

Mullavilly

Parish Church



"To Know Christ and to make Him Known"

Thank you for taking a few moments to read this little information booklet about your local parish church here in Mullavilly.

Many people have grown up in this area, and with all the new housing developments, many have also moved here and made Mullavilly and Laurelvale their home.

We at Mullavilly Church would like to say "welcome" to you, if you are new to the area, and along with those who have been here a long time, or even all their life, to invite you to a time of worship on a Sunday and to other events that we hold during the week in the church or church hall.

We love to welcome all ages to our church services, and with the range of services we have, there is something for everyone.

We have quiet reflective services early each Sunday morning, and these are also suitable for those who prefer not to be in larger crowds. We also have Family Services once a month (on the second Sunday of the month) at our 11am Service, where the whole family are encouraged to come long and join in together.

However, Church is not only for a Sunday. It is of course the place where we meet to worship God each week, have fellowship together, as we set aside the busyness of life to gather with other believers. So, the 'church' is made up of you and me, the people of God. We really miss you when you are not there with us, and I would like to encourage you all, as individuals, as parents, and as young people and children to make coming along to church each Sunday a priority, as you meet with others, but more importantly as you meet with and worship God.

There is so much pulling people away from attending church in society today, that we need to take time and reflect on the importance we place on spending what is a relatively short time once a week in church. **Hebrews 10:24-25** reminds us: "And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching."

There are other activities during the week that you would be welcome to come along to, and we are always open to starting new groups to meet the needs of all ages. You can find out about some of these in this leaflet.

For those who would like to be married in our church, have their baby baptised, or arrange a funeral for a loved one, we encourage you to speak to the Rector who will be more than happy to discuss any arrangements and requirements with you.

For other pastoral issues, or if you would like the Rector to call with you or your family, please do not hesitate to get in touch. It is important that you let the Rector know if a member of your family is admitted (or discharged) from hospital so that a pastoral call can be made.

Rev. Elizabeth Cairns (Rector)

Contact details on the back of this leaflet

Sunday Worship & Weekly Activities

"There are no
strangers in church,
just friends you
haven't met yet!"

9.30am Holy Communion

A quiet reflective service

11am - Morning Worship

Sunday School children meet in church and then leave after the first hymn to go to the hall with their teachers. On second Sunday in the month, they stay in church with their family for our Family Service.

Church Mice - Is available for pre-school aged toddlers, and they can be brought out at the same time as Sunday School each week. Our Church Mice Leaders Team will come and get you in church, if need be, at any time during the service.

IGNITE - Youth Group meet on Sunday evenings from 7-9pm in the church hall

Evening Services - as announced e.g. Harvest, Christmas etc

Monday

6.30pm - A new Kid's Club for Primary School aged children will be starting in September - more information will follow on our parish Facebook page

8pm - Mullavilly Bowling Club - open to the whole community

Tuesday

10am - 12pm - Bumblebees - Parent and Toddler Group

Wednesday

10.30am - Knit & Natter - Craft Class

12.30pm - Monthly Soup Lunch - 2nd Wednesday in month

7.30pm - Badminton Club - all ages



Women's Institute

Laurelvale and District WI
meet in the Church Hall each
month as arranged

Parish Choir

We have a very **dedicated** Organist / Pianist and choir. They are always up to learning new songs and hymns and would love for many more, of all ages to come along and join with them. So, if you love singing, having fun, and meeting new people, you would be made very welcome.



Safeguarding

Mullavilly Parish is **committed** to adhering to the Church of Ireland Policy for Safeguarding in all its activities and events and all its volunteers have been AccessNI checked.

Mullavilly Outreach 'at home' Apple Blossom Baby Basics

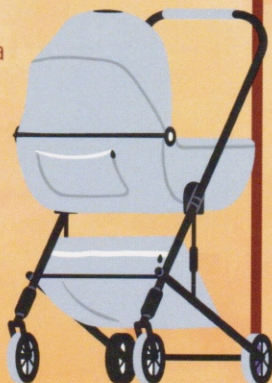
This project is part of our outreach into the wider community, taking in the SHSCT and at times beyond that.

We aim to assist those who have fallen on difficult times when expecting a new baby and can provide a Moses Basket and/or a Baby Bath filled with essential items to help them get started. Sometimes we are able to provide a pram or a cot or a highchair if these are available.

All items are donated, knit, or crocheted, (new mattresses for baskets are always purchased) and are packed and prepared by a dedicated group of volunteers. If you would like to find out more, or even be on the list of helpers, you would be very welcome indeed, so please do get in touch.

Contact: 07516 919 638

Other local community events take place during the year as part of our on-going ministry.



Mullavilly Outreach 'Abroad'

We as a church and parish, **support** and have links with a number of mission organisations, including:

SAMS – South American Mission Society – In Paraguay and Chile

CMSI – Church Mission Society Ireland – Partnering with the Diocese of Gitega in Burundi, in Africa

BIBLE SOCIETY – Supporting the printing of Bibles in Nanjing in China

LEPROSY MISSION – Helping those in other countries who still suffer with this disease.

WATER DROPS – Bringing fresh clean water to rural communities in Kenya

BISHOPS APPEAL – Responding to needs and natural disasters around the world, and providing grant funding to support education, health and development to those in greatest need.

EVORA HOSPICE CARE – (formerly Southern Area Hospice) – Providing palliative care to individuals with complex life-limiting conditions.

CHURCH ARMY – Sharing the Christian Faith in Word and Action and enabling churches to reach others for Christ



Pastoral Visiting Team

We have a number of trained volunteers who work alongside the Rector to visit those in their homes or in Nursing Homes.

If you know of someone who would benefit from a visit on a regular basis, please get in touch.

Bible Study

Following on from an Alpha Course we will be taking some time to look at what the Bible says about the 'Big Issues' we face in our lives and in our wider community as well as other ways in which we can grow in the Christian faith.

For more details on when these will take place, please keep an eye on our Parish Facebook page or contact the Rector.

Membership of Mullavilly Parish

Mullavilly Parish is made up of over 320 families (900 people), and those who claim to 'belong' are our 'parishioners'. People who can claim the 'administration' – help, support, guidance, services and pastoral care of the local rector. As we indicated on a previous parish letter, we are continually reviewing and updating this list and thankfully at times adding new members to it as well as removing names of those who have sadly passed away or moved away from the area.

If you are a member of our parish, you may subscribe weekly, monthly or annually to church funds and we want to say 'thank you' for doing so.

We could not carry out God's ministry in the parish without your support. However, we are also aware that around 25% of those on our parish list, those who claim to be 'members of the parish' do not subscribe anything to church funds, which puts pressure on others and on general parish funds.

Like many other organisations the church is no different, we must try and meet all our costs and bills, but we can only do this through the generosity of those who claim to be members of our parish. We understand that financially things are difficult for everyone in this present climate, but we also must be good stewards of the income we receive and how it is spent, and we are continually looking at ways in which we can do this.

If you don't subscribe at present, maybe you would like to consider doing so, and you can use the FWO envelopes that were left with you. These can be placed on the plate in church at any service on a Sunday. If you cannot find your FWO envelopes, then please do ask for a new set.

If your son/daughter has turned 18, or begins working life, maybe they would consider receiving their own FWO envelopes, and begin giving to God as part of their commitment to Church and parish life. This is maybe a conversation you could have with them, and lead by example as you return your own envelopes to church.

You may, however, wish to set up a Standing Order with your bank and for many people this is the easiest way for them. Again, please ask for details about how to do this.

If you are a Taxpayer, then you can Gift-Aid your subscription and this allows the church to claim back 25% from the government and it doesn't cost you anything. Neither does it tell us anything about your financial situation.

If you have any questions or queries about this, please do not hesitate to contact myself or the Parish Treasurer and we would be more than willing to assist you make the necessary arrangements.

Contact details on the back of the leaflet



A SPECIAL WELCOME IF YOU HAVE CHILDREN

*We are very happy that you are here today!
At our church we want you to feel at home.*

Please relax and enjoy your time here. Jesus knows that children tend to wiggle and squawk a bit, so please don't feel embarrassed by it. Your children are welcome here.

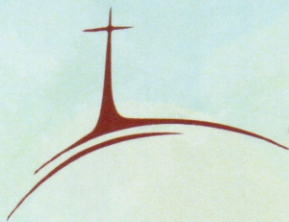
To make it a bit easier on your family, please dare to sit toward the front where your children can easily see what is going on, note the colours, hear the bells, watch the minister, see the windows and embrace the action at the altar.

You can softly explain the service to your children, encouraging them to join in: Amen! Lord have mercy! Our Father! All of that belongs to them too.

Sing and say and pray your parts too as you stand and kneel and sit. Your children learn by following your lead.

If you need a little help, just ask. There are lots of folks here who will lend you a hand. Please know that while you are caring for your children, the rest of us will be rejoicing in Jesus' words, "Let the children come to me and do not stop them, because the Kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." (Luke 18:16)..

To the members of our Church, the presence of Children is a gift to the church and a reminder our congregation is growing. Please welcome our children and give a smile of encouragement to their carers.



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Our Mission for Our Church

*"That it may be a House of prayer,
a Centre of Christian Teaching
and a witness within the community to God's redeeming love"*

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