

## Corboy & Mullingar Churches

*'Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus.'*  
(Ephesians 3:20-21).

It is hard to believe, this time last year Jane and I moved to Mullingar as I was ordained and inducted into the ministry of Corboy and Mullingar. At that time I reflected on those verses from Ephesians, and I couldn't imagine what the Lord would do in our first year. But God has been good and gracious. We have settled well into the two churches, we have got to know people and the communities, and God has blessed the churches in various ways, opening up unimaginable opportunities to serve and to share the gospel of Jesus Christ, as well as disciple those of faith.



This last year has been a year of learning and growth for us. Our call to minister in Ireland has been affirmed, but all that God has enabled us to do, has only been done in his power, and to him all the glory must go.

It has been wonderful to welcome new comers and members into our churches, to see people welcomed and friendships grow, encouraging and supporting each other in many ways. The various social events, tea & coffee and lunches have proved very beneficial.



We have been blessed to have been able to restart some of the youth work, joining with All Saints and MCF for a weekly programme 'Grounded Youth.' As well as beginning a Young Adults



programme 'Rooted.' It is exciting to see young people keen to gather, and to engage in God's Word, not just at these events, but also on Sunday mornings. We had a Summer Bible Camp facilitated by Salt Factory Sports, and a Youth Catalyst Event for the whole of the Midlands.

We celebrated 350 years of gospel witness and ministry of Corboy Congregation, and 10 years in the new Mullingar church building. Corboy had a wonderful afternoon of praise, when the church was filled with music and singing.



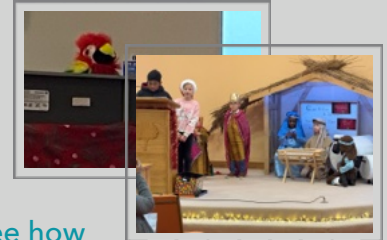
And of course our Oodles & Doodles ministry in Mullingar continued strong, with new families coming along and joining with many old faces. The group was even nominated for a Community Award.

These are a few highlights of how God has been at work, and we are excited to see what lies ahead this year. You can find out more information about what has been happening, and what is planned by checking out our websites [corboychurch.com](http://corboychurch.com) and [mullingarpresbyterian.com](http://mullingarpresbyterian.com). Follow us on our social media as well.

# Discipleship Ministry

We have continued to grow our discipleship and bible teaching opportunities. Our Sunday services have continued, with increased numbers, and we have tried to make these more accessible for all ages.

In December in both churches we had an All Age Family Service, and it was great to see whole families come and worship together, and engage with God's word. In Mullingar our Sunday Club continues to teach our children in an age appropriate way. And we have managed to start a Praise Team of musicians and Singers to help lead our worship some Sundays. It is great to see how God equips and enables us as a church with various gifts and people willing to serve in so many ways.



We have met regularly to study the bible and pray, Tuesday's in Mullingar and Wednesday's in Corby. It is important that we continue to develop that desire to grow in knowledge and pray as we seek to build our faith and relationship with the Lord, and seek his will in our ongoing ministry. For those unable to get to these we have sought to encourage you through our Podcasts, which have been listened to on journeys to and from work, college and in homes around the country, and further afield.

## Coming Up...

### January

- **Sunday 11th**, Communion Service
- **Friday 16th, 4pm**, Prayer for Longford (Longford Market Square)
- **Friday 16th, 7pm**, Grounded Youth (in Mullingar Presbyterian)
- **Sunday 18th, 11:30am**, Recording of Service for RTE TV (in Mullingar). Followed by church lunch
- **Tuesday 20th, 7:30pm**, Mullingar Kirk Session
- **Wednesday 21st, 7:30pm**, Corboy Kirk Session
- **Friday 23rd, 7pm**, Grounded Youth (in All Saints CoI)
- **Tuesday 27th, 7:30pm**, Prayer Time (Mullingar)
- **Wednesday 28th, 7:30pm**, Prayer Time (Corboy)
- **Thursday 29th, 7:30pm**, Mullingar Committee Meeting
- **Friday 30th, 7pm**, Grounded Youth (Mullingar Presbyterian)

### February

- **Friday 6th, 7pm**, Grounded Youth (in Mullingar Presbyterian)
- **Tuesday 10th, 7:30pm**, Mullingar Bible Study
- **Wednesday 11th, 7:30pm**, Corboy Bible Study
- **Thursday 12th, 8:00pm**, Teallach Íosa, Longford, Historical Lecture "350 years of Presbyterians in Longford & later arrival in Westmeath"
- **Friday 20th, 7:30pm**, Rooted Young Adults
- **Saturday 21st, 7pm**, Grounded Youth @ Winter Madness, Dublin
- **Friday 13th, 7pm**, Grounded Youth (in All Saints CoI)
- **Tuesday 24th, 7:30pm**, Mullingar Bible Study
- **Wednesday 25th, 7:30pm**, Corboy Bible Study
- **Friday 27th, 7pm**, Grounded Youth (in Mullingar Presbyterian)

## Mission & Year Tenure Review

Towards the end on 2025 both Kirk Sessions and Presbytery set out our Vision and Goals/Targets as part of our Tenure Review to take place in 2031. We will continue to pray over these and keep them to the forefront of our plans and mission in the coming years. Our goals relate to the following:



- Spiritual Growth & Discipleship
- Leadership Development
- Community Presence
- Effective Outreach/Evangelical Mission
- Development of Worship Services
- Build up the Community of Believers

## PRAYER POINTS

- Give thanks to God for his blessing over the last year in both congregations.
- Pray for wisdom as we work towards our Mission and Tenure Review Goals.
- Pray for our Minister, Elders, Committee Members and all Leaders.
- Pray for the various events in the coming months.
- Pray for effective outreach being planned for later in the year.
- Pray for other Churches in our towns.