

# ST DONARD'S CHURCH OF IRELAND

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## *Dear Friends ....*

As you see from the list of services opposite, from September we are returning to pre-pandemic morning services – that is – ENGAGE@10 with Sunday School and 11.30am Morning Prayer for Sundays. This gives us the opportunity to have two distinct forms of worship and allows for more people to attend in church whilst we remain under certain Covid-19 restrictions.

Slowly we are seeing life return to something like normal and it is my hope that as many parishioners as possible will feel now is the time to get back into Church life once again as we see in-church Worship and some of our Organizations and Groups return.

**Sunday School** resumes during the ENGAGE@10 service on **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> September**. (contact James Armstrong 07458 305855)

**Parent & Toddler Group** resumes in the Main Hall on Tuesday **14<sup>th</sup> September** from 10am (contact Ann 90652321)

**Cubs & Scouts** resume on **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> September** from 6.30pm (contact Stephen Anderson 9048 5178)

**Squirrels** resume on **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> September**

All groups will be returning safely under present Covid-19 guidance issued by the Church and the Scouts governing body.



## **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> September ENGAGE@10**

James Armstrong (our Children/Youth & Family worker) is leading a special service for going back to school!!!

It would be great to see all our children and young families back again for this first Sunday as we ask for God's blessing on another school year.

These past eighteen months have been such a difficult, trying and uncertain time for us all, and we're not completely up and running yet, but, as far as we are able, let's work at going forward together with renewed purpose and vision.

*Ken*

## **Services in September 2021**

### **5<sup>th</sup> September**

10.00 ENGAGE@10  
11.30 Holy Communion  
19.00 Holy Communion

### **12<sup>th</sup> September**

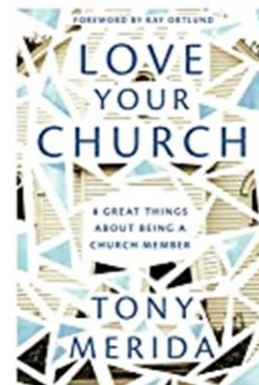
10.00 ENGAGE@10  
11.30 Morning Service  
19.00 Evening Service

### **19<sup>th</sup> September**

10.00 ENGAGE@10  
11.30 Morning Service  
19.00 Evening Service

### **26<sup>th</sup> September**

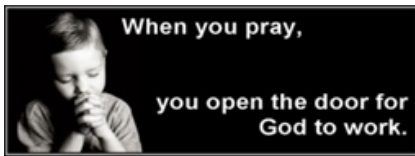
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Starting in September over 8 Sundays, we'll be following a series from Tony Merida's Book called 'Love Your Church'

We'll be looking at what it means to belong as a church member, why we come together for worship, how we care for one another etc.

There will be discussion sheets to take home each Sunday which we'll use as a basis for our **Vision Day** discussions in October as we seek a new vision going forwards for St Donard's.



**The Hub Prayer Group**  
Friday 24<sup>th</sup> Sept @ 11am  
meeting room



**Knit & Natter Group**  
Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> September  
Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> September  
from 10.30am  
in the Coffee Bar



**Rev Andy Hay** (our former Deacon Intern) is being ordained Priest on **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> September in Down Cathedral** and then to be Curate in St Finnian's Cregagh. Remember Andy and family in your prayers

**Bible Week 2021 - studies in Jonah led by Rev Mark Aldridge held at Shankhill Parish, Lurgan 1-3 September, 7.45pm each evening**  
To attend in person you need to book a place at ....  
[downanddromorebibleweek21.eventbrite.com](https://downanddromorebibleweek21.eventbrite.com)  
Sessions can also be viewed online each night via Down & Dromore website

*From the Registers.....*

**Burial/Cremation**  
**July 2021**  
27<sup>th</sup> Joy Hawthorne, De La Coeur House Aged 85 years  
**August 2021**  
4<sup>th</sup> June Smyth, 19 Bloomdale Street Aged 79 years  
27<sup>th</sup> Alan Morton, 8 Sagimor Gardens Aged 57 years

**Baptism**  
**July 2021**  
18<sup>th</sup> Abe Kenneth Peter Lawther, son of Mark & Beth Lawther  
18<sup>th</sup> Isla Margaret Ann Higgins, daughter of Andrew & Michelle Higgins  
**August 2021**  
1<sup>st</sup> Olivia Aimee Armstrong, daughter of Phil & Allyson Armstrong

**Marriage**  
**August 2021**  
14<sup>th</sup> Alan Leonard Neill & Alexandra Karen White, 67 Coopers Mill Ave., Dundonald

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