

## News from the Parishes

Church of the Ascension, Annahilt

Magherahamlet Parish Church



February and March 2026

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## The Rector writes.....

‘Our only desire and our choice should be this: I want and I choose what better leads to the deepening of God’s life in me’

*St Ignatius Loyola*

My dear Parishioners,

### **Through Lent Together in 2026**

The word LENT comes from an ancient word meaning ‘Spring’. This season of the year is given to us as a springtime for our faith; an opportunity to consider prayerfully how we may become more open to the good work which God has begun within us. At the Ash Wednesday Service, we are given the following charge: “Brothers and sisters in Christ, since early days Christians have observed with great devotion the time of our Lord’s passion and resurrection and prepared for this by a season of penitence and fasting. By carefully keeping these days, Christians take to heart the call to repentance and the assurance of forgiveness proclaimed in the gospel and so grow in faith and in devotion to our Lord. I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God’s holy word.”

### **Letting this Lent be about God**

This Lent, why not approach the practices of prayer, giving and fasting with an eye to what God wants to do in order to transform US? It’s very easy to approach Lent as though it were a series of New Year’s resolutions. But Lent is not about self-improvement. Lent is a time of conversion in which, we might say, God is in the driving seat.

After all, Lent is a preparation for the season of Easter and in Easter we see that Jesus comes to save us, despite ourselves. Peter swears up and down that he will never betray Jesus but then he does. A thief on the cross ends up being the first to be in Heaven with Jesus; a most unexpected consolation. Women go to the empty tomb to mourn and end up being missioned by Jesus, resurrected. Jesus reconciles with Peter despite the betrayals and then gives him a central place in Church leadership. Easter is full of the unpredictable. Easter is a lot of amazing surprises with the Resurrection at its heart.

If this is true, let me emphasise again, Lent is not a project of self-improvement. Rather, it’s a time for allowing God to transform us and a time of intentional co-operation with God’s graces, where God leads and we follow. Like a good dance partner, we can choose to follow or not but God is always in the lead. What might this

look like in practice? Essentially, a Lent of following God's lead must be grounded in prayer.

You are invited to consider the following opportunity:

Ash Wednesday (18th February)

**Beginning Lent Together in Worship**

7.30pm                   Holy Communion (with Act of Penitence) in the Church of the  
Ascension,               Annahilt

Details of other opportunities of worship during Lent will be given in due course

With love, prayers and blessings

Your sincere friend and Rector

Robert Howard

**Congratulations...**

...to Beth Wilson, Annahilt on her engagement to Aaron Harrison.

**Memories of Christmas 2025**

It was wonderful that we were able to celebrate this past Christmas with the various seasonal events in our Group of Parishes.

On Sunday 14 December a Nativity Pageant took place in Magherahamlet which was very moving and was performed excellently. Very appropriately, a baby who was baptised that day played the baby Jesus.

On the same date in the afternoon there was the Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols in Annahilt. The music was led by a united Choir of both Annahilt and Magherahamlet with other visiting members. It was wonderful to have boys and girls from Anahilt Primary School Choir participating again led by Mrs Hilary Purdy. The lessons were read by representatives of the parochial organisations, the Principal of the School, Mr Andrew Smyth, Mrs Hilary Purdy and the Deputy First

Minister, Ms Emma Lyttle-Pengelly MLA, who was Guest of Honour.

On Sunday 21 December in the morning there was an All-Age Crib Service in Annahilt with the Baillies Mills Accordion Band participating. Once again, the Band were very well received. Everyone joined wholeheartedly with the Band in singing the familiar carols and also listened to a selection played by the Band alone.

In the evening, the traditional United Community Carol Service was held. It took place this year in Magherahamlet Parish Church. There were readers from Spa and Magherahamlet Presbyterian and the Parish Church. The music which was led by an augmented choir from Magherahamlet & Annahilt Parishes and Spa Presbyterian, consisted of many traditional congregational carols and a number of choir anthems.

On Christmas Eve, the First Communion of Christmas was celebrated in Annahilt. It was a privilege to welcome the Revd Mark Hawthorne on his first official visit to our Church as preacher. He was accompanied by representatives of his Congregation at Legacurry Presbyterian, some of whom also took part in the Service along with members of the Parish.

The customary Christmas Day Family Service in Annahilt and the Parish Communion Service in Magherahamlet also took place.

To all who contributed in any way, we say ‘well done’ and a sincere ‘thank you’. The very positive feedback from parishioners has been very encouraging and is much appreciated.



Dear Canon Howard and Parishioners of Annahilt and Magherahamlet Churches,

Thank you very much for your generous donations to the work of Star NI at Christmas.

Whilst we are working with fewer children and families this year and therefore didn't require as many Christmas gifts to give out, your donations support our ongoing provision of special therapeutic support for children impacted by abuse. Your donations will be used to purchase creative materials for use in sessions with children as contributing to the running costs of STARNI. Your ongoing support of the work we are doing year upon year

Your support every year makes a huge difference and is greatly appreciated.

Kind regards

Ruth, Cara and Jolene

The STARNI Team



## **PRAYER WARRIOR**

Do you have a concern or problem and would like someone to pray for you?

If so, contact the Rector (Tel 028 9263 8218) who will be willing to help.

This is completely confidential and no details will be passed on to anyone else unless you want them to.

## **Prayers**

*A prayer for all in positions of civic responsibility, especially the First Minister Michelle O'Neill, Deputy First Minister, Emma Lyttle-Pengelly and the Executive on the second anniversary of the return of devolved government in Northern Ireland.*

Lord God, we pray for those to whom you have entrusted the power to rule among people.

Help them to remember their responsibility to you, and to be trustworthy in using it until the day of account that your kingdom shall be prospered and they shall be found your good servants; in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### ***A Prayer for use during Lent:***

Teach us, O God, so to use this season of Lent that we may draw closer to our Lord, and in fellowship with him may learn to hate sin, to overcome temptation and to grow in holiness, that our lives may be strengthened for your service and used for your glory.

We ask this in Christ's name. **Amen.**

*A prayer for the sick and those recovering from sickness and all those in need, in particular His Majesty, The King:*

O God, we pray for one another;  
Give us each on the blessing we need.

We ask your healing for the sick, your strength for the tempted and your joy for the

downcast.

Answer the prayers which we try to put into words, and the prayers which you read in our hearts,

According to your perfect love made known in Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. **Amen.**

## Prayers for Ukraine

*The following prayers are appropriate for use on the 4<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Russian invasion of Ukraine:*

O Lord our Governor, whose glory is in all the world:

We commend to your merciful care the people and government of Ukraine that, being guided by your providence, they may dwell secure in your peace.

Grant to their leaders and all in authority, wisdom and strength to know and to do your will.

Fill them with the love of truth and righteousness, and make them ever mindful of their calling to serve their people; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart in the nations of the world, that working and witnessing together, we may live in justice and peace and change the hearts of those who would make for conflict and war; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **Church Services in the Parishes of Annahilt and Magherahamlet**

*'I was glad when they said to me: "Let us go to the house of the Lord'" Psalm 122 v1*

Sunday 1 February

### **Presentation of Christ in the Temple**

*St Brigid's Day*

10.00      Parish Communion  
12.00      Parish Communion

Annahilt  
Magherahamlet

Sunday 8 February

### **II Sunday before Lent**

10.00      Morning Prayer

Annahilt

12.00      Morning Prayer

Magherahamlet

Sunday 15 February

### **Sunday before Lent**

10.00      Parish Communion

Annahilt

12.00      Morning Prayer

Magherahamlet

Wednesday 18 February

### **Ash Wednesday**

**7.30 PM**      Penitential Service & Holy Communion   Annahilt   *Service Sheets*

Sunday 22 February

### **Lent I**

*Church Missionary Society Sunday*

10.00      Family Service

Annahilt   *Service Sheets*

Preacher: The Revd Roger Thompson, CMSI

*(followed by Light Refreshments in the Parochial Hall)*

12.00 Family Service Magherahamlet *Service Sheets*

Preacher The Revd Roger Thompson CMSI

*(followed by 'Famine Lunch' in the Parochial Hall)*

Sunday 1 March **Lent II**  
*St David's Day*

10.00 Parish Communion Annahilt

12.00 Parish Communion Magherahamlet

Monday 8 March **Lent III**

10.00 Morning Prayer Annahilt

12.00 Morning Prayer Magherahamlet

Sunday 15 March **Lent IV (Mothering Sunday)**  
*Sunday before St Patrick's Day*

10.00 Family Service Annahilt *Service Sheets*

12.00 Family Service Magherahamlet *Service Sheets*

Sunday 22 March **Lent V (Passion Sunday)**

10.00 'The Passion of the Christ' Annahilt *Service Sheets*

*A Devotion of Readings, Anthems & Hymns for Choir & Congregation*

12.00 'The Passion of the Christ' Magherahamlet Service Sheets  
*A Devotion of Readings, Anthems & Hymns for Choir and Congregation*

Sunday 29 March

## Lent VI (Palm Sunday)

10.00	Parish Communion	Annahilt	<i>Service Sheets</i>
12.00 <i>Sheets</i>	Service of the Word	Magherahamlet	<i>Service</i>

## LOOKING AHEAD.....

## HOLY WEEK SERVICES

## *Palm Sunday 29 March to Good Friday 3 April*

You are invited to follow the Passion of our Lord at services on Palm Sunday in both Annahilt and Magherahamlet at 10.00 and 12.00 respectively and nightly throughout Holy Week at 8.00 pm

## **Church Missionary Society, Ireland Sunday**

This will be observed on the First Sunday in Lent **22 February**. The preacher will be The Revd Roger Thompson, CMSI, who we look forward to welcoming back to both Churches.

Light refreshments will be served in the Parochial Hall following the Service in support of CMSI.

In Magherahamlet, following the Service there will the customary 'Famine Lunch' of soup, cheese, bread & shortbread also in support of CMSI.

## **Saint Patrick celebrated in Saul and Downpatrick on Tuesday 17 March**

*An invitation to the Diocesan St Patrick's Day Celebrations 2026*



The Bishop, the Rt Revd David McClay warmly invites you to join him for the diocesan St Patrick's Day Celebrations in Down Cathedral and Saul on Tuesday 17 March. The day has a decidedly Celtic flavour and a great atmosphere.

The theme for 2026 is *Courage in the Line of Fire* and we are delighted to have Finnish MP Mrs Päivi Räsänen as our preacher at the Festival Service in Down Cathedral and the Mr Ian Bingham, Director of CARE NI as the preacher at Saul.

Päivi Räsänen (above) is an eight-term member of the Finnish Parliament, and the former chairperson of the Christian Democrats and minister of the Interior. She is a medical doctor and has also published several books, where she reflects deeply on major questions of life and society, such as values, ethics, and faith. Mrs Räsänen is a determined and courageous leader who stands by Christian values and freedom of speech, even when they provoke intense debate.

Our varied programme begins early, but you can join us later at the 11.45am Festival Service followed by a complimentary 'Picnic in the Pews'. It's a wonderful way to celebrate our Patron Saint with friends and visitors of all denominations from Ireland and abroad.

## **PROGRAMME**

**9.15am: Holy Communion at Saul**

**10.15am: Prayer Pilgrimage from Saul to Downpatrick**

**11.45am: Festival Service in Down Cathedral**

**Wreath laying ceremony at St Patrick's Grave**

**1.00pm: Complimentary 'Picnic in the Pews'**

**Details of transport to Saul can be found on the diocesan website ([downanddromore.org](http://downanddromore.org)) or via the QR code.**



### ***Transport to Saul***

From **8.15 am** private buses will leave from the Mall for the communion service and pilgrimage.

The last bus for the communion service leaves at **8.45 am**.

The last bus for the pilgrimage leaves at **9.45 am**.

The last bus from Saul to the Cathedral leaves at **10.40 am**

### **Register of Vestry Members**

The Register of Vestry men and women will be updated and reviewed at a meeting following Morning Service in Annahilt and Magherahamlet on Sunday 22 February 2026.

The individuals recorded in the Register may stand for election to the Select Vestry or other positions of responsibility at the Easter General Vestry and may vote in the election. Anyone wishing to be registered must be subscribers to Parish Funds and complete a Form of Declaration by 22 February so that their name may be added to the Register.

Forms are available from the Churchwardens,

## Parochial Annual General Meetings or Easter Vestries 2026

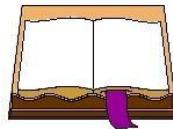
Please note the Annual General Meeting or Easter Vestry of each parish in the Group:

Magherahamlet      Wednesday 25 March      8.00 pm      Parochial Hall

As usual, the past year will be reviewed and the Churchwardens and Select Vestries for another year will be elected. As this is a triennial year, there will also be elections for Diocesan Synodspersons and supplementalists (who represent the Group of Parishes on the Diocesan Synod over the next 3 years) as well as Parochial Nominators and supplementalists (who would represent the Group of Parishes on a Board of Nomination to appoint a new Rector if a vacancy in the Inc incumbency arose inside the next 3 years)..

While only registered Vestrypersons may vote or stand for office, attendance is open to all parishioners. The meetings are occasions when we may learn more about what is happening in our own parish, diocese and the wider Church, as well as participating in the annual elections.

## From the Parish Registers



### Holy Baptism

*'Go therefore and make disciples of all nations baptising in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit'*

14 December 2025

Isla Lynda, son of Michael Vladeanu and Aimee Carlisle

### Christian Burials

*'In Christ shall all be made alive'*

15 December 2025

Leslie (Les) Maddocks Clarke, Riverdale, Annahilt

*Following Service in the Church of the Ascension, Annahilt, burial took place in Blaris New Cemetery*

Les Clarke was born on 14 June 1948 in Belfast and, from the age of eleven, went as a boarder to the Royal School, Cavan.

He married Mary on 3 January 1980. They lived for a time in Scotland but in due course came back to live in Northern Ireland through work.

When Les and Mary came to live in Annahilt, Mary decided that she would like to start attending Church. While Les at that stage was willing to encourage Mary to do this, he didn't show any inclination to go himself, until the Sunday morning Mary decided to attend for the first time and Les decided at that point to go with her. He never looked back, becoming a weekly Church attender and becoming involved in Parish life. In due course he was elected to the Select Vestry and served as a very effective Glebewarden. On one occasion when The Parochial Hall drain became blocked Les was literally 'hands on' reaching down to unblock it while a Vestry colleague held him by his ankles!

Les also loved singing and became a most enthusiastic member of the Church Choir. As Choir Librarian Les built up a filing system for managing the Choir pieces of

music, a system our current Organist was delighted to inherit. Les thoroughly enjoyed the social aspect of Church life and made several good friends.

Both Les and Mary also encountered a very difficult time when lost their only son, Graeme, very soon after he was born but they faithfully and stoically continued to live life to the full.

Les really enjoyed his holidays with Mary, at one time caravaning and later travelling extensively. He enjoyed gardening, fishing, shooting and walking. He loved his cars and was also something of a 'gadget man', finding gadgets and HOW to work with them.

We extend our deep sympathy to Mary, also Les's sister Lorna, brother-in-law Raymond and the family circle.

31 December 2025

Maurice Warren, Drumgavlin Road, Spa, Ballynahinch

*Following Service at home, burial took place in Magherahamlet Churchyard*

Maurice was born in Belfast and raised in Drumgavlin, beginning his education at Magherahamlet School. He was very much a man of the country who devoted his working life as a farmer, initially raising pigs and in later years cattle. For a time he also worked on Research at Hillsborough. He will be remembered as a characteristically private person.

In 1971 he married Elizabeth, his devoted wife of 54 years. To her and also Maurice's nephew Aaron, Aaron's father, David, and other members of the family circle, we extend our sincere sympathy.

## **Flowers for the Churches**

### **Annahilt**

### **Magherahamlet**

#### **February**

1      Mr & Mrs L Mackie

Mrs A Hall

8

Mrs C Fryers

15

22      The Rector



#### **March**

1

8      Mrs B Harrison

The Rector

15

22      The Rector

29

## **Church Cleaning, Annahilt**

### **Month**

#### **February**

6-7      Mrs S Chapman

Mr S Chapman

13-14      Mrs E Finney

Mr P Finney

20-21      Mrs S Chapman

Mr S Chapman

27-28      Mrs L McCambley

Mrs E Harrison



## **March**

6-7	Mrs S Chapman	Mr S Chapman
13-14	Mrs E Crawford	
20-21	Mrs S Chapman	Mr S Chapman
27-28	Mrs A Maxwell	Mr R Maxwell

## **April**

3-4	Mrs S Chapman	Mr S Chapman
10-11	Mrs H Hill	Mr T Hill
17-18	Mrs S Chapman	Mr S Chapman
24-25	Mrs J Guiney	Mrs H Cardosi

The number on the rota of volunteers who clean the Church of the Ascension has significantly declined. It would now be unviable except that one couple has offered to clean the Church every 2<sup>nd</sup> week.

**It really would be very helpful if there were additional volunteers who would ease the burden on those who already faithfully fulfil this important role. If you would be willing to help, please contact the Rector (Tel 028 9263 8218) or the Secretary to the Vestry, Colin Hassard (Tel 028 9263 8263)**



Dear Mothers' Union Members and Friends,

In December, members attended the Wellness Group's Christmas Lunch in the Parochial Hall. Magherahamlet members had their customary Parcel Night in the Rectory. Both events went very well and were enjoyed very much by all who were there.

In January, our meeting in Annahilt had to be postponed on account of very bad weather.

In Magherahamlet, at our meeting on 21 January, we had a very enjoyable Games Night. All present appreciated the fun and the fellowship. On Wednesday 11 February parishioners and visitors of all ages are welcome to an open meeting in the Parochial Hall. The Heart of Down Red Squirrels Group will be with us.

Magherahamlet Branch are also reminded of the World Day of Prayer Service in St Patrick's RC Church, Ballynahinch on Friday 6 March at 8.00 pm.

Over recent months Annahilt and Magherahamlet Branches have been considering the future development of Mothers' Union in our Group of Parishes. As part of this process members of both Branches are invited to a meeting in Annahilt Parochial Hall on **Monday 16 March** at 8.00 pm. Our special guest that evening will be Mrs June Butler, a former Down & Dromore Diocesan President and a former All-Ireland President of MU. June will be coming as the All-Ireland Zonal Trustee on the MU Worldwide Board. She will speak about the work of Mothers' Union in Ireland and worldwide, emphasizing the importance of the local membership.

This should be of great assistance to us in the consideration of our way ahead. Members are asked to make a special effort to be present.

The Diocesan Mothers' Union Festival Service will take place on Monday 23 March. Venue and time to be confirmed.

In April instead of our normal meeting, members are invited to attend the Holy Week Services on Wednesday 1 in Magherahamlet and on Maundy Thursday 2, both at 8.00pm.

This year's Diocesan Senior Members' Holy Communion Service and Afternoon Tea will take place in Magherahamlet Parish Church on the afternoon of Thursday 30 April. Time to be confirmed.

We all express our deep sympathy to Edwina Crawford on the recent death of her sister-in-law.

With very kind regards and every blessing

Beth  
Esme  
Elaine

Avril / Sally  
Frances / Avril B  
Virginia

### **Mothers' Union Midday Wave of Prayer February 2026**

**2-4 February:** Matlosane in South Africa; Mumias in Kenya; Eha-Amufu in Nigeria; Ballarat in Australia; Niagara in Canada and North Kerala in India

**5-7 February:** Botswana; Marsabit in Kenya; Idah & Jebba in Nigeria; Salisbury in England and Andaman & Car Nicobar Islands in India

**9-11 February:** Lainya in South Sudan; Ankole in Uganda; Abuja & Lagos-West in Nigeria; Lichfield in England and Karnataka North in India

**12-14 February:** Matana in Burundi; South Ankole in Uganda; Morogoro in Tanzania; Ohaji/Egbema in Nigeria; New Westminster in Canada and Dornakal in India

**16-18 February:** Bentiu in South Sudan; Bunyoro Kitara in Uganda; Okigwe-North & Omu-Aran in Nigeria; Kilmore, Elphin & Ardagh in All Ireland and Krishna-Godavari in India

**19-21 February:** Free State in South Africa; Bondo in Kenya; Ogbia & Offa in Nigeria; Swansea & Brecon in Wales; Argentina and Uruguay

**23-25 February:** Wau in South Sudan; Kigeme in Rwanda; Bauchi in Nigeria; St David's in Wales and Mandalay in Myanmar

**26-28 February:** Mundri in South Sudan; Madi & West Nile in Uganda; Isikwuatu in Nigeria; Chichester in England and Seoul in South Korea

## **Annahilt Wednesday Club**

On 10th December 2025 the Wednesday Club held their Festive Lunch in the Parish Hall when seventy-five members of the Parish and Community attended. The hall and tables were appropriately decorated for the festive occasion. Musical entertainment was from some members of Baillies Mills Accordion Band, no strangers to the community and the lunch was served by The Mulberry Tree Restaurant. Thanks to Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council for their support towards not only the event but the Autumn and winter programme.

In January Dr Helen McLaughlin, Engagement Officer with Age NI gave a very interesting talk on how they can help those in the older age group.

On February 18th the speaker will be Mr Robert Apsley who will give a talk on the former Lisburn Talking Newspaper.

On March 18th a representative from the Patient and Client Council will attend. The P&CC independently represent the interests of the Public in Health and Social Care so again this too should be a very interesting morning.

All Seniors and Retirees in the Community are welcome to come along. 11am-12.30pm with plenty of Coffee/Tea and Craic. For further details contact Patricia Halliday on 07713 257691 or Violet Swarbrigg on 07866 914651.

## **Bowling Club**

The Bowling Club continues to meet usually twice a week although at present their mid-week League Matches are mostly “away”. Club Competitions will be played largely on Saturday nights in February and March. Several players have competed in the Lisburn Zone heats of the National Championships and also the Zone Championships. Congratulations to Sunny Ferguson who won the Lisburn Junior Singles, to Sunny and Faith Ferguson who won the Lisburn Junior Pairs and to Patricia Halliday who won the Lisburn Ladies Singles. All three will proceed to the IIBA finals in Belfast over the next few weeks.



## **Parishioner details**

We continue to request that Parishioners update their contact details with Patricia (Annahilt) or Abbie (Magherahamlet). Many people have moved from landline to mobile and we no longer have a contact number. It is also required by the Data Protection Act that we hold up to date details of our members.

As times change and many people are not in church every week to hear announcements which do not appear in the Parish magazine, we would like to be able to email updates out occasionally.

If you have an email address send it to [info@annahiltandmagherahamlet.org](mailto:info@annahiltandmagherahamlet.org) and we will update our records.

## **Parish Magazine**

With increasing printing and postage costs for distribution of the Parish magazine, would there be any additional households happy to receive notification via email? The magazine is available on the website.

If so, please email [patriciaapc@btinternet.com](mailto:patriciaapc@btinternet.com) or [info@annahiltandmagherahamlet.org](mailto:info@annahiltandmagherahamlet.org)

## **Honorary Treasurers**

### **Annahilt**

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### **Magherahamlet**

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**Thank you.....**

**To all who contributed to recent special collections:**

**Annahilt**

The Bible Society	£41.00
Save the Children	£190.62
Maridi Family Centre	£456.25
Dean's Sit Out (Black Santa)	£999.37
StarNI	£457.50

Magherahamlet figures will be recorded in the next 'News from the Parishes'.

Donations to Annahilt Parish in lieu of flowers in memory of Mrs Ruth Carlisle amounted to £584.19.

We sincerely thank all who subscribed.

**Lunch Club**

The next time we meet will be Friday 27 February in the Pheasant at the usual time of 12.30pm.

Subsequent Lunch Club meetings will take place on the following dates:

27 March

23 April

29 May

26 June



The Lunch Club is a very relaxed and enjoyable occasion, giving retired and semi-retired members an opportunity to connect with each other. If you would like the opportunity of enjoying a lunchtime meal in the company of established friends or perhaps some new ones, do come along. Please contact Violet Swarbrigg (Telephone 07866914651) for further information.

## **LISBURN FOODBANK**

The Lisburn Foodbank is providing an essential service to those within our community who are experiencing difficult times, often due to circumstances beyond their control.

The Foodbank provides emergency food and support to local people in crisis in the Lisburn area.

A particular request from the Foodbank is for items listed below:

- Fairy Liquid
- small packs of toilet roll
- large nappies (sizes 6 and 7)
- baby wipes
- shower gel
- soaps
- washing powder

## **YOUR HELP WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED.**

### **Recording of Annahilt Church Services**

Free recordings (CD format) are available weekly of the Church services or requested special services.

These CDs are delivered free of charge. If you would like to receive a CD copy, please contact Shirley Robinette on 07974093382

### **Parish Website: [annahiltandmagherahamlet.org](http://annahiltandmagherahamlet.org)**

Parishioners are reminded that the website [annahiltandmagherahamlet.org](http://annahiltandmagherahamlet.org) has been created to provide information on church related activities and organisations for parishioners and the wider community. The website also continues to host online

services most weeks. In addition, the website contains a list of upcoming church services and news from our group of parishes, as well as downloadable versions of the parish magazine. The site will be continually developed, so if you have any submissions, suggestions or requests relating to the website, these can be sent to [admin@annahiltandmagherahamlet.org](mailto:admin@annahiltandmagherahamlet.org).



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Any contributions for the next edition of the Parish Magazine should be left with the Rector or Roger Maxwell ([roger.maxwell1@btinternet.com](mailto:roger.maxwell1@btinternet.com)) by Sunday 22 March 2026.

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