

The Columban

ST. COLUMBA'S CHURCH, KNOCK, OCTOBER 2025



Come and worship Harvest



RECTOR'S LETTER

Dear Parishioner,

CHURCH OF IRELAND GAZETTE SPOTLIGHT ARTICLE ON ST. COLUMBA'S

I was delighted to read in the September edition of the Church of Ireland Gazette that St. Columba's featured in the Spotlight article. It was a most informative article which included reference to our children's ministry, our long-established musical tradition, the transformations to the church building reflecting our growing numbers and a brief historical background of the parish.

These opening paragraphs clearly describe the importance we attribute to welcoming all those who come through our doors as we seek to live out our Christian faith:

"The primary aim of the team at St. Columba's, Knock, is to live out their Christian faith in response to Christ's commandment "to love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another".

It is in this spirit that St. Columba's approaches community life, placing emphasis on its role as a "warm, friendly, and welcoming church", and focussing on the enrichment and togetherness of parish life."

This is indeed a powerful introduction for the Gazette readers into our parish life. It would be a great delight to welcome them to our parish to experience it for themselves.

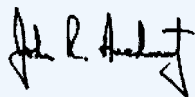
It is very timely that this Spotlight article was published as we approach our Harvest Thanksgiving services. We have indeed much to give thanks to Almighty God for in St. Columba's as we sing these well-known words of the Harvest hymn on Sunday 5th October:

"Come, ye thankful people, come,"

May we all take encouragement that we have received such public affirmation of our parish from the wider Church of Ireland. *However, we must not become complacent! There is much work to be done as we continue to develop and strengthen our parish even further.*

I hope you will enjoy this article which is included in which we are described as a "vibrant parish". That is indeed good news but is only possible through your continued support and participation.

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 OCTOBER

Thursday 2nd

(Green)

10.30am

Holy Communion *followed by refreshments*

Sunday 5th

(Green)

8.15am

Harvest Thanksgiving

Holy Communion

Epistle 2 Corinthians 9: 6-15 God loves a cheerful giver

Read by Joyce Forsythe

Gospel Matthew 13: 18-30 Parable of the Sower

11.00am

All Age Worship followed by Harvest Lunch in the Church Hall

Reading Matthew 13: 18-30 Parable of the Sower

Read by Rachel Cairns

Presentation: Hazel Macpherson "Experiences in Kenya with Jengana"

Thursday 9th

(Red)

10.30am

Saint Philip the Deacon (Transferred)

Holy Communion *followed by refreshments*

Sunday 12th

(Green)

8.15am

The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

Holy Communion

Epistle 2 Timothy 2: 8-15 Being our best for Jesus

Read by Ronny Martin

Gospel Luke 17: 11-19 Jesus cleanses ten Lepers

10.30am

Holy Communion

Epistle 2 Timothy 2: 8-15 Being our best for Jesus

Read by Henry Auchmuty

Gospel Luke 17: 11-19 Jesus cleanses ten Lepers

Intercessions Heather

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Thursday 16th Saint Luke (Transferred)

(Red)

10.30am

Holy Communion *followed by refreshments*

Sunday 19th

(Green)

8.15am

The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

Holy Communion

Epistle 2 Timothy 3: 14- 4: 5 Continue the good work of Jesus

Read by Karen McAlpine

Gospel Luke 18: 1-8 The Parable of the Widow and the Unjust Judge

10.30am Morning Prayer *followed by refreshments hosted by
The Railway and Model Club*

1st Reading Jeremiah 31: 27-34 A new Covenant
Read by Geoff Launchbury

2nd Reading Luke 18: 1-8 The parable of the widow
and the unjust Judge

Read by Victor Dukelow
Occasional Prayers Clergy

Thursday 23rd Saint James, the Brother of our Lord (Red)
10.30am Holy Communion *followed by refreshments*

Sunday 26th The Fifth Sunday before Advent (Green)
8.15am Holy Communion

Epistle 2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 16-18 Timothy's hope of heaven
Read by Ronny Martin

Gospel Luke 18: 9-14 The parable of the Pharisee
and the Tax-Collector

10.30am Holy Communion

Epistle 2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 16-18 Timothy's hope of heaven
Read by Chris Heatley

Gospel Luke 18: 9-14 The parable of the Pharisee
the Tax-Collector

Intercessions Helen Armstrong

Thursday 30th Saint Simon and Saint Jude (Transferred) (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".*

THE CHURCH of IRELAND GAZETTE

Like so many others, I was delighted to see St. Columba's featured in the 'Spotlight' section of the September Church of Ireland Gazette and wish to congratulate the Rector.

St. Columba's has long enjoyed a close association with the Gazette. Our Rector served on the Board for some fifteen years, including five as Secretary and five as Chair. Parishioner Donald Kerr served for many years as Treasurer and Patrick Good continues to serve as a Board member.

Earlier this year Clark Brydon was appointed Editor, following a diverse career in education, church communication, governance and with deep roots in the life of the Church, and announced plans to modernise the magazine. His editorial vision includes a renewed emphasis on investigative journalism, deeper theological engagement and a broader coverage of social, cultural and ethical issues from a Church of Ireland perspective.

As part of its continuing evolution, the Gazette endeavours to balance historical awareness with contemporary relevance, contributing to public discourse within and beyond the Church.

Should you wish to sample the Gazette, I have some spare copies available. Anyone considering subscribing, can either speak to me in church or at the Harvest lunch on Sunday, 5th October, or contact me on 07754 523065.

The annual subscription, which includes ten issues, is £47.50 or £40 for the online edition.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Moranne Noad

Gazette Distributor



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 90471514). In addition to requested Parish Visiting, the Clergy will be visiting parishioners in the following districts during October:

Rector

Kilmakee Park
Knockdarragh
Peninsula Care Home
Knock Road
Knockburn Park
Knockcastle

Canon Laverty

Kincora Avenue
Kings Drive
Kings Brae
Kings Park
Kings Manor
Kingsdale Park
Kingsway Close
Knock Grove

Archdeacon Stevenson

Knockdene Park
Knockdene Park South
Knockdene Park North
Castlehill 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 (02890 471514) to enable him to take careful notes of the details. Thank you.



Sunday 5th October
2025

following the
11.00am All Age
Worship service

Tickets available
for catering purposes only

**Voluntary donations for Church Hall
Refurbishment Fund.**

A Heartfelt Thank You



I would like to extend my deepest gratitude to everyone who so kindly supported my recent fundraiser for my trip to Kenya with the charity Jengana. Your generosity and encouragement following the 10.30am service on Sunday 11th May have truly touched me, and your contributions will make a significant difference to the work of this wonderful charity.



A special thank you goes to the Catering Committee for their invaluable help with the coffee and traybakes, and to all the ladies who baked and donated such delicious cakes and treats—your efforts were greatly appreciated by all.

I am also very grateful to the Rector for his ongoing support throughout my preparations for this journey, and to my family, whose encouragement has meant so much to me.



As I embarked on this long journey, I was grateful to be remembered in your prayers. I look forward to sharing my experiences with you all upon my return.

'Christ beside me, Christ within me.'

Thank you once again for your kindness and support.

Hazel Macpherson

Hazel will be giving a presentation of her trip on Sunday 5th October at our Harvest All Age Worship service at 11.00am.



BIBLE STUDY

For centuries the church has recited the words of the ancient Nicene Creed which was drawn up in the year 325 A.D. This means that this year marks its 1700th anniversary.

In recognition of this we shall be exploring the teaching of this as backed up by scriptural references. We shall be following a booklet published recently by the Church of England entitled "We Believe" which consists of small chapters for discussion. Each chapter

looks at a different clause as found in the creed. The Introduction to the booklet says: "(The Creed) unites believers across time and space in a shared confession of who God is and what he has done in Jesus Christ..... It is much more than a formula: it is a declaration of faith, hope and love binding us to the communion of saints and to Christ himself"



We meet in the choir vestry on Wednesday afternoons at 2.30pm beginning on 1st October. Please come, if you can, and learn why, when and where the Creed was drawn up and its significance in our liturgy and for the development of our own Christian lives. Everyone welcome – especially men!!

Walter

Thought for the Month

It may seem a little trite for the Scoutmaster to rehearse a well worn motto, but Lord Baden Powell's chosen motto of "*Be prepared*" is truly an inspirational theme for us all.

Being *prepared* is something that may actually be innate or as a consequence of training or life skills, but there's seldom anything new under the sun that we can't face because we are *prepared*.



Iain Hall

Twenty five years ago while dropping off my son to the Beavers at Knock my old Cub Akela (leader) asked if I had considered helping out with the scouts. I hadn't given it much thought but I discovered membership was down to 8 scouts, well below the numbers I recalled from childhood and the leaders were busy chaps frequently unable to offer a programme due to work commitments. In a short time I found myself as the scoutmaster with the remit of running the troop and actively recruiting new scouts into the troop. The Navy might have

called it 'Press Gangs'.

I wasn't convinced I had the capabilities to lead scouting, but on reflection my own scouting journey had *prepared* me for the responsibility, duty of care and passing on skills to scouts on their journey to adulthood. Skills acquired as a scout in team work, challenges, camp craft and cooking the best egg banjos ever made gave me an understanding of strengths and weaknesses of those in the troop as a boy scout and *prepared* me for a lifetime professionally in leadership. My own Scoutmaster handed these skills down to me and while I didn't realise it as a rowdy teenager, being *prepared* was a seminal lesson.

Preparation can be arduous and perhaps even tedious. Running up the hills in Stormont estate to Carson's monument in pre-season training '*prepared*' me for the sprint and last ditch (Norman Hunter) tackles as an amateur footballer or the hours of golf practice hitting hundreds of golf balls '*prepared*' me for matches representing Shandon against other clubs while spectators tutted at the odd missed putt or rattled coins to distract the next tee shot. Would I have wanted to enter the fray without being *prepared*?

Absolutely not and that's one of the lessons I reinforce to scouts at the importance of being *prepared* for whatever comes their way whether they expect it or not and if they aren't expecting it, they should have a strategy of preparedness to use in any eventuality.

Without disclosing too much, in 2019 a significant event impacted on my family and I. What occurred was not something I genuinely feel I was prepared for but just as I see now how my journey as a scout and scoutmaster prepared me for life's journey, I understand that within that moment, Christ was preparing me for something else. That something else was to appreciate that no matter how well we *prepare* as individuals, as families or at work, everything is in His hands and He prepares the way of all things. The truth is to understand how the Lord controls everything and we need is to be *prepared* for whatever He needs us to do when that call comes to us no matter when.

Iain

Scoutmaster

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

The November 'Thought for the Month' will be written by Lindsay Rothwell.

DECORATING THE CHURCH FOR HARVEST

Saturday 4th October from 10am - 12noon



All gifts of fruit, vegetables, foliage and flowers would be gratefully appreciated.

Refreshments will be served.

We would be delighted if you would like to help with the decorating, or to simply leave items at the church!

Thank you.

Prayers for your thoughts and comfort



Readers of this section of the Columban will be aware that my introductory remarks include frequently reference to weather conditions, and the seasons of the year.

One of the best known early 19th Century English romantic poets, John Keats, was considered to be essential reading at secondary school. Most of us were introduced to his poem, 'Ode to Autumn', and maybe compelled to recite the lines beginning:- 'Seasons of mists and mellow fruitfulness.' In another example, when reflecting on human life, Keats states that each life had four seasons – the spring of childhood: the summer of youth: the autumn of middle age, and the winter of old age. Fairly obvious, we may think, but no human life can be guaranteed the four seasons. In that respect, life can be an uneven playing field. Perhaps Keats acknowledges that fact when he states that 'to live is to be shaped by beauty and loss, in turn.'

Many of the prayers included each month recognise the trials and tribulations, as well as the joys and opportunities experienced in human life. We are approaching the central point in the autumn season. It can be characterised by natural beauty as the leaves change colour, but also by a reduction in daylight leading to darker evenings. You may see a similarity with your own life currently. Whatever your circumstances may be, hopefully you will find one or more of this month's prayers helpful, and, perhaps, thought provoking.

AUTUMN

We thank you, God, of seed time and harvest, that the beauty of the earth and the love that created it can be expressed through our lives, and be a blessing to others, now and always. **Amen**

A SEASON OF LIFE

Lord, the current season of my life has had some rough days. However, it has had also some positive days. As I prepare for the next season of my life, show me what steps I can take. Thank you for my friends who travel the journey with me. Make a pathway through the wilderness areas of the season and create rivers in the dry areas of my life. I ask it in your name. **Amen**

A HARVEST PRAYER

Eternal Father, source of life and light, whose love extends to all people, all creatures and all things. Grant us that reverence for life which is consistent with those who believe in you, lest we despise it, degrade it or destroy it. Rather, let us save it, and serve it and sanctify it, after the example of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

A PRAYER FOR ALL SEASONS

Lord, make us thankful for what we have received. Make us content with what we have. Make us more mindful of other people in need. We ask it for the sake of him who lived in poverty, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. **Amen**

PRAYER FOR OUR PARISH

Almighty God, as a parish you have given us a neighbourhood to serve, and a gospel to proclaim. Give us enthusiasm to share the task with those who have been called to serve in other ways. Renew us with your Holy Spirit, that in worship and service, we may be true to our calling as fellow workers with Christ in his mission to the world, for the glory of his name. **Amen**

PRAYER FOR OUR WORLD

God, whose wish is to reconcile the whole universe inside your love, we pray for a world fragmented and torn apart. Kindle in all people of goodwill, the fire of love to give warmth to the world, Lead people and nations from hatred to love and from war to peace. Let peace fill our minds, our world and our universe. **Amen**

OUR COUNTRY

God bless our land
God bless our rulers
God resolve our differences
God revive our Churches
God forgive our selfishness
God protect our homes
God strengthen our faith, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

FAMILIES

God our Father, we thank you for our homes, our families, and our friends: for laughter and sorrow shared: for the knowledge of your presence in good times and bad. Through all the problems and opportunities we face, bind us together in love, in your name. **Amen**

HOMELESS and REFUGEES

Lord God, you bring hope out of emptiness, energy out of fear and new life out of grief and loss. Comfort all who have lost their homes and fled their native countries because of persecution, war or enforced exile. Give them a sense of security, a place to live and neighbours they can trust. As we pray for refugees and those who have come to live in this country, we ask that you will give inspiration and a sense of urgency to those in leadership and with influence in their respective roles, so that those who are homeless and unable to find suitable accommodation may see a way forward. We ask it in the name of the one who was despised and rejected by many in his own country, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

A PRAYER FOR EMPLOYERS, EMPLOYEES AND THOSE SEEKING WORK

Lord, you called people to be your disciples who were occupied in many different forms of work. You met people who were seeking work. We know that many today are worried about future employment prospects. Give them hope, and grant to those in government, to employers, and to trade unions, perseverance in finding answers to our problems, and a desire to seek your justice and equity. We ask it through the same Jesus Christ. **Amen**

RELIEF FROM STRESS

Father, give to me, and to all who need your peace in times of anxiety
serenity in times of hardship
courage in times of uncertainty
patience, at all times, trusting in your wisdom and love,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

SAYINGS WORTH REMEMBERING

The shortest distance between two people may be a smile. However, just because someone smiles all the time, doesn't mean their life is perfect. That smile is a symbol of hope and strength

Hope is the strength by which a shattered world shall emerge into the light

Good things come to those who believe. Better things come to those who are patient. The best things come to those who don't give up!

FINALLY Words of TERESA of AVILLA.....again!!

'Trust in God. Let nothing disturb you. Let nothing frighten you. All things are possible, but God never changes. They who have God find they lack nothing, for God alone suffices.'

SUNDAY SCHOOL & CRECHE

Welcome back to Sunday School & Creche!

It has been lovely to welcome many of our young people back to Sunday School and Creche. We have created a jigsaw display where each person designed a piece all about themselves. This should be ready shortly for everyone to see. We also made some beautiful crafts and decorations for Harvest to be displayed in the church for the Harvest Service. If you haven't already done so, would you please fill in the data capture form for our records and give to one of the team.

5th October – HARVEST SERVICE @ 11am

12th October – Sunday School and Creche

19th October - Sunday School and Creche

26th October – NO SUNDAY SCHOOL and CRECHE – HALF TERM BREAK

Looking forward to seeing everyone!

Lynn



From the Registers

Our Joys

Holy Matrimony

Friday 5th September

Miss Celia Mary Good and

Mr James Buer

Our Sorrows

Funeral Services

Monday 15th September

Samuel Hunter

OCTOBER FLOWER ROTA

Sunday 5th

HARVEST

Sunday 12th

Nan Armstrong

Sunday 19th

Stewart and Maureen Beckwith

Sunday 26th

Eileen Anderson



Ladies Guild

As Autumn slowly begins to appear, the Ladies Guild is settling into the new season of meetings and the Committee has been encouraged by the continuing support of our members. We will always welcome new faces so why not come along and join us as we look forward to sharing fellowship and friendship.

Our October meeting will be on **Tuesday 21st at 2.30pm** in the Church. Our speaker will be Marilyn Toogood who will tell us of the work done by Street Pastors as they provide a supportive presence to young people out and about in our towns and cities particularly at weekends.

We keep in our prayers those members who are ill in hospital or at home or recovering from recent surgery.

Eleanor

Railway and Model Club

Our first club meeting of the new season was held on the 10th September planning ahead for our proposed updates of existing layouts. Prior to that some of our members have been out and about visiting and supporting various exhibitions. In August we attended the Ulster Model Railway Clubs Belfast exhibition held this year in R.B.A.I. On the 20th a couple of the members will have been in Enniskillen's McCartan Hall attending Erne Model Railways Annual exhibition. Continuing on to a much larger scale of railway, we had the good fortune to have a guided tour behind the scenes at The Downpatrick and Co Down Heritage Railways premises in Downpatrick. Thanks to Robin Haldane (one of our parishioners) who volunteers there. Our group very much appreciated Robin's knowledge and enthusiasm which led to a very interesting and informative visit.

If interested in seeing our own club rooms and what we are involved in, feel free to drop in any Wednesday afternoon from 2.30. we will be delighted to see you. Open to all ages and genders.

Our contact details are in the Columban

Until the next time, we hope you all stay on the right tracks

John Robb. 07956061929 E-mail john.robbs@gmail.com



PAUSE

Autumn has arrived! Most of us have settled into our seasonal routine – attendance at organisations and/or classes. After the summer break there is lots to chat about. PAUSE, as usual, continued throughout the summer months. We will meet on two occasions in October.

Tuesday, 7th October at 10.30am in the Castlereagh Hills Golf Club for refreshments

Tuesday, 21st October at 10.30am in The Poet for tea/coffee and scones.

If you are free on one or both of these dates please come along and join the group. All are welcome.

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

Eileen 028 9020 3684



Church hall cleaning rota

October 4th - Christine and Ian Johnston

October 18th - Joyce Stevenson and Yvonne Robb

Art Club

The club began this year's activities with the postponed AGM and this resulted in the election of the following:

Chairman...Billy McAlpine, Honorary Secretary...Carole Crothers, Honorary Treasurer...Rena Robbins,

Committee...Betty Gregory (Assistant Secretary), Roy Williamson (Mentor), George Burch, Christine Baker, Graham Hogg.



The club met on 28th August for a plein air session at Crawfordsburn Park. Some of our club visited the Ulster Watercolour Society's annual exhibition in the Portview Centre. We are looking forward to a busy year starting with the design of the parish Christmas card (needed in the last week in October), the Christmas dinner on 11th December in the RNIYC, Cultra, various video presentations, hosting tea/coffee after a church service in December and producing new paintings for display at that church service.

Please remember that we meet each Thursday morning at 9.30am in the church hall and new members would be most welcome.

Carole. **(07979093956)**



Church Envelopes

Church envelopes have been delivered with your magazine this month. Please keep them safe until January. If you do not currently subscribe to church funds, we kindly ask that you consider donating. All donations are gratefully received.

Don't forget to use the white envelopes included in your packs for the Harvest Lunch!

Thank you.

Karen Patterson

Parish Administrator



MEN'S FORUM

Our new season opened its doors on Monday the 8th September. Members met and discussed options for events for our programme. My first article had started with a repeat of the plea at the end of last season. We are continuing efforts to attract new members to join our small dedicated group. There are no specific skills required to join us.. So, please remember Monday evenings in the Church hall starting from 7.30pm. Each Monday in September is classed as an open night allowing anyone interested to come along and trying out some of our activities. More details if required can be obtained from myself at the number and e-mail listed below.

Contact has been made with some speakers and outside organisations. We will post details asap on notice boards and also Facebook once dates have been confirmed.

John Robb

07956061929 john.robby@gmail.com



On 18th September Mothers' Union members attended an Area Service in St John's Orangefield when we had the opportunity to meet up with our friends in neighbouring branches.

Our Branch meetings will resume on 7th October at 8pm in the Church when local historian Peter Mc Cabe will talk about Ghost Signs in Belfast. Peter is a familiar face in St Columba's and everyone is welcome to come along and hear more about our city.

The Mothers' Union committee are looking forward to welcoming back members and friends after our summer break.

Standing Order Giving

From The Parish Finance Team

Let us start by thanking you, the parishioners, for your very generous financial support – your regular and reliable giving makes possible everything that we value in St Columba's. However, this is a **"call to action"**.

Standing Orders

In this article, we would like to focus on bank Standing Orders. This way of giving has grown to become our most important form of income. In our 2024 accounts "Unrestricted Funds" were stated at almost £150,000. This is the money we use to meet our regular running costs (salaries, utilities, property maintenance etc.). Over 70% of these funds are collected by Standing Order.

There are many benefits to the parish. These include: lower costs (in banking charges and envelopes); increased security (elimination of cash and cheques); and, very importantly, reliability. We saw, during Covid lockdowns, many parishes who had not promoted Standing Orders encounter serious financial challenges.

Consider Making the Move

We encourage those who have not yet moved to Standing Orders to consider making a change. We now have over 230 parishioners using Standing Orders to make their Free-Will Offering every month. So, if you have not yet done so, please consider making this change.

Already Giving by Standing Order?

In our experience, there is only one disadvantage of Standing Orders - inflation. Last year, it cost £201,440 to run the parish. The comparable figure in 2021 was £154,573. This is well over a 30% increase in three years. Some of our costs increased by much more than this. Our gas bill rose by over 30% in 2024 alone, and we moved supplier to get better pricing. Mostly however, we have no control of rising costs and need to look to our income sources to keep pace. Unfortunately, Standing Orders, once set up, remain at the same value unless the parishioner takes action to make an increase. Indeed, many parishioners have done so. Overall

however, the average increase in standing orders amounts to only a small fraction of our cost increases.

30% of those giving by standing order are already giving £50 or more per month. Not everyone's circumstances will allow them to be this generous. All we ask is that you consider your personal circumstances and whether you are able to make an increase in the context of our rising costs.

If you have not done so already, please consider whether you are able to afford an increase in the value of your Standing Order.

If you would like to discuss any aspects of this article, please contact one of us for more information or help. Karen can help with set-up and changes for any of the main banks.

Brian Acheson

Victor Dukelow

Karen Patterson

Hon. Treasurer

Asst. Hon. Treasurer

Parish Administrator



NOVEMBER 2025 MAGAZINE

Articles or photographs for publication in the November edition of the parish magazine should be handed or emailed to the editor, **Billy McAlpine**, by 6 pm **Wednesday, 8th October**. 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

PARISH ORGANISATIONS

New members are always welcome at any of our organisations!

Sunday	Sunday School Junior nursery to P5	2nd, 3rd and 4th Sundays at 10.30am	Superintendent: Lynn Ryan
	Senior P6 and over		07955 479065
	Crèche	2nd, 3rd and 4th Sundays at 10.30am	Lindsay Rothwell
			07710 590574
	Choir	9.30am	Dr Joe McKee 07976 294574
Monday	MU Afternoon Group	2nd 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	3rd Tuesday each month 2.30pm in the church	Eileen Anderson 028 9020 3684
	Activity Group	Except 1st Tuesday 7.30pm	Maureen Irwin 9079 5155
	Mothers' Union	1st Tuesday each month 8.00pm	Caroline Auchmuty 9028 9047 1514
Wednesday	Bible Study Group	2.30pm - 4.00pm	Eileen Anderson 028 9020 3684
	Cubs	6.45pm – 8.15pm	Gareth McAuley 07884411354
	Railway and Model Club	2.00pm to 4.30pm	John Robb 07956061929
Thursday	Art Club	9.30am	Carole Crothers 07979093956
	Scouts	7.30pm to 9.30pm	Iain Hall 07799 474111
Friday	Mums and Tots	10.00am	Joyce Stevenson, 07772128944
Bi-monthly	Pause	As arranged	Eileen Anderson 028 9020 3684
Monthly	Youth Etc. (11-15 years)	As arranged	Jonathan Martin, 07980 885990
	Young Families	Social events as arranged	Rachel Stewart 07812 247343

WHO'S WHO IN ST. COLUMBAS

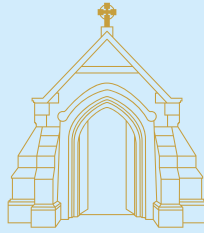
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People's Glebewarden	Iain Hall	07799 474111
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Assistant Honorary Treasurer	Victor Dukelow	028 9029 0625

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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:
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