

DONAGHADEE PARISH DURING THE

DECEMBER LOCKDOWN

Sunday worship continues on-line.

Dear Friends

Unfortunately our magazine had gone to print before we heard of the forthcoming lockdown from Friday 27th November - Friday 11th December. This comes as no surprise, as we all have been concerned about the spread of Coronavirus and how high the 'R' number is now. We know that protecting each other especially the elderly, as well as protecting our NHS, is a priority.

For us in Donaghadee Parish having no services is a small price to pay and we hope that the measures taken by the Executive will have a good effect on transmission rates as we come up to Christmas.

At the Parish, Church worship will resume on Sunday 13th December and we hope will be uninterrupted over the Christmas period. Our worship has so far been well attended and, with three services each Sunday, not been crowded. **Worship continues on-line.**

Celebrating Christmas is of course a priority, especially our Lessons and Carols for Christmas. In order to be safe and socially-distanced at our Carol Services, we are limiting each Carol Service to around forty people. Please call in to the Office / Church Hall on the dates opposite to book your slot at one of our three Carol Services. Each Service will have the same format.

We also want to continue to support the Foodbank Christmas Appeal, details are in the magazine, as well as celebrating a Nativity and Christingle Service.

I hope that each family in our Parish remains safe and that, despite the uncertainty of these days, will know the loving presence of Jesus Christ born in the stable.

The Rector

There will be no Church Services on Sunday 29th November or Sunday 6th December due to lockdown.

The Church Hall will be open Monday to Friday 10.00am - 12 noon during lockdown to receive gifts for the Foodbank Christmas Appeal and to register for a Carol Service.

Monday 30th November
Sanctuary open 10.00am - 12 noon

Tuesday 1st December
Sanctuary open 10.00am - 12 noon

Wednesday 2nd December
No Healing Service today
Church Office open 10.00am - 12 noon

Thursday 3rd December
Church Office open 10.00am - 12 noon

Friday 4th December
Sanctuary open 10.00am - 12 noon

Sunday 6th December
No Church Services

Monday 7th
Sanctuary open 10.00am - 12 noon

Tuesday 8th
Sanctuary open 10.00am - 12 noon

Wednesday 9th
No Healing Service today
Church Office open 10.00am - 12 noon

Thursday 10th
Church Office open 10.00am - 12 noon

Friday 11th
Sanctuary open 10.00am - 12 noon

Sunday 13th
Church Services resumes at usual times

**AS WE REOPEN PLEASE
JOIN US FOR
WORSHIP AT CHRISTMAS**

Sunday 13th December

Third Sunday of Advent

8.30am Holy Communion

10.30am Short Nativity Service &
Presentation of Storehouse gifts

7.00pm Lessons and Carols
by Candlelight

*** (Please note booking system) ***

Sunday 20th December

Fourth Sunday of Advent

8.30am Holy Communion

10.30am Christingle Service

5.00pm Lessons and Carols
by Candlelight

*** (Please note booking system) ***

7.00pm Lessons and Carols
by Candlelight

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**PLEASE NOTE THE BOOKING
SYSTEM FOR OUR LESSONS AND
CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT**

In order to allow as many individuals
and families as possible to attend
Lessons and Carols by Candlelight,
we are holding three identical services
with 40 people at each service.

Please sign the sheet for the service you
wish to attend. The Church Hall is open
10am - noon Mon-Fri of lock down to
receive gifts for the Food Bank
Christmas Appeal and to register for a
carol service.

Or ring Dorothy at the Parish office Wed
or Thursday 9.30am -12.30am to register
for a Carol Service . **Tel:91882962**

**DONAGHADEE PARISH CHURCH
SHARING AT CHRISTMAS**

At Donaghadee Parish Church we
support the ministry of the
Storehouse Foodbank.



Last Christmas our congregation
and Sunday School supported
families in need with some gifts for children as
well as food donations. This year we want to
support families who are going through difficult
times. We rejoice in what God has given us and
we want to bless others with gifts this
Christmas.

We are asking parishioners to make up a food
bag with some special Christmas items. These
will be given to Storehouse Foodbank for
distribution to families in need.

**Food gifts and children's gifts are to be
presented at a short Nativity Service on
Sunday 13th December at 10.30am.**

CHRISTMAS FOOD GIFT BAG

Tins of 'Big Soup'
Bottle of Schloer
Tinned Fruit
Box of biscuits
Tinned ham
Tinned custard
Men's toiletries
Family shower gel / shampoo



**CHILDREN'S
GIFT BAG**

As we did last year, we
want to provide some gifts
for children of families
who are going through
difficult times.

There is a list in church that is gender and
age related - please sign up for a gift
showing our love from Donaghadee Parish
and helping to make a child's Christmas.