

St Columbanus



Ballyholme



January Kiwoko Trip
Service of Remembering
Harvest Pictures



Dec 2018 / Jan 2019



The Parishioner

..On the way
together..

The Church is open every weekday morning for private prayer and meditation

The Rambling Rector

This holiday I'm remembering fondly a parishioner who died last year. She lived alone and managed to care for herself well, although for most of her life she was, as she put it, bad with her nerves. It was one Christmas Day after Church. I was mid-turkey dinner down the country when my mobile rang. I didn't recognise the voice through the sobs. Would I come to see her? What was wrong? I'm on my own. When we made it back to Ballyholme that evening I went round and sat with her for an hour. I found her, where she had spent most of the day, in bed. It was to be her last Christmas at home alone. She moved into residential care early that New Year and never felt quite so on her own ever again. Even for the Child of Bethlehem it wasn't like that. If the Jesus of the Passion is a lonely, rejected figure, the Jesus of the Nativity is received, welcomed and surrounded by people almost immediately. The Christ of Christmas is not just part of a family but part of a community – earthly and heavenly. Forget one brother or sister, and we forget Him.



SED



Home Visits & Communion Calls

The clergy make every effort to keep up with the regular round of sick calls and pastoral visits to our home members and those in nursing care. As the winter sets in it is more important than ever that no one is left out. Please don't risk leaving it to our memory or intuition to know who might be feeling forgotten. Get in touch straight away if you are aware of anyone who would appreciate a visit, especially if they end up in hospital. Likewise Christmas Communion: bringing the sacrament to parishioners who loved the Lord and His Church over a lifetime remains one of the great pleasures of my ministry.

SED

The Journey of the Magi by T. S. Eliot



A cold coming we had of it,
Just the worst time of the year
For a journey, and such a long journey:
The ways deep and the weather sharp,
The very dead of winter.
And the camels galled, sorefooted, refractory,
Lying down in the melting snow.
There were times we regretted
The summer palaces on slopes, the terraces,
And the silken girls bringing sherbet.
Then the camel men cursing and grumbling
and running away, and wanting their liquor and
women,
And the night fires going out, and the lack of
shelters,
And the cities hostile and the towns unfriendly
And the villages dirty and charging high prices:
A hard time we had of it.
At the end we preferred to travel all night,
Sleeping in snatches,
With the voices singing in our ears, saying
That this was all folly.

Then at dawn we came down to a temperate
valley,
Wet, below the snow line, smelling of vegetation;
With a running stream and a water-mill beating
the darkness,
And three trees on the low sky,
And an old white horse galloped away in the
meadow.
Then we came to a tavern with vine leaves over
the lintel,
Six hands at an open door dicing for pieces of
silver,
And feet kicking the empty wine-skins.
But there was no information, and so we
continued
And arriving at evening, not a moment too soon
Finding the place; it was (you may say)
satisfactory.

All this was a long time ago, I remember,
And I would do it again, but set down
This set down
This: were we led all that way for
Birth or Death? There was a Birth, certainly
We had evidence and no doubt. I had seen birth
and death,
But had thought they were different; this Birth
was
Hard and bitter agony for us, like Death, our
death.
We returned to our places, these Kingdoms,
But no longer at ease here, in the old
dispensation,
With an alien people clutching their gods.
I should be glad of another death.

Just Older Youth

The Wednesday Club

Our November meeting was held in the Kajiado room, where our ladies were entertained by Rachel Brittan who works for CMSI in Belfast. Being a member of our church, she already knew many of the ladies. She did a presentation about Marketplace, a part of CMSI that highlights the determination of ladies in parts of Africa and Asia, to provide for their families. Making crafts is a way for women to make money for themselves and not be dependent on others. Rachel had brought many examples of their fantastic crafts, that were available for us to purchase, which several ladies took advantage of.



She finished her talk with an example of how hard the ladies had to work, just carrying provisions home. Much to the amusement of those present, she persuaded me to demonstrate how hard it was to carry heavy and somewhat awkward loads on their heads, a thing they do day and daily and also from a very early age.

After our customary tea and cakes, the draw was won by Muriel McClung. Next month is our Christmas meeting, and we would love to see you.

Sue



T. S. Eliot's *The Journey of the Magi* is the story of the journey to the Christ child and back again. It is the story of what that journey does deep inside the poem's narrator, one of the magi.

Former Archbishop of Canterbury Rowan Williams in writing about this poem said, 'Eliot never wanted to express religious faith as a nice cheerful answer to everyone's questions, but as an inner shift so deep that you could hardly notice it, yet giving a new perspective on everything and a new restlessness in a tired and chilly world'.

God bless, Karen

Christmas shopping was a great adventure when I was a child. To finance this, money had to be drawn from the Belfast Savings Bank. At Primary School, we saved half-a-crown a week. I was allowed to withdraw £1-00 to buy presents for Mother, Father, my sister and my brother. It felt wonderfully extravagant to allocate a whole five shillings to each present.

Going to the bank was an adventure. The school savings were lodged via a bank employee who came to the school on Monday mornings.

On withdrawal day I was taken to the bank after school. The bank teller presided over the transaction with due deference; I felt really special.

My sister, eight years older, took me to shop at Woolworths' in High Street, Belfast. She would take me first to Robbs' Department Store in Royal Avenue to see Santa. I'll never forget the wonder of this.

The subsequent present shopping was carried out in a rosy glow of goodwill, which my sister capitalised on, picking out the 1956 Film Star Annual for herself, at the full five shillings. I remember leafing through photos of the film stars. I am pretty sure there was an image of a brooding young Elvis hovering on one of the pages, with his slicked-back hair and what looked suspiciously like makeup.

My brother's present was bought next; a Hotspur annual at four shillings and sixpence. For father, I chose the biggest bar of Cadbury's chocolate. At four shillings, this meant that I was well within budget and could afford to buy us a bag of chips at the 'Tea Cosy' café on our way home.

Last but not least was the present for Mother; Hartnell's 'In Love' talcum powder in a heart-shaped pink container. It cost exactly five shillings.

We got our Christmas tree from the vegetable man, whose lorry would make its stately arrival into the street at seven o'clock on a Friday evening. On the appointed Friday the lorry would arrive, we all went out to the vegetable man to help carry the provisions indoors, and to manhandle the tree, five feet tall, into the living room. Here it was placed in a bucket of coal which we disguised with red crepe paper. I remember that not many people in the street where we lived had Christmas tree lights at this time. Father got a long piece of two-core flex along which he connected a series of round, pearlised light bulbs.



My sister completed our homemade lights by painting each bulb a different colour. The usual aromatic memories of Christmas were superseded by the smell of burning paint when the lights first came on.

On Christmas morning, my foray into the Christmas presents yielded a games compendium, some Famous Five books, paints, a baking set, a craft set, a selection box, warm gloves, a tangerine, a shilling and some nuts. Absolutely wonderful.

At Epiphany, down came the tree, whisked outside into the back garden, leaving a persistent trail of pine needles and an irate Mother with a vacuum cleaner in its wake.

Patricia Fawcett



CELEBRATE THE SAVIOUR

If our greatest need had been information, God would have sent us an educator.
 If our greatest need had been technology, God would have sent us a scientist.
 If our greatest need had been money, God would have sent us an economist.
 If our greatest need had been pleasure, God would have sent us an entertainer.
 But our greatest need was forgiveness, so

**God sent us a Saviour –
 come and worship Him this Christmas!**

Every year it feels as though there are more people to thank for sharing so actively and readily in the ministry of our parish. You know who you are, but more and more are taking a lead in the worship and teaching, the praying and visiting, the serving and giving.

To everyone who rejoices with us in the good news of the Gospel and the work of Christ's kingdom in St Columbanus:

**Blessings to you and yours
 this Christmas and New Year**

Hope in the Darkness

There are times when the world can seem very dark. Yet it is precisely for that reason that we most need the hope of the message of Christmas. Christ came at the darkest time of the year precisely to bring light into our spiritual darkness and to bring hope of something different to our broken world. Jesus was born into a violent world. From his birth, his life was threatened and he and his family became refugees. Even when they were able to return to Galilee, Jesus lived out his whole life under Roman occupation and under the shadow of violence and suffering.

But in that darkness the angels at the birth of Jesus bring a message of peace, hope and goodwill for everyone. The birth of Jesus is proclaimed as good news that will bring joy to all people, even though we will later know that hope comes through sacrifice and the suffering of the cross. And as believers, we have a part to play in making that kingdom and that hope real in our world today. Like Jesus, we may all have to face at times a path of suffering but in the resurrection we have his assurance that in the end God's victory will be sure and evil will be defeated. In the end the message of the angels of peace on earth and goodwill to all people will prevail. May that hope and joy be ours this Christmas time and in the year to come.

Mercia.



Now we are into December and Christmas trees are beginning to go up, we know this fabulous season is on our doorstep.

Christmas is a busy time for everyone, and the children of Ballyholme Parish have already started rehearsals for the **Nativity Play on Sunday 16th December**. Please come along and see our wonderful kids tell this amazing story.



I am expecting a buzz of excitement within the Parish Centre and church on **Saturday 15th December (2-4pm)** as the children gather to dress up in their costumes for the **final rehearsal** (don't worry, they will be rewarded with a **PARTY** afterwards!)

The **Family Carol Service**, is another Ballyholme 'must-do'. This short service is a beautiful way to get truly into the Christmas spirit on **Christmas Eve at 5pm!**

After all the Christmas business it is always nice to have a break and a rest, but we look forward to seeing all our families again **when Children's Church restarts on 13th January 2019**.



Paula Lown



Candy Canes

Look at the Candy Cane, what do you see?
Stripes that are red like the blood shed for me.

White is for my Saviour who's sinless and pure!

"J" is for Jesus My Lord, that's for sure!
Turn it around and a staff you will see.
Jesus my shepherd was born for Me!



Sunday 9 December 6.30pm

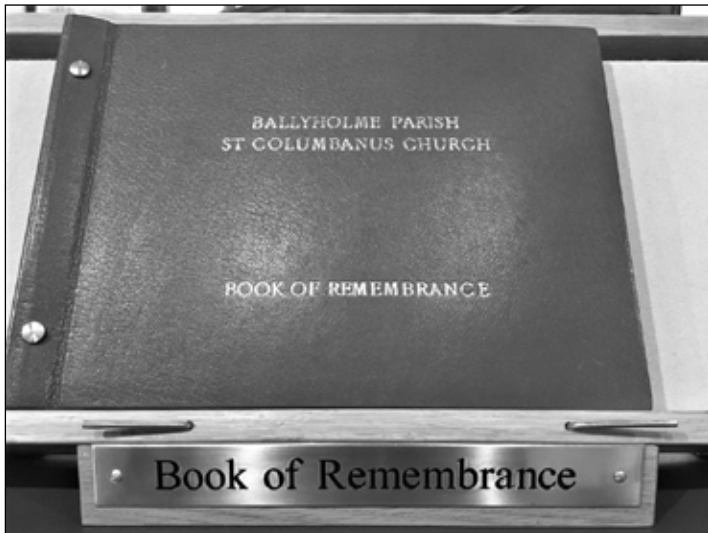
The traditional time for memorial services is in and around All Souls and All Saints, at the end of October/beginning of November. When we re-opened the Church in 2016 and held back on our annual service until Advent, people fed back to us that it was actually a more helpful time to have it. Certainly the run-up to Christmas is one of those points in the year when the loss of a loved one is felt particularly keenly. The mood of the party-season can ring hollow as we're reminded of those who won't be with us for this year's celebrations.



For Christians, the days of Advent are about looking for the light that has entered the darkness of this world's loss and pain. As the Christmas Gospel insists, Christ is the light that lightens everyone, and the darkness has not overcome it. Our guest preacher this year is another of our former curates, the much loved Reverend Denise Acheson. Denise's pastoral ministry was valued so much at St Columbanus, not least through the vacancy of the parish in 2007/08 when she conducted no fewer than 32 funerals.

Widowed herself when she had three young children, Denise had a special empathy for families going through bereavement and just a few years ago she experienced another heart-breaking personal loss when her daughter Ruth died of cancer, also leaving three young children. Appointed rector of St Colman's Dunmurry in 2008, Denise went on to serve on the teams of Belfast Cathedral, Lisburn Cathedral and most recently began as Part-time Priest in Charge of Holy Trinity, St Silas and Immanuel, Ardoyne in Belfast.

If you want to enquire about adding new names to the Book of Remembrance please get in touch with the Parish Office.

**Dani Ruttle-Lazaro**

Thirteen year old Dani Ruttle-Lazaro, grandson of Charles and Ruth pictured 3 weeks after his heart transplant in Madrid, Spain.

Dani is recovering very well and the family want to thank everyone for their prayers and support.

**North Down Storehouse**

The trolley will be at the back of Church during Advent for your festive donations such as selection boxes and Christmas puddings.

However, the following items are always in demand: spaghetti (dry and tinned), biscuits, porridge, breakfast cereal, tinned snacks – ravioli, meatballs, sausage & beans, tinned meals to serve with potatoes, diluting juice, tea, coffee, sugar, kitchen rolls, toilet rolls, toothpaste, nappies and toiletries.



As reported in last month's *Parishioner*, the strong response to our generous giving campaign and the widespread switch to electronic giving by Standing Order has had several significant effects.

On the purely practical side, we didn't have to order so many envelopes this year. Don't forget the new 2019 envelopes have been re-numbered: please stop using the old envelopes in the new year or someone else might be credited with your freewill offering! Last summer was also the first time in the memory of even the longest serving Vestry members when we weren't affected by a seasonal drop in giving. We didn't have to dip into our Gift Aid income to see us through from July to September which indicates a major step-forward.

Your increase in giving also meant we were in a position to employ the services of a part-time assistant minister on the arrival in Ballyholme of newly available Reverend Mercia Flanagan. Mercia has now given notice that she wishes to remain a parishioner but step down from stipendiary ministry completely at the end of August 2019. By that time our intern Deacon the Reverend Maithrie White-Dundas will have completed her student placement with us.

In light of which and looking ahead to next autumn, the Vestry has taken the decision that Ballyholme should advertise for a full time curate replacement for Mercia and enter this year's curacy round. The ordinations take place in early September 2019 which would fit very neatly with Mercia's plans to retire fully, and while there is no guarantee Ballyholme will be allocated a curate, our intention would be to throw the parish hat in the ring!

Please begin praying for a new appointment and to anyone still intending to make the switch to Standing Order now really would be a good time as we prepare to move back up to a full payroll. Forms are available from the Parish Office through the week or from the table at the back of Church on Sundays and Kelly McCullough, our Parish Administrator, will be glad to help you with any practical enquiries.

The primary aim of generous giving was always to return to a point where we could live out our worship and ministry while comfortably meeting our regular overheads and not having to rely on legacies to make up the shortfall in running costs. We thank God for the real progress made so far and for all that's still to come.



OBERAMMERGAU 2020
A ONCE-IN-A-DECADE OPPORTUNITY

Oberammergau 2020

A number of parishioners have been in touch about making the journey to Bavaria in 2020 to see the world famous passion play staged once every ten years by the villagers of Oberammergau. Now is the time of year many people start thinking about holidays and where they might like to go for a break over the coming twelve months. While this trip isn't until the following year, tickets are already released and in limited supply so

now is the time to act. For some people Oberammergau is on their personal bucket list. Others who have been before, can't wait to go again. If you haven't quite got round to expressing your interest just yet, please contact the parish office as soon as you can. The trip will be 5 days at the beginning of August 2020 and includes flights to and from Dublin.

Around the Parish



Harvest in St Columbanus is all about missions. Well, missions, flowers, fruit and vegetables. Alright then: missions, flowers, fruit, vegetables and soup! The photos tell the story but we were very pleased to see so many making a special family date not just of worship and Church but of lunch in the Parish Centre and the all-important count afterwards.

Vicky Hayes' decorating team enthusiastically set about their task on Saturday morning with dramatic arrangements throughout the Church and especially the sanctuary, the lectern, the pulpit, the font and the porch. Everywhere you looked there was another reminder of God's richness in creation. When the underfloor heating system did its work on Saturday night, heady scents greeted us as we stepped through the door on Sunday morning for the 8.30 Communion.

A wonderful presentation by Children's Church in song, words and prayer at the end of Good News at Ten saw our new flexible chancel put to its best effect – a case of 'all creatures great and small' if ever there was one! "The gift of life", a carefully chosen John Rutter anthem from the choir, lent to the sense of occasion at 11.30. Along with psalm 65, the traditional Anglican harvest chant, Morning Prayer rounded off our worship with something for everyone.



Making her first official Sunday visit to Ballyholme, our guest for harvest this year was Jenny Smyth, Mission Director of CMSI Ireland. A former missionary herself, Jenny pressed home the message of Deuteronomy 24 that God's call is to remember and serve the alien, the orphan and the widow. Explaining CMSI's priorities to resource, equip and transform the local church for mission, Jenny shared news from Kiwoko, Kajiado and a recent trip she had made to Egypt. At the lunch

Jenny repeated her thanks for Ballyholme's long-standing partnership with CMSI and her hope that it would grow deeper still over the coming years.



It took most of a dozen counters, under the able direction of Ann Adams, until nearly three o'clock to open all the Smarties Tubes and Gift Aided lunch envelopes. No one present had

ever seen so many 20 pence pieces though there were nuggets of gold among the silver as some tubes also contained £1 coins! It made for a slow count and necessitated a thorough washing of hands afterwards but the mood in the Kajiado Room was light as the total grew steadily. On the day, proceeds from the Smarties Tube collection and donations from the lunch came to just over £2000. Thanks to everyone who contributed to as large a haul as many can remember for years and one that has crept up over the days and weeks since.



As ever, the last to leave the Parish Centre were Karen Baker and Ann Browne whose efforts in the kitchen made for a colourful array of richly-stocked soups. Traditional church vegetable was served alongside curried parsnip, carrot and coriander and – a Ballyholme harvest stalwart – minestrone. The wheaten bread accompaniment and apple pie dessert made getting up from our seats afterwards quite a serious ask for many of us.



The set-up and tidy-away was the work of the Missions Committee with Leslie Adams, Libby Beach, Pat Davidson, Yvonne Manogue, Ann Shaw and Rory and Denise Wilson to the fore throughout.

If you missed it this year, don't miss it next: the third Sunday in October – whatever date that might be!





A team of 8 parishioners are spending a few days in Kiwoko Hospital in Uganda at the end of January. They are: Gavin Campbell, Patrick Crothers, Richard Gillan, Andrew Gowdy, Peter McIlwaine, Steven Nickell, Adam Reading and Rory Wilson.

The purpose of the trip is to learn more about the work of the hospital and through that see what God has to teach us about mission in our context here in

Ballyholme. Please pray for the team as they seek to encourage the staff at the hospital and learn themselves.

We will also be bringing out some equipment for use by the hospital. One request is for laptops to help the administration team – if anyone can donate an old personal or work laptop then please speak to Rory.

As a parish we will be praying for the team as we send them out on Sunday 20th January. After they are back we look forward to hearing more from them.

Rory Wilson



Some Questions For The Walkers?

When after a week of horrendous rain Saturday is promised to be bright and sunny is it wise to leave some of your wet weather gear at home to lighten your back pack?

When you stand with 10 other walkers on Strangford shore near Audley's Castle, blue sky, slack water, pastel Portaferry shoreline reflected in the water do you really believe Wordsworth got it right when Upon Westminster Bridge he wrote 'Earth has not anything to show more fair'? Or perhaps do you think earth cannot possibly have anything fairer than the views in the place we call home?

When you stop for lunch balanced on a stony wall at the water's edge beside an ivy encrusted round tower, with an ancient fireplace and detached chimney, steps running down to a walled pool, with what looks like an ice house nearby, have you any idea if it's a folly or a fish trap or something more mysterious?

When the wonderful weather forecast starts to drizzle as packed lunches finish and turns torrential with a couple of miles still to go do you finally realize you're an idiot for leaving your best waterproof at home to save a little weight?

And do you say to yourself 'that's a good idea' when one of our number opens his pack and produces a mini collapsible umbrella, available from the right shop for a pound coin, keeping himself comfortable and dry until we arrive back at our car park?

And do you think after an hour and a half spent in Killinchy over tea and coffee and treats we really should, as someone said, think about becoming a Talking Group instead of a Walking Group, with just a little walk thrown in for fun?

The answers to these and other questions may be revealed at the next walk on Saturday 1st December in Crawfordsburn Country Park followed by Christmas lunch in Donegan's.

A joyful Christmas to all our walkers and readers!

Leslie



MU updates

A few Autumn updates from MU

Our annual MU service this year took place on the evening of our Harvest Celebration. It was wonderful to celebrate our MU membership amongst the many good gifts on display from God's Abundance.

Thank you Rev Mercia Flanagan for your sharing in Mary Sumner's Footsteps. Also thanks to Ian Bell and the choir for sharing in our service.

It was good to enjoy a cuppa and chat in the warmth of friends afterwards.

Our next meeting took place on Monday 5th November, Guy Fawkes night for some. We enjoyed some apple tart for



supper (combining the Half Term/ Autumn celebrations! (Thank you, Janice))

Our speakers were from a soap workshop entitled Naturally Soap. We were in for a treat of an evening! They shared their ideas for their business, from its beginnings in Pamela's kitchen to a fine selection of hand made soap and gift-wrapped present ideas.

It was a most enjoyable and informative evening, teaching us to be wary of skin care labelling. You never know the ingredients that are maintaining the complexions of our MU members!!

Judging by the amount of purchases, the stockings could be bulging and the cheeks glowing in the Festive Season!

Speaking of the Festive Season, Monday 3rd December is our Christmas Craft night with Festive Supper in the cosy Kajiado Room! Looking forward to seeing you at 8pm.

Diary Date: Tuesday 8th January Our Annual New Season Meal in Bangor Golf Club! We will take £5.00 deposit and your menu choice at the 3rd December meeting. Hope to see you there!!

Many Blessings

Yvonne Manogue & MU committee.

Mothers' UNION
Christian care for families

Communion Lunch

Wednesday 12th December is the date for our next informal Communion lunch. The service starts at midday in the Parish Centre followed by lunch at 12.30pm, after which we will be joined by the choir from Ballyholme Primary School. This really is a wonderful occasion and not to be missed so please consider joining us. For more information or to arrange lifts please contact me at the Parish office on 9127 4712.

God bless,

Karen



Ballyholme MU Indoor Member Owen Anderson celebrated her 102nd Birthday on Tuesday 6th November 2018. To mark this the MU gave her a planter.

YOUTH-news

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So another month has come and gone, and it's certainly been a great month for the youth ministry here at church! Between trips, teaching, weekends and new ministries there has been plenty on. Oh, and I also got engaged and I'm buying a house. But more on that after I fill you in on the youth programme!

Since the last magazine piece, we've been having a great time at Emerge learning about the resurrection and the character of Jesus, as well as having a good laugh! It's been great to get to know the young people from the church and they never fail to crack me up with their hilarious antics. With YF, then, we recently had a night out at Eddie Irvine's Room2Race racing simulators, where all the young people raced against each other in the driving simulators – although the matter of who won is something of a controversy. We've also had nights looking at the importance of prayer, church and the Bible – it's been great to dive into these topics with the young people and explore their importance in the Christian life.

Aside from YF and Emerge I was also involved in the Kilbroney Weekend Blast – a brilliant weekend of fun and teaching led by the Big House, a Northern Irish charity who work with young people to help them know God's love, especially when life is difficult. It was a great weekend with young people from all over the diocese (so many young people, in fact, that myself and several other leaders had to sleep in a store room!), and I would love to see more of our own young people on that weekend next year.

We have also started a Bible Study for the Upper 6ths; we meet on Wednesday nights in the Metro room and have been studying Genesis, which has been great. I'm excited to see what the future holds for this group and to keep working through such an exciting book with them.

And finally (as promised) we come to my rapid ascent to 'adulthood' – whatever that means – with my recent engagement and purchase of a house here in Bangor. On the 1st of October I asked Hannah, my girlfriend of nearly 6 years, to marry me and thankfully she said yes! We will be getting married on the 1st of October 2019 here in Ballyholme Parish and although it's still 11 months away I don't doubt that the time will fly. I also hope to get the keys to my house this coming Friday (November 16th) and can't wait to move in and make it my own. That is, before Hannah moves in after our wedding and redecorates. Granted, though, that will probably be an improvement.

So as you can see it's been an exciting month for me and for the youth here at Ballyholme Parish! My prayer is that the Lord would continue to work in the hearts of the young people to transform them into what he made them to be, and I would love it if you could join me in this prayer.

Confirmation

For some of our young people, 2019 may be a year to remember – as this year we are planning to run a Confirmation course!

This didn't run last year as there were too few young people eligible, but this year we believe there are enough young people to run the classes. When the classes begin we will work our way through the Church of Ireland's 'Believe' resource, exploring what it means to live as a Christian, why Confirmation matters and much more!

As part of Confirmation our young people will also have the opportunity to go on the Confirmation Weekend, a youth weekend run by the Down and Dromore Youth and Children's department from the 8th-10th of March – and as someone who has been going for the past five years I can assure you that it is a fantastic weekend.

I was Confirmed when I was 14, and I look back on it as a very important time in my life. The reason for this is that when I was Confirmed and became a member of the Church of Ireland, I essentially became part of a family. That family – the Church of Ireland – has played a huge role in my life, and in good times and bad times they have always been there for me; indeed, they have often been the source of the good times in my life. And this is a family which is not just confined to Ballyholme Parish (although they certainly are your church family) – the Church of Ireland is spread throughout all of Ireland. I have found this to be a blessing in my life, and I believe that by becoming Confirmed into this family it can be so for you too.

So if you're Year 10 and above and you're interested in Confirmation, or even just want to know more about it, I'd love to speak to you.

Andrew Watson



December

2nd: Susan & Jonnie Stockton, Denise Wilson
9th: Glynis McSorley, Peter Robinson, Daphne Moore
16th: Michael & Sharon Hatch, Charles Robinson
23rd: Ann, Kelly & Karen
30th: Fiona Jackson, Ann Reynolds, Ella Walker

January 2019

6th: Tracie Andreasson, Heather Johnston, Nicole Watson
13th: Jem Moran, Joy Hamilton, Irene Bell
20th: Gillian & Geoff Young, Patrick Crothers
27th: Edna Morrison, Gillian Fletcher, Carole Majury



December

2nd Jacqui McCabe and Ian Bell
9th Yvonne Manogue
16th Christmas
23rd Christmas
30th Flower Fund

January 2019

6th Susan Stockton
13th Pat Shannon
20th Agnes Officer
27th Jacqui Devlin

FUNERAL

November

10th: Mauveen McCool, formerly of Seahaven, Groomsport
10th: Mary Ryan, formerly of Millbrook Lodge
16th: Norrie Donnan, formerly of Sandringham Drive.
19th: Dick Matier, formerly of Oakmont Lodge Care Home.

December

2nd: Katherine Newman, Jayne Nickell, Jodie Smyth, Emma Sutherland, Lynne Forde
9th: Libby Beech, Kate English, Liz Grant, Anna Gullen, Carla Kells
16th Navitty: Karen Baker, Libby Beech, Anne Brown, Pamela Reading, Claire Skelly



January 2019

6th: No Children's Church
13th: Claire Andrews, Judith Bell, Heather Milliken
20th: Sarah Boyd, Jenny Campbell, Caroline Connolly
27th: Emma MacDonald, Cathrine Menary, Angela McCartney

Creche Rota

December



2nd: Rachel Brittain, Sharon Gowdy, Julie Caulfied
9th: Natalie McCartan, Ashleigh Birkett, Jenny Whiteside
16th: Nativity - No Creche
23rd: No Creche
30th: No Creche

January 2019

6th: No Creche
13th: Rachel Brittain, Dawn Shackles, Nicola Gullen
20th: Natalie McCartan, Melissa Haddock, Johanna Lawther
27th: Christine Rankin, Sarah Douglas, Rhonda Mitchell-Barrett

Community Carols

We are hosting this year!
 Join us for our annual Festive Carol singing together with our Ballyholme Neighbour Churches.
 Thursday 20 December 5.30 - 6.30pm.
 Outside Heatherlea Bakery (formerly the Sheridan).



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 Transport: 07599794968
 Church Readers Rota:
 Freda (11.30) 91467624
 Thelma (10.00) 91271327
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DECEMBER**Sunday 2nd December Advent 1**

8.30 Holy Communion
 10.00 Good News at Ten &
 Children's Church
 11.30 Morning Prayer

Wednesday 5th December

10.30 Holy Communion - Kajiado room

Sunday 9th December Advent 2

8.30 Holy Communion
 10.00 Good News at Ten &
 Children's Gifts
 11.30 Parish Communion
 6.30 Service of Remembering

Wednesday 12th December

10.30 Holy Communion - Kajiado room

Sunday 16th December Advent 3

8.30 Holy Communion
 10.00 Children's Carol Service
 11.30 Morning Prayer
 6.30 Carols by Candlelight

Wednesday 19th December

10.30 Holy Communion - Kajiado room

Sunday 23rd December Advent 4

8.30 Holy Communion
 10.30 Combined Service

Monday 24th December Christmas Eve

5.00 Family Carol Service
 11.00 First Communion of Christmas

Tuesday 25th December Christmas Day

8.30 Holy Communion
 10.00 Family Service

Sunday 30th December Christmas 1

8.30 Holy Communion
 10.30 Combined Service

JANUARY**Wednesday 2nd January**

10.30 Holy Communion - Kajiado room

Sunday 6th January Epiphany

8.0 Holy Communion
 10.00 Good News at Ten - All Age
 11.30 Morning Prayer

Wednesday 9th January

10.30 Holy Communion - Kajiado room

Sunday 13th January Epiphany 1

8.30 Holy Communion
 10.00 Good News at Ten &
 Children's Church
 11.30 Holy Communion
 6.30 United Service Holy Redeemer
 Sheridan Drive

Wednesday 16th January

10.30 Holy Communion - Kajiado room

Sunday 20th January Epiphany 2

8.30 Holy Communion
 10.00 Good News at Ten &
 Children's Church
 11.30 Morning Prayer

Wednesday 23rd January

10.30 Holy Communion - Kajiado room

Sunday 27th January Epiphany 3

8.30 Holy Communion
 10.00 Good News at Ten - Communion
 & Children's Church
 11.30 Morning Prayer

Wednesday 30th January

10.30 Holy Communion - Kajiado room



**Quiz
 Night**

**Saturday
 12th January**

**7.30pm in
 Parish Centre**

Tables - Maximum of 8 people
 Book through Kelly in the office
 £5 per person

BYO drinks, nibbles etc for brain food

**Proceeds to support Parish Mission
 Partners**



**Help needed to decorate
 the church for Christmas**

**Saturday 15th December
 at 10.00 am**

All offers of help, flowers,
 greenery etc,
 very much appreciated