



### **September Ordinations – 4 September**

- Please pray for the two Church Plant leaders to be ordained OLM deacon on Sunday 4 September in St John's Orangefield: James Crockett for Braniel Community Church and Ross Munro for The Gathering (Parish of Titanic).
- Pray for Revd James Cunningham who will be ordained OLM presbyter for the Ulster Hospital Chaplaincy on Sunday 11 September in St Mary's, Ballybeen.
- We ask God for wisdom, grace and the anointing of the Holy Spirit for James, Ross and James as they enter a new phase of ministry.

### **Training in the diocese – 11 September**

- Pray for the new 5-week course, *Training for Small Group Leaders* which begins on Monday 12 September. Pray for Josh Hooker who will teach the course and for all the participants.
- Applications are open for *Diocesan Reader Training* for 2023-24. Please pray for guidance and clarity for those considering this important role in the church.
- Pray for those in the *Exploring Ministry Group* which meets again this month - for others to join and that each person would clearly discern God's call upon their lives. Pray also for our Diocesan Directors of Ordinands, Revd Simon Genoe and Revd Karen Salmon.
- Pray for our *Youth and Children's Training Day* on Saturday 24 September, led by Josh Thornbury and Millie Bellew. Give thanks for those who serve in these ministries in our parishes. Pray for good attendance and that participants would leave encouraged, resourced and inspired.
- Pray for our online *Safeguarding Training* taking place in September and October.

**Ballybeen** – 18 September

**Rector:** Jim Cheshire, **NSM Curate:** Noel Gordon

- Give thanks for an encouraging Holiday Bible Club and pray that the seed of the Gospel would take root in the hearts and lives of the children and families involved.
- Pray for our children's and youth ministries and organisations as they recommence this autumn after the summer break. Pray that our ministries will grow back stronger as life normalises post COVID.
- Pray for new leaders and a greater capacity for all of our ministries, as well as a greater impact in our community for Christ.
- Pray for an increased hunger for the Lord as well as the desire to share the good news of Christ with others.
- Pray for the Alpha Course we will run this autumn, that there will be a good response to invitations and a fruitful Gospel witness with many lives changed.

**Ballyhalbert and Ardkeen** – 25 September

**Commissioned Church Worker (Ballyhalbert):** Raymond McClure, **Diocesan Lay**

**Reader (Ardkeen):** Melanie Houston.

**For Ballyhalbert:**

- Pray that God would continue to show us his goodness and mercy as we serve the community.
- Please pray that we would continue to grow not just in number but in our relationship with God.
- That lives would be radically changed and transformed in our parish by the Holy Spirit.

**For Ardkeen:**

- We give thanks for the church family at Christ Church, Ardkeen; for their care for each other and their desire to reach the local community and for their enthusiasm as we learn more about the Lord Jesus together.
- We pray for those of our congregation who have had very significant bereavements that they may know God's comfort.
- We pray that together we may grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ and though the Spirit show His love to others.

*Thank you for praying*