gift of summertime – the days of light, warmth and leisure. Thank you for the beauty that surrounds us with multi-coloured flowers and trees: with the sound of birds in the air and branches: with the opportunity to enjoy picnics in warm gardens and parks: with the easier access to family and friends.

As we reflect on the landscape of nature, may we appreciate all the good things around us as gifts and see you as the Divine artist. Warm our souls and spirits with an awareness of your presence. Let the gifts we enjoy in the months ahead deepen our acknowledgement of your love, so that we may share this with others during all the seasons of the year. **Amen**

For Students

Lord, we pray for all who are in the midst of exams in schools and colleges. While it can be a difficult and challenging time, give to students a sense of inner calm and peace, and to parents, an ability to reassure their loved ones of their support. As they complete courses and look ahead to what opportunities further education or employment may bring, give them wisdom and maturity. We ask this in your name.

Amen

School leavers

We pray for all who are leaving school this month to pursue future opportunities in places of employment. Give them confidence in discovering a purpose for their lives, that they may find fulfilment in the days ahead, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Note:- A thought for daily work:- Lord, I do not pray for tasks equal to my strength. I ask for strength equal to my tasks!

Industrial relations and economic uncertainty

Almighty God, with whom all things are possible, grant wisdom, patience and the art of compromise to all engaged in the complex issues facing employers and employees at this time. While many are concerned about the effects of inflation, and rising costs, 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**

Father's Day

We give thanks for the fathers who are, or who have been, in our lives.

This Father's Day, we recall the many sacrifices fathers make for their children and families, and the ways, both big and small, in which they enable children to achieve their dreams.

In addition, we think of those who have been significant father figures in our lives, advising and encouraging us along the way. We include those who have filled the void when fathers are no longer present, and who, by doing so, have enriched many peoples lives

For those who are fathers, we continue to ask for wisdom and humility in their tasks. We ask it in the name of the God and Father of us all. **Amen**

Our Parish

Lord, as we recall the life of St. Columba on 9th June and mark our Patronal Festival, we thank you for those who were inspired to build our parish church and develop its work and witness. May it serve as a place where many will continue to experience the love of God in their lives. May it be a place of hope, healing, joy and peace. May all who enter our parish church be supportive of one another in Christian love and community. May the love of Christ be at the centre of all that takes place in our parish, and may you be honoured there for countless generations to come. **Amen**

Note:- The Parish Prayer is particularly appropriate this month.

Saints Days in June

9th June St. Columba

Prayer in Book of Common Prayer Page 311

11th June St. Barnabas

Prayer in Book of Common Prayer Page 312

24th June St. John the Baptist

Prayer in Book of Common Prayer Page 312

29th June St. Peter

Prayer in Book of Common Prayer Page 313

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**

Brief thoughts and reflections

Grant us grace, almighty Father, so to pray as to deserve to be heard

Jane Austen, author 1775-1817

Father, not my will, but your will be done

St. Luke 22v.42

Grant me to recognise in other people Lord, the radiance of your own face

Teilhard de Chardin c.1930

Lord, make me see your glory in every place

Michelangelo c.1550

Lord, wherever you go I must go, and through wherever you pass, there too I will pass

Teresa of Avila c.1550

Thought for the Month

I have found St Columba's to be a warm and welcoming parish community.

My church is a very important part of myself and my life since my childhood days attending Sunday School, church and various parish organisations.

The most meaningful Services for me are Morning and Evening Prayer but when I need further support I turn to Compline and the service of Late Evening Office in the Book of Common Prayer.

The Wednesday evening Lent Services led by former Bishop of Connor, Right Reverend Alan Abernethy, and our Rector underlined for me the importance of a time set aside for thankful reflection on where God is in our lives.

The weekly activities be it Thursday morning Holy Communion service, Pause Coffee mornings, Ladies Guild, Mother's Union and the Activity group on Tuesday evenings are so beneficial to our mental and physical well-being.

Giving support to others out of choice leads to reduced stress, increased happiness and an increased sense of social connections.

I love animals, dogs, cats, sheep and especially ducks as I have two loyal Mallard ducks, a male and a female that have visited me since March 2015 and still do.

I also enjoy walking be it in a local park or wooded area but I especially enjoy Castle Espie, Glenlyon Park or Victoria Park

Each day we live is a gift from God and one way of expressing grateful thanks is by singing traditional

hymns. My favourites are: "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind"; "O Sacred Heart now Wounded" and "Through all the Changing Scenes of Life".

Christine Johnston

Our sincere thanks to Christine for sharing this 'Thought' with us.

The July/August 'Thought for the Month' will be written by Aaron Johnson.



Christine Johnston



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 (028 9047 1514) or Canon Walter Laverty (028 9573 8743). In addition to requested parish visiting, the clergy will be visiting parishioners in the following districts during June:

Rector

Kerrsland Crescent

Kilhorne Gardens

Kensington Park

Kensington Road

Canon Laverty

Kincora Avenue

Kinedar Crescent

Kings Brae

Kings Crescent

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.

MARMALADE

Marmalade is for sale on the 3rd Sunday each month, also every Thursday morning or by contacting me on **9048 6622**.

Thank you for your continued support.

Maureen



Sunday 18th June



**11.00am Sunday School & Creche
Prizegiving**



followed by parish
on the front lawn of the church as we also
celebrate Father's Day!

Come and join our celebrations!

Railway and Model Club

Just a gentle reminder about our name. Notice the second half of the Club name..... Model. Sometimes forgotten or overlooked, there is an ongoing activity on model building. So I thought a little reminder would help, and the photograph shows some of the recently completed models.



The photograph gives an idea of two streams of activity, naval and military. A lot of activity centres around model

kits, as shown, but we also have members who will go from scratch. That is, getting some raw material and building the model to a plan.....more difficult, but it can be more satisfying. Model Kits come in a range of scales, and prices. They are generally easier to build. Painting your model takes time and patience, but can be very satisfying.

The talk we hosted on 31st May, was about an act of bravery on the Western Front in June 1917. There are a whole range of kits, aircraft, tanks, ships etc for that period in history. Why not join us and build one of those models.....every Monday afternoon, 2:00pm to around 4:30pm. Or just come along for a bit of craic.

In the meantime, keep 'er Rollin'.

Rockie.

Church hall cleaning rota

May 6th

Fiona and Robin Haldane

May 20th

Joyce Stevenson and Yvonne Robb



Church Flower Rota

The provision of flowers for use in the church has been a long established practice using a rota list which enables parishioners to make note of their donation on a date which is meaningful to them in remembering loved ones or special family celebrations. There has been a wonderful response to the rota this year with only three dates remaining to be filled. Thanks to all who have entered their names.

Prior to the restrictions made necessary by the pandemic, flowers were usually brought by the donor to the church on a Saturday morning where they were placed in vases provided and put in place behind the altar. Most of us are accustomed these days to having fresh flowers in our homes and it is not necessary to have flower arranging experience to place the flowers in church. I will still be there each Saturday from 10.30 am and can give any help required.

For anyone unable to come along on the day I can purchase and place flowers if requested to do so.

Thank you for your continued support.

Eleanor Launchbury

PAUSE

Summer is almost here! The sun is shining brightly. Intrepid gardeners have been busy preparing for the summer display. I will wait a little longer.

If you are free on **Tuesday 20th June do 'PAUSE' at Neill's Hill at 10.30am for tea/coffee and a scone.** If you haven't joined us before you will receive a very warm welcome from those who are there. I don't know who will turn up but there is always plenty to chat about. In April Wendy brought a friend who was visiting Belfast from Florida. She enjoyed herself very much. You can come on your own or bring a friend or two. We look forward to seeing you there.

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

Eileen (028 9020 3684)



CHRISTIAN AID

We have just completed another successful Christian Aid week in St Columba's.

The congregation and those living in the surrounding area were very generous in their giving and many gift-aided their donations which boosted the total.

It was great to see so many parishioners volunteering to help in so many ways - putting labels onto envelopes, delivering envelopes, serving tea and coffee, baking cakes and buns, and finally counting the money.

I would like to thank everyone who volunteered and also the congregation for their continued support.

Well done and thank you

Joyce



JULY AUGUST PARISH MAGAZINE

Any articles or photographs for publication in the **July/August** parish magazine should be handed or emailed to the editor, **Billy McAlpine**, by **Wednesday, 14th June**.

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

St Columba's Parish Church, Knock, Belfast

SUMMER CONCERT



Saint Columba's Cantors and Guests

Phillip Elliott *organ*

Joe McKee *Choral Director*

Friday 30 June 2023 at 7.30pm

Suggested minimum donation of £10
to Church Music Fund

There will be light refreshments after the concert.



Brownie Unit - St Mark's Dundela

Hello, my name is Fiona. I'm a member of St Marks, Dundela and soon to be "Brown Owl" of their thriving Brownie Unit.

St Mark's Dundela are on the lookout for enthusiastic Brownie volunteers to join the unit. The Girlguiding organisation is something I feel particularly passionate about, running in my family for many years. My mum was a Brown Owl, and then both my mum and one of her close friends, Joan Whiteside, rose up the ranks of the organisation becoming Division Commissioner and laterally Joan was the President of Ulster Guiding! This is part of the reason we became so close to Caroline and then in turn your Rector.

Brownies is a fantastic way to engage with young girls in our community and help them develop essential life skills such as teamwork, leadership and confidence. By volunteering, you will not only be contributing to the growth and development of these girls but also have the opportunity to learn new skills yourself.

We are looking for volunteers who can commit to attending regular meetings and help to plan and lead activities. If you have a passion for working with young people and are willing to make a positive impact in our community, I would love to hear from you.

No prior experience is necessary and we welcome all volunteers aged 16 plus. Training and support will be provided.

If you would like to know more about Brownies, visit www.girlguiding.org.uk

And if this has sparked an interest in volunteering or you know of any 7-10 year old girls who would like to join, please don't hesitate to contact me (Fiona) via phone/text on 07721 562 267 or email woi3.fk@gmail.com

PARISH ORGANISATIONS


New members are always welcome at any of our organisations!

Sunday	Sunday School <i>Candles (3 – 5 years)</i> <i>Lamps (6 – 10 years)</i> <i>Torches (11+ years)</i>	2 nd , 4 th and 5 th Sundays 10.30am	Superintendent: Linda Wilson 07850 309097 Deputy Superintendent: Lynn Ryan 07955 479065
	Crèche	2 nd , 4 th and 5 th Sundays	Lindsay Rothwell 07710 590574
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 Guild	3 rd Tuesday each month 2.30pm in the church	Eileen Anderson 9020 3684
	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	Vida Shaw 90655063
	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

WHO'S WHO IN ST. COLUMBAS

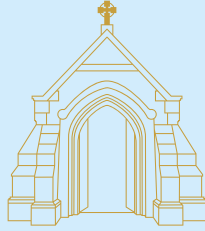
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Assistant Honorary Treasurer	Victor Dukelow	028 9029 0625

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Safeguarding Panel

**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 02890471514 Patrick Good 02890656908 Elizabeth Leonard 02890653162**



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