

# Church News Ireland

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## Events review

**NOVEMBER 1**

### **CHRIST CHURCH DERRY CONCERT SERIES**

#### **Ruth McGinley - Concert pianist**

Derry-born Ruth McGinley had already gained widespread recognition as one of Ireland's leading pianists by the age of 16, winning countless accolades including the piano final of the BBC Young Musician of the Year award. Since then, her career has been wide-ranging and daring, collaborating with some of the most acclaimed musicians working

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today, and straying from the typical classical-pianist journey.

Studying at the Royal Irish Academy of Music and Royal Academy in London before being awarded a Postgraduate in Solo Performance from the Royal College in London, Ruth has performed as soloist with many orchestras including the BBC Philharmonic, London Mozart Players, National Symphony Orchestra, RTE Concert Orchestra and Ulster Orchestra, and as a recitalist throughout the UK, Europe and the Middle East. Ruth broadcasts regularly for BBC Radio 3, Classic FM, BBC Radio Ulster and Lyric FM. She was invited to perform as soloist at the BBC Proms in the Park and to perform a solo concert at the Southbank Centre, London in the prestigious Queen Elizabeth Hall... both career highlights.

But it is perhaps the spaces between where Ruth's interests really lie. A determination to walk her own path, Ruth's love of music goes far beyond the classical world. A highly sought-after collaborator, Ruth works with

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musicians from many backgrounds including jazz, folk, electronic and film music.

Ruth released her debut solo album 'Reconnection' to high acclaim in 2016. This marked the beginning of a new chapter in her career as a solo recording artist.

'Aura' is her latest solo piano release... a Classical Re-imagining of Traditional Irish Airs. It is a stunning collaboration with Belfast composer and musician, Neil Martin.



 **COFFEE AND COATS** 

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| <b>WHERE:</b>   | <b>WHEN:</b>                                 |
| <b>ST MARK'S CHURCH</b><br> 98 Ballymacash Road,<br>Lisburn BT28 3EZ | Thursday 2nd &<br>Friday 3rd Nov<br>10am-3pm |



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**NOVEMBER 2 - 3**  
**COFFEE & COATS, St Mark's,**  
**Lisburn**

**NOVEMBER 3**  
**CHOPIN BY CANDELIGHT IN BRAY**

Frank McNamara brings Chopin by  
Candlelight to Bray on  
Friday 3rd November at 9pm  
Tickets are available via Eventbrite  
<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/chopin-by-candlelight-bray-tickets-700686521247?aff=erelexpmlt>

This concert has sold out quickly at its other locations and the reviews are excellent.  
“It's at 9pm to allow you time for a nice meal out somewhere in Bray or to meet for a drink beforehand and then finish off your night with this 1 hour concert in beautiful surroundings.”

**CELEBRATION OF HYMNS**

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Celebration of Hymns organised by Lisbellaw Parish Church in the Killyhevlin Hotel, Enniskillen at 7.30pm with Lynda Lindsay and special guests; Living Praise, James Strange & Higher Praise Band, Revd William Jeffrey and William Kerr Memorial Pipe Band.

**NOVEMBER 4**

## **PRE-LOVED TOY SALE**

St John's Parish Centre, Moira 09.00 am - 12.00

“We are so excited to welcome you all to shop and/or sell! So far we have 20+ tables booked so there will be lots of choice. Come along and grab yourself a bargain for Christmas :)”

“We will also have a cafe running at the sale this year so stop in for a cuppa and a tasty treat while you are here!”

# PRE-LOVED TOY SALE

**SELL:** COME ALONG AND SELL YOUR GOOD  
QUALITY TOYS. CLEAR SOME SPACE AND  
BUILD UP YOUR CHRISTMAS FUND!

**BUY:** GREAT BARGAINS TO BE HAD, WHY NOT  
STOCK UP FOR CHRISTMAS?!

**4TH NOVEMBER // 9.00AM - 12NOON  
ST JOHN'S PARISH CENTRE**



**£5 PER  
TABLE**

CONTACT KELLY TO BOOK A  
TABLE: 02892 617136 //  
KELLY@MOIRAPARISH.ORG.UK



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## **PRIMACY CHRISTMAS FAIR**

Primacy are having their Christmas Fair in the church on Saturday 4th November 1030 - 2.00. Lots of stalls and crafts, seasonal refreshments. They would love to see you

## **DUBLIN WELSH MALE VOICE CHOIR CONCERT**

St Peter's Church Portlaoise

### Dublin Welsh Male Voice Choir Concert



Venue: St Peter's Church of Ireland  
1 Coote Street, Portlaoise R32 A7PK

Date: Saturday, November 4th 2023  
Time: 7:30 pm

## **NOVEMBER 5**

## **CHORAL EUCHARIST AND EVENSONG**

VISITING CHOIR St Columb's Derry  
Choir of Agherton Parish, Portstewart



NORTHERN  
IRELAND  
OPERA



ULSTER  
ORCHESTRA  
*Let's Play*



Belfast  
Philharmonic  
Choir

## **STANFORD'S REQUIEM** - Belfast

Philharmonic Choir

Belfast Philharmonic Choir are gearing up for the opening concert of the 2023-24 season.

A rare performance of Stanford's Requiem, and perhaps an NI premiere!



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The Phil will be joined by the Ulster Orchestra and guest soloists supported by Northern Ireland Opera

Tickets: <https://www.ulsterhall.co.uk/what-s-on/belfast-philharmonic-society/>

## **NOVEMBER 7**

### **TITANIC PLAY**

Titanic: The Last Hero and the Last Coward .  
0730PM

Holy Trinity Glencraig. Tickets 10.00

[<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/diocese-of-down-dromore-29095342637>]

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### **TITANIC PLAY**

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Titanic: The Last Hero and the Last Coward .  
0730 PM

The Gathering (St Martin's Church), Tickets  
10.00

[\[https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/diocese-of-down-dromore-29095342637\]](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/diocese-of-down-dromore-29095342637)

## **The play**

John Harper and Joseph Ismay. Passengers on the Titanic. A church minister and an executive of the White Star Line. One a hero, one a coward. Both have a story to tell.

That ill-fated crossing generated many tales of heroism and in amongst them, one or two more questionable endeavours. First-class and third-class passengers seldom came eye to eye, but as the ship slowly sunk and the panic for a lifeboat space began, these two men were cast together in a devastating drama.

“A heartfelt and moving tribute to the heroism of the common man, and that the heart of even the richest men can be opened and brought into the light.”

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★★★★ – British Theatre Guide

“I can hardly pay the author a higher compliment. My penultimate show at Fringe 2023 was an unexpected gem.”

★★★★ – Plays International

## **INSTALLATION OF THE ARCHDEACON OF DOWN**

The Ven Jim Cheshire will be installed as Archdeacon of Down at 7.30pm in Down Cathedral on Wednesday 8 November 2023. The preacher will be Bishop Ken Clarke.

## **CS LEWIS LECTURE**

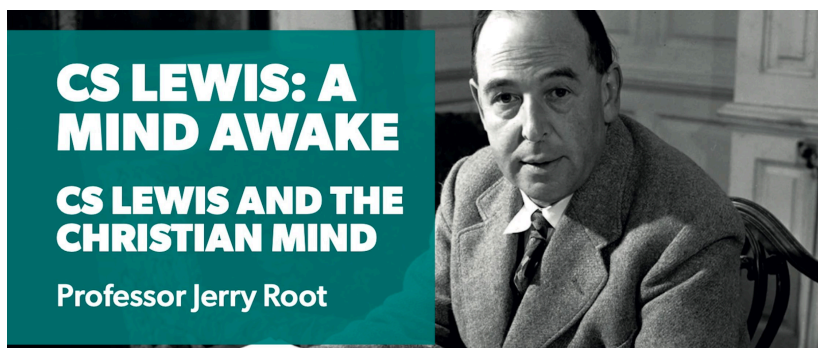
Professor Jerry Root will deliver a lecture entitled CS Lewis: A Mind Awake, CS Lewis and the Christian Mind on Wednesday 8 November at 7.30pm in the Assembly Buildings Conference Centre, Fisherwick Place, Belfast.BT1 6DW



**Free admission**

**Tickets are available.**

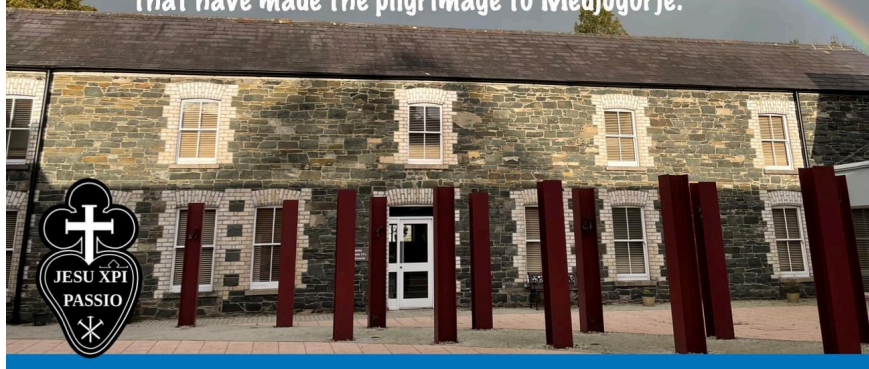
**Contact  
Rev Aaron McAlister  
07720834818**



The lecture is for Reality 2024 in association with the CS Lewis Institute, Belfast. Admission is FREE and refreshments will be provided. Book via Eventbrite at [<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/cs-lewis-a-mind-awake-cs-lewis-and-the-christian-mind-jerry-root-tickets-734669134157>]

## Weekend Retreat November 10th Tobar Mhuire

Retreat will be given by Fr. Aidan C.P.  
All are welcome to attend especially those people  
that have made the pilgrimage to Medjugorje.



## BELLO DUO AT CHRIST CHURCH DERRIAGHY

**NOVEMBER 10**

**WOMENS NIGHT OF WORSHIP** Church of  
the Good Shepherd in Sion Mills  
Rev Danielle McCullagh, the Chaplain at The  
Hub, Belfast (the Church of Ireland /  
Methodist Chaplaincy at Queen's University  
and Stranmillis College) will be the guest

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speaker at a 'Women's Night of Worship' in the Church of the Good Shepherd in Sion Mills on Friday 10th November at half past seven.

## **TOBAR MHUIRE RETREAT**

A retreat will be given on the weekend of the 10th November

Fr. Aidan will host the event. This retreat is open to all, especially those that have made or want to make the pilgrimage to Medjugorje  
More information will follow soon...

Accommodation is possible for those looking to stay overnight. For further information and booking please contact reception. 028 4483 0242

## **NOVEMBER 12 REMEMBRANCE DAY**

**CHRISTMAS FAIR** St Clare's Community

Hall, Glenavy

12.30 - 3.00. Early booking advised for stall applications 20.00. Text Claire - 07887

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## **EVENSONG VISITING CHOIR St Columb's Derry**

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## **NOVEMBER 14**

### **LIMERICK LUNCHTIME CONCERT**

St Mary's Cathedral at 1.15 pm. Eva Stafford, soprano & Irina Dernova, piano. Admission free. Retiring collection  
[www.saintmarycathedral.ie](http://www.saintmarycathedral.ie)

### **CANDLELIT CONCERT**

Featuring Bello Duo and Lauren Kells. Rotary Club of Enniskillen in St Macartin's Cathedral at 07.30 pm. 10.00  
Proceeds to Rotary charities

### **THREE ADDRESSES BY CS LEWIS**

C.S. Lewis Symposium at Ulster University  
'Hey, Jimmy! Did ya hear?! David Clare's play 'Three Addresses by CS Lewis' starring Sam Monaghan is on at the Riverside at 7:30pm on the 14th of November. Oh, and Jimmy, tickets are still available!  
[<https://riversidetheatre.ticketsolve.com/ticketbooth/shop>]

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**RUN IN THE DARK BELFAST** – Stormont  
Estate 8 pm on 15 November

“Sometimes it’s hard to put one foot in front of the other - but when you have a reason to do it, nothing is impossible.” - Mark Pollock

As darkness sweeps around the globe on 15 November, 25,000 people worldwide will get up from their armchairs, slip on their red flashing armbands and pull on their running shoes to complete a 5k or 10k.

Some will run for fun, some to compete and others will run for those who dream to walk again after paralysis. Give yourself a reason to put one foot in front of the other by watching this video at [www.runinthedark.org/whyrunvideo](http://www.runinthedark.org/whyrunvideo) and register for your 5k or 10k Run in the Dark. It all kicks off in Dublin on Tuesday 14 November before 50 cities around the world take part on Wednesday 15 November.

Register today at [www.runinthedark.org/register](http://www.runinthedark.org/register)





# AN EVENING WITH **ANDREW IRWIN**

**JONATHAN BEATTY, PIANO**

Favourites from light opera, musical theatre  
and Irish traditional repertoire

**Saturday 18th November 2023, 8pm**  
**Cathedral Hall, Enniskillen**

**Tickets available from:**

Reilly's Electrical  
Belmore Court & Motel  
Crannog Antiques - 07980733967

Adults £15  
Students £5

Or book on Eventbrite using the  
QR code (booking fee applies)



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**NOVEMBER 18**  
**ATLANTIC SESSIONS PORTRUSH**

Neill Martin and Rob McVey In Holy Trinity  
Church at 3.00 pm

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Free admission. No need to book. Proud to bring cellist Neil Martin and pianist Rod McVey's genre-blending talent to the stage. A world-class collaboration of 200 albums and 30 years into it. A true union of kindred musical spirits in the sublime surrounds of Holy Trinity Church in Portrush. Free admission. No need to book. One of over 30 free original music gigs are being held across venues in Portstewart & Portrush.

<https://www.atlanticsessions.com/>

## **NOVEMBER 19**

### **HYMN SING TAMLAGHT CHURCH**

3.00 - 5.00 pm. Funds for Bishops Appeal

## **NOVEMBER 20**

### **CALARY PARISH CHURCH ARTS FESTIVAL**

Calary will hold an Art Exhibition in the Church on Friday 20, Saturday 21 and Sunday 22 October. To help launch this event,



**ST LUKE'S PARISH**

**HYMN SING**

**SUNDAY 19TH  
NOVEMBER  
3PM - 5PM**

Come along and enjoy the choir  
singing your favourite hymns or  
sing along

Funds to Bishops' Appeal  
supporting the flooding disaster  
in Lybia  
Charity num: 101325

Tamlaght Church  
BT80 0AA

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there will be a concert by Clare McCague (classical harp) and Catrina Scullion (soprano) starting at 8 pm on Friday 20th. As it is opening the Art Exhibition, there are no tickets for the concert, no charge and thus no need to book. Just turn up and enjoy the evening. The Exhibition of paintings, sculpture and wood turning starts at 7 pm on Friday 20th in the Church Room, continues between 11 am and 6 pm on Saturday 21st and between 12 noon and 5 pm on Sunday 22nd. There will also be plants and country produce on sale between 11 am and 4 pm on Saturday 21st. 20% commission on all art sales will go to local charities

## **NOVEMBER 21**

### **LIMERICK LUNCHTIME CONCERT**

St Mary's Cathedral at 1.15 pm. Eva Stafford, soprano & Irina Dernova, piano. Admission free. Retiring collection  
[www.saintmarycathedral.ie](http://www.saintmarycathedral.ie)

## **NOVEMBER 24**

### **LIMERICK LUNCHTIME CONCERT**

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St Mary's Cathedral at 1.15 pm. ICO Academy. Admission free. Retiring collection. [www.saintmarycathedral.ie](http://www.saintmarycathedral.ie)

## **NOVEMBER 25**

### **CHRISTMAS CRAFT SALE**

St John's Newcastle. 12.00 - 04.00pm. Entrance 4.00 includes refreshments. Book a visit to Santa contact Ashleigh 07727660141

### **CRAFT AND GIFT FARE**

St Andrew's, Killyman. 10.00 am - 3.30 pm  
See notice next page

## **NOVEMBER 25 - 30**

### **JONATHAN SWIFT FESTIVAL, ST PATRICK'S DUBLIN**

It is 278 years since the death of the great author and former Dean of Saint Patrick's Cathedral, Jonathan Swift. The Cathedral is presenting a number of events as part of the Jonathan Swift Festival between 25th and 30th November. See Cathedral web site for info and bookings.





**NOVEMBER 30 - DECEMBER 3**  
**CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL 2023**

St John's Caledon writes - Spread the word - the countdown is on! We look forward to welcoming you to our Christmas Tree Festival 2023 which is being held from Thursday 30 November until Sunday 03 December 2023 inclusive.

Refreshments will be available throughout the weekend in our Church Hall.

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Thursday 30 November : Open from 1 pm - 9 pm with an Opening Service at 7 pm

Friday 01 December : Open from 12 noon - 9 pm with An Evening of Christmas Music at 7.30 pm

Saturday 02 December : Open from 10 am - 9 pm with Santa's Grotto in Church Hall from 10 am - 6 pm

Sunday 03 December : Open from 11 am - 7 pm with Closing Service at 7 pm

No entrance fee to the Festival but donations are most welcome. If you, or any organisation / business you know, would like to provide an exhibit or give a donation or for any further information please contact Lorraine Livingstone (028 3754 8490 or [l.livingstone1@outlook.com](mailto:l.livingstone1@outlook.com)) as soon as possible for further details.

## **DECEMBER 1**

### **EXPLORE WHAT LIFE IS ALL ABOUT**

Presbyterian Church - Leaders can bring their young people to 'explore what life's all about' and discover what it means trust Jesus with their whole lives.

**MOSSLEY PARISH  
CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT  
NEWTOWNABBEY**

# Christmas FAIR

JOIN US!

**SATURDAY 2ND DECEMBER**

**10AM - 1PM**

Various Stalls - Handmade Goods - Baked Goods  
Gifts- Tombola - Gift Hampers  
Festive Tea Room - Free Kids Activities  
Entry : Adults £1 (Includes Raffle Entry) - Kids FREE

Visit Santa's Grotto  
£2.50  
Includes A Present

**EVENT ADDRESS: 60 Manse Road, Newtownabbey  
BT36 6XR**

Money Raised In Aid Of Church Funds  
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Delivered in partnership with Growing Young

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Disciples, Explore is designed to support leaders as they journey with young people. This will be a fun, interactive event with treats! For more information and to book one of each events, please see events on the PCI web site

Friday 1 December 2023 (7.45–9.30pm) –  
Dundonald Presbyterian Church





### **DECEMBER 3**

#### **ADVENT ORGAN RECITAL**

Holy Trinity, Glencraif. 07.00pm Orly Watson and friends

### **DECEMBER 5**

#### **BELLO DUO IN CONCERT EGLANTINE at 7.30pm.**

### **DECEMBER 7 - 10**

#### **CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL**

St Colman's Church, 82A Larne Rd, Kilroot  
BT38 7NA

Based on favourite Bible stories

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[\[https://connor.anglican.org/event/christmas-tree-festival-in-kilroot/\]](https://connor.anglican.org/event/christmas-tree-festival-in-kilroot/)



ST JOHN'S  
CHURCH OF IRELAND  
RATHFRILAND

**CHRISTMAS CRAFT  
FAIR**

**Saturday 9th December 2023**

**10.00am—4pm**

St John's Church Hall, John Street,  
Rathfriland

*Lunch & Refreshments  
served all day*

To book a craft table please contact Neil Magennis on  
07766718674

## **DECEMBER 11**

### **CHRISTMAS BY CANDLELIGHT IN COMBER**

The Miskelly Chorale at St Mary's Parish Church, Comber. At 07.30 pm. Suggested charity donation 10.00.

## **DECEMBER 14**

### **BELFAST BLACK SANTA APPEAL**

Belfast Cathedral's Black Santa Appeal runs from December 14-24. Last year, Dean Stephen Forde's annual sit-out on the steps of the Cathedral raised £130,000 in the 10 days before Christmas, allowing the appeal to support 126 local charities with grants and awards of £1,000 and more. Find out more at <https://rb.gy/haykb>

### **CHRISTMAS WITH CANTILENA IN DERG**



**DECEMBER 15**

**CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT IN  
DUNMURRY**

Featuring Harmonic Sounds Concert Band.  
First Dunmurry NSPCI, 23 Glebe Road,  
Dunmurry BT 17 9 AN RSVP by Dec 10 to  
[firstdunmurrynsp@gmail.org](mailto:firstdunmurrynsp@gmail.org)

## **DECEMBER 19**

### **SACRED CHRISTMAS MUSIC - ADORO AT ARMAGH**

St Mark's Armagh - "We very much look forward to welcoming the acclaimed Adoro Choir for their first concert in Armagh. Having performed in The Parliament Buildings, Belfast Cathedral and venues in and around the Lisburn area, Adoro come with very high recommendations! Directed by Mr Ashley Fulton (Vocal Coach & Musical Director) this concert will predominately feature sacred Christmas music including 'O Holy Night', 'Love Shone Down', various carols by John Rutter, as well as other traditional favourites. With around 30 highly accomplished singers, this will be a most inspirational evening which we very much hope that you will attend and enjoy. Tickets are available now from The Parish Office, or online via our Parish Website" [www.stmarksarmagh.org](http://www.stmarksarmagh.org)

## **DECEMBER 20**

### **SILENT NIGHT - ADORO AT HILLSBOROUGH**



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Adoro. Hillsborough Parish 7.00pm. Tickets  
15.00

from the Church Office

([admin@hillsboroughparish.org.uk](mailto:admin@hillsboroughparish.org.uk))

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**New Lashes', oil on canvas, 152x145cm.**

On show as part of the Royal Ulster Academy Annual Exhibition at the Ulster Museum Belfast until 1st January 2024. Go see... The whole exhibition is fabulous...

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