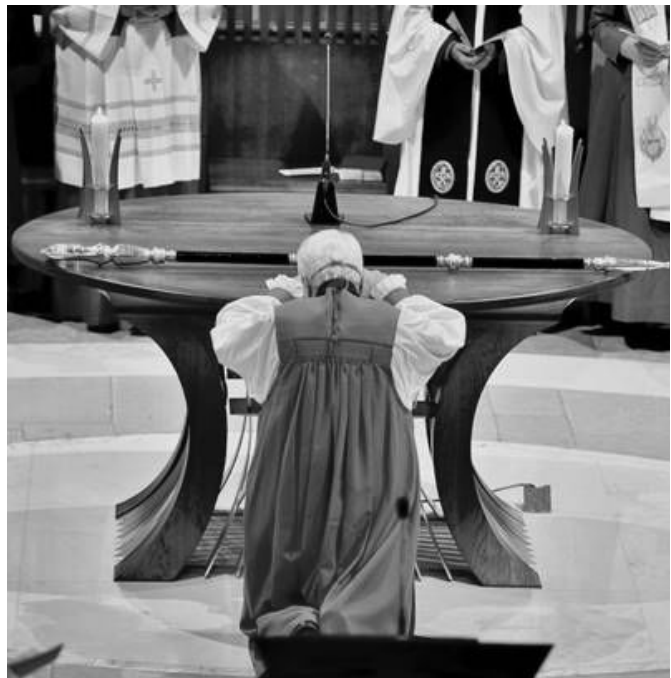


# St Columbanus

Ballyholme



Bishop Alan's Retirement  
Columbanus Festival  
New Wine Worship Room



..On the way  
together..

## The Parishioner

November 2019

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

Renee Miles' recent funeral gave me much to reflect upon in this month of remembering, 50 years since the start of 'The Troubles'. Living off Belfast's Antrim Road, Renee moved to Godfrey Avenue in 1978 when her husband Albert, Deputy Governor of the Maze Prison, was shot dead on their front doorstep by the IRA. Poignantly, the Bible passage from Albert's service was also read at Renee's: Revelation 7's heavenly throne room. John describes "a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language." John is presenting his soon-to-be persecuted, first century Christian communities with a picture of the complete people of God. But he goes on: "These are they who have come out of the great tribulation." In other words, they have lived through the nightmare. They can wake up to a glorious, fresh new morning, wearing shining white robes, not because they lived lives of unblemished holiness but because the blood of Jesus has bleached them clean. Within 12 months of Albert Miles' death, the four colleagues who carried his coffin out of St James' Parish Church had also been murdered. 40 years on, please God we have all lived through the nightmare. **SED.**



## Retirement of Bishop Alan

Prematurely and on the grounds of ill-health, Ballyholme's former rector the Right Reverend Alan Abernethy will retire as Bishop of Connor on 31 December. Having been widely reported in the press, the announcement was relayed in St Columbanus on 29 September, when our fifth Sunday wholeness and healing theme gave the news an added poignancy.

Our Select Vestry met the resignation at its September meeting with real sadness. On behalf of the whole parish the Rector passed on Vestry's sympathies to Bishop Alan in writing because it is a feeling so many in Ballyholme are sure to share. Not everyone was part of St Columbanus when Bishop Alan left in April 2007, nor even when he came back for Holy Week before the restoration project closure in 2016. But there can't be anyone in the wider Ballyholme community unaware of the legacy he left after seventeen years of ministry and the vast majority of our Church family will be aware of his most recent, well-publicised diagnosis of prostate cancer.

While there has been regular prayer in Ballyholme that Bishop Alan might be able to return to fulltime work and he had voiced this desire himself, a hope was expressed at Vestry that he may now feel a burden has been lifted. He has never ceased to be in the warm wishes of our parishioners, where there is a twin sense, presumptuously perhaps, that Bishop Alan was at his happiest at St Columbanus, and that we have always felt his pain more keenly than anyone else.

On a happier note, many have been pleased to know that he and Liz will be living in



Bangor West in their retirement and obviously our trust would be that they get to share the joy of so many Bangor residents in making full use of their SmartPasses.

The last thing Bishop Alan needs is extra invitations in the run up to what will be a low-key farewell at the end of the year. However it was the strong desire of Vestry that the Rector should invite Bishop Alan to preach one last time before he finishes. As we go to press this month, we await a reply but naturally, we will understand completely if he can't manage it. In the meantime, please keep praying as his treatment continues.





## Just Older Youth

Coffee and tea are never far away in Ballyholme and certainly a mainstay of Monday coffee and scones, Wednesday Club and Friday lunches. After more than 13 years of almost constant use, the original catering filter coffee machines reached their retirement age last summer. One of our most faithful senior members was Vera Bell and we were so pleased when her son Donald stepped forward to buy two replacement models in memory of his mum.

Outwardly the new machines look very similar to the old ones but many have remarked that the coffee we have been serving since September tastes better and is noticeably warmer. Now you know the secret and the story. How splendid to think as we enjoy our coffee that lovely Vera is still remembered.

### **Karen.**

With all that we do in Ballyholme by way of hospitality and welcome, here is a prayer which reminds us of those who made our coffee possible in the first place.

*Loving Saviour,  
I drink this cup in solidarity,  
with the one who planted the seedlings,  
with the one who nurtured the soil,  
with the one who watered the trees,  
with the one who harvested the beans in  
their cherries,  
with the one who brought the harvest to market,  
It has been a long time brewing, this cup.  
And with each sip, I pray for justice for everyone  
in the chain of production,  
particularly those whose poverty prevents them  
from tasting the bounty you provide  
Solidarity, justice:  
This is our challenge.  
But one thing I have learned from you, Lord.  
Is that small cups can contain great miracles.  
And we can all find oneness there.  
Amen.*





I hope you enjoyed seeing our children give their presentation on Harvest Sunday last month; they had a lot of fun preparing it! I love that the children are welcomed to be a part of Sunday worship each week and that special services provide an opportunity for the congregation to share in their child-like faith and enthusiasm!

In October each of the 3 groups learnt something different. The Bubbles heard the story of Adam and Eve, and how their wrong choice made it difficult for them to be friends

with God. The Bubbles then discovered the secret message found on Jelly Babies, which tells how God sent Jesus so that we can start over again and be friends with Him. **(Buy some Bassetts Jelly Babies, I'm sure your child would love to show you the secret message!)**



Meanwhile, Splash focused on the story of Joseph, and how he kept living for God even after his brothers sold him into slavery, where he was thrown into prison. Finally, Ice had quite a lot of artistic preparation to complete for Harvest Sunday, so they considered why we celebrate Harvest at church, and I believe they even planted some of their own seeds to grow!

## Joseph Word Search

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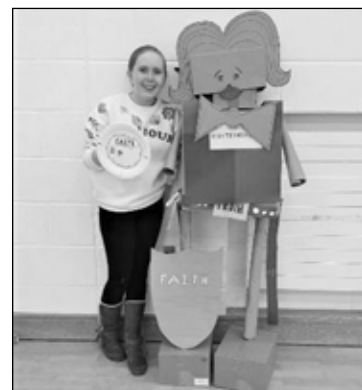
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**PRAISE KIDS  
AND  
PRAISE CREW**

Don't forget to come along and join us at PRAISE KIDS (P1 - P4, Monday, 4-4.30pm) or PRAISE CREW (P5 - P7, Monday, 4.30-5pm)

**Paula Lown**







Sunday 6 October afforded us the very happy opportunity to welcome back the Bishop of Kajiado. On his third visit to St Columbanus, Bishop Gaddiel Lenini preached at all three Sunday services, brought warm greetings from the Anglican Church in Kenya and from his family, and thoroughly enjoyed seeing for himself our newly restored Church.

Bishop Gaddiel had been in Ireland since September for a short sabbatical at the Church of Ireland Theological Institute. He spent the weekend prior to coming to us in the far west of

Ireland as a guest of the diocese of Tuam. At our own first Sunday All Age service he expressed gratitude for the water tank repairs and, in particular the new tank covers

Ballyholme has funded over the past few years in Kajiado. Whatever about the rest of the world, he described the real disruption climate change has been making to the rainy seasons in Kenya whereby rainwater which used to be reliable and plentiful now simply isn't.

At a lunch after the third service served by Missions Committee and Staff Team members, a threefold greeting was celebrated: to our guest of honour for the day Bishop Gaddiel; to our former CMSI Kajiado mission partners Ronnie and Maggie Briggs now back in Northern Ireland for good who joined us for our 11.30 service; and to our new Community Pastor the Reverend Jan Stevenson and her family Sam, Ruth and Hope. Nothing quite says



'welcome home' like Sunday lunch!

Bishop Gaddiel hopes to be back in Ireland with a number of other CMSI link bishops after next year's Lambeth Conference.



Christian outreach abroad and at home is the vision for an ad-hoc group of Ballyholme parishioners known as 'The Mission Committee'. Reporting to the Select Vestry on a monthly basis, membership of the committee is open to anyone who wants to promote practical Christian mission projects and actively raise funds to support them.

Alongside running regular parish events like the harvest lunch and January quiz, the Committee oversees Ballyholme's annual mission 'disbursements'. Essentially these are gifts of money directed to our partner organisations engaged with Christian mission – by which we mean: word and deed, preaching and action. To help the committee make these gifts responsibly, consistently and transparently, a new financial protocol has recently been agreed.

The full text can be read on the parish website but by way of summary, the main objective of the Mission Committee is to facilitate relationships with particular Christian organisations, activities or situations. While we support a mixture of long-term missionaries, short-term projects and one-off emergency relief appeals, our priority is partnership rather than merely seeking to give money to worthy causes. In practice the relationships we want to develop will only mature when at least one individual or 'champion' within the parish takes the lead.

As you know, the Select Vestry has a long-established policy of 'tithing' (giving the Biblical 10%) to mission activity from both our Restoration 2016 building costs and our legacy income. The Mission Committee is keen to promote the principal of tithing to missions more widely and has a vision that parish income should increase steadily so that our overheads are comfortably met and new opportunities to expand our mission partnerships and giving can open up.

The Mission Committee longs to encourage more parishioners to engage with both local and global mission. This may include helping individuals or groups of parishioners volunteering to make Christian mission trips internationally. Anyone interested in exploring this possibility is encouraged to discuss their plans with a committee member. A request for financial support is made by writing a simple letter to the committee explaining your plans, costs and requesting a contribution. Such Parishioners will be strongly encouraged to feed back to the parish after their return.

Mission is for everyone and not just for those going far afield. Please continue to pray for the work of the Mission Committee, our Parish leadership and for each one of us as we find ways to share God's love with those around us.

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## **November in Ireland**





# Columbanus Festival

**SATURDAY 16 AND SUNDAY 17 NOVEMBER 2019**  
Commemorating the life and legacy of Columbanus

**Columbanus Concert**  
**Saturday 16 November - £10**

St Columbanus Church,  
Groomsport Rd, Bangor  
7.30pm (doors open at 7.00pm)

**Celtic Storm**  
Ards CCE will perform their latest toe-tapping programme of traditional Irish music, song and dance featuring award winning musicians and dancers

**Cappella Caeciliana**  
Conducted by Donal McCrisken, the Belfast based chamber choir will sing a repertoire of medieval plainchant and present day compositions

**Tickets available from:**  
Mace Shop, Brunswick Road, Bangor 028 9145 5530  
Bangor Visitor Information Centre 028 9127 0099  
Ards Visitor Information Centre 028 9181 8846  
North Down Museum 028 9127 1200  
St Columbanus Parish Office 028 9127 4912  
Book online at: [ticketsource.co.uk/ardsandnorthdown](http://ticketsource.co.uk/ardsandnorthdown)  
(booking fee applies)






# Columbanus Festival

**SATURDAY 16 AND SUNDAY 17 NOVEMBER 2019**  
Commemorating the life and legacy of Columbanus

**Sat 16 November | Talks | 11am – 1.30pm | Free**  
St Comgall's Parish Centre | Brunswick Road, Bangor  
11.00am **Maire Foley:** Our Monastic Heritage - a local perspective  
11.30am **Dr Johnston McMaster:** Columbanus, Patron Saint of a United Europe- what would he do now?  
12.00pm **Questions and Answers**  
12.30pm **Lunch**

**Sat 16 November | Columbanus Walk | Free**  
**Meet at Bangor Bell at 2.00pm**  
A guided tour explaining the pilgrim route that Columbanus took from Bangor to Bobbio following the Columbanus Bell Trail in Castle Park to the North Down Museum.

**Saturday 16 November | Columbanus Concert 7.30pm | £10**  
St Columbanus Church, Groomsport Road, Bangor (see reverse)

**Sunday 17 November | Stained Glass Window Talk 2.00pm | Free**  
St Columbanus Church, Groomsport Road, Bangor  
Talk by Tony Carver on local Saints who have been beautifully illustrated on the stained glass windows of the church

**Sunday 17 November | 7.00pm | A United Celebration**  
First Bangor Presbyterian Church, Main Street, Bangor  
A cross-community church service to celebrate the life and legacy of Columbanus. All welcome.

Guest speaker: Bishop Noel Treanor. Also sharing in the service will be musicians and singers from St Columbanus College and Bangor Central Integrated Primary School.

**Info:** [www.friendsofcolumbanusbangor.co.uk](http://www.friendsofcolumbanusbangor.co.uk) or [www.visitardsandnorthdown.com](http://www.visitardsandnorthdown.com) 






The annual Columbanus Festival, which commemorates the life and legacy of Columbanus, will take place during the weekend of 16/17 November 2019 in Bangor. The programme includes a series of talks on Columbanus; a guided walk following the Bangor Bell Trail; a concert featuring the talented Ards CCE traditional Irish music, singing and dancing group plus the critically acclaimed Cappella Caeciliana Chamber Choir; and a cross-community church service in First Bangor Presbyterian Church.

Festival co-ordinator Alderman Deborah Girvan said, "Columbanus, an Irish monk, spent 20 years of his life in Bangor before sailing off in a boat from Bangor with 12 disciples around 590 AD. He landed in St Coulomb, Brittany, and travelled through northern France, Switzerland, and Austria preaching and founding monastic settlements, which attracted many monks and scholars whose fame and influence are felt to this day. He finally ended up in Bobbio, Italy, where he died in 614 AD. The Friends of Columbanus Bangor are keeping his memory alive by commemorating his life and legacy through its annual Columbanus Festival. I would commend this programme to anyone who wants to learn about a remarkable man who left his indelible mark not only in Bangor but also across Europe."

For further information on the programme, please visit [www.friendsofcolumbanusbangor.co.uk](http://www.friendsofcolumbanusbangor.co.uk) and Columbanus NI Facebook page





Cork before he was elected Bishop of Down and Dromore in 1997.

Invited guests included clergy and representatives from every parish in the diocese and leaders from the major denominations and parachurch organisations as well as politicians and figures from the media and business. The service was a celebration of faith and ministry and, looking to the future, Bishop Harold invited three young leaders to share the address. Mark Wells, Revd Emma Carson and John McGrath preached in turn and issued a challenge and encouragement to the church based on 1 Timothy 4: 12-16. Bishop Harold chose the liturgy and music for the occasion and led the service along with the Cathedral Choir and organist, members of New Irish Arts and the monks from Holy Cross Abbey in Rostrevor.



Bishop Harold laid down his pastoral staff and knelt before the communion table in Down Cathedral on the evening of Thursday 19 September as his 22 and a half-year ministry drew to a close.

The symbolic and moving act came during a service to mark Bishop Harold's retirement and was witnessed by the hundreds of friends and colleagues who filled the Cathedral. They represented all aspects of Bishop Harold's ministry which began with his ordination in 1976 and took him to Belfast, Nottingham and



He is currently a member of the board of Tearfund UK.

After the service, supper was served in a marquee in the cathedral grounds and guests were also treated to a 'This is Your Life' presentation hosted by the BBC's Mark Simpson (whose three daughters Bishop Harold had Confirmed!). Mark looked back over the Bishop's life and ministry with the help of photos, video messages and guests who shared anecdotes and paid tribute to the love, friendship and ministry of Bishop Harold and his wife Liz.

At the end of the evening Bishop Harold and Liz were presented with a gift from the diocese

The bishop also dedicated a new brass Cross which is suspended above the communion table at the east end of the Cathedral. The life-sized figure of Christ on the cross is depicted as a reversed silhouette through which the east window may still be seen. In recent years Down Cathedral was re-ordered on a model of 'pilgrimage' and the new cross represents the final destination on the journey. An offering was lifted for the Christian relief and development charity Tearfund, with whom Bishop Harold has been closely associated since the 1960s.



and the bishop, in keeping with tradition, presented the diocese with his portrait which will hang in the See House. Bishop Harold commissioned the oil painting from his artist son, Kevin – the first portrait in the See House to have such a family connection. Kevin and his sister Ciara unveiled the painting and were joined at the front by the rest of the family: daughter Laura and husband David, son Niall, Kevin's wife Julie and Ciara's new husband, Clark. Bishop Harold recounted how difficult the move from Cork to Belfast had been for his children and thanked them for their support over the years.



The bishop laid down his staff in the second of the Diocesan Cathedrals, Dromore, during morning worship on Sunday 22 September.

### **A Personal Word of Thanks from Bishop Harold**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ in the Diocese of Down and Dromore,

I do not know how to thank you adequately for our fellowship in Christ over the last 22 years, and particularly for your generous gift presented to me after the service in Down Cathedral to mark my retirement. It was kind beyond words.

Both Liz and I have received an abundance of letters, cards, emails and gifts from so many over the last month. We may not be able to thank all of you personally but want you to know that your thoughtfulness has meant a great deal.

I will miss being your bishop but am glad that the Lord has found us a retirement home in the diocese. Please pray for the new bishop to be chosen. I know that you will give your new overseer the same love and support that you have given us.

“And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified.”

I continue to hold you all in my prayers.

God be with you.

Sincerely in Christ

+Harold Down and Dromore

### **Our next Bishop**

The Episcopal Electoral College tasked with finding a successor for Bishop Harold will be meeting in due course under the Chairmanship of the Archbishop of Armagh.

Our two Cathedral Deans, the Very Revd Geoff Wilson (Dromore) and the Very Revd Henry Hull (Down) have issued a joint statement encouraging people to hold the process before God in their prayers:

“The task of choosing a new Bishop for our Diocese and for the wider Church is a serious responsibility which will be undertaken by a group of electors from this Diocese and from other Dioceses in the Northern Province of the Church of Ireland. It is extremely important that we each commit to praying for those entrusted with this responsibility, that they will be open to the leading of God's Holy Spirit as they undertake their task and that God's will should become clear through the process.”

Prayer cards have been distributed to every worshipping member of the Church of Ireland across the Diocese.

A Prayer for use during the Vacancy of a See (BCP 2004)

O almighty God, who by thy Holy Spirit dost move the hearts of thy people; May it please thee so to direct the counsels of those who are appointed to choose a bishop for this Church and Diocese, that we may be given a pastor who in faithfulness and wisdom shall lead thy flock in the way of holiness; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.



As the stunning bride Hannah stepped out of her dad's vintage MG Midget, the sun came out after a rainy morning and the stage was set for a lovely autumn wedding day.

The Church was full of family, friends and Ballyholme well-wishers including some young people who excused themselves from school over lunchtime to be part of the service, led by Simon and Andrew and Hannah's friend Reverend Dennis Christie, Rector of Ahoghill and Portglenone Parish.

Coffee and scones were enjoyed in a bunting bedecked Parish Centre following the service before the newlyweds left to be photographed at their reception venue, Finnebrogue Woods.



The bright and sunny weather held as the guests made their way to Downpatrick. The calm and tranquil Finnebrogue Woods made for a beautiful setting with a lake and fairy lights adorning huge trees circling the cosy tepees that housed the guests for a gorgeous wedding breakfast and disco!

The couple honeymooned in Santorini, Greece and have returned to begin their married life in Bangor.

We wish them much love, happiness and God's blessing in all the adventures that await them in the future.







*Join us for Worship Rooms  
at St Columbanus  
Sunday 24th November 6.30pm*

Worship Rooms is promoted and run by New Wine Ireland. They have a vision that God will impact His church in Ireland in our generation so that in turn we will impact our society – that people will be drawn to love and follow Jesus.

Sam and I have been going to New Wine Sligo, a week of Christian teaching with our family for many years. We really enjoy it and we would love you to join us.

[www.newwineireland.org](http://www.newwineireland.org)

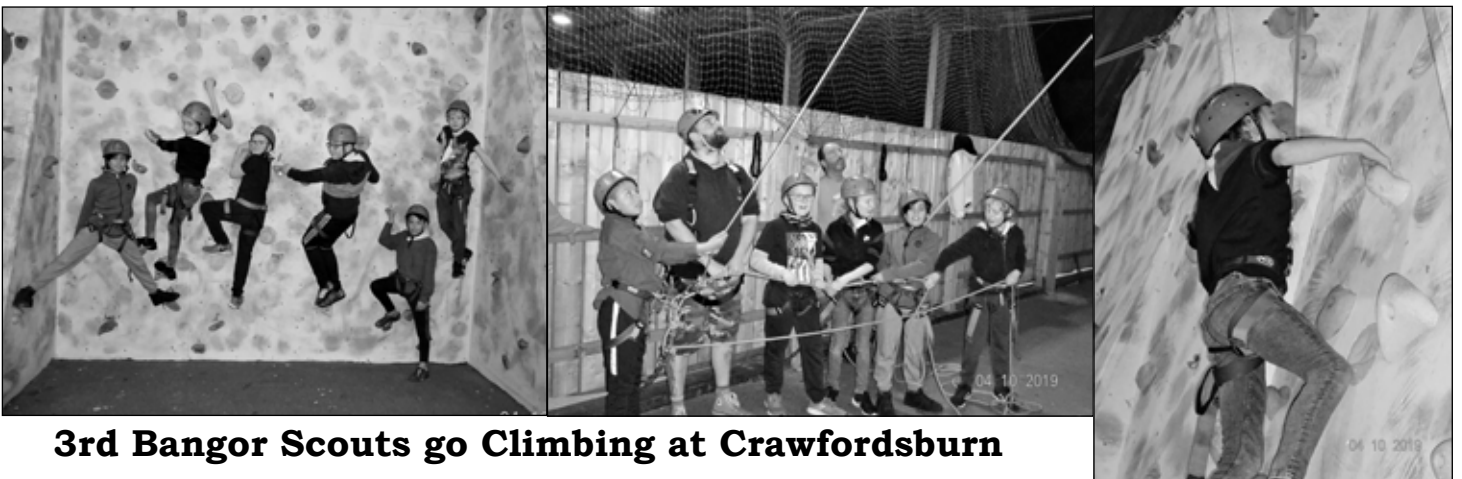
Worship Rooms provides a space and place with no agenda other than to worship and pursue God. Life is busy and stressful for many of us and in God's presence we find life, peace and joy. Singing praise to God reminds us to whom we belong and allows God to re-direct our priorities.

*“Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in His wonderful face,  
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim, in the light of His glory and grace”*

Starting at 6.30pm in St Columbanus church, the structure is very relaxed and informal. Stand, sit, kneel, sing, listen to what God is saying.... Being part of a body of people worshipping God creates real space to encounter God personally. It's all about God and as we focus on him, we are strengthened and refreshed to continue to honour and serve him in our everyday lives. This will also be an opportunity to ask God's blessing on my time in Ballyholme as Community Pastor.

Stay for as long or as short as you wish, it will end at 7.45pm with tea and coffee.

### **Jan Stevenson**



### **3rd Bangor Scouts go Climbing at Crawfordsburn**

On 4th October 2019 the scouts went to the Crawfordsburn Scout Campsite to spend the evening on the climbing wall. For some of the new scouts this was the first part of the Climber Activity Badge while one of the older scouts, with previous climbing experience, this climb means he has now completed the badge requirements. New or returning scouts are always welcome. Come along and give it a try.

Our very first meeting of our Mothers' Union season took place on Monday 7th October; it took the form of an open meeting where we welcomed many ladies and their friends from in and around the Parish.

How fantastic was the response, the main hall was buzzing with chat, a jolly good catch up and a very warm Ballyholme welcome to our speakers for the evening.

Rachel and her sister Hannah were our speakers for the evening. Hannah, a teacher in a local post primary school, took her place at her keyboard and shared her faith story in words and beautiful worship songs, what a blessing she must be to her pupils, truly a young woman of faith.

After that musical introduction, Rachel began to tell her story, from her childhood and formative years growing up in Bangor Elim Church, her marriage to a life-long friend,



followed by the births of her three children. However, when life took a different, difficult turn when her twins were under 3, her faith managed to hold her strong.

Out of this strength grew an opportunity to share her faith and creativity in pen drawings, fabric designs, pictures and wallhangings. Each piece contains a thought-provoking message to complete artwork.

A name for this creative venture is "a wee bird sings" taking this idea from its roots in Biblical

teaching about the Father caring for even the little birds.

All in all a very memorable evening, thank you.

I will give a facebook link to "a wee bird sings" in case you like to see more for yourself.

<https://en-gb.facebook.com/aweebirdsings/>

Thanks too to the Mothers' Union Team for a scrumptious supper...2 courses!



The literature stall was also at the October meeting for members to get their diaries and calendars for next year as well as Christmas cards and other items. Over £190 was spent.

Our next meeting is Monday 4th November at 8pm, A little Crafty Autumn, perhaps? Time to dip that other toe in to MU this month.

All welcome, we would love to see you.

Many Blessings Yvonne and the Team.



In October I visited the hospital to attend the quarterly Board meeting.

It was good to be back and find the hospital continuing to work well and serve many in need.

Heavy rains daily meant that I needed my blanket at night, though it was still 30 degrees most days.

Although Uganda is steadily developing, there are still many suffering from diseases of poverty. I met one old granny with severe anaemia who had required 3 units of blood to



doing better.

While there I found myself in the middle of a week of prayer by staff and students seeking God's blessing on the hospital as well as the wider community, country and world. With very real challenges of having enough finance to pay staff salaries, protection of personnel from serious illness (with recent Ebola cases in Uganda) and even things that we would take for granted (such as safe travel), I was challenged by how much more our lives in Ballyholme could also be blessed if we took more time to seek God. The week's 5am prayer meetings were better attended than our monthly Ballyholme PUSH!

Dr Peter as the Medical Director particularly needs our prayers as he manages an ever increasing hospital with greater complexities.

Thank you from Kiwoko Hospital for your ongoing support and prayers.

## **Rory**



## **Ballyholme MU Trip to Newry**

Saturday 5th October saw seven of our members travel to Newry to meet up with five members from our link branch in Malahide.

Following some retail therapy we all met up in the Canal Court Hotel for lunch and a catch up chat.

Everyone enjoyed the carvery lunch while talking and finding out what is happening in the branches.

After lunch we continued to talk while sitting in a lounge overlooking the canal and fountain. We sent our best wishes to all the members in the Malahide Branch and they also sent warm regards to all in Ballyholme.

All too soon it was time for us to go our separate ways and head to the bus and train stations for the journey home.

It is hoped that we will meet again in early 2020, why not join us the next time.



be transfused. Her diet of milk and porridge is so poor in iron that she had slowly become profoundly unwell as a consequence of her dietary deficiency. She had first attended a local clinic which had completely missed the diagnosis and had simply given her some antibiotics. Without Kiwoko Hospital, this lady would have died from a simple preventable condition. Her daughter is now ensuring that she gets more spinach in her diet and she is



## The Walkers at Beautiful Mountstewart

The accurate forecast allowed the thirteen strong group to complete the two walks organized by Peter in the Mountstewart Estate in early October before the deluge. A warm welcome to new member George.

The group started with a combination of the Red Trail from the Caravan entrance, and the Blue Trail. They cover a rich landscape of farmland,

woodland, monuments and buildings including the Folly which we thought may be a chapel but having checked, the experts think it is more likely to be a ruined summer house. The cottage ruins are on a mound which is located in a small river valley known as the Glen. The stream loops around the south of the mound beside the path and there are many tall, beech trees on both sides of this path. The trees are mature, possibly 200-300 years old.

The trail passed the late 12th century Norman Motte which was rescued in 2017 by 110 volunteers from beneath



dense scrubby woodland. It is in a part of the estate which was acquired three years ago.

Lunch was at picnic tables in the woodland play area near the Temple of the Winds. Some people had to leave after lunch, but eight walked past the lake to the recently constructed red squirrel hide. After a quiet 10 minutes, during which no squirrels appeared at the feeding station, it was back to the cafe to enjoy refreshments and a discussion on current affairs. On setting off to return home the forecast rain began in earnest.

*The next walk on 2nd November is from Titanic Quarter to Holywood on level paths. The leader is Heather.*



## 3rd Bangor Cubs

Recently the Cubs were challenged to build the tallest tower they could using cocktail sticks and mini marshmallows.

Everyone had fun and afterwards they enjoyed eating the mini marshmallows.





Prompted by Sunday parking on double yellow lines, and further to our notice in the October magazine, we have now had a meeting with the management of Sandringham Court following complaints they had received from their residents.

Kindly they gave us permission to use their allocated parking spaces directly beside the church but they showed us photographs of cars parked on Sundays which would certainly have blocked access for a fire engine or ambulance making an emergency call-out.

Please remember that parking is not permitted on double yellow lines unless you are displaying a blue badge but we hope that everyone can avoid the Sandringham Court entrance whether blue badge or not.

Thank you for helping us be good neighbours.

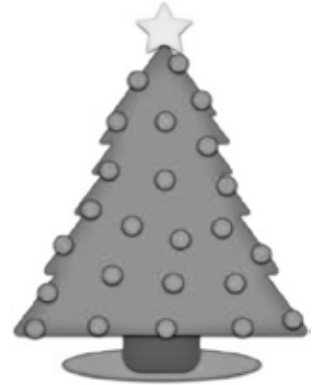


**Saturday 30th November  
10am-12noon**

**Suggested admission £2 – children free  
Tea, Coffee and Scone included**

Stalls include:

- TOMBOLA
- BOOKS
- TOYS
- WHITE ELEPHANT
- CAKES



Donations:

**New or nearly new items** will only be accepted at the Church Centre from the week beginning 25th November.



Brody Sullivan Eric Cuthbert who was baptised on Sunday 13th October

**Goodbye October**

**Hello November**

Please be a good month  
and bring smiles and  
happiness to my  
family & friends.



## OUR WORSHIP

### Sunday 3rd November 4th before Advent

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

### Wednesday 6th November

10.30 Holy Communion - Kajiado Room

### Sunday 10th November 3rd before Advent

Remembrance Day  
8.30 Holy Communion  
10.00 Good News at Ten  
& Children's Church  
11.30 Parish Communion  
6.30 United Service in Ballyholme Methodist

### Wednesday 13th November

10.30 Holy Communion - Kajiado Room

### Sunday 17th November 2nd before Advent

8.30 Holy Communion  
10.00 Good News at Ten  
& Children's Church  
11.30 Morning Prayer  
6.30 St Columbanus Festival Service -  
1st Bangor Presbyterian

### Wednesday 20th November

10.30 Holy Communion - Kajiado Room

### Sunday 24th November Sunday before Advent

8.30 Holy Communion  
10.00 Good News at Ten - Communion  
& Children's Church  
11.30 Morning Prayer  
6.30 New Wine Worship Room

### Wednesday 27th November

10.30 Holy Communion - Kajiado Room

## FUNERALS

### October

**2nd:** Kay Quigley, formerly of  
90 Chippendale Avenue

**3rd:** Renee Miles, formerly of  
Ailsa Lodge

## BAPTISM

### October

**13th:** Brody Sullivan Eric  
Cuthbert, son of Andrew and  
Gillian

Parish Office: 91274912

Rectory:

91274901

Prayer Line:

07531806167

Transport:

07599794968

Church Readers Rota:

Freda (11.30)

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## WEDDING

### October

**1st:** Hannah Eakin  
of Banbridge Road,  
Donaghcloney and Andrew  
Watson of Castle Street,  
Bangor

### November

**3rd:** Pat Todd

**10th:** Ivan Reid, in memory  
of Dorothy

**17th:** Margaret Horner

**24th:** Ian Bell



### November

**3rd:** Tracie Andreasson,  
Heather Johnston, Nicole  
Watson

**10th:** Michael & Sharon  
Hatch, Charles Robinson

**17th:** Yvonne Manogue etc

**24th:** Ann, Kelly, Karen



## Children's Church Helpers

### November

**3rd:** No Children's Church

**10th:** Conor Catchpole,  
Sharon Gowdy, Ann Reynolds  
and Gillian Segasby

**17th:** Michelle Savage, Dawn  
Shackles, Johanna Lawther  
and Violet Davidson

**24th:** Jodie Smith, Katherine  
Newman, Susan Magill and  
Angela McCartney



### November

**3rd:** No Creche

**10th:** Rachel Brittain,  
Johanna Lawther

**17th:** Natalie McCartin,  
Judith Thompson

**24th:** Christine Rankin,  
Nicola Gullen

