

# ST DONARD'S CHURCH OF IRELAND

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Harvest Festival

## FOOD BANK



**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> October – HARVEST SUNDAY**

**We'll be celebrating Harvest during our ENGAGE@10 and 11.30am Morning Services**

We'll be asking for donations of food stuff and toiletries which will be given to The Larder Food Bank  
*Church decoration team will meet on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> Oct but don't require any donations of flowers this year*

*Thinking ahead .....*

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> November  
10am – 4pm  
St Donard's VISION DAY**



*We're hoping that as many of our parishioners as possible will gather for this day of prayer and discussion as we seek God's will for our church as we emerge post-pandemic. Discussions will be based around the study sheets from Love Your Church.  
Lunch will be provided – there will be sign-up sheets in church nearer the time.*



*From James Armstrong*

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It was great to hold our first family event of the year on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> Sept. At our Muddy Church event we explored the topic of creation from a biblical perspective pointing to our creator God who made everything in this world. During Muddy Church each family had the opportunity to go around several interactive stations each representing a day of creation and learn about what was created on each day. It was lovely to see so many families come along and enjoy our time together as we explored the theme of creation together. Looking forward to more Family events coming up

### Services in October 2021

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> October

10.00 ENGAGE@10 HC  
11.30 Holy Communion  
19.00 Holy Communion

#### 10<sup>th</sup> October - HARVEST

10.00 ENGAGE@10  
11.30 Morning Service  
19.00 Evening Service

#### 17<sup>th</sup> October

10.00 ENGAGE@10  
11.30 Morning Service  
19.00 Evening Service

#### 24<sup>th</sup> October

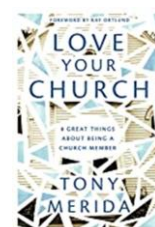
10.00 ENGAGE@10  
11.30 Morning Service  
19.00 Evening Service

#### 31<sup>st</sup> October

10.00 ENGAGE@10  
11.30 Morning Service  
19.00 Evening Service

Turn the clocks back

Remember to move  
your clocks  
back one  
hour.



**Continuing our 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 as we seek a new vision going forwards for St Donard's.



**The Hub Prayer Group**  
**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct @ 11am**  
**Meeting room**



**Knit & Natter Group**  
 Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October  
 Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October  
 from 10.30am  
 in the Coffee Bar

**St Donard's Bowling Fellowship**

*John Banford (Chairman) writes ....*

*Following consultation with our members about the future of the Bowling Fellowship group, it is with regret that due to the pandemic and declining numbers, the decision has been taken to close. The Rector is in agreement with this but should anyone in the future wish to restart the group, they would be welcome to contact him.*

*It was also decided by the members that all remaining funds held by the Bowling Group should be donated to Marie Curie Cancer Charity, Belfast.*

*Members wish to thank the Rector and Church Officers for their support in the past. John Banford*

*From the Registers.....*

**Burial/Cremation**

**September 2021**

- 16<sup>th</sup>** Mary (May) Clasper, 12b Whincroft House, Belfast aged 86 years
- 28<sup>th</sup>** Joan Fisher, c/o Towell House, Belfast aged 82 years



Just an early notice that Shoeboxes will be available in church towards the end of October ready to be filled and sent away to children around the world. Collection will be in November

**Children/Youth activities**



**Tuesdays 10am-12**  
**Main Hall - £1**  
**Contact Ann**  
**9065 2321**

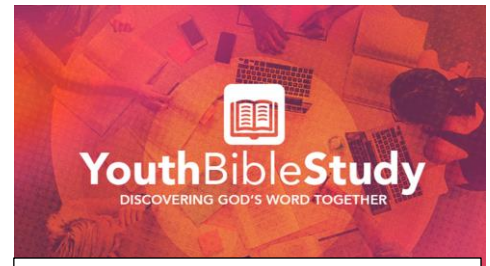


**Squirrels from 6.30pm**  
**Cubs and Scouts from 7.30pm**  
**Thursday evenings Parish Centre**  
**Contact Stephen Anderson 90485178**



Connecting God's Big Picture

**JIGSAW Sunday School**  
**P1-P7 during**  
**ENGAGE@10 service**  
**Contact James**  
**07458 305855**



**Form 1 upwards – Bible class**  
**During ENGAGE@10 service – contact**  
**James 07458 305855**



**Youth Fellowship Friday nights – 7.30-9.30pm**  
**Contact James 07458 305855**

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