

# IRISHTOWN & DONNYBROOK PARISH NEWSLETTER

April 2024

## A NOTE FROM THE RECTOR

With all the bad news around at the moment it is important not to lose sight of the good news at the heart of the Christian message. This story puts it well. About 1930, the Communist leader Bukharin journeyed from Moscow to Kiev.

His mission was to address a huge assembly. His subject was atheism. For a solid hour he did everything he could to undermine and discredit Christianity. At last, he was finished and viewed what seemed to be the smouldering ashes of men's faith. "Are there any questions?" Bukharin demanded.

A solitary man arose and asked permission to speak. The audience was breathlessly silent as the man surveyed them first to the right, and then to the left. At last, he shouted the ancient Orthodox greeting, "CHRIST IS RISEN!" The vast assembly arose as one and the response came crashing like the sound of an avalanche, "HE IS RISEN INDEED!" And so say all of us.

God Bless

*Rev Leonard*



## A FINAL RESTING PLACE

The St Matthew's Church Columbarium Wall is available to book a final resting place for your loved ones in the Community. For more details and to receive a Brochure, call the St Matthews Parish Office on 087 254 0378 or email Jonny Bell at [jonathanbell61@gmail.com](mailto:jonathanbell61@gmail.com)

## GENERAL EASTER VESTRY MEETING

The General Easter Vestry Meeting took place on the 10<sup>th</sup> March in the Parish room following Morning Service. The following Parishioners were elected for the coming year.

Rector's Church Warden – Valerie Matthews,  
People's Church Warden -Miriam Hollowed.

Rector's Glebe Warden – John Wallace, People's  
GleBe Warden – Steve Griffiths,

The following were nominated and elected as  
Select Vestry Members- Lindy Farmer, Jonathan  
Bell, Lyndon MacCann, Gladys Raethorne, Avril  
Gillatt, Claire Wheeler, Dr Virginia Stewart, Karen  
Woods, Trevor James, Rena James.

Following the meeting a Select Vestry meeting  
was held and Lindy Farmer was elected Hon  
Secretary and Jonathan Bell as Hon Treasurer.

## MINI BUS SERVICE

The Parish Mini Bus will be available on Sunday  
7<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April. Collection points will  
be from Brabazon House, Margaretholme and  
Tritonville House.

## ST MATTHEW'S CHURCH ENVELOPE SCHEME



If you would like to donate through the Church  
Envelope Scheme, you can put an Envelope on  
the Collection plate at Sunday Service. As a  
registered Charity Irishtown & Donnybrook  
Union of Parishes can reclaim Income Tax on  
Parishioner donations.

For more details please contact the Parish office  
on 087 254 0378, or ask one of the Church  
Wardens.

## SERVICES IN APRIL 2024

**Sunday 7th April**  
Holy Communion - 10.30am

**Sunday 14th April**  
Holy Baptism - 10.30am

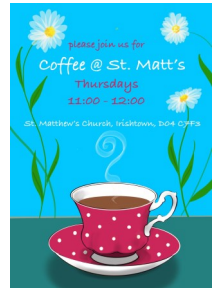
**Sunday 21st April**  
Morning Prayer - 10.30am

**Sunday 28th April**  
Morning Prayer - 10.30am

**Sunday Afternoon 28th April**  
Family/School Service - 4.30pm

## COFFEE @ ST. MATT'S

The Parish have a Coffee  
morning every Thursday morning  
at 11am in the Parish room.  
Please come along and meet  
other Parishioners and members  
of the Community.



## PARISH CONTACTS

### Rector

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### Parish Administration

Jonathan Bell Tel: 087 254 0378

Nicky Stronge Tel: 087 688 7049

### Hon Secretary

Lindy Farmer Tel: 087 2246203

### Hon Treasurer

Jonathan Bell Tel: 087 254 0378

### Church Wardens

Valerie Matthews (Rector's), Miriam Hollowed  
(People's)

### Glebe Wardens

John Wallace (Rector's), Steve Griffiths (People's)

### Select Vestry

Lindy Farmer, Jonathan Bell, Lyndon MacCann,,  
Gladys Raethorne, Avril Gillatt, Claire Wheeler,  
Steve Griffiths, Virginia Stewart, Karen Woods,  
John Wallace, Trevor James, Rena James

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