

# ST DONARD'S CHURCH OF IRELAND

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## *Some news from the Rectory ....*

In my address at our recent Easter General Vestry meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> April, I announced that I had made my decision to retire. Ann and I will share our last service with you at St Donard's on the morning of Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September as we gather together round the Lord's table in Holy Communion.

My ministry in St Donard's has spanned over 14 years and together we have seen many changes. However, life in full-time Christian service began for me back in 1980 in the Church Army followed by Ordination in 1993. So after 43 years in ministry which have been often challenging, but also joyful and inspiring; Ann and I feel it is time to move into a new phase of life where we will continue to serve the Lord, but also have more time to enjoy our grandchildren and some time to relax. *Ken*

## Services in May 2023

### 7<sup>th</sup> May

10.30 Holy Communion

19.00 **REVIVE Praise & Reflection Service**

### 14<sup>th</sup> May

10.30 Morning Worship

19.00 Holy Communion

### 21<sup>st</sup> May

10.30 Morning Worship

19.00 Evening Service

### 28<sup>th</sup> May Pentecost Sunday

10.30 Morning Worship

19.00 Evening Service

**14 - 20 MAY 2023**  
**Christian Aid Week**

## Join us for a fund raising walk for Christian Aid Saturday 20th May.

We'll be trekking from **St Donards car park at 10:00** along the Greenway to Hanwood play park and back. It's a family friendly route suitable for all abilities, and we should be back by 12:00.

Along the way we have a **photo treasure hunt** and '**where's Jonny**' (Jonny Poole will be popping up when you least expect it!) Bring a packed lunch, and we'll enjoy a picnic on the Church Green when we get back. We'll release a '**Just Giving**' page if you want to ask your friends and family to sponsor you to complete the journey, and donations gratefully accepted in the red Christian aid envelope in church during Christian aid week"

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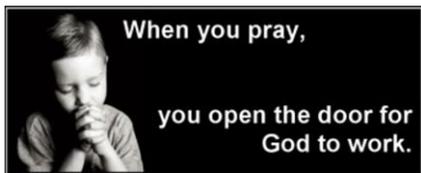


**Christianity Explored course continues  
Wednesday evenings at 7.30pm in the Coffee  
Bar .... Everyone welcome**

## Farewell to John & Rebekah Ewart



We wish John & Rebekah God's blessing on their move to the Diocese of Armagh where John will serve as Rector of Killyman Parish.



Hub Prayer Group  
Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May  
@ 11am



**Knit & Natter Group meets each Thursday morning from 10am**  
You're welcome to come along with your knitting or just to have a natter



**Singing is Good for You .....**  
If you'd like to join the Praise Group and Choir Singers - practise is usually on a Monday evening - contact Karen McAneney 07881 880006



The Bells in St Donard's will soon celebrate 75 years of ringing ... if you'd like to join the bell-ringing group contact Andrew White 028 9058 9423

At the Easter General Vestry meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> April 2023, the following were elected and appointed to serve on the Select Vestry ....

- Rector's Churchwarden - John Gilmore, Rector's Glebewarden - Trevor Matthews*
- People's Churchwarden - vacant, People's Glebewarden - Ken Conlin.*
- Vestry members - Graeme Smyth (Secretary), Michael Carson (Treasurer), William Moore, Heather Boyd, Rhonda Moroney, Keith White, Gareth Watson, Hilary Whiteside, Caroline Fox, Nelson Morrow, Nev McCormack, Diane Vaughan.*

Those elected as Parochial Nominators - Heather Boyd, Caroline Fox, Jonny Poole and Billy McAlpine  
Diocesan Synod Representatives - Eileen Givans and John Bell

### *From the Registers ....*

#### **Burial/Cremation**

March

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|------------------|----------------------------------|---------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup>  | James Fleming Apt 26 Ellis Court | Aged 90 years |
| 27 <sup>th</sup> | Nan Woodburn, 8 Kensington Ave., | Aged 82 years |
| 30 <sup>th</sup> | Alison Neill, Moorfield St,      | Aged 59 years |

April

- |                  |  |               |
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| 13 <sup>th</sup> | Elizabeth Hindsberg, 59 Bangor Rd.,<br>Newtownards | Aged 85 years |
| 24 <sup>th</sup> | Muriel Glass, 59 North Gardens                     | Aged 82 years |

### Children/Youth activities



Tuesdays 10am-12  
Main Hall - £1  
Contact Ann  
9065 2321



Squirrels & Beavers from 6.30pm  
Cubs and Scouts from 7.30pm  
Thursday evenings Parish Centre  
Contact Stephen Anderson 90485178



JIGSAW Sunday School  
P1-P7 during  
10.30am service  
Contact James  
07880 537615



Form 1 upwards – Bible class  
During 10.30am service –contact  
James 07880 537615



Youth Fellowship Friday nights – 7.30-9.30pm  
Contact James 07880 537615

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