

Place of Learning

21 November/Columbanus Lecture: A Sense of Place

SPACE Theatre, Castle Park Road, Bangor/11.00am – 1.00pm/£10

This talk deals with places connected with St Columbanus and early Christianity in Ireland. The origin of these place names gives us insights into the transition from paganism to Christianity and life in early medieval Ireland. It will also discuss some of the places in continental Europe where Columbanus and his disciples founded churches and monasteries. The lecture will be delivered by Dr Paul Tempan, a linguist and expert on place-names who was a researcher on the Northern Ireland Place-Name Project (2006 – 2013). Ticket includes a light lunch.

Place of Saints

21 November/ Stained-Glass Window Tour

St Columbanus Church of Ireland, Ballyholme, Bangor/2.00pm – 3.30pm/£6

Adeline Cully, a qualified tour guide and Jonny Watson, Curate at St Columbanus Church of Ireland, will give an explanation of the beautiful stained-glass windows of Irish Saints including the Bangor Saints – Comgall, Columbanus, Gall, and Malachy. Ticket includes a booklet of the windows.

Place of Pilgrimage

22 November/Columban Way Walk

Meet at the Bangor Bell beside Bangor Abbey/1.30pm – 3.00pm/£6

This popular half mile walk follows the Bangor Bell Walk to North Down Museum. Local guides Brigid Watson and Barbara Boyle will tell the story of Columbanus' journey from Bangor to Bobbio. After the walk, participants will have an opportunity to view the Columbanus Exhibition in the North Down Museum.

Place of Worship

22 November/Columbanus Ecumenical Church Service

St Comgall's Church, Brunswick Road, Bangor/7.00pm – 8.00pm/All welcome

A cross-community church service to commemorate the life of Columbanus with guest speaker Sister Ann Gray, Columbanus Missionaries. To support those in need, please bring a Christmas food gift or grocery item which will be distributed by a local food bank.

For further information on the programme please visit

www.friendsofcolumbanusbangor.co.uk

With the exception of the Ecumenical Church Service, all events must be booked online at

www.visitardsandnorthdown.com or in person at Bangor or Ards Visitor Information

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