

# ***Parish of Kilconriola and Ballyclug***

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# The Rector Writes

I decided to have Irish stew for tea - it's one of the meals I can manage fairly well. Having got all the ingredients in the pot I put it on the electric cooker to heat it up. I then would move it across to the slow burning Esse cooker to let it simmer for an hour or two. While waiting for it to heat up I had time to ring Nepal to get the latest news. Engrossed with this I then remembered that I needed to get to the hairdressers before the children got out of school and swamped the place.

So there I am sitting in the barber's chair chatting away when it suddenly comes into my mind - the Irish stew on full heat back at home. Now usually I am for getting full value in the barbers but on this occasion I wanted them to do as little as possible and soon I was cycling frantically back home. I was passed by no fire engines making for the rectory so at least that was something. I rushed in expecting to be hit by that awful smell of burning and at the least to behold frizzled Irish stew and one ruined pot. Absolutely nothing but cat sleeping contently on the sofa - not a whiff of burning and no pot on the electric stove. Yes it was sitting on the slow burner simmering away nicely - I had completely forgotten that despite my hurry I had transferred the pot to its rightful place.



Ah well - I expect with advancing years some forgetfulness is acceptable. After all that morning I had searched for ages up at the church and hall for an important document - I had forgotten that I had left it in a tray back at the rectory. Yes we all will admit to a certain forgetfulness and we reassure each other that it's all part of the journey of life.

Yet there is another type of forgetfulness that we need to take heed of that ultimately is serious because it means that we will miss out on so much. I speak of a forgetfulness concerning spiritual matters. I doubt if there are many reading this article who have turned their back on God, who would claim to be atheists or who would debunk Christianity. There might, however, be those who have forgotten somewhat about God and matters of faith - people who in the midst of all else that is going on in their lives have let slip the practise of their faith.

Remembering is something that the bible calls us to do. Clearly one of the commandments tells us to, 'Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy'. This is all about the rhythm of life and having space for God and time for him. One of the pivotal events for the Jewish people was their delivery from slavery in Egypt and their leading to the promised land. They are warned again and again that when they at last settle in that land and things are going well for them they are to remember - to remember that it is God that has done all this for them and all that they have is from him. The message that is driven home is, 'Be careful that you do not forget the Lord your God'.

As Christians our foremost act of worship is based around remembering. The Holy Communion meal was given to us so that we might remember. Thus on millions of occasions through the ages the followers of Jesus have heard the words, 'Do this in remembrance of me'. We do it again and again to remember the life, death and resurrection of Jesus and how the good news that he embodies changes everything. We remember - that is we bring these events into the present and we engage with them. The good news that he brought so long ago is the good news we embrace today.

We may often own up to being somewhat forgetful in life and shrug it off. It very much saddens God if we tend to forget about him because he has so much to offer us and he certainly wants us to get the good news.

*Stuart Lloyd.*





# Parish News

## A NEW RECTOR

Parishioners frequently ask - do we know who the new rector is going to be? The answer is no - and the process for finding a new rector really only begins when the present rector stands down. Then due process, as laid down by the church, takes place.

First what is known as The Permanent Commission for the Archdeaconry of Dalriada meets. It considers if the present parish is to remain the same and if it can afford a rector. In our case there should be few questions here. Then the Board of Nomination goes about its work. This is made up of 4 members of our parish chosen at the last triennial election - Jim Perry, Patricia McWhirter, Alex McKay and Barry Duke - and several lay and clerical people from the diocese. The parish nominators will draw up a parish profile and then the job will be advertised. Those who express an interest will receive relevant data about the parish and our nominators will have an opportunity to learn more about possible candi-

dates through visiting their churches and through interviewing them.

The board may meet several times to consider how matters are proceeding and the bishop may suggest some names of other clergy who might be approached. Hopefully within 3 months of the board first meeting the members can agree on their first choice and if that person is willing to take on the work. If no agreement can be reached within 3 months the choice then falls to the bishop. Once a choice has been successfully made there will ensue a period before that person can begin in Ballymena - it is likely that they will need some time to finish off in their present work.

Our parish nominators have been given this important responsibility. They are not required during the process to consult the rest of the parish nor to share progress with the parish. They act independently and no influence should be brought on them. Entrusted with this responsibility parishioners should simply pray for them.

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

We would love to see, and it would be encouraging for the leaders, all the children on our Sunday School roll to be regular attendees. One of the challenges we face is that often one Sunday there are very few in a class and then the following Sunday it is full. We would strongly encourage parents to bring their children regularly as this is how the children will most benefit from the experience. Just as we acknowledge the need for our children not to miss school so hopefully we can recognise the importance of not missing church and Sunday School.

## **THANKS**

Thanks to the small group of men who over the summer cleaned, repaired and painted the extensive wall that surrounds the rectory. It looks very good - a job well done.

## **HARVEST ENVELOPE**

We are aware that as a parish we have to spend much money on maintaining property and maintaining the life of our own parish. At the same time we cannot just live to ourselves and our Christian faith requires us to give to the needs of others. Over the last years because of heavy expenditure our giving to missions and charities has decreased. In order to further this giving the special Harvest envelope will like last

year go towards missions and charities. Please therefore give thought to your donation as you use this envelope.

## **GRANTS**

Small grants from the Gore Trust are available to people either entering third level education or already in it. These are yearly grants and those who have received this grant before should apply again if they are still in education. Please send a letter or email to the Parish Treasurer at the Parish Office stating name and address, college being attended and course being followed. Closing date for grant requests - 30th September.

## **THE GRACE OF GIVING**

We are grateful to all those who continue to faithfully support the mission and ministry of our church family - that we have managed to provide the resources to maintain all this work is highly commendable.

Recently we have had to undertake 2 costly projects at St Patrick's much of which work centred around the tower. The Renovation Fund along with grants has managed to finance these. Now we have to undertake major renovation work at the rectory but again we are trusting that we can manage to do this within the Renovation Fund budget.

The General Fund continues to remain a concern. While giving to the Renovation Fund has kept up, that to the General Fund has fallen. Over the period of the first 8 months of the year the giving to this fund last year was £98,230 while this year it has dropped to £88,689.

If there are those who over this last year have fallen behind in their giving we would encourage them to make this up.

## **PRAYER SPACE**

In St Patrick's the north transept is very seldom used and is almost a 'dead space' which tends to attract clutter. We would like to put part of it to better use. We have permission and the Select Vestry has agreed to turn it into an open area which can be used for various purposes but especially for prayer. The area is to be redesigned with 2 pews being removed and another turned around. The area will be carpeted with a table forming a focus point and suitable chairs installed. We are grateful to a parishioner whose generous donation will cover all costs.

## **THE RECTOR'S FAREWELL**

The Rector's final service will be held on Sunday 1st November at 11.00 am in St Patrick's. This will be a combined parish act of worship, which will adequately reflect the rich diversity and quality of worship which Canon Lloyd has nurtured during his ministry in

Ballymena. After the service we will retire to the church hall where we can enjoy a time of fellowship with the rector and with one another, also a bite to eat, followed by the presentation of gifts and a few speeches. It is hoped that as many parishioners as possible will be able to attend as this provides us with a unique opportunity to show our appreciation for his faithful service, his wise counsel and his thoughtful leadership.

We have decided that we should give every parishioner the opportunity to contribute, in a tangible way, to the Rector's 'farewell presentation'. We appreciate the significant financial contribution which you already make to the running of our parish, but we know that you will want to make a contribution to this very special 'collection'. Hopefully we will be in a position to make a presentation, which appropriately recognises the long and faithful service of ministry from which we have all benefited.

Contribution envelopes can be found in the delivered magazines and at the back of each of our three churches. They may be returned via the collection plate, given to any Church Warden or left in the Church Office.

Thank you in anticipation of your support and we look forward to seeing you at the Rector's final service for our parish.

***St Patrick's, St Columba's and  
Ballyclug Church Wardens***





Hopefully everyone had a good summer - pity about the weather. Well it's back to school and also organisations at church. Here is a list of start dates and times. We would love to see everyone back at Sunday School for a new year and any new starts are very welcome from nursery age.

### **St Patrick's - Boys**

C.L.B. start Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September

Martins 7-8 pm : 4-7 years

Y.B.C. 7-8 pm : 7-10 years

J.T.C. 8-9.30 pm : 10-13 years

Seniors 8-9.30 pm : 13+ years

### **St Patrick's - Girls**

G.F.S. start Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September : 7.15-8.15 pm : 4+ years

### **Mums and Toddlers**

Starts Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September : 10.00-12.00 noon

### **St Columba's - Boys**

Squirrels start Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> September : 6.30 pm : 4-6 years

Beavers : Mondays (Date to be arranged) : 6.30 pm : 6-8 years

Cubs start Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September : 6.45 pm : 8-10 years

Scouts start Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September : 7.45-9.45 pm : 10+ years

### **St Columba's - Girls**

Rainbows start Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September : 6.30 pm : 4-7 years

Brownies start Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September : 6.30-8.00 pm : 7-10 years

Guides start Tuesday (Date to be arranged) : 7.30-9.00 pm : 10 years +



## ***St Patrick's, Kilconriola and Ballyclug : Youth Workers***

*Lucy McLaughlin*

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*Ballymena*

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*Ballymena*

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We would also love to see any new comers to the Youth Club.

Any seniors wishing to be members this year have to come with a parent or guardian on the first night to sign consent forms. They will not be admitted without these.



**Youth Club** starts on Saturday 5th September.

Juniors from 7-8 pm is for all of primary school age : cost 50 pence

Seniors is from 8-10 pm and is for all of secondary school age : cost £1



**Sunday School** starts on Sunday 6th September. The children come to church and leave after 15 minutes to go to Sunday School. Kindergarten is for children who are aged 3+ to P4 and seniors is for P4 and above. Fusion is a group for teenagers who meet in the youth room.

The summer scheme was well attended with 40 primary school age children enjoying activities such as outdoor play, parachute fun, games, arts and crafts, baking, hairstyles, sports day, talent show, face painting and tattoos. We were pleased that Ally, Debbie and Lesley could come in from the Sports Council and do football, dance and games. Thanks to all the leaders who helped during the week.

If anyone would like to help with Youth Club, Organisations or Sunday School, we would be glad of your help also anyone doing their Duke of Edinburgh can speak to Lucy or Alan.

Messy church went well in April and we would hope to hold another one on **Sunday 18th October at 10.15 am** following the theme of creation and harvest.

## Kids Big Adventure

**Saturday 17th October**

2 - 5 pm Ballymoney

Songs, drama, puppets, games, snacks, stories,  
arts and crafts for primary school children

Contact Lucy

## Care for the family

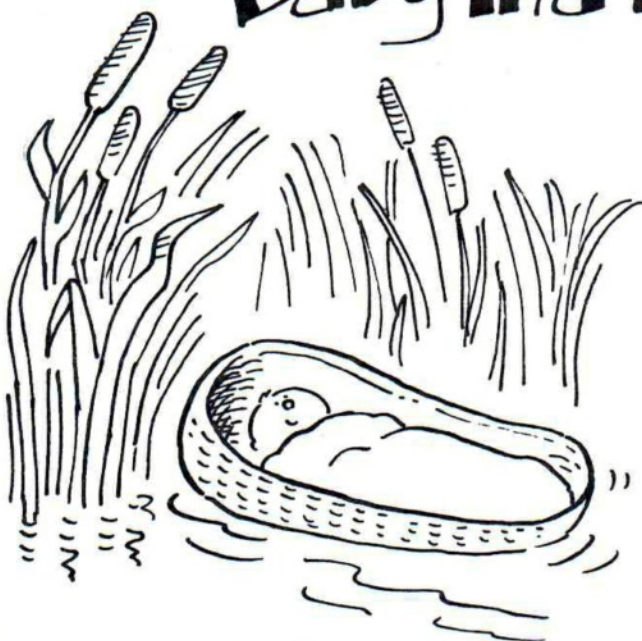
Parent talk for under 12

**Wednesday 4th November**

Green Pastures 7.30 - 10.00 pm

Please contact Lucy

## Baby in a Basket



Exodus 1:22-2:10

His name is      because it  
sounds like the Hebrew for 'pull out'.

The     's        
pulled him out of the water.

For his nurse she chose the baby's

She had hidden the baby because the  
Egyptian king had ordered all  
      baby boys to be thrown  
into the

When the child was old enough he was  
        by the princess.



# The Curate's Letter

## Winter is coming!

After a poor summer with lots of rain and dull days winter, which does not seem to have been very far away this year is fast approaching - local farmers have stated that the harvest of crops so far has been poor not as much silage and hay for the animals to see them through the winter - many farmers saying that yields are lower than last year.

Winter and the shorter days bring less light. We draw our curtains and stay indoors more often during this period than when the days are longer. It is the time of the year when we talk of how the weather effects our moods- Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD) a term often used by medical professionals to diagnose the rise in people presenting with poor mental health over the winter months.

Mental illness can affect anyone! It is estimated that 1 in 4 adults experience at least one diagnosable mental health problem in any one year (source: The Office of National Statistics Psychiatric Morbidity Report 2001).

Some mental illnesses are linked to certain types of people who can be more at risk, due to contributing factors such as their age, gender, economic status, or other life issues such as disability or substance dependency.

Mental health problems can develop at different stages during an individual's life. For example Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) is evident from very early on when children start school as their behaviour can be compared to others of the same age.

On the other hand conditions such as Schizophrenia can develop in late teens to early twenties for men and early to late twenties in women.

There are no set rules as to whom mental illness affects, it often depends on the individual and their life circumstances and events, in much the same way as physical illness. Experiences during childhood such as trauma or abuse can increase the risk of mental illness by changing someone's behaviour and thinking patterns. Life events, stress and the strength of our support networks, together with our age or gender, all combine in determining our mental health; that is why anyone can potentially develop a mental health problem.

Most mental health professionals believe that there are a variety of contributing factors to the onset of a mental illness. Studies have found that there are physical, social, environmental and psychological causes for mental illness. *Reference - [www.mindwise.org](http://www.mindwise.org)*

A study of depression among older Europeans has found that joining a religious organisation is more beneficial than charity work, sport or education in improving their mental health.

The surprising findings from a study by the Erasmus MC and the London School of Economics and Political Science also reveal that political and community organisations actually have a detrimental impact on the mental health of older Europeans on a long term basis.

In a study of 9000 Europeans aged 50+ over a four-year period, researchers at Erasmus MC and LSE looked at different levels of social activity and how they influenced people's moods.

LSE epidemiologist Dr Mauricio Avendano said the only activity associated with sustained happiness was attending a church, synagogue or mosque.

*"The church appears to play a very important social role in keeping depression at bay and also as a coping mechanism during periods of illness in later life. It is not clear to us how much this is about religion per se, or whether it may be about the sense of belonging and not being socially isolated,"* he said.

Previous studies have found that people who are involved in the church, clubs, sport, political groups and voluntary activities enjoy better mental health than the rest of the population. *Reference LSE - Research Religion best way to beat depression - press release 4th August 2015.*

As the new church year of activities approaches and groups and organisations start up again now is a good time to think about doing something different this year.

Look after yourself by allowing a few hours each week to attend an activity that you are interested in - take part in something new - come to a coffee morning, chat and meet new friends or volunteer to help out with some of the organisations.

As a church our aim is to follow the teachings of our Lord and support people in our community and beyond.

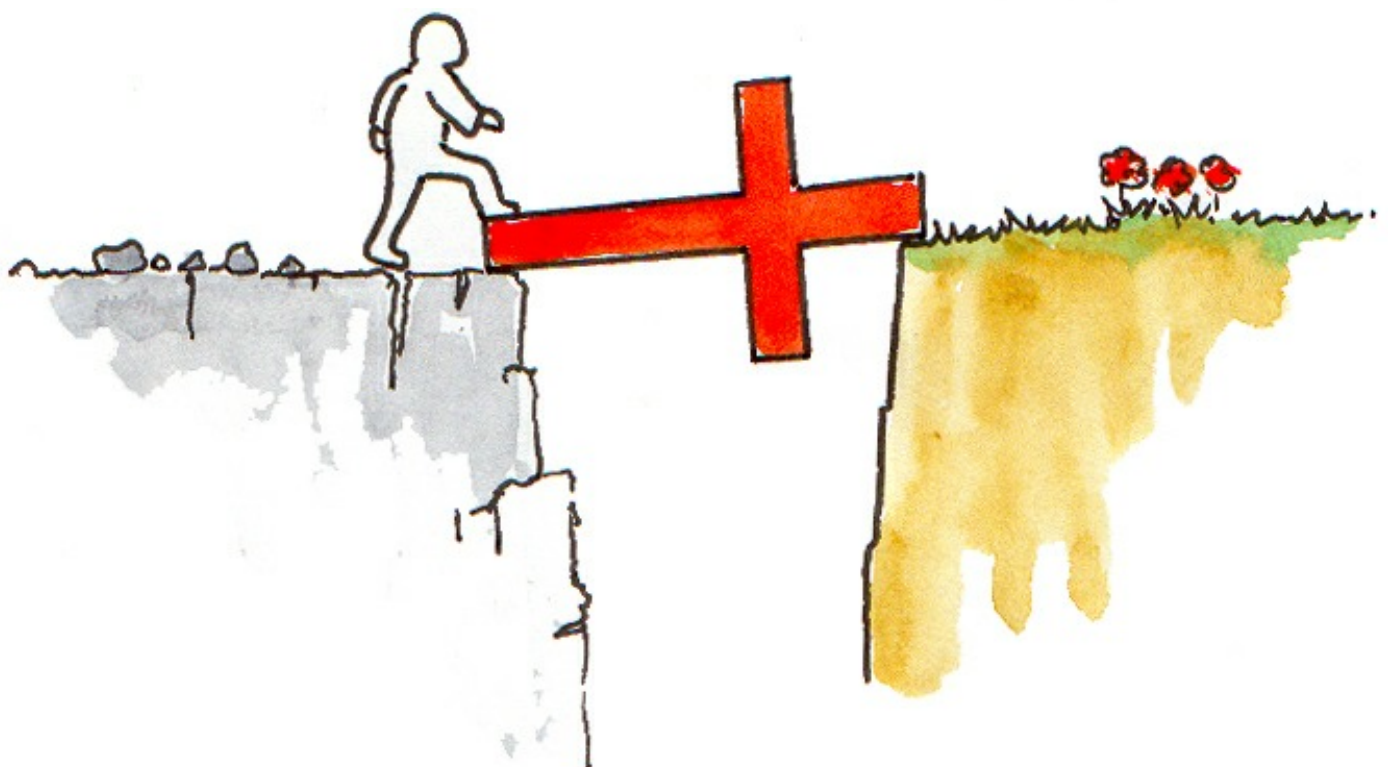
In order to be able to give support we need ourselves to be as well as we can be, both physically and mentally - we need to look after ourselves first if we are to enable other people to achieve and overcome any issues that they are facing.

So think about this - winter is coming - it will be cold with long dark nights approaching.

Everything is starting up again in the church over the next few weeks - you can stay in and hide away until spring - or use the opportunity to do yourself some good - improve your mental health and help others as you make new friends by joining in one of the activities within the church.

After all research has stated and proven, 'Religion best way to beat depression'.

*John McCune*





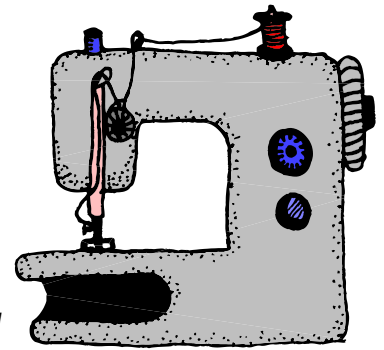


# Around the Parish

## SEWING GROUP

The Sewing Group will commence on Thursday, 17th September from 10.00 am - 12.00 noon. We are a self help group so come along and bring your needle and thread, have a chat and a cup of tea. All welcome.

*M. Telford*



## BROWNIES

Brownies will be starting back this year on 8th September with a new leader as Suzi and myself are both retiring from girl guiding. The new leader is Sylvia Cardwell. Sylvia has been with girl guiding for about 16 years and we wish her good luck with the unit.

Both Suzi and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the parents and Brownies for all their support over the past 25 years. There has been plenty of laughter and at times a few tears but most of the time lots and lots of fun with the girls.

*Best wishes,  
Sadie and Suzi*

## RAINBOWS

Rainbows will be starting back on Friday 11th September from 6.30 pm until 7.45 pm. Rainbows is for girls 4 - 7 years old. Looking forward to seeing all the Rainbows return and any new ones. Hope you all enjoyed your summer holidays. To the four Rainbows who left to join



the Brownies (three are going to 9th Ballymena and one is going to a new Brownie unit in Cloughmills which is opening in September) we wish them well on their next step of Girl Guiding.

*Hilary  
Rainbow Leader*



## **BADMINTON**

Hope everyone has had a great summer despite the weather. Are you looking for some fun/exercise? Badminton resumes on 9th September at 7.30 pm in the main hall at St Patrick's. Please come along and join us, all abilities welcome (year 8 - adult).

Hope to see you there!

*Hazel Davison*

## **CHOIR**

On Thursday 11th June the Choir finished off the season with a meal, fellowship and a bit of craic in Leighinmohr House Hotel.



During the evening the winner of the Fireside Quiz was announced. First prize went to Mrs Lorraine Lyttle a former choir member of Seapatrick Parish Choir in Banbridge and second prize went to Mrs Annie Bell Enniskillen whose daughter in law happens to be a choir member in St Patrick's Ballymena!

Thanks go to Sharon Doak for compiling the quiz and all who purchased. A total of £214 was raised for choir funds.

During the summer we were delighted to congratulate Rachael and Laura Smyth in successfully graduating from Queen's University with music degrees. Both girls have been successful in obtaining places on the PGCE Music course. We are grateful for their contribution and help during the summer covering Jonathan's holidays.

Choir practice will kick off again in September and if there is anyone out there who would be interested in joining us we would be delighted to see



you - don't hesitate to talk to the Rector, Jonathan or any member of the choir.

*Judith Orr*



## MOTHERS' UNION

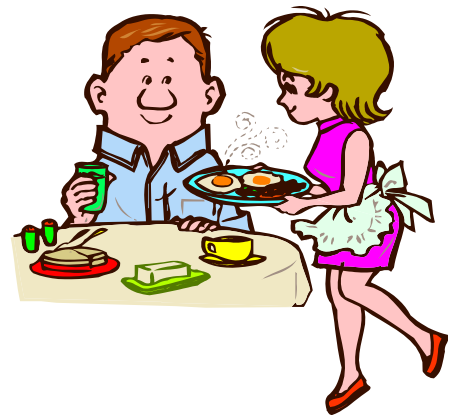
While our Branch took a summer break there was some activity and we enjoyed Afternoon Tea at Galgorm Manor on 31st July. Thirty three members spent a most relaxing afternoon of fine food and 'catch up'. We were especially delighted to welcome Mrs Jane Lloyd and we hope that she enjoyed the afternoon.

The new session for M.U. starts with our September meeting to be held on 9th September with a service of Holy Communion at 8.00 pm. We will be welcoming 2 new members and also presenting long service certificates to 11 members for over 40 years unbroken membership. As usual supper will be served at a time of fellowship afterwards. We extend an invitation to all parishioners to join us.

*Jean Kennedy (Secretary)*

## CATERING

Some changes are necessary in relation to catering provided in St Patrick's halls. The Catering Committee has, for some time now, been experiencing difficulty especially when catering for larger functions where full meals are required. It is with regret that we can no longer provide this service. On the 12th July this year thankfully we had a reduced number of Orangemen because like last year the helpers were few. A very sincere thanks must go to all those who did help. With the number of helpers falling year on year it is no longer possible to offer this service either. However, we will be able to continue to provide funeral teas as at present. A funeral tea consists of sandwiches, tray bakes, cocktail sausage rolls, cocktail sausages, tea and coffee at a cost of just £5 per head.



We would like to thank all those who give of their time to help with catering and God willing you will be blessed with good health and strength to continue as each year we all get a little older! Thanks too,

to those who have helped in the past but who, for various good reasons, can no longer do so. So far this year we have passed on £4,500 to church funds.

*Catering Committee*



### GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY

GFS will start back on Tuesday 8th September at 7.15 pm. All girls age 4 and upwards welcome.

*Anne Crawford*

### CHURCH LADS' BRIGADE

We hope everyone had a nice summer break and enjoyed their holidays. It's back to school and C.L.B. on Friday nights.



Activities begin on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September. We meet in four age groups.

Martins	4 - 7 years	7.00 - 8.00 pm
Y-Team	7 - 10 years	7.00 - 8.00 pm
J-Team	10 - 13 years	8.00 - 9.30 pm
Seniors	13 - 17 years	8.00 - 9.30 pm

Our varied programme includes Badge and Craft Work, Bible Study, Gymnastics, Volleyball, Basketball, Dodge ball, Handball, Badminton, Football and any other games you can think up. All boys aged 4 years and upwards will be made very welcome. So come along and enjoy the Fun, Faith and Fellowship.

Well done to Callum McCarrison who passed his 'A' levels and is going on to study engineering at Liverpool University. Callum has been with the C.L.B. since he was five years old and passed out as an officer last year. We will all miss him and wish him all the best in his studies.

*Alan Ross, 2589 2740*



### MOTHERS AND TODDLERS

**WELCOME** We will be delighted to see everyone back after the summer holidays. A special welcome to Vivien Gilmour, Catherine Avery and June Burbage coming in as

new helpers/leaders - we hope you enjoy your time with us. We are a friendly bunch and would love to see new babies and toddlers along with mum, dad, granny, child minder or whoever looks after you. It's the perfect place to play, run around, meet friends, chat and enjoy a snack with others.

**WHEN AND WHERE** We meet on a Tuesday morning from **10.00 am - 12 noon** (come and go at whatever time you wish), starting back on **Tuesday 8th September**, in the **main hall** - £2 per adult, first two children free, each additional child is 50 pence. Everyone is very welcome!

**COFFEE MORNING FOR OUR FRIENDS** A date is to be confirmed for next month's coffee morning for the ladies and gentlemen who help in the kitchen and with car parking. We really appreciate them giving of their valuable time to support us throughout the year. It is good to know that Davy Nelson is on the mend and we hope he can join us again soon.

Rota for September:-

DATE	NAME	FUNCTION
8 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Rosemary Stacey, Sandra McKay, Mary Cochrane and Jean Cunningham	Tea
	Bee Robinson	Welcoming
	Alex McKay and Eddie McClelland	Car Park
15 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Evonne Stinson, Eleanor Burnett, Vera Owens and Marlene Gray	Tea
	Mary Steele	Welcoming
	Oliver Reid and David Oliver	Car Park
22 <sup>nd</sup> Sept	Dorothy Hegan, Isabel Halliday, Karin Agnew and Sandra Duke	Tea
	Ann Fisher	Welcoming
	Jackie McMaster and Jimmy Tuff	Car Park
29 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Ruth Murray, Isabell Adair, Nell McIlwee and Vivien Gilmour	Tea
	Liz Bodel	Welcoming
	Bob Peachey	Car Park

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

# COMING SOON!!



## STARTING DATES

### St Patrick's

#### ORGANISATION

Sunday School  
C.L.B.  
G.F.S.  
Youth Club  
Badminton  
Mums and Toddlers

#### DATE

Sunday 6  
Friday 11  
Tuesday 8  
Saturday 5  
Wednesday 9  
Tuesday 8

### St Columba's

Guides  
Brownies  
Rainbows  
Cubs  
Scouts  
Beavers  
Squirrels

TBA  
Tuesday 8  
Friday 11  
Monday 14  
Friday 11  
TBA  
Wednesday 16

DON'T MISS IT!



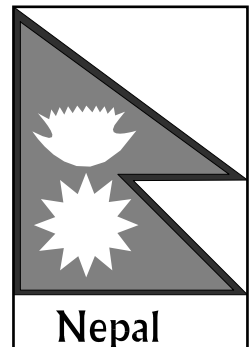


# Missions

## NEPAL

### *Ady Camacho*

Parishioners will remember Ady who spent 3 months in the parish. Working in Nepal from 2009 he returned last year to his native Philippines. He recently wrote of his year at home:-



*‘One year has passed and I have been busy visiting, reporting and updating the ministry to the street children in Kathmandu. I met many people, gained friends and had a great bonding time with the District Ministry Supervisor, church leaders and their congregations. I have been blessed by their generosity, kindness and hospitality. Bonding time with my family will be treasured and I had opportunity to bring back my niece and her daughter to Christ. Meeting with my Pasay City Alliance Church family I had a great time’.*

Ady returned to Kathmandu on 16th August and is settling back into life there. He has been blessed in being able to find suitable accommodation and is looking forward to his second term of mission work in Nepal. We were able to send him some donations to get him established and he is very grateful for these.

### *Jiri Hospital*

This was where our parish team worked last November and it suffered greatly due to the second earthquake. We were able to send £1900 to the hospital from the money collected in the parish. Most of the original hospital buildings were unusable and the hospital is in the process of trying to provide new buildings. Dr Roshan Khatri, in charge of the hospital, has been under much pressure but did respond recently to an email.

*‘Regarding funding we have received a very generous and timely contribution from our friends in Ireland. We are very thankful to them. I have not been able to access the Internet very often and communicate with them and my personal computer and office computer were damaged in the earthquake. We are planning to write them an official gratitude letter on behalf of the hospital management’.*

### **Balkhu Slum**

Again this is where parish members have worked and where a relationship with Pastor Daniel was built. The school we worked in was demolished when redevelopment work was being undertaken and then the next school Pastor Daniel established was destroyed in the earthquake. He now has managed to construct another school and writes:-

*‘We like to thank you very much for your prayer encouragement. We are fine here and everything is doing good after the big earthquake. We were able to build a new school and this time it is made of metal. We are thinking that if you are planning to visit Nepal we like to invite you to our school to draw some kind of sketch outside and even inside also and some bible words on the wall - some kind of painting which can show a moral lesson’.*

## **INDIA**

### **St Columba’s Hospital**

You might remember that our friends Dr Pushpa Dass and Shirley Iman, who were the great drivers behind the work of the hospital over many years, stepped down from their positions some time ago. We have been able to keep in contact with them and also with the new hospital administrator Pryanka Sanga. She has been in charge for over a year and despite the many problems has kept the hospital functioning. She is energetic and a hard worker and has undertaken some improvement works around the hospital partly funded by money from Ireland. These included the provision of another bore well and the repair of the Out Patient ward roof which was always leaking. The shortage of doctors remains a problem - there are just 2 residential doctors and 2 consultant doctors who undertake some sessions in the hospital. They have also the services of a paediatrician doctor when there are difficulties with babies after birth. Pryanka writes:-



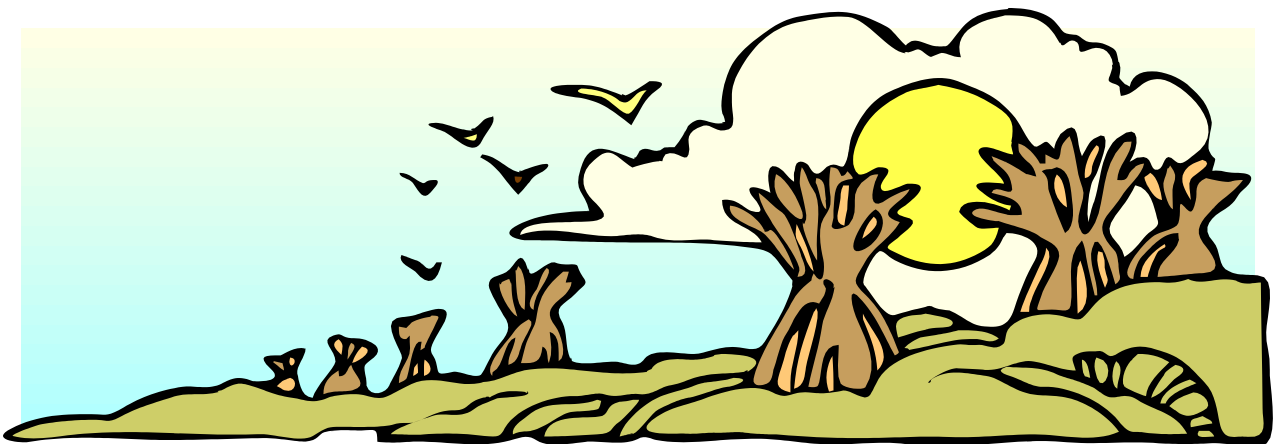
*'I am really thankful for the love, care and support that friends did for St Columba's hospital. I am also thankful for the trust friends showed upon me. I strongly wish to see you some day and I pray God to plan your visit soon to Hazaribagh'.*

Pushpa and Shirley are in the process of moving into their retirement home - part of which we prepared when we were last in Hazaribagh.

### ***Overseas team***

The Ballymena Church Members Forum are planning to develop its partnership with Habitat for Humanity by sending a volunteer team overseas from Ballymena in 2016. An initial meeting will be held in Montgomery's on Saturday 12th September at 10 am when Patrick Marshall from Habitat will be speaking.

## **HARVEST THANKSGIVING**

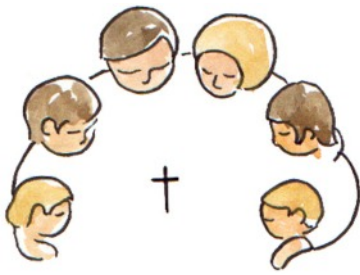


**SUNDAY 4<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2015**

**BALLYCLUG - 10 AM  
AND ST COLUMBA'S - 11.30 AM**

*Preacher at both services  
The Reverend Barry Dodds  
Recently retired Rector of St Aidan's Belfast*





# Prayer Ministry

Healer Prayer Group will commence on Tuesday, 1st September at 7.15 pm. This group has been faithfully meeting for 25 years. If you feel this is a ministry you would like to know more about please come and join us. All are welcome.

Bible Fellowship begins on Tuesday 8th September at 8.00 pm. Once again you are warmly invited to come and join this group as we seek to learn from our Bible Studies.

## Prayer Support Teams

These teams have been part of the Prayer Ministry of the parish for 15 years. We have six teams who pray, in their own homes, for all who request our help. The requests are many and varied both in content and location. It is a privilege to be part of these teams. If you feel you would like to take part in this ministry which only meets about once per year, as all our praying is done in our own homes, please contact one of the team leaders or the clergy and we will be pleased to have your support.

Prayer Ministry is available each Sunday in St Patrick's after Morning and Evening Prayer.

This past year we have had the deaths of two of our Prayer Ministry. Martha Caulfield was a valued member of both Healer Prayer Group and Prayer Support Teams over many years. We had the opportunity to say a final farewell at her Thanksgiving Service on 12th April 2015.

Hugo Bailie was a faithful member of the Healer Prayer Group for many years. We said farewell to Hugo at his Thanksgiving Service on 16th July.

We still miss both of them, remember them often and think of their families. Both knew and loved their Saviour and were very aware of His presence.

*God is our refuge and strength, an ever present help in trouble.*

*Psalms 46 v 1.*



# Coffee Morning



*St Patrick's Church Hall*  
*Castle Street*  
*Ballymena*



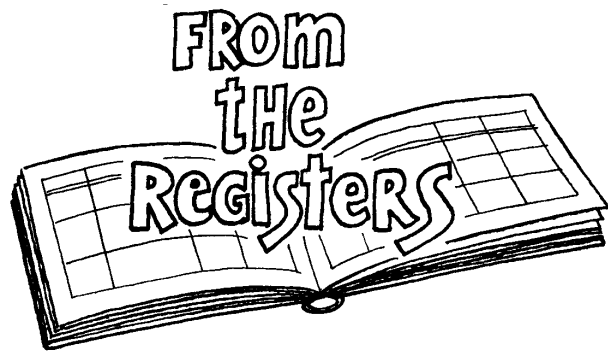
*Saturday, 19<sup>th</sup> September*



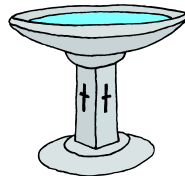
*Come along and join us  
for Morning Coffee/Tea, Scones and Tray Bakes*

*Proceeds in aid Church Funds*





## HOLY BAPTISM



26<sup>th</sup> July

Emily Jayne Henry

47 Ballyconnelly Road,  
Rasharkin

Cole Hubert O'Neill  
Taggart

90 Rosssdale, Ballymena

## HOLY MATRIMONY



15<sup>th</sup> July

Alistair Robinson  
Toni Barr

24 Sand Road, Galgorm  
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17<sup>th</sup> July

Alan Pollock  
Susan Johnston

12 Gracefield, Gracehill  
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18<sup>th</sup> July

Gareth Fisher

6 Rosses Stables,  
Ballymena

Jill Bartley

19 Sheepshill, Ballymena

## CHRISTIAN BURIAL



8<sup>th</sup> July

Hugh Wilson

218 Queen Street,  
Ballymena

12<sup>th</sup> July

Muriel Magill

2 Arran Avenue, Ballykeel

16 <sup>th</sup> July	Hugo Bailie	7 Carolhill Park, Ballymena
30 <sup>th</sup> July	Alana Andrews	Tower House, Warden Street
31 <sup>st</sup> July	Marion Anderson	Camphill Nursing Home
1 <sup>st</sup> August	George Leckey	5 Rathcavan Drive, Ballymena
12 <sup>th</sup> August	Isabella Swann	30 Camphill Park, Ballymena
24 <sup>th</sup> August	James Carson	3 Raglan Court, Ballymena

## **Hugh Wilson**

Hugh had come through the loss of his wife Elizabeth and though years were advancing had been enjoying a reasonable quality of life. This changed dramatically when he fell and did not survive the ensuing operation. Hugh was a Ballymena man and lived always about the town - in Railway Street, Castle Street and then in 2 houses in Queen Street. He worked nearly all his life in Gallahers on the engineering side and was also a keen DIY man. He loved his sport having played football, darts and snooker. He enjoyed company and chat and telling stories and had certificates to prove his long membership of the Masonic Order. He will be very much missed by his daughter Elizabeth who was with him daily and who took good care of him.

## **Muriel Magill**

Muriel was born in Ballymena on the 22<sup>nd</sup> May 1946. Muriel worked in the Waveney Laundry where she met Robin Magill. They were married in the Church of Ireland when she was nineteen years of age. They started married life in a flat on Barra Drive, and then after her two daughters Michele and Tanya were born they moved into her current home of 2 Arran Avenue where they lived for the past 43 years. At the age of 39, after a short battle with cancer, Robin died they had been married for 20 years. Three years later Muriel met Ronnie and welcomed four sons into her home - Leslie, Stephen, David and Ryan and they were together for 27 happy years. Sadly at the beginning of this year, Muriel became ill. We remember the family as they seek to cope with their loss.

## **Hugo Bailie**

Hugo had limited health for some time, had spent several periods in hospital and needed carers at home. During this time his wife Nell did all

she could for him and managed to fulfil his wish to stay at home. During his early days Hugo had been out on the roads as a salesman. There then followed many years with Securicor and with other security related work. He was good fun, often carrying on and telling stories and always with a smile. He started off as a member of West Church and then after marriage he joined St Patrick's and was confirmed as an adult. He became a regular worshipper and communicant and a faithful member of the Healer Prayer Group and Bible Fellowship. Because of his own experience he was able to talk to others to put them on the right path. He knew Christ and as his life ebbed away he was able to rest in his acceptance. We continue to remember Nell and sons Gareth and Stephen.

### **Alana Andrews**

Alana had been cared for over many years at home by her mother Margaret. She then moved into Tower House and enjoyed the life there and the company - also the various holidays and trips. She was quite a character and did not hold back when she wanted to express herself. Over the years she had many different fancies and gave everyone pet names. Recently she had not been well and her death came as somewhat of a release - even though bringing sadness to her own family and her family in Tower House. We acknowledge all the care she received over the years and offer sympathy to her mum Margaret and sister Coleen.

### **Marion Anderson**

Marian was born in the Donegall Road area of Belfast. She worked at Murray's tobacco factory at Sandy Row. She married Billy. Billy later moved from the Belfast shipyard to a job in Ballymena and the family came here in 1972. Marion was never what you would call 'a career person' as her family ways came first. She enjoyed family holidays. She was sociable although she was also a little shy and she had a fun streak and a good sense of humour. She loved fashion. In recent years Marion had been living in Camphill nursing home after illness made it difficult for her to manage at home. Marion was a long-term active member of St Columba's from its foundation, she was known to many and her funeral at

St Columba's was well attended. We express our sympathy to David, Shirley, Stephanie, Thomas, Jack, Emily and Adam.

### **George Leckey**

George's health over some time had been slipping due to a brain tumour. Eventually there came hospitalisation and a time of waiting and watching but all in the context of faith - George's strong faith and the faith of his family. Thus the great sense of loss at his death was embraced by a faith which knows that death has been overcome. George was brought up in Lurgan where he met his wife June. They were later to live in Eglinton, then since 1984 in Ballymena and were to enjoy 57 years together. He worked most of his life as a civil engineer in roads and transport and had a certificate declaring that he was 50 years a member of the Institute of Civil Engineers. He gained a Churchill Fellowship and set up an association in N. Ireland for those awarded this honour. Over the years in connection with awards he was to meet Princess Ann, the Queen Mother and the Queen herself. George was also a very good footballer gaining caps as a N. Ireland Youth International. Wherever he lived he was very involved in the local parish - in Shankhill Parish in Lurgan he was among other things BB Captain, in Eglinton he was a Sunday School teacher and Vestry Member and here in Ballymena he led the Bible Fellowship for many years. Also after he retired he trained as a Diocesan Lay Reader and took services and preached in many churches including of course Ballymena. So many benefited from his ministry and he not only preached the word but lived it - organising Christian Aid Week, being involved in the Lighthouse and a keen supporter of Crosslinks. His faith held him and was the motivating force for his life. We remember June and sons Graham and Philip.

### **Isobella Swann**

Isobella Robinson but known to all as Bella, worked in the Braid Water Mill and then in her brother Norman's shop in Queen Street. She met Stanley Swann and they soon became inseparable. They were married on the 11th October 1950. For many years they operated as a team, racing pigeons, picking up awards in races from as far away as France. Bella also



loved gardening and at one point she had over thirty hanging baskets and unnumbered pots. Bella enjoyed a bit of banter along with a cup of tea and cream buns especially around Christmas time when she wished everyone a Happy Christmas and a rattling Twelfth. She appreciated all those neighbours and friends who visited her. Bella took great pride in her grandchildren and especially loved her great grandchildren coming to visit her and always played peek-a-boo with them. The family take comfort that in later years Bella made an expression of faith and was always pleased and encouraged by the visitors from the church, particularly the Christmas Carol singers.

## James Carson

Born 23rd April 1930 the youngest of four children, Jim left school at fourteen and took up an apprenticeship at Allen's Wellington Street, (Agricultural engineering). At twenty two years old Jim joined the R.A.F. He met Molly and they married on 23rd December 1957, and in 1959 their daughter Essie was born. Jim worked all his life at engineering and he retired at sixty five, but that was boring and he returned to work on a consultancy basis. Life was great until cancer came. Jim dealt with that in his own usual way - get on with it, don't moan, find a solution. Jim told his daughter Essie, "Never focus on the bad stuff, there is too much good about." At the end Jim's home became a drop in centre, providing cups of coffee, apple and cherry pie and buns. Jim had great manners, always offering coffee but seldom making it - he hoped his visitors would offer and he gave directions from his chair. Jim gave unconditional love and endless support to his family. Our thoughts and prayers are with Jim's daughter Essie, son in law, Sean, grandchildren, Richard, Lyndsey and Stuart, great grandchildren Beau and Harper.





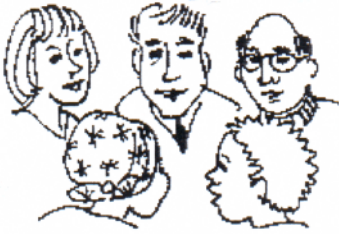
# OUR ACTIVITIES

## 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 Hughes
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
	4th Sunday in the month	Holy Communion

## 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*