



Church Clock

If you have been at the church during the last week you will have seen the scaffolding over the front steps. We are having the face of the clock repainted and gilded with gold leaf. This is a specialized (and expensive) job and will restore the face of the clock to its full glory.

Many parishioners probably do not realise how important our church clock is.

We recently had the clock serviced and the service engineer, who is also a specialist, reminded us that this is one of the most important clocks in the country. Indeed, he went on to say that the clock is of international significance!

It was built by a clockmaker called Crofthwaite around 1791. He was the most prominent clockmaker in Ireland at the end of the 18th century. His most famous clock was in the Custom House in Dublin but sadly this was destroyed in the troubles of 1921.

Everything in our clock is beautifully crafted and well finished. The clock was in poor condition in 1989 and was restored by Julian Cosby (Antiquarian Horologist) who also serviced it for many years until his retirement.

The clock is in the tower of the church and is not accessible to parishioners as there are several flights of ladders to be climbed in order to reach it. It is wound twice a week by a small team of volunteers and it chimes each hour, on the hour, day and night. It is one of the treasures of the parish and of Delgany village and is our responsibility to preserve for future generations to enjoy.

NW