

# CLONTARF & SCOTS NEWSLETTER

**Presbyterian**  
CHURCH IN IRELAND

October 2020

## Message From the Minister

Samuel and I got to take a break away in County Cavan a few weeks ago. We stayed just outside a tiny town called Belturbet. There were lovely forest walks, great bird watching opportunities and the much needed hairdresser appointment for me. I fell in love with this small town and did some research on its history.



Rev Ritchie



To my surprise I found out that John Wesley passed through this historically important if small town in 1760. It played a significant part in ancient Irish battles in the Anglo-Norman wars. Likewise during the time of the Plantation of Ulster and consequently in the early Irish rebellion (or rather the struggle for independence). They even gave Cromwell a run for his money. The Church of Ireland building, which stands on the highest part, is one of the oldest on the island.

The town was drawn into the recent troubles when two people were killed in a loyalist car bomb in 1972. The present population is just over 1,200 souls. Yet for a place so small you can walk through from end to end in 20 minutes (but only if you have the heart to ignore the beautiful Turbet island that sits in the Erne river), it has a long reach.

What made me smile though was what John Wesley wrote about his visit to Belturbet,

*"a town in which there is neither Papist nor Presbyterian; but, to supply that defect there are, Sabbath breakers, drunkards, and common swearers in abundance"*



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## NOTICES

Due to the changing nature of life at the moment it is not possible to put down any firm dates. We will be planning a Harvest -Thanksgiving service for October but it may have to be a recorded service.

There are other celebrations and seasonal events we mark at this time of the year. We will do our best to include them all. Please keep an eye on the website: [clontarfchurch.ie](http://clontarfchurch.ie) as well as the text messages we will send out (if you aren't receiving the text messages and would like to do so please call the Manse 01 8332588 or email Samuel Ritchie: [secretary@clontarfchurch.ie](mailto:secretary@clontarfchurch.ie) and there is also Facebook which will be kept up to date. Remember that although we have to gather for worship in a very different way, because we know the Holy Spirit is with each of us, we can still be a part of this amazing family of God.

When they said, *"Let's go to the house of God, my heart leaped for joy."* Psalm 122

Lorraine

## INTEREST

Call for interest to take on the role of editor for the Clontarf & Scots Presbyterian Church newsletter. Its been nearly a year since I moved to Co. Longford and I've decided that its time to pass on the duty for *'putting together'* our church newsletter. I will finish up at the end of December 2020.

It is time for a new face, a new layout, new ideas, as we face into a new year — 2021. I believe the heightened importance of the newsletter during COVID, particularly as many people cannot attend church. The newsletter is a great place to learn about how the church is run. It is contribution driven (no making up content). It plays an important part in keeping our *'church family'* Informed of its activities and keeps us all connected whether near or far.

The role is an opportunity to connect with congregational members, Howth Road National School and the wider community who use the Scots Hall. Its very enjoyable and allows you to find your creative side. I have often sourced items from PCI's website and have included jokes from Christian websites and congregational members.

Camilla Wemyss

## The FUND- RAISING Committee

The fundraising sub-committee of the Congregational Committee was tasked with looking into some new ways of raising much needed resources. As we are all aware, **2020 has been a difficult year for everyone**, in many ways, and unfortunately the Church finances have not escaped. As services have not been held, except for several weeks in the summer, the Sunday offering has not been collected. Many contribute through the Bank and by sending offerings to the *FW Officer, Paul Collins*. Thank you we are exceedingly grateful for this. However, the shortfall is sizeable, and we will not be able to raise money this year from the Craft Fair, which is our most successful fundraiser.

**The Fundraising Committee proposes a couple of initiatives to bring some much-needed capital to the Church.**

We are intending to compile a **COOKBOOK**, and we are hoping to run a **'Virtual CAKE SALE'**.

**That is where we all come in!** We need to support these ideas, by sharing our recipes, and our baking/cookery talents.

So raid the family cookbooks for recipes, add in your favorite crowd-pleaser, and yummiest dessert, and email these to [newsletter.editor@clontarfchurch.ie](mailto:newsletter.editor@clontarfchurch.ie) they will be passed on.

Also, if you normally bake for the Craft Fair, please forward your offers for the 'Virtual Cake Sale' to [hdawkins29@gmail.com](mailto:hdawkins29@gmail.com)

I know some don't have email, so posting recipes to the Manse will be perfect, and offers of help for the Cake Sale can be phoned to **0872413486** – evenings only.

**Let us all make these a success.**

*Paul says in Colossians 3 v 17: And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.*

**Helen Dawkins**



# Children's Ministry

We are looking forward to hosting Kid's Club and Junior Youth - children's church – via ZOOM.

Please look out for the children's material to arrive in the mail.

If you have not received anything please contact Marianne @ the Manse (01) 833 2588.

**Ages: 4 – 10 (year old)**

**'Teach Me to Worship'**

**Sunday Afternoons 3.30 – 4.00pm**

**OCTOBER**

4<sup>th</sup> October / 18<sup>th</sup> October

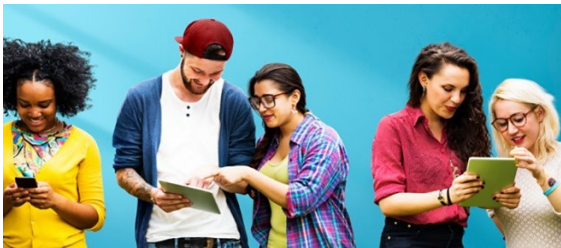
**NOVEMBER**

1<sup>st</sup> November / 15<sup>th</sup> November



## BI - WEEKLY KID's CLUB

- 30 minutes
- Games and Craft



**Ages: 11 – 13 (year old)**  
**(from 5<sup>th</sup> Class )**

**'What's Up'**

**Sunday Afternoons 3.30 – 4.00pm**

**OCTOBER**

11<sup>th</sup> October / 25<sup>th</sup> October

**NOVEMBER**

8<sup>th</sup> November / 22<sup>nd</sup> November

## BI – WEEKLY JUNIOUR YOUTH CLUB

- 1 hour
- Games/ice-breaker
- Lesson discussion



## Find the footballer

Here is a little challenge for those of you with an interest in football. Admittedly it may only suit persons of a certain age group!!

The photo shows the Rangers FC squad from 1988/89 season. The group has many famous footballers associated with teams with big support bases here in Ireland. Can you identify the following: Ray Wilkins, Jimmy Nicholl [**MANCHESTER UNITED**], Richard Gough, Gary Stephens [**EVERTON**], Graeme Souness, Phil Boersma, Avi Cohen, Mark Walters (middle name is Everton!) [**LIVERPOOL**], Scottish legends Ally McCoist, Davie Cooper and Walter Smith as well as England captain Terry Butcher and England goalkeeper Chris Woods.



More intriguing still is – can you find our very own Paul Hamilton??

### TEAM HOPE

<https://www.teamhope.ie/>

## Christmas Shoebox Appeal 2020

Our Christmas Shoebox Appeal has moved online this year.

The call from [TeamHope](https://www.teamhope.ie/) is they need our help [#EveryBoxCounts](https://www.teamhope.ie/).

**Wider World subscribers** will have noticed that there have been no publications since March as the P.W. office was closed due to the pandemic. I have been advised that there will be no more publications this year and the next will be March 2021 if circumstances allow. I have no more information at the moment but have been told that further details will be advised as soon as available.

**Marina Finlay**

### Question

Where is a motor-cycle mentioned in the Bible?

Answer: All around Jericho was heard the roar of Joshua's triumph.

No doubt there will be more.

## Dear Knitting and crochet groups,

I am a Neonatal Nurse Specialist in Crumlin Children's Hospital looking for your help. Can you help by knitting bonding squares for the sick babies in hospital? Bonding squares are two identical roughly 5 x 5-inch squares, knitted or crocheted in any colour, pattern or wool.

It is important that there are no holes in the pattern or embellishments. The identical pair is divided: one given to the mother and one given to the baby and then swapped to help with bonding and give mum's scent to the baby as a comfort measure.

When the knitting/ crochet groups meet back could you please help create a campaign to knit for Crumlin Children's Hospital? You can place each pair in small sandwich bags and post them to myself, the details are at the bottom of this email. I have attached more information on the bonding squares and below you will see a link to a variety of patterns that can be used to create them.



Could please forward this on to other groups that you are aware of that I have not included in the email please. <https://mariannaslazydaisydays.blogspot.com/2017/07/bonding-squares.html>

I look forward to hearing from you,  
Mary Keogh

Neonatal Clinical Nurse Specialist  
Children's Health Ireland (CHI) at Crumlin  
Crumlin, D12 N512, Ireland



I don't care who your dad is, this is an illegal gathering





## Names of different parts of the CHURCH

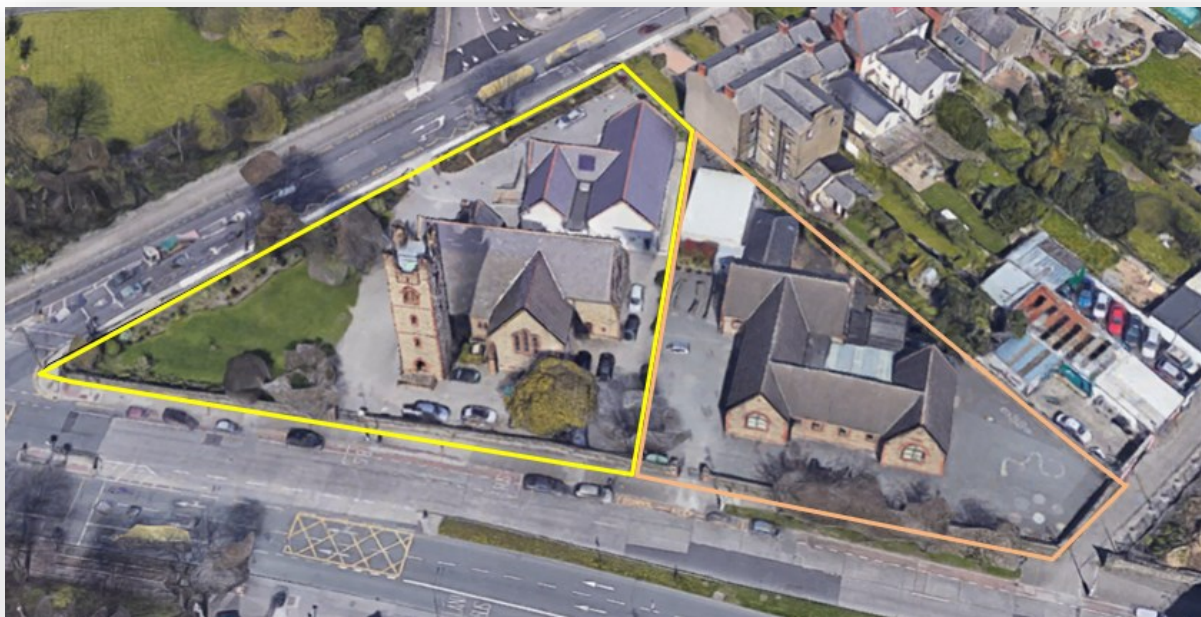
Have you been confused when people at church talk about the Vestry, the Naïve or the Transept?

Here is your guide.

Below is what we see if we fly over the Church in a helicopter – Clontarf Road (R807) runs along the bottom of the picture and Howth Road (R105) runs diagonally with Marino Crescent Park just visible.

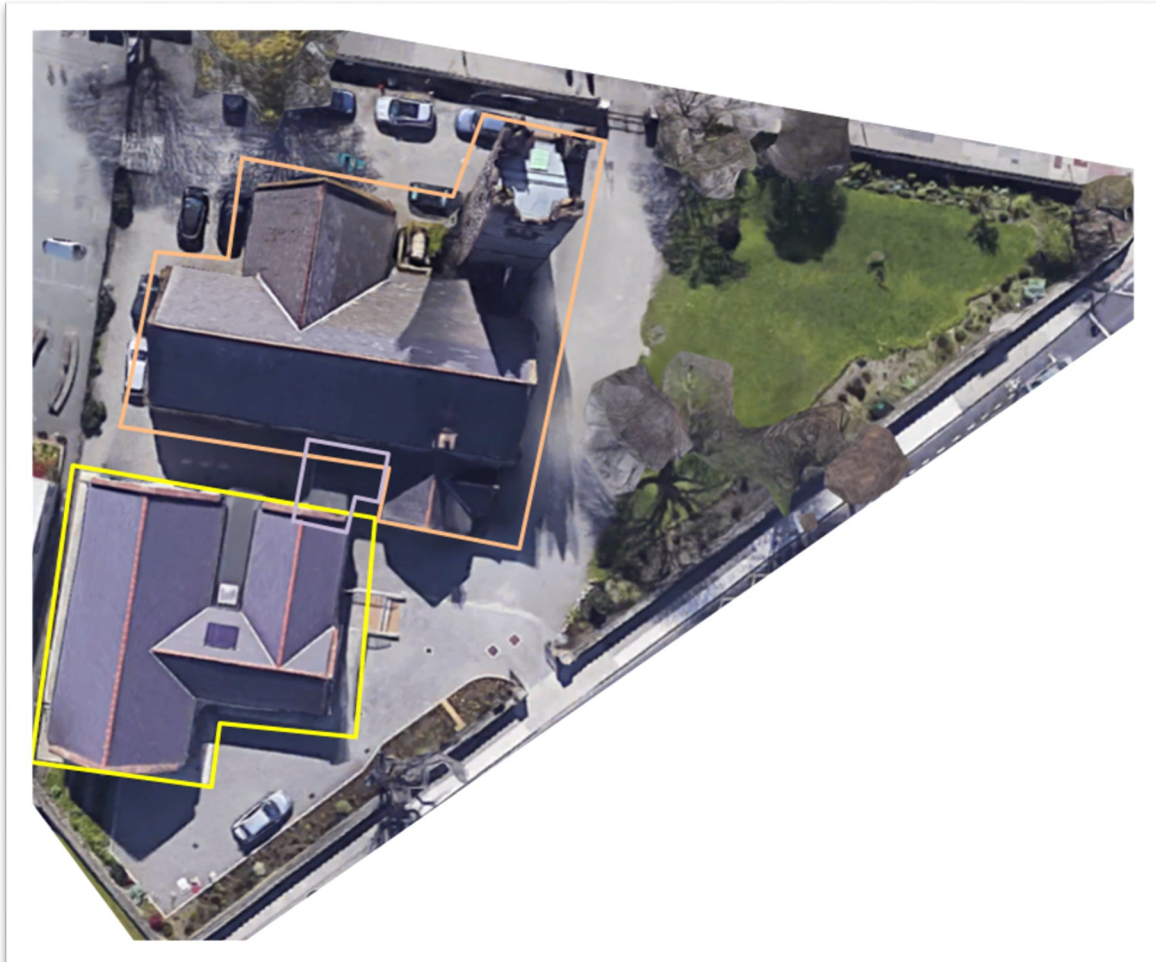


The section bounded by yellow is the Church grounds and the section bounded by orange is Howth Road national School. It is a pity the triangle is complete – or else it may become part of the conspiracy plot in the next Dan Browne bestselling novel

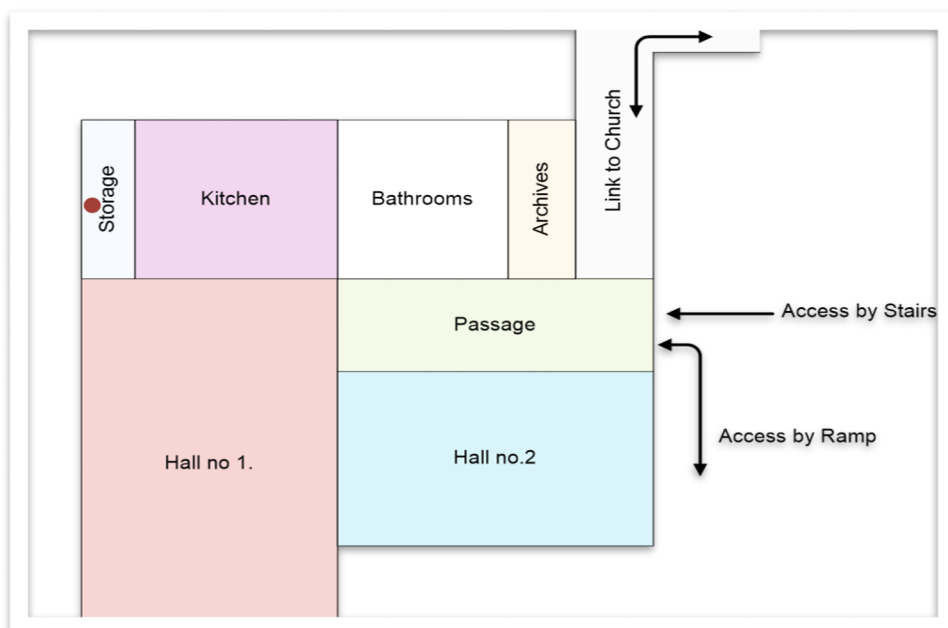


Now focussing on the Church grounds lets us change the direction we are looking from (Howth Road) to get a better view, zoom in and clearly define four areas:

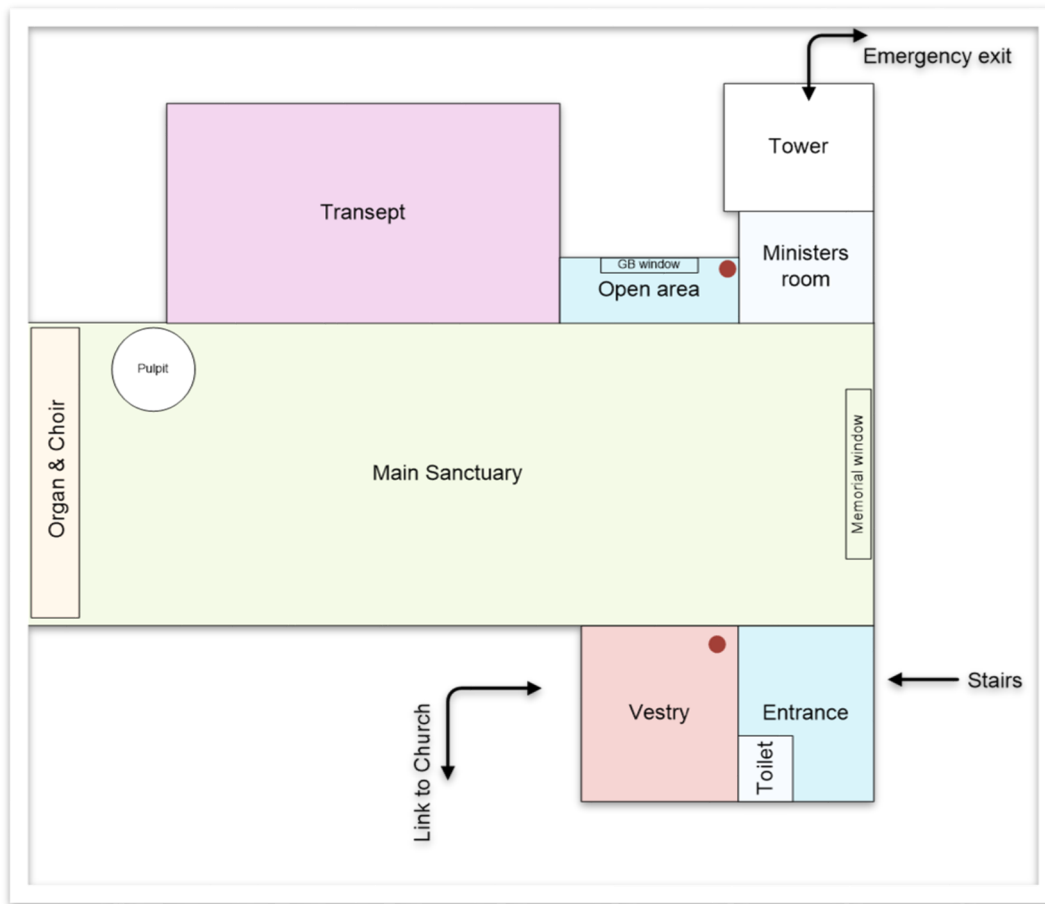
- The garden;
- The Church;
- The Scots Hall; and
- The link between the Scots Hall and the Church building.



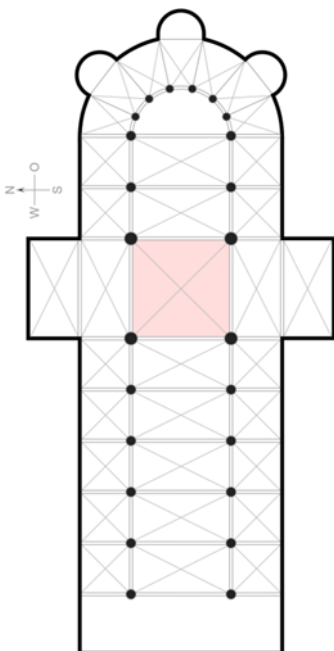
The Scots Hall layout is shown below.



And finally the Church layout – now you can see which bits have those strange names



The transept – Usually a church is built with a transept on both side of the sanctuary as shown below and you notice that this forms a cross. Apparently this was the original intention but it cost too much for both, so as good Presbyterians we only build one. This is fortuitous as we were then able to fit the Scots Hall in. There is disagreement over the origin of the transept. It may have developed Christian Basilican churches, such as the original St. Peter's, Rome. Or it may have developed from the cruciform plan of tombs in the time of the Roman emperor Constantine. Actual transepts first appear in Romanesque churches.



The Vestry is a room in a church where the vestments are kept, and in which the clergy and choir don these liturgical clothes for worship services. Valuable or sacred items such as communion vessels or collection plates may be kept there, usually in a secure safe, along with official records such as registers of marriages and burials. We have moved away from wearing fancy clothes for services (other than a minister's collar) and our choir does not robe up. We decided to use our vestry as part of the link into the Scots Hall and store the