



ST. COLUMBA'S DERRYVOLGIE

TO KNOW CHRIST BETTER AND TO MAKE HIM BETTER KNOWN

CHURCH OF IRELAND

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Rector's Letter

'Busy' is a word that is used often, sometimes without even thinking. We can feel the pressure to be busy at work or school. We often busy ourselves with activities after school or during the evenings. Busyness can also mask some of the things we try to hide, that is why it is good to take stock of our schedules on a regular basis. Asking key questions like – why am I doing this? What does this achieve in my life? How will I be serving God as I do this thing or that?

After each stage of creation, the Lord looked and saw that it was good. After he had completed his task, he rested. Rest can be elusive, yet often it is sought after like nothing else. The rest that is spoken of in the bible is more than a quick five minutes on the sofa or forty winks in the chair. It is even more than a good night's sleep. To rest

in God's presence means we slow ourselves down and walk with him. We sit in his presence and allow the one who made us to heal to very depths of our being. God is in the stops as much as he is in your steps.

Psalm 40 describes in more eloquent language than I could ever pen:

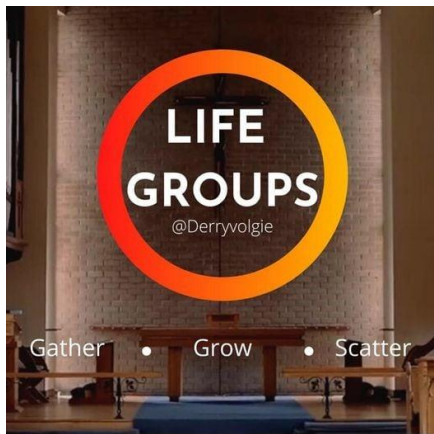
¹ I waited patiently for the LORD; he turned to me and heard my cry.

² He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; he set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand.

³ He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God. Many will see and fear the LORD and put their trust in him.

We can create a new rhythm for our lives, a rhythm that is healthy and balanced for ourselves and our families. A rhythm that ensures we are living a fruitful and fulfilled life. If you would like to discuss how you could develop 'rest' into the rhythm of your life, please do get in touch.

Every Blessing, James



Life Groups - We are back on from 20th September

One of the frequent questions around a life group is what do you do? Is it a bible study? A discussion group? Who leads it? and what form does it take? Well, the answer is, it really depends on the parish. So, what happens in life groups in Derryvolgie?

They are a place where you can learn more, grow more and build deeper relationships with others. We are operating a hybrid system with some people meeting in person and others online. Everyone gathers at the same time, Tuesdays at 8.00pm. The Rector leads us in a simple re-cap of what he spoke about on Sunday taking it that bit deeper. Then we break off into our groups to discuss what has been said using a series of questions devised specifically for the evening. We currently have three groups and usually stay in the same groups

(2 are online and 1 is in person) as this allows us to deepen our relationships. We then return together for a conclusion and a chance to share any questions/comments that may have been raised.

If you think this is something you would like to try, please get in touch with James.



DVK – Derryvolgie Kids



Connecting God's Big Picture

The DVK Sunday programme started back on **11 September 2022**. DVK Sunday is usually on every Sunday during term time except for the first Sunday of the month which is an "all in" Sunday service.

Having completed the three year "All Aboard" programme we are about to embark a brilliant new programme called "Jigsaw", which was developed by the Children's Worker for the Diocese of Down and Dromore. Each session, depending on time, has a bible story, song, prayer, response activity and memory verse.

The Jigsaw programme gives leaders great ideas how to make the bible lesson fun and accessible to children.

Themes and dates of the DVK Sunday Programme are below.

4 September	No DVK (All in service)	2 October	No DVK (All in service)
11 September	God made the world	9 October	Fruit of the Spirit
18 September	Adam and Eve	16 October	The Ten Lepers
25 September	Noah	23 October	The Good Samaritan
		30 October	No DVK (Half Term)

DVK Fun Night
6.30-8.00pm

Derryvolgie Kids invite you and your family to a night of fun to kick start after the Summer break. Please note this is not a supervised activity and is designed for primary school children.

FREE

DVK Fridays
1ST & 3RD OF EVERY MONTH - 6.30-8.00PM

AN INTERACTIVE SPACE
WHERE CHILDREN OF
PRIMARY SCHOOL
AGE CAN GROW
TALL AND STRONG

IT'S A FUN, CREATIVE + SAFE SPACE
PARTICIPANT AGE 9

SCAN THE CODE TO SIGN UP

The DVK Friday programme is launching with a community fun night on **Friday 23 September, 6.30pm-8pm**. There will be a bouncy castle, old school fun fair games, a craft table, slushy machine and tea and traybakes for parents. The event is funded by a grant kindly received from the Diocese of Connor's Children's Ministry Fund.

DVK Friday will run on the first and third Friday of each month during term time from 6.30pm to 8pm. Please pray for the children, leaders and plans that have been made.

Anne McDowell



DVY – Derryvolgie Youth

The DerryVolgie Youth programme will be starting back on **Friday 7th October**. DVY is for the young people of the church and surrounding area. We are excited to start the new term and look forward to studying the book of James. We would appreciate your prayers as we continue to meet, study the Bible, and have lots of fun!

Jonny & Caryn



Deacon Intern – Gareth Campbell



Hello, my name is Gareth Campbell and I'm really looking forward to coming to join you all in St. Columba's from September. I am thankful I have been given the opportunity to introduce myself and share a little bit of who I am. My wife Sarah and I both grew up in Lisburn and met during our time at Wallace High School before getting married and moving to Dungannon. I worked as a youth worker in the Church of Ireland and Sarah worked in the local Youth for Christ centre, before moving to work in Dungannon Vineyard. When it came to starting a family, we moved back closer to home and bought a house in Maghaberry, close enough to the prison that we can hear the fire drill at 1310 on Sundays, but on the plus side house prices were cheap.

Now that we were a bit closer to home, I moved to work for Lisburn Cathedral as the youth worker while Sarah moved to work for Stepping Stones here in Lisburn. Since then, we have had two little additions of chaos to the family with our daughter Eden who turned 2

this summer, and our son Patrick who is 4. The presence of these two has extended my journey to ordination as I have studied part time, meaning I haven't had to move to Dublin, instead having to just go down one weekend a month. It has been a longer process but has kept me closer to family and still able to work while studying. I'm now working in a youth centre just behind Portadown College for around 30 hours a week whilst keeping at least one full day for studies and the now all too familiar zoom call.

During my deacon year our whole family is looking forward to coming and being involved with all that is going on in Derryvolgie and excited for what we can learn throughout the process.

****Autumn Tidy Up****

As we prepare for our Harvest Thanksgiving service, it is nice to ensure that everything around our church building and grounds are as presentable as they can be. With this in mind, we are planning to hold our Autumn tidy up on

**Saturday
2nd October 2022 from
9:30am**

Every one welcome,
light refreshments will be available.



CHURCH WORK PARTY

I am looking at re-starting the mid-week morning work party. Small jobs, interior and exterior. Can you give 1 or 2 hours? Please contact me on 07511365483 so that we can get together to arrange a suitable morning.

Tea and Coffee will be provided. Thank you in advance, Rodney Ingram.

Confirmation - A date in early summer has been set for a service of Confirmation in Derryvolgie. This is open to both young people and adults alike with the young person being in Yr10 or above. Watch this space for more details about preparation course etc but in the first instance please speak to James for more details.

Staying Connected!

The publication of a new newsletter seems a good time to say how fortunate we have been, as parishioners, we have been given the chance of remaining connected to the church over the difficult last two or three years. Technology, in the form of online services, social media and WhatsApp, in particular, we have ensured that we have been able to feel part of the Derryvolgie Community, even during lockdown. Those of us with limited knowledge of technology can only be grateful to those willing and enthusiastic volunteers who have used their expertise to keep us connected and, hence, to share in the life of the church our thanks to them!

Its great too to have had the opportunity to connect once again in person every Sunday morning. Sunday 4th September stood out for me. The congregation seemed as big as it has been for some time. Family groups and young children were very much to the fore. Worship was lively and thoughtful. And, of course, there was the opportunity over refreshments to say hello and to connect, face to face, with other parishioners. I must say that I came away from church that Sunday feeling positive and with a sense of belonging to a real community.





Harvest Appeal

Each year when it comes to harvest, we consider how thankful we are before God for all that he has given to us. This year will be no different as we gather for Harvest Sunday on 9 October. In the last number of years, we have paired back our fresh produce displays due to COVID restrictions and instead, decorated the buildings with dried foods that can then be donated to our partner, Lisburn Foodbank. We will be doing the same again this

year and you can leave your donations in the porch from Sunday 25 September. This year our monies from the Harvest Appeal will be assisting the work of Open Doors, an organisation that works alongside the persecuted church across the world. We will hear more about them on Sunday 25 September when a representative will be present at worship with us and experience what it would be like to worship as a Christian under persecution on Harvest Sunday. You can read more about in the article below.



Hello dear friends in St. Columba's Derryvolgie!

My name is Robin and I work with Open Doors as part of the Ireland Team. You might be seeing

a bit more of me around harvest time in your church, as I am really excited that we will be partnering together in mission over the next few months. I want to say a huge thank you to you all for your willingness to join with us in this season, and I just know that we will be mutually blessed and encouraged together.

You might be asking yourself, who are Open Doors and what do they do? Well let me explain; Every day, millions of Christians risk their lives to follow Jesus. In fact, this year we know that at least 360 million Christians around the world are experiencing high levels of persecution and discrimination simply for following Jesus. That is an astonishing 1 in 7 of the global Christian population. How do we know this? Well, every year Open Doors produces the World Watch List, which is the top 50 countries in the world where it is hardest to live as a Christian. At this moment in time, persecution of Christians has reached the highest levels since the World Watch List began nearly 30 years ago.

Many of the things that we take for granted like going to church, owning a Bible, having a job, educating our children, having a roof over our heads, accessing healthcare and so on are difficult or simply not possible for Christians in many countries around the world. That is why at Open Doors we are passionate about 'strengthening what remains' of the church in the most difficult places - this was the call from Revelation 3:2 that our founder Brother Andrew answered in 1955, when he began to smuggle Bibles and Christian literature to churches and believers in communist countries behind the Iron Curtain at that time – and so began the work of Open Doors.

That call has remained the same right up to this day. In more than 60 countries, Open Doors supports persecuted believers by supplying them with Bibles, providing emergency relief and helping them to stand strong for the long-term. In the UK and Ireland, we seek to help the church to pray, give and speak out for those who share our faith but not our freedom.

I am really looking forward to exploring some of this further with you all over the coming weeks. We will be looking together at the bigger global picture, but focusing in more intentionally on the church in South East Asia where there are great needs and where your support and prayers can make a special difference. I look forward to getting to know some of you better, so please do come and chat to me, ask me questions and find out more.

In Philippians 1, the Apostle Paul thanks God for the Philippian believers because of their *"partnership in the gospel"*..... I like to think that this is what you are doing in St. Columba's Derryvolgie...you are partnering in the gospel with your global church family who are finding it tough and who are counting the cost for following Jesus...you are standing alongside them in prayer and support. I know that we will be blessed and encouraged as we do that together, *"being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus"*.

May God richly bless you.

Robin

New Parish Reader



It was great to be joined by Rev Peter Jones (Warden of Readers for Connor Diocese and Rector of Mossley) at our morning service as he commissioned Frank Bailie as a Parish Reader for Derryvolgie. Frank has already been active in this role leading services over the summer months. We wish him all the best and look forward to his continued ministry here in the parish.



Requested Items

- Salt/Pepper
- Hand soap
- Disinfectant Spray
- Deodorant
- Instant Noodles
- Instant Pasta
- Ketchup
- Brown Sauce
- Cooking oils
- Baby wipes
- Toothpaste
- Fairy Liquid
- Tinned ham
- corned beef



Our Trip To Oberammergau

On Thursday 11th August Johanna and I joined a group of 27 other pilgrims on a long-awaited trip to Austria and Oberammergau. The party was led by Rev Paul McAdam from Holy Trinity parish in Aghalee and had originally been scheduled for 2020 but was postponed due to Covid. An early morning bus to Dublin airport was followed by a short flight to Munich and then a coach to our base at Achenkirch. This picturesque village is situated at the northern end of Lake Achensee, the largest lake in the Tyrol. On Friday we took a short bus journey to the pilgrimage church of St Notburga for a short service, then

on to an open-air museum of Tyrolean folk museum. Lunch was had in the glass making town of Rattenburg before a visit to a wood carving museum and an alpine walk. Saturday, we had a free day, we chose a cruise on the lake, (another option was a steam train ride) and a cable car to the top of a mountain. The views were breath taking and it was also a launch site for hang gliders.

On Sunday morning we drove to Oberammergau in Southern Germany where the world-renowned Passion of Christ play has been performed for nearly 400 years. Dating from 1632 where the bubonic plague followed the horrendous 30 years' war, resulted in many lost lives. Despite its remote location the village of Oberammergau was infected resulting in about 80 deaths. The leaders of the village came together in the local church and vowed to perform a Passion Play every ten years. No more villagers died and the play has run ever since, the only exceptions during times of war. The theatre holds 4,500 people and several hundred actors could be on the stage at any one time. The play is held 5 days each week so there are over 100 performances, from April to October. You have to have been born in Oberammergau, or have lived there for 20

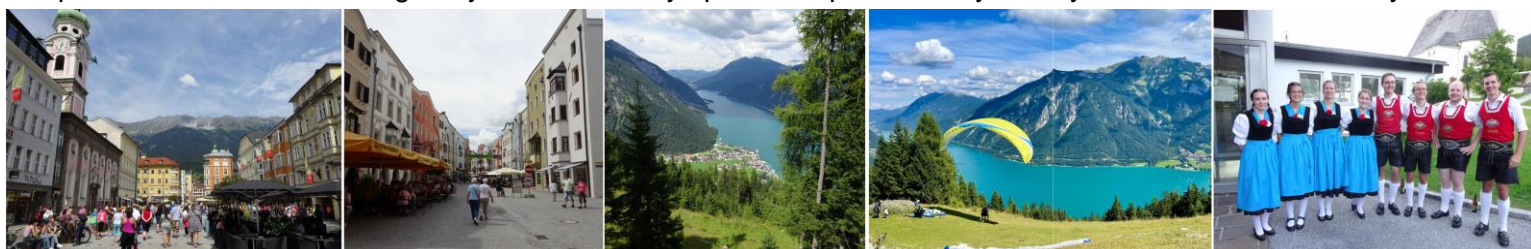


years (except children) to participate. A choir and full orchestra provide many musical interludes, the play is entirely in German but we were provided with an English translation book.

The play opens with the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem, followed by events at Bethany, clearing of the merchants from the Temple, the last supper and the arrest of Jesus on the Mount of Olives. The subsequent interrogations before Annas and the High Council, the mocking of Jesus, Peter's denial and the despair of Judas following his betrayal, lead to the appearance of Jesus

before Pilate and Herod. The Way of the Cross and subsequent brutal crucifixion are harrowing to watch but hope returns with the encounter with the Risen One. Interspersed with the live action are still life tableaux with scenes from the Old Testament, including the banishment from Paradise, Moses crossing the Red Sea, receiving the 10 Commandments, slavery in Egypt, Moses and the burning bush, Daniel in the lion's den, the murder of Abel, the expulsion of Moses by Pharaoh, Joseph interpreting Pharaoh's dream and the sacrifice of Isaac on Mount Moriah.

The play started at 2.30pm and the first part finished at 5pm. After dinner at a local hotel, it recommenced at 8pm and finished at about 10.40pm – truly an epic. We stayed that night in a local B&B before time to wander around the village the following morning. Many of the houses are beautifully painted with images like Hansel and Gretel and Little Red Riding Hood. Quaint artisan shops abounded; a Christmas shop was a big hit with the ladies. Fun was had spotting actors from the play, serving in shops of cafes or riding bicycles around the village - not often you nearly get knocked down by a disciple or Pharisee. Another free day on Tuesday was followed by a folk night in the local town hall. An excellent brass band and traditional Austrian dancers had the hands clapping and feet tapping. A visit to Innsbruck on Wednesday included a walk around the Imperial Gardens, lunch in the town centre and rounded off by a visit to the Cistercian Monastery of Stams. An uneventful flight home to Dublin and bus to Aghalee rounded off an unforgettable experience. I would encourage anyone to this truly spiritual experience – you only have to wait another 8 years.





Communicating Clearly Update

This time last year we were walking the length of Chile to raise funds for our own AV project and one with CEP in Chile as they trained leaders / clergy / church planters for the future.

Here is a wee update from Rev Cristobel:

We have been able to create a CEP Podcast called 9:38 (as in Matthew 9:38) which aims to encourage the church to pray for the raising of new gospel workers. I invite pastors and leaders that are, or have been involved in training others to have meaningful conversations that may generate enthusiasms and ideas to the

local churches in Chile and Latino América. So far, we have recorded 6 episodes (+2 trial conversations) and we are hoping to make them available in all our social networks during this month. This will help us know how everything works and we are planning to generate more of these episodes in the next semester.

I'm attaching some pictures for you to see what we are doing with the equipment God provided through your ministry... Please keep praying for:

1- This audio project to bear the fruit we are aiming for, namely, the raising of new gospel workers
2- That God may provide people that want to give their time and talents to improve what we do in our social network as CEP.

3- That God may provide time and content to make these episodes as encouraging and challenging as they might be for God's glory and the good of the church.

Let me know if this helps to give you an idea,

Yours in Christ's service,

Rev. Cristóbal Cerón Pi

Iglesia Santiago Apóstol

Rector Centro de Estudios Pastorales



Growing Smiles Making Connections

It was great to partner with the local community as we bring some much-needed colour and life back into our streets. It's a simple concept of planting sunflowers, with an added element of healthy competition to see who can get the best one this season. Head over to the Facebook page and give it a like to stay connected with all the happenings. [Lambeg Sunflowers – Growing Smiles and Connections](#).

Last year we completed a community audit and this was one of the things that came out of it – an opportunity to explore a community garden. This is our first step on this road – gauging interest and building relationships. [#sunflowers](#) [#community](#) [#healthygrowing](#) [#communitygardens](#)



Harmony Hill P.S.

Our partnership with Harmony Hill has continued over the last number of months as James has been in doing assemblies, taking classes, and participating on the Board of Governors. We have also partnered with Scripture Union to deliver the Amazing

Jesus lessons to P5's and It's your Move with the P7's. Please continue to pray for this vital ministry in our community.



Praying for You

It was great to pray for and serve our community over the summer months. Some of us braved the showers to litter pick and pray through the streets while others remained in the building to pray over our community every Tuesday night during July and August. We are thankful to [#LiveHereLoveHere](#) and [Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council](#) for supplying the materials.



Pausing to Remember

On Thursday 23 June we paused to remember those we lost during the last 2 years, those from our parish and the wider community. After a reflective service we headed outside where the Mayor of Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council Councillor - Scott Carson - Lisburn North joined James in planting some new trees as an act of memorial. If you wish to receive a copy of the service please contact us.





OPEN DOOR

It was great to launch Open Door last May and with its initial success we are continuing again this Autumn. It is an informal space to drop in to, grab a cuppa, have a chat and build community. It is open to anyone and happens each Tuesday from 10.30-12.30.

Parish Register

Deaths:

JUNE 2022

Isobel Kirkwood

JULY 2022

Sam Clugston

May Walker



Tuesday 10.30 - 12.30

Fancy a cuppa and a chat?
Anyone is welcome to drop in and stay for as long or as little as you wish. More info on our website and Social Media.

www.derryvolgie.com - info@derryvolgie.com - (028)92528242



Baptisms:

AUGUST 2022

Lily Sophia
Coburn



DIAL IN

You can now listen to our latest Sunday Service by calling

028 9227 0922

Calls should last approx 30 minutes and be charged at your standard network rate. For many calls to this will be included in their package.

TWILIGHT MARKET

@ Derryvolgie

25th Nov
4-9pm

Filled with stalls of hand made/home produced items from local crafters.

You will also be able to sample some festive fare served with a range of hot beverages. It really is a evening not to be missed.



I am delighted to announce that we are hosting a craft fair with a difference this year! The "Twilight Market" will be taking place on Friday the 25th November from 4-9pm and it looks to be a fabulous night! We have a vast array of crafts on offer from wood turning, art, jewellery, scrummy cupcakes and sweet treats from a local baker as well as hand knitted items, pebble pictures, candles and even Christmas trees!

This event, truly is, festive shopping and fellowship under the one roof and we would love to have you come along, and support local crafts men and woman in our first church fundraiser post covid! Time to get back to normality! Spread the word to friends and family and keep an eye on our social media as we announce our line up!

(Any crafty folk who would like to contribute handmade/sewn/knitted items to the church craft stall please contact Lynn Dobbin - who will keep you right!)

STATEMENTS FOR JANUARY – DECEMBER 2021

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