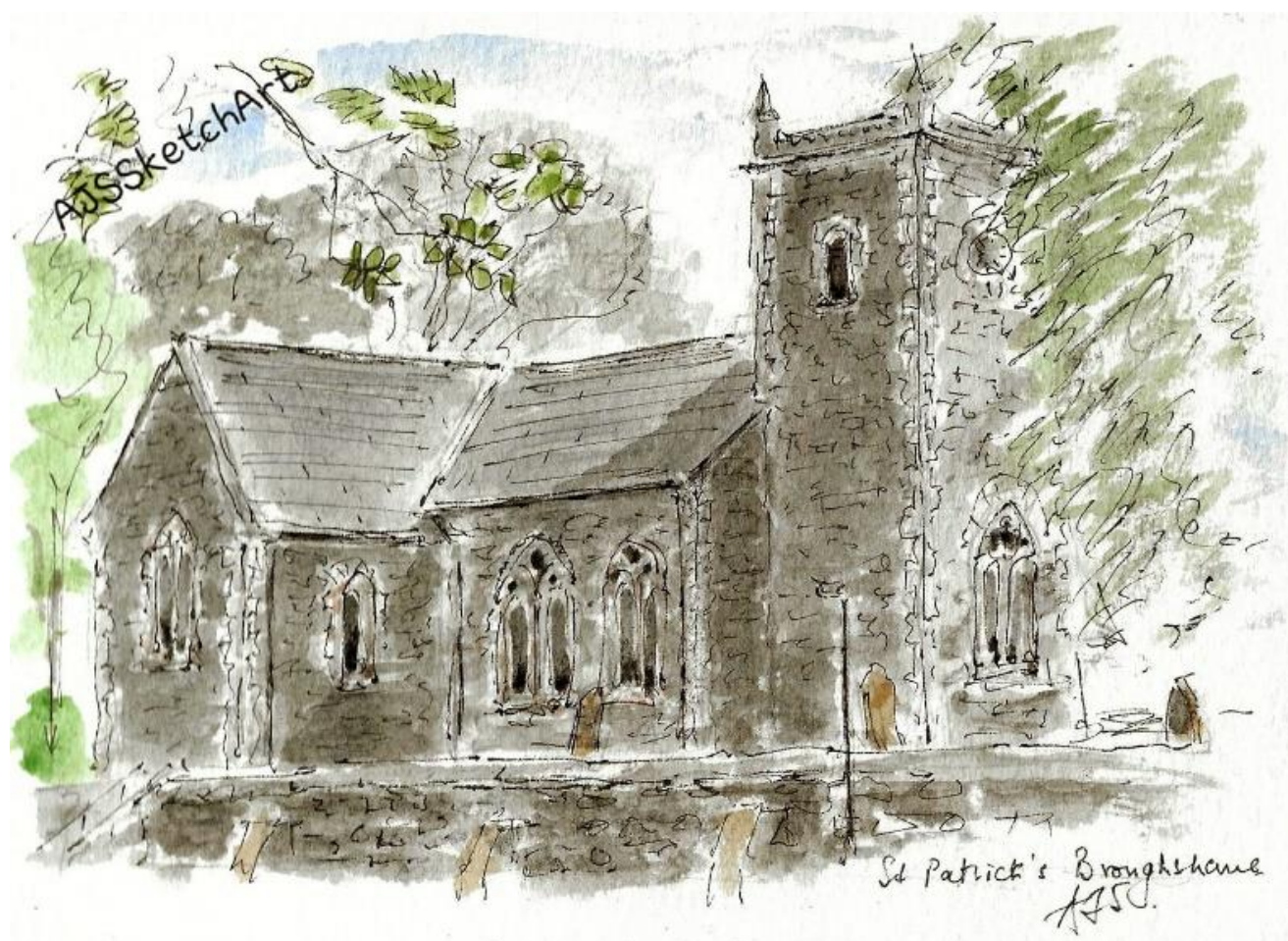


# St Patrick's Parish News



**Autumn 2020**

## The Rector writes.....

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As I write, we, as a church family, are preparing to reopen our buildings for physically gathering. Many of us have missed being together, and, so, this is a welcome step. However, the 'lockdown' was a time to take stock of what it means to be a Church. Often, we make the mistake of associating our church buildings or 'God's House' with the 'Church', yet the New Testament warns us against this: in Acts 7:48 and 17:24 we are reminded that "...*God does not dwell in houses made with human hands...*". Instead, the Bible is clear that God dwells in his people as 1 Corinthians 6:16 tells us "...*We are the temple of the living God...*". Friends, we are the house of God.

Throughout 'lockdown' we have sought to support one another, taking our faith out of the building and into the community. We have been creative about how we continued to 'meet' through a pastoral phone team and bulletins. For me, one of the joys has been the friendship and camaraderie that developed over Zoom. As a Church, we may have missed gathering physically, yet we have still flourished. We really have taken our faith out of the building and into the community.

As we begin to use our buildings again, we must not slip back into their veneration, but, instead, continue to see them for what they are - meeting places for God's people. We must also continue to see the Church for what it is - its people - and encourage one another in faith to grow to be more like Jesus (1 Thessalonians 5:11, Hebrews 10:24). Over the next few months, we will have to adapt to the changes brought about by COVID19, and many of these are outlined in guidance notes in this magazine. So please take time to read and familiarise yourself with them. I want to thank the Select Vestry for its work which has allowed for the physical regathering of church, and especially to thank our Churchwardens, Glebe Wardens, Honorary Secretary, Treasurer, and Robbie McGreevy for their hard work

We will also be welcoming a new face to St Patrick's: Andrea Cotter joins us as Deacon Intern. Andrea will be ordained on 13<sup>th</sup> September and will be with us through the final year of her training. Please welcome her and her husband, Richard, as they join the St Patrick's church family.

The 'lockdown' saw us operate as a Church without walls, taking us outside our building. I want to thank those involved in making that possible, including the pastoral phone team, Alan Brown and his work on the website and Geraldine and James Linford for their work with the Church bulletin. As we move forward, we need to keep in mind that our priority must be His worship (not our buildings, nor our traditions) and we must find ways to continue to be innovative in how we do this - building on the excellent work carried out during the last few months.



Your friend and Rector

Andrew



## **Welcome to Charlotte Rose Campbell**

On Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> August at 12.46pm we finally met the newest addition to our family - Charlotte Rose. We are both relieved and delighted to report that Henry adores his little sister and that both Charlotte and we are settling well into life as a family of four. We have been overwhelmed by your kindness, well wishes, cards, gifts and cake! We have really appreciated your thoughtfulness and for including big brother presents for Henry and treats for myself.

*Allison*

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## **Welcome Andrea Cotter**

My name is Andrea and I am about to start my third year at the Church of Ireland Theological Institute. I hope to be ordained as a Deacon in September. I am married to Richard, who works as Finance and Administration Manager for the Diocese of Connor. I was born in Belfast but now live in Cullybackey. I have a twin sister and three gorgeous nephews. I worked in banking for most of my career and have taken a career break to pursue God's calling to Ministry. I have been a member of the Church of Ireland all my life and was baptised as a baby in Lisburn Cathedral. I grew up and had my faith nurtured in St Polycarp's Parish in Finaghy. I was confirmed and married there. I have been married for 9 years.

I hope to start with you on Sunday the 6<sup>th</sup> September. I am hoping to experience the trials and joys of Parish life, to gain some understanding of the task of leadership within a parish context and to be able to develop my pastoral skills through home visiting and hospital visiting. I also will be completing my dissertation on the Marriage Services and mission in the Church of Ireland as I work towards the completion of my Masters course.

In my free time I love cooking and baking. I am always on the lookout for new recipes. I also love going to the cinema, theatre and reading. I am very much looking forward to spending the coming months worshipping with, learning and getting to know you all in Broughshane. I am passionate about good hospitality in our Churches, so that people can feel empowered to get involved and use the talents and gifts that God has given them to promote the gospel message of love both inside and outside the Church.

*Andrea Cotter*



## **St Patrick's (Broughshane) Mothers' Union - 1950 – 2020**

We are an international Christian membership movement supporting families and communities in need of support in the UK and worldwide since 1876. Our members are active in 84 countries and work tirelessly to serve their communities whilst offering Christian care for families, regardless of faith or background. Members around the world help those affected by disaster and pray together for all those in need. Midday prayers can be heard each day by going to the Facebook page of Connor Mothers' Union and we're thrilled that our UK members who don't have access to the internet at home will still be able to hear our Midday prayers thanks to the Church of England's Daily Hope line - call 0800 804 8044 from a UK mobile or landline and press option 4, then option 8.

Like other charities, Mothers' Union has faced financial difficulties because of Covid 19, however we are pleased to report that the emergency appeal at MSH has raised in excess of £720,000. Our Branch made a contribution to this fund from funds. This will be enough to see the organisation through to the end of the year, but unfortunately some staff will have to be made redundant at that time in order to save capital.

At present we do not know when branch meetings will be able to take place again. An announcement will be made as soon as we have a date for our opening service.

There will be no Area Services this year. Instead, there is to be a Service of Thanksgiving in All Saint's Parish, Antrim on Sunday 4 October at 3.30 pm. This will be for Trustees and Executive members only, but the service is to be streamed live on the internet, so you will be able to join in. More information about this will be available nearer the time on the Parish website and Facebook page. The commissioning of Trustees and Executive will take place at this service.

It is hoped to hold All Ireland Council with reduced numbers in November. We are also hopeful that Connor Council can take place.

**Keep us, good Lord, under the shadow of your mercy in this time of uncertainty and distress. Sustain and support the anxious and fearful and lift us all who are brought low that we may rejoice in your comfort knowing that nothing can separate us from your love in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Both "Focus", the All Ireland Mothers' Union publication and "In Touch" the Connor Diocesan Mothers' Union publication can be downloaded from the Resources section of the Connor Mothers' Union Website  
[www.connormothersunion.org](http://www.connormothersunion.org)



If you would like to know more about the work of Mothers' Union please go to [www.connormothersunion.org](http://www.connormothersunion.org) or [www.mothersunion.ie](http://www.mothersunion.ie)

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24/7 on **101** or at  
**[www.psni.police.uk](http://www.psni.police.uk)**



Ric Gamble won the Church Fantasy Football league.

If anyone is interested in joining for the new season please contact Andrew for the code.



# Parish Register

## Holy Burial

29<sup>th</sup> July 2020

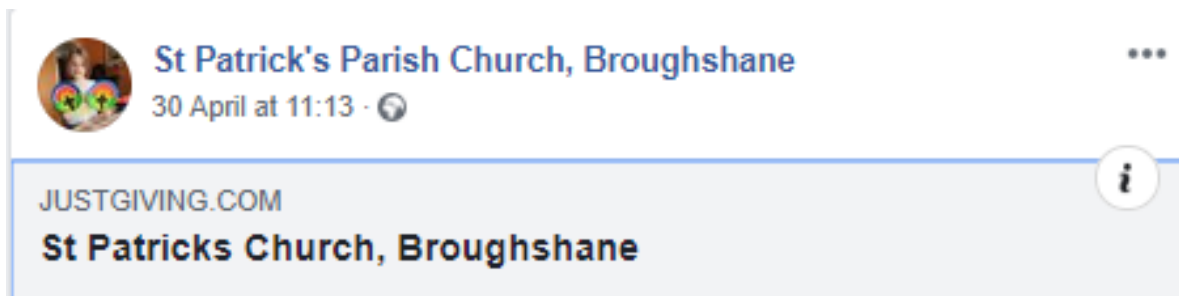
: Walter Hamilton  
Husband of Vera  
Father of Diane, Jonathan & Charlotte



Whilst shielding, Amy Holmes from Broughshane, decided to put her time to good use and learn a new skill. Council supplied her with equipment and materials and Amy is now an accomplished 'Mask Maker'. Well done, Amy



**JustGiving™** is a way to financially support the ministry and mission of St Patrick's Broughshane as we share God's love with the community. Click the link on the Facebook page or Google Just Giving & search for: **'St Patricks Church, Broughshane'**



## Weekly Collections Standing Order or Envelopes?

Our inability to hold Services in Church physically impacts on our Church collections, and, in light of that, we would ask you to consider setting up a Standing Order.

Please email Desi at [darmstrong56@outlook.com](mailto:darmstrong56@outlook.com), the Rector at ([revdrapcampbell@gmail.com](mailto:revdrapcampbell@gmail.com)) if you have any questions.



Of course, if you wish to continue to put your offering in the church envelopes and hand them in later that is ok too.

*Desi Armstrong  
Honorary Treasurer*







The Easter Bunny and his helpers came late this year to all the Sunday Club children! The leaders really loved catching up with each other and all the children in June when they belatedly met up to distribute and deliver the chocolate eggs.



## Cabin Fever!



We made a video for the Ripple Connor Diocese Holiday Bible Club 'Cabin Fever' in the beautiful surroundings of Houston's Mill garden. Look out for the 'Body Parts Game' on week 1. The 10 videos which premiered from 3<sup>rd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> August are still available to watch at <https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=651004409098716>



*Showing off our groovy moves for the Body Parts game*

Follow the Ripple Facebook page for All Aboard Online Sunday Club videos and the Cabin Fever Holiday Bible Club videos, as well as other great resources.

The Sunday Club continues to meet online via Zoom. If you would like your child to join in the fun, please contact the Sunday Club Coordinator, Lyndsay Williamson on 07746966572



*Jessica sharing what she does when she feels angry for 'Cabin Fever'*



**Ripple Connor**  
Religious organisation

Ripple seeks to encourage the development of Children's Ministry within the Diocese of Connor by resourcing local parishes.

61-67 Donegall Street BT1  
2QH Belfast

<http://www.rippleconnor.org.uk/>





## Scouts

Unfortunately, Covid-19 regulations brought normal scouting to an abrupt conclusion. However, we continued our scouting online with Scouts NI posting weekly section specific badge related activities on their Facebook page.

Broughshane cubs and beavers had regular meet-ups via Zoom. We were also able to conclude our scouting year with a virtual cub and beaver camp. Alex and Kyle were joint winners of the cub of the year shield and Toby best cub at camp.

As regulations are relaxed, our scout leader is exploring options to host a number of outdoor activities. A template I suspect all sections will have to consider as we think about the start of a new scouting year.



## St Patrick's (Broughshane) Rainbow Guide Unit



Our weekly meetings have had to stop due to Covid 19, but we have not stopped our Rainbow activity!

Each week the girls have been given a challenge to complete which will go towards the badges we were working on this year. Lots of girls also completed Interest Badges at home which will mean that by the end of June several girls had achieved Theme Awards for "Be Well" and "Express Myself", as well as one girl, Olivia Taggart achieving a Bronze Award. Since then Jessica Robinson has also completed her Bronze Award. Well done to everyone for their hard work, especially to the parents for their help.

On the 30<sup>th</sup> June Cathy and Ellie set out to bring a Socially Distant Badge Award Ceremony to every girl, helped by a special helpful hand! It took over 2 hours to deliver a grand total of 36 badges and thankfully the rain only started at the end! It was lovely to see the girls and to be able to say Well Done face to face.

We said Goodbye to 5 girls, we hope that they have lots of fun in Brownies and we are looking forward to "seeing" lots of new faces in September as we welcome 8 new girls! It is unlikely that meetings in the Hall will resume for a while so we will continue to make contact each week in other ways.

When we reopen our unit will already be full, we cannot take more girls without more helpers so if you could give us an hour a week please get in touch!

Rainbows meet on Tuesday in the Church Hall from 5 -6pm and is open to girls aged 4 – 7. If any girl would like to join us, please speak to Cathy Doig or visit the website [www.girlguiding.org.uk](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk)







## St Patrick's (Broughshane) Brownie Guide Unit

We continued to meet online and had lots of fun, looking at emojis and creating some of our own! We have our favourite game 'On the Bus': Cathy was the driver and she took us on a journey. We got off the bus and ran around it before Cathy shouted "...on the bus..." and we grab our seats. We have missed playing it, but we were able to do it at home by running around a chair and did an action like jump on a trampoline! It was fun!

Everyone wanted to keep meeting fortnightly, rather than take a summer break. We held a Taskmaster evening with lots of different challenges – the funniest part was trying to move a biscuit from our foreheads to our mouths without touching it with our hands! We also 'visited' San Diego Seaworld, Oregon and Australia zoos.

We had to postpone our Brownie Holiday so decided instead to have a virtual one! 'Let's Go Space' was the theme for which we created a spaceship den. For twenty-four hours we met over Zoom, accompanied by our mums and dads, and took on a series of space-related challenges with challenge packs and 'goodie' bags delivered earlier by our leaders.

We made a flag & an alien in a flying saucer and cooked 'flying saucer' pizzas & 'rocket' fruit kebabs. After some singing, we went to our 'space capsules' to sleep. On Day 2 we had breakfast before 'astronaut training'. We learned about astronaut's suits, training and eating in the international space station. Did you know that water in space looks like a ball with which you can play table tennis? We made hooped gliders, planet mobiles and made an astronaut's lunch of noodles, and custard in a bag, which we had to drink through a straw! After all a brilliant time, we landed back on Earth!

A huge thank you to the parents and, leaders & Young Leaders for their help with all our meetings: you are all stars!



## St Patrick's (Broughshane) Guide Unit

We continued our socially-distanced Summer term with fun puzzles and games. We tried baking a cake in a mug in a microwave oven: some were a success, but others were a flop! We continued our unit meeting activities and mastered some self-defence moves and some yoga to help with aches and pains. We finished off what would have been our normal end of term with an activity called 'No Doubt', where we considered what we thought we couldn't do or what things we thought we were bad at. Then we came up with ideas about how to change our mindset or to seek assistance from others to help improve skills.

Because most trips away have been cancelled, we all decided that we would continue to meet online fortnightly. We tested a new secret project for Girlguiding which will be released later in the year. It is always good to test things before release and provide feedback to help improve planned activities. Cathy from Brownies visited us virtually to show 'calm down' yoga: it left us all feeling very relaxed! Our summer meetings ended with some 'virtual' trips to several zoos. We saw miniature goats & giraffes and got an insight into Australia Zoo and all the wildlife it has. We also saw its animal hospital which rehabilitates injured animals and releases them back into the wild. We watched an Orca whale show and saw the audience get very wet from all the splashing!

We held a 'virtual' Pirate-themed sleepover. We had goodie bags, made dens and flags, visited escape rooms to find a lost galleon, played pirate bingo, had a sing-a-long, ate Persian carpet pizzas and fruit skewers, made treasure maps, had a treasure hunt, did boat building and made a Pirate Jenny, a sundial and a moon compass. We even had Burgoo for breakfast and lunch! Finally, two guides 'walked the plank' to make their Promise.

We say 'goodbye' to four Guides who are moving up to Rangers. It has been very strange not meeting in person, but we have made the most of Zoom, and hope to be back to meeting face-to-face soon.





## Slemish Look Wider Group – Ranger Guide Unit



We continue to meet online and evaluated our skills, looked at job adverts and how our skills would help us get those jobs. We had mock interviews which were scary! We discussed how to make the hall more friendly to Autistic members and talked about conservation & the views of people that we might come across in life.

We decided to carry on meeting over the summer and had some fun finding our way through Escape Rooms. We completed the Digital Design badge by designing apps to make life easier: how clothes would look on you before you bought them, and videos on exam topics to help with revision. These are great ideas and reminded us of the importance of keeping safe online. We also explored Biomimicry and thought about how this will develop in the future & help the survival of the planet.

We eagerly await the time when we can meet face-to-face indoors. However, we can meet outdoors – socially distanced, of course! Having gained the required permission, we were able to restart training for DofE Expeditions. The Ranger and Explorer Scouts Bronze Group met at Dungonell Dam, to put into practice the skills they learnt in February. They had a great day and especially when trying out the emergency shelter. Although it rained, they were happy to see everyone face-to-face. Our Gold candidate has joined Cullybackey Rangers and started her training. We wish them all well on this part of their DofE journey.

Congratulations to Ellie and Scarlett who have achieved our first Theme Awards.

We will be starting the new term in September still by via Zoom. We will continue with this challenge and maybe plan a few outings, so we can meet face-to-face. We also look forward to welcoming four new Rangers as they move up from Guides.



## CARING AND CREATION

It was one of those beautiful Spring days during the earlier stages of the pandemic. I was out walking the country roads. Everything was so fresh, the view very pleasant. Nature was speaking and amidst the gloom and anxiety of the times this was very uplifting.

Coming in the opposite direction was a young man. He was taken up with a conversation on his mobile. I could hear the content of this as he approached and as he receded down the road. He was having a blazing row with someone. In no uncertain terms and with explicit language he was telling them what they could do with themselves! The beauty of the scene was somewhat marred by the ugliness of the encounter. The voice of nature was silenced by the anger of some humans.

We too of course can miss the voice of nature as we are taken up with the busyness of life and the struggles and demands we find ourselves facing. One of the positives of the pandemic was that nature was given a break from the damaging influence of mankind and that people were in a situation to have a greater appreciation of nature. So many talked of the birdsong and the freshness of everything – nature was shining through and provided a certain healing to our troubles.

Now that we have moved on and are struggling to get back to some sort of normality has that voice of nature been somewhat forgotten? And underneath there is a voice that cries “Please don’t harm me - we need to live in harmony”.

The pandemic is having worldwide disastrous consequences. Perhaps more disastrous will be the consequences if we go back to harming nature. We had little warning of the pandemic, we have had ample warning of the need to limit climate change, damage to the environment and spoliation of the earth’s resources.

We are all part of the one creation. Scripture tells us that all things were created in Christ and that God’s ultimate purpose is to bring all things together in Christ. God’s love and purpose is for the whole of creation. Everyone and everything is in this together! Yes, we certainly are to care for each other but we also are to care for the rest of creation.

In this pandemic it has been good to witness the caring for others that has taken place. That caring needs to be expanded, for if we genuinely care for each other we have got to care for the world around us which will sustain us into the future.

*Stuart Lloyd*



## Safeguarding Trust Panel

Mrs Sandra Adams  
Rev Dr Andrew Campbell (Rector)  
Dr Philip Cummings  
Ms Victoria Thompson

<b>Sunday Club</b> Primary Schoolers Lyndsay Williamson Sunday Morning	<b>Rainbow Guides</b> Cathy Doig	<b>Beavers</b> Rachel Agnew
<b>Young People's Bible Study</b> Richard Gamble	<b>Brownie Guides</b> Geraldine Linford Cathy McCaig	<b>Cubs</b> Derek McKillop
<b>Choir Practice</b> Elizabeth Ferguson	<b>Guides</b> Geraldine Linford Hannah Aldridge Pauline Church	<b>Scouts</b> Neil Hall
<b>Youth Choir</b> Claire Williamson	<b>Ranger Guides</b> Geraldine Linford Cathy McCaig	<b>Badminton</b> Karen Millar
<b>Mothers' Union</b> Cathy Doig	<b>Tots</b> Emma Erwin	<b>Men's and Ladies' Fellowship</b> <b>Breakfasts</b>

### Parish Magazine – Autumn 2020

Articles for the Winter 2020 edition of the Parish Magazine should be with the editor by Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2020 please.

They can be emailed to the editor at [geraldine@linford1.net](mailto:geraldine@linford1.net)



# WHO'S WHO AT ST PATRICK'S

Rector	Rev Dr Andrew Campbell
Hon. Secretary	Mr Richard Reade
Hon. Treasurer	Mr Desi Armstrong
Organist	Mrs Elizabeth Ferguson
Church Wardens	(Rector's) Mr Andrew Kennedy
	(People's) Mrs Beth Clyde
Glebe Wardens	(Rector's) Mr Alan Brown
	(People's) Mr Stephen McCullough
Fire Warden	Mr James Linford
Sanctuary Flowers	Mrs Yvonne Little
Magazine Editor	Mrs Geraldine Linford
Catering Committee	Mrs Rae Kissock
Heating	Mr Derek Mills-Westley

## Select Vestry

Hilary Boddy, Norman Douglas, Tommy Douglas, Sarah Gamble, Laura Montgomery, Ernie Johnston, Geraldine Linford, Robbie McGreevy, Julie Thompson, Stephen Tuff, Glebe Wardens, Church Wardens.

## Sunday Services

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

**10.30am in the Hall**

**11.30am in the Church**

**Morning Call**

**Morning Prayer: Form 2**

Please follow the instructions given by the Welcome Team  
Wear a face mask or covering and dispose of it responsibly  
Use the hand sanitisers

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