

GLENNAVY PARISH NEWS

MAY & JUNE 2026

Dates for Your Diary

- **5th May (Tues)** Work Party evening 6.30-9pm - Glenavy
- **7th May (Thurs)** Contemporary Music Practice 7.30 St Aidans
- **11th May (Mon)** Men's Group Vintage cars visit
- **12th May (Tues)** Coffee and Craic - 10.15am- 12noon St Aidans
- **12th May (Tues)** Select Vestry meeting 7.30 St Aidan's Hall
- **13th May (Weds)** Walking Group 10am Lurgan Park
- **16th May (Sat)** 'Homemade goods and Coffee morning' Ladies Group 10am-12noon St Aidan's Hall
- **19th May (Tues)** Work Party evening 6.30-9pm - Crumlin
- **20th May (Weds)** Bible Book Club 7.30pm - St Aidan's Hall
- **27th May (Weds)** Walking Group 10am Shaw's Bridge
- **27th May (Weds)** Bible Book Club 7.30pm - St Aidan's Hall
- **30th May (Saturday)** – Men's New Wine Event Willowfield Parish Belfast – 9.00am–1.00pm (£12.50). Please contact Stephen for further information.
- **1st - 5th June** – Week of Prayer – 9.00–9.30am daily, St Aidan's Hall
- **3rd June (Weds)** Bible Book Club 7.30pm - St Aidan's Hall
- **9th June (Tues)**- Select Vestry meeting 7.30 St Aidan's Hall
- **10th June (Weds)** Walking Group 10am Lady Dixon Pk
- **10th June (Weds)** Bible Book Club 7.30pm - St Aidan's Hall
- **11th June (Thurs)** Contemporary Music Practice 7.30 St Aidans
- **14th June (Sunday)** – Children's Day (All-In Service 11.30am) & Parish BBQ
- **16th June (Tues)** Work Party evening 6.30-9pm - Tunny
- **20th June (Sat. 10am-12noon)** Pop Up Shop, St John's Crumlin. (Drop of from 10am Friday the day before)
- **20th June (Sat.)** – 10 pin Bowling Afternoon & Tea (Lisburn) – 4.00pm-6.30pm
- **25th June (Thur)** – Connor Diocesan Synod – Dunluce Centre

- **26th–30th June** – Summer Madness Festival (Portglenone)
 - **Day Visit:** Saturday 27th June

Looking ahead:

- **8th August (Saturday)** – Church Family Away Day (Portrush)

What's Happening in the Parish

Special Prayer Week 1-5th June. Meet for daily prayer 9.00am-9.30am
Weekly prayer continues Monday 9.30am and Weds 6.30pm (All in St Aidan's Hall)

Ladies' Group A welcoming space for fellowship and conversation — new faces always welcome.

16th May (Saturday) 'Homemade goods and Coffee morning'

18th June (Thursday evening) Coffee in the vicarage

Glenavy Tots Group (9.00am-11am, Term Time)

20,27 Apr; 11,18 May; 1,8,15, 22 June

Continuing to serve families in the community each week — a valued and lively part of parish life.

Men's Group (Monthly – 3rd Monday)

A chance to gather informally, share together, and encourage one another in faith. ***Please note*** May meeting :11th May- special visit to Vintage cars.

Parish Work Party (Three Tuesday Evenings 6.30pm - 9pm)

- Glenavy 5th May
- Crumlin 19th May
- Tunny 16th June

An opportunity to help care for the parish buildings and grounds. Even an hour of help makes a real difference. Bring garden tools (Outside clearing) and /or Cleaning materials (Inside spring clean)

Wednesday Bible Book Club (4 evenings) @ 7.30-9.00pm

- 20th May, 27th May
- 3rd June, 10th June

A relaxed and thoughtful time to explore the Bible together.

From Recent Weeks

Alpha Course

Our recent Alpha course has now come to an end. It has been encouraging to see people take time to explore faith, ask questions, and share openly. Thank you to all who helped organise, lead, and support it — and to those who took part so wholeheartedly.

Sunday Club Movie & Pizza Night (31st March)

During the school holidays, the young people gathered for an evening of film, food, and fun. It was a great success, with plenty of laughter and a strong sense of community among the children and adults.

Parish Prayer Walk – Holy Week (Crumlin Glen)

On the Thursday of Holy Week, we gathered for a prayer walk in Crumlin Glen. It was a meaningful and reflective time, offering space to pause and pray together in a natural setting during an important week in the Church calendar.

Easter Vestry (AGM)

At our recent Easter Vestry, we reviewed the past year and appointed individuals to various roles within the parish. We are grateful to all who have taken on responsibilities, and to those continuing in their roles, helping to support the life and work of the parish.

Confirmation

Preparations are underway for Confirmation (4th October Magheragall Parish), with preparation planned for **June and September**.

Please keep those preparing for Confirmation in your prayers. For more information, please see Rev. Stephen.

A Pastoral Note

As we enter the summer season, it is worth remembering that while routines may change, the life of faith continues in simple and steady ways. Whether at home or away, may we each find time for prayer, rest, and renewal. Let us not get out of the habit of meeting together...

Please continue to remember in your prayers those who are unwell, those who are housebound, and any who may be finding this time of year difficult.

Graveyard Records Update †

Over the coming months, we are asking any families who have a registered interest in a plot in Glenavy Parish graveyard to please make contact via the email : graveyard@glenavyparish.org.

If you have any documentation relating to a plot — deeds, correspondence, or records — we would be very grateful if you could supply details and, where possible, photographs of these documents. Please see Gillian Steele, who will be happy to assist.

This work is part of an ongoing process to computerise and safeguard our parish graveyard records for the future. Your assistance will be an important help in ensuring the accuracy and completeness of these records.

An Invitation

If you would like to become more involved in any aspect of parish life — whether practically, socially, or spiritually — you would be very welcome. Please feel free to speak to Rev. Stephen at any time.

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Sunday Services May and June 2026

	St Andrew's Tunny 10am	St John's Crumlin 10am	St Aidan's Glenavy 11.30am
3 May	Morning Worship	Holy Communion	Morning Worship
10 May	(No Service)	(No Service)	ALL IN (11.30)
17 May	Holy Communion	Morning Worship	Holy Communion
24 May	Morning Worship	Morning Worship	Morning Worship
		Sunday evening 'LIFTED' Worship 6pm	
31 May	Morning Worship	Morning Worship	Morning Worship
7 June	Morning Worship	Holy Communion	Morning Worship
14 June	(No Service)	(No Service)	ALL IN (11.30) (CHildrens Day BBQ)
21 June	Holy Communion	Morning Worship	Holy Communion
28 June	Morning Worship	Morning Worship	Morning Worship
		Sunday evening 'LIFTED' Worship 6pm	