



CHRIST CHURCH PRIMACY

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‘Growing disciples, making disciples.’



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Pressing on...

‘Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.’ Philippians 3:13-14

This was the text that Pastor Phil Emerson of Emmanuel Church, Lurgan, spoke from on New Year’s Day. He made the point that ‘*what is behind*’ doesn’t simply mean our disappointments and failures. We don’t need urged to forget those! It can also refer to our successes or ‘golden years’ when all seemed right with the world. Without realising it, we can go through life constantly looking over our shoulders, back to those days. However, just as we ask Jesus to ‘be present’ as we celebrate the Eucharist, so we are called to be present to this moment, to the people and places that God has called us to today.

We are urged by Paul to ‘*press on*’, into our future with Jesus, here on earth and later in eternity. 2023 sees both congregations of Primacy, COI and Methodist, celebrate the landmark year of 40. While we are not seeking to attach special meaning to the number forty itself, it is clear that the number 40 seems to emphasize a spiritual truth. 40 days and sometimes 40 nights or years, have come to signify a period of probation or trial. In Noah’s day it rained for 40 days and nights. The Israelites wandered in the wilderness for 40 years. Jesus was tempted in the wilderness for 40 days and nights.

But, after the 40 days, nights and years, the period of testing and trial, there followed a new season for individuals and for a nation. Seasons of new adventures and new ministries, all with the reassuring presence and power of the unchanging Lord Almighty.

Could this be a significant year in the life of CCP? I believe it could be, if we celebrate the goodness of God to us in the past, without getting stuck there and intentionally press on and into all that God has for us in the next 40 years!

Hold on to your hat, here we go folks!

Denise

What's been going on?



Jigsaw+

Connecting God's Big Picture

The Friendship Four is an ice hockey tournament, played every year between four college ice hockey teams from America at the Belfast Giants ice hockey rink.

We had great fun. During the match we had popcorn and sweets. It didn't end there. Afterwards we went to McDonalds. Although our food took ages to arrive it was worth it because it was delicious!

Some people were there that I wouldn't have talked to much before, but by the end of the night we were laughing our heads off. I'd definitely recommend people to come on other outings. We had an awesome night!

by Lyla C



The last youth outing was on Saturday 21 January. We all met at the church, then made our way to **Dundonald Ice Bowl**. After bowling we went to McDonald's in Dundonald.

I found the whole night really enjoyable, but I think that my favourite part of the night was when Lyla, Maya and I did karaoke. I was very surprised that I had enough courage to get up on the stage to do karaoke with the girls!

At the ice bowl we split into two groups, the girls and the boys. I'm not sure about the boys but I think that, even though all the girls had good techniques, Madison had the best. She scored the highest score and the most strikes or half strikes.

After bowling we went to the McDonald's in Dundonald. I would rate this McDonald's a 9/10, because the food was delicious and warm plus everyone got what they had ordered. I removed one point because I thought that the service was a little slow, but otherwise it was great!

by Sarah Finlay



26 November saw the return of the Christmas Fayre and the place was buzzing!

We had an amazing array of stalls along with the old favourites of Tombola and Katrine's Hampers. A new addition was the creperie – reminder to self “bright ideas are not always that bright”!! 🤔 🤔

We had Santa Claus in attendance and we fostered some Elves (long story) into the Workshop for the day – Santa and his helpers were kept busy and a great time was had by all – I don't think we terrified any children in the process.



An amazing amount of **£1,730** was raised, so well done everyone who supported us by giving of their time to manage the stalls, set up, cater and by bringing along friends and family to support this fundraising activity.

See ya all next year!



27 November saw 4 of our congregation being confirmed at St Elizabeth's Church in Dundonald. Here's a word from Jim Simpson, one of those confirmed:

Getting confirmed in the church of Ireland at age 57.....

After coming to Primacy Church of Ireland in 2021 and feeling a real sense of belonging with the church family in Primacy I decided I wanted to commit to the family and be confirmed as Anglican in the Church of Ireland. This was a big decision as previously I'd been part of and active in Pentecostal denominations. Along with Beverley we both feel so much at home in the church here in Primacy.

This was not a decision to be made lightly, as we found out! It meant meeting over several weeks in a small group led by Simon and Denise to learn

about the fundamental beliefs of the Church of Ireland. Explaining things like the Apostles Creed, the Lord's Prayer, Liturgy, Communion, etc not just what they were but why they were an integral part of the church services.

I found this really interesting and informative as it explained the premise of these in a fresh and powerful way. As I enjoy reading about Christian history and the saints of old, I really enjoyed these sessions and was sad to see them end, as I discovered all the tenets studied in a life affirming way .



To have the core Christian principles as a bedrock in the church as well as to be part of church with theology and tradition dating way back is really humbling.

The weekly study was not just a lesson but more a group discussion which is good as it helped to ensure we grasped the truths and teachings.

When it came time for the confirmation service in Dundonald at the start of December, I was surprised at how important it was taken.

It was really encouraging to see so many of the church in Primacy attend to support all of us being confirmed. This was a service with a real presence of God, led by the Bishop, it included promises made to God in regards our personal walks in faith by ourselves and those attending with us.

Bishop David, prayed for all the persons being confirmed individually with a specific word for each person and shared his heart. It was encouraged and challenged us to walk into what God has for each of us. With the knowledge we have a church around us so we are not alone.

For me this was about committing to the church in Primacy as my home church family. To be part of the community of believers, local and globally. What a blessing!

I would really encourage anyone that is not confirmed in the church to think and pray hard about committing to the church through confirmation.

God Bless

Jim

At Café Church on 4 December, we were delighted to be joined by the Diocesan Children's Development Officer, Millie Bellew. Millie had an early start, travelling from Newry to take part in our service. Following our café church theme of Meals with Jesus we were looking at the feeding of the 5000 complete with fishy snacks and a quiz about bread and fish.



Millie then led us in some singing and told us a little bit more about herself. Some notable things are she and husband Laurence foster two children and that she brings her guinea pigs to Sunday School each week ! Her message encouraged the kids that they don't have to wait until they are grown up to do great things; they can do them now.

By Maura Mooney



On 6 December, 16 ladies gathered at church for the **GRACE** Christmas dinner prepared by some men from the congregation. We were all surprised to enter the hall to find it looking so cosy complete with Christmas tree and 'woodburning stove'. It was really lovely.



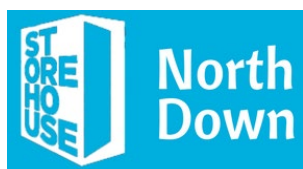
The kitchen team had unfortunately been reduced by Covid, but John and Tim served us a beautiful 3-course meal with lots of choice. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the food and the conversation flowed. It was great to have time to chat and get to know each other better over a lovely meal.

After the meal Liz shared with us about Jesus calming the storm and how God is with us in the storms of our own lives. Big thank you to everyone involved in putting on the GRACE Christmas dinner.

By Maura Mooney



Storehouse



Storehouse Christmas Hampers were distributed on 14 December and huge thanks to everyone who assisted with the deliveries.

Storehouse are always keen to replenish their stores with a wide range of items. A full, up-to-date, list of items needed can be found at <https://storehousenorthdown.com/items-needed/> and food enquiries can be made by phoning 07526 541168.

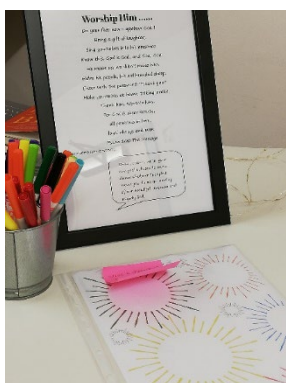
by Ashleen Johnston

As part of our January focus on prayer we set up a **24 hour prayer room** in church. Members from both the Methodist and Church of Ireland congregations signed up to pray for an hour in the prayer room and we covered 23 hours out of the 24 which was so encouraging.

The different prayer stations were largely based around Joshua and the Israelites crossing the Jordan to enter the promised land. We gave thanks for the 40 years of Christ Church Primacy by building a tower of Jenga bricks and offered God our dreams for the future by floating paper flowers on water.



It was lovely to take an hour to spend with God and to seek more of his presence in our lives, in our church and in our community.



By Maura Mooney



February 5 was our first Christian Endeavour (CE) service since the pandemic. 7 children - 1 child aged 11 and 6 children between 4-7 took part in the service which included a Bible trivia quiz.

The loose offering of £220 was donated to CE missionary project, Open Schools Worldwide, which provides an education to all children in the world. According to figures collected by the United Nations, 258 million children don't go to school worldwide. Many countries are very poor and cannot afford to build schools in every town and village. This means children may have to walk 2-3 hours to get to the nearest school and many parents do not have money to pay for education. Money raised will help train Christian volunteers from local churches to use teachers' guides, learners' workbooks and games to teach the out-of-school children in their local community who are aged 7-19.

Thank you to all who supported this mission. Everyone appeared to have enjoyed the service. The service was followed by light refreshments.

Pat, Brenda and Ruth

Pastoral care

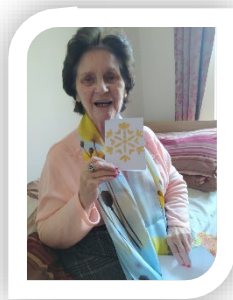
What an amazing story we can tell of the last four months of 2022.

Through the Freezer Food Ministry, we were able to bless a couple who were back home together after several months of living apart due to ill health. It was such a joy to see them together at home. We continue to support a lady who is unwell and doesn't always have the energy to cook for herself.

We thank God that during this period another two cooks signed up to help with this Ministry. This brings the team up to six.

In December we visited twenty-seven people, seeking to bless them with our Christmas Doorstep Delivery. This delivery celebrated 'all things Christmas'. It included a Pomander, a Christmas Card

made by our children and young people who attend Jigsaw and Jigsaw+, a Christmas Scroll that provided facts about the origins of some of our Christmas traditions, and also some festive treats. The handmade Christmas cards were particularly well received, so a big thank you to all of our artistic children and young people.



Although CCP had been particularly active on the run up to Christmas with the Ladies Afternoon Tea, the welcomed return of the Christmas Fayre and other activities, members of our congregation willingly stepped forward to bake shortbread, mince pies and Christmas Cup-Cakes. This was such a fabulous demonstration of God's love and provision.

Throughout 2022 we continued to make home visits, especially to people who are housebound and/or living on their own. These visits are often a blessing to the person being visited and the visitor.

Our sincere thanks to everyone who helped with the different aspects of CCP Pastoral Care throughout the past year.

By Carol Graham

CAP

We've had another busy few months with CAP and are thankful that another 2 of our clients have become debt free, but this is balanced by us having 23 active cases at the moment.

Our CAP Money course ran in St Andrews during November and I was supported by members (Harry and Gary) from West Church – it went so well we've been invited back next year to run another course. We were also invited to run a course by the North Down Community Network which starts at 9.30 am on Monday, 20 February in the Community Hub on Bangor Main Street.

I'm delighted to report that Tim Warwick, from West Church, who recently joined the North Down team has seen his first client become Debt Free and is working well towards completing the 3rd stage of his training.

Our "Holly Jolly Afternoon Tea" in December was a great success. It was a real blessing to see everyone coming together to enjoy a relaxed afternoon with friends and getting to know some new faces. A big thank you to Valerie Burrows (Ards CAP) and all her team, Maura Mooney, John and Ken for the "tunes" and everyone who baked or helped on the day to make it an enjoyable time for everyone.

As we go forward in 2023 our thoughts turn to the sustainability of the Debt Centre. I am grateful to all those who support CAP prayerfully, by giving their time and financially and if you feel you would like to help to support the work of CAP then please speak to me at any of our services or you can phone me on 07553 858 867.

Ways that you can support the work of CAP



Give

Donate today to give the gift of hope to people living under the weight of debt and poverty.



Campaign with us

As a society, we can do better. Use your voice to make a difference by supporting our current campaigns.

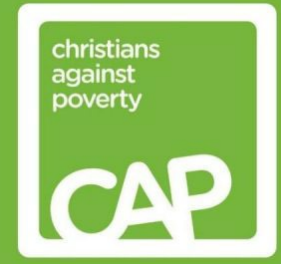


Pray with us

Get free resources and join us as we lift up people in poverty across the UK, praying for those who serve them and to see lasting change.

May God bless you all for your continued support.

by Ashleen Johnston



Coming up



What if the wilderness is more than a detour
In a travel agent's itinerary?
What if the wilderness is a can't-miss destination
on the journey of your life?

Introducing the 2023 Lent Course
'A way through the wilderness'

Our 6-week Bible Adventure begins on
Wednesday, 22 February

10.00 am and 7.30 pm in Church

Please join us for 60 minutes of discussion and
eavesdropping on 6 dramatic wilderness encounters



Save the dates



Quiz
night

Saturday 4, March

7.15 pm to start at 7.30 pm in the church

Tables – Maximum of 8 people

Book a table with

Brian, Renee, Ann, John or Rory

£5 per person

Tea/coffee provided

Bring soft drinks and nibbles for your own table

Proceeds to mission funds

EASTER VESTRY

16 APRIL 2023



As advertised last month, our annual General (Easter) Vestry takes place on **Sunday 16 April 2023** in Church beginning with breakfast at 8.30 am. We hope you can be there.

Written nominations will be gathered ahead of the meeting and we need 12 names. It is up to you to stand yourself or to propose someone else, and the basic commitment is one meeting a month. Nominations close on **Sunday 9 April**. Forms are available from the Churchwardens on Sunday mornings

In addition to the reports, parish accounts and elections already on the agenda, 'any other notified business should be brought to the Honorary Secretary's (Moirá McVeigh) attention the day before the meeting, at the latest.

Across the Church of Ireland, 2023 is a "triennial" Vestry year, meaning that certain key parish positions filled once every three years fall vacant. Accordingly, we are seeking nominations for Diocesan Synod and Parochial Nominators (these will also close on Sunday 9 April).

Diocesan Synod Members

Once a year, the Bishop calls a Synod where representatives of all the parishes in Down and Dromore come together for a day of worship, discussion and encouragement. Effectively, this gathering is the AGM or Easter Vestry for the diocese. Time is spent on practical and accounting matters and motions are debated and passed or rejected. The overall aim is that the blessings of the previous twelve months are shared and celebrated. For the last three years Christ Church Primacy has been represented by (1) Audrey Derby and (2) Jill Symington.

Parochial Nominators

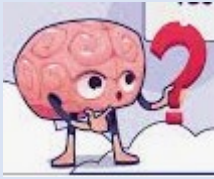
In the event of the parish becoming vacant (through 'retirement, preferment or death in post!') the task of finding a new incumbent falls to the Parochial Nominators, elected from our own parishioners. The first stage is for a diocesan body called The Permanent Commission on Parochial Vacancies to establish that our parish remains viable and that it can pay for a rector and offer a rectory which meets the regulation Church of Ireland standard. After that, the Nominators consult with the Bishop and an elected group of diocesan representatives known as the Board of Nomination. Together, they identify the particular needs of the parish, put a parish profile together and draw up a shortlist of candidates. The Nominators then meet the prospective clergy and bring the Board their recommendation. If called upon to act, it is a prayerful, time-consuming but fascinating responsibility so it's crucial that our team bring a range of outlooks and backgrounds and represent the whole sweep of the parish. Our current Nominators are (1) Richard Carson, (2) Scott Carson, (3) David Symington

Supplementalists

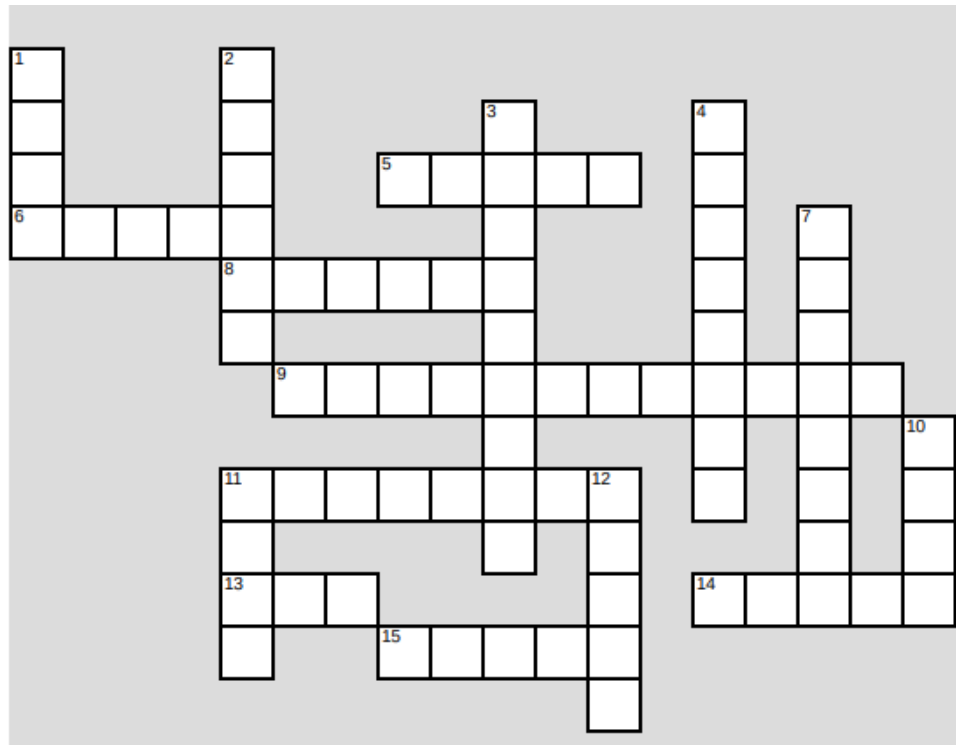
In addition, and just in case, 'supplementalist' Synod Members and Parochial Nominators are also required this year. These are people who only step forward should one of our Members or Nominators have to stand down during their three years in office. It is critical then, that we have a full list of nine 'subs' (Synod, Nominators and Junior) to ensure that Ballyholme is well served in every eventuality. Our current supplemental Synod members are (1) Anna McCullough, and (2) Ann Scott. Our current supplemental Nominators are (1) Maureen Carson (2) John Scott, and (3) Dennis Dickson.

For further information speak to Denise and please consider making yourself available for these important roles.

BRAIN TEASER



Crossword Puzzle – General Bible Knowledge

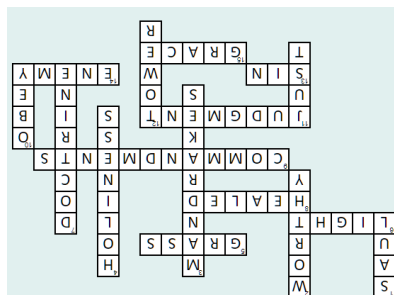


Across

- 5 The _____ withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God stands forever. (Isaiah 40:8)
- 6 You are the _____ of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. (Matt. 5:14)
- 8 The chastisement for our peace was upon him, and by his stripes we are _____. (Isaiah 53:5)
- 9 For this is the love of God, that we keep his _____? (1 John 5:3)
- 11 For the time has come for _____ to begin at the house of God. (1 Peter 4:17)
- 13 If we say we have no _____, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. (1 John 1:8)
- 14 Do not rejoice when your _____ falls, and do not let your heart be glad when he stumbles. (Proverbs 24:17)
- 15 For by _____ you have been saved. (Ephesians 2:8)

Down

- 1 First King of Israel? (1 Samuel 9:17)
- 2 Jesus said, "He who loves father or mother more than me is not _____ of me. (Matt. 10:37)
- 3 Plants which Reuben brought to his mother Leah; and Rachel asked for some. (Gen. 30:14)
- 4 Pursue peace with all people and _____, without which, no one will see the Lord. (Hebrews 12:14)
- 7 For I give you good _____: do not forsake my law. (Proverbs 4:2)
- 10 We ought to _____ God rather than men. (Acts 5:29)
- 11 But the _____ shall live by faith. (Habakkuk 2:4)
- 12 The name of the Lord is a strong _____; the righteous run to it and are safe. (Proverbs 18:10)



SELECT VESTRY 2022/23

Rector's Churchwarden	Audrey Derby
People's Churchwarden.....	Lena Korea
Rector's Glebewarden	Desie Wilson
People's Glebewarden.....	Scott Carson
Honorary Treasurer	Helen McGlinchey
Honorary Secretary.....	Moira McVeigh
Select Vestry	Brian Curran
.....	Denis Dickson
.....	Ashleen Johnston
.....	Maura Mooney
.....	Colin Parker
.....	Ann Scott
.....	Jim Simpson
.....	David Symington
.....	Rory Wilson

GROUP AND MEETING LEADERS

Monday	Tots @ Primacy Maura Mooney 07414 907 476
Tuesday	Exploration Group (pm) John Shannon 07710 892 138
Wednesday	Prayer meeting 1st and 3rd week 7.30 – 8.15 pm Exploration Group (am) Scott Carson 07725 857 140 Exploration Group (pm) Tim Parr
Thursday.....	Exploration Group (pm) David Symington 07784 513 534
Saturday	Men's Ministry Rory Wilson 07761 463 667 John Shannon 07710 892 138 David Symington 07784 513 534

SAFEGUARDING

The Pastor, Vestry and Leaders of this Parish are committed to upholding good practice in our ministry with children and young people. Should you have any concerns regarding child welfare in the Parish, please contact a member of the Safeguarding Panel:

Simon Doogan	028 9127 4901
Helen McGlinchey	07770 525 788
Ann Scott	07738 824 268
Colin Parker.....	07879 360 600

or the South Eastern HSCT Gateway Team on 0300 100 0300

USEFUL CONTACTS

HOSPITAL/CONVALESCENCE CALLS/NURSING HOME VISITS

As a church, we care deeply about the wellbeing of our Parishioners. It is helpful if family or friends can let us know if someone has been admitted to hospital, a nursing home or need a visit at home. Our Pastoral Team will be delighted to call and pray with and for anyone in need. Contact Denise Wilson on 07745 298 734.

MISSION CONTACTS

Christian AidAudrey Derby 07443 614 311
CMSIAnn Scott 07738 824 268
Kiwoko HospitalRory Wilson 07761 463 667
Good News for Everyone.....Brian Curran..... 07713 577 228

PARISH PRAYER LINE

A confidential, non-threatening way to ask for prayer, no matter what the concern or issue.
Telephone: 07462 338 780

OTHER USEFUL CONTACTS

Flower rota Moira McVeigh 07801 082 459
Hospitality Moira McVeigh..... 07801 082 459
Jigsaw..... Maura Mooney 07414 907 476
Live Streaming Jim Simpson 07711 080 672
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Worship Richard Carson 07540 073 845
Magazine editor Vacant

If you feel you would like to contribute to the work and ministries of Christ Church Primacy then please get in touch with Denise.

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DATES FOR THE DIARY



Social/Events

Saturday	4 March	Table Quiz Fund Raiser – Quiz Master Ronnie McClements
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Sunday Services

There will be a short time of prayer 30 minutes before all morning services.

5 February	11:00 am	Christian Endeavour Service
12 February	10:00 am	Service of the Word – Pr Denise
19 February	10:00 am	Service of the Word – Cameron Mack
26 February	10:00 am	Service of Holy Communion Rev Paddy McGlinchey
5 March	10:00 am	Café Church – Pr Denise
12 March	10:00 am	Service of the Word – Pr Denise
19 March	10:00 am	Service of the Word – Guest Speaker
26 March	10:00 am	Service of Holy Communion Rev Paddy McGlinchey
2 April	10:00 am	Palm Sunday – Pr Denise
9 April	6:00 am	Easter Dawn Service, The Banks, Ballyholme
	10:00 am	Easter Service
16 April	8:30 am	Easter Vestry with breakfast
	10:00 am	Service of the Word
23 April	10:00 am	Service of the Word Rev Paddy McGlinchey
30 April	10:00 am	Service of Wholeness and Healing Pr Denise

Holy Week, 2 – 9 April 2023

Palm Sunday	2 April, 10:00 am	Service of the Word
Wednesday	5 April, 7:30 pm	Youth Night Guest Speaker – Amy Cairnduff
Thursday	6 April, 7:30 pm	Maundy Thursday Service of Holy Communion led by Rev Mandy
Friday	7 April, 7:30 pm	Good Friday Service led by Pr Denise

Holidays

Pr Denise will be on leave from Sunday 19 February – Saturday 25 February inclusive.