



**Kilwarlin, Upper and Lower – 2 February**

**Minister-in-Charge:** Rajkumar Sathyaraj

- Praise God for the two Alpha courses and Bible studies over the past year that helped members in their spiritual growth.
- Praise God for the Sunday school in St. James' church which has restarted after several years. Thank God for the teachers and volunteers who gladly serve in this ministry in both churches.
- Pray that the Lord will provide the finances for the planned parochial hall of St. John's church. Pray also that the planning permission and other formalities will be completed so that work on the hall can begin soon.
- Pray that the activities and events planned in both St. John's and St. James' in the year ahead will bring members into a closer and deeper relationship with the Lord and with each other.
- Pray that the evangelistic mission in June will enable members and others living in the vicinity of St. John's church to know Jesus as Lord and Saviour of their lives.
- Pray also that the teaching ministry with an emphasis on discipleship will be effective in making disciples.
- The vision for 2020 in both churches is spiritual and numerical growth. Please pray that this will take place.

**Moneyreagh – 9 February**

**Ordained Local Minister:** Rory Blake-Knox

- Pray for our new 8-week discipleship programme beginning at the end of January.
- For our new parents and toddlers and seniors' groups in the community.
- Pray for youth and children's leaders as we have extended our kids club to include P1-P3.
- For our youth worker's continued presence and favour in local schools.
- Funding and provision for a new community project which is being planned for 2020.
- For all who serve, that they would be refreshed and excited about a new year and new opportunities.

## **Movilla Abbey Church – 16 February**

**Rector:** Alan Peek

June 2020 will mark a significant anniversary milestone for us as we reach, and celebrate 40 years of Movilla Abbey Church, and of Methodists and Anglicans doing church together here. So please pray for:

- The Anglican Minister, Revd Alan Peek and Methodist Minister Revd Michael Spence as they continue to serve and lead the church, in valuing the best of each other's denominational traditions, whilst serving the community together.
- Our new Church of Ireland Diocesan Reader, Lisa Currie, who will be licensed this year – for her to settle into, and thrive in leading and preaching, along with our existing Reader, Rosemary Lappin.
- Our Church of Ireland Select Vestry and Methodist Church in Ireland Church Council, and especially for shared conversations and decision-making on what a new shared Mission/Vision Statement should look like.
- For our (relatively) new Youth Pastor, Maria Ghianni-Wilkinson, as she settles into her post and gives a new lease of life to our youth discipleship programmes.
- For Paul Che-Shu, who arrived (from Cameroon) in January to volunteer as a new Families Outreach Worker in our very busy church building. Pray for him to acclimatise quickly, for him to build positive relationships with the hundreds of adults and children who use our building midweek, and for some to come to faith.
- For our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations to be joyful in thanksgiving for the past, and a springboard to a new shared vision and commitment to mission for the future.

## **Newtownards – 23 February**

**Rector:** Chris Matchett, **Curate:** Peter Hilton

- Please pray for the new Parish Administrator as they take up their post, asking God to enable and inspire them in this key role.
- For God's direction and blessing upon our children's ministry, asking specifically for God to empower our efforts to reach teenagers both in St Mark's and the Glen.
- For an ever-growing sense of unity within the many services, groups and organisations that make up the family of St Mark's and the Glen.
- That we would grow and develop our individual and corporate prayer lives.
- That we will focus more clearly on Jesus in the coming year in every aspect of our life and activity.
- For vision and wisdom to make Christ known in the larger estates in our parish.

*Thank you for praying*