

Parish of Kilconriola and Ballyclug

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Diocese of Connor - Parish of Kilconriola and Ballyclug



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THE RECTOR WRITES



The Rector Writes

Last month we talked about the film ‘The King’s Speech’ and how King George VI struggled to find his voice. This month I also want to think of speech in the form of words. Most of us are familiar with the rhyme ‘Sticks and stones may break my bones but words will never hurt me’. Now there may be those who are so thick skinned that all hurtful words just run off them but I imagine that the rest of us have at times been hurt by words that others have spoken.

I remember words spoken against me in the rugby changing room when I was still at school. Sometimes parishioners speak of the hurt caused by fellow parishioners through the exchange of words. It is strange that we seem to remember the hurtful words more easily than the helpful ones. And some of us will have to own up that we too have at times caused hurt through our use of words.

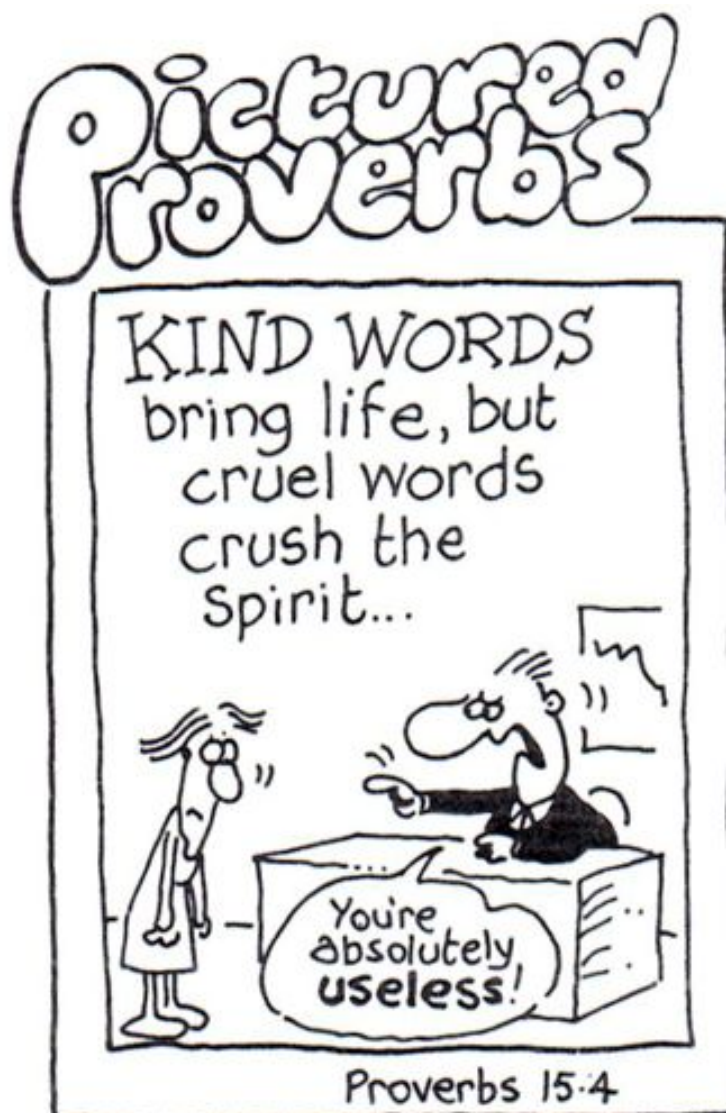
Most of us are sufficiently sensitive to be hurt to some degree by words. Thus despite the rhyme we do know the power of words to hurt. Importantly we need to recognise also the power of words to help. Words of comfort, encouragement, sympathy, contrition, forgiveness, thanksgiving and praise are thus vital and if they do not come naturally we should train ourselves to use them more often.

If words are powerful what about the words of God? When we look to the creation story at the beginning of the bible we hear the words, ‘And God said,’ and as a result of these words our world came into being. The words of God had indeed amazing power. And what about the words of God as they are spoken by Jesus. He says to a leprosy sufferer ‘be clean’ and with those two words the man was healed. He says to the storm ‘be still’ and the wind and the waves are calmed. Again and again words are spoken by Jesus which are life changing. Even after his return to heaven Saul hears the words of Jesus on the road to Damascus and his life is turned about.

We want to think of the word of God as it comes to us in Scripture as having great power. We read in Hebrews 4 v 12, 'The word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double edged sword it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart'. Yet while it can get right in to convict we remember that this ultimately is so that we can be changed for the better and become bigger people. 'I am come that you may have life and have it in abundance'. 'In this world you shall have tribulation, but be of good cheer I have overcome the world'. 'My grace is sufficient'. Such words of scripture have power to get right in to the depth of our being and to make such a difference.

So let us appreciate the power for good - the life enhancing power of the words to be found in Scripture. One of our collects or prayers encourages us to 'read, mark, learn and inwardly digest' the words of scripture. We are to go then to scripture willing to let the words of God get right in and go deeper and deeper to bring about our healing.

Stuart Lloyd.





Parish News

MINISTRY SUNDAY

As mentioned in last month's magazine we are designating Sunday **16th March** as Ministry Sunday - the Sunday nearest to St Patrick's Day. On that day we will be having a special appeal to try to meet the costs of forwarding ministry in the parish. These costs include the payment of wages to those employed by the parish including our clergy. At the moment the rector is supported by one curate.

The Select Vestry has stepped out in faith and agreed to the appointment of another curate - trusting that parishioners will also step out and provide the necessary resources. Thus we are pleased that the Rev John McClure will be joining the ministry team from 1st June.

We presently have a special St Patrick's tide envelope. Over the years limited attention has been given to this envelope and the amount raised through it has also

been limited. This year we want to highlight its importance in terms of supporting the work of ministry and especially at this time in providing for another curate. Not long ago we had a special appeal for renovation work and parishioners responded well in terms of purchasing 'stones' at a cost of £50 each.

It costs over £25,000 annually to provide for a curate. We have over 600 parishioners who subscribe through envelopes. If 500 of these were to give a one off subscription of £50 we would be well on our way. Of course there will be those whose circumstances do not allow such a gift but then there are those who could give a greater sum. We do hear of other churches where such appeals raise large sums of money - we trust that our folk can rise to the challenge.

It is of course important that this appeal does not take away from the regular weekly giving which we are eager to maintain.

AFRICA CALLS

It is good to report that 2 of our young people are joining the inter church team from the town that is going to Ethiopia in July. The team is going in conjunction with Habitat for Humanity and thus will be engaging in building work. Stephanie Graham from St Columba's and Taylor Ross from St Patrick's have started on their preparations with injections etc. As a parish we want to support them and thus will be considering fund raising. Already we can report that the Ballymena Church Members Forum, who have organised this mission experience, have arranged a concert in St Patrick's on 6th June with the well known trio 'The Priests'.

GOOD MORNING BALLYMENA

Good Morning Ballymena is a FREE friendly Telephone and Befriending Support Service for adults of 60+ who may feel lonely, want a chat or someone to just brighten up their day. If you live in the Borough of Ballymena, then this service would be for you.

We will make a telephone call to our members at an agreed time

each morning, Monday to Friday, between 9.30 am - 12.30 pm, to check that they are OK, and have a friendly chat.

If you want to avail of this service yourself and become a member or know of anyone who might appreciate the service there are membership forms at the back of the churches. At the moment the service is overseen by a parishioner Debbie Chestnutt.

LENT

Recent heavy rain and storms resulting in flooding have alerted us to the impact nature can have upon our lives. There is much evidence that global warming and climate change are underway and that man has played quite a part in this. As Christians we are aware that we have a responsibility to care for our world. Lent is a time when we can reflect how in practical terms we could fulfil this responsibility and be more eco friendly. In our house I am aware of the amount of food that is discarded - we need to see how in our buying, storage and use we can be more careful. There are many other areas we might consider including switching off lights

and electrical items when not required; using biodegradable products; composting; planting trees; conserving water; ethical fashion and ensuring cars are well serviced to prevent pollution.

During Lent as a positive initiative we are also encouraging parishioners to read St Mark's Gospel. There are just 16 chapters in this gospel and roughly 40 days in Lent so it is an undertaking that most should be able to manage. We should read it also not just to complete a task but to gain a further insight into this person Jesus who is after all at the centre of our faith. Consider as you read how as a person he appeals to you.

Also during Lent we will be having, as well as our morning Wednesday communion, a service of Compline at 8 pm in Ballyclug. Nearly 30 people have also declared an interest in the Exploring Christianity Course on Thursday nights at 7.45 pm. There will be the usual Bible Fellowship on a Tuesday night.

SAINSBURY'S ACTIVE KIDS 2014

Active Kids is back! Vouchers are available to collect from all Sainsbury's stores and petrol stations

between 29th January and 20th May 2014.

St Columba's Scout Group (Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts) will be taking part and would really appreciate it if you would bring your vouchers to church. There is a collecting box at the back of each.

Please remember if you're asked if you want 'School Vouchers' to say, "Yes, please," as youth organisations are also allowed to take part. Thank you very much for your help as the Group will be able to obtain some lovely games and cooking equipment with your vouchers.

Skip

MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTION

Yes, its that time of year again when we encourage all who receive the magazine to make their annual subscription. You should find a subscription envelope in this month's magazine and this should, when filled, be returned to church. We are keeping the subscription rate at the same level and thus would like people to give at least £6. We do appreciate all who do return their envelopes - unfortunately many manage to avoid payment! Please try to do your best.

THANK YOU

I wish to thank our clergy and all the members of our parish family for the wonderful support given to me during Maurice's illness and passing. Thank you to Canon Lloyd for his help in so many ways as well as for conducting such a lovely service.

God has shown me many things in the past few weeks. Romans 8 v 28 says, "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them that are called according to his purpose." Having Maurice's American cousin Irene staying here proved the truth of those words to me. She has been my companion and friend, extending her stay to give me much needed company.

Thanks must go to - Lorraine, Sandra and John in the office and church, Patricia and Rosalie our church wardens, the bell ringers, organist and choir and to Ivor and Ivan who read the lessons with such feeling. Thanks also to Adelaide and Doreen and the prayer teams, all those who telephoned, (one friend telephoned three or four times each day), called at the home, brought gifts, sent cards, attended the funeral service and of course to Liz and the ladies for the lovely refreshments.

I don't need to tell you how much I miss Maurice, who gave me such a wonderful life. I praise my Heavenly Father for bringing me this far. Please keep me in your prayers. (Philippines 1 v 6 Auth. Ver.).

Irene

Dogcollar



I WANT LOTS OF
GOOD FOOD, A
COMFORTABLE BED
A T.V. SET.....
I KNOW -





Around the Parish

SQUIRRELS

The Squirrels have been busy cooking, doing craft work, and playing games. They have so much energy and enthusiasm each week. The boys are enjoying having our helper Jack with us, as he has perhaps a little more energy than Paul and Ann!



Jack is proving to be a great asset to the Squirrels, between joining in with games, helping the leaders set up and his general cheerful spirit which is infectious. If anyone else would like to help out in Squirrels then please feel free to come along to any of our meetings in St Columba's on Wednesday evenings from 6.30 pm - 7.30 pm. We would love to see you there.

Paul, Ann, Jack and Mr Squirrel



CHURCH LADS' BRIGADE

Thanks to all parents and friends who supported the enrolment service.

New recruits into the Martins - Joe McGrattan, Kayden Wilson, Jamie Quigley. Moving up to Y Team - Robert Johnston, Euan Hamill and the J Team - Callum Hamill, Adam Lamont, Adam Reynolds, Adam Boyd, Sam Crawford, Aaron Adair, James McIlpatrick and John Young.

Many thanks to everyone who helped and donated items for the Jumble Sale.

Our annual Display and Parents' evening will be held on Friday 4th April at 7.30 pm. Everyone welcome.

Alan Ross



The choir attended the funeral of Maurice Thompson on Saturday 1st February. Maurice was always very helpful and supported the choir on many occasions. We extend our sincere sympathy to Irene.

We are pleased to welcome Zara Leetch back to the choir and hope she will enjoy singing with us.

A new microphone was installed by the choir over a year ago at a considerable cost. This was to improve the quality of sound from the chancel. We would like to thank Michael Johnston for his continuing support and time spent checking the balance of sound in the church.

Ella Duddy

MOTHERS' UNION

Wednesday 12th March - 'No Bugs on Us' also BRING AND BUY. Supper Rosalie Grainger/Myrtle Dunlop.



Sunday 23rd Festival Service 3.30 pm St Ann's Cathedral. Coach leaving St Patrick's Church at 2.15 pm sharp.

Jean Kennedy

MUMS AND TODDLERS



During February we had our usual activities of craft, toys, healthy snacks and singing. We made Valentine Cards and Sadie Peachey gave a very enjoyable talk on Healthy Eating, bringing delicious fruit for us to sample. Sure Start came along providing enjoyable singing and dancing and they will be back with Arts and Crafts on 18th March. In March we are also looking forward to Pancake Tuesday, St Patrick's Day and Mothering Sunday. We are very pleased to welcome Bob Peachey to help with car parking. It's good to see some new faces on a Tuesday morning, please feel welcome to come along to the church hall between 10 am and 12 noon.

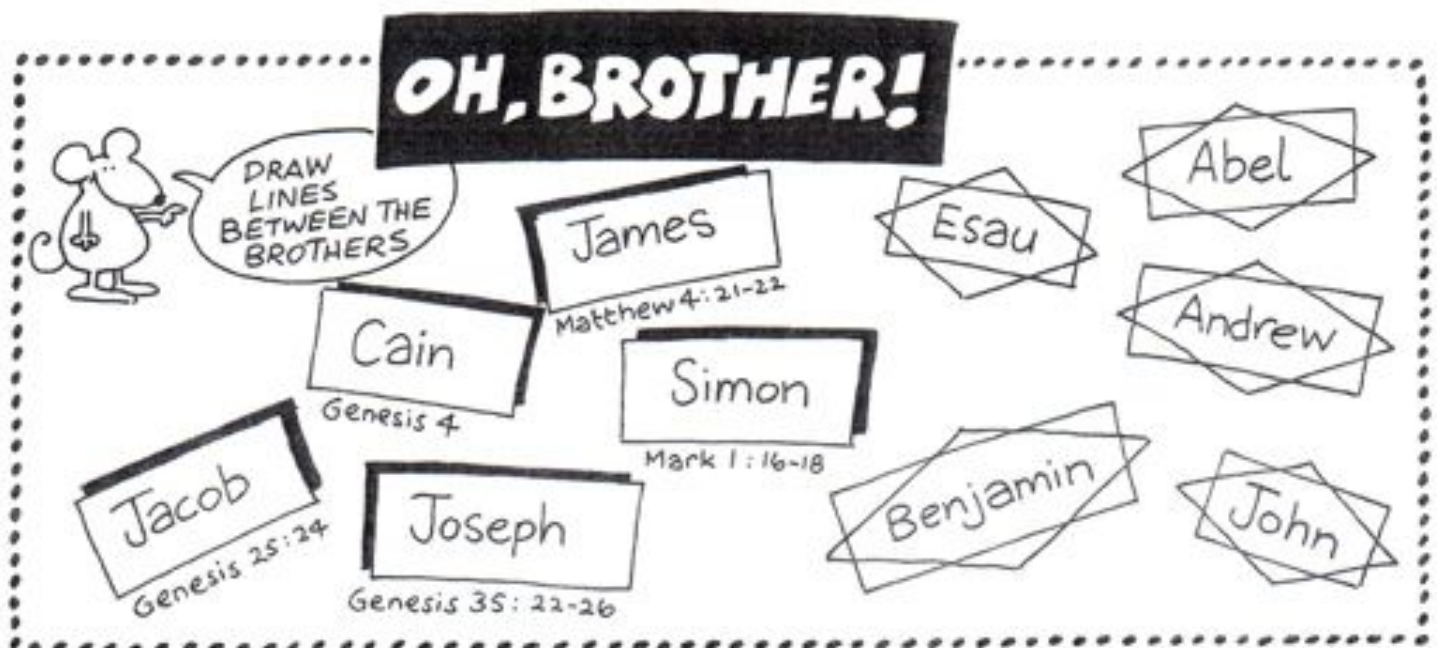
A special thank you to the gentlemen of the parish who are braving the very cold winter mornings helping with car parking in very difficult circumstances. It is much appreciated.

Rota for March:-

DATE	NAME	FUNCTION
4 March	Rosemary Stacey, Sandra McKay, and Mary Cochrane	Tea
	Bee Robinson	Welcoming
	Alex McKay	Car Park
11 March	Evonne Stinson, Eleanor Burnett, Vera Owens and Marlene Gray	Tea
	Martha Caulfield	Welcoming
	Oliver Reid and Robert McGimpsey	Car Park
18 March	Dorothy Hegan, Isabel Halliday, Karin Agnew and Sandra Duke	Tea
	Anne Fisher	Welcoming
	Jimmy Coleman	Car Park
25 March	Ruth Murray, Isabell Adair, Nell McIlwee and Kathleen Thompson	Tea
	Liz Peachey	Welcoming
	Davy Nelson/Bob Peachey	Car Park

Our thanks to you all for your continued support.

***Dorothy (2589 2740),
Anna, Anne and Liz***



New Curate

We will be welcoming the Revd John McClure to the parish at the beginning of June. He comes as curate assistant alongside Iain Jamieson.

John was brought up around Glengormley and worked in Michelin in Mallusk. He then served in the Airport Police for 14 years. After this he was called to work with Irish Church Missions with special responsibilities for Northern Ireland. This brought him into contact with numerous parishes throughout the north. He took a special interest in social issues - working with those affected by drugs, alcohol and suicide.

At the same time he trained for the Auxiliary Ministry in the Church of Ireland. Ordained in 2007, he has worked in Broughshane Parish and in St Michael's on the Shankhill Road. He comes thus to us with much experience and as he starts with us he moves from the Auxiliary Ministry to the full time stipendiary ministry.

John is married to Margo and has two grown-up daughters, Stephanie and Rachel. He presently lives in Connor and that will be his base. John plays golf, walks and enjoys all sport. We look forward to his coming and the contribution he will make to ministry in the parish.





Honorary Secretary's Notes

Since I last wrote the Parish has undergone our five-yearly inspection by the Building Conservation Surveyor appointed by the Diocese. Thankfully his survey didn't show up any major defects in any of the Parish properties, but there was a list of smaller works which will need to be attended to, though many of these we were already aware of and had on our 'to do' list anyway.

The survey puts the work required into three categories:

- a. Urgent and requiring immediate attention,
- b. Requiring attention within the period of the report (ie the next five years) and,
- c. A desirable improvement.

As you'll appreciate, in reality the constraints of budget mean that only those items in category A really receive attention, category B might get done when the first list is completed if we can afford it and category C jobs will probably stay firmly on the wish-list.

So this is what we are required to do around the different properties:

The Rectory - requires attention to the guttering, down pipes and soil-stacks. Most importantly the chimney flashings require repair and renewal because there is some ingress of water around the chimney stacks in the roof-space.

St Columba's - in much the same way as the Rectory, the flashings around the sky-lights require an overhaul and some minor repairs to keep them watertight.

St Patrick's, Ballyclug - 'piecing in' of rotten floorboards required to a small area, and we need to arrange to have a new Fire Risk Assessment carried out, and obviously would then have to act on any recommendations arising from that.

St Patrick's, Castle Street - nothing of note at all around the halls, but the theme of leaking rain-water continues with several joints requiring to be made good. The main door also is in need of re-decoration as soon as the weather might allow.

The total estimate for all of the above works is comfortably below £10,000 and can be achieved from the Renovation Fund.

However, we can't depend solely on one survey taken on a couple of consecutive days and the bad weather showed up at other times in drips below the join of the southern aisle roof to the nave. This seems to indicate further work to the flashing on that junction is needed, and sadly there is still a problem of water getting in around the tower and above the organ, as I'm sure several members of the choir can attest, trying to dodge the drips as they sometimes have to.

Investigations into this problem show that there is still water getting into the tower at height, and worse that this has now led to dry-rot being found in the timbers below the floor of the ringing chamber. This discovery of course now goes straight to the top of the list of work needed to be carried out so that it can be contained and then eliminated as soon as possible before it can spread too far. The architects who oversaw the renovations have been asked back to prepare recommendations on the best way to tackle this new problem, but for now the Select Vestry has decided to limit access to the tower until the extent of the trouble has been fully mapped out. I'll keep you updated as and when we have a plan of action to remedy the situation. In the meantime we can ask the Lord for a little less rain for a while and perhaps an early spring to help us all out.

All the Best.

Alastair



Everyone has been busy in Youth Club doing different activities. We made Valentine Cards and gifts and learnt that the most important Valentine we will ever receive is from God. We have also been doing crafts, games and are looking forward to making pancakes for Pancake Day.

We will also be raising money for the CMS project 'God's Big Family' in which we will be filling Smartie tubes with 20 pence pieces which will go towards buying bicycles for those that need transport.



In Sunday school over the next couple of months we will be looking at this years CMS project God's Big Family.

CMS is celebrating its 200th anniversary so therefore this year's project is a special one allowing us to share the broader story of CMS Ireland's partners in Africa and Nepal and exploring what it means to be part of the worldwide church - God's Big Family. The worldwide church is made up of more than 2 billion Christians in over 200 countries - its a big family and we are all part of it. There are lots of similarities within God's family around the world - after all we worship the same God, read the same bibles and share the same core beliefs. The basics of church are the same - we meet together for fellowship, we worship God together, we grow and learn together and we engage in mission reaching out to share God's love through evangelising and social care. This year's project focuses on the nine countries where our CMS partners work - Burundi, DR Congo, Egypt, Kenya, Nepal, Rwanda, South Sudan, Uganda and Zambia. This year CMS hope to raise money for transport - a significant challenge that faces our global partners. Clergy often have to cover many miles over rough terrain to visit remote parts of a diocese. Mothers' Union workers have to go considerable distances to make house visits around a community, or

those with disabilities have to manage uneven ground in a big city. Wheels can make a difference. The Youth Club and Sunday School will be collecting money in Smartie tubes and CMS boxes will be left at the back of the church for any parishioners who wish to contribute.

On **Tuesday 1st April** there will be a training evening for Sunday School teachers in St Patrick's at 7.30 pm which will be taken by Jill Hamilton the new Children's Worker for Connor Diocese.

Any young person interested in young leaders training should contact Lucy or Alan as we hope to set this up soon with the Church of Ireland Youth Department.

Energize in March will take place on **Sunday 16th** at St Patrick's, Broughshane.

Lucy



**ENGAGE CONNOR YOUTH
PRESENTS:**

‘THE EVENT’

**FOR ALL YOUNG PEOPLE
AGED 11 AND OVER**

Saturday 29th March 2014

7 pm

**St Patrick's Parish Hall
Ballymena**

- Youth involvement and exciting news about future events
- Mark Ferguson Band!
- Pizza!
- Interviews with local celebs.



The Curate's Letter

Last week St Patrick's hosted the Connor Diocese Sexuality Conference. The purpose of this gathering was not to change people's minds on the (homo)sexuality issue, that would be too much to expect. It had a much more modest aim, to get people with different views simply to listen to each other for a few minutes. In this respect it can be said to have succeeded. Two main speakers, one from each 'side' of the debate were heard and politely clapped. People were polite to each other and so far as I know there was no real anger or rudeness.

We broke down into small groups to talk further. Different views were exchanged. One lady said to me, "You clergy are all very 'clever' but I just believe what the Bible says." And then she was silent as if she had said all that needed to be said on the matter. But like Shania Twain 'that don't impress me much'. Firstly it suggests that if you have a different view to her then you just aren't reading the Bible properly, which I reject and secondly it says that if you study and read what the Bible says in detail then you are just 'clever' and you obviously can't be expected to understand what the Bible says. Which seems illogical.

Later on a female minister said to me, "The Church has no right to change its historic teachings." The problem with that is that it has already, it went against two thousand years of tradition to ordain female ministers, not to mention many other changes over time on many issues from slavery to divorce.

I like to think I pay attention to the Bible myself. So do many people with a wide variety of opinions. People with different views on sexuality can all find parts of the Bible to support their case. I really am not at all sure that there is a very simple appeal to scripture in this case. Different

parts of the Bible say different things. What Jesus says on any matter has priority of course, but that doesn't help either, because he didn't say anything about homosexuality. That begs the question why didn't he say anything? And here again there are different possible answers. Maybe he wasn't at all bothered about it one way or the other, or maybe he took it for granted that the correct view on the matter was so obvious that it was not worth mentioning. You decide.

Scripture is a very difficult read for people who like very clear and straightforward answers on different topics. It might be easier for Muslims because Islam teaches that the Koran was dictated directly by God, like a person dictating a letter to a secretary. Unlike our very complicated Bible which is the word of God, filtered through many different (and sometimes very strange) people over a thousand or more years.

That of course is what makes our Bible so very very interesting, it involves people so much. It's not just a rule-book.

We might ask why is it all so complicated? I suspect the reason for this is that God could very easily make his presence abundantly clear to us. But God has created us to be free and he wants our relationship with him to be genuine and unforced. Forced love is not real love. God wants to be loved for himself, rather than for his power and abilities (which as we know are considerable). It is up to us whether we want to love God, and he doesn't force our hand. If God showed himself to us too much we would be completely overwhelmed, whereas at the moment all the evidence for God is there if we look for it but we are equally free to reject him, or even to deny that he exists. God makes 'A Cloud of Unknowing' between him and ourselves, so that we are often confused and perplexed at what he's really up to, or even if he's there at all.

For this reason scripture tells us all things, but we still have to decide for ourselves, to take 'a stand' as it were. I also believe that God wants us to use our intelligence when we read the Bible and to study it properly. My years of study of the Bible have shown me that the more you read it the more complicated it gets. Some people find that discouraging, but I

don't. It seems to me that the more you read the Bible, and the more you think about it, the more rich, the more profound and the more wonderful the purposes of God seem to be.

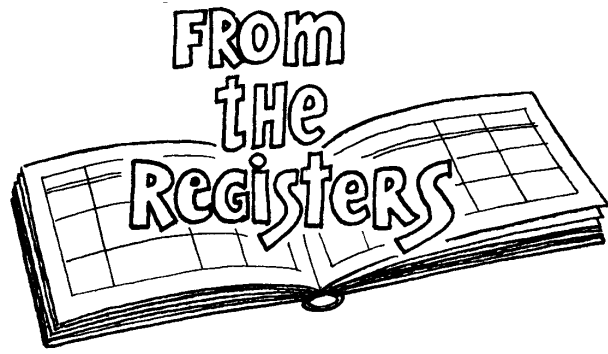
In the words of hymn 468 (my favourite):

Thou art a sea without a shore
A sun without a sphere
Thy time is now and evermore
Thy place is everywhere.

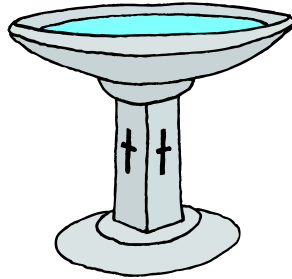
Iain James



*"... and if I hear one more chorus of
'This is the Day the Lord Has
Made' ..."*



HOLY BAPTISM



9th February

Harry Robinson

15 Ballyloughan Avenue,
Ballymena

CHRISTIAN BURIAL



29th January
1st February

Elizabeth Greer
Maurice Thompson

4 Toome Road, Ballymena
2 Beechwood Avenue,
Ballymena

Elizabeth (Lizzie) Greer

Lizzie worked at Tesco's petrol station and was known around Ballymena for her warm and outgoing personality and for the way she related to people. Lizzie was tragically drowned in the River Braid and the circumstances of her sudden death caused much shock. Lizzie's funeral at Henry's Funeral Parlour was packed beyond capacity with people queued back into the street to pay their respects. Lizzie was a family woman whose life centred around her children and long term partner Ivor. Our profound sympathy goes to Ivor, to son Gareth, grandchildren Lucy and Alex and to her sisters, colleagues and friends in their loss.

Maurice Thompson

Maurice remained more or less himself till just a few weeks before his death. Although for some time people had noticed a change in his outward appearance all his positive traits of character were still to the fore. His health did then decline rapidly but as they had shared so much through their marriage he and Irene shared at a deep level during his last days. Although Maurice was well aware of what was happening there was no fear - only faith. He began his life in Armagh but soon moved to Ballymena and had a life time in the teaching profession. He enjoyed his work in Ballymena Boys' Secondary School and was head of history before becoming vice principal. Over the years he must have had a positive influence on so many young people. When that school closed he went on to teach in the Regional College. He and Irene shared so much together and were regarded as almost an inseparable couple. Within the family of the church they worshipped together, they participated together in the Bible Fellowship and hosted a house group. They were together in the prayer support teams and on one of the count teams. They engaged in regular fund raising together and most importantly they prayed together. Maurice himself also served as a church warden, vestry member, holy communion assistant and directed many dramatic productions. As a person he was intelligent and always interested in learning more. He was generous and caring, very level headed and fair minded and above all a man of faith. He will be greatly missed within the family of the church to which he contributed so much. We offer our prayerful support to Irene as she, with her strong faith, faces into the future.





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
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
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		Holy Communion
10.15 am	3rd Sunday in the month	Family Service
11.30 am		Morning Prayer
	1st Sunday in the month	Parish Communion
6.30 pm		Evening Prayer
	3rd Sunday in the month	Holy Communion
	4th Sunday in the month	Living Faith Service

EVERY WEDNESDAY

10.30 am	Holy Communion
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ST PATRICK'S, BALLYCLUG

SUNDAY SERVICES

10.00 am	Morning Prayer
	Holy Communion
	4th Sunday in the month

ST COLUMBA'S, DUNCLUG

SUNDAY SERVICES

8.30 am	1st Sunday in the month	Holy Communion
11.30 am		Morning Prayer
	2nd Sunday in the month	Family Service
	3rd Sunday in the month	Family Communion

SUNDAY SCHOOLS

ST PATRICK'S

11.30 am	Church	Leaders - Mrs L McLaughlin and Mr A Ross
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ST COLUMBA'S

11.30 am	Church	Superintendent - Mrs S Foster
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HOLY BAPTISM

At Sunday services by arrangement