



## CHRIST CHURCH PRIMACY



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# DENISE, RORY AND GIDEON JOIN PRIMACY

Dear Friends,

It is with great joy that the Wilson family join the fellowship at Christ Church Primacy.

My background is originally Community Children’s Nursing. When God called me to Uganda I worked with Fields of Life and then with CMS as a mission partner based at Kiwoko Hospital. Much of my time at Kiwoko was spent working with the Chaplaincy department – organising community events, co-ordinating bible studies, offering pastoral care, building leadership capacity and outreach to local prisons with the mission team. Since we returned to Ireland 4 years ago I have completed the Diocesan Lay Readers Course and have been serving at Ballyholme Parish. I enjoy spending time with my family, jogging, reading and a good action movie.

I married Rory (local GP) in Uganda 12 years ago and we have Gideon who transfers to High School this September. He enjoys scooting and plays the trumpet.

I am looking forward to being involved in leading worship, praying and teaching the word of God as we build up the fellowship in Primacy. The title of Community Pastor also encompasses the Bishop’s desire to bring the Good News of Jesus to those in need around us. I know that bringing people to Christ is important to many of you so let us pray that God uses this time of challenge and change to bring transformation to the community.

At the end of my 4 year term, I hope that the Church will be in the financially viable position to support a clerical incumbent again. Meantime Canon Simon Doogan will guide and oversee my role. Paddy McGlinchey has kindly agreed to assist with Holy Communion services which are beyond the remit of my lay reader licence. The Bishop will visit for the official Service of Introduction after Covid restrictions are sufficiently relaxed for us to meet safely.

While current lockdown restrictions discourage a home visit, I hope to be in touch by phone, zoom or perhaps take a walk with folk who are available during the day! Meantime if you have a pastoral emergency please do not hesitate to get in touch. If the phone is busy please leave a message and I will get back to you as soon as possible.

I am grateful to those who have been looking after the Parish in recent months, not least Moira McVeigh and the Select Vestry, and Paddy and the team looking after the Sunday Services.

While we await being able to meet together properly again, let us seek God for His plans for us, asking Him to move powerfully amongst us and prepare us for greater fruitfulness in His Name.

Blessings,  
Denise



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### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- #Connect4Creation
- Easter Vestry
- Doorstep Ministry
- Christian Aid Week



## SUNDAY WORSHIP

As the current lockdown continues services will continue to be held online using Zoom at 10.00 am on Sunday mornings.

If we have your email address or you are part of the CCP WhatsApp Group we will send out the Zoom link on a Saturday with the joining details. The link will generally be open at 9.45 am

We've had a great response to our online worship and hope you can join us—it's great to see people without the masks and there's usually the opportunity for a bit of chat after the service.

If you would like to receive joining details please contact Moira on 07801 082 459 or through our Facebook Page Christ Church Primacy Church of Ireland.

## A WORD FROM DENISE.....

*'So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.'* Col 2:6-7

Terry Waite (a former hostage who was kept in isolation for 5 years) said 'We are not stuck at home, we are safe at home.' The majority of us are safe at home right now. The vaccine is being rolled out, we have our home comforts and 'freedom' is in sight. Yet the truth is we are weary of lockdown, home schooling and we miss our family and friends!

In Colossians 2:6 Paul encourages the believers to hold on to truth, when all around them false doctrines threatened the very existence of the Church at Colosse. Our way of life, worship, even our lives and those of our loved ones have been threatened by Covid. Paul calls us, as he did with the Colossians, to live out our faith in Jesus Christ, and His Word and so encourage those around us. To let our trust in His sovereign power be reflected by calm minds, an ability to lovingly reach out to needy neighbours and to keep praying for our nation.

As parents, one of the biggest challenges is teaching your kids to remember to say 'please' and 'thank-you'. Paul reminds us that we are to be overflowing with thankfulness. While our circumstances may be challenging and unpredictable, we can be thankful for an unchanging God. Folks, there are always things to be thankful for; we just need to be intentional about looking for them.(Psalm 136 might help you get started.) I want to challenge you to find 2-3 things a day to thank God for. Once you start you won't be able to stop and it will definitely improve your mood.

As we journey Lent with each other, let us live out our faith with thankful hearts to our wonderful Lord.

## SELECT VESTRY AND CHURCH OFFICERS

### **The Rector's Warden**

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Dennis Dickson

### **The Rector's Glebe Warden**

Desie Wilson

### **The People's Glebe Warden**

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### **Honorary Treasurer**

Helen McGlinchey

### **Honorary Secretary**

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Richard Carson  
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Ashleen Johnston  
Paddy McGlinchey  
Jill Symington  
John Scott

## EASTER VESTRY

The Easter Vestry (the church's Annual General Meeting) is the opportunity for members of the General Vestry to receive, question and adopt reports from the Incumbent, Treasurer and others and to propose, second and elect members of the Select Vestry (1 Church Warden, 1 Glebe Warden and up to 12 members).

This year the Easter Vestry will be held on **Monday 19 April at 7.30 pm**, Covid Restrictions permitting in the Church Building.

## SELECT VESTRY

The Select Vestry is the body that is responsible for the governance of the parish. They are automatically registered as the trustees of the "charity" with the Charity Commission NI.

The range of responsibilities of the Select Vestry include:

- being responsible for maintaining church property (church, halls, rectory, grounds) also known as the "glebe"
- Ensuring good governance in the areas of finance, GDPR, Health and Safety, Safeguarding, Human Resources and other policies and procedures relating to the ongoing work of the church.
- Appointing a treasurer and secretary of the vestry to be responsible for those areas of governance.

## NOTES FROM SELECT VESTRY

Since October the Select Vestry has met (socially distancing) either in the Church building or online. The main areas of discussion have been the impact of Covid and of course, the departure of Francis and Julie as they moved to Kesh in Co Fermanagh.

At the November meeting, Bishop David joined us and shared with us his plans for the future of Christ Church Primacy and that he had someone special in mind but at that stage couldn't divulge the identity—we all know now that it was Denise—and delighted we were to have her, Rory and Gideon join us.

One of the many decisions we have reached as a Vestry was to seek permission from the Representative Church Body (RCB) to rent the Rectory as for the next 4 years while Denise is with us the property would be vacant. Much work has been put into bringing the Rectory up to the standard required and huge thanks are extended to Desie, Bobby, Scott, Richard and others who have painted and worked on the property to get it ready for rental and we are delighted to report that as of mid March we will have a tenant in place.

**PENNY CHALLENGE  
FOR  
#CONNECT4CREATION**

Why not join us in our Penny Challenge to raise funds for the Bishops' Appeal and make use of all the coins you haven't been able to spend over lockdown – to raise funds for #Connect4Creation. The Penny Challenge works like this:

Day 1 – save 1p  
Day 2 – save 2p (total saving 3p)  
Day 3 – save 3p (total saving 6p)  
and so on

As we go to press we are a little late starting the Challenge. But you can still have some days of fun—to join today, (Lent Day 28) set aside £4.06 and add to it each day up until Easter

Day 29 – 29p  
Day 30 – 30p  
Day 31 – 31p (total saving £4.96) and so on....

This means we could each contribute £8.20 towards the sponsorship of beehives in Zimbabwe through Christian Aid as part of a wider community initiative to strengthen the ecosystem and improve crops and nutrition.

To make your contribution you can

- bring it to church (Covid restrictions permitting)
- you can donate using PayPal by following this link <https://paypal.me/pools/cam-paign/115644756112815244>  
or
- you can contact Denise

For more information see [#Conect4Creation](#)

## #CONNECT4CREATION



The Church of Ireland Bishops' Appeal for World Aid and Development is encouraging parishes across to take part in its project for Lent 2021.

**#Connect4Creation** will help members of the Church to connect with God, who is in our midst, and with their surroundings and the natural world. The project suggests activities for taking time to learn about the wonder of bees, doing simple actions to support them, and getting involved in supporting communities and bees across the world.

Christian Aid, a Bishops' Appeal partner agency, is working in communities in Zimbabwe where beehives form a crucial part of a complex, flourishing ecosystem that contains bees, crops, woodlands and people – each needing to play their part for the flourishing of the whole. The resource has also been put together with help from Eco-Congregation Ireland and Muddy Church.

Locally, parishioners can plant flowers to increase the number of habitats for pollinators, make bee hotels, and explore their local areas, using specially designed Muddy Bee Trail prompt cards full

of interesting facts and Bible verses to help you wander and wonder this Lent.

Actions that can help to focus on global issues include fundraising (it costs around €67/£60 to fund the building of a beehive in Zimbabwe), prayer, and creating crafts, a bee trail, or honeycomb crunchie bars, which can help as a fundraiser too.

Donations can be saved up and sent in after Lent is over. [Please visit the Bishops' Appeal website here](#) for giving options and how to increase the value of your donation through Gift Aid or charitable tax relief.

Have a great time exploring God's creation over these next few weeks as spring starts and the days get longer. And feel free to share how you're getting on with the hashtag **#Connect4Creation**.



## GIVING

During the current pandemic it's not always been easy to make donations or submit envelopes. If you need FWO envelopes collected please let us know alternatively you may wish to set up a Standing Order which helps both you and the church to budget effectively and not worry about getting envelopes to church. We've enclosed a Standing Order Form with this magazine and you can return it to your bank or to the Honorary Treasurer in person (we're happy to arrange collection) or by post to FAO Honorary Treasurer, Christ Church Primacy, Church of Ireland, Balloo Road, Bangor BT19 7PG.

## PRAYER

Please let us know if you would like to join with us for prayer Up to Easter we will meet virtually at 7.30 pm on Wednesday evenings while Covid Restrictions are in place. If you can't join us but would like prayer for yourself or someone you know please call the prayer line 07462 338 780 . After Easter we will move to Prayer Meetings on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month.

## FORMAT OF SERVICES

When Covid Restrictions are lifted the format of our Sunday Services will be:

1st Sunday of the month .....All Age Service / Café / Messy Church

2nd/3rd Sunday of the month...Morning Prayer

4th Sunday of the month .....Service of Holy Communion

5th Sunday ..... Service of Wholeness and Healing

### *Things to watch out for in the future .....*

**HOME GROUPS:** Following Easter we hope to launch Home Groups on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month. If you are interested in joining a Home Group please get in touch with Denise at [denise\\_wilson@christchurchprimacy.com](mailto:denise_wilson@christchurchprimacy.com)

**DOORSTEP MINISTRY:** Carol, Anna and Maureen make visits to parishioners who haven't been able to get out to church over the lockdown. Do you know someone who would benefit from this ministry? If so please contact Denise.

**CHRISTIAN AID WEEK:** 10-16 May 2021—this year we will not be having a door-to-door collection but will be fundraising online. If you feel you can contribute ideas please contact Denise.

**ALPHA and EVANGELISM COURSES:** Watch out in future magazines for more information on Alpha and Evangelism Courses.

**STOREHOUSE:** Have you missed contributing to Storehouse over lockdown? If you want to make a donation you can donate online at <https://storehousenorthdown.com/donate/>



## ENJOYED THE MAGAZINE?

We hope you have enjoyed this first edition of the revived Outreach Magazine. We would love to hear your stories from lockdown so please get in touch with the editorial team led by Lorna Parsons—you can contact Lorna at [lorna@theparsons.eu](mailto:lorna@theparsons.eu)



## DID YOU KNOW?

Christ Church Primacy, was formally opened and dedicated on Saturday 12 November 1983 by the Right Rev RHA Eames, Bishop of Down and Dromore and Rev Cecil Newell, President of the Methodist Church in Ireland. A shared building between the Church of Ireland and the Methodist Church the Church of Ireland Morning Prayer service (in normal circumstances) is followed by the Methodist Service of Worship .

Soon after opening Church organisations were set up to meet the needs of the people from the rapidly developing area of Bangor south of the Ring Road. Very quickly there was a need to provide extended accommodation and a new suite of halls was opened on Saturday 21 June 1997 by the Right Rev Harold Millar, Bishop of Down and Dromore and Dr Norman Taggart, President of the Methodist Church in Ireland.

As we look towards the lifting of Covid Restrictions we thank God for the good stewards over the years since 1983 who have served this community and we especially thank God for Denise who leads us forward in her role of Community Pastor and we pray that His kingdom will grow as we prepare to reach out into our Community.

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## KEEPING IN TOUCH.....

We have recently introduced ChurchSuite a new software programme to help us keep our church records up-to-date. We will be in touch soon to make sure the information we have on you is accurate but if you would like us to keep in touch by email or through the Church WhatsApp group then please get in touch with us either by contacting Denise or Moira.