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## Proposed Itinerary

(Timings may be subject to change)

- 9.00 am Depart from Malone Presbyterian Church carpark (Carpark available for the day).
- 9.45 am Arrive at Ballynure Presbyterian Church for a talk on the 1625 Revival by Donald Patton and Morning Tea/Coffee
- 11.15 am Arrive at Ballyclare Presbyterian Church for Talk and Tour
- 11.50 Arrive at Ballyclare Non-Subscribing Presbyterian Church for Talk and tour (5 min walk from Ballyclare Presbyterian)
- 12.30pm Arrive at Ballyclare Reformed Presbyterian Church for Talk and Tour (7 min walk from Ballyclare Non-Subscribing Presbyterian)
- 1.15pm Arrive at 1<sup>st</sup> Donegore Presbyterian Church for lunch
- 2.30pm Arrive at Muckamore Presbyterian Church for Talk and Tour
- 3.30pm Arrive at 1<sup>st</sup> Antrim Presbyterian Church for Talk and Tour and Afternoon Tea/Coffee
- 5.00pm Arrive back to Malone, Belfast

*The coach will be available for those who are not able to walk or if the weather is very inclement*



## PHSI Annual Field Trip

Saturday, 21st June 2025  
9.00 am

to  
Presbyterian Churches  
in South Antrim

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### **Ballynure Presbyterian**



Dating back to 1723 the first minister that we know of was the Rev Clotworthy Brown who came in 1748 but shortly after joined the Non-Subscribing Presbytery of Antrim. During the ministry of the Rev Samuel Alexander Hamilton the church was rebuilt, a gallery added and a Sunday School started.

### **Ballyclare Presbyterian**



The first minister here was the Rev Gilbert Simpson (1655-75) who, in spite of being deposed in 1661 for non-conformity, continued to minister. For some years the church was associated with the Presbytery of Antrim (non-subscribers) until 1856/7 when the orthodox section of the church formed a new congregation within the General Assembly.

### **Ballyclare Non-Subscribing Presbyterian**



The early history of this church is bound up with that of Ballyclare Presbyterian Church. The original church was extensively renovated in 1902 and by 1945 membership had risen to c. 50 families. For a time the congregation was linked with Antrim, Templepatrick and Crumlin but in 2005 a settled ministry was formally restored.

### **Ballyclare Reformed Presbyterian**



Opened in 1833 when it became a missionary station, the first minister, the Rev William Russell was ordained in 1840 and at his death left a thriving congregation. Further renovations to the building were made in the 1850s and 1860s when a sexton's house and a session room were built and further work was carried out in 1923.

### **1<sup>st</sup> Donegore Presbyterian**



The first minister was Andrew Stewart (1627-34) whose congregation worshipped initially in the parish church and was buried in Donegore churchyard. It was probably not until the 1650s that a separate building was erected for the congregation. This church has had a number of distinguished ministers including the Rev Francis Iredell (1688-99) who became Moderator of the General Synod of Ulster, the famous Rev Dr Henry Cooke (1811-18), the Rev James Seaton Reid (1819-23) who became Professor of Church History in Glasgow University and the Rev William Gillespie (1854-67) who became Moderator of the Presbyterian Church in Australia.

### **Muckamore Presbyterian**



Formed in 1840 the present church, opened in 2006, is the second on this site. It has had a number of prominent ministers in the Presbyterian Church in Ireland – the Rev Thomas Lyle (1873-93) who became Superintendent of the Irish Mission, the Rev David Stewart (1893-1938) who was convener of the Young People's Guild of the General Assembly, the Rev Cecil McCullough (1969-75) who became Professor of New Testament at Union Theological College, Belfast, and in 1975 was appointed as a missionary under the Jewish Mission to teach theology in Beirut.

### **1<sup>st</sup> Antrim Presbyterian**



Dating back to the early 17<sup>th</sup> century the Rev John Ridge who first ministered here was one of the early Presbyterian ministers who settled in Ulster. The original church was replaced by a new church in Millrow in 1728 and then replaced by the present church in 1837. It was not until 1860 that the name was changed from Millrow to 1<sup>st</sup> Antrim. One of the well-known ministers here was the Rev George Magill who kept a wonderful series of diaries and was what we would call now an amateur genealogist whose family records that he compiled are quite unique.