

THE PARISH OF ST PETER AND ST JAMES

BELFAST

# PARISH NOTES

JUNE 2025

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# THE PRIORY SINGERS

## *Eyes on the Prize*

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AT PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS, STORMONT

SATURDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2025 AT 7.30PM

If you would like to attend, please ask a member of our own parish choir for tickets which are £20 or £5 for students and under 16s.

Tickets also available at the door on the night.



## CAVE HILL CONSERVATION CAMPAIGN



Join us for a free, expert-guided walk  
to see the Solstice  
on Saturday 21st June, 3.30-6.30am  
Meet at the castle  
wearing suitable clothing and shoes.

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Further information: [cormachamill47@gmail.com](mailto:cormachamill47@gmail.com) tel 028 9029 1357

*This month's walk is deemed moderate.*

# RECTOR'S NOTES



## SERVICES IN JUNE

**Could I please ask all parishioners to make every effort to attend St Peter's 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration at 10.30am on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> June.**

On Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> June, which is the **Sunday after Ascension**, there will be Family Matins at 10.30am. Please note that this family service is on the first Sunday of this month, rather than the usual second Sunday!

On Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June, which is the **Day of Pentecost**, there will be a Choral Eucharist at 10.30am, and Choral Evensong at 3.30pm. Our guest celebrant and preacher in the morning will be the Rev'd Clifford Skillen.

On Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> June, which is **Trinity Sunday**, there will be a Form One (1662) Choral Eucharist at 10.30am.

On Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> June, which is the **First Sunday after Trinity**, there will be Choral Matins at 10.30am.

On Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> June, which is **St Peter's Day**, there will be a Choral Eucharist at 10.30am to celebrate both the dedication of St Peter's Church 125 years ago and the feast day of St Peter, one of our parish's two patron saints.

Throughout the month there will be mid-week celebrations of Holy Communion at 10.30am each Wednesday. The feast day of **St Barnabas** will be celebrated on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June.



## **SAINT PETER'S DAY**

Bishop George will be with us on St Peter's Day (29<sup>th</sup> June) and it is vital that all parishioners come to worship—and please invite friends and family. This is a very important day in our parish calendar, not least because it is our 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Please make every effort to attend.

Following the service, there will be a parish lunch next door in the Lansdowne Hotel. Everyone is very welcome, but we obviously need to give the hotel advance notice of how many parishioners will be there. If you would like to join us, please sign up on the sheet at the back of the church, or send me an email as soon as possible. The price is £10 per adult, with no charge for children, but additional contributions are of course always welcome to help defray costs.

Throughout June, there will be a display of memorabilia at the back of St Peter's. If you have any old photos which show the interior or exterior of the church (even in the background), or any other associated items, then you are very welcome to bring them for display. Everything will need to be named or tagged to ensure that it returns to its rightful owner in July.

## **FREE WILL OFFERING (FWO) NUMBERS**

If you use FWO envelopes to make your contribution to parish funds, would you please ensure that you write both your name and FWO number on the front of the envelope. To make life easier, we have ended the dual system of having both an FWO number and a separate anonymous reference number for use in the Annual Report. We will soon write to inform our subscribers of their FWO number. Please make sure to write your name and FWO number on any envelopes which you use to contribute to parish funds (both FWO and special collections) so that your donation can be correctly assigned to your name and Gift Aid can be claimed if appropriate.

## **GIFT AID**

Gift Aid is a UK tax scheme that allows the parish to claim an extra 25p for every £1 donated by UK taxpayers, effectively increasing the value of donations at no extra cost to the donor. When you donate through Gift Aid, the parish can reclaim the basic rate of tax on your gift, which means that a £10 donation becomes £12.50 for the parish. To qualify, you must be a UK taxpayer and have paid enough tax to cover the amount that the parish will reclaim. If you are eligible, please fill in a Gift Aid form which is available at the back of the church and in the Parish Office. Many of our parishioners have already filled in this form in the past and therefore will not need to take any action, but please inform our Parish Administrator, Anne Cromie, if you are no longer paying tax and have therefore become ineligible to use this scheme.

## **MEMBERSHIP OF THE PARISH**

At its simplest, membership of the parish involves worshipping with us in St Peter's and making a financial contribution to parish funds. For the purposes of financial housekeeping, and data protection, and ease of communication, it is vital that we keep a record of members' names and contact details. If you have been with us for a long time then we probably already have all of your information. However, if you have joined us in the last decade, then please check with Anne to see whether or not we hold your information on file. If not, then please ask for the forms. We have put together an envelope containing the various bits of information and forms that you need to fill in, and these are available from our Parish Administrator, Anne Cromie. (There may also be a few kept at the back of the church). These include the Gift Aid form mentioned above, a Standing Order form, a GDPR form (for data protection), and a contact form.

What I have just outlined above is enough for a person to be considered to be a member of our parish, but there is a further

step that some members may wish to take in order to become even more involved: If you are a member of St Peter's and make a financial contribution to parish funds in such a way that can be recorded against your name (such as by cheque, standing order, FWO envelope) then you are entitled to apply to become a "Registered Member." Registration essentially gives you the right to vote for the Select Vestry at our annual elections, and if this is something that you are not too bothered about, then you can quite happily be a member of the parish without being registered in this way. However, if you would like to be registered, then you will need to fill in a registration form early next year. We update our list every February, and you will find the most up to date list on display in the glass-fronted noticeboard beside the South Porch doors of the church.

## SELECT VESTRY

Congratulations to our newly elected Select Vestry, who will serve until the next meeting of the Easter Vestry in 2026. The members, who are deemed to be Trustees by the Charity Commission (CCNI), are myself, the two Churchwardens – Daphne McClements and Margaret McKenna Black, the two Glebewardens – Victor Davis and Michael Moore, and twelve others: Dora Hanna, Sandra Hutchman, David Cromie, Yvonne Crozier, Matthew Lambert, Robert Long, Nigel Macauley, Ashlee McCune, Daryl Meldrum, Quintin Mulligan, Clodagh Webb, and Jim Wilson.

The purpose of the Select Vestry is to manage the human, physical, and financial resources of the parish in line with directives from the Church of Ireland, and in accordance with the law. The committee has no role in the worship, mission, or ministries of the Church, except insofar as they must provide the buildings, money, and staff to enable them.

## AFTERNOON TEA

Thank you to one of choristers, Judith Cowan, for organising Afternoon Tea on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May. With her team of assistants, we were spoiled with potato and leek soup, sandwiches, scones, an assortment of pastries, all served alongside copious amounts of tea, coffee, and



hot chocolate. As my wife often says about me: I live for food. Judith's food and the ambience she created in the halls, were wonderful. It was a delicious treat for all in attendance, and it raised £735 for our parish choir. Thank you, Judith, and all who helped in any way.

## CHRISTIAN AID

Now celebrating its 80th anniversary, Christian Aid is focusing its flagship appeal this year on the Central American country of Guatemala, which has been grappling with the increasing effects of climate change such as severe flooding and scorching heatwaves. These drastic changes threaten water supplies and lead to failing crops, which then push families into hunger and deepening poverty. Despite these hardships, Christian Aid is providing crucial support to help farmers build resilience. Through training and resources, farmers are learning to diversify their crops, making them more resistant to these extreme

conditions. This work is essential in enabling farming families to withstand the growing impact of climate change and secure a more stable future.

Thank you to Jill Bradley for once again coordinating our Christian Aid collection this year, and to the ladies who completed their sponsored walk throughout Christian Aid Week (see front cover): Thelma Cross, Jill Bradley, Patricia Houston, Annette Beattie, and Dora Hanna. Thank you also to everyone who has donated to this very worthy cause. If you have not done so already, could I please encourage you to donate using the red envelopes which are available in St Peter's.

## GENERAL SYNOD

The General Synod was held this year in Lawlor's Hotel in Naas, County Kildare, on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May and Saturday 10<sup>th</sup>, with a further evening online on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup>. The bills and motions presented to the Synod were outlined in last month's Parish Notes and a full report on decisions taken can be read on the Synod's website at [synod.churchofireland.org](http://synod.churchofireland.org)

On Friday, there were 403 members of the Synod present (which included 151 clergy and 252 lay representatives). On Saturday, there were 360 members present (132 clergy, 228 laity), and on Tuesday 349 logged in for the final meeting (132 clergy, 217 laity).

Given the distance to be travelled (123 miles from Belfast) and with attendees coming from every corner of the island, many arrived in Naas on the Thursday evening. At 9.30am on Friday, there was a celebration of Holy Communion in the beautiful and historic local parish church, St David's. At that service, the Celebrant was the Most Rev'd Dr Michael Jackson, Bishop of Dublin and Glendalough and Primate of Ireland, and the preacher was the Rt Rev'd Dr Paul Colton, Bishop of Cork, Cloynes, and Ross. Afterwards, we returned to the conference suite at Lawlor's Hotel, where the formal business of the first day began at 11am



and ended at 6.30pm. At that point, everyone headed off alone or in groups to get dinner, and then either socialised, went for a walk, or to the gym or pool, or simply got an early night after a long day. On the Saturday, the formal business of the Synod began at 10am and concluded officially at 4.30pm. Given that many people (particularly clergy) needed to be home in preparation for the next day's Sunday morning services in their own churches, people left in dribs and drabs throughout the day. On the Tuesday evening, when the Synod met online, business commenced at 7pm and concluded just before 8.30pm.



*A snapshot of the conference chamber, with a report being given from the podium. At the top table is the Most Rev'd John McDowell, Archbishop of Armagh, and his Assessor (legal advisor) Lyndon MacCann. I was sitting near the front, so there were a lot more people sitting behind me.*



*A vital element of the Synod is the opportunity to talk with old and new friends from across the Church of Ireland. On Saturday I had the chance to sit down for a chat with the Rev'd Canon Paul Arbuthnot, who is Dean of Residence at Trinity College Dublin, and with whom I trained for ordination from 2007–2010.*



*The Synod was held in Lawlor's Hotel on Poplar Square at the heart of the town.*

## CHRISTIAN LEARNING

On Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> June, our **Discipleship Group** meets for the final session of our mission and evangelism course entitled “Calling Out”. We commence at 7.30pm in the Minor Hall and will conclude at 9pm.

On Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> June, our **Bible Fellowship** meets at 7.30pm in the Minor Hall to continue our study of the story of Moses in the Book of Exodus. Please note that there will not be a meeting of the Bible Fellowship on the 26<sup>th</sup> June as Diocesan Synod meets on that date.

On Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June, our monthly **Bible Study** meets at 11.30am for one hour in the Minor Hall. We will be continuing our study of Paul’s Letters to Timothy, and also having a light lunch to mark the end of term before the summer break.

## WHAT IS JESUS ASKING YOU?

In my sermon on Easter Day, we thought about how Mary Magdalene stood outside the empty tomb, overcome with emotion because the body of Jesus was gone. And nearby, a voice asked her “Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?” And thinking that the voice belonged to a gardener in the cemetery in which Jesus had been buried, Mary asked him where Jesus had been taken. And in response, the voice said her name, “Mary”, and she immediately recognised that the voice belonged to Jesus himself, risen from the dead.

What’s strange about that encounter is that the questions which Jesus asks Mary, are not strictly necessary. On one level they seem slightly playful – on the basis that Jesus understood precisely why Mary would be crying. Whilst conversely they seem detached and aloof – as if Jesus is genuinely perplexed that someone might cry in those circumstances. The truth, as always, is probably somewhere in the middle: Given that Jesus had predicted on numerous occasions that he would be arrested, mocked, tortured,

killed, and on the third day rise again, surely those closest to him – which included Mary Magdalene – would have been emotionally and spiritually prepared for what had happened at the tomb, and she should therefore have been on the look-out for him, rather than presuming that his body had been stolen. That, surely, is how a person of faith would have behaved at the empty tomb: with hopeful expectation, rather than sorrow and confusion.

And yet like Jesus asking St Peter to walk on water, and observing Peter fail miserably for lack of faith, Jesus knows that when confronted with the harsh realities of the world around us, everyone's faith is put to the test. So perhaps, when he asks Mary, "Why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?" it's not that he's being playful or that he's aloof, he is instead challenging Mary to come to terms with her lack of faith. He is inviting her to examine her own understanding of what the empty tomb represents.

We find something similar in the story of St Paul's famous encounter with the Risen Christ on the road to Damascus. It's important to note that Paul had not always been a fan of Jesus. In fact, he had taken it upon himself – with the permission of the Jewish religious leaders – to track down and arrest the early members of the Christian Church, which Paul thought of as nothing more than a bunch of heretics and blasphemers. The Jesus movement was, as Paul saw it, a corrupting influence against the demands of Judaism to obey God's laws. Think of all the times that Jesus had taught his disciples, "You have heard it was written ... but I say to you ..." and then he goes on to critique an Old Testament law and provide an alternative. So, for example, "You have heard it was written, an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth, but I say to you, If anyone slaps you on the right cheek, offer him the left cheek as well." These sort of teachings would have infuriated the likes of Paul. He would have been firmly in the "eye for an eye" camp, and considered Jesus' teachings to be "woke nonsense" as we might say today.

And yet, that all changed on the road to Damascus. We read:

*“As he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, ‘Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?’”*

*(Acts 9:4)*

It is, of course, as we then heard, the voice of Jesus. But, just like with Mary Magdalene outside the empty tomb, we are confronted with – what seems like – an unnecessary question. And again, we need to ponder: was Jesus playing with Paul, because of course Jesus knows precisely why Paul has been persecuting Christians? Or conversely, was Jesus making a genuine enquiry – in that he actually wanted to know the answer? The truth, again, is somewhere in the middle: Jesus knew exactly why Paul was persecuting the Church. But he was challenging Paul to reflect upon his attitude and his actions.

As a technique to encourage people to change, asking such questions is a good one. It’s the difference between, for example, me saying to you “Make sure to come to church every Sunday” and “Why are you not coming to church every Sunday?” It’s the difference between “Come to Bible Study” and “Why, when Bible Study is on, are you choosing to stay at home?” It’s the difference between “Get more involved in the life of the parish” and “Why are you not getting more involved?”

When we’re told to do something, it’s always too easy to simply say “no” without much consideration. Whereas when we are asked a question, we are being challenged to give a reason. And usually, that reason will be wrong. Mary Magdalene was asked “Why are you weeping?”, and her reason was that she believed Jesus was dead and that someone had stolen his body. St Paul was asked “Why are you persecuting me?” and his reason was that God demanded obedience to the letter of the law rather than the spirit of the law. Both of them were wrong.



Today, and every day, Jesus is standing before you, wanting you to be the best version of yourself, and to live a life of service to others, both within the institution of the Church, and outside in your everyday encounters. But instead of demanding it, he's asking you to reflect upon why you aren't doing it. He questioning: What is that you're afraid of? What is it that's holding you back? Why don't you want your life to be transformed? Why don't you want to transform the lives of the people around you? And here's the thing: Jesus knows your answer. He just wants you to recognise it for the flimsy excuse that it is. And once you do, just like Mary Magdalene, just like St Paul, Jesus will give you real purpose in life, to change the world, for his glory.

## ALTAR GUILD ROTA FOR JUNE

Date	Time	Set-up	Wine Cruet	Wine Chalice	Colour	Location
Wednesday 4th	10.30am	Jim Wilson	Rosemary Johnston	Robert Long	White	Resurrection
Sunday 8th	10.30am	Dora Hanna	Dora Hanna	David Cromie	Red	Chancel
Wednesday 11th	10.30am	Margaret McK Black	Rosemary Johnston	Robert Long	Red	Resurrection
Sunday 15th	10.30am	David Cromie	David Cromie	Robert Long	White	Chancel
Wednesday 18th	10.30am	Kathryn Hennessy	Margaret McK Black	Robert Long	Green	Resurrection
Wednesday 25th	10.30am	Robert Long	Dora Hanna	Robert Long	Green	St James
Sunday 29th	10.30am	Dora Hanna	David Cromie	Rector	Red	Chancel

## PAUSE FOR THOUGHT AND PRAYER

*by Rosemary Johnston*

### **Celebrating 125 years of Worship in St Peter's Parish**

#### **The Church**

A very potted history, and with gratitude to our former rector,  
Dr Richard S Breene (1926-1963)  
and Brian Barton for their excellent books on St Peter's

It was the Rt Rev'd Henry Stewart O'Hara, Dean of Belfast (1899-1900) who had the idea of building St Peter's as there was a shortage of churches in an area of population growth. Two meetings took place—the first on 13th August, 1890, in Clarence Place Hall with the junction of Lansdowne and Somerton Roads considered as a possible site. This idea was abandoned.



On 31st December, 1894, a new committee was formed and discussions re-opened. A more crucial meeting was held on 12th December, 1895, attended by the great and the good of the area at which Mr James Stewart proposed, seconded by Mr R Garrett Campbell, that the new church be called the Church of St Peter. It was also decided that a school—Skegoneill National School—should be built, and run, in connection with St Peter's Church and district. Sites for both church and school were chosen—'St Peter's was to be

erected on the Antrim Road, in open and thinly populated land adjacent to the gates of Belfast Castle, on property which had belonged to the McNeill family of Parkmount House.’ The school was situated at the junction of Old Cavehill Road and Antrim Road. [‘In the 1890s horse-trams ambled and rumbled along our dusty or muddy roads.’]

On Sunday 1st November, 1896, the first ever services in the history of St Peter’s Parish were held in the school. It was also used for social and community activities. [Daphne and I attended the school, but much, much later, despite what others might think!] The last Sunday services to be held in Skegoneill School took place on 24th June, 1900, and records say it was ‘wet’ in the morning and ‘hopelessly wet’ in the evening!

On 27th March, 1900, the Rev’d Henry Robert Brett was unanimously appointed incumbent of St Peter’s by the first Board of Nomination. ‘At 3.30pm, on St Peter’s Day, 29th June, 1900, the church was licensed and opened for public worship by the bishop of the diocese, the Rt Rev’d T.J. Welland, (as was required by law, official approval had been given by His Excellency, the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland).

The first Sunday services were held in St Peter’s on 1st July, 1900. In 1923, Skegoneill School was one of the first to be transferred from church control to the local education authority. To replace the facilities that had been lost as a result, it was decided to erect a parochial hall for the recreational use of the congregation. It was dedicated on 9th October, 1927, and was intended to serve as a temporary structure but lasted until it was pulled down to make way for the McCollum Hall in 2007.

As a result of the Great Depression in the 1920s, reduced finances became a major problem and plans to construct a

tower were abandoned. There was, however, money made available to complete the church by extending the nave. The enlarged building was consecrated on St Peter's Day 1933. You can see the notch in the wooden flooring in the nave where the door into the porch of the earlier structure was located.

There had been a choir since the early days but this was the first time it was robed. At midnight on Christmas Eve 1900 the local residents heard the choir singing lovely Christmas carols. The Ewart family 'gifted commodious and comfortable vestries which were located in the crypt'. Hmmm ... 'The first broadcast in its history was made from St Peter's in the form of a programme of hymns on the evening of 19th April, 1938.

And so, after 125 years of worship in St Peter's where the parishioners have known the tragedy of two world wars; sad and happy times; the great evenings in the old hall, followed by equally great suppers; reduction in our numbers, COVID and many other happenings, we now look forward to celebrating our special anniversary.

Saint Peter, our patron saint, whom I wrote about a couple of years ago, was larger than life, got things wrong, put his foot in it, and betrayed Jesus, but what a transformation when Jesus 'sorted him out'. Peter really gives me hope when I get things wrong.

As we celebrate 125 years of worship in this beautiful building, may we give thanks for the foresight of those who contributed to it coming into being and to all who have contributed to the worship ever since and where today, everyone, friend and stranger, can come in, feel welcome and share in the continuing worship of almighty God and also to think of Saint Peter—the Big Fisherman.



# What's happening?

## A bric-a-brac sale

with a cake stall, a bottle stall and refreshments!

Where? The church hall.

When? Saturday 21st June from 10am to 12noon.

Why? Fundraising for church funds and choir funds.

How can you help? Come to the sale!

Could you help at a stall? If so, please get in touch with  
Clodagh Webb or Sheila White.

Do you feel like decluttering or having a spring clean? We would love to receive your pre-loved donations of:

- ♦ Bric-a-brac: ornaments, tea sets, purses, wallets, costume jewellery, kitchen utensils, crockery including plates, bowls and cutlery etc.
- ♦ Bottles or jars: food, beauty products, cleaning products (unused and in date please).
- ♦ Cakes: homemade cakes, biscuits, traybakes (we will be in the hall from 8.15 – 9.30pm on Friday 20th June to receive donations).

*There is also a box in the south porch ready to receive donations!*

Thank you in advance for your support for this venture!



*Clodagh  
tel 07565 501702*

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## DO YOU HAVE A FOOD ALLERGY?

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## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

to those with birthdays in June:  
Julie Douglas, Hannah Delaney,  
Eddie McCamley, Laura Lacey.

May the Lord bless you and keep you.

*If you would like to add your name to our birthday board, you'll find it on the notice board at the back of the church, alternatively, you can ask Anne, our Parish Administrator, to add it for you. No years mentioned!*

## SERVICE SCHEDULE FOR JUNE

SERVICE	OFFICIANT	LECTOR	PREACHER	INTERCESSOR
SUNDAY 1ST JUNE—THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (WHITE)				
10.30am Family Matins	Rector	-	Rector	David Cromie
WEDNESDAY 4TH JUNE—EASTER (WHITE)				
10.30am Holy Communion	Rector	-	-	Rosemary Johnston
SUNDAY 8TH JUNE—THE DAY OF PENTECOST: WHIT SUNDAY (RED)				
10.30am Choral Eucharist	Rev'd Clifford Skillen	David Cromie	Rev'd Clifford Skillen	Dora Hanna
3.30pm Choral Evensong	David Cromie	Nigel Macauley	-	David Cromie*
WEDNESDAY 11TH JUNE—SAINT BARNABAS (RED)				
10.30am Holy Communion	Rector	-	Rector	Rector
SUNDAY 15TH JUNE—TRINITY SUNDAY (WHITE)				
10.30am Choral Eucharist	Rector	Robert Long	Rector	Robert Long
WEDNESDAY 18TH JUNE (GREEN)				
10.30am Holy Communion	Rector	-	Rector	Daphne McClements
SUNDAY 22ND JUNE—THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY (GREEN)				
10.30am Choral Matins	David Cromie	Graeme Watt	Rector	Ashlee McCune
WEDNESDAY 25TH JUNE (GREEN)				
10.30am Holy Communion (1662)	Rector	Dora Hanna	-	Robert Long*
SUNDAY 29TH JUNE—SAINT PETER'S DAY (RED)				
10.30am Choral Eucharist	Bishop George	Rev'd Andrew Irwin	Bishop George	TBC

## Charitable Donations

We have received letters of thanks from the following charities:



£426.11



£426.11



£30.00



£426.11



£426.13



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along  
and  
bring  
your  
friends!



## Notes from the console

Choir trips can be like buses ... you wait for ages for one and then two come along at once. It was a joy for our choristers to travel to St Mark's Worsley to join with their choir ... where our own Jillian Collinson sings regularly ... for Sung Eucharist on the morning of May 4th and to sing Choral Evensong on our own that afternoon. We were made so welcome by the resident choir, we were blessed with fabulous weather, the hotels were brilliant and the craic was mighty. We look forward to welcoming them on a return visit in the near future.

*Robert Thompson*



Please join us for Choral Evensong  
Sunday, 8th June, at 3.30pm

### Our Church Family

Please let us know  
about any happy events  
or exciting news within  
our parish family.  
Good news is always  
worth sharing!

Please note the dates for the following  
meetings in June:

#### Senior Officers

Friday 13th, 11.30am, in St James.

#### Select Vestry

Monday 23rd, 7.30pm, Minor Hall.

# TIMETABLE

## Sunday

10.30am: Sunday Service and Sunday School

## Monday

10.30am: Walking Group

6pm: Glandore Dog Training Club

7.30pm: Select Vestry (3<sup>rd</sup> Monday in month)

## Tuesday

10.30am: Crafty Goodness

7.30pm: Priory Singers

## Wednesday

10.30am: Holy Communion

11.30am: Bible Study (last Wednesday in month)

2pm: Bridge Club

5pm: Unislim

6.30pm: PhysioPilates

7.45pm: Choir Practice

## Thursday

10.30am: Baby Sensory

10.30am: Chair PhysioPilates

6pm: Rainbows

7pm: Brownies

7.30pm: Discipleship Group (1st Thursday in month)

7.30pm: Bible Fellowship (2nd & 4th Thursdays in month)

7.30pm: Historical Society (3rd Thursday in month)

8pm: Guides and Senior Guides

## Friday

10.30am: PhysioPilates

4pm: Speech and Drama

*For more information on the parish organisations (including start back dates for the new season) please contact the appropriate personnel listed on the back page.*

***If you would like to support the worship, mission, and ministries of St Peter's, please deposit your FWO envelope or loose money in the box at the back of the church. If you prefer to donate by Apple Pay, Google Pay, PayPal or by credit/debit card, please scan this QR code on your phone. Thank you.***



## JUNE FLOWER LIST

22ND CLODAGH WEBB AND SHEILA WHITE  
IN MEMORY OF THEIR PARENTS

Thank you to all who give of their time and effort in beautifying the church with flowers. If practical, flowers should be in keeping with the liturgical colour of the season, particularly during Advent and Lent.



**AFTER CHURCH REFRESHMENT**—*Thank you to all who provide light refreshments after services—it is much appreciated. If you would like to help sometimes please contact Sandra Hutchman.*



## Prayer

If you would like your name added to our prayer list, please get in touch with Rosemary Johnston,  
tel 028 90 840 534,  
or go to  
[www.stpeterbelfast.org/prayer](http://www.stpeterbelfast.org/prayer)  
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## PARISHIONER CONTACT DETAILS

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