



First Dunmurry NSPCI Newsletter

SEPTEMBER 2021

Key dates for your diary:

10th October

11.30-12.15pm

Minister to candidate

Service provided by: Rev. Dr. D. Steers

24th October

11.30-12.15pm

Harvest Thanksgiving Service and congregational vote

Service provided by: NSPCI Moderator, Rev C. Hudson

14th November

11.30-12.15pm

Remembrance Sunday Service

Service provided by: Mr P. Jeffrey

28th November

11.30-12.15pm

Holy Communion Service

Service provided by: Rev. Dr. D. Steers

12th December

11.30-12.15pm

Family Christmas Service

Service provided by: Sunday School

26th December

11.30-12.15pm

Boxing Day Service

Service provided by: Rev. W. Patterson

Keeping in touch:

Both our church website and Facebook page are kept up to date with church news, announcements and events. For more information, please visit:

Website: www.firstchurchdunmurry.com

Facebook: www.facebook.com/NSPCIDunmurry



Glebe Gardening Club

The Glebe Gardening Club is recommencing under new leadership on the 1st Thursday of each month, from 7.30pm in The McCleery Hall.

Featuring:

- Inspirational talks
- Discussions
- Practical workshops
- Occasional Floral Art.

If you are a keen gardener, perhaps developed a new green fingered hobby over lockdown or would like to learn more, you are more than welcome to join us.

If you would like further information, please contact Sheila McMillan or Noelle Wilson.

Book launch

The book 'Rev Samuel Halliday (1685-1739)' recently written by Rev. Dr David Steers, has been published by the Presbyterian Historical Society of Ireland. It tells the story of the Minister who was not only a pioneer of non-subscription but also had a varied and fascinating career travelling around Europe as a scholar, an army chaplain and accompanying the nephew of Sir Hans Sloan (the Killyleagh born founder of the British Museum) on a grand tour.

Copies are available in Church at a price of £3. Eventually they will be available directly from the PHSI website: www.presbyterianhistoryireland.com Copies can also be posted at a cost of £4.

The book will be launched on the evening of 17th November in First Church Belfast, where Rev Halliday ministered and will feature acclaimed harpist Tanya Houghton. The event will be free of charge but booking will be required in advance. Details will be available on our website and Facebook page.



- ▶ We will be collecting non-perishable foods as part of our annual Harvest Thanksgiving Service. Items can be left in collection baskets in Church on Sunday 24th October. All items will be donated to FareShare NI, who distribute items to those in need and tackle food poverty in Northern Ireland.



- ▶ If you would like to donate a gift for a child aged 0-16 years as part of our annual Children's Toy Appeal, please leave unwrapped in Church on 28th November or 12th December. All items will be donated to The Salvation Army Christmas Toy Appeal who distribute to children and young people in need.



- ▶ Sunday Services continue on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month only. We hope that the weekly Sunday Service will be resumed as soon as possible. Rev. Dr. David Steers continues to provide weekly online services, which can be viewed via our church Facebook page.



- ▶ Rev Mac bequeathed the McMillan Library to the church. A library committee has been established, books are currently being catalogued and the group are exploring ways to ensure that this extensive and unique collection will be of considerable use to theology and history scholars in the future.



- ▶ The development of the Rev Mac Memorial Garden is well under way and is located beside the main entrance to The McCleery Hall. It is hoped that there will be a dedication service in Spring 2022, once final plans and work have been carried out.

Pastoral Support: Minister in Charge, Rev. Dr. David Steers

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