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Dear Friends

You will be well aware that 2026 marks the 250th Anniversary of Saintfield Parish as I keep mentioning it at every service and in every communication (or so my family keep telling me 😊)..... but this is such a remarkable milestone in the life of our church family. It is a blessing from God, a gift of grace and faithfulness across the generations and something we should stand tall and be wonderfully proud of.

As part of our celebrations, we will be holding a special

250th Anniversary Family Service on Sunday 22 March at 11.00am.

Please note the change of service time to allow space for the Parish Lunch afterwards.



We are honoured that our special preacher will be the Most Reverend John McDowell, Archbishop of Armagh. He will be speaking on Hebrews 13:8 – “Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.” This verse is also our strapline throughout this 250th Anniversary year, reminding us of Christ’s unchanging faithfulness across generations.

We have intentionally chosen to begin our celebrations with a parish focused event, because you, week by week and month by month are the people who support, pray for, serve and love this parish. It feels only right that our 250th year begins with all our church family gathered together.

Following the service, you are invited to our

Celebration Family Lunch in the Main Hall.

To help us plan appropriately for seating, catering, and other practical arrangements, we would be grateful if you could respond to this email as soon as possible to indicate whether you will be attending the lunch.

You can reply very easily via any of the options below, (whichever is easiest for you)

- if you've received this via email, use the embedded link to a response form or
- if you've received this via letter, complete and return the tear off slip below to church office or
- sign the sheet in Church on Sunday

Please mark this date in your diary and come along (even if you can't stay for lunch, although I very much hope you can).

The Select Vestry are committed to making this a special and meaningful event in our celebration year, and we're really looking forward to sharing it together. However, to help us manage costs and avoid unnecessary waste, we would appreciate it if those who sign up for the lunch are fully committed to attending.

The Select Vestry have agreed that the costs will be covered, so having accurate numbers helps us plan well and make the best use of resources.

I would also encourage you to pass this invitation on to family members, sons, daughters, and others, who actively relate to the Parish.

We are also planning other key events, but we'll give you more information about those on 22nd March (another great reason to come along). Thank you in advance, and I truly look forward to sharing this special launch event with you as we step into a significant year in the life of our parish.

With God's richest blessings,

Chris Pollock (Vicar)
Saintfield Parish



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250th Anniversary Service and Lunch
Sunday 22nd March at 11.00am.



Name of Family _____

How many Adults _____

Children (12 and under) _____

Special Diet Please tick

- Vegetarian
- Gluten Free
- other, please note requirements _____

The food will be a buffet style, 2 course meal with coffee/tea/Celebration Cake
Children will have finger food and juice.

RETURN TO OFFICE BY MONDAY 9TH MARCH THANK YOU