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THE RECTOR WRITES



The Rector Writes

What do you think could be the most destructive word in the English language? I was at a meeting recently and it was declared that one word could indeed qualify as such. The word selected is a word we use all the time and of itself is harmless but so often we can use it in a destructive way. That word is 'them'.

We use it often in the context of 'them and us' - that other crowd or those ones. In that context it so often has a negative tone. It is used from a position of superiority and it so often is dismissive. It usually arises out of a certain ignorance and shows a lack of understanding and respect for the other. Over the years in our own country it has been used too often between our communities. It is used in many other situations as well. It can be used of locals and 'blow ins' or foreigners, it can be used between different churches, it can be used between different social classes and the rich and the poor, it can be used between believers and non believers.

When we talk in terms of 'them and us' we are building barriers and we are hiding behind them. Jesus was the one who came, among other things, to break down barriers - yes between God and man but also between them and us. He was always stepping over barriers. The barrier between male and female - he included females in his inner circle. Jew and Samaritan - the great hostility - them and us - he engaged the Samaritan woman by the well, made a Samaritan the hero of one of his parables and would not allow a negative reaction against a Samaritan town when they were unwelcoming. Them and us - those leprosy sufferers outside the pale - Jesus engaged with them. The barrier between nationalists and Romans - Jesus reached across that barrier to commend a Roman centurion for his great faith.

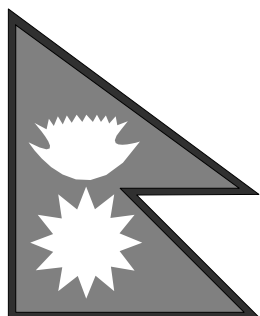
In the early church there was a very live situation between 'them and us' in terms of Gentiles and Jews. There was a very strong lobby who felt that 'them' had to become like 'us' - in other words Gentiles had to become good Jews before they could come into the Christian Church. Paul in his teaching was adamant that Christ broke down all barriers and that in Christ there was no 'them and us' - Jew or Gentile, male or female, freeman or slave.

When we speak of 'them and us' the 'them' usually carries a negative spin. Our Christian faith will have none of this. Scripture makes clear that we are to strive to think of others more highly than we think of ourselves. It also declares that our speech is not to be in anyway derogatory but rather is to build others up. Now realistically we find it very hard to think of some others in a positive way. In this case maybe we need to think that these people are those whom God loves - there is no way he distinguishes between 'them and us' in his love - they are all one in love.

The 'them' are just as much God's children as we are. The 'them' are just as much loved as we are - for of course with Him there is no 'them and us'. We must try to avoid this attitude of 'them and us' and ultimately to rise above it.

Stuart Lloyd.

NEPAL - ITS CHALLENGES



Nepal

Last year's mission team share their experience through chat, PowerPoint and short DVD's.

**Tuesday 3rd March
Minor Hall at 8 pm**



Parish News

STEPPING DOWN

At a recent Select Vestry meeting the rector announced that he will be stepping down as rector from the end of October this year when he will have reached the age of retirement.

CHRISTMAS FAIR

On Saturday 29th November 2014 St Patrick's Church Hall was definitely the place to be - the place to meet old acquaintances, have a chat over lovely refreshments and get lots of bargains. There were a lot of stalls selling a great variety of items. Then of course there were the amazing prizes to be raffled and this caused some excitement!

The finale was the auction when around 60 items were auctioned. The potential bidders had the chance to examine each item and decide on which they wanted and how much it could be worth. The bidding was fervent to the point that some people accidentally bid against their own spouses and one bidder even tried to outbid herself!

The celebration of victory at each successful bid had to be seen. In the excitement of victory some parishioners seemed to undergo personality changes.

Our thanks go to Robert Stevenson who did a magnificent job in keeping order in the proceedings. A very big thank you to all the local businesses who contributed prizes for the raffle or auction; without your help it would not have been such a success. They are:

- William Allen Meats;
- Bannside Meats, Galgorm;
- Blackstone Restaurant;
- Boots, Fairhill Centre;
- Braid Arts Centre;
- Dragonfly Boutique;
- Escape Beauty and Relaxation Clinic;
- Fieldview Apiary;
- Freshways Fruit and Veg;
- Galgorm Castle Golf Club;
- Gloonan Gallery, Ahoghill;
- Lifestyle Fitness, Ballymena;
- The Lawnmower Centre Ballymena;
- The Tearoom at Marlagh Lodge;
- Mabel at Clare Fulton Hairdressing;
- Maine Bakery Ltd;

- Marks and Spencer, Fairhill Centre;
- Montgomery's Restaurant;
- Moore Electrics;
- George Orr Rugs;
- Sainsbury's Ballymena;
- Sally's Floral Studio;
- Spar at Galgorm;
- Style and Sport;
- Tullyglass House Hotel;
- John Wilson;
- Wyse Byse

Thank you to all the many people involved in making the Fair so successful. The staff of the church office gave sterling support. We were absolutely delighted that the proceeds from the Fair/Auction and supporting events reached a total of £7580 all of which will be used for Church Funds.

The Fundraising Committee

FLOWERS IN ST COLUMBA'S

There are 52 Sundays in the year and on 50 of them, flowers are needed to decorate the church. The 2014 rota shows that twelve people put their names down to provide flowers for 32 Sundays. Yet there were flowers every Sunday. How did that happen? Perhaps you would consider alleviating the burden on those who provide the flowers as they make the church look so much nicer.

The flower rota for 2015 is now on display in St Columba's. So, if there's a special date on which you would consider providing

flowers, please fill in your name and you will be contacted at the time. Thank you.

To all who already help, please keep up your support. It is really appreciated.

THE CHURCH'S MINISTRY OF HEALING

You are warmly welcomed to 3 seminars, held by the Church's Ministry of Healing, The Mount, 162 Upper Knockbreda Road, Belfast, BT6 9QF on the following Wednesdays from 2 - 3.30 pm:-

25th February - Onward Christian Soldiers - the everyday battlefield of spiritual warfare led by Pat and Rosie.

4th March - Guidance and Mentoring led by Hugh, Norah and Rosie.

11th March - Praying for Others - led by Pat.

HAZARIBAGH

A sincere thank you from Hazaribagh. A major result of the last few years economic downturn has been the restrictions on charities. This combined with the seemingly endless increase in the number of charities means that all charities are battling for a smaller portion of a smaller cake.

This is why the Friends of St Columba's Hospital Hazaribagh are so grateful that you remember us. We are a small charity but the amounts we send out to India are of great importance to the Hospital.

Last year our 'milk bottle' collection in the Parish raised £541. This is down on the previous year but is still greatly appreciated.

On behalf of the friends committee and the staff and patients of the hospital, many thanks. We also appreciate you remembering the hospital in your prayers.

*Barry Duke, Secretary,
Friends of St Columba's Hospital*

SIGN UP

During the next weeks you will have the opportunity to sign up to vote at church elections - in other words to become what is known as a registered Vestryperson. The annual elections take place soon after Easter and new churchwardens and officers to look after our buildings as well as a church committee are chosen. The register will be open from Sunday 1st February to Sunday 8th March and it is only a matter of signing your name and giving your address on forms available at the back of all the churches. If you are already on the register there is no need to sign again.

GOOD MORNING BALLYMENA

Good Morning Ballymena is a Free Friendly telephone service and befriending for the over 60's. Do you know of anyone that needs a call or someone to take them to appointments, then give us a call on 028 2564 0720 or if you have the time to volunteer then give me

a call or email me on goodmorningballymena@hotmail.co.uk.

Debbie Chestnutt

YOUR HELP

It would be helpful if those last leaving the halls at St Patrick's would shut either of the entrance gates still open.

QUIZ

Guide Dog Quiz - Ballymena Rugby Club on Friday 6th March at 7.30 pm. £5 per person - maximum 6 per team.

FOOD BANK

Each Thursday I walk past an empty Food Bank trolley at the back of the church and as if by magic each Sunday it has refilled itself. During the month of December our Parish took four trays of all sorts of tinned meat, vegetables, and jars of cooking sauces, packets of everything from biscuits, pasta and cereals, to sweets for the children as well as toiletries each week. Two Sunday's ago we asked if we could have some jars or tins of baby food and nappy wipes as the Food Bank was running short. This week we took two full trays one of baby food and one of nappy wipes. Your generosity as a Parish overwhelms me. I thank you from the bottom of my heart. I assure you this is for a very good cause and really appreciated by all those involved in the Food Bank.

Iain



YOUTH CLUB

We welcomed everyone back after the Christmas holidays in Youth Club. We started the new year off by making calendars and thinking about the different things we could do to help others this year. We also made Christingles and looked at the meaning of them and reflected on how God's love can shine in the darkest places and it is up to us to share God's light with others. This month's theme is love. Love towards others and God's love to us.

In Sunday school we will be preparing for this year's CMS project 'Little Lights' based on the Democratic Republic of the Congo. There will be a meeting for all Sunday School teachers and anyone else interested in the project on Sunday 8th February at 3 pm in St Patrick's.



Sunday School Teacher's Prayer

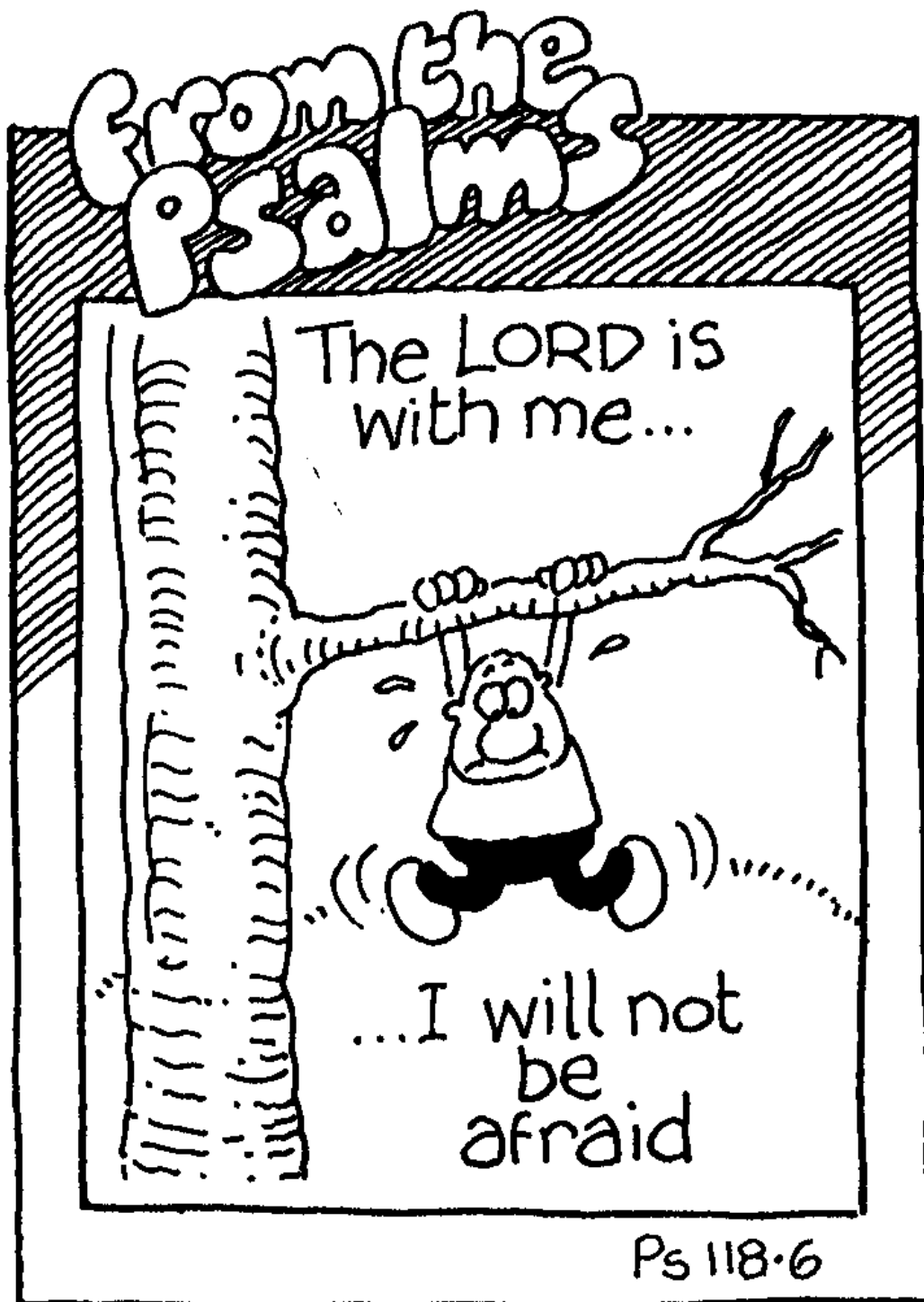
Dear Lord, as I begin to teach
Another class today,
I pray for guidance from above
To say what I should say.
May all my words and attitudes
Reflect your love and care.
May I a good example be:
Help me my faith to share.
I pray to live as I should live,
And in your pathways walk.
And one more thing, if you don't mind,
Please help me find the chalk.

By Joanne Owens

Confirmation 2015

Confirmation classes will start in September but we are hoping to gather those wishing to get confirmed this year shortly so that friendships can be made before classes start. Anyone wishing to get confirmed this year please speak to Lucy or Alan. Young people are normally confirmed at the age of 14 but at the minute confirmation is every 2 years so we will consider those who will be 14 at the start of next year.

Lucy



Welcoming the stranger

We find this concept rooted in the Old Testament and it is very pertinent to circumstances where many communities are dealing with immigration. A report was recently produced sponsored by Queens University, Belfast City Council and the Police and Community Safety Partnership which seeks to educate in order that people may have a more positive attitude to those who may be immigrants.

The document 'Challenging Racism, Ending Hate' seeks to challenge many of the myths concerning migrants that are damaging, false and unjust. Those myths are usually expressed in the following ways:-

- They're taking our jobs/houses/ benefits
- They're involved in crime
- They're putting pressure on the health service
- They don't make an effort to fit in
- They're taking up places in our schools

The report provides the following analysis:-

Population

Migration to Northern Ireland reached its peak between 2006 and 2007. Since then the flow has decreased. The decrease suggests that migrants in most instances come in search of work as evidenced by a reduction in the number of people coming here during the recession. If the year 2010 - 2011 is taken, 21,000 migrants came but nearly 25,000 people left. Any decline in the population damages the economy and reduces the tax base needed to support welfare. Eastern European migrants (the largest in NI) make up 2% of the population, Asian born immigrants 1% and African 0.3%.

Employment

The report informs us that Non UK and Ireland migrants make up 4% of the NI workforce. It is illegal in NI for an employer to pay a migrant worker less than a local worker for doing the same job. Many migrant workers come to NI to take up job offers from companies or agencies that are unable to fill job vacancies locally. The report declares that immigration does not produce unemployment - instead it actually creates more employment by growing the economy.

Housing

Most migrants in NI rent privately and do not claim social housing. Only 2% of those who usually qualify for social housing are ethnic minorities. Social housing does not favour ethnic minorities - it is based on a distribution system of fairness and equality.

Benefits

People primarily migrate to other countries in search of work and not benefits. Indeed there are now severe restrictions on the access of European migrants to welfare benefits. They now have to earn at least £149 a week for 3 months before they can access Jobseekers Allowance or other benefits. Less than 5% of EU migrants claim Jobseekers Allowance. 81.5% of migrants in the UK are employed and immigrants actually contribute more in taxes than they use in benefits.

Economy

Far from being a drain on the economy in the UK ethnic minority enterprises have contributed £13 billion a year to the economy. It is estimated that migrant workers contributed around £1.2 billion to the NI economy from 2004 - 2008.

Health care

Migrants tend to be young and healthy and therefore less in need of medical care. The cost of temporary migrants using the health service amounts to 0.01% of the NHS budget. The Health Service has benefited

from the skills and experience of highly trained doctors and nurses - 30% of the doctors and 40% of the nurses working in the NHS were born abroad.

Education

School children without English as their first language are recorded as 'newcomer' pupils. The figures according to the Department of Education are that 5.5% of nursery pupils are newcomer; 3% of primary are newcomer and 2% of post primary are newcomer. Only 3% of the total number of pupils attending school in NI are ethnic minorities.

Crime

In places of high immigration there is no link between rising crime levels and migration. In fact evidence shows that crime has actually decreased in some of these areas. Of course there will always be examples of criminal activity in any section of the population.

Integration

It is natural that those from a different culture may stick together and value their own culture. In the light of some negative perceptions and a rise in racist attacks it is not surprising that migrants may seek security amongst their own. Their positive role may be to help us transcend old sectarian barriers producing an increasingly diverse society.

CHURCH LADS' BRIGADE GRAND SPRING



FRIDAY 6th MARCH 2015



Around the Parish

BADMINTON

Looking to get fit in the new year? Why not come along to badminton. Every **Wednesday evening 7.30 - 9 pm** in the main hall at St Patrick's. All abilities welcome. Hope to see you there.

Hazel Davison



SQUIRRELS

The Squirrels had a fun time in the run-up to Christmas. We made Christmas chain decorations and very yummy chocolate logs. The last night of our term was a Christmas party night. We had games, a face-painter, a DJ, lots of food and of course the highlight of the night was a visit from Santa. We also had Revd Iain along to join our fun. A sneaky squirrel leader had discovered that it was also Iain's birthday so we surprised him with some birthday cupcakes, although there weren't that many left by the end of the night for him to take home. Everyone had a very enjoyable night, so thank you to all our visitors, John McClung, Andrea O'Neill, Ken Hughes and Iain Jamison for giving up your spare time to help make the evening so much fun.

This term we hope to have just as much fun with our games, crafts and cooking. If anyone aged 4 - 6 would like to come along to join in our fun then please come along any Wednesday evening from 6.30 till 7.30 pm. We would also welcome any adults who would like to come along as helpers. To see some of our antics/activities have a look at our website www.stcolumbasscouts.co.uk, or our Facebook page.

Paul, Ann, Jack and Mr Squirrel

Happy New Year to you all!

We have had a very busy time over the Christmas period. We had a lovely afternoon tea at Marlow Lodge before Christmas which was enjoyed by all. We even had a visit from 'Santa'!



Our Carol Service which took place on the 21st December 2014 was very well attended. The Choir would like to take this opportunity to thank the Drennan Family for their continued contribution and support.

Choir practices are well under way in preparation for Easter and Dr Drennan has chosen some amazing pieces of music.

On Thursday 15th January 2015 we held our Annual General Meeting with Cannon Stuart Lloyd presiding. Reports were given from the chairperson, Mrs Judith Orr and a financial report was produced by Mrs Moyna Kilfedder. Moyna has decided to step down from this role and we would wish to offer our sincere thanks to her for her dedication during her term as treasurer. An election of officers took place and the following people took office.

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| ● Chairperson | - Mrs Judith Orr |
| ● Vice Chairperson | - Mrs Maureen Patterson |
| ● Treasurer | - Mrs Linda Bell |
| ● Secretary | - Miss Ruth Dixon |
| ● Librarians | - Miss Rachel Smyth and Miss Laura Smyth |
| ● Wardrobe Mistress | - Mrs Jean Kennedy |
| ● Committee | - Mr Harry Fisher and Mr Jim Thompson |

We are looking forward to another eventful and fulfilling year with the Choir. Anyone who would like to join us can be assured of a very warm welcome.

Ruth Dixon (Secretary)



FLOWER GUILD

Thanks to the small group of ladies for their hard work decorating the church at the festive season. The 2015 Flower List is now available at the back of St Patrick's.

MOTHERS' UNION



Programme for 2015:-

14th January

Dinner at Tullyglass (7 for 7.30 pm)

11th February

Gideons in Ghana (Wesley Coulter)

Tea: Anne Adams, Jean Kennedy

11th March

Mental Health/Drug Abuse (Bring and Buy)

Tea: Mary Galbraith, Letty Kettles

8th April

Olympic Experience (Jennifer Campbell)

Tea: Joan Holden, Barbara Fleming

13th May

The Parable of the Scones (Meta Preston)

Tea: Nina Marrs, Lynda Brooks

May/June - Possible outing (TBA)

9th September

Holy Communion - *Tea: Rosemary Stacey, Vera Owens*

14th October

Methodist Chaplain to Hydebank

Tea: Hilary Sims, Rosemary Frayne

Thursday 29th October

AREA SERVICE - St Patrick's, Broughshane at 8 pm

11th November

Speaker to be confirmed (Bring and Buy)

Tea: Mary Cochrane, Bee Robinson

9th December

Advent Service, Ballyclug at 8 pm - *Tea: Vera Greer/Ann Coid*

Womens' World Day of Prayer - Friday 6th March at 8 pm,
First Ballymena.

Festival Service - Sunday 22nd March, St Anne's Cathedral at 3.30 pm.
Coach will be provided.

Area Event (Daffodil Tea) -
Saturday 28th March 10 am - 12 noon.

Area Service - Thursday 29th October
at 8 pm St Patrick's, Broughshane.

SUBSCRIPTION - £20 due at September meeting also Families First
£10.50.

Thanks to all who supply supper -
keep it simple!

Jean Kennedy



CHURCH LADS' BRIGADE

C.L.B. 'Big Spring Jumble Sale' will be held on Friday, 6th March. We would appreciate the support of the Parish for our sale. It's a great chance to clear out the garage and attic. Donations of bric-a-brac, clothes, furniture, books, toys, unused gifts, groceries and cakes will be greatly appreciated.

The boys are working at items for Parents' Night which will be held on Friday, 27th March and the Martins are having a Fun Day in Magherafelt on Saturday, 7th February.

Alan Ross
Tel No 2589 2740

MOTHERS AND TODDLERS

In January we welcomed back our old and new mums/carers, grandparents and tots. We had fun making Christingles and on 27th January we enjoyed craft with Sure Start, and look forward to their return on 17th February with singing and action songs. In February along with our activities with toys, books, crafts, singing and dancing we look forward to Valentine's Day craft and Pancake Tuesday.



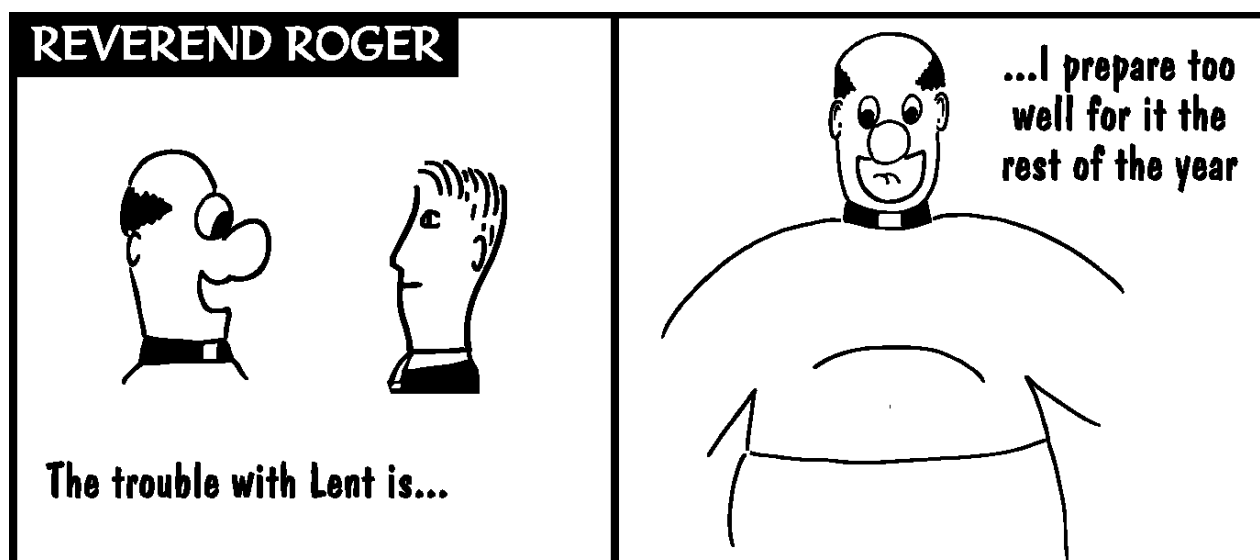
On 12th January we had a very enjoyable lunch with the ladies and gentlemen who help in the kitchen and with the car parking. We would like to say thank you to the vestry for the new hatch shutter in the kitchen, it is much appreciated by the ladies making our snacks. If you or your friends have babies 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.

DATE	NAME	FUNCTION
03 February	Rosemary Stacey, Sandra McKay, Mary Cochrane and Jean Cunningham	Tea
	Bee Robinson	Welcoming
	Alex McKay and Eddie McClelland	Car Park
10 February	Evonne Stinson, Eleanor Burnett, Vera Owens and Marlene Gray	Tea
	Mary Steele	Welcoming
	Oliver Reid/David Oliver and Robert McGimpsey	Car Park
17 February	Dorothy Hegan, Isabel Halliday, Karin Agnew and Sandra Duke	Tea
	Ann Fisher	Welcoming
	Jackie McMaster/Jimmy Tuff	Car Park
24 February	Ruth Murray, Isabell Adair and Nell McIlwee	Tea
	Liz Peachey	Welcoming
	Bob Peachey/Davy Nelson	Car Park

Our thanks to you all for your continued support.

Dorothy (2589 2740), Anna, Anne and Liz





Using Lent Positively

Six sessions during Lent to encourage us to journey on in our faith and to help each other grow in the faith.

Each Wednesday night at 7.30 pm in
the Minor Hall - Starting 18th February

‘Discipleship Explored’ is based on Paul’s letter to the Philippians which was a letter to encourage them and to affirm them in their faith.

Each session includes a short study of a section of Philippians, a DVD presentation, a reflection on the DVD and then some time together in groups discussing some questions. The evening concludes with refreshments and chat.

There is a study guide for participants and an opportunity between sessions to do further study.

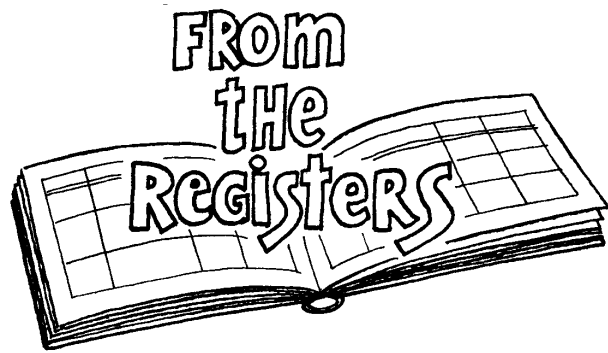
The course does entail a measure of commitment - but we trust that folks will not avoid the challenge. No one need feel daunted by this challenge and every effort will be made to affirm people wherever they are in their faith journey.

The topics covered include:

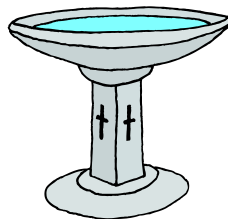
- How we can be confident in our faith
- How Christ can underpin our lives
- How in Christ we should be together
- How our lives can be deepened through Christ
- How we can know Christ better

No pressure will be put on people to speak - some simply like to listen. Hopefully we can make people feel at ease and that they will benefit through the experience.

Each topic is ‘stand alone’. Being unable to attend every week should not deter people from joining in this course. Please ‘step out’ and put your name on the list of participants in any of our three churches.



HOLY BAPTISM



28th December

Jake Gary Hugh
Wishart

7 Tullagh Brow, Ballymena

CHRISTIAN BURIAL



4th December

Kathleen Hamill

53 Brooke Park, Ballymena

8th January

Lynda McKay

24 Grangeleigh Avenue,
Ballymena

10th January

James Allen

1 Parkside Rise,
Ballymena

13th January

Patricia Anderson

Shanlieve, Ballymena

14th January

Eric Boyd

21 Colonsay Park,
Ballymena

15th January

Agnes Lenkerd

Kintullagh Nursing Home,
Ballymena

15th January

James Doloughan

Weaver's Court,
Cookstown

Kathleen Margaret Hamill

Kathleen died peacefully in the Macmillan Unit of Antrim Hospital. In July 2013 she was diagnosed with lung cancer. Kathleen lived all her life in Harryville and loved to be in her own wee home reading novels. We express our deepest sympathy to her daughter Lorraine and family.

Lynda McKay

Lynda died at a relatively early age and is indeed survived by her mother and grandmother. For some years she had been providing full care for her mother and her death was a great shock to all. She was the eldest of her brothers and sisters and provided a strong influence with them as well as in her own family. For many years she served in the UDR and then the RIR rising up in the ranks and being very well respected by her comrades. She was to take a counselling degree and in the capacity of counsellor to help many people. She also gave valuable service in some charitable organisations. It was in her caring for her mother that she became known to the clergy who visited the home regularly. The quality and extent of that care was remarkable and that her mother improved in health was in no small degree due to this care. Lynda was also mother to Joanne and David and her care and direction will be very much missed by them. She displayed a strong and vibrant personality and it is hard to think of that now ended. We remember Joanne and David and mother Elizabeth.

James (Jimmy) Allen

Jimmy will be sadly missed by his brother George, sisters Lizzie, Isobel, Margaret, family and friends.

Patricia Anderson

Patricia was not old when she died but she had suffered from poor health for quite a few years and had not always looked after herself. She had some catering training and did very well in the local Kentucky Fried Chicken Restaurant rising up to become manager and winning some rewards. Although Patricia had failings and lived a somewhat troubled life she could show much kindness and was very loyal when it came to family. She had practical skills which included painting and these were once put to good effect at the rectory. There were no airs and graces about Patricia and she was quite direct in her approach. During these last

years she has been particularly good to her mother, venturing out almost daily on her mobility scooter to visit her mother in a local nursing home. We remember her mother Marion, sister Shirley and brother David.

Eric Boyd

Eric Boyd died peacefully in Antrim Hospital. Five years ago he had a brain stem bleed which changed his whole life. It made him totally dependent on his family. Many gathered at his funeral service of thanksgiving to support his dear wife Lorraine and daughter Kirsty and Eric's whole family circle. Eric loved sport. At an early age he loved to run cross-country and steeple chasing. He was so good that two universities in America offered him scholarships which he turned down to stay with Lorraine. His other interests were singing, flute bands and football. He founded his own team, Ballykeel Football Club, which has now been going 25 years. The team turned out in their tract suits at Eric's funeral. Eric was a great family man. During the last three years his two grand daughters Ellie and Sophia brought great joy into his life. We express our deepest and heartfelt sympathy to his dear wife Lorraine, daughter Kirsty and all the family circle.

Agnes Lenkerd

Agnes had reached the end of a long life which began back in 1923 in Prospect Place here in Ballymena. She showed her adventurous nature when at age 17 she joined the ATS and then after meeting her husband to be at a dance in the Town Hall - he was in the US Air Force - she left all she knew to join him in America. Then with their young family they moved about various states and various air force bases and Agnes enjoyed this life. Unfortunately after just 12 years of marriage her husband Harry died. She and the family returned to NI for a few years but then she decided to base herself back in the USA. Much of her life was spent there though she did return from time to time and eventually came home in 1988 to live in Ballymena before failing health necessitated her moving into care. Being widowed at an early age she showed strength of character over the years and an independent spirit. She gave her children a good grounding for life and this they appreciated. Right to her dying day she always kept herself neat and tidy and valued the visits of the clergy. We remember Harry junior, Frank and Irene.

James Doloughan

James had been suffering from ill health for some years and had also been caring for his wife Phyllis. For the last 2 years they have both been in care in Cookstown near to where a daughter lives. James had humble beginnings in East Belfast and was to gain a degree in economics. After serving in the Canadian Air Force for a few years he returned home and was eventually to become Chief Finance Officer at the NEELB here in Ballymena. James had a love of sport and also an interest in politics being associated with the Alliance Party. The family were long time members of St Columba's and James and Phyllis continued as regular worshippers until failing health took its toll. At a time James also served as a church warden. He had a strong faith though not one he imposed on others. An interesting, intelligent and caring individual, he took a great interest in his children and grandchildren and will be fondly remembered by his family and his many friends. We think of his wife Phyllis, daughters Fiona, Helen and Sheila and son Neil.





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	7.00 pm	Parochial Hall
JTC	Friday	8.00 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
Sewing Group	Thursday	10.00 am	Parochial Hall

SAINT COLUMBA'S

	Day	Time	Contact
Beavers	Monday	6.30 pm	Mrs L McCullagh
Cubs	Monday	7.00 pm	Miss H Hughes
Ladies' Circle	4th Monday	8.00 pm	Mrs L Beatty
Brownies	Tuesday	6.30 pm	Mrs S Foster
Guides	Tuesday	7.30 pm	Mrs K Black
Squirrels	Wednesday	6.30 pm	Mr P Houston
Choir	Sunday	10.15 am	Mrs S Montgomery
Rainbows	Friday	6.30 pm	Mrs H Strain
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