

# ST DONARD'S CHURCH OF IRELAND

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**19<sup>th</sup> March  
Special Service  
@ 10.30am with  
Bishop David McClay**



**St Patrick's Day  
Festival Service @  
Down Cathedral  
11.45am**  
**Special Guest :**  
**Most Rev. Laurent  
Mbanda - Archbishop  
of Rwanda**

## Holy Week & Easter 2<sup>nd</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> April



Join us on the journey from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday  
**RISING HOPE** - speaker : Josh Hooker

**Monday - The Day Death Died - St Donard's @7.30pm**

**Tuesday - How can you say there's no resurrection - Bloomfield Methodist @7.30pm**

**Wednesday - Raised Imperishable! - St Donard's @7.30pm**

**Thursday - Together Forever! - **AGAPE MEAL - 7pm**  
Bloomfield Presbyterian Church**

**Friday - Walk of Witness 1-2 pm (starting at BPC)**

**Friday - Everything new! Tenebrae service St Donard's @ 7.30pm**

**EASTER SUNDAY - Brunch from 9.45am in the hall followed by  
Celebration service at 10.30am**



**TRANSFORMATIONS**  
40 STORIES FROM THE DIOCESE OF DOWN & DROMORE

From Palm Sunday to Easter  
- 40 stories of God at work  
across the Diocese.  
Available on the Down &  
Dromore Website, Youtube  
and Facebook

## Services in March/April 2023

### 5<sup>th</sup> March

10.30 Holy Communion

19.00 Holy Communion

### 12<sup>th</sup> March

10.30 Morning Worship

19.00 Evening Service

### 19<sup>th</sup> March - Mother's Day

10.30 Morning Worship

19.00 Evening Service

### 26<sup>th</sup> March **CLOCKS GO FORWARD!!**

10.30 Morning Worship

19.00 Evening Service

### 2<sup>nd</sup> April - Palm Sunday

10.30 Holy Communion

19.00 Holy Communion

### 9<sup>th</sup> April - **EASTER SUNDAY**

10.30 Celebration Service

19.00 Evening Service

### 16<sup>th</sup> April

10.30 Morning Worship

19.00 Evening Service

### 23<sup>rd</sup> April

10.30 Morning Worship

19.00 Evening Service

### 30<sup>th</sup> April

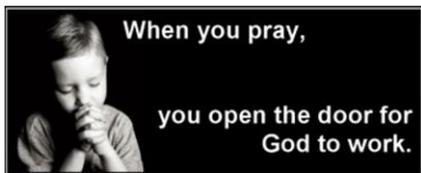
10.30 Morning Worship

19.00 Evening Service

**Easter General Vestry  
Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April @ 7.30pm**



**Please come along to this  
important meeting**



Hub Prayer Group  
 Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March  
 Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April  
 @ 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



## St Donard's Bells Open Day

Here in St Donard's we have 6 bells, installed in the Tower in 1949. On the 26<sup>th</sup> of November 2024, we will be celebrating the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the installation of the peal of bells in the tower but we need ringers if these are to continue to ring Sunday by Sunday calling people to worship. Bellringing is an ancient art and we certainly do not want it to die out here at St Donard's. Over recent months we have lost Jean Jeffery a long-standing bellringer and Tower Captain for many years in this parish and she would be heartbroken if the bells here in St Donard's stop ringing, as would many other parishioners

**So, have you ever wondered what bellringing it is about?**

We are appealing for anyone aged 10 and above— there is no upward age limit on learning to ring, you don't need to be musical at all, all we ask is as long as you can climb 12 steps into our ringing room you will find a very warm welcome. Lets keep the Art of Change Ringing alive here in St Donard's Parish Church, for many years to come and lets have a full band of St Donard's Ringers, ringing for the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary next year.

**Join us for our "Tower Open Day" on the afternoon of:  
 Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2023 between 2pm-4pm**

and see what it is all about and become a member of St Donard's bell ringers, refreshment will be available in the coffee bar.

Members of the Northern District of the Irish Association of Change Ringers, with be us that afternoon demonstration the art of Bellringing.

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

#### **Burial/Cremation**

December 2022

- 14<sup>th</sup> Norman Hyslop, 66 Orangefield Parade, Belfast Aged 75yrs
- 16<sup>th</sup> Allison McWilliams, 53 Larkfield Gdns, Belfast Aged 74 yrs
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Ellen Winifred Gribben, 132 Belmont Rd, Belfast Aged 83yrs

January 2023

- 5<sup>th</sup> Evelyn Murphy, 24 Gilnahirk Pk., Belfast, Aged 92 yrs
- 13<sup>th</sup> James Fairley, 15 Luxor Gdns., Belfast, Aged 82 yrs

#### **Baptism**

12<sup>th</sup> February 2023 Alexandra Emily Healey-Scott, daughter of Mark & Natalie, 11 Luxor Gardens, Belfast

### Children/Youth activities



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

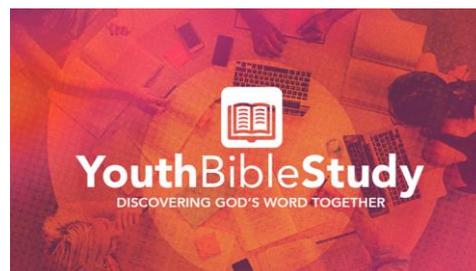


Squirrels & Beavers from 6.30pm  
 Cubs and Scouts from 7.30pm  
 Thursday evenings Parish Centre  
 Contact Stephen Anderson 90485178



Connecting God's Big Picture

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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