

CALENDAR

Downpatrick, Ballee & Clough Non-Subscribing Presbyterian Churches

November and December 2018

From the Minister:

Over the last couple of months we had some very important services. Our churches enjoyed three successful services of Harvest Thanksgiving. The churches were beautifully decorated and good-sized congregations were present to share in the worship. At Downpatrick we held the special service to ordain as elders Myrtle McBride and Dr Charles Stewart. This was a great occasion. We held a number of other special events which are all listed in this Calendar.

In the coming months there are more special services and events which deserve everybody's support. In November we will celebrate Communion in all three churches and Remembrance Sunday. In addition we will be holding a special service to Commemorate the Centenary of the end of the First World War.

In December we will be holding all our special Christmas services. Please make sure you take a note of all these. In addition each of our congregations will be holding their own individual Carol Services.

I will be away from the pulpit on Sunday, 9th December – to preach at Dunmurry where I am now minister in charge – and also on Sunday, 25th November when I will be preaching at the 400th anniversary service of the Ancient Chapel of Toxteth in Liverpool.

David Steers

Commemoration of the End of the First World War/Dedication of Roll of Honour

Those readers who receive the Calendar by email will already have received notice of this but we are hosting a very important service at Downpatrick on Sunday, 18th November at 3.00 pm. This is to Commemorate the Centenary of the end of the First World War and dedicate the new Roll of Honour for the denomination which will be published on that day. Everyone who attends the service will receive a complimentary copy of the Roll of Honour (which contains 588 names of those who served plus biographies of 98 servicemen who gave their lives). Thereafter copies will be available to purchase at a cost of £5 each. We do hope that everyone will make a special effort to attend this significant service. Further details can be found inside.

Forthcoming Dates:

Monday, 5th November, Ballee Committee meeting, 7.30 pm.

Sunday, 25th November, Presbytery of Antrim visitation service Greyabbey, 3.30 pm.

Tuesday, 27th November, Presbytery of Bangor meeting, Moira, 7.30 pm.

Saturday, 1st December, Downpatrick Table Quiz at the Lakeside Inn at 8.00 pm. Tickets £5 per person.

Date	Downpatrick	Ballee	Clough
4 th November	11.15 am Rev Dr David Steers Communion	9.45 am Rev Dr David Steers Communion	11.15 am Rev Dr Will Patterson
11 th November Remembrance Sunday	11.15 am Rev Dr David Steers Remembrance Sunday	9.45 am Sue Steers Remembrance Sunday	9.45 am Rev Dr David Steers Remembrance Sunday
18 th November	3.00 pm Rev Dr David Steers Service to Commemorate the Centenary of the end of the First World War	9.45 am Rev Dr David Steers	11.15 am Rev Dr David Steers Communion
25 th November	11.15 am Rev Ernie Boggs	9.45 am Rev Ernie Boggs	9.45 am Rev Dr Will Patterson
2 nd December	11.15 am Rev Dr Will Patterson	9.45 am Rev Dr David Steers	11.15 am Rev Dr David Steers
9 th December	11.15 am Sue Steers	9.45 am Rev Dr Will Patterson	9.45 am Sue Steers
16 th December	11.15 am Rev Dr Will Patterson	9.45 am Rev Dr David Steers	11.15 am Rev Dr David Steers Carol Service
23 rd December	11.15 am Rev Dr David Steers	9.45 am Rev Dr David Steers	9.45 am Sue Steers
30 th December	11.15 am Joint Service Downpatrick Rev Dr David Steers	<i>11.15am Joint Service Downpatrick</i>	<i>11.15am Joint Service Downpatrick</i>

Wednesday, 12th December Joint Candlelight Carol Service at Clough at 7.30 pm

with the Laganvale Ensemble

Tuesday, 25th December, Joint Christmas Day Service at Ballee at 10.30 am

conducted by Rev Dr David Steers

Around the Fellowship

Our thoughts and prayers are with all members who have been unwell or receiving any kind of treatment recently, especially Myrtle McBride, Renee Cleland and Thelma Lowry. We wish them all good health. Our best wishes go to Chris Nixon and Rebecca Lutton who were married in September.

Ordination of Elders

The special service for the ordination of Myrtle McBride and Dr Charles Stewart as elders of Downpatrick took place on Sunday, 9th September at 3.30 pm. It was a very impressive occasion followed by refreshments and we particularly appreciate the support shown to the service by the members of the presbytery of Antrim, including the Commission which conducted the service.

Ballee Table Quiz

The Ballee Table Quiz was held on Saturday, 22nd September at the Lakeside Inn. It was a great evening which was hugely enjoyed by everyone there and also raised an excellent £914 for church funds. Congratulations to winning team 'Let's Get Quizzable'. Thank you to everyone who helped and to Margaret and Geoffrey Ferguson for providing the wonderful venue that is the Lakeside Inn.

Clough Dance

The dance was held on Friday, 28th September when the hall was filled with dancers gliding elegantly around the hall. It was a great evening which also raised £270 for church funds. Many thanks go to Freddy and Margreta Straney and to everyone who helped on the evening.

Ballee Badminton Club

The Club will recommence on Friday, 9th November at 7.30 pm. New members will be very welcome.

Downpatrick Table Quiz

The Downpatrick Table Quiz will be held on Saturday, 1st December at the Lakeside Inn at 7.30 for 8.00 pm. Always a great evening, make sure you book your place as soon as possible. Tickets are £5 each, with teams of up to six. If you don't have a team we can help you be part of one. Contact Margaret Ferguson 07789208859.

Girls' Brigade

The minister has been appointed as one of the Chaplains to the Girls' Brigade company in Downpatrick and looks forward to working with the GB locally.

Ballee Church Mugs

The church now has a great set of good sized mugs which have already been used. Many thanks to the anonymous donor for providing these.

Harvest Thanksgiving Services

Our harvest services all proved a great success.

At Downpatrick on Sunday, 7th October we welcomed the Rev Roger McKee as special preacher and the Lyndsay Chorale who provided our special music. The church was beautifully decorated with the theme 'Traditional Harvest' and everyone was encouraged and uplifted by the occasion. Laura Patterson was the organist.

During the service Laura Neill presented a cheque for £450, raised by the children and young people of the church, to Colleen Milligan of Air Ambulance NI. Colleen spoke about the important work the charity does and we have received an appreciative letter from Air Ambulance since the occasion.

The Ballee Harvest was held on Sunday, 14th October when we welcomed back to the pulpit the Rev Dr William Patterson, who is such a good friend to the congregation, and the local singing group, Harmony, who sang some beautiful pieces. John Strain was the organist. The church was beautifully decorated with the theme of ‘World Harvest’ and each window carried a display representing the produce of a different part of the world. Following the service all the non-perishable produce was given to the Downpatrick (Fountain) Foodbank who have sent a letter of appreciation.

On Sunday, 21st October the Clough Harvest was held. We were pleased to welcome as special preacher the Rev Dr Heather Walker, now minister of Rademon, and the Clare Chorale, under the musical direction of Sheelagh Greer, whose singing filled the church so beautifully. The church was again splendidly decorated and the service was followed by refreshments in the hall. Alfie McClelland was the organist.

As ever a big thank you goes to everyone who brought produce and who helped decorate the churches, and to those who provided refreshments in each church.

Interdenominational Divine Healing Ministries, Day of Prayer for Downpatrick

This body will be holding an ecumenical day of prayer in Downpatrick on Saturday, 24th November. This will begin in our church in Downpatrick with prayers between 11.00 and 11.30 am. These will be led by Canon Cecil Wilson and it is to be hoped that everyone who is free will support the event. Full details of the event will be available in the church and online.

**Service to Commemorate the Centenary of the end of the
First World War and Dedication of the Roll of Honour**
in memory of all the men and women of the denomination who served or
gave their lives in the Great War
Sunday, 18th November 3.00 pm
with the Moderator of the Synod, Rt Rev Colin Campbell.
Special Preacher: Rev Norman Hutton
Including special music and readings from the First World War
**First Presbyterian (Non-Subscribing) Church, Stream
Street, Downpatrick**
Everyone who attends will receive a copy of the Roll of Honour

Christmas Services

**Wednesday, 12th December Joint Candlelight Carol Service
at Clough at 7.30 pm with the Laganvale Ensemble**
**Tuesday, 25th December, Joint Christmas Day Service at
Ballee at 10.30 am conducted by Rev Dr David Steers**
**Sunday, 30th December, Joint Service Downpatrick 11.15 am
Rev Dr David Steers**