

HOLYWOOD PARISH

July 2026



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Dear friends

I visited our parish group at Summer Madness on Sunday past and was pleased to be present for the 'leaving do' for John Kee who was a key figure in its founding and the main leader for many years.

The event this year was living up to its alternative name: 'Summer Mud-ness'. Heavy rain meant some people found streams running through their tents but our campers were enjoying themselves!



In a speech John acknowledged the many times he had been quizzed on the name. 'Summer Madness' may be a well known phrase but why use it as the title of a Christian Youth Festival? John explained the origins in the New Testament and the way in which the world outside the church sometimes writes off God's way of salvation. 1 Corinthians 1:18 says "For the message of the cross is foolishness (madness?) to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God".

Having started to attend the festival from 1989 onwards I have known the encouragement of seeing lives changed by God's work through this mad festival. The organisers will hopefully get a well deserved rest before planning for 2027.

If you are camping, travelling or otherwise seeking some renewal this July I pray for your safety and the work of God in your life. If you need any pastoral or prayerful support please phone the parish office.

Yours in Christ, Gareth

Parish Magazine – Summer Edition

The summer magazine is available in print and the online version is available by clicking the image to the right.



Stellar Kids' Summer Club– July

The club is now booked to capacity. There is a waiting list so please contact the parish office.

Storehouse Appeal

Thank you for all the donations of cleaning products and toiletries. The focus now changes to tinned ready meals—including chunky chicken, chilli con carne etc. Thank you!



Prayer in our Parish

Parish Fellowship Prayer Meetings continue at 7.00pm on Monday evenings in the parish centre through the summer.

Daily Morning Prayer happens at 7.30am Monday to Saturday. The vicar is reviewing this provision and is open to creative ideas. For example, would it be more appealing if it happened in a different setting: gym, coffee shop or at a different time? If you have any feedback or suggestions of ways to help you attend please have a chat with the vicar.

The **Parish Prayer Line** is a great resource to seek prayer support for everyday and sudden needs. A faithful group of intercessors is available to pray in confidence. Please contact the parish office or the clergy to have something passed to the group.



Prayer Morning– Saturday 29th August

As parish groups and organisations prepare to restart in September, we will be setting aside a morning at the end of August for food, fellowship, worship and prayer. Please look out for more details in the coming weeks.



Sunday and Midweek Services

Sunday 5th July 2025

8.00am Holy Communion Form 1
9.45am Holy Communion at Morning Worship
11.30am Holy Communion
5.30pm Evening Prayer- Said
7.00pm Evening Worship

Sunday 12th July 2025

8.00am Holy Communion Form 1
9.45am Morning Worship
11.30am Morning Prayer
5.30pm Compline
7.00pm Evening Worship

Sunday 19th July 2025

8.00am Holy Communion Form 1
9.45am Morning Worship
11.30am Morning Prayer
5.30pm Compline
7.00pm Evening Worship

Sunday 26th July 2025

8.00am Holy Communion Form 1
9.45am Morning Worship
11.30am Morning Prayer
5.30pm Holy Communion
7.00pm Holy Communion

Midweek Communion: Wednesday Mornings at 10.30am

Service recordings on downtoearth tv [here](#)



Morning services (9.45am and 11.30am) are normally streamed. Thank you to the AV team.



Parish Book Club

Autumn/Winter 2026

18th September	<i>Ghost Wedding</i>	David Park
23rd October	<i>The Correspondent</i>	Virginia Evans
20th November	<i>Wuthering Heights</i>	Emily Brontë
18th December	<i>The Things We Never Say</i>	Elizabeth Strout

Meeting in Holywood Parish Centre at 3.00pm
71 Church Road, Holywood, BT18 9BX



Volunteer Opportunities

Please contact the parish office

Bellringing	Practices are on Monday evenings in the bell tower from 6.30pm to around 8.15pm and full training would be given. If anyone would like to join Roger Parke is our secretary and his phone number is 07890 438080.
Sound and Visuals	If you would like to be trained in operating the church's AV setup- please speak to Simon or visit the folks at the desk on a Sunday.
Sunday Morning Tea and Coffee	Can you help us by preparing tea and coffee or assisting with clear up afterwards. Just let us know in the office.

Financial Support

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Thank you for your financial support to the parish. If you like to discuss financial matters- standing orders, Gift Aid etc. please contact our Honorary Treasurer, David Clements, through the parish office (details below).

Safeguarding

If you have any concerns about a matter of safeguarding you can contact a member of our safeguarding panel in confidence.

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