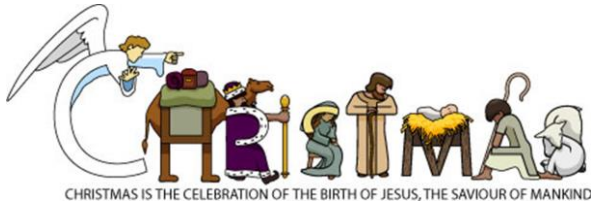


# ST DONARD'S CHURCH OF IRELAND

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## Dear Friends

As we make our preparations for Christmas this year, we are, unfortunately, still in the wake of the Covid-19 pandemic and having to live with certain restrictions. Therefore, for everyone's safety, our Christmas services will have to be a little different again this year.

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> December, is when the children of our Sunday School retell the account of the Nativity and is usually a time when our whole church family comes together, however this year, we will keep to our two separate morning services of ENGAGE@10 and 11.30 am in order to accommodate larger numbers and to keep everyone as safe as we can.

## Services in December 2021

### 5<sup>th</sup> December

10.00 ENGAGE@10 HC  
11.30 Holy Communion  
19.00 Holy Communion

### 12<sup>th</sup> December

10.00 ENGAGE@10  
11.30 Morning Service  
19.00 Evening Service

### 19<sup>th</sup> December

10.00 ENGAGE@10 Nativity Service  
11.30 Morning Service  
19.00 Readings & Carols for Christmas

### 25<sup>th</sup> CHRISTMAS DAY

10.00 All-age informal service followed by Holy Communion

### 26<sup>th</sup> December

11.00 Online service  
No service in church

### Christmas Home Communions

We offer Holy Communion to those who are house-bound and unable to come out to worship. Contact the Rector to arrange a suitable date and time. 9065 2321



**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> December**  
**ENGAGE@10 : Nativity Service**  
**11.30am Morning Worship**  
**7pm Readings & Carols for Christmas**



**CHRISTMAS DAY**  
**10.00am Short celebration service for Christmas Day**  
*There will be an opportunity following this service to receive Holy Communion for those who wish to stay*



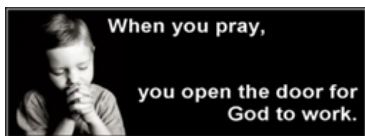
**Welcome: The Hooker Family**

Josh and Cathy have been working in southern Africa since 2005 and in Namibia since 2007.

For 11 years Josh lectured at Namibia Evangelical Theological Seminary but more recently he has been working for a church in Windhoek. This ministry allows him to combine two things that are close to his heart: teaching the Bible in the local church and equipping preachers to preach. Cathy is a qualified primary school teacher.

Josh and Cathy will be moving to Northern Ireland in November 2021 to serve in the Diocese of Down and Dromore and joining us here in St Donard's.

Josh and Cathy have three children: Benjamin, Erin and Matthew.



**The Hub Prayer Group**  
Friday 28th Jan @  
11am



**Knit & Natter Group**  
Thursdays from 10.30 in the  
Coffee Bar  
2<sup>nd</sup> Dec, 16<sup>th</sup> Dec, 30<sup>th</sup> Dec  
13<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> January



**4<sup>th</sup> Dec @**  
**Willowfield Church**  
**Year 8 – Year 14**  
Speak to James if  
you'd like to go



**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> December**  
**7.00-8.30pm**  
**Christmas Family Quiz Night**  
Get a team together or join one  
on the night.  
Test your brain power and hear  
a little more about the meaning  
of Christmas from James.  
Let Ken or James know for catering

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

### **Burial/Cremation**

#### **October**

12<sup>th</sup> Georgie Hoy, Flat 5 Greenville Court aged 97 years

#### **November**

12<sup>th</sup> Rita Caldwell, 100 Orangefield Ave. aged 88 years

12<sup>th</sup> Jill Rollins, 44 Dunraven Cres., aged 80 years

### **Marriage**

#### **October**

23<sup>rd</sup> Jason McIlmail & Samantha Magowan



Thank you to everyone who  
returned a Shoebox or donated to  
the appeal. We were able to send  
68 shoeboxes and a number of  
donations to make up a box.



**FREEWILL OFFERING ENVELOPES**  
If you give by FWO, could we ask for  
them to be returned by the end of  
December as any handed in after  
that will not be recorded in 2021  
accounts.

## **Children/Youth activities**



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



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



**JIGSAW Sunday**  
**School**  
**P1-P7 during**  
**ENGAGE@10 service**  
**Contact James**  
**07458 305855**



**Form 1 upwards – Bible class**  
**During ENGAGE@10 service – contact**  
**James 07458 305855**



**Youth Fellowship Friday nights – 7.30-9.30pm**  
**Contact James 07458 305855**

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