

The Sexton: Mr Ronald Kelly - when you need or do not need the Church or Hall opened.

The Church will be open from 9.20am - 4pm each day for private prayer & reflection

**St John's Church of Ireland
Dunnalong**

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Items for inclusion in the next Parish Magazine should be emailed to
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*Wishing you all a Christ filled Christmas
and a Happy and healthy New Year.*

LECKPATRICK & DUNNALONG PARISH MAGAZINE CHRISTMAS 2018



Reflection from the Rev Brian Hassan.....

I can't believe it's December already, where has the year gone? One month in and I think you are starting to get to know me and I'm getting to know you. This is a busy month, not just in our lives but also in our Parishes. Keep an eye out for our Gift Day, Carol Services and Christmas Services. Our Christmas Eve Holy Communion will be at **9pm** in Leckpatrick, not 11.30pm as printed in N'vision. Also, on Christmas Morning we will have informal Carols and Communion services, wear your Christmas jumpers or tee shirts and if you are a bit more formal maybe a Father Christmas or Rudolf musical tie! The kids can bring a Santa toy but not a quad or motor bike as I'm sure the Wardens will say no entry!

To prepare ourselves, join us for Time Out at Advent, for a very informal Communion and discussion on the daily Bible passage with some prayer time away from the hustle and bustle of Christmas shopping and parties.

This is Advent and it's a time to prepare ourselves for the Nativity but also for the Second Coming of Jesus. It's a time to light candles and pray and to look at the prophetic messages in the Bible as we count down the days to the Season of Christmas where we have a dramatic change from purple to white. The Light of the World has come. I want to wish you all a very Merry and Blessed Christmas and a joyful and peaceful New Year. I am looking forward to ministering to you and enjoying my first Advent, Christmas and New Year among you, it truly is a blessing for me. **"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favours!"** Let's be sure we are the people whom He favours and then we can avail of His blessings every day in life.

Rev Brian

Donations Received

Dunnaalong In Memorial

**In loving memory of Sadie Dalzell
From her husband Alfie and Family £100.00**

Leckpatrick In Memorial

**In loving memory of Robbie Donnell
From his loving wife Jean £50.00**

**In loving memory of George and Kathleen Kelly
From the Kelly Family £100.00**

Baptismal Donations

Dunnaalong

**Stephen and Emma Buchanan £50.00
David and Carolann Hamilton £50.00
Alison McCormick and Christopher Thompson £20.00**

Leckpatrick

Jason and Jill Milligan £60.00

Leckpatrick Donation

Legacy from the late James (Jimmy) Robinson £2000.00

Thank you to everyone who gives donations to the parish. They play a vital role in maintaining the church and are greatly appreciated.

Leckpatrick Church & Milliken Hall

Please note it is now the responsibility of each organisation to inform

Church of Ireland Code of Good Practice for Ministry with Children. A Parish Panel has been appointed to implement this code. If you have any concerns regarding issues around children please contact a Panel member.

Mrs Kaye Nesbitt, Mr Mervyn Clarke or Canon Malcolm Ferry

Parish Register

Holy Baptism

"Let the children come to me ... for to such belongs the kingdom of God."
Mark 10:14

Dunnalong

Sunday 28th October

James Thomas William, son of Emma and Stephen Buchanan

Sunday 18th November

Daisy Ellen Jane, daughter of Carolann and David Hamilton

Sunday 25th November

Jack Darren, son of Alison McCormick and Christopher Thompson

Sunday 2nd December

Joel, son of Stephen and Danielle Murdock

Leckpatrick

Sunday 25th November

Sofia Jane, daughter of Jason and Jill Milligan

Christian Burial

"I am the resurrection and the life," says the Lord. "Those who believe in me, even though they die, yet shall they live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die." John 11:25,26

Monday 15th October

David Godfrey 62 Foyle Crescent Newbuildings

Friday 9th November

Hugh Black 21 Lowrys Lane Ballymagorry



Advent and Christmas Worship

Sunday 9th December 2nd Sunday of Advent

Morning Prayer 2

Dunnalong

10am

Leckpatrick

11.30am

Festival of Carols with the Rev David McBeth and Friends. Seasonal refreshments served.

Dunnalong

8pm

Wednesday 5th December

Time out at Advent - in the Rectory at 8pm

Sunday 16th

3rd Sunday of Advent

Holy Communion

Dunnalong

10am

Leckpatrick

11.30am

Gift day for Salvation Army and Women's Aid

Wednesday 12th December

Time out at Advent - in the Rectory at 8pm

Sunday 23rd December 4th Sunday of Advent

Parish Carol Service and Nativity

Dunnalong

10am

Leckpatrick

11.30am

Wednesday 19th December

Time out at Advent - in the Rectory at 8pm

Monday 24th December

Christmas Eve

Celebration of Holy Communion

Leckpatrick

9pm

Please note the time

Tuesday 25th December

Christmas Day

Dunnalong

9am

Leckpatrick

10am

Sunday 30th December

1st Sunday of Christmas

Morning Prayer 2

Dunnalong

10am

Leckpatrick

11.30am

Time Out at Advent

In order to prepare ourselves for Christmas, join us for **Time Out at Advent**, for a very informal Communion and discussion on the daily Bible passage with some prayer time away from the hustle and bustle of Christmas shopping and parties. 7pm each Wednesday during Advent.



Christmas Festival of Carols

In

Dunnalong Parish Church

On

Sunday 9th December

At 8pm

with

Rev David McBeth,
and guests

Seasonal refreshments served

Financial Year ending 31st December 2018

Please note that our church financial year ends on Sunday 31st December 2018.

All money, therefore, to be included in this financial year must be paid into the plate no later than Sunday 31st December 2018 or given directly to the treasurers:

Leckpatrick:

Treasurer Mrs Linda Huey

Envelope recorder Mrs Sylvia Donnell

Dunnalong:

Treasurer Mrs Emma Buchanan

Envelope recorder Ms Heather Downey

Any money received after this date will not be included in the 2018 financial report.

HARVEST GIFT ENVELOPES THANK YOU

Thank you to all who have returned the Harvest Gift Envelope, your generosity is much appreciated.

REMINDER It is not too late to return your Harvest Envelopes—either directly to the Hon Treasurer or place on the offertory plate.

Thank you Dunnalong Harvest Flowers
Thanks

Thank you to all who donated flowers, fruit or produce. Thank you to all who donated money, the sum of £168 was received to purchase Harvest Flowers to decorate the church.

CHRISTMAS GIFT SUNDAY 16th DECEMBER

Please remember the needs of the Salvation Army and Women's Aid this Christmas as they appeal for gifts for children / teenagers in the area. Your gifts should be brought to church on Sunday 16th December. Your generosity will ensure children will receive a gift this Christmas. Please remember all gifts must be unwrapped. As in previous years there is a need to remember teenagers. 'Gift Vouchers' or phone 'Top Up' cards are also very useful. Thank you for your continued generosity.



September Select Vestry Meetings

Dunnalong

*Wednesday 16th January, at 7pm
in Dunnalong Parish Church*

Leckpatrick

*Wednesday 16th January, at 8pm
in Dunnalong Parish Church*

Dunnalong Concert

*Wednesday 27th February
at*

*The Fir Trees Hotel, Strabane
Tickets available soon*

*Save
the
Date*

Leckpatrick and Dunnalong Mothers' Union held their Closing Service on Monday 26th November. Thanks was expressed to Rev Brian Hassan for conducting the service. During the fellowship which followed the service each member received a Secret Santa gift. The theme for 2019 is **Listen, observe, act – in step with God**. If you would like further information on Mothers' Union please speak to the Mrs Anne McCurry (Branch Leader).



PRAYER POINTS

Please pray for the following.....

- The house bound, lonely and bereaved.
- Rev Brian, Wendy and family
- Time out in Advent
- Parish Organisations
- A Christ filled Christmas
- Peace in World
- The True meaning of Christmas
- War torn regions of the World



Pastoral Care – Hospital Visitation

Hospital Visiting

If any church member or parishioner is in hospital, or expecting to be in hospital, please do ensure that the Rev Brian Hassan knows, so that he can visit to offer prayer and support if desired.



Deuteronomy 31 v 7-8 says: "Be strong and brave... The LORD himself will go before you. He will be with you; he will not leave you or forget you. Don't be afraid and don't worry."

Home Communion for Christmas

The Rev Brian will be visiting the housebound during December and early January to administer Christmas Holy Communion.



BISHOP APPEAL 2018

Please remember to return your Bishop Appeal envelope as soon as possible.