



Diocesan Staff Team – 4 January

- Pray that the diocese would soon appoint both a Diocesan Youth & Young Adults Development Officer and a Diocesan Children's Development Officer.
- Pray for all aspects of the staff team's work in administration, finance, funding, development, training, safeguarding and communication. Pray that they would serve our parishes well.
- Pray for health, strength and vision for the task.

Annalong – 11 January

Rector: Bryan Martin

- Please pray for our Christianity Explored course, which began on Tuesday 6 January. We're asking that everyone who attends will have a truly transformative encounter with Jesus.
- We're so grateful to be gathering again in our newly renovated church building after four years in our hall. The opening service will be held on Saturday 14 February and the rededication service on Sunday 15 February. We're thankful for God's faithfulness throughout this time and we're praying for the families who've lost loved ones in the past four years.
- We're also praying that in the services following the opening on Wednesday 18, Thursday 19 and Friday 20 February, people will come and experience God through a sermon series on Isaiah, entitled 'Behold our God'. We want them to have a real encounter with Him.
- We're asking for prayers for our Sunday School Bible Class and Youth Fellowship. We want our young people to grow in their discipleship and evangelism. We're also praying for many of our young people who will be serving over the summer with CEF, Mullartown House BCM and Camp Sonshine Portugal.
- Finally, we're praying that our church will continue to reach out to the community with holy boldness, sharing God's incredible works with others.

**Down and Dromore Clergy & Leaders Day Conference – 18 January
Thursday 22 January in Magheralin Parish Church**

The biannual day conference is a time for receiving in worship, fellowship, and Bible teaching.

- Please pray for our speakers, Pastor John Funnell of Noddfa Church Abersychan (Welsh Valleys) and Bishop David.
- Pray that our faith would rise as John shares how God has revived Noddfa Church and the surrounding community.
- For our serving clergy, church plant leaders, and those in lay leadership; that God would refresh, encourage, and inspire them for ministry.
- Pray for a sense of shared vision and purpose as we serve God in the Diocese of Down and Dromore.

Bishop David McClay – 25 January

On the 6th anniversary of Bishop David's consecration, we pray:

- For blessing, health and protection for Bishop David and his wife Hilary; his daughter Cherith, her husband Ciaran and their two children Annie and Maisie; his daughter Ruth, her husband Matthew and their daughters Katie and Alana; and his son Jordan.
- Please pray for wisdom, vision, courage and creativity for Bishop David in all his work and all his decisions throughout 2026.
- Alongside praying for the bishop's leadership in the diocese, please pray for his global and central church commitments, in particular his chairmanship of both the Church of Ireland's *Commission on Ministry* and the *Pioneer Ministry Council*.

Thank you for praying