

# CALENDAR

## Downpatrick, Ballee & Clough

### Non-Subscribing Presbyterian Churches

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#### May and June 2013

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From the minister:

First of all can I thank everyone for their sympathy, prayers, and support over recent weeks, it has been greatly appreciated. And thank you too to all those who have conducted worship in our churches, including Sue Steers, David McCord, Rev William Haslett, Rev Dr William Patterson and Very Rev William McMillan. An especially big thank you goes to Jayne Caven and Mary Stewart who conducted the worship at very short notice indeed at Ballee and Downpatrick respectively on Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> March when atrocious weather prevented the Rev William McMillan from getting to the locality.

We had a very successful and well-attended joint service on Easter Sunday at Downpatrick on 31<sup>st</sup> March. Our next joint service will be at Clough on 30<sup>th</sup> June. Many of the forthcoming events are listed in this Calendar. We will also look forward to our Children's Day services which will be held in June and to our AGMs which will all be announced shortly.

David Steers

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	Downpatrick	Ballee	Clough
5 <sup>th</sup> May	11.15 am Rev Dr David Steers <b>Communion</b>	9.45 am Rev Dr David Steers <b>Communion</b>	11.15 am Rev Dr William Patterson
12 <sup>th</sup> May	11.15 am Rev Dr David Steers	9.45 am Sue Steers	9.45 am Rev Dr David Steers
19 <sup>th</sup> May	11.15 am Rev William Haslett	9.45 am Rev Dr David Steers	11.15 am Rev Dr David Steers <b>Communion</b>
26 <sup>th</sup> May	11.15 am Rev Dr David Steers	9.45 am Rev Dr David Steers	9.45 am Rev William Haslett
2 <sup>nd</sup> June	11.15 am Sue Steers	9.45 am Rev Dr David Steers	11.15 am Rev Dr David Steers
9 <sup>th</sup> June	11.15 am Rev Dr David Steers	9.45 am Very Rev William McMillan	9.45 am Rev Dr David Steers
16 <sup>th</sup> June	11.15 am Rev Dr David Steers	9.45 am Rev Dr David Steers	11.15 am Sue Steers
23 <sup>rd</sup> June	11.15 am Rev Dr David Steers	9.45 am Rev William Haslett	9.45 am Rev Dr David Steers
30 <sup>th</sup> June	11.15 am <b>Joint Service</b>	11.15 am <b>Joint Service</b>	11.15 am <b>Joint Service</b> Clough Rev Dr David Steers

### **Around the Fellowship**

Our deepest sympathy is with Joan Thompson on the sudden death of her son Peter in March. Our prayers and thoughts are with all members who have been unwell recently. Thank you to everyone who supported the services for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity at the Parish Church and the Women's World Day of Prayer at the Methodist church earlier in the year.

Congratulations to the Kelly family who hosted a coffee morning on Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> February in memory of their mother Hazel. All proceeds went towards the building fund of Mainstay DRP of which Hazel was a founding member and more than £2,500 was raised in the morning.

Our deepest sympathy is with the Rt Rev Sam Peden on the death of his wife May. Best wishes to Rev John and Rebekah Ewart who will be leaving their parishes shortly to take up work in China. We wish them every blessing as they make this move.

Congratulations to the Rev Paul Reid of Larne who will marry Carol Manson at Larne at the end of June.

### **Sunday School and Youth**

The southern part of the Sunday School Games was held at Comber on Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> March and well done to the children from Clough, Ballee and Downpatrick who all took part and did so well. A number of young people from Downpatrick also took part in the youth event at Dunmurry on Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> April.

### **Downpatrick Beetle Drive**

This was held on Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> April and thanks goes to Marion Moffett and Annabel Cleland and to everyone who helped, donated prizes and attended. The sum of £245 was raised for the Mainstay DRP charity.

### **Wedding**

The marriage of Fiona Hamilton and Kenneth Rooney took place at Clough on Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> April and was conducted by the Rev Dr David Steers. Our congratulations and best wishes go to Fiona and Kenneth.

### **Forthcoming Dates**

The Ballee congregation's AGM will take place on Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> May at 8.00pm. Sunday School Conference. This year's Conference will be held at Dunmurry on Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm. The closing date for music/video entries is Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> May. All other entries should be brought to the McCleery Hall, Dunmurry between 2.00pm and 5.30pm on Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> June.

The annual meetings of the General Synod will be held at Templepatrick on Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> (3.30pm Remonstrant Synod, 7.30pm service) and Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> June (10.30am business meeting).

Downpatrick Children's Day will be on Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> June at 11.15am.

Peace III visit to Downpatrick. Pupils and staff from St Mary's High School will visit Downpatrick as part of their Religious Education programme on Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> June at 10.15am.

The next meeting of the Presbytery of Antrim will be at Greyabbey on 4<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30pm.

The Downpatrick Treasure Hunt will be held on Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> July. Full details will be available nearer the time.