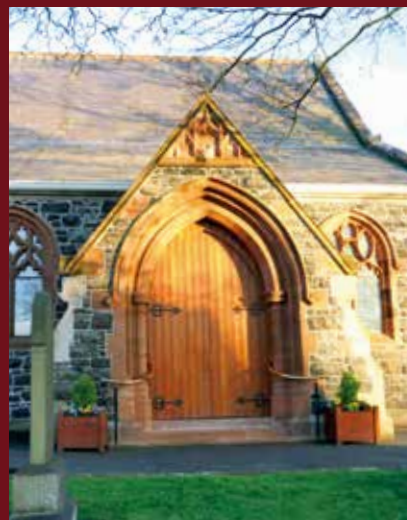


Magheralin Parish

Profile and Vision



MORE LIKE
JESUS



Contents

■ VISION	4
■ AIMS AND GOALS	5
■ CHURCH	8
■ COMMUNITY	10
■ YOUTH AND CHILDREN	12
■ SMALL GROUP MINISTRY	14
■ FACILITIES	15
■ FINANCE	18
■ A LIVING VISION	19





Vision for Magheralin Parish

Magheralin Parish is looking to grow. Our vision is for growth through preaching the Gospel, ministry in the power of the Holy Spirit, and a warm welcome to everyone in the community. All this leads to committed disciples in the church through participation in a wide range of small group ministries including the Alpha Course, home groups and youth and children's ministry.

We need a rector who is a leader and

will help us to develop God's vision. Someone who can manage a team, inspire others, and develop our staff and lay team to lead outreach and ministry. They will be a pastor who ministers to the congregation with love, compassion, and power and a teacher of the Bible. They will be a strategic thinker open to the Holy Spirit who seeks God's plan for the Kingdom of God to grow across the parish covering both villages of Magheralin and Dollingstown.



Our Aims & Goals



Growth

Magheralin Parish has a long tradition of being a Bible focused, teaching, Evangelical church. We would like to build on this legacy of sharing God's Word and growing God's kingdom.

Share God's Word and discover God's vision for growth in the parish, for example, increasing the congregations by 30% in the next five years.

Grow God's Kingdom by improving the welcome and community engagement, help people establish and develop roots, allow parishioners to play their part in ministry and church growth, and encourage active involvement in the prayer life of the parish. Prayer is a vital part of parish life and an area we would like to develop further.





Welcome

Magheralin Parish has aimed to invite and welcome people from across the parish, but we can do better. We need to provide a warm welcome with community-focused

events each year in both villages to which every home gets an invitation, is greeted at the door and welcomed into our family.

Develop Roots

In recent years the Parish has successfully introduced the Alpha Course and Café Church. Members of the Parish have come to faith and deepened commitment as a result. But there is still a great need for more commitment and deeper discipleship, particularly in the 16-30 age group.

Grow disciples of all ages, for example to develop the Café Church congregation for the 16 to 30 age group from around 30 to more than 100 people by 2020.

Grow the saints by active participation in small group ministry, for example to have 200 people active in at least one form of small group ministry by 2020.

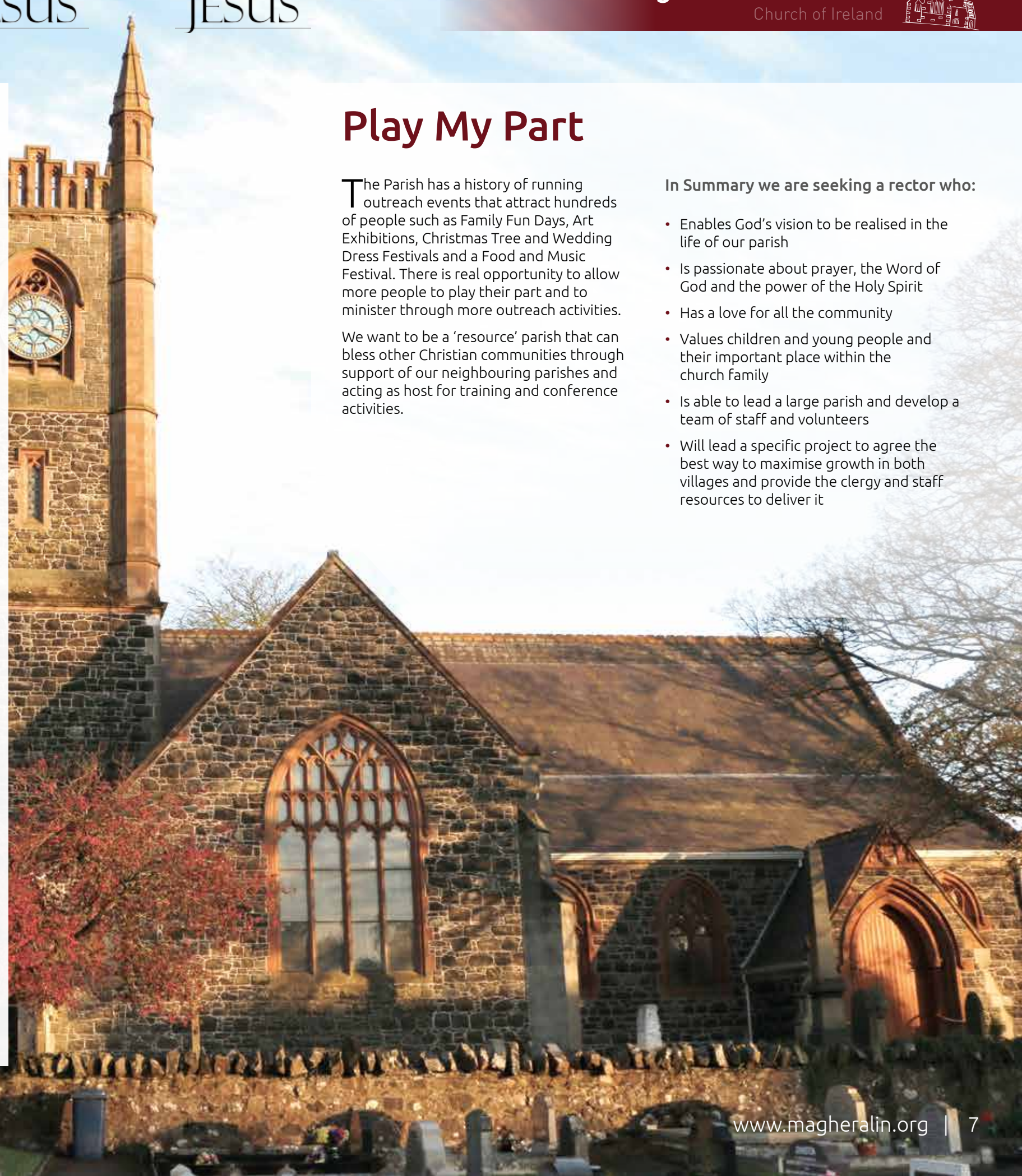
Play My Part

The Parish has a history of running outreach events that attract hundreds of people such as Family Fun Days, Art Exhibitions, Christmas Tree and Wedding Dress Festivals and a Food and Music Festival. There is real opportunity to allow more people to play their part and to minister through more outreach activities.

We want to be a 'resource' parish that can bless other Christian communities through support of our neighbouring parishes and acting as host for training and conference activities.

In Summary we are seeking a rector who:

- Enables God's vision to be realised in the life of our parish
- Is passionate about prayer, the Word of God and the power of the Holy Spirit
- Has a love for all the community
- Values children and young people and their important place within the church family
- Is able to lead a large parish and develop a team of staff and volunteers
- Will lead a specific project to agree the best way to maximise growth in both villages and provide the clergy and staff resources to deliver it





CHURCH

THE STORY SO FAR....

Magheralin Parish covers two locations, the Church of the Holy and Undivided Trinity Magheralin and St Saviours Church Dollingstown. The two church communities may have a different 'feel and style' but they are united in the desire to become More Like Jesus through leading people to faith and then nurturing and deepening each individual's Christian character.



In Magheralin Parish Church, morning services average about 150 people with highest numbers at all age and special services, such as Remembrance Sunday, Enrolment for Youth Organizations and Candlelit Carol Service. Music includes pipe organ, piano, robed choir and additional musicians. The musical style is a blend of traditional and contemporary held within a beautiful church originally built in 1890. Evening services in Magheralin Parish Church average around 40 worshippers.

St Saviours Dollingstown is a contemporary building that was opened in December 2005. Normal Sunday attendance averages around 300 people, a congregation which has seen significant growth in recent years. Attendance is across all age groups with particular growth in young families. We hold occasional evening services and other events in the worship centre, which is used by many other Church and mission related organisations for conferences and seminars. The musical style is contemporary led by four worship teams.



In recent years the parish has greatly benefited from a focus on being "More Like Jesus". Simply put: we want to see more people growing more in Christ-likeness. Our teaching has regularly returned to the themes of Pray Like Jesus, Live Like Jesus, Serve Like Jesus and Give Like Jesus.

We encourage prayer ministry at the end of every service and believe this is an essential part of our continued church growth.

Parish Staff

The parish has a paid staff team of eight in addition to the Rector.

Curate Assistant

Parish Secretary (P/T)

Parish Caretaker

Organist/Choir Master (P/T)

Youth Outreach Worker

Children's and Family Worker (P/T)

Centre for Youth Ministry Intern (P/T)

Christians against Poverty Centre Manager and Lead Debt Coach (P/T)

Normal Sunday Service Pattern

Sunday	Magheralin 8.30am	Dollingstown 10.00am	Magheralin 11.30am	Magheralin 6.30pm	Dollingstown 8.00pm
1		Morning Worship	Communion	Evening Worship	
2		Communion	Morning Worship	Evening Worship	Cafe Church
3		All Age Service	All Age Service	Communion	
4	Communion	Morning Worship	Morning Worship	Praise Service	Cafe Church
5	Communion	Morning Worship	Morning Worship	Healing Service	

Opportunities to...

- develop a regular pattern of evening services in both churches.
- consider how best to meet the needs of the congregation and community in both villages. Parish finances are available for the incumbent to build up the ministry team.



COMMUNITY THE STORY SO FAR....

Magheralin is a semi-rural Parish of around 700 families (1500+ individuals) located between Lurgan and Moira in County Down. The Parish comprises the villages of Magheralin and Dollingstown with a significant number of non-residents attending our services. The area is mostly made up of commuters to Belfast, Lisburn and Craigavon. The village of Magheralin has two Primary schools but apart from a few small shops and some industrial plants there are few other resources in either village.

We are the only two Protestant churches in both expanding villages with incredible potential for outreach and growth. Both churches are located at the heart of each village with Dollingstown situated right on the main busy Belfast Road. The parish is blessed with the largest and best located facilities and halls which are regularly used for community gatherings in both villages.

Our main outreach to young people in the community comes under the "Red Door" brand reaching out to around 100 young people. Red Door stands for: Reach, Engage and Disciple. www.thereddoor.org.uk

Activities and programmes include:

- Drop-in centres in both villages open 2 nights per week
- Trips away - day and residential
- An After Schools drop-in at least two afternoons per week
- Occasional social events

Our "Love Your Neighbourhood" programme visits every home in the two villages regularly and is involved in practical projects which show the love of Christ in action.

Over the past 2 years the parish has run four Alpha courses with around 100 attendees. We want to increase the use of Alpha within the parish to allow more people in the community to explore the Christian faith in a relaxed and welcoming manner which ultimately leads to a commitment to Christ and active involvement in the Christian family.

Magheralin Parish has experience in delivering major community outreach events which have attracted over 5000 attendees. Examples during 2015 include 'Beyond the Veil', a festival telling the stories of Women of the Bible through the medium of wedding dresses, and 5 days of superb food and music served up through the 'Big Festival for You at Harvest'.



St SAVIOURS



Opportunities to...

- launch a project to improve the welcome and community engagement, help people establish and develop roots, and allow parishioners to play their part in ministry and church growth.
- encourage and equip the welcome team in both locations to improve the retention and integration of people into our Christian family.
- consider how to guide new people into active discipleship in the life of the church.



YOUTH & CHILDREN

We have a large active team of volunteers involved in a wide range of youth and children's ministry including:

- Two Crèches - known as Little Church in Dollingstown and Little Lambs in Magheralin
- Kidschurch operating in both Churches during Sunday morning services (approx. 90 in Dollingstown and 20 in Magheralin)
- Youth Church operates for secondary school age children
- Toddlers group in both Dollingstown and Magheralin
- Good News Club in association with Child Evangelism Fellowship

- Girls' Friendly Society - approx 80 girls and leaders
- Boys' Brigade - approx 120 members with a large leadership team
- Red Door reaching around 100 young people every week

Youth and children's ministry is the lifeblood of the church and we make connections with hundreds of families through the wide variety of children's programmes available. In recognition of the desire to further grow this area of ministry we recently appointed a part time Children's and Family Worker.



Opportunities to...

- develop the children's ministry, particularly in Magheralin.
- oversee youth and children's ministry across both locations to disciple new generations.
- build on existing good practices for all age worship so that more families are committed to church life.



SMALL GROUP MINISTRY THE STORY SO FAR....

One of the most important ways for people to grow roots is through active involvement as a part of a small group. This can be through joining one of our eleven home groups which meet in various homes across the parish or as part of a ministry group which might organise ladies or men's events, community activities or cooking meals for those in need.

Other areas of ministry include:

- Parish Bible Study Fellowship
- Prayer Union
- Healing Prayer Group
- 24hr Prayer Hot Line
- Daily prayer meeting
- Friendship Group (for older members)
- Seniors' "Movie Nights"
- Mothers' Union
- Men's breakfasts and evening events
- Men's football
- Bowls Club
- Manna Ministries - distributing food and support to those who have been suffering illness, bereavement etc.
- Connect - a regular outreach and fellowship event for women
- Hamper Ministry - to distribute gifts at Christmas
- The Shared Shed - we access emergency supplies of food from the shed and the Trussell Trust local food bank
- Welcome Team
- Youth cells meet twice a month on Sunday nights

Opportunities to...

- grow and deepen the prayer life across the parish.
- involve everyone in some form of small group ministry.
- start more home groups and increase commitment to them.
- disciple young people from church families through their teens and twenties.

World Mission

Magheralin Parish has a commitment to support and encourage world mission. The Parish has rallied behind the fund-raising for "Charlene's Project", the dream of a young parishioner who passed away in late 2010. Fields of Life was birthed in Magheralin Parish through the vision of Rev Trevor Stevenson. Other agencies with which we have strong links include SAMS, CMS Ireland, Tearfund, Exodus, Youth for Christ, Wycliffe Bible Translators, Church Army and CMJ. St Saviours in Dollingstown is regularly used for mission conferences including Crosslinks and Disabled Christian Fellowship.



FACILITIES

The Parish is blessed with a modern suite of buildings in both villages.

Magheralin Parish Church has recently been externally updated and the Select Vestry has agreed to an internal renovation including new central heating, electrics, and improved internal facilities with the funds in place to complete this work. Magheralin has a large hall complex which has been extensively modernised in the last 5 years and is actively used every day. There is a large four bedroom family

rectory, currently being renovated, which is located opposite the parish church and hall.

Dollingstown has a modern church and hall complex situated on the main Belfast Road, alongside a small house which is used for Littlechurch and regular prayer meetings. The parish also owns two other properties in the village, one for the Curate Assistant and his family and the other is currently rented.





FINANCES

MAGHERALIN PARISH

GENERAL FUND

INCOME £K <i>(figures in thousands)</i>	2013	2014	2015 (draft)
Free Will Offering	165	217	193
Gift Aid	15	40	46
Other	71	70	87

TOTAL	251	327	326
--------------	------------	------------	------------

EXPENDITURE £K

Wages	136	132	149
Mission and Outreach	30	27	36
Property	39	27	50
Other	68	74	90

TOTAL	273	260	325
--------------	------------	------------	------------

SURPLUS (SHORTFALL)	(22)	67	1
----------------------------	------	----	---

RENOVATION FUND	2013	2014	2015
Income	66	202	41
Expenditure	56	88	11
Surplus	10	114	30

Cash at Bank (Year End)	68	253	310
--------------------------------	-----------	------------	------------

Magheralin Parish Youth Outreach Fund			401
--	--	--	------------

A LIVING VISION

Magheralin Parish wants this vision to grow and we see this as a living document which will develop through the leadership of our new Rector. As nominators, whilst still in this role, we

would like to prayerfully consider this vision with the new Rector, to ensure that Gods will is completely fulfilled in the villages of Magheralin and Dollingstown.

Stephen Trew

Stephen Trew

Carroll Reynolds

Carroll Reynolds

Basil O'Malley

Basil O'Malley

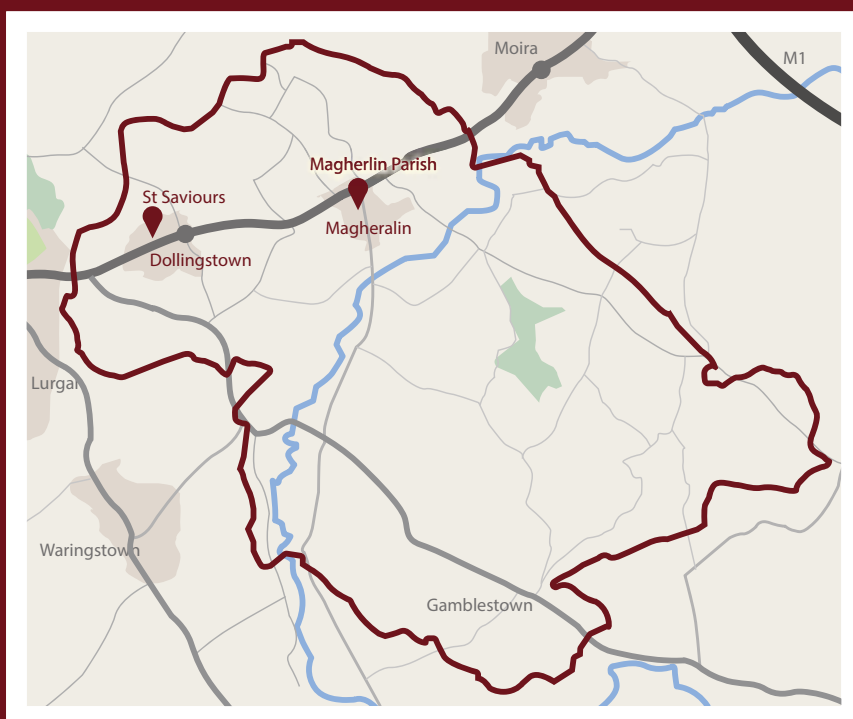
Mark Bailey

Mark Bailey

Magheralin Parish

Church of Ireland

magheralin.org



MORE LIKE
JESUS