

Parishes of Swords Clonmethan Kilsallaghan Donabate and Lusk Newsletter February 2019

New Rector Appointed



The appointment of a new Rector has been announced. The Reverend Neal Phair, who is currently Rector of the Ballybay Group of Parishes in the Diocese of Clogher, will be instituted soon.

Neal is married to Doctor Lucy Jessop. The couple have two children, Emily, who is 8 years old, and Henry, who is 6 years old.

Prior to his current incumbency, Neal ministered in Oxford Diocese, was chaplain to the Dublin Institute of Technology, was Rector of Ballintowy, Dunseverick and Saint Thomas', Rathlin Island (Diocese of Connor), and served as Curate in Kilconriola and Ballyclug (also in Connor).

Prior to beginning to train for ordination, Neal was a teacher and taught in Saint Columba's College, in

Rathdown School, and in the King's Hospital amongst others.

Neal has a keen interest in ecumenism. One of his main priorities in ministry is pastoral care and outreach to young families and young adults. He is also keen to reach out to all ages who are on the edge of the church or who are removed from it.

In his spare time, Neal enjoys acting, going to the theatre, and visiting art galleries. He plays piano and enjoys singing. He has a keen interest in rugby and more recently has taken up golf.

Neal writes, "I very much relish the opportunity to minister in the parishes of Swords, Kilsallaghan and Donabate. These are significant, rapidly growing areas of North Dublin which include important commercial development and Dublin International Airport. I have acquired a huge amount of experience running parishes here in Ireland, North and South, and also in Oxford, as well as my time as a Chaplain in the Dublin Institute of Technology. I look forward to utilising this experience in leading the parishes forward, where the gifts, talents and faith of everyone are nurtured."

Arrangements During the Vacancy for Services and for Pastoral Care

The Reverend Ken Sherwood (01 803 8485) and Lay Minister Mrs Addy Patterson (01 845 3984), are conducting services at the moment, kindly assisted from time to time by Mark Acheson, Willie Black, Victor Black, Anthony Kelly, and Cecil Hyland, amongst others.

The Archdeacon, David Pierpoint (01 830 4601), is covering pastoral duty and arranging services until the new rector is instituted. Please check the website www.swords.dublin.anglican.org, or call the Churchwardens before making a special journey. Thank you.

The Churchwardens are: Ian Falkiner on 01 840 5129 for Kilsallaghan, Brian Scott on 087 611 5174 for Donabate, and Sam Essandoh on 083 304 1758 or Olawale Awe on 087 761 3971 for Swords.

Church Services in February

Sunday	Donabate	Swords	Kilsallaghan
3 February Epiphany	10.00am Morning Prayer Addy Patterson	11.30am Holy Communion Rev. Ken Sherwood	-----
10 February Epiphany	10.00am Holy Communion Rev. Ken Sherwood	11.30am Morning Prayer Addy Patterson	11.30am Holy Communion Minister To Be Announced
17 February Epiphany	10.00am Morning Prayer Addy Patterson	11.30am Holy Communion Rev. Ken Sherwood	-----
24 February 2 before Lent	10.00am Holy Communion Rev. Ken Sherwood	11.30am Morning Prayer Minister To Be Announced	11.30am Morning Prayer Minister To Be Announced
3 March 1 before Lent	10.00am Morning Prayer Addy Patterson	11.30am Holy Communion Rev. Ken Sherwood	-----

Quote of the Month

For as the earth brings forth buds and green shoots, and as the garden causes the things
that are sown in it to spring up, so the Lord will cause righteousness
and praise to spring forth before all the nations.

- Isaiah 61, verse 11