





The Follies Trust invites you to a lecture in Clough Non-Subscribing Presbyterian Church, Clough, Co. Down on Wednesday 13 March 2019 at 7.30pm.



**Speaker: Dr Finbar McCormick** 

Topic: 'Mausolea & Memorials to the dead in Ireland'.

## The Reverend Dr David Steers

Minister of Downpatrick, Ballee and Clough Non-Subscribing Presbyterian Churches and editor of *Faith and Freedom* will welcome attendees and give a short history of Non-Subscribing Presbyterianism in Ireland and the Clough congregation.



**Dr Finbar McCormick** is a senior lecturer in the School of the Natural and Built Environment at Queens University, Belfast, and former Chair of the Discovery Programme.

The talk will look at the history and development of memorials to the dead in Ireland and beyond. It will show how the Reformation changed people's attitude to commemorating the dead and will demonstrate how Presbyterianism in Scotland played such an important role in the development of the modern mausoleum. Dr McCormick will also show how classical ideas had such an influence on mausoleum design as can be seen in the magnificent Murland mausoleum at Clough. The Ulster Architectural Heritage Society list describes the mausoleum as 'the phenomenal Murland vault of about 1860, furnished with all the pompe funebre of the classical manner, with trimmings.' It was designed by Thomas Turner and is a fine example of the genre.

After the lecture refreshments will be served in the church hall courtesy of the Congregation.

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