



ST DONARD'S CHURCH OF IRELAND

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Dear Friends

As I write this letter for the September Newsletter, Ann and I are in the process of packing boxes in preparation for our move from the Rectory in early September. It's a difficult time for us personally and for the parish of St Donard's as we all face a period of change and upheaval. I'm thankful to James, Josh, John and Rev Alan who will be continuing to lead and preach at our services so that worship will continue as usual. Also my thanks to Rev Colin Taylor who will come to celebrate Holy Communion. It hasn't been possible to provide cover for all the evening services so do keep an eye on the Newsheet each month.

Parish Ministry offers a Minister the privilege to walk alongside people in times of joy and sorrow and to bring something of the love and comfort of God into the situations faced and to lead God's people as we seek to live out and share the Good News of Jesus with others. This has been mine and Ann's privilege for just over 14 years here in St Donard's. Thank you for sharing this journey with us and for your love and support.

Ann and I will continue to pray for St Donard's and I trust you will too, especially for those with the task of appointing a new Rector. This process may take a while so please continue to faithfully worship and support each other.

God knows what He's doing and will have nothing but the best for His Church. We look forward to hearing of all the good things that God has planned for St Donard's in the coming years as we also look forward to what he has in store for us.

Every Blessing
Ken & Ann

Services in September 2023

3rd September

10.30 Holy Communion

19.00 REVIVE praise & reflection service

10th September

10.30 Morning Worship

NO EVENING SERVICE

17th September

10.30 Morning Worship

19.00 Evening Service

24th September

10.30 Morning Worship

19.00 Evening Service

**Coming up on 8th October
@10.30am**



**REVIVE - Praise & Reflection service
Continues 1st Sunday evening each
month - at 7pm**

TRUE CONVERSION

4 STUDIES IN COLOSSIANS 1

29 AUGUST - 1 SEPTEMBER



**Diocesan Bible Week - 29th Aug - 1st Sept in Willowfield Parish
7.45pm each evening - Speaker Rev Greg Downes
Four studies from Colossians chapter 1**



Thank you for continuing to support our local Foodbank. As **from September** please bring donations to church each Sunday and put them in the trolley provided. These will be delivered once a week. **Please don't leave any donations of food at the Rectory.**



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



Sunday School resumes 10th Sept @ 10.30am Morning Service
Parent & Toddler Group resumes Tuesday 12th Sept @ 10am
Squirrels, Beavers & Scouts resumes Thursday 14th Sept from 6.30pm
Youth Fellowship resumes Friday 15th Sept 7pm



This course, led by Josh Hooker, runs over 20 months and is for Christians at any stage on their journey with God who want to know more about the Bible and how it relates to their lives. No prior theological knowledge or qualifications are needed! Each module costs £30 (payable on arrival at the start of each module) The first module begins on **3rd October - 5th December.**
Please email Josh Hooker: joshhooker1998@gmail.com to register

From the Registers

Burial/Cremation

July

21st George Smith, 19 Bloomdale St., Aged 82 years

25th Elizabeth Elliott, Elmgrove Manor, Aged 85 years

Baptism

August

19th Arabella Love, daughter of Gary & Natalie Love, 16 Windsorhill, Waringstown

Children/Youth activities



Tuesdays 10am-12
Main Hall - £1
Contact James
07880 537615



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



Sunday School P1-P6 during
10.30am Morning Service
Contact James 07880 537615



P7 upwards – Bible class
During 10.30am Morning service –
contact James 07880 537615



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

For Youth & Family events contact : James Armstrong - 07880 537615 email : familyworker@stdonards.com

During the vacancy - in the event of a funeral or hospital emergency please contact :

Rev Clive Atkinson (Area Dean) : email : clive@willowfieldchurch.co.uk mobile: 07485 780453

