



Ballyhalbert (Ballyeasborough Church) – 1 November
Community Pastor: Stephen Doherty

- Please pray for continued unity around our statement of purpose as a growing church family “being the Light and Life of Jesus” - that we will shine the Light of Christ on those living in darkness across our community.
- Please pray for the response to Alpha currently running in the parish - that many may know Jesus as their Saviour.
- Please pray for the hunger and appetite for God’s Word witnessed through the numbers attending the weekly Bible study - that it will deepen the faith and relationship with Jesus for those engaged with this group.
- Pray for our Celebratory Year (beginning on St Andrews Day 2026 and running until 30 November 2027) praising God for 175 years of Worship and Witness at the very heart of the Ards Peninsula.

Christ Church Ardkeen – 8 November
Vacant

- It’s a time of change for Christ Church Ardkeen. Revd Melanie Houston is stepping down as church leader from 8 November and returning to help at St Mark’s Newtownards. The congregation have also had to move out of the church building as it needs major repairs at a six-figure cost.
- Give thanks for the congregation as they navigate all these changes. Pray for strength and for patience as the necessary surveys are carried out. Pray for their continuing growth, not just numerically, but in deeper knowledge of the Lord Jesus.
- Give thanks for the church hall, that it is warm and dry, and has been adapted for services.
- Give thanks for Sunday School restarting and for those who have been willing to teach. We pray for the children who attend, that they may come to know the Lord Jesus for themselves.
- Pray that the congregation will be aware of the presence of the Lord with them as they move forward into the next chapter.

Ballyholme – 15 November

Rector: Simon Doogan; **Curate:** Jonny Watson

- *Simon Doogan (Rector) and Jonny Watson (Curate):* Pray for strength, wisdom and grace as they serve the parish.
- *Andrew Watson, Paula Lown and our 16 recently Confirmed teenagers:* Pray that our young people will grow in faith and flourish in the life of the Church.
- *Heather McKee and Trudi McBurney:* Pray that our plans for new Parish Centre accommodation will create new possibilities for worship, community and hospitality.
- *Ian Bell:* Give thanks for forty years of faithful musical ministry and pray for continued blessing.
- *Jacqui Devlin, Michelle Savage and Mark Wells:* Pray for their lay reader ministry both in St Columbanus and among parishes facing vacancies across the deanery.

Ballywalter – 22 November

Vicar: Adrian Green

- Pray that those on our Disciple Course will discover their purpose, belonging and true identity in Christ.
- Pray that our winter Community Soup Club will be a blessing to all who attend.
- Pray as we prepare for our special Advent outreach events.
- Pray for our vicar as he takes the school assembly in Ballywalter Primary this coming week.

Bangor Abbey – 29 November

Vacant

- Give thanks for the faithful ministry of Canon Ronnie Nesbitt and pray for Ronnie and Carole as they begin a new chapter in their lives.
- Pray for those to whom is committed the choice of a minister for the parish and that God may raise up a faithful pastor to lead us.
- Pray that faithful leaders may offer themselves for service to support our children's ministry.
- Rooted in our ancient tradition of music, give thanks for John Murdoch as he leads the music and directs the choir, and pray that God might raise up a new Musical Director to continue our rich heritage of choral music while being open to the Spirit's guiding us into the future.
- Pray that we may continue to be a welcoming, vibrant, and outward-looking parish where faith is deepened, disciples are nurtured, and the love of Christ is shared with all. Rooted in our ancient Christian heritage and alive to the needs of today, pray that we would seek to continue to grow as a prayerful community that serves Bangor with compassion, engages all generations, encourages new forms of ministry, and works together so that the Abbey remains a living witness to Christ now and for future generations.