

# *Parish of Kilconriola and Ballyclug*



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## WHO'S WHO IN OUR PARISH



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THE RECTOR WRITES



# Rectory Ramblings

No not Taken 3 - though there is such a movie starring our very own Liam Neeson! But Take 3. We are casting our thoughts and encouragement on various ministries that happen within the life of our parish.

I want to begin this month by casting the 'In focus' eye upon our choirs and organists and musicians. They add a very special extra dimension to our range of Sunday worship services. They are a gifted and dedicated bunch. It is true to say that you really only fully appreciate all that they add to our church life if they are not there! Can I ask you to pray for our team of organists who cover St Patrick's, Ballyclug and St Columba's, our choirs in St Patrick's and St Columba's, our Living Faith and New Life Worship Group and leaders. If you have a good voice or play an instrument we would love to hear from you - we are especially on the lookout for new choir members - don't be shy! As well as prayer also please find ways of encouraging all those involved in the worship life of our parish - the greatest encouragement of all is to come and join in.



**Join the Choir..**  
**You'll Be Glad**  
**You Did!**

Normally these 'In focus' articles contain somewhat of a contrast so the second subject this month is our partnership with the local food banks. Shopping trolley's at the back of church fill remarkably quickly and the contents are whisked off to Ballyloughan Presbyterian Church and Green Pastures where the food banks are located. For enthusiasm and more information you can search online or contact our church office. The fact that our food banks are so busy thus so necessary says a lot about life for many in 2018. Please continue to give and if you would be interested in

discovering other ways to help and volunteer please contact any of the clergy or Loraine Watt (St Patrick's)/St Clair Beatty (St Columba's) - both of whom have a real passion for this ministry.

As always the idea behind these 'In focus' articles is to provoke prayer, awareness and response. Who will be the next member of our church family to take a step of faith and get more involved - it could be you!

*R.M.N.C. M.*



THESE DAYS WE DO NOT NEED HYMN BOOKS  
AS ALL OF THE WORDS TO THE SONGS  
CAN BE FOUND ON THE INTERNET



# Parish News

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

In addition to the **St Patrick's Night Concert and Supper - Saturday, 17th March, 7.30 pm** - please try to keep **Saturday, 12th May** free for our **Summer Fair**. We plan to have a wide variety of activities and stalls (indoor and outdoor) for both the young and not so young! More details will follow later.

In the meantime, if you would be willing to help with organising an activity or having a stall at the Fair, please let us know. Many of our local businesses have been very supportive over the years and we hope to gain sponsorship from them for this event.

***The Fundraising Committee***

## SAINSBURY'S ACTIVE KIDS

After 13 years, Sainsbury's is taking a fresh look at how they can keep kids active. They want to concentrate on the areas where they can make the biggest difference, which is why they'll be announcing a new approach to Active Kids. This will no longer

involve exchanging vouchers for equipment. So Active Kids, in its current form, will come to an end.

There will be **no vouchers to collect** in store this year. We'll keep you informed of developments. Thank you.

***Christie Colhoun***

## YOUR VOTE

Now is the opportunity to register to vote at church elections. The Register of Vestry Persons is open for additions - until Sunday 11th February. If you are not on the register it's only a matter of putting your name on a form at the back of church.

## CLIVE WEST MEMORIAL LECTURE

**7.30 pm, 20th February - All Saints' Church, University Street, Belfast.** Bishop Michael Nazir-Ali will speak on the topic 'Only one way?' - Confidence in the unique Christ in our multi-cultural, multi-faith world.

# St Patrick's Church Hall

*Castle Street, Ballymena*

## St Patrick's Night Concert & Supper



**Saturday, 17th March 2018**  
at 7.30 pm



### **Music, Song, Dance & Drama**

**Rev Jason Kernohan (Soloist)**

**Irish dancers (Ollar School of Dance, Ballyclare)**

**Laura & Rachel Smyth (Soprano)**

**St Patrick's GFS Choir**

**Castle Players**

**2 am (Acoustic Group)**

**Traditional Irish musicians**



***Tickets £10 available from Church Office (tel: 028 2563 0741)***

*Monday, Wednesday or Friday (10 am – 3 pm) and*

***Good Morning Ballymena, 23 William Street, Ballymena***

*Monday – Friday (9 am – 12.30 pm) or pay at the door*

*Supper included  
(Irish Stew  
& Apple Tart)*



*Proceeds in aid of  
Good Morning Ballymena  
& Church Funds*

# Vision Review

## January 2018

New Life Services up and running!

Since our launch back in October last, thank God, we have seen the establishing and settling down of our new contemporary weekly service at St Patrick's. This service is deliberately aimed at children/families/newcomers, though all are welcome. These New Life services now attract in the region of 80 - 100 each week. We have been looking at amazing parables, The Lord's Prayer and will shortly begin a new theme - Encounters with Jesus. \*See additional input at end of article to be involved. We make use of technology, modern worship material and an all-age simple themes structure. It does make Sunday very busy for Dennis and myself but we are really encouraged by progress so far.

Our services in St Patrick's now have something for everyone each week. Please pray that Dennis and I are given the gifts, energy and health we need to sustain a six service per Sunday routine. Also that God would keep our minds and hearts open as this service continues to mature.

But as the famous comedian once said - "There's more!"

The Vision launched back in October contains a number of initiatives and the next one to tackle is that of the Town Centre Chaplaincy Ministry. A phrase that kept coming back to me over and over when pondering and praying over this Vision was - is St Patrick's a church that looks down on our town, or, looks over our town, those are two very different things. Our town's life blood is the shopkeepers, service providers and the office workers. Who befriends them? Who listens to them? Who prays for

them? I believe we as a Parish can grow and be part of a unique Town Centre Ministry. *If you would like to know more I would like to invite you to coffee and conversation at the rectory at 8.00 pm on Sunday, 11th March.* Please pray about our Vision that it is God's plan for our parish and please pray about how you might fit into this Vision with the skills and gifts and experience God has given you.

\*For the huge number of people who help make the New Life Service each week - my heartfelt thanks. If you would like to get to know some of the 10.00 am congregation, the cuppa we serve each week in the entrance foyer of the parish hall from 11.00 am - 11.30 am is the perfect opportunity to come along and mingle.

Thank God for progress so far - we still have a long way to go.

Mark

## LEAVING CHURCH

SOMETIMES IT CAN BE DIFFICULT TO ENCOURAGE PEOPLE TO LEAVE AFTER A SERVICE BECAUSE THEY HAVE BEEN HAVING SUCH A GREAT TIME. THESE ARE SOME OF THE TACTICS THAT THE CHURCHWARDENS ADOPT:



JANGLING KEYS



TURNING OUT THE LIGHTS



APPROACHING PEOPLE WITH A ROTA



ORGANISING A WORK PARTY



THE COMMENCEMENT OF A GROUP HUG



SOME ODD OR UNPREDICTABLE BEHAVIOUR

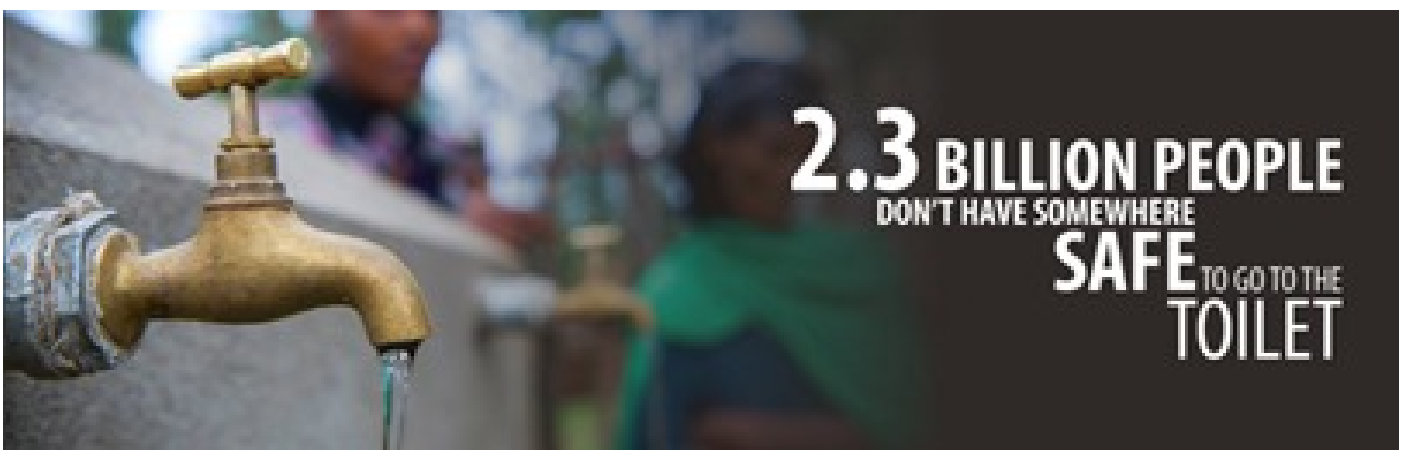


The Men's Fellowship Group have donated £120 to twin the ladies and gentlemen toilets in St Patrick's Parish Hall. By 'twinning' these toilets we are funding the construction of two toilets in a country such as Uganda, Congo or Nepal, where sanitation levels are extremely low and death rates due to poor sanitation and hygiene are very high. We often take our own sanitation for granted, forgetting how well protected we are from diseases such as cholera and typhoid, just by having clean and accessible toilets.

Why not twin your toilet at home, or encourage your office at work to get their toilets twinned? You will receive a framed picture of your twinned toilet from a location such as Uganda, Congo or Nepal.

It costs only £60 to have a toilet twinned, or if you raise £240 you can fund a whole toilet block at a displacement camp. Have a look on their website for more information [www.toilettwinning.org](http://www.toilettwinning.org).

*Dennis*





# Around the Parish

## SQUIRRELS

The Squirrels are now back for another fun-filled year. Before the Christmas break we had our Smartie Box Appeal in aid of The Children's Cancer Unit Charity. We are delighted and overwhelmed by the response. At our last meeting before Christmas we were able to announce the total of £360.00. Now thanks to a late donation the total which will be handed over to the charity is £365.00. A very big thank you to all who donated and helped the Squirrels fill all those Smartie boxes.



We are also delighted to update you all on the progress of the young boy who was the inspiration behind the appeal. His response to treatment has astounded the doctors and he is making remarkable progress. Thank you for all the prayers for him and his family, they are greatly appreciated and please continue to remember him in your prayers, that he makes a complete recovery. He is a very remarkable young man, who despite his illness and very tough treatment never thinks of himself. On a brief trip to a shop with his mother, he took some money he had been given and instead of buying sweets he gave the money to a homeless person sitting outside the shop. Such an act of kindness from a young 8 year old boy is truly remarkable and inspirational to all, no matter what age we may be.

We would like to thank Santa for coming along to our Christmas party. The Squirrels and leaders all had great fun playing pass the parcel and musical chairs. We also enjoyed all the snacks. This term we hope to have lots more fun and laughter with our games, crafts and cooking.

*Paul, Ann and  
Mr Squirrel*



## MOTHERS AND TODDLERS GROUP

We had a very enjoyable Christmas party and a lovely church service in December. Despite the bad weather, attendance has been very good since our return in January.

At our lunch with the volunteers, it was decided to make charitable donations to the Children's Hospice, Macmillan Nurses and Good Morning Ballymena.

This month we look forward to a visit from Sure Start and of course the children will make the customary Valentine Cards.

Welcome to Jean Ross who joins our band of volunteers.

Rota for February:-

DATE	NAME	FUNCTION
6 <sup>th</sup> Feb.	Rosemary Stacey, Sandra McKay, Jean Cunningham and Jean Ross	Tea
	Bee Robinson	Welcoming
	Alex McKay and Eddie McClelland	Car Park
13 <sup>th</sup> Feb.	Evonne Stinson, Eleanor Burnett, Vera Owens and Marlene Gray	Tea
	Mary Steele	Welcoming
	Derek Bell and David Oliver	Car Park
20 <sup>th</sup> Feb.	Dorothy Hegan, Isabel Halliday/ Eva McCarthy, Karin Agnew and Sandra Duke	Tea
	Ann Fisher	Welcoming
	Jackie McMaster and Jimmy Tuff	Car Park
27 <sup>th</sup> Feb.	Ruth Murray, Isabell Adair, Vivien Gilmour and Kathleen Thompson	Tea
	Liz Bodel	Welcoming
	Bob Peachey and Davy Nelson	Car Park

***Dorothy (2589 2740), Anna, Anne, Catherine, June***

## MOTHERS' UNION



Mothers' Union - on Wednesday 14th February. We will be attending the Ash Wednesday service, followed by a meeting in the Minor Hall.

*Patricia McWhirter*



## CHURCH LADS' AND CHURCH GIRLS' BRIGADE

The Brigade 'Grand Spring Jumble Sale' will be held on **Friday, 2nd March**. This is our main fundraiser for the year and we would appreciate your support. It is a great chance to clear out the attic and garage of all the clutter. Donations of bric-a-brac, clothes, furniture, toys, unused gifts, groceries and cakes will be gratefully received. Anything you would like to donate can be brought to the halls anytime Thursday, 1st March and if you need items collected contact Alan Ross (2589 2740) or (077 5991 6755).

All sections are back after the Christmas break and are working towards items for this year's Parents' Night.

*Alan Ross*

## 5TH BALLYMENA EXPLORER SCOUTS

I would like to say thank you to everyone who supported me by buying a Christmas fireside quiz. Through this I was able to raise around £200 which has helped me tremendously on my way to raising the money required to enable me to participate in the 24th World Scout Jamboree in West Virginia. The draw took place on 19.12.17 and the winners were:



1<sup>st</sup> place - Steven Orr

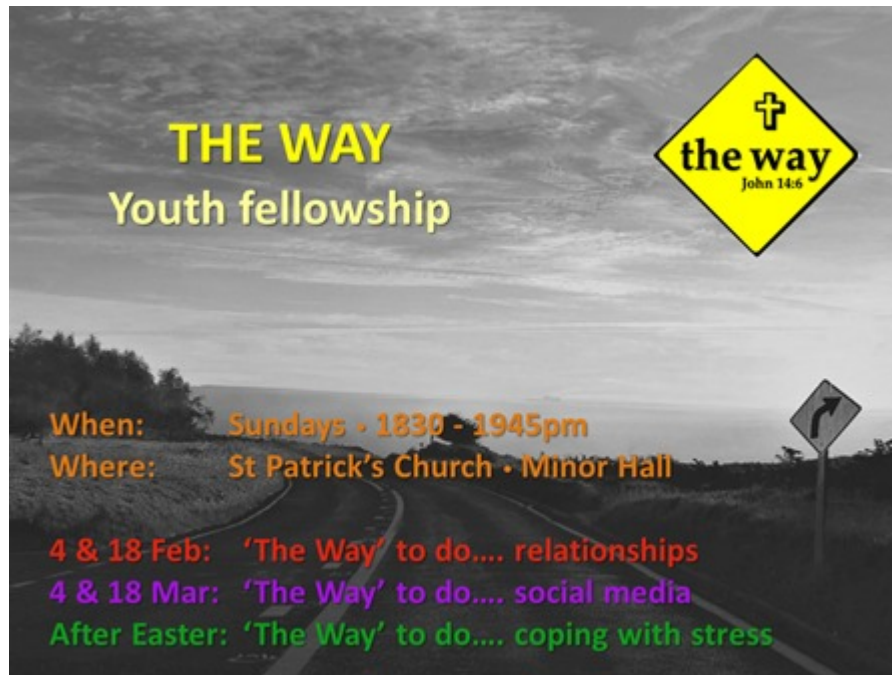
2<sup>nd</sup> place - Robert Stevenson

3<sup>rd</sup> place - Helen Villiers

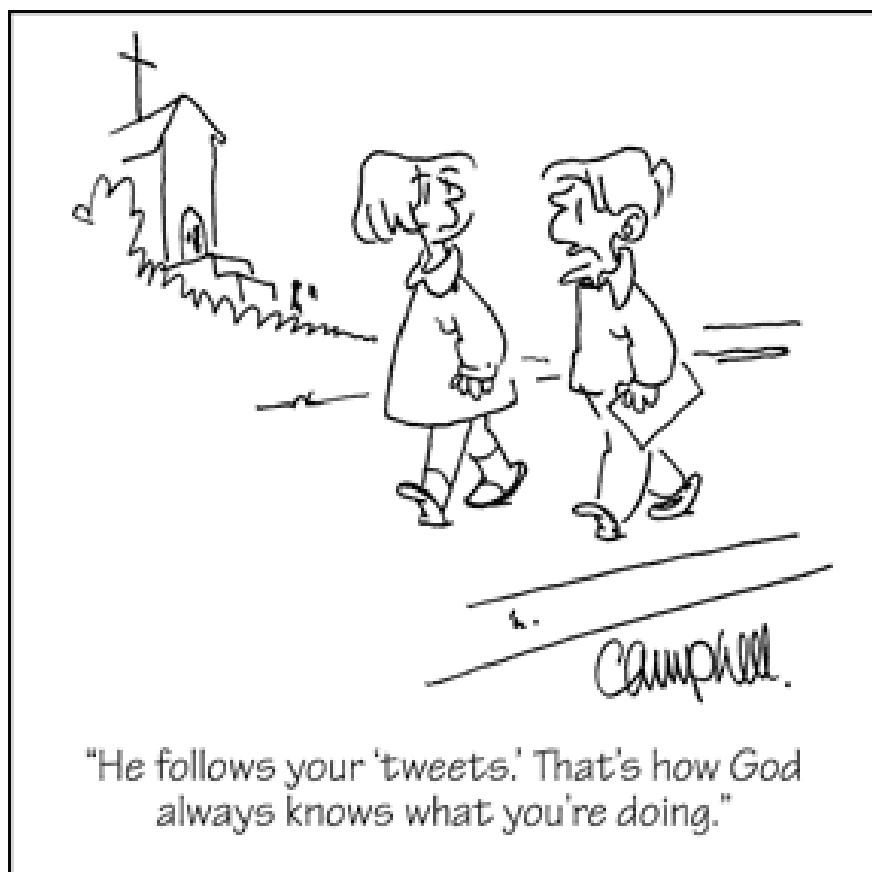
Once again, many thanks to everyone.

*Ellie Hughes (Explorer Scout)*

## 'THE WAY' YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

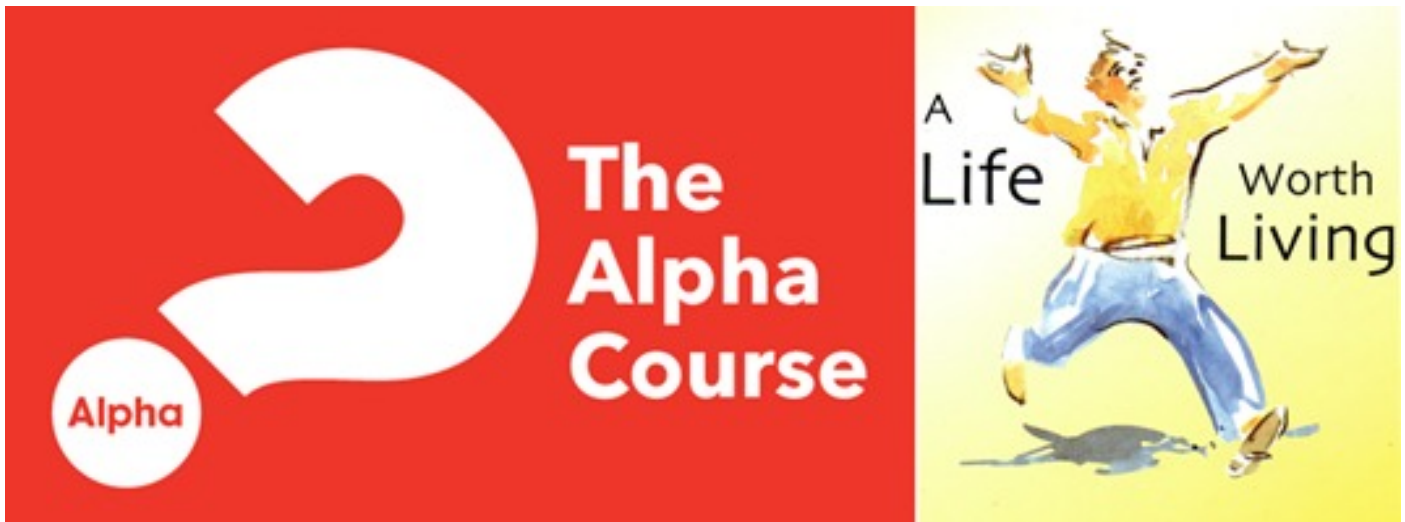


Our Youth Fellowship Group meets again for the first time this year on Sunday 4th February at 6.30 pm in the Minor Hall. All children of secondary school age are welcome. We will meet fortnightly for fun, games, Bible study and fellowship. We will be exploring some issues that our teenage children can struggle with such as relationships, social media and coping with stress.





# Alpha and Life Worth Living



Last year we had an excellent attendance at both the Alpha Course and the follow up discipleship course 'A Life Worth Living'. All those who attended and found them of value are now invited to the Rectory on Friday 23rd February at 7.30 pm, for a cuppa and a chat about what's next.

## SUMMER MADNESS

You are warmly invited to  
a Soup Lunch after the  
11.30 am service in St  
Patrick's Church on  
**Sunday 25th February**  
in aid of  
Summer Madness





# Confirmation

Joy and nerves were to be seen on the faces of the 13 young people who with family, friends and a good congregation of supporters gathered for the important step of Confirmation in St Patrick's on 10th December. Bishop Alan with his usual gentle and warm style soon had everyone at ease. Please continue to pray and support these young folk as they continue to move their way in life and faith.

Those confirmed were: Aaron Adair, Adam Boyd, Samuel Crawford, James McIlpatrick, Joe Monaghan, Jack Murray, Stewart Rock, Abby Christie, Caragh Hamill, Erin McConnell, Naomi Nevin, Kathryn Peachey and Nicole Simpson.

Thanks to Adrian and the Choir, our Catering Team for fantastic refreshments and everyone involved in making what was a memorable service.





# The Curate's Letter

## WHO THEN IS THIS?



Sometimes in life we can be weighed down with big questions, questions that we have to ask, questions that need an answer for us to move on, questions that trouble us and worry us.

‘Who then is this?’ is a very simple question that was asked about Jesus, by the disciples, just after He had calmed the storm. It is said of Jesus that, ‘he awoke and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, “Peace! Be Still!” And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm.’ (Mk 4:39), and in response the disciples, were filled with great fear and said to one another, “Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?” (V 41).

What a simple, and amazing, and powerful question to ask of Jesus - Who then is this?

It is a question that every one of us, having been presented with the person of Jesus Christ, need to genuinely ask, and genuinely answer - Who then is this? Have you ever asked this question and sought the answer?

C. S. Lewis the great writer, who was also a professor at Cambridge and at one part of his life an atheist, once said the following of Jesus:

“A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said would not be a great moral teacher. He would either be a lunatic - on a level with the man who says he is a poached egg - or else he would be the Devil of Hell. You must make your choice. Either this man was, and is, the son of God: or else a madman or something worse .... But let us not come up with any patronising nonsense about His being a great human teacher. He has not left that open to us. He did not intend to.”

Genuinely asking ourselves the question - Who then is this? - of Jesus is, I would suggest, the most important question we are to ever ask ourselves. When we read God's word, when we prayerfully investigate who Jesus is, we can only really conclude that He is Lord. And then when we know this as the answer, all of our other worldly, big questions that can weigh us down, take on a whole new dimension, a whole new meaning.

*God Bless,*

Jenn

# Church Lads' and Church Girls' Brigade Grand Spring



# Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2018



Engage Christmas party took place in our church on Saturday 2nd December. In the afternoon the Youth Council and members of our church took part in some outreach in the town centre. We gave out Christmas cards, sweets, tea and coffee and then we went back to the church for a meal together. Thanks to Andrea Cotter for preparing a lovely meal. At night we were joined by 100 other young people from Connor Diocese. We enjoyed playing games, Christmas music, food and reflection on the Christingle - a great night was had by all.



Jingle all the way. Our Junior Youth Club had a DVD and popcorn night on Saturday 2nd December to raise money for the Northern Ireland Hospice. It was a great night and we were able to send £50 to the charity. Well done everyone.

The Christmas party for all youth of the parish took place on Saturday 9th December. We enjoyed games, food and a visit from Santa.



The Sunday School teachers' Christmas dinner took place on Wednesday 13th December to acknowledge and thank our Sunday School teachers for all their work. Special thanks to the anonymous person who made a donation towards the dinner.





The Sunday School Nativity Service took place on Sunday 17th December. The children's nativity reflected on the messiness of the Christmas story through chocolate bars and sweets. It was great to see a good turn out. The service finished with refreshments in the hall.

Thank you to all who donated Christmas presents for the Salvation Army Appeal - these were gratefully received.

Also a big thank you to those who contributed to the Christian Aid Christmas Family Appeal - over £400 was raised.



Messy Church - Thanks to all those who braved the cold and ice to come to Messy Church. The theme was Christingle - Jesus the light of the world. The hall was decorated with fairy lights and had lots of symbols and representation of Christingle and light. We looked at the history of the Christingle, we then made Christingles and had different crafts and games relating to the Christingle and Jesus being the light of the world. We showed a video clip on how Jesus shines his light in the world and how we can do likewise. We talked about how even in the darkest of circumstances Jesus' light shines, it never goes out. Thanks to all who helped on the Saturday (setting up) and also on the Sunday. We have a great team and it is very much appreciated.



The Sunday School children have been learning about the Lord's Prayer. We looked at different types of communication, spoken and sign. We are currently learning the Lord's Prayer in Makaton (a language using signs). We hope to show the congregation soon!



We welcomed Roger Cooke and Jen from CMSI to tell us all about this year's CMSI project Crossing Bridges using Bible stories from the life of Joseph and snapshots of the church in Egypt. Crossing Bridges explores themes of friendship, peace and reconciliation. It looks at how God watches over, provides for and uses his people and how he helps people to cross bridges and come together.

This year we want to help the church in Egypt by providing support for two of its programmes. Money raised this year will be used to fund the 'Tree of Hope' programme in one primary school. This includes training Christian and Muslim teachers in how to promote and develop mutual understanding and respect with their students. It supports children's cultural activities within the school and helps Christian and Muslim children learn about each other's faith and cultural traditions. It also provides resources for the deaf unit in a school run by the Diocese which helps deaf children to receive quality education in a loving, caring context.

The children will receive Smartie tubes which they can fill with 20 pence pieces and then receive a packet of sweets in return. CMSI boxes will be left at the back of the church for the congregation.



Summer Madness is now booked - 12 children and 5 leaders will be going at the end of June. Over the next couple of months we will be doing some fundraising to help with the cost. Fireside quizzes will be on sale for £2. These will be available in all 3 churches. The young people will also be helping to provide a soup lunch on Sunday 25th February after the 11.30 am service. We hope you will be able to come and support us.

Ladies Night - Monday 12th February - Worship Rooms St Colmanell's, Ahoghill, 7.30 - 9.30 pm. An evening of worship hosted by Gary Millar and worship led by Zara Montieth.

Engage Sports - we are hoping to make up a team to take part in the Big Connor Sports Contest. If you are interested see Lucy.



## **LENT REFLECTIONS**

**BALLYCLUG - EACH WEDNESDAY EVENING AT 7.30 PM**

**‘Big Words for Lent’**

21st February - Grace

28th February - Reconciliation

7th March - Holiness

14th March - Mediator

21st March - Faith

A short time of prayer, praise and preparation for Easter  
All welcome



**The Leprosy  
Mission**  
Northern Ireland

## 2016 Overview

Over the past year, TLM NI has sent a total of £178,909 to hospitals and projects in five countries. Here is a summary of how your support has made an impact on the lives of those affected by leprosy:

### *Ethiopia*

In Ethiopia donations from supporters in Northern Ireland were used to provide accommodation for rural leprosy patients in need of treatment from the leprosy specialist ALERT hospital, based in Addis Ababa. 400 patients were given a total of 2,400 nights safe lodging. Each patient was also given 3 meals each day of their stay. This provision enables patients to take time away from work and home life without being plunged into debt and poverty.

### *India*

Your support has enabled 200 young people to attend school in the past year through the Catch Them Young programme, which seeks to help children in leprosy affected families to gain an education (*see Yogita's story below*). Work continues to repeal anti-leprosy laws in India, and supporters from Northern Ireland have been active in advocating for a bill which challenges these laws.

### *Nepal*

Funds raised in Northern Ireland continue to support Anandaban Hospital, the central referral centre for leprosy cases in Nepal. The work of Anandaban, and the many satellite clinics across Nepal reached over 35,000 people in 2016! Over 1,100 pairs of protective footwear were distributed, and 177 reconstructive surgeries were carried out. Building has begun at Anandaban on the new operating theatre and general ward.

Your support brought about the purchase of new land and building for Patan Clinic in Kathmandu. Patan is now open 6 days a week (formerly

only open on a Wednesday), and provides much needed medicine and care to many people in a strategically ideal location.

### *Nigeria*

Both Holley Memorial Hospital in Ochadumu, and Ekpene Obom Hospital have been supported in a variety of ways, including feeding programmes, medical supplies, and protective footwear. Your support has meant that 208 people were given vital treatment and medicine, while 75 people received protective footwear.

### *Tanzania*

In the village of Samaria, a place where many people are leprosy affected, a bore hole and water pump was installed, which provides safe, clean water for the villagers. Improved hygiene has led to reports of reduction of infections and ulcers caused by leprosy.

The Community Health Education Programme, run by a group of 30 trained volunteers, screened 3,704 people for leprosy, STD's, HIV and malaria at mobile clinics in remote villages where health care is scarce. Of that number, 1,638 people received treatment and medicine.

Thank you for your support and help. It has made a difference to thousands of people affected by leprosy!

### Project Focus: Catch Them Young, India

Meet Yogita, a 12-year-old girl from India. Yogita's mum had leprosy, and her family live in a leprosy village. Since the age of 7, supporters of The Leprosy Mission have funded Yogita's schooling. Last year, she noticed pale patches on her face. She began to get teased in school, and found that her hands were becoming weak.

Her mum recognised the signs of leprosy, and took Yogita to the Leprosy Mission hospital that had previously treated her. Here she was given medicine, treatment and care. Community workers from the hospital visited her school and helped to dispel myths about leprosy. Yogita is now feeling much better. She is also back at school, and feeling a lot more accepted and confident.



# A view from the pew

A couple of months ago this photograph which I had taken about twenty years ago was seen by grandchildren. It was mentioned to me that it would be nice if I could maybe put it in the parish magazine. During the next few months I am going to release some other photographs taken by me and someone else. It's nice to look back and remember those who are no longer with us.

L.W.



## GIFTS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Donation to Catering Committee (the late Anna Ross) - £400

# ‘God’s Mission and the Church today’

is the theme of the Bishop’s Lent talks 2018



The Bishop of Connor, the Rt Rev Alan Abernethy, has announced the dates and venues of his 2018 Lent Course.

The theme of this year’s course is ‘God’s Mission and the Church today’. Sessions, which begin each evening at 7.30 pm, are as follows:

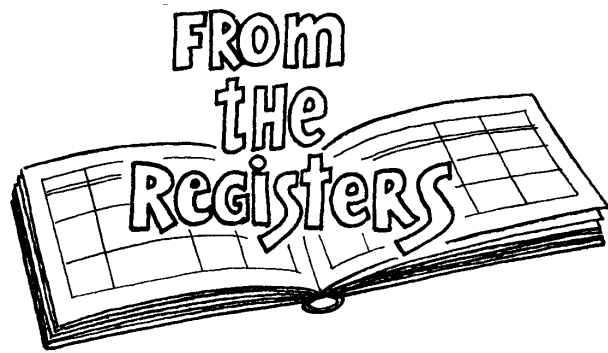
- † Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March - Bushmills Parish Centre
- † Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March - Jordanstown Parish Centre
- † Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March - Lisburn Cathedral

For further information and booking details, please contact:

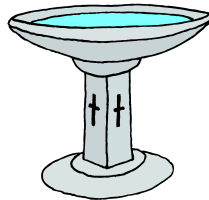
Rosemary Patterson (Bishop’s P A)

Tel: 028 9082 8870

Email: [rosemarypatterson@connordiocese.org](mailto:rosemarypatterson@connordiocese.org)



## CHRISTIAN BAPTISM



27<sup>th</sup> January

Daniel William  
George Kelly  
Zoe Rose Kelly

3 Devenagh Way,  
Ballymena  
3 Devenagh Way,  
Ballymena

## HOLY MATRIMONY



27<sup>th</sup> January

Seamus Kelly  
  
Hannah Soar

3 Devenagh Way,  
Ballymena  
3 Devenagh Way,  
Ballymena

## CHRISTIAN BURIAL



8<sup>th</sup> December  
5<sup>th</sup> January

Mary Cahoon  
William Caulfield

5 James Street, Ballymena  
5 Alfred Street Place,  
Ballymena

8 <sup>th</sup> January	Samuel (Roy) Acheson	10 Sourhill, Ballymena
9 <sup>th</sup> January	Desmond Norris	45 Carnearney Road, Ahoghill
10 <sup>th</sup> January	Agnes McLoughlin	39 Demesne Avenue, Ballymena
12 <sup>th</sup> January	Ethel Courtney	Ravenhill Nursing Home, Greenisland
20 <sup>th</sup> January	Jean Gray McLean	298 Ballymoney Road, Ballymena
24 <sup>th</sup> January	Sonia Davidson	14a Corlea Gardens, Ballymena

### **Mary Cahoon**

Mary was born in August 1946. She was one of 7 children born to Thomas and Jeannie Cahoon from Springwell Street, Ballymena. She was blessed with five children John, Michael, Dougie, Kim and Sarah, and 6 grandchildren. Mary will be remembered as a caring and fun loving mother, grandmother and sister by her close family circle. We pass on our prayers and sympathies to all of the close family and friends.

### **William Caulfield**

William (Billy) was born in September 1931, to Thomas and Elizabeth Caulfield in Ladysmith Terrace, Ballymena. He married Martha Greer, and they were blessed with six children Ivan, Deborah, Thomas, John, Jacqueline and Alan. The door of Billy and Martha's family home was always open to family and close friends. Billy is remembered as a well-loved father and grandfather, who was always there for his family; and as a good friend to many in the Harryville area. We pass on our prayers and sympathies to the family circle.

### **Samuel Robert (Roy) Acheson**

Roy Acheson was born in July 1951. Roy was married to Gillian and they were blessed with two children Julie-Ann and Samuel, and two grandchil-

dren Lyla and Paige. Roy is remembered as a loving family man who put others first in life. Roy was a very important volunteer to the church over a number of years, serving as a Glebe Warden and as chairman of the Fabric Committee at St Patrick's Church. He had a reputation for working tirelessly around the parish and for getting a job done in a professional and efficient manner. We pass on our prayers and sympathies to Gillian and to all the close family circle and friends.

### **Desmond Norris**

Desmond Norris was born in February 1929 in Cork and was educated at Methodist College Belfast after his family moved north. Desmond and his wife Mary were blessed with two children William and Richard. Although Desmond was in his late 80's he remained very active in his church and his local community, until poor health got the better of him. He maintained some valuable friendships and, as a keen member of the local Probus Club, was greatly cared for and visited by fellow members in the final period of his life. We pass on our prayers and sympathies to the family circle.

### **Agnes McLoughlin**

Agnes was born in November 1928 to Robert and Cathleen Little in Harryville, Ballymena. She married Harris McLoughlin, from Cullybackey, and they were blessed with two children Heather and Norman. Agnes is remembered as a caring woman having spent most of her life working with special needs children, as well as caring for her husband for many years before his untimely death and also caring for her own parents in their old age. Agnes was a committed member of the church and we pass on our prayers and sympathies to the family circle.

### **Ethel Courtney**

Ethel was born in September 1927 to Charles and Adelaide Irwin here in Ballymena. Having just recently celebrated her 90th birthday, Ethel's health declined towards the end of last year and she passed away in early January. Ethel married William Robert (Wilbert) Courtney in 1952 and they were blessed with two children Brian and Ann. Ethel and Wilbert were also blessed with 4 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren. Ethel is remembered as a loving and caring family woman by all within the family. Our prayers and sympathies are passed on to all who were close to her.



## Jean McLean

Jean had been resident in Rose Martha Court, along with her sister Anna (Perry), over the last six months. It was only recently that her health deteriorated and she died after just a very short stay in hospital. Jean and Anna were twins and had celebrated their 90th birthday last October. They spent almost all of their lives together - fifty years living in Mount Street before moving to Rathmore Heights and then to the Ballymoney Road. Jean had been a hairdresser for over twenty five years in McNeilly's in Church Street before spending several years as a ward clerk in the Waveney

Hospital. Jean loved getting out and about and enjoyed various trips and excursions all over the country. She particularly enjoyed social events and visits organized by organizations such as the Still Active Club. We especially remember Jean's sister, Anna, at this time as well as her sister-in-law Betty, nephews and nieces Robert, Jim, Stephen and Christine and the whole family circle. Jim Perry, Jean's nephew, led the tributes at the service of thanksgiving. Jim's daughter Sarah helped to lead in the prayers and his son Christopher thanked all those who had been involved in Jean's care over the last few months.

## Sonia Davidson

Sonia was born in April 1967 to Myrtle and Denis Dunlop in Ballymena. She was blessed with two sons Paul and Mark and two grandchildren Mason and Sienna. Sonia is remembered by her close family as a loving and caring woman who cared deeply for her children and grandchildren. We pass on our prayers and sympathies to the family circle.





# 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	8.00 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
Men's Fellowship	1st Thursday	7.30 pm	Minor Hall
Junior Youth Club	Saturday	7.00 pm	Parochial Hall
Senior Youth Club	Saturday	8.00 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 Hughes
Brownies	Tuesday	6.30 pm	Vacant
Squirrels	Wednesday	6.30 pm	Mr P Houston
Guides	Thursday	6.30 pm	Mrs K Black
Senior Guides	Thursday	8.00 pm	Mrs K Black
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

10.00 am

11.30 am

*1st Sunday in the month*

6.30 pm

*3rd Sunday in the month*

*4th Sunday in the month*

*Holy Communion*

*New Life Service*

*Morning Prayer*

*Parish Communion*

*Evening Prayer*

*Holy Communion*

*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

*1st Sunday in the month*

11.30 am

*2nd Sunday in the month*

*3rd Sunday in the month*

*Holy Communion*

*Morning Prayer*

*Family Service*

*Family Communion*

## SUNDAY SCHOOLS

### ST PATRICK'S

10.00 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*