

# The Columban

ST. COLUMBA'S CHURCH, KNOCK, JUNE 2024



*Columba on Iona*



## RECTOR'S LETTER

Dear Parishioner,

### PATRONAL FESTIVAL SUNDAY 9<sup>th</sup> JUNE

***Our Patronal Festival on Sunday 9th June is always a most significant occasion in the life of our parish where we give thanks for the life of Columba and for our church.*** During the service the new space at the front of the church will be dedicated in memory of Hazel Reid whose generous bequest made this work possible. Hazel was a dedicated member of the church choir and a Sunday School teacher and we are delighted, through her legacy, we have this wonderful new space which greatly enriches our church. It is so appropriate that the dedication will be conducted during our Patronal Choral eucharist as Hazel was a most loyal member of the choir for over fifty years and a regular communicant.

We are all experiencing the great benefits of this open space which include:

- Additional seating capacity for our Thursday Holy Communion services
- Provision for wheelchair users
- New opportunities for our Parish Organisations
- Improved acoustics and facilities for Choir Concerts
- New facilities for our Creche and Sunday School
- Greater accommodation for visiting groups

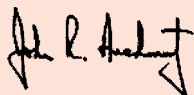
Throughout his life and ministry Columba embraced new opportunities in his proclamation of the gospel not least in Iona. Columba inspires us today in new ways which is represented in this new open space made possible

through Hazel's generosity. ***How Hazel enriched our lives immeasurably through her strong faith and care for others. May we do likewise by demonstrating a deep commitment and attentiveness to God and use this new open space with thankfulness.***

## **PRIZEGIVING SERVICE AND PARISH BBQ SUNDAY 16<sup>th</sup> JUNE**

***Our Creche and Sunday School Prizegiving service will take place on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June which coincides with Father's Day.*** It will be a great delight for me to present the children with their prizes following their hard work and attendance throughout this academic year. I thank our Superintendent Lynn Ryan, the Creche Coordinator, Lindsay Rothwell, the teachers and helpers for all their hard work. This has been a most successful and busy year for them all. This service will be followed by a parish BBQ which hopefully will take place outside on the church lawn for us all to enjoy. I'm most grateful to our chefs Brian Clements and David Kelly together with their helpers who are busy making all the necessary preparations. This will be a lovely informal way for us to share fellowship together.

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***

## SERVICES IN JUNE

- Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup>** **The First Sunday after Trinity** **(Green)**  
**8.15am** **Holy Communion**  
Epistle 2 Corinthians 4: 5-12 Treasure in clay jars  
Read by: Alan Boyd  
Gospel Mark 2: 23- 3: 6 The man with a withered hand
- 10.30am** **All Age Worship** *followed by refreshments*  
Reading Mark 2: 23- 3: 6 The man with a withered hand  
Read by: Elena Brown
- Thursday 6<sup>th</sup>** **(Green)**  
**10.30am** **Holy Communion** *followed by refreshments*
- Sunday 9<sup>th</sup>** **Saint Columba** **(White)**  
**8.15am** **Holy Communion**  
Epistle Romans 15: 1-6 Please others, not yourselves  
Read by: Ronny Martin  
Gospel John 12: 20-26 Some Greeks wish to see Jesus
- 10.30am** **Patronal Festival Holy Communion** *followed by refreshments*  
Epistle Romans 15: 1-6 Please others, not yourselves  
Read by: Ian Noad  
Gospel John 12: 20-26 Some Greeks wish to see Jesus  
Intercessions Helen Armstrong
- Thursday 13<sup>th</sup>** **Saint Barnabas (Transferred)** **(Red)**  
**10.30am** **Holy Communion** *followed by refreshments*
- Sunday 16<sup>th</sup>** **The Third Sunday after Trinity** **(Green)**  
**8.15am** **Holy Communion**  
Epistle 2 Corinthians 5: 6-10, 14-17 Aim to please God  
Read by: Karen McAlpine  
Gospel Mark 4: 26-34 More seed parables
- 11.00am** **All Age Worship with Sunday School and Crèche** **Prizegiving**  
**followed by parish BBQ on church lawn**  
Gospel: Mark 4: 26-34 More seed parables  
Read by: Rebecca Albery

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup>**

**(Green)**

**10.30am**

**Holy Communion** followed by refreshments

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**(Green)**

**8.15am**

**The Fourth Sunday after Trinity**

**Holy Communion**

Epistle 2 Corinthians 6: 1-13 The ministry of reconciliation

Read by: Ronny Martin

Gospel Mark 4: 35-41 Jesus calms the storm

**10.30am**

**Holy Communion**

Epistle 2 Corinthians 6: 1-13 The ministry of reconciliation

Read by: Richard Caldwell

Gospel Mark 4: 35-41 Jesus calms the storm

Intercessions Angela Kerr

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> Saint Peter (Transferred)**

**(Red)**

**10.30am**

**Holy Communion** followed by refreshments

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup>**

**(Green)**

**8.15am**

**The Fifth Sunday after Trinity**

**Holy Communion**

Epistle 2 Corinthians 8: 7-15 Encouragement to be generous

Read by: Michael Sadlier

Gospel Mark 5: 21-43 A girl restored to life and a woman healed

**10.30am**

**Morning Prayer**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading 2 Samuel 1: 1, 17-27 David's lament for Saul and Jonathan

Read by: Rupert Wilson

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Mark 5: 21-43 A girl restored to life and a woman healed

Read by: Suzanne Allen

Occasional Prayers Karen McAlpine

**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".***

St Columba's Parish Church, Knock, Belfast

# SUMMER CONCERT



Saint Columba's Cantors and Guests  
Graeme McCullough *organ*  
Joe McKee *Choral Director*

Wednesday 26 June 2024 at 7.00pm

Retiring collection for parish music  
funds

*There will be light refreshments after the concert.*

## CONFIRMATION

The Bishop of Down and Dromore, the Right Reverend David McClay, administered the rite of confirmation on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May to twelve candidates from St Columba's and one from St Mark's, Dundela. They were well supported by family and friends as they became full communicant members of the church.

It was a great privilege for both Canon Helene Steed and myself to present the candidates from our respective parishes to the Bishop for confirmation. It was a most significant occasion for all of them and their families. They received Holy Communion for the first time at the 8.15am service at St Columba's on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May.

Please remember all those who have been recently confirmed in your prayers:

**Alexandru Joseph Brown**

**Elena Sophia Brown**

**Caroline Mary Helen Fairley**

**Alexander James Kerr**

**Samuel Hayes Kerr**

**Charles John Browne Leckey**

**James Hector Tyler Leckey**

**Robert John Macpherson**

**Jack Patrick Moore**

**Thomas Andrew Morrow**

**Emma Elizabeth Ryan**

**Barbara ANN Patterson**

**Sylvia Shaw from St Mark's Parish  
Church, Dundela**

## Ladies Guild



Our season of meetings has now come to a close with the holding of our AGM on Tuesday 21st May. It has been a successful season with a good attendance of members who enjoyed a variety of speakers and topics. A full report will appear in the Summer edition of The Columban.

I hope that all of you will have an enjoyable break during the next couple of months with time to spend with family and friends at home and abroad in, hopefully, fine sunny weather.

We wish a speedy recovery to those members who have been in hospital recently and keep in our thoughts those who may need our support from time to time

**Eleanor**

## Thought for the Month

### The day I kicked the bucket before the Pope arrived

It was Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> September 1979, and I was in a field, sitting at the sound desk inside a BBC Television outside broadcast vehicle.

I was in charge of the sound output, both radio and television, from the Drogheda site and was awaiting the arrival of Pope John Paul II, who was expected in a couple of hours.

All the meticulous planning had been done – all the television cables had been buried underground where necessary, everyone knew what they had to do during his visit. Approximately 300,000 of the faithful were on site hoping to get more than a glimpse of this revered person.

I had supplied the three microphones which were in front of the Pope's position, but the PA company had plugged them up on the stage. Something inside of me said that I should go and check for myself that they were all correct. So, I left my position and wearing my photograph pass I walked over to climb the steps up onto the stage.



David Deane

I was prevented from climbing the steps by a policeman who claimed that my pass for all areas was insufficient for access. I explained how important it was that I was able to check the microphones and he conceded, as long as he accompanied me. So, both of us went up the steps to the stage area, which was covered with large billowing sheets of plastic to protect the red carpet in case it rained. As I clambered over the high flapping plastic my foot hit a concealed bucket of water which presumably had been left there to hold the plastic down. Imagine the scene of the two of us and a couple of others trying to coordinate and lift a large sheet of plastic containing a puddle of water and trying to replace it in the bucket. We successfully got some of it back in and I proceeded on my way to check the equipment.

The transmission went perfectly. During his homily the Pope spoke about the violence in Northern Ireland. *"On my knees I beg you to turn away from the paths of violence and return to the ways of peace."*

As well as Drogheda I also was responsible, a few days later on 1<sup>st</sup> October, for the sound output of his visit to St Patrick's College, Maynooth, County Kildare, and also, a few years later, on 1<sup>st</sup> June 1982, during his visit to St. Andrew's College of Education in Bearsden, Glasgow. So having been blessed by a Pope three times, (*God bless all here*), I feel that my life



since then has been appropriately charmed. But don't worry Rector, your ministry has also had a significant and even greater influence on me.

I have successfully managed to avoid kicking any more buckets of water since.

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

*The July/August 'Thought for the Month' will be written by Maureen Beckwith.*



Three microphones in position

**Join the Celebrations!**

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June**

**11.00am All Age Worship**

**including**

**Sunday School Prizegiving**



**BBQ  
Party!**

**Followed by BBQ party in the church grounds with games for children.**

**All welcome!**

**Voluntary donations for the Church Roof Fund**

# SUNDAY SCHOOL & CRECHE

And just like that - it is June! I know that many of our young people will be in the middle of exams so please be reassured they are in our prayers at this time. Some of our senior Sunday School children were confirmed in May and, while it is wonderful to see them grow and move on, they will be greatly missed. Please remember, however, that they can always volunteer at Sunday School, especially if working towards Duke of

Edinburgh awards – they will be most welcome!

There are only two Sunday School and Crèche days left:

**Sunday 9th June** – in the hall at 10.30am – a fun morning!

**Sunday 16th June** – PRIZE GIVING – we do hope that many of you will be able to join us at this service.

As I come to the end of my first year as superintendent, I would like to say a huge **thank you** to the Sunday School and Crèche team. Lindsay, Rachel, Helen, Jayne and Linda have been absolutely incredible, and I am so glad that they are continuing on next year. **Thank you** to the Rector and Select Vestry for all their support throughout the year.

**Thank you** to all our supportive parents and grandparents for bringing the children to Crèche and Sunday School. Finally, **thank you** to all our children and young people – you have all been amazing and hope you enjoyed listening to and discussing the stories and creating crafts!

I hope you all have a very restful and enjoyable summer!



## From the Registers

### Our Sorrows

#### Funeral Services

Thursday 18th April.	Margaret (Peggy) Pook - <i>funeral took place in England</i>
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	Mary (Maisie) Ellen Lilburn
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	Olive Alma Griffith
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	William Bailie (Bill) Craven

# Prayers for your thoughts and comfort



Each year, in the month of June, we celebrate our Patronal Festival, recognising our association with St. Columba. This area and parish is known as Knock-Columcille, which means 'the Hill of Columba.' Elsewhere, the Rector writes about our Patronal Festival, outlining the reasons why it is a cause for particular thanksgiving this year. That occasion is noted with appropriate prayers.

This is the month of the longest day and the greatest amount of daylight. A parish barbeque is planned in addition to a mid-summer Concert in St. Columba's. It marks also the conclusion of the Sunday School year. The Irish language for June – Meitheamh – means 'mid-summer.'

While some people may associate the month with school and college exams, for others it will mean the conclusion of formal education and the search for employment locally, or even beyond our shores.

In June, we observe 'Fathers Day' while the Prayer Book recalls the lives of four early Christian saints.

Reference to some of these occasions will be made in prayer, which hopefully, readers will find to be helpful and of comfort. You may wish to include some of them in your personal daily prayers.

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## **Our Patronal Festival (1)**

Almighty God, who inspired St. Columba to confess Jesus Christ as Lord, and subsequently to proclaim the Good News in this land and beyond. We thank you for those who have built on the Christian foundations established in this area, and pray that we may be resolute in displaying the 'fruits of the Spirit' and a unity of purpose, now, and in the days to come. **Amen**

## **Our Patronal Festival (2)**

We thank you Lord for the creative vision and inventiveness, and the different abilities and skills which have been given to people which have been used in completing recent work in St. Columba's. Help all of us in our parish to dedicate what gifts we possess, wisely and faithfully, for the benefit of this community and of those throughout the world, who are in need, that all may rejoice in your goodness, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

## **For our parish**

Lord God, pour your Spirit upon our parish. Bless all whom you have called to positions of leadership. Grant us a new experience of your presence, a new faithfulness to our calling as your disciples, and a new commitment to your service, so that your love may grow among us, and your kingdom come. **Amen**

## **A prayer of Columba 521-597 (1)**

My dear Lord  
Be a bright flame before me  
Be a guiding star above me  
Be a smooth path beneath me  
Be a kindly shepherd behind me  
Today and always **Amen**

## **A prayer of Columba (2)**

Alone with none but you, my God  
I journey on my way  
What need I fear when you are near  
Oh King of night and day  
More safe I am within your hand  
Than if a host did round me stand

## **A prayer of Columba (3)**

Kindle in our hearts, O God, the flame of love that never ceases  
That it may burn in us and give light to others. **Amen**

### **For choirs and musical occasions**

#### **St. Augustine:- 'To sing is to pray twice'**

God of all creation, we thank you for the gift of music, expressed through instruments and voices. Fill all who find joy in music with your love, that they may be effective in enabling all of us to make music of joy in our hearts, to the honour and glory of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### **Prayer for parish social events**

Lord, we thank you for opportunities that enable us to meet together informally (e.g. barbeques). As we acknowledge the work of those who prepare for such events, help us to participate with enthusiasm, sensitivity and joy, as we grow to recognise and accept one another as members of your community of faith at St. Columba's. We pray in your name. **Amen**

### **Prayer for Sunday School etc**

Lord Jesus Christ, we pray for all who have participated in Sunday School and teaching groups this year, including all who have given of their time and talents as leaders. May we affirm those who teach in their important role in the spiritual development of those they guide. Help all who lead and learn to mature in the Christian faith, and to develop a growing loyalty to you as Lord. **Amen**

### **Families (including Fathers)**

God of compassion and understanding, whose Son, Jesus Christ shared the life of a home in Nazareth. Bless all who influence children in the home, that in joy and sorrow, they may accept the reality of your presence to bind together, and, when necessary to heal, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**



### **A Summer prayer**

Lord, the Creator of all times and places, we thank you for the gift of summertime, including days of sunshine and warmth. We acknowledge the beauty that surrounds us, including multi-coloured flowers, and the freshness of trees in full bloom. Let all the gifts we enjoy deepen our awareness of your love, so that we may share this with others, and enjoy a summertime of re-creation. **Amen**

### **Saints days in June**

In your Prayer Book you will find prayers for the following:-

St. Columba (9th.June): St. Barnabas (11th) : St. John Baptist (24th,) & St. Peter (29th)

**FINALLY:-** Thoughts for the ever changing scenes of life.....

'Trust in God. Let nothing disturb you. Let nothing frighten you. They who have God find they lack nothing. God alone suffices.'

*St. Teresa of Avila*

'Go, and know that the Lord goes with you. Let Him lead you every day into the quiet place of your mind, where he will speak with you. Know that He loves you – that He is with you always, wherever you are, and however you may feel.'

*Anon*

## PAUSE

June has arrived - on the calendar at least. Let's hope that summer will come as well, bringing with it sunshine and warmth. The gardens can be used for recreation and relaxation as well as for (or instead of) work experience.

Nineteen Columbans and friends took a break from everything else and met up for refreshments at **Hillmount Garden Centre** this morning. As we left, we discovered that one of our group was staying to have lunch with another friend. There would still be time for some retail therapy!

This month **PAUSE** will meet on:

**Tuesday 18th June at 10.30am at The Poet in Kings Square** for tea/coffee and scones.

If you are free do come and join with whoever is there. It is just a matter of turning up. Come on your own or bring a friend or two. All are welcome.

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

I look forward to seeing you there.

**Eileen (02890203684)**



## JUNE FLOWER ROTA

- Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup>** Geoff and Eleanor Launchbury
- Sunday 9<sup>th</sup>** Joan Oswald
- Sunday 16<sup>th</sup>** Margaret McKee
- Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup>** Ladies Guild
- Sunday 30<sup>th</sup>** Coffey Family

## CONGRATULATIONS!



**I learned with interest of the retirement of Ruth McCartney as Director of Music at Methodist Choir and was delighted to hear that her successor, colleague, friend and fellow parishioner is Lynda Rolston!**

Ruth McCartney has taught in Methody since 1994, becoming Director of Music in 2002. Particular highlights of her Methody career have included two trips to Carnegie Hall, nine residencies in Westminster Abbey, providing music for services when the Abbey Choir is on holiday, and touring Austria with The Vienna Boys Choir. Ruth's choirs have been UTV Choir of the Year, Sainsbury's Choir of the Year, Songs of Praise Choir of the Year and RTE All-island choir of the Year. Ruth also enjoys the weekly lunchtime recitals in the college Chapel when young people get the chance

to perform pieces in a familiar and comfortable environment where they can gain confidence. Without a doubt, Ruth's most memorable event was The Coronation of King Charles III and Queen Camilla.

**Ruth writes, 'I will miss the students and staff at MCB very much but I know that my wonderful colleague, and friend, Lynda Rolston, will do a great job!'**

Lynda Rolston started teaching at Methody in 2001 when fresh from her PGCE year she was appointed as a new music teacher by Dr Joe McKee who was Head of Department at the time. Ruth McCartney was already a music teacher there and she took Lynda under her wing.

Around a year later Ruth succeeded Joe as Director of Music and so began the next chapter of a close working relationship. Ruth was an outstanding trainer with the choirs.

As Lynda's career progressed, she was promoted to Key Stage 3 Music Coordinator, and Instrumental Tuition Coordinator managing around 30 peripatetic tutors. Ruth and Lynda have been colleagues for 23 years now, and are also firm friends.

**Lynda adds "It will be honour to take up the position of Director of Music at MCB when Ruth retires at the end of June. I would like to wish Ruth every happiness in her retirement. She has worked tirelessly for the benefit of Methody Music Department and for all the pupils who have passed through its doors over the years and has left a wonderful legacy. Here's to the next chapter!**



I wish Ruth a very happy retirement and Lynda God's richest Blessing as she prepares to commence her new responsibilities as Head of Music. I look forward to their continued involvement and support with our music in St. Columba's.

**The Rector**



The office bearers attended the Mothers' Union Council meeting last month in Dromara Parish which is the home parish of Mavis our Diocesan President.

The units gave updated reports and here are a few details.

In 2025 the Trustees will step down and new members will be elected. The process for electing a new All Ireland President is beginning and will follow as directed by Mary Sumner House.

There are currently 35 branches registered in the Diocese but only 27 are active. In 2026, MU will celebrate 150 years. We have been asked to consider and forward any ideas to help Down and Dromore mark the occasion.

A summary of Diocesan finances can be viewed at our next meeting.

There is a MU communion service on the first Thursday of every month in Christchurch Cathedral Dublin. This year it was decided that every Diocese ought to have an annual communion service, one has been arranged for Thursday 1st August 11.45 in Down Cathedral.

Several events are planned for the summer including the prayer walk for Mary Sumner Day 9th August, I will give you details as they are issued.

"Diocesan Big Sing" St Finian's Sunday 8th September 8.00pm.

"All Ireland Big Sing" St Patrick's Church Ballymena Saturday 16 November 2024.

I'll keep you updated.

**Barbara**



## Church hall cleaning rota

**June 8<sup>th</sup>**

Nan Hillier and Isobel McDowell

## 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

Stormont Park  
Strathearn Park  
Sunbury Avenue  
Sycamore Grove, Sydenham  
Sydenham Court  
The Walled Garden

### Canon Laverty

Thornhill Drive  
Thornhill Parade  
Thornhill Park  
Tweskard Park  
Upper Newtownards Road

## 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.



## JULY/AUGUST 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, 12th 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**

# Congratulations!



Congratulations to Dr. Richard Whiteside who successfully completed the London landmarks half marathon on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April. Richard was raising awareness and funds for Diabetes UK following his son Adam's diabetes diagnosis last year. He was enthusiastically supported by Martina and Adam who were with him in London and also by family, friends and parishioners from home.

Richard and Adam featured in an inspirational Belfast Telegraph article a few weeks ago where Richard passionately described Adam's positive attitude and resilience following his diagnosis aided by the support of the diabetic team at the Ulster Hospital and his family.

The Select Vestry were delighted to make an advance payment from our Charity and Mission allocations to support Richard's fundraising for diabetes. This was a fantastic achievement from our recently retired Rector's Churchwarden.

## Art Club



On 2<sup>nd</sup> May club members gathered to wish Billy Nelson a very happy 90th birthday complete with cake and candles.

Billy who still attends each Thursday morning was a founder member of the club 26 years ago and until recently was also our chairman.

In the photo he is joined by Billy McAlpine, our current chairman and Gwen Cowan who also celebrated her birthday during May

Our AGM is on 6<sup>th</sup> June when we break for the summer returning on 12<sup>th</sup> September 2024.



## 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**

# PARISH ORGANISATIONS


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

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Sunday School</b> <i>Junior nursery to P5 Senior P6 and over</i>	2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Sundays at 10.30am	Superintendent: Lynn Ryan 07955 479065
	<b>Crèche</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Sundays at 10.30am	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>MU Afternoon Group</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday each month 2.30pm	Joy Montgomery 9029 5427
	<b>Men's Forum</b>	7.30pm	John Robb 07956061929
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Ladies Badminton</b>	10-00am - 12 Noon	Gillian Popplestone 07730479478
	<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 Laverty 9573 8743
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Bible Study Group</b>	2.30pm - 4.00pm	Eileen Anderson 9020 3684
	<b>Railway and Model Club</b>	2.00pm to 4.30pm	David Beattie 9028 5868
<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

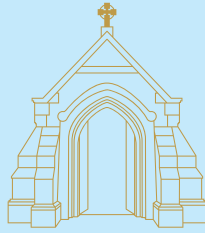
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### **Safeguarding Panel**

**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:  
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