



WICKLOW CHURCH OF IRELAND

October 2017 Announcements



There are some great events coming up this autumn.

Have a read of October's Newsletter and see what you can you come along and support!

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Pizza, Praise & Prayer

1st October 5.30pm Christ Church Cathedral

There is a new youth officer for the Church of Ireland in Dublin & Wicklow and she is being introduced at a youth service in Christ Church Cathedral this Sunday.

The service is at **5.30pm** and will be followed by pizza in the Cathedral Crypt. We hope to organise a bus, which will leave Wicklow at **4.15pm** and return around **8pm**.

Could you let me know asap if your teenage children are interested in coming along. Please text Jack on 0861727654 if you are interested in going.



Songs for Lute & Voice

3rd October 8.15pm Wicklow Parish Church

Wicklow Parish Church will be welcoming Songs for Lute & Voice with Aisling Kenny - Soprano and Ziv Braha – Lute.

This musical evening will be happening in the church on **October 3rd at 8.15pm**. We would love to see you all there to enjoy this event!



New Wine Ireland

6-7th October Crinken Church

New Wine Ireland is hosting a conference in collaboration with Open Doors, an organisation which seeks to serve those across the world who are persecuted for their faith. The conference takes place in Crinken Church, from the **6-7 October**. For more details, contact Jack.



Mothers' Union

9th October 10.30am The Hub, Ashford

Mothers' Union members and friends are invited to the Hub in Ashford at **10.30am** on Monday morning, **9th October** so that we can pack shoeboxes with gifts for children in the Darndale Creche in Dublin who might not otherwise get gifts at Christmas. We would be delighted to have lots of help and contributions of small toys, shoeboxes and wrapping paper! Please contact Jessica 087 2875601 after 6pm if you wish to help!



Messy Church With Nun's Cross Parish

29th October 10am Wicklow Parish Church

On the **29 October**, we will have a joint service with Nun's Cross, Killiskey parish, in Wicklow, at 10am. In this service, we plan to integrate some of the interactive elements of Messy Church. We would love to see a large turnout of the whole church family, of all ages, as we come together in worship.



Fashion Show

16th November 7.30pm Fishers of Newtownmountkennedy

Wicklow Parish are holding a Fashion Show in Fishers of Newtownmountkennedy, on Thurs 16th November, at 7.30pm. Tickets can be purchased from Miranda Harris or Leslie Hopkins for €20 each.



Christian Aid Visit

On Sunday 24th September, Michael Briggs was the guest speaker at the 10am service, from Christian Aid Ireland. He spoke about ongoing work with their partners in Malawi, and the aim of Christian Aid to allow people to enjoy life before death - as much a part of the Gospel as the Christian hope of eternal life after death. A loose collection of €145 was taken on the day. If people are looking to contribute to a worthwhile charitable organisation, we highly commend the work of Christian Aid. To donate, please visit www.christianaid.ie



Rectory Appointment

As we are now getting closer to refurbishing the Rectory, the Archbishop is willing to institute a Rector for the parish. Jack has been acting as a Priest in Charge, a Bishop's appointment, as the parish was unable to fulfil the criteria to make an appointment themselves. The Archbishop is now happy to allow the parish to make their own appointment. Therefore, an advert for a Rector will appear in church publications in the coming weeks.



Church Gates

The iron gates at the main door, at the Vestry passageway, and the entrance to the graveyard, are a rare example of 18th century Irish ironwork. They are in need of specialist refurbishment, which will begin in early October. Initially, the gates at the main church door will be taken away and refurbished. The other gates will receive treatment over time, as resources allow. The work about to be undertaken is thanks to a generous bequest from a parishioner, combined with a council heritage grant.



Harvest Thanksgiving

Many thanks to those who decorated the church so well for our celebration of the world's resources in this season of harvest. At the joint service, with Killiskey Parish, Fr. Donal Roche preached an excellent sermon, among other things reminding us of the perfect balance of day and night at this autumn equinox, and the need for balance in our own lives. Thanks to Sandra, who coordinated the harvest supper after the service, and those who provided food for the supper.



Christmas Hamper Raffle

Tish Costello will be running the Christmas Hamper Raffle again the year after a very successful one last year. She is looking for donations of prizes and people to sell some lines to their friends, family and colleagues. If anyone is able to source a voucher for a butchers it would be fantastic. For more information please talk to Tish - (087) 689 2489



General Announcements

Church Services

Sunday 1st October - 9am Holy Communion. 10am Service of the Word. Rev Jack Kinkead

Wednesday 4th October – 10.30am Holy Communion, with prayers for those who are sick. Tea / coffee served afterwards in church.

Sunday 8th October - 9am Holy Communion. 10am Family Communion. Rev Canon John Clarke

Wednesday 11th October – 10.30am Holy Communion, with prayers for those who are sick. Tea / coffee served afterwards in church.

Sunday 15th October - 9am Holy Communion. 10am Morning Prayer. Rev Jack Kinkead

Wednesday 18th October – 10.30am Holy Communion, with prayers for those who are sick. Tea / coffee served afterwards in church.

Sunday 22nd October - 9am Holy Communion. 10am Holy Communion. Rev Kevin Conroy

Wednesday 25th October - 10.30 Holy Communion, with prayers for those who are sick. Tea / coffee served afterwards in church.

Sunday 29th October - 9am Holy Communion. 10am Family Worship Service. Joint with Nun's Cross, Killiskey.

Flower rota

Please sign the flower rota sheet in the porch of the church if you are available to help with church flowers. This isn't a big job & doesn't involve fancy arrangements (unless you want to!) but is about having some fresh flowers, in vases, in church week by week.

Prayers

We are really keen to involve more people in worship in Wicklow Parish. One way to do this is to involve people in leading the prayers of intercession at services. Would you be willing to help with this, on an occasional basis? If so, please speak to Jack. There is an information pack available, with pointers on how to lead a congregation in prayer – have a look before committing if you are interested but unsure.

Crèche

It is wonderful to see so many small children coming to church with their parents. We encourage all families to bring your children to church & establish a good routine from an early age. To make it easier for parents to engage in worship themselves, a crèche has started, for children of preschool age. It runs each Sunday during the main 10am service. Anyone who might like to help (even occasionally) please contact Jack.

Parish Finance

As each parish in the Church of Ireland is financially self-sustaining, we can only function financially through the good will of our parishioners. Any parishioners, who have not yet entered a planned contribution scheme, please speak to Philip Hastie (parish recorder) or John Clarke (hon. treasurer - 0874127386). If you have parish envelopes, cash or cheques placed on the collection plate can be recorded. Alternatively, there are standing order forms available in church. If a taxpayer donates €250 or more per year (and we can trace the donations through the envelope scheme or standing order) we can claim a further 45% of the amount through the government's charity tax relief scheme. The details of any person's contributions are kept completely confidential. This income is used to maintain the ministry of a full time Rector, to maintain the beautiful church building, and to provide resources for parish activities, such as Sunday Club, Messy Church and youth clubs, as well as church services. Please consider the parish as part of your financial plan.

Capital Projects

We have been fortunate in receiving council grants to help in some of the maintenance work required for our church building. However, in order to avail of these grants, we must match the funding offered by the county council. If anyone is in a position to help with financing necessary capital works, please contact a member of the Finance Committee: John Clarke (0874127386), Jim Costello (0867701456) or Shane Fingleton (0862485045).

Parish Administrator

If your postal, email or phone number has changed please let us know. Also to promote events or post information in the parish newsletter or on the website, please contact Sinead by email on: wicklowandkilliskeycoi@outlook.com