

The Columban

ST. COLUMBA'S CHURCH, KNOCK, MAY 2024



Confirmation



RECTOR'S LETTER

Dear Parishioner,

CONFIRMATION SERVICE

It will be a great joy to welcome the Bishop of Down and Dromore, The Right Reverend David McClay to St. Columba's to administer the rite of Confirmation on Sunday 19th May at 3pm. This is such an appropriate day for us to host the Confirmation Service as it is also Pentecost Sunday when we give thanks for the coming of the Holy Spirit to guide and inspire us all in our pilgrimage of faith. At confirmation the Bishop will pray that each candidate will "...daily increase in the Holy Spirit more and more..."

This will be a significant occasion for those being confirmed, their families, friends and for us all in the parish. It is a delight for me to prepare them for confirmation and to spend time with them in the classes.

Please remember the candidates in your prayers as they prepare to become full communicant members of the church:

Alexandru Brown

Charles Leckey

Elena Brown

James Leckey

Caroline Fairley

Robert Macpherson

Alexander Kerr

Jack Moore

Samuel Kerr

Thomas Morrow

Ann Patterson

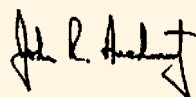
Emma Ryan

They will each receive a Bible following their confirmation for use throughout their lives as they continue to develop in the Christian faith.

On the following Sunday 26th May (Trinity Sunday), they will receive Holy Communion for the first time at the 8.15am service with their families. This will be a significant occasion for them in the stillness of our early morning service.

It is a source of immense blessing that so many are being confirmed in their own parish church this month. Please encourage them and their families during these weeks by your words and example.

Yours in His service,



Holy Week Collection

Thank you very much to everyone who contributed to Marie Curie during our Holy Week services in March, where we raised £1,043.70 from our loose plate collections. Your kindness and generosity is greatly appreciated.

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

SERVICES IN MAY

Thursday 2nd Saint Philip and Saint James, Apostles (transferred) (White)
10.30am Holy Communion *followed by refreshments*

Sunday 5th The Sixth Sunday of Easter (White)
Rogation Sunday

8.15am Holy Communion

Epistle Acts 10: 44-48

Gentiles receive the Holy Spirit

Read by: Ronny Martin

Gospel John 15: 9-17

The commandment of Love

10.30am All Age Worship *followed by refreshments*

Reading John 15: 9-17

The commandment of Love

Read by: Jack Moore

Thursday 9th The Ascension Day (White)

10.30am Holy Communion *followed by refreshments*

Sunday 12th The Seventh Sunday of Easter (White)
Sunday after Ascension Day

8.15am Holy Communion

Epistle Acts 1: 15-17, 21-26 Matthias chosen to replace Judas

Read by: Alan Boyd

Gospel John 17: 6-19

Jesus prays for His disciples

10.30am Holy Communion

Epistle Acts 1: 15-17, 21-26 Matthias chosen to replace Judas

Read by: Caroline Auchmuty

Gospel John 17: 6-19

Jesus prays for His disciples

Intercessions

Patrick Good

Thursday 16th Saint Matthias (transferred)

(Red)

10.30am Holy Communion *followed by refreshments*

Sunday 19th The Day of Pentecost (Whit Sunday)

(Red)

8.15am Holy Communion

Epistle Acts 2: 1-21

The Holy Spirit comes at Pentecost

Read by: Ronny Martin

Gospel John 15: 26-27; 16: 4b-15

The work of the Spirit

10.30am Holy Communion *followed by refreshments hosted by the Christian Aid Group*

Epistle Acts 2: 1-21

The Holy Spirit comes at Pentecost

Read by: Elizabeth Miller

Gospel John 15: 26-27; 16: 4b-15

The work of the Spirit

Intercessions

Clergy

3.00pm Service of Confirmation
Preacher: Bishop David McClay

Thursday 23rd (White)

10.30am Holy Communion *followed by refreshments*

Sunday 26th Trinity Sunday (White)
8.15am Holy Communion

Epistle Romans 8: 12-17 Life in the Spirit

Read by: Caroline Fairley

Gospel John 3: 1-17 Nicodemus visits Jesus

10.30am Holy Communion

Epistle Romans 8: 12-17 Life in the Spirit

Read by: Kerry Scott

Gospel John 3: 1-17 Nicodemus visits Jesus

Intercessions Elizabeth Leonard

Thursday 30th The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
(Transferred) (White)

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".

Offertory Hymn



We are most grateful to all those who financially support the parish. However, parishioners who wish to leave church envelopes or visitors to the church have often ask where they can leave a financial contribution. *We have therefore reinstated the use of the collection plate during the Offertory Hymn for those who wish to use it.* **Please note that you are under no obligation to use the plate if**

you do not wish to, it is simply to allow visitors or those with envelopes an opportunity to contribute if they so wish. Thank you for your understanding.



CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 12th-18th May 2024

Christian Aid Week will soon be here, and we are looking forward to another successful week in St Columba's.

Every Columban magazine contains a Christian Aid envelope.

Parishioners can donate in 3 different ways

- (a.) Return the envelope at a church service, or
- (b.) Donate using the QR code above.
- (c.) Donate online using the link shown on the envelope <https://fundraise.christianaid.ie/envelope-2024/st-columbas>

All donations to be made by 19th May.

Please **gift aid** your donation if possible, to increase your giving by 25%.

We will once again be doing a delivery only service to the roads / streets in close proximity to the church.

Additional envelopes will be available at the back of church if you wish to pass on to a friend or neighbour.

On Sunday 19th May we will bring our Christian Aid Week to a close by holding a cake, bun, jam, chutney sale after the 10.30 service whilst hosting tea and coffee.

We have a dedicated group of volunteers who work very hard to make all this possible but we would warmly welcome new volunteers. So if you can bake, make, deliver envelopes, serve tea and coffee please contact me at the number below.

Thank you for your continued support.

Joyce (07772 128 944)



Church hall cleaning rota

June 8th

Jayne and Ronnie Martin

Wishing all the wonderful cleaning volunteers a relaxing sunny summer break.

Nan

SUMMER CONCERT

Wednesday 26th June at 7.00pm

The Cantors, with guest instrumentalists, will give a one hour concert in the church on Wednesday 26th June. The concert will be followed by drinks and light refreshments, ideally on the front lawn if the weather is suitable.

There is no admission charge, but there will be retiring collection (gift aid) to support music in the Parish. Please make this event known to friends and the wider community.

Joe McKee

Ladies Guild



At our March meeting we welcomed Mr Tom Hartley who, with the help of a visual presentation, introduced us to some of the “forgotten” women of Belfast. They mostly lived in the late 19th and early 20th centuries, some of whom contributed greatly to life in the city by charitable works and the provision of educational opportunities for the working class of the time. Many are buried in the City Cemetery but only a few have their good works recorded or acknowledged on their headstones.

Our Speaker in April was Peter from the Woodland Trust who told us of the aims and ideals of the work carried on to protect and expand the conservation and planting of trees and hedgerows in our gardens, parks and forests.

Our meeting on 21st May will be our AGM and I would encourage you to attend. Our speaker will be Joan Whiteside. It is difficult to believe that we have almost come to the end of our season of meetings for 23/24.

We remember, as always, those members who are ill at present or recovering from surgery.

Eleanor

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 April:

Rector

Sandown Drive

Sandown Park

Sandown Road

Sandringham Mews

Canon Laverty

Schomberg Avenue

Schomberg Park

Shandon Park

Sinclair Street

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) to enable him to take careful notes of the details.

Thank you.



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, 8th 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



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all
welcome

Join the celebration at our

COMMUNITY FUN DAY

Knock Presbyterian Church
1-4pm Saturday 18th May 2024

53 Kings Road, Belfast BT5 6JH

Bouncy castles, carnival games, music, a free BBQ,
afternoon tea and great craic. Open to everyone.

Come along - we'll see you there!

Knock
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Thought for the Month

It is fair to say that the church is in my blood. My father was a clergyman, latterly as Archdeacon of Armagh Diocese where he was also a colleague of the Rector. In addition, both my grandfathers, one great grandfather and an uncle were men of the cloth.

Indeed, at the age of 3 I decided I wanted to become a nun. However, my vocation was severely challenged by my father telling me nuns could not eat sweets and sadly my ambition fell by the wayside.

One of the great strengths of the Anglican union is that it is a broad church. Throughout my time in England I experienced the full gamut from high church 'bells and smells', nearly suffocating in dense clouds of incense to the very evangelical. Happily, the church in the village where we lived for the most part of our time in England was solidly middle of the road. It was a beautiful Norman church sitting on a hillside overlooking a

valley. Its rural setting made it a haven for wildlife. Bats (or more accurately bat droppings) were frequent visitors as were harvest mice. On one memorable occasion, which coincided with a visit by my mother (a mouse phobic), a mouse scuttled out and ran across in front of the altar before the service began. There followed a scene worthy of a sitcom with the elderly churchwarden chasing the mouse around the altar in a futile effort to catch it. The parish had an eclectic mix of rectors including a Finnish ex psychiatric nurse, a former Bishop of St Helena and a former rocket scientist. We remain good friends with another former rector who was one of the first cohort of ordained women.

However, in spite of many happy times in the Church of England my heart belongs to the Church of Ireland. My relationship with St Columba's began when my parents retired to Belfast and joined the congregation here. I accompanied them to church on my visits and was always impressed with the warmth of welcome. The kindness and support shown by the clergy when my parents were ill – the home and hospital visits – was such a great support to them and to me. Now that we have made Northern Ireland our home it is a pleasure and a privilege to become a full time, rather than a visiting, member of the church community.

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

The June 'Thought for the Month' will be written by David Deane.



Heather Brehcist

Prayers for your thoughts and comfort



Travel columns in the papers suggest that more people than ever will travel to southern Europe and beyond in search of the sun this summer. However, despite our unpredictable weather, our country has much to offer at this time of year. The days are lengthening, and are getting warmer, while some of the colours in our gardens and on trees are magnificent.

Long ago, the month of May in the Christian calendar was associated with Rogation tide when special services sought God's blessing on the seeds sown in the ground. Today, that can be applied to every form of industry and commerce whether on the land, in the factory or in any place of human endeavour. That is recognised in a few of the prayers included this month.

The name 'May' can be traced back to pagan times. The Romans had a goddess named Maia, who was honoured as the god of fertility.

Christian Aid Week occurs this month. Thousands of volunteers in this parish and in many communities will be involved in raising much needed money to assist those in our world who are living on the breadline. Details of this important week are included in this issue of the Columban.

During the month the General Synod of the Church of Ireland will meet in Armagh. This is the Parliament of our Church. Since the Church of Ireland ceased to be the State Church in 1870, it has met annually (or more often). Its members are drawn from all the Dioceses of our Church. While its work may not be noticed by the majority of people, it is important that we keep its activities in our prayers.

Some of our parishioners are preparing for Confirmation at a service in May at which the Bishop will preside. Names are included in the Columban. You may wish to use the appropriate prayer in this issue as they prepare for a very significant occasion.

Hopefully, you will find some of the following prayers and thoughts helpful.

Springtime Prayers

Thanksgiving

Lord God, thank you for this season and the hope of warmer, longer, brighter, days.

Thank you for the coming of growth and life and birth. Thank you that things are coming awake in our community. We see some of those signs and they are real. For such blessings, we thank you. **Amen**

Reflection- A Sleeping world awakes

A sleeping world emerges to new possibilities, weakening winter's icy grip with birdsong and bleating lambs announcing to all the promise that in due season, creation bursts into life. And while leaves that fell in winter may lie upon the ground, soon to feed the earth in nature's wondrous cycle of death and rebirth, within the tree is a stirring of new growth.

Anon. N. American source

A Christian reflection on Spring

There is real wisdom Lord, in the adage that 'it is always Springtime in the heart that loves God.' Springtime is a season of optimism and hope. Winter, with its cold and dark days has gone, just as Good Friday has passed to Easter and beyond. We live a resurrection life, reflected in the new life springing up around us. Thank you Lord, for the hope that you bring - the renewal that you bring both to this world and to our hearts and lives.

The author, John Birch, wrote these words some years ago

A Hymn

For the beauty of the earth
For the glory of the skies
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies
Christ our Lord, to you we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise
Hymn compose 1885 approx.

A Rogation Prayer

Father, we pray for all whose lives and livelihoods revolve around land and season. We pray for all who till the soil and tend the crops and for all who harvest and prepare our food. Protect them from the dangers associated with their work. Safeguard them against the risks of fatigue and loneliness. Encourage them when faced with the burden of extreme weather conditions and financial worries. We ask this in the name of the one who is the creator and sustainer of life, our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen**

Note:- This is a traditional prayer associated with rural and farming occupations. In our prayers, it is right that we pray for every person engaged in work, and also for those seeking work, wherever that may be.

Prayer - Lord, help us to treat the world with respect

Creator God, you created a world of community richness and love. Sadly, human greed has brought separation, destruction and injustice. Give us opportunities and a determination to act together with others, to break down the barriers of our selfish desires. We pray for collective actions, driven by wisdom and love, so that we, your disciples, can be agents for justice, as we seek a world fruitful for all creation. We ask it in the name of Jesus. **Amen**
Prayer appropriate for Christian Aid Week

Christian Aid Week

God of all nations, so many people in this world are crying out and worn down by injustice, hunger and suffering. Help us to fulfil our goal in establishing the vision you gave us in Christ of the beauty of the kingdom of God on earth. Help us to foster compassion one for another. May we use our energy, imagination and resources in whatever ways we can, to bring peace and hope to a world in turmoil. **Amen**

Note:- Many parishioners will participate in Christian Aid Week. Please support one another.

Christian Aid brief Prayer

'Lord, help us to live more simply that others may simply live.'

A Prayer for Confirmation Candidates

God our Father, we pray for those in our parish who are preparing for Confirmation. May their journey of discovery be an opportunity for them to deepen their faith and friendships with others in the group. Send your Holy Spirit upon them, to be their helper and guide. Give them the spirit of understanding and knowledge as they seek to know you better. Grant wisdom and a guiding hand to the Rector, and to all who may play any part in preparing and encouraging the candidates at this very special time. Finally, we pray for our Bishop who will preside at the service when those to be confirmed will renew their baptismal vows. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

A Prayer for the General Synod of the Church of Ireland

Lord Jesus Christ, send forth your Spirit of love and truth on the bishops, clergy and lay people who will meet in synod in Armagh, and on all who assist them in their deliberations. Make them faithful to what the Spirit is saying to the Church and lead them forward by the same Holy Spirit. **Amen**

A Prayer for the Sick and Distressed

Merciful God, we entrust to your care those who are ill or in any kind of pain or distress, knowing that whenever danger threatens, you are there to comfort. May they know your constant presence and also the compassion of all who provide medical, emotional and spiritual help. Give us greater sensitivity in being the means of support for those whose needs are greatest at this time, so that we may be the means of displaying your kindness and love to others. **Amen**

Final thoughts for this month

‘Truth shall spring out of the earth and goodness shall look down from heaven’ Psalm 85

‘Grant me to recognise in other people, Lord God, the radiance of your face.’

French priest and scientist c. 1925

MAY FLOWER ROTA

Sunday 5th Margaret McKee

Sunday 12th Norma Black

Sunday 19th Ladies Guild

Sunday 26th Pauline Scott

From the Registers

Marriage

Saturday 23rd March

Elizabeth Mary McCloy
and
Raymond Wesley Hynds

Our Sorrows

Funeral Services

Friday 29th March

Saturday 30th March

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David Terence Holland
Shirley Gass

Men's Forum

Where has the time gone? It seems no time since the last article updating you on the progress of the new venture, the Men's Forum. We are in the throes of planning an event or two before the end of the season. Prospective speakers for one, are being approached as I write this. Details to follow on. I mentioned last time we were going to sort through the donations of Scaletrix we had received with a view integrating it as a part of our games nights. The boys are revving up their efforts on that venture. The doors are open every Monday evening in the hall at 7.30pm. You are ensured of a warm welcome and refreshments. Feel free to drop in for a chat any evening.

Any further information can be found by contacting me using details as listed below.

John Robb: Mob: 07956061929

Home: 028 9058 1438

Email: john.robby@gmail.com

Now is your chance to do something for your church.

We are looking for some more volunteers to assist with the audio recordings of the 10.30 service on Sundays.

The work is not difficult as full training will be given – the only requirement is that you have a laptop to record and edit with, and the editing of the audio file is no more difficult, in fact easier, than using a word processor. An Internet connection is required to upload the audio file to the website before 14.00 on Sundays.

You will find this job most rewarding – and this is your chance to have some control of what is heard – if you find the Rector's sermons are going on far too long, then you will have the power to fade him out!



The more people we have available to assist means that you might only have to look after one or two services a month. Other advantages include being able to sit at the back of the church. You will however have to arrive early to the service to check the equipment and be there for any rehearsals.

Your experience of mixing sound can be another line in your CV. We are an equal opportunities employer - anyone from a teenager to a granny is welcome – the usual non-negotiable volunteer fees apply.



If you are even slightly interested, but don't wish to commit just yet, then come and join us some Sunday morning and see for yourself how easy it is to provide the sound in the church and the recording.

Contact David Deane at the back of church or on 07811 374186

Railway and Model Club

Since the last article the Club had exhibited one of our layouts named Parsons Halt at the NDRMS (North Down Model Railway Society) Exhibition held in Bangor Grammar School over the weekend of 23rd/24th March. This is one of the larger shows with nearly 80 exhibitors covering a wide range of aspects within the world of modelling. Although mostly train related there is a growing trend in allowing other styles of modelling separate from railways to showcase their talents. Many of the skills required to either producing a railway layout or a plastic kit-built model can be used. We saw 3D models, Lego, Meccano, Remote control aircraft and vehicles. There were demonstrations as well as sales of new and second-hand items. There was something for everyone covering a wide age range. Our layout was manned by John Robb and Stewart Beckwith and received a lot of interest and favourable comments on the detail of the build. John also showed off a selection of fine scale models built by himself to highlight the other side of our clubs activities. The layout also featured on a You Tube channel dedicated to railways and John featured in a photograph posted in the Down Spectator. All in all a very positive weekend all round. The next exhibition will be at the end of May at First Bangor Model Railway Clubs show on 24th/25th May.

Until the next time

John Robb



Notes May 2024

We attended the Mother's Union Festival service in Dromore Cathedral on Thursday 21st March. It was lovely to see so many MU banners being carried in the Cathedral and our banner was carried by Mrs Christine Johnston. The Dean was the preacher who updated members regarding MU work in our link Diocese of Maridi, Sudan. He recently visited with Bishop David.

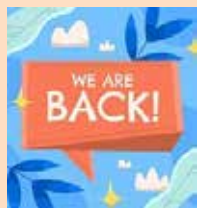


Pauline, Barbara, Rosemary, Joyce, Helen, Elizabeth, and Christine who attended the service.

Our next meeting is Tuesday 14th May. Note the date please due to the May bank holiday. The speaker will give us insight into the work of Horatio's gardens. The local garden is attached to Musgrave Park hospital. If you are interested in learning about this charity's work, alongside individuals who have suffered a spinal or brain injury, please come and join us at 8.00pm in the church.

Plans for our June outing are underway. Details are on the notice board in the church and will be in next month's magazine. All welcome!

Barbara



The Afternoon Group is back.

After a break of four years our first meeting was a roaring success! Our speaker was Liz Weir from the Armstrong Storytelling Trust.

She entertained us with stories and memories. The story of Noah and the Ark was different to the one I remember from Sunday School! (Ask me the next time you see me!) Liz even had us singing.

We completed the afternoon with a Daffodil tea. The Daffodil table centres were from Rosemary's garden. The star of the tables was the date and peanut loaf.

Who says we are not trendsetters- especially when there are no walnuts in the cupboard.

The Rector arrived in time for tea. He thanked everyone for attending and was delighted to find the new space at the front of church providing the ideal accommodation.

Thanks to Rosemary, Barbara and all the others who worked so hard to make the afternoon such a success. Thanks to Liz and the Armstrong trust for providing such a great start to our Afternoon group.

The next meeting will be at 2.30pm on Monday 13th May. Ladies if you are free, please come along and join us. Only requirements are the ability to laugh and enjoy a chat.

Joy



The Titanic Challenge'

Having completed several marathons and half marathons I felt it was time for a new challenge. (Especially since having knee surgery in January which meant I was unable to walk let alone run!!)

Last Friday morning marked the triumphant conclusion of The Titanic Challenge—a gruelling endurance event that tested our

physical and mental limits. Over the course of 48 hours, our team completed the challenge of running 4 miles every 4 hours, ultimately covering a staggering distance of 52 miles.

The Titanic Challenge was designed to push participants to their limits, requiring consistent effort and resilience over an extended period. The structure of running 4 miles every 4 hours presented a unique and demanding test of endurance, sleep deprivation management, and physical recovery.

Undoubtedly, The Titanic Challenge presented significant challenges. Enduring fatigue and maintaining motivation throughout the event demanded exceptional determination from each team member. The physical toll of continuous running, combined with interrupted rest periods, pushed us beyond our comfort zones.

Charles Auchmuty

The parish congratulates Charles on his completion of this fantastic challenge!



In a small but important change to our services, we respectfully request that parishioners are seated **no later than 5 minutes** before the beginning of each service to allow the announcements to be made prior to the service. This will allow for a few moments of quiet reflection without disruption before the service commences and means a smoother flow at the end of service as there will be no delay before the recessional hymn. Thank you for your cooperation!

PARISH ORGANISATIONS


New members are always welcome at any of our organisations!

Sunday	Sunday School <i>Junior nursery to P5 Senior P6 and over</i>	2 nd , 3 rd and 4 th Sundays at 10.30am	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
	MU Afternoon Group	2 nd Monday each month 2.30pm	Joy Montgomery 9029 5427
	Men's Forum	7.30pm	John Robb 07956061929
Tuesday	Ladies Badminton	10-00am - 12 Noon	Gillian Popplestone 07730479478
	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 Laverty 9573 8743
Wednesday	Bible Study Group	2.30pm - 4.00pm	Eileen Anderson 9020 3684
	Railway and Model Club	2.00pm to 4.30pm	David Beattie 9028 5868
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

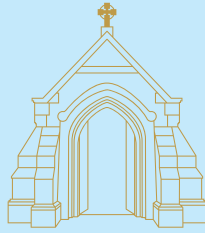
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Safeguarding Panel

**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**



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!



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