December 2025 Monthly Newsletter St. Patrick's and St. Andrew's



Sunday Morning Prayer!

What better way to settle ourselves before the Sunday morning service than to take 10 minutes in stillness and prayer. You are welcome to join us in the Side Chapel from around 9.40am so please feel free to slip in during that time. We will aim to be in our seats by 9.55pm. - Thanks.

Parish Prayers continue each Tuesday in St. Andrew's Ballysally at 7pm please join us, everyone welcome.



Wednesday Communion continues at 1pm
NO Communion Service on Wednesday 17th December



Prayer Corner

As you know we have a Prayer Corner at the front of the church on your right. This is a place where you can pray on your own or you can leave a request for a loved one or yourself. There is paper to write on and a basket to leave your request. These requests are regularly lifted to the Lord as we ask Him to bless and heal those named. Please avail yourself of this opportunity to pray for yourself and for anyone known to you who is in need. Even if you don't have a request, please pray for those who do. The Lord hears when we call on His name.





Prayer Points December 2025



The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son and will call him Immanuel (Isaiah 7 v 14) Immanuel – God with us

Advent marks the beginning of the church year and is a season of preparation, anticipation, and reflection as we await the coming of Jesus Christ.

- **Pray for focus:** Ask God to help you cut through the busyness and distractions of the holiday season to focus on the true meaning of Christmas: the arrival of Jesus.
- Pray for humility: Reflect on Christ's humility in coming to earth as a lowly
 infant and pray for a humble heart that values and serves others above
 yourself.
- **Pray for a spirit of generosity:** Ask God to cultivate a generous spirit within you, not only with material gifts but with your time, resources, and talents, following the example of the Magi and God the Father Himself.
- **Pray for others:** Intercede for those who are struggling during the holiday season, including the lonely, the vulnerable, the sick, and those facing financial difficulties or family conflict. Pray also for those far from home and loved ones at Christmas particularly our mission partners.
- **Pray for the world:** Pray for peace in the world, in your communities and in your heart, remembering that Jesus is the Prince of Peace who can bring calm amidst chaos.
- Pray for renewed wonder: Ask God to open your eyes to the wonder and awe of the Incarnation, so the Christmas story feels fresh and impactful, not just a familiar tale.
- **Pray for Christ's return:** Remember that Advent is a time to look back at Jesus' first coming and look forward to His promised return, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus" (Revelation 22:20).



Our Christmas meeting is on Monday 8th December at 7 30 pm in St Andrew's Church. Come along for Christmas crafts, Christmas carols and lots of Christmas celebrations!

Please remember to bring a gift for Women's Aid as Gemma is coming to collect them.

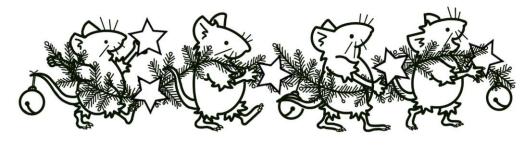
Suggested gifts are boy's pyjamas age 2, boy's toys age 2, ladies pyjamas, perfume, face masks, hand cream, scarves, books/magazines and chocolates.

Thank you. JOIN US, JOIN IN. ALL WELCOME.

Reminder fees £30 now due. Please put cash in a named envelope and give to Hazel.









Enrolment Service 2025











The nativity play was going as planned and Joseph and Mary were going from 'house' to 'house' knocking on the doors and asking it there was any room for them. As they continued to get 'no room' answers, a little voice called from the back of the church: "You should have booked!"



