



St Patrick's Parish News



Autumn 2026

The Rector writes –



As summer draws to a close and we look ahead to autumn, there is much for which to give thanks and plenty to look forward to at St Patrick's. One of the highlights of the summer was our Holiday Bible Club, where we explored the Armour of God together, through songs, crafts, games and even a visit from some well-trained soldiers. The children had a fantastic time learning about Jesus and discovering what it means to live out our faith each day. A huge 'thank you' to everyone who helped make the week such a success.



We also enjoyed a wonderful Back to Church Sunday, beginning with a special all-age service before continuing the celebrations with food trucks, inflatables and plenty of opportunities to spend time together. It was a great chance to invite friends and family and to celebrate the joy of being part of the St Patrick's community.

September brings new starts and it has been a great joy to welcome Connor, our new Musical Director, to the team. We look forward to all that he will bring to our worship and to seeing our music ministry continue to grow and engage people of all ages. The new term has also brought the launch of our creche. A special 'thank you' to everyone who generously donated toys and books. Your kindness has helped us create a welcoming space for our youngest members and their families.

Prayer remains at the heart of our life together, and it was a privilege to host a prayer room during Awaken Prayer Week. Thank you to everyone who took time to pray and helped create a space in which we could seek God together.

I would like to take a moment to express my sincere thanks to everyone who has helped care for our church grounds over the summer. Much of this work happens quietly behind the scenes, but it makes such a difference in helping our church remain welcoming and beautiful. We are greatly supported by so many volunteers and their skills. There are many ways for everyone to get involved and we would encourage everyone to be serving in the life of the Church. Don't sit on the sidelines but come be a part of the action!



As we begin a new autumn term, there is plenty about which to be excited. Harvest, Christmas and all that comes in between provide wonderful opportunities to worship, serve, invite others and grow together as a church family. Thank you for all that you do. I look forward to sharing the coming season with you.

With every blessing,
Marcus

Parish Register

Holy Baptism

14th June 2026

James Houston

3rd August 2026

Coco Reade

Holy Matrimony

13th June 2026

Victoria Kerr Dixon
and Bruce Peter Airth Lawson

Holy Burial

30th June 2026

William Victor Mervyn Whiteside

Confirmation

14th June 2026

Lauren Mills-Westley
Katie McClure
Alexis Tuff
James Houston

Sundays

10.00am – Contemporary Worship & Sunday Club

11.00am – Coffee & Connect in the Hall

11.30am – Traditional Worship

**Holy Communion will be celebrated at both Services
on 1st Sunday of the month**

Facebook and YouTube Weblinks are available on

www.stpatricksbroughshane.com/online-sunday-service

Radio: Church Services are broadcast on short wave 27.60 Frequency 27 MHz

Services will continue to be available on Facebook, YouTube, the website and by telephone after 1pm on Sunday on **028 2517 0014**
(calls are charged at local rate)

Wednesdays

**Together at Ten - Holy Communion (Form1) at 10:00am
With tea/coffee and cake afterwards
in the Stoney Room**



Introducing Music Director - Connor McQuillan



I'm delighted to be joining the church as the new Music Director, and I'm really looking forward to getting to know everyone and becoming part of the church family.

Music has been a huge part of my life for the past 20 years, having started playing piano at a young age. Over the years, I've had the opportunity to compete both internationally and online, which has taken me to some fantastic places and given me plenty of memorable experiences along the way! I've also had the privilege of achieving success in a number of competitions, including four world online championship titles, although these days I'm probably more interested in enjoying making music than counting trophies!

Before taking on this role, I spent four years as Music Director at another church, where I had the opportunity to lead worship, work with musicians and singers, and help develop the musical life of the congregation. I'm excited to bring that experience with me and, most importantly, to work together with everyone here to make music a joyful and meaningful part of our worship.

I'm looking forward to meeting you all, sharing some music, trying out a few ideas and hopefully having plenty of fun along the way. I'm very grateful for the warm welcome I've already received, and I can't wait to see what we can create together!



Together @ Ten

Communion & Community

Wednesdays at 10am

followed by coffee & cake!



At rest

Yes, I suppose most of us at some time experience distress. It could just be caused by something quite small. Maybe it is that the car won't start when you have to get somewhere or after spending a long time on your laptop doing a transaction you discover that it does not go through. On the other hand, the distress may be caused by something more serious – possible redundancies at work or illness affecting the family.

When we experience distress, it can be accompanied by all sorts of emotions – anxiety and fear, frustration and irritation, maybe even anger. We may take our distress out on others, or we may indeed withdraw from others. Distress is not a pleasant feeling for the one experiencing it or indeed for those around who witness it.

Part of that word 'distress' is the word stress and, of course, they are closely related. Yet the central letters of the word give us an altogether different word – rest. This is where we would rather be – at rest rather than distressed.

This brings us to a verse of Scripture – John 14 v 1. Jesus said "*Set your troubled hearts at rest. Trust in God, trust also in me*". We are to let our faithful and loving God embrace our distress and begin to dissipate it. Begin to displace our distress by his rest or peace.

Yet, clearly much easier said than done. We may well seesaw between feelings of distress and some sense of being at rest under God's care. We pray for an increase of God's peace in our hearts, thus limiting our feelings of distress.

There is a hymn - no. 626 – in our hymnal that is based on this scripture. The second verse exhorts us:

*Trusting still in God above,
set your troubled hearts at rest;
find within a Father's love
comfort for a soul distressed.*

When distress begins to impact on our lives, we try to dwell on the first words of Psalm 62 "*Find rest, my soul, in God alone*". Many things would detach us from rest, focusing on God attaches us firmly to that rest.

Stuart Lloyd





News from St. Patrick's Branch

We were privileged to welcome Rev Mark Reid as guest speaker at our Mothers' Union meeting on 24 June. Mark has served as Chaplain to the Mission to Seafarers at Belfast Port since January 2023. Before entering ordained ministry, he enjoyed a career in manufacturing and industrial management, beginning theological training in 2004 before later serving as a Military Chaplain with the Royal Engineers.

Mark spoke about his role at Belfast Port, where he is aware of every ship arriving and departing, its destination, size and, most importantly, the crew members onboard. Their welfare is his priority, and he often acts as an advocate on their behalf. He provides pastoral care and spiritual support to seafarers of all nationalities and faiths, many coming from countries including the Philippines, India, Eastern Europe and Africa.



He shared insights into the challenges of life at sea, describing how Seafarers work long hours, far from home while supporting their families through the wages they earn. Months spent onboard can lead to loneliness and isolation, making his role to support them especially important. Mark explained

that the most rewarding aspect of his ministry is building personal connections with crew members and walking alongside them through these challenges. Through friendship, practical assistance and pastoral care, he ensures every Seafarer knows they are remembered and valued while they are away from their loved ones.

Let us keep Rev Mark and the Seafarers he serves in our prayers. To learn more about the Mission to Seafarers, visit their Facebook page or website at www.missiontoseafarers.org.

Our next Mothers' Union will hold a Communion Service on Wednesday 30th September at 8pm, St Patrick's Broughshane for members old and new followed by tea in the Stoney Room.

All are welcome to 'Join us – Join in!'

Gail Logan Clements



St Patrick's Tots



**Thursday 9.30 - 11.30
in the Church Hall**

**For children under 5
Parents, Grandparents
and Carers
£2 per family**



We finished the term with our children's day service and prize giving. Then we had the Annual Church BBQ and water fight at the church hall in June: everyone had a wonderful day and most got completely soaked.



We hope all the Sunday Club children have had a great summer and have settled into the new school year. Sunday Club returned on 20th September after our 'Back to Church Sunday Funday' which was a great success with families enjoying lunch and ice cream, games and clambering all over the inflatables.



Please join us in church at 10.00am. The children will leave during the service to go to the hall.

We have planned an exciting year ahead with stories, crafts, games and fun. We welcome any new children to come and join us from nursery age to P7.

Sunday Club Leaders

Can you help?

We need your help to keep the Church grounds neat and tidy – including lawn mowing, leaf clearing and general tidying up.



Please speak to the Church Wardens



Please continue to support the Food Bank with cereals, tinned meat, teabags, instant coffee, cleaning products, etc.

Boxes in the porch and the hall



Church Flowers

A special day to remember a loved one, celebrate an anniversary or just special?

Could you provide flowers for the altar?

Please sign the list in the porch and/or speak to Beth





We finished the Summer Term with some practical skills, such as fire lighting, pioneering and teamwork. We played a Wide Game on The Common and earned several badges. ahead of our Group Summer Camp, playing lots of outdoor games and working away at badgework to, hopefully, earn a few Chief Gold Scout Awards.

Over the Summer break, St Patrick's Broughshane Scout Group held a weekend camp in Crawfordsburn, where Cubs, Scouts and Explorers had the opportunity to enjoy the great outdoors. The youngsters put up tents, washed dishes, made friends, and played a lot of games.



Activities included climbing, zip wire, crate stacking, 3G swing, airsoft target shooting and bushcraft. We held a campfire where everyone got to sing, dance and laugh, before toasting marshmallows over the fire and making s'mores.



Some of our older Scouts will soon be taking part in the Expedition Challenge badge where they will complete a two-day, one-night expedition with a small team, including campcraft, cooking a hot meal, and a project.

Huge congratulations to Hilary on receiving her long service award recently

Hilary and Samantha



The Cubs have had another busy and enjoyable term. They completed a two-night camp at Crawfordsburn, taking part in lots of outdoor activities and enjoying the chance to spend time together.

Some Cubs also attended the District canoeing event at Movanager Canal, where they had great fun getting out on the water and trying something new.

As we look ahead to September, we will be saying goodbye to those Cubs moving up to Scouts, while also looking forward to welcoming some new members to the Cub Pack.

Ash & Chrissy

We were excited to welcome back seventeen returning girls and four new members to our Rainbow unit in September. We are blessed to have a thriving unit where girls can learn their value and strengths and form friendships.

There are many new things for Rainbows to do. Some of them are just starting nursery school or moving up to primary school. Rainbows introduces girls to friends, new adult leaders, new traditions and even a new uniform.

This autumn term the focus is the Girlguiding theme 'Make Change'. The girls will learn about what influences us and how we influence others. They will learn about making decisions, how to treat others and the consequences of their actions. They will also learn about good deeds by sending 'Thank You' cards into the community.



Rainbows is also about having fun! We look forward to an Autumn Celebration, games galore, arts & crafts and preparing for Christmas toward the end of the term.

While our unit is currently full, we have several girls who will be moving up to Brownies soon. If you know a girl age 4-6 (or younger) who would like to join our waiting list, please visit www.girlguiding.org.uk to register your girl.

Lori, Siobhan, Emma, Zara & Hilary

Our end of year photo 2026
(2nd June 2026)





Welcome Back, Brownies!



We are so excited to be starting a **new Brownie term** and looking forward to another fun-filled year of adventures, friendship, learning and lots of laughter!

A very warm **welcome back to all our returning Brownies**, and a special welcome to our **new Brownie, Fiadh**. We are delighted to have you with us and can't wait to see all the fun we'll have together over the term and year ahead.

We are always delighted to welcome new members, so if you know a girl aged **7–10** who would love to join us, please get in touch — we would be thrilled to welcome her to our Brownie family. 



Could You Be a Brownie Helper or Leader?

Our Brownie unit is growing, and we are looking for **helpers and potential new leaders** to join our team.

If you — or someone you know — would enjoy spending a **Thursday evening inspiring, encouraging and having fun with a wonderful group of 7–10-year-old girls**, we would love to hear from you!



You don't need to be an experienced leader — just bring your enthusiasm, a willingness to get involved and a love of helping young people. **We would welcome you with open arms!**

If you're interested, or know someone who might be, please get in touch with us.

Here's to a fantastic new Brownie term and a brilliant year ahead!

If you would like to join us please speak to a leader or



visit <https://go.girlguiding.org.uk/join-us/join-as-member/>

Jacqueline, Lynsey, Geraldine & Laura

We had a fun summer term preparing for camp, where we made campfire firelighters from eggboxes and buddy burners from tins, corrugated cardboard and wax - and then we made s'mores!

The theme of the term was food so we cooked up a storm with 'Sauce Up Your Life' making a pasta sauce which we used to top our own pizzas.



We moved onto some community action, learning how to plan a change-making campaign and what tasks to prioritise. It showed us all how we all think differently when it comes to planning, but that teamwork is the most important element.



We all had a great time at camp Snores 'n' S'mores. The weather was great and we met lots of other units from across Ulster. We completed the mechanics badge with the help of the Royal Navy, who brought engines and tools and demonstrated how

to use them. We tested our courage with cube climbing, our agility with crate stacking, our aim with archery and our fire-lighting skills with bushcraft. Despite some interrupted sleep on the first night, we all thoroughly enjoyed ourselves and look forward to camping next year.

As always if you would like to know more or to join us please speak to a leader or visit <https://go.girlguiding.org.uk/join-us/join-as-member/>

Hannah, Geraldine & Laura



Be happy with what
you have while working
for what you want.

BOB HOPE

It was another busy end to the term with plenty of fun, friendship and new experiences throughout June. We completed the Wild Cooking Skill Builder, putting outdoor cooking skills to the test – and we made a makeshift oven using a disposable BBQ! Hot dogs were on the menu, followed by delicious s'mores!



A few Rangers headed to Lorne Estate with the Guides and Brownies for Snores-n-S'mores weekend camp. It was another chance to enjoy the outdoors, spend time with friends and experience all the fun and friendship that comes with camp.

The term ended with a walk and, most importantly, ice cream! - the perfect way to end the term.

During the summer Zara, who is a Girlguiding Pioneer, joined the National team and worked on some exciting new ideas for Girlguiding. Opportunities like this keep young voices heard and play a part in shaping the future of Girlguiding.

Great excitement now as the new uniforms have been launched. It marks the beginning of a fresh new look for Girlguiding, and we are looking forward to seeing it make its way into our units.

Interested in joining us?

Rangers is for girls aged 14–18 and is a great opportunity to make new friends, learn new skills, take part in camps and adventures, and enjoy lots of fun along the way. If you, or someone you know, would be interested in joining us, please speak to Cathy or Geraldine. We would love to welcome some new faces to the group!

Here's to more adventures, new skills, friendship and plenty of Ranger fun!

Cathy & Geraldine

Who's Who Organisations		
Sunday Club (Primary Schoolers)	Rainbows Lori Hartman Siobhan Davis	Beavers Vanessa Wilson
Music Connor McQuillan	Brownies Jacqueline McClintock Geraldine Linford	Cubs Chrissy Moffett
Mothers' Union Gail Clements	Guides Hannah Aldridge Geraldine Linford	Scouts Hilary Arthur
Tots Violet Lucas	Rangers Cathy McCaig Geraldine Linford	Explorers Derek McKillop



Safeguarding Trust

"It is the policy of the Church of Ireland to set standards for the welfare of all children sharing in its ministry with a view to protecting them from physical, sexual and emotional harm."

We work according to this policy using the laid down Code of Practice.
 It is incumbent on St Patrick's to create a safe environment for children.

If you have any concerns relating to Safeguarding,
 contact one of the Safeguarding Panel below:

Marcus Hart
Sandra Adams

Vicky Thompson
Andy Kennedy

Who's Who at St Patrick's

Rector	Rev Marcus Hart
Honorary Secretary	Julie Thompson
Honorary Treasurer	Steven Ewing
Rector's Church Warden	Sandy Wilson
People's Church Warden	Beth Clyde
Rector's Glebe Warden	Freddie Patterson
People's Glebe Warden	Gavin Mark
Parish Administrator & Fire Warden	James Linford
Music Director	Connor McQuillan
Sanctuary Flowers	Beth Clyde
Catering Committee	Suzanne Beckett
Heating	Derek Mills-Westley
Magazine Editor	Geraldine Linford



Select Vestry

Rector, Church Wardens, Glebe Wardens,
Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer,
Suzanne Beckett, Anne Bothwell, Emma Erwin,
Geraldine Linford, Laura Montgomery,
Kathryn McGall, Derek McKillop, Richard Reade,
Vicky Thompson, Stephen Tuff, Stephen Young



Save The Date

18TH OCTOBER
EVENING HARVEST

8TH NOVEMBER
REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE

13TH DECEMBER
CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST

17TH DECEMBER
PUB CAROLS IN THE THATCH

20TH DECEMBER
NATIVITY SERVICE

20TH DECEMBER
UNITED CAROL SERVICE

24TH DECEMBER
MIDNIGHT COMMUNION

25TH DECEMBER
CHRISTMAS DAY