

Parish of Kilconriola and Ballyclug

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	People's	Mr Jackie Greer
St Columba's	Rector's	Mr Harry Johnston
	People's	Mr John Mawhinney
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Clergy, Church Wardens, Glebe Wardens and:

Honorary Secretary:	Mr A Marrs	32 Granville Drive, Ballymena
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THE RECTOR WRITES



The Rector Writes

I enjoy mending things. I often spend my spare time mending things that get broken around the house. With an active grandchild about the house I am regularly presented with a toy that has got broken or is missing a part. I am not a DIY expert but I get great satisfaction if I manage to do some sort of a mending job. Recently a table football game was purchased in a charity shop. It only cost 50p because it was in a poor state and missing various parts. I spent hours manufacturing new parts and I was rather proud of the end result. Sometimes of course things are beyond mending - I have to admit defeat and sadly assign them to the bin.

Our Christian faith has also to do with mending - mending lives in which there is brokenness, caused by sin and all sorts of hurts. The scripture speaks of mending or bringing together - one of the words used is reconciling. The work of Jesus is seen as reconciling God and man and also reconciling man and man. Although Jesus is as it were broken on the cross, at the same time he is overcoming the brokenness - he is mending.

It's not only relationships that need mended - often our bodies need mended as well. Nature can do a great job here and modern medicine and surgery can also greatly assist. However, there is only so much that can be done. Death clearly does come - either in a natural way, through disease or through tragedy. If only there could still be mending - but no, death is final, there can be no putting together again. There is no mending - but praise be to God there is resurrection and ultimately that is better. In the face of the final brokenness there is a whole new life. We are Easter people and we rejoice. We have this great hope.

‘Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never spoil or fade’. 1 Peter 1 v 3 - 4.

Stuart Lloyd



Parish News

YOUR VOTE COUNTS

On **Tuesday 9th April at 7.30 pm** we have our Church AGM. At this, as well as hearing what has been happening over the last year, we have elections for certain offices.

In the Church of Ireland the rector of a parish chooses one of the church wardens and the parishioners choose the other - thus you have a rector's churchwarden and a people's churchwarden in each of our 3 churches. There is also a rector's glebewardens and people's glebewardens. The glebewardens do look after the glebe where the rector lives but also after all the other church properties and in this parish there are many of them.

As well as choosing or voting for a people's churchwarden and people's glebewardens the parishioners also vote for membership of the church committee, known as the Select Vestry. This committee is made up of the churchwardens and glebewardens and 12 other members. The Select Vestry has responsibility for all the staff employed in the parish and for

what is known as finance, fabric and furnishings. They also have responsibility for all Health and Safety matters and for matters connected with the protection of children and vulnerable adults.

All parishioners can vote who have signed the vestry membership form - that is several hundred people. So we look forward to a good turn out on Tuesday 9th - make your vote count!

CHURCH AND TOWER RENOVATION

By the time you read this the renovations should have been completed and the scaffolding down. We thank parishioners for enduring the cold draughts when the window was out and the dust which seemed to get everywhere. Especially we want to thank parishioners for all their efforts to cover the expenses involved in the renovations. While there may be immediate cash flow difficulties we should this year be able to meet the full cost of the project. Thanks to all who gave directly to the appeal - this amounted to £48,791 and with Gift Aid we will

have well exceeded our £50,000 target - to those who ran events to raise money and to all those who supported these events.

We met this challenge well but perhaps a greater challenge is to have a sufficient level of giving through the Christian Responsibility Envelopes into the General Fund to cover the day to day expenses of ministry into the future.

The reality is that our regular monthly outgoings in terms of salaries, national insurance contributions, diocesan dues and other insurance are much higher than our monthly intake through the General Fund and collections. It is only other monies including Gift Aid and income from investments that help us partly to bridge the gap.

CHURCH MAGAZINE

Thanks to all who have given in their annual donation for the magazine. If you have not done so perhaps you could return it soon. If you have no magazine payment envelope you can put your donation in any envelope - mark it magazine and attach your name.

OUR VISITOR

Andres Camacho or Ady, has been with us now some weeks and quite a few parishioners have met him. He has spoken in the churches, attended various parish activities

and contributed in many ways. As you hopefully know by now Ady is from the Philippines but has been working in Nepal for quite a few years. It is interesting to hear his story so if you get the chance to meet him do ask him about his experiences. He is a person who does try to live simply by faith - and we all need to be encouraged to have that approach to life.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 2013

Christian Aid Week this year is **12th - 18th May**. Although we do share fellowship and raise quite a bit of money within our three churches during Christian Aid Week we are also committed, as a parish, to door-to-door collections. We have a very dedicated band of collectors - but with a few more the task would be easier. Although many people give money through their own churches, this collection is an opportunity to connect with people who have no church connection but would like to help Christian Aid's work. If you think that you could offer a few hours to help our parish effort please contact the parish office or me on 2564 6701.

Mary Campbell

SINCERE THANKS

The Family of the late Linda McCombe would like to thank all those who visited and prayed for our mum during the last eleven weeks of her illness, 13th Novem-

ber - 29th January which she so bravely bore. Special thanks to Canon S. Lloyd, Revd. Brian Lacey for their support and visits. Also thanks to Revd. Alan Irwin and Revd. Jason Kernohan for participating in mum's funeral service. Thanks also to Adrian Poston for playing the organ and to the Sexton, John Linton, for preparing the church for the funeral service.

Thank you to all those who attended mum's funeral. It was much appreciated. Thanks to the ladies for the catering and providing such a beautiful tea after the funeral service. Thanks again for your continued prayers and support. There is one person whom we as a family are indebted to and that is our special friend, Jean Eaton, or as mum called Jean, her lady-in-waiting. Thank you Jean.

The McCombe Family

BARN DANCE

The church hall reverberated on Saturday 9th March to the sound of the 'Gay Gordons' and the military two step. The Barn Dance was great entertainment not only for those dancing but also for those watching. The sight of normally quite sane people trying to figure out whether they are dosey doeing or dosey donting with only a vague idea of what to do next is only to be imagined.

During a break for refreshments two golf clubs and a painting of

Kathmandu by Cheryl Sinclair were amongst items which were auctioned. Bidding was competitive and profitable to the cause.

After the dancers had been refreshed and refuelled with Irish Stew and hot drinks festivities recommenced and the willow was thoroughly and energetically stripped.

At the end of the night the participants and their audience agreed it had been great craic and asked when can we have another one?

The Barn Dance was a successful evening providing entertainment, socialising and fund raising - a total of eight hundred and thirty pounds was raised.

Thanks to all who helped in any way and especially Liz and Les Hughes for their beautiful stew and to Kieran McAtamney and Crosskeys Meats for their donations.

TRAINING EVENING

For all those working with
our young people

'Keeping their interest'

with

Walter Lambe - Long time
B.B. Leader and Education
Service worker

Tuesday 16th April at 8 pm



Honorary Secretary's Notes

At Castle Street the work is now on the last stretch, and since the target date for completion was mid-March it may even be finished by the time you come to read this. The most important part was the repointing of the stonework in many areas of the church, and this is also the least visible but we'll trust the stone-masons to have restored the weather-resistance for another good few years. New sandstone around the windows and front door is much more noticeable. It made me wonder what the church looked like when it was new. I think the difference between the blackstone walls and golden sandstone of the arches would have been more dramatic than the weathered greyish colour that I've always seen until now.

Naturally as one job approaches resolution another need comes to light, in this case at Ballyclug.

The east wall there is also in definite need of re-pointing and sealing to try to eliminate the water ingress which is becoming all too apparent with water running down the inside of the wall at times. The stained glass window also requires additional storm-glazing to protect it from the weather, since the leading is ageing and in places also letting in rain. In addition to that the work that has been completed on the tower also showed up the need to repair the tower roof. The Select Vestry has already set the wheels in motion to get this work done too, but it places another strain on the Renovation Fund which we had hoped might now get a breather and a chance to accumulate again for a while. That's one downside of having such fine, but old, buildings to look after I suppose. Doubtless as the spring comes in we'll start to see a variety of smaller jobs of repair and redecoration that will need doing again. If you have

noticed anything in particular that you think should be attended to please do not hesitate to bring it to the attention of the Select Vestry. I can't promise that it will be attended to immediately (or even at all if there is a very long list) but the chances of getting something done are a lot better if we have any given job on the 'to do' list.

Don't forget too that the church's year is drawing toward a close and the current Select Vestry will be wound up at Easter when the Annual Vestry meeting will be held to (amongst other things) elect a new Select Vestry for 2013/14. Please do attend and make your voice (and your vote) heard.

Alastair



'How about if we start unplugging it during dinner?'



In Sunday school over the past months we have been touched with sadness as we remember the Hamill family on the death of June, mother to Elaine and granny of Callum, Caragh and Euan.

We also extend our sympathy to the Minford family and especially to Emma one of our Sunday School teachers. The tragic death of Lauren was a great shock to so many especially those who were involved with her in church. Lauren was a very keen member of our youth back in the time of Neal Phair - she enjoyed trips to summer madness where the craic was good - from food fights to water fights and good fellowship with others. Lauren also attended summer projects visiting many places of interest. She went to Sweden as part of a diocesan visit to Linshoping (a twinned diocese) and also to many rural deanery events. Lauren also abseiled from our own church bell tower. She loved music and was involved in our singing group which leads worship at family services. She also sang with the singing group at my own wedding. Lauren will be fondly remembered for all the good times at St Patrick's. We pray for Alison, Jackson, Emma and David her boy friend in the days ahead and for them to find comfort knowing that their family at St Patrick's will always be there for them.

The senior youth club has restarted again but unfortunately membership is now closed due to numbers. We are at full quota for the ratio of young people to leaders. Membership will re open again in September. There will be no youth club on **Saturday 30th March** and **Saturday 6th April** - it will restart again on **Saturday 13th April**.

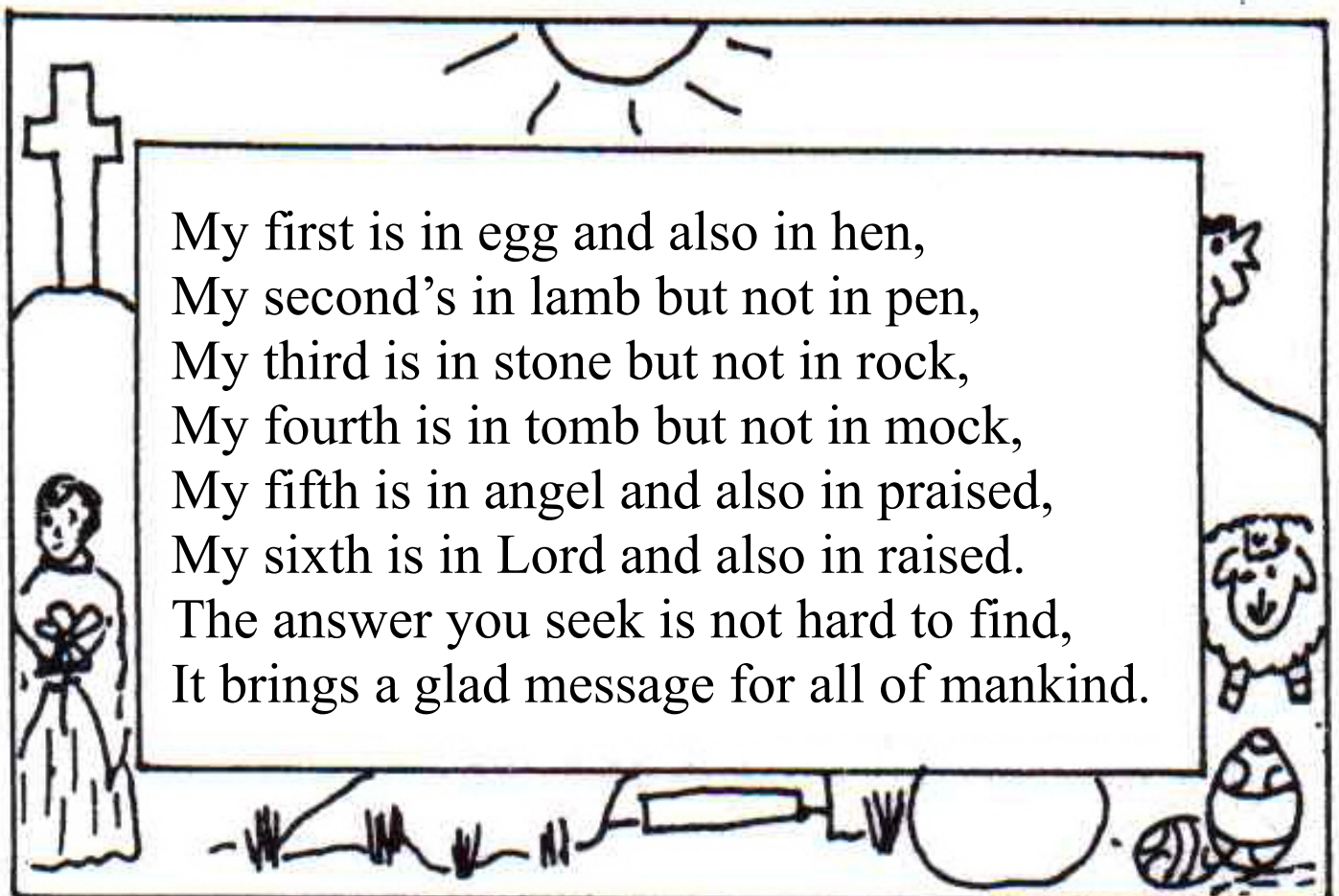
The CMS project is under way in Sunday School. The project 'All things New' is focused on education in Sudan. We are raising money to support

Ibba Diocese as it helps give children a new start in education. In particular the money will help Ibba to build 2 new classrooms, train 2 new primary school teachers and to train 2 early years educationalists. Each young person from the Sunday School and youth club has received a Smartie tube which they will fill with 20 pence pieces and there will also be CMS boxes at the back of the church for anyone who would like to support the project. There will be no Sunday School on Easter Sunday as this will be family communion.

On St Patrick's Day the young people from the rural deanery met for 'Energise' in Ahoghill. The theme was ministry and we had an evening full of fun and fellowship. Next month we will meet in St Patrick's, Broughshane.

During Holy Week the young people will meet to watch and study the film 'The Passion' and on Good Friday after the family service we will have 'Buns and Crosses' in the hall where there will be refreshments and crafts for the children.

Lucy





Around the Parish

BADMINTON

Badminton Club continues to meet on Wednesday evenings from 7.30 - 9 pm.

We are a friendly group who would welcome any new players who wish to come along (year 8 - adult).



We are having a break for **Easter 27th March and 3rd April** but will be back on **10th April** for a few weeks before we have our summer break so come along and join the fun!

Hazel Davison

MOTHERS AND TODDLERS



In March we have had a very busy time with our usual activities, crafts and play. We made snakes and greetings cards for St Patrick's Day and a Mother's Day gift.

On Tuesday 12th March we had Betty Shaw and Hingie Dawson with us selling small knitted Easter items in aid of Radio Cracker. We finished on 19th March when we had fun rolling our eggs and other Easter activities. We are looking forward on **Tuesday 9th April** to a presentation on Baby Resuscitation and First Aid by Audrey Vance. We send our best wishes to Oliver Reid.

If you or your friends have babies or pre-school age children, please do come and join us on Tuesday mornings. You will find us in the church hall between 10 am and 12 noon - everyone welcome. But note that we will be closed for Easter on the **26th March and 2nd April**.

Rota for April:-

DATE	NAME	FUNCTION
9 April	Rosemary Stacey, Sandra McKay and Mary Cochrane	Tea
	Bee Robinson	Welcoming
	Alex McKay	Car Park
16 April	Evonne Stinson, Eleanor Burnett, Martha Caulfield and Rosalie Grainger	Tea
	Vera Owens	Welcoming
	Davy Nelson	Car Park
23 April	Martha Rainey, Dorothy Hegan and Isabel Halliday	Tea
	Anne Fisher	Welcoming
	Trevor Halliday/Jimmy Coleman	Car Park
30 April	Ruth Murray, Isabell Adair, Nell McIlwee and Karin Agnew	Tea
	Ann Harrison	Welcoming
	Davy Nelson	Car Park

Our thanks to you all for your continued support.

Dorothy (2589 2740), Anna, Anne and Liz

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY

The girls at GFS have had a busy year and we are now getting ready for our annual display. Our display will be on **23rd April 2013 at 7.30 pm**. We would like to invite parishioners, friends and family to come along on the night to show their support. We hope to see you there.



GFS Leaders

MOTHERS' UNION



- Wednesday 10th April 8pm - 'STYLE SOLUTIONS'. Supper - Liz Bodel and Margaret Spiers. (Everyone welcome).
- **SUNDAY 14th APRIL 3.30 PM - FESTIVAL SERVICE ST ANNE'S CATHEDRAL BELFAST.** (Any one requiring a lift, please get in touch with a member of the branch or myself 2563 0671). Valerie Ash will be commissioned as Diocesan President at this Service - please support her by your attendance and in your prayers.

Jean Kennedy (Sec)



SQUIRRELS

This term has been very busy for the Squirrels. We have been playing lots of games, cooking and doing crafts. The highlight was a visit from Rhonda from PSNI who came along to talk to the boys. We got to try out some of the equipment, and have a look inside the cell van. Some of us were even handcuffed, though luckily we all managed to escape. Squirrels will be having a break for Easter and will return on **Wednesday 10th April** at 6.30 pm.

Paul and Ann

CUBS

Well here again we have another Cub update and some burning issues have been covered since the last time we had an update.



All the Cubs and the leaders had a visit to the Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue Centre on the Galgorm Road. We had a chance to explore the fire engines and take a tour of the station. The Cubs had a go at using the hose to soak everyone. Everyone enjoyed themselves and a massive thank you to all at the station for having us there.

Looking back the Cubs attended the Northern Ireland Cub Quiz final and had an enjoyable day, even though we didn't win. As always the Cubs did their best, and are to be commended in getting to the final.

By the time this goes to print St Columba's Cubs will have hosted the District Flag event. The event winner has the privilege of carrying the District Flag in the annual St George's day Parade in the town. We all have our fingers crossed.

On the badge front, home safety, global challenge and promise have been the main themes. Home safety badges were presented to the Cubs by our local Fire personnel, adding a touch of class to the normal badge giving.

We are currently in the process of planning our annual camp. This is looking like a camp not to be missed ... more details coming soon.

Our very own Akela has taken up the role of Assistant District Commissioner Cubs - congratulations to her.

CHURCH LADS' BRIGADE

The Brigade will start back on **Friday, 5th April**.
Dates for your diary:

- 14th April - Regimental Parade - Portrush at 3.30 pm.
- 19th April - Parents' Night - 7.30 pm.
- 20th April - Sports Day, Coleraine at 1.30 pm.
Five-a-Side Football - Lisburn at 6.30 pm.



Brigade Week is the first week in April. Please support the boys who are collecting for charities.

Alan Ross, Tel No. 2589 2740



The choir held their Annual General Meeting at the end of January and the following members were elected:

Chairperson
Vice Chairperson
Treasurer
Secretary
Robe Mistress
Press Secretary

***Judith Orr
Jack Malcolm
Moyna Kilfedder
Ella Duddy
Jean Kennedy
Harry Fisher***

In April the choir will have a Fireside quiz to help raise money for choir funds. We invite you to support the choir and have fun by testing your knowledge.

Some of the members joined with the parish choir in Banbridge at the funeral of Mrs Pat Hamilton, mother of Judith Orr, in early March. Mrs Hamilton was a regular visitor to our church and always supported the choir at special events. We extend our sincere sympathy to Judith, her father and sisters.

Also we remember the Minford Family on their sad loss of Lauren. She was a member of the junior choir in her early teens.

Ella Duddy



THE BALLYMENA FOODBANK

The Ballymena Foodbank is, finally, now open for business. It is a brilliant scheme whereby food is donated in Ballymena for people in Ballymena who need food. It's that simple.

At the moment Green Pastures will be the only distribution centre but later on they are hoping to operate from St Patrick's for two sessions a week as we are in a better location for the town centre.

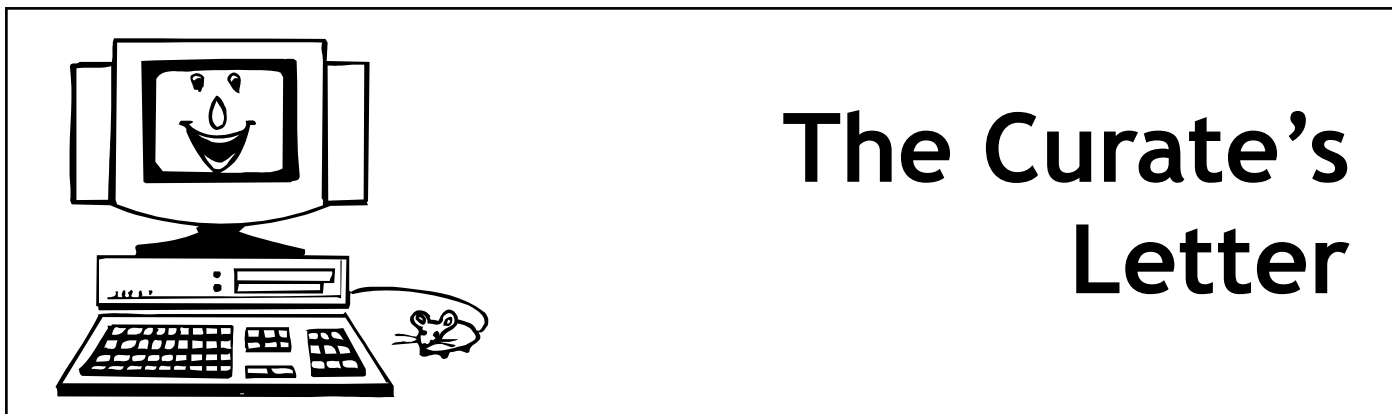
Could anyone who is interested in supporting it please donate the foods listed below at any services in the church, they can be left at the back of the church.

Foodbox items required:-

Milk (UHT or powdered)	Sugar (500g)	Fruit juice (carton)
Soup	Pasta sauces	Tomatoes (tinned)
Sponge pudding (tinned)	Cereals	Rice pudding (tinned)
Tea Bags/instant coffee	Rice/pasta	Tinned meat/fish
Instant mash potato	Tinned fruit	Jam
Biscuits or snack bar		

If people have any other long life food not on the list the Foodbank will take that also.

Iain



The Curate's Letter

Behold, Everything Has Become New!

As with most parishes these days, we have a vision statement which outlines our intentions as a Christian community. Our statement is essentially this: that in response to God's love, through faith in Jesus Christ, and by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, we seek to make and deepen friendships with God, each other, and the world.

Over the course of these last few years we have examined various ways in which the intentions of that statement can be realised in practical ways. Depending on which of our three churches you regularly worship in, you will have noticed slight (sometimes subtle) changes to how we conduct our services. Whether or not you avail of them, you will be aware that various courses have been offered, such as the Theology Group, Spirituality Group, Christian Living Group, House Groups, 'Just Walk Across the Room' Course, in addition to the long-standing Bible Fellowship. A happy consequence of our need to fund raise has been the number of events recently which have brought our parishioners together to socialise and have fun. We also have several ongoing projects which enable us to do something positive for the local community, such as the Hope Centre Breakfast, the Student Lunches, and more recently the Food Bank.

All of the above developments are good, and everyone involved in organising them and supporting them is to be commended for helping us to bring our vision statement into fruition. But here's the problem: to a large extent all of those things have been initiated by the clergy. (That is not to say that the clergy have organised all of them, because thank-

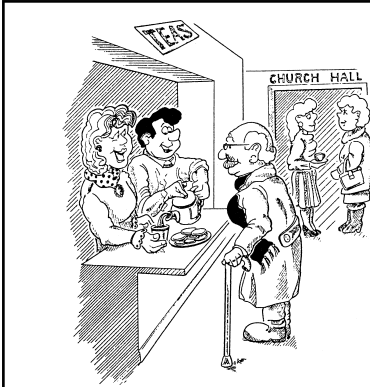
fully we have some very dedicated parishioners who have taken on a lot of responsibility to make those things happen. However, in general they have been asked and empowered by the clergy to do those things.) The issue here is that this sort of clergy-led parish development can only go so far. It is very much a top-down model of change and has a natural limit of effectiveness. Real change can only come about when the people themselves (that's you!) truly want to see our parish develop and then take ownership of our efforts to achieve that.

I'm not suggesting that every parishioner needs to become an organiser of events, as wonderful as that would be. What it does mean, however, is that every parishioner should take seriously their calling as a disciple of Jesus. We are members of Jesus' Church because we believe that he is our Master and we want to learn from him and follow the way of life advocated by him. That's a difficult path to walk. But that's why we are students learning at his feet, who will naturally make many mistakes, but who must nevertheless try and try again.

This personal discipleship must be at the heart of our collective attempt to realise our vision statement. For we will only be able to make friends with God as a parish if we individually pray every day, study the Scriptures for ourselves, and make a conscious effort to remember that we come to church to praise and honour God rather than simply to enjoy the old familiar words of the liturgy. Likewise, we will only make friends with each other if we can stop all of the worldly negativity that consistently strikes at the heart of this parish through malicious criticism and gossip. Moreover, we will only make friendship with the world if we recognise and understand that Jesus is constantly calling us to help the poor and needy with the same spirit of selflessness that he expressed on the Cross.

So let this Easter be the time when you take ownership of our efforts to transform this church community. I urge all of us to have a personal spiritual awakening through which our old worldly ways are put to death, and instead we are involved in the creation of a new parish, in which all members are truly focused upon God, each other, and the world. Be part of it!

Brian



Catering

It's hard to believe but, yes, the catering teams have been up and running for a year. It has been an interesting learning curve for the team leaders and we have had a few minor teething problems. However, all in all I feel that we have had a very successful year. I would like to thank the team leaders for their support as well as everyone on the teams who so willingly help, often at short notice. There are some ladies who are unable to help at the functions but very kindly supply tray bakes when called upon and we really appreciate this help.

If there is anyone who is not presently on a team but would like to be involved we would love to hear from you. Just contact any of the Team Leaders who will be only too willing to enlist you. We just need you to be aware that because the catering teams do not cater for every event held at the church and the fact that we are fortunate enough to have five teams, it could be some time before you are called upon to help so please don't think you are being overlooked.

The teams as they are at present are listed below:-

Liz Hughes

Ann Bacon
Maureen Curry
Tilly Fleming
Joan Holden
Heather Hughes
Nina Marrs
Ruth Murray
Sandra McKay
Patricia McWhirter
Irene Rodgers
Alice Smylie
Barbara Fleming

Hilary Strain

Liz Beatty
Rosemary Colhoun
Deborah Crawford
Jean Eaton
Maura Heaton
Stephanie Johnston
Cathy Moore
Sarah McClung
Nicola McCombe
Vicky McCrum
Vera Owens
Carol Sloan

Vera Greer

Isobel Adair
Deborah Bennett
Doris Clements
Mary Galbraith
Heather Houston
Kelsey Monaghan
Brenda Nixon
Martha Rainey
Margaret Telford
June Livingstone

Jean Kennedy

Ann Adams
Pam Boreland
Eileen Caldwell
Moirra Cunningham
Myrtle Dunlop
Ella Duddy
Joanne Fulton
Ann Kelly
Judith Orr
Maureen Patterson
Evonne Stinson
Sandra Thompson

Liz Bodel

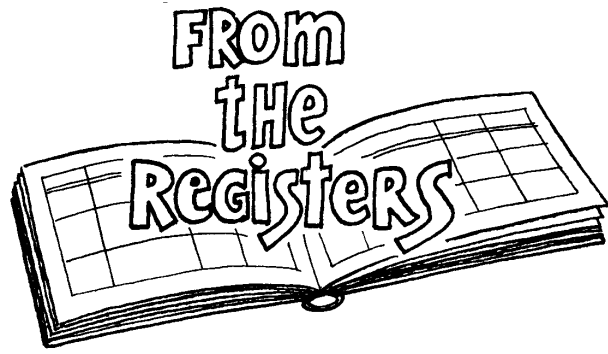
Karen Agnew
Ann Balmer
Sandra Duke
Rosalie Grainger
Isobel Halliday
Dorothy Hegan
Anna Mitchell
Iris McKenzie
Rosemary Stacey
Christine Soar
Marie Telford

Ladies available to provide tray bakes when required

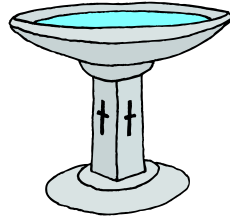
Florence Atkinson
Jean Cunningham
Ruth Dixon
Helen Herbison
Florence McKinley
Irene Thompson
Letty Kettles

***Liz Hughes
Team Coordinator***





HOLY BAPTISM



10 th March	Adam Thomas Payne	98 Beech Drive, Ballymena
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HOLY MATRIMONY



22 nd March	Richard Quigley	4 Rossdale, Ballymena
	Victoria Quirey	4 Rossdale, Ballymena

CHRISTIAN BURIAL



4 th March	Lauren Minford	50 Thornbrook, Ahoghill
9 th March	Julia Campbell	Braefield Nursing Home
15 th March	Rosaleen Wood	9 Galgorm Hall, Ballymena

Lauren Minford

Lauren died in her early twenties following a road accident. This tragedy was devastating for her family and close friends but also touched the

wider community. St Patrick's was overflowing for her funeral - so many people wished in some small way to identify with the family in their grief but also to celebrate a young life so suddenly cut short. The service itself reflected her love of music, especially songs that enlivened the spirit and her appreciation of colour was also acknowledged.

Lauren studied at Harryville and Hazelbank Primary Schools, then at Cambridge House before moving on to do a music degree at the University of Ulster. She then completed her PGCE and since last September was teaching at Culcrow Primary School. Her parents were so proud of her undertaking this profession and she loved it. She threw herself into her work and was a valued member of the school family. Needless to say her death was felt keenly in the small school community and many of her young pupils attended the funeral. A week after the accident the school held a special assembly and presented the family with a memory box put together by her pupils.

There is a terrible gap now in her family. She contributed so much - she was the lively and forthright one who could spark others but all the banter and carry on was embraced by a great love and respect. She loved her music from an early age and so there was no problem in needing to encourage practice. She was to play at the March Family Service in St Patrick's - indeed was wondering how she could enliven the music - but tragically this was not to be. Lauren had been brought up in St Patrick's, had been a Junior Churchwarden and had been involved in the youth scene - always putting her musical ability to good use. More recently she had attended another church with her boy friend. We do remember David the love of her life but especially Jackson and Alison her parents and her elder sister Emma.

Julia Campbell

Julia Campbell (nee Kenny) was born in Springwell Street in Ballymena in 1921. With twelve brothers and sisters, she belonged to a large family, and her family would be of utmost importance to her throughout her life. In the 1930's she met her husband, Tommy, and they set up home firstly

at Broughshane Street, and then in Granville Drive. With seven children, Julia maintained her strong focus on family. As they grew older, she was able to work in Gallahers in Galgorm. Throughout all of this time she was a regular member of the congregation at St Patrick's. She had a strong and simple faith, and she sought to live her life based around the Ten Commandments. She could also be lively and funny, and enjoyed pranks and practical jokes! Towards the end of her life, Julia was living in Braefield Nursing Home, and the family are very thankful for the care she received from staff there. As a parish we express our sincere condolences to her children, grandchildren and the wider family circle.

Rosaleen Wood

Rosaleen was over 90 when she died and had been able to come to the last Family Service in St Patrick's. From Balinamore near Ballymoney she worked in the Ministry of Agriculture in Belfast until during the war the workers were evacuated to Cookstown. There she met Sidney who was serving locally in the RAF. They were to have nearly 70 years together - a wonderful long relationship. They returned to London where Rosaleen worked in the Bank of England and it was only in 2000 that they came back to Northern Ireland and settled in Ballymena. She always had an interest in the church and when they lived near Guilford both of them helped in the Cathedral. Although advanced in years Rosaleen particularly enjoyed our Family Service. We remember Sidney, her daughter Ann, sister Doreen and brother Jim Adams.





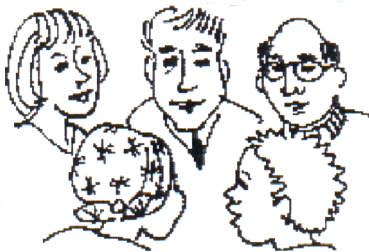
OUR ACTIVITIES

SAINT PATRICK'S

	Day	Time	Venue
Bellringers	Friday	7.30 pm	Tower
Bible Fellowship	Tuesday	8.00 pm	Choir Vestry
Church Choir	Thursday	7.30 pm	Choir Vestry
Church Lads' Brigade			
YBC	Friday	6.45 pm	Parochial Hall
JTC	Friday	6.45 pm	Parochial Hall
CLB	Friday	8.00 pm	Parochial Hall
Girls' Friendly Society	Tuesday	7.15 pm	Minor Hall
Healer Prayer Group	Tuesday	7.15 pm	Church Vestry
Indoor Bowling Club	Monday	7.30 pm	Parochial Hall
	Thursday	7.30 pm	Parochial Hall
Mothers and Toddlers	Tuesday	10.00 am	Parochial Hall
Mothers' Union	2nd Wed.	8.00 pm	Minor Hall
Still Active Club	3rd Wed.	2.00 pm	Minor Hall
Youth Club	Saturday	8.00 pm	Parochial Hall
Junior Youth Club	Saturday	7.00 pm	Parochial Hall
Young Adult Fellowship	2nd Sunday	7.30 pm	Jubilee Room
Youth Fellowship	3rd Sunday	7.30 pm	Parochial Hall
Badminton	Wednesday	7.30 pm	Parochial Hall
Theology Group	1st Thurs.	7.45 pm	Jubilee Room
Sewing Group	Thursday	10.00 am	Parochial Hall

SAINT COLUMBA'S

	Day	Time	Contact
Beavers	Monday	6.30 pm	Mrs L McCullagh
Ladies' Circle	4th Monday	8.00 pm	Mrs L Beatty
Brownies	Tuesday	6.30 pm	Mrs S Foster
Guides	Tuesday	6.30 pm	Mrs K Black
Squirrels	Wednesday	6.30 pm	Mr P Houston
Christian Living Group	3rd Wed.	7.30 pm	Rev B Lacey
Cubs	Thursday	6.45 pm	Miss H Hughes
Choir	Sunday	10.15 am	Mrs S Montgomery
Rainbows	Friday	6.30 pm	Miss E Peachey
Scouts	Friday	7.45 pm	Mr K Hughes



OUR WORSHIP

ST PATRICK'S PARISH CHURCH

SUNDAY SERVICES

8.15 am

10.15 am

11.30 am

3rd Sunday in the month

1st Sunday in the month

6.30 pm

4th Sunday in the month

Holy Communion

Family Service

Morning Prayer

Parish Communion

Evening Prayer

Living Faith Service

EVERY WEDNESDAY

10.30 am

Holy Communion

ST PATRICK'S, BALLYCLUG

SUNDAY SERVICES

10.00 am

4th Sunday in the month

Morning Prayer

Holy Communion

ST COLUMBA'S, DUNCLUG

SUNDAY SERVICES

8.30 am

11.30 am

1st Sunday in the month

2nd Sunday in the month

3rd Sunday in the month

Holy Communion

Morning Prayer

Family Service

Family Communion

SUNDAY SCHOOLS

ST PATRICK'S

11.30 am

Church

Leaders - Mrs L McLaughlin and Mr A Ross

ST COLUMBA'S

11.30 am

Church

Superintendent - Mrs S Foster

HOLY BAPTISM

At Sunday services by arrangement