

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

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THE RECTOR WRITES



# The Rector Writes

I regularly pass by a car wash on my bicycle. Sometimes there is little business for them and especially if it is wet and that can be quite often in this country. Sometimes however, they are very busy and they have a team with a system that manages to tackle a great number of cars all at once and I should say does a very good job.

The other day when I was passing business was slack. Indeed there was only one car to be washed. There was, however, quite a few on duty. So did one or two get on with the washing and cleaning and the rest take a break? Not at all! They all worked on the car and with vigour. It must have been the best washed and polished car in Ballymena! I thought to myself - there is a lesson and especially for us in the church. Instead of some standing around watching the few doing the work wouldn't it be great if everyone mucked in and contributed to the work of God in this place.

This is my last letter to the parishioners - to all, how ever you see your commitment to the parish. I pray that, as a new era will soon open up under a new rector, all who call themselves parishioners will want to feel part of the team and will want to contribute in some measure to the work of God in this place. One of the challenges for a new rector will be to encourage you in this direction and of course you will be able to encourage him or her by actually stepping forward. There is no one that does not have something to contribute however small.

There are many jobs to be done about the parish and I am grateful for all those who presently are working away in all sorts of capacities. The biggest work of all is for us as individuals and as a community to work at our faith - and that is not easy. We have to work at gaining a deeper appreciation of God's love and acceptance of us. We have to work at having a stronger grasp of that acceptance - our taking hold of it by faith.

Then knowing in a deepening way that God is holding our hand, we have to, in thankful response, seek to more and more live God's way out in the world. I find it difficult - to go on wrestling. The temptation is to not bother but God would lead us on in the journey.

Paul tells us, "Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labour in the Lord is not in vain." Working at our faith is more than profitable - here and now a richer quality of life and beyond, life that will surpass our expectations.

Speaking of work I want to thank the parish for giving me work for nearly 27 years. At a very basic level you paid my salary which kept me and my family over all these years. My thanks to you all at that level because this job security is something that many others do not know. As well as that I want to thank you for letting me, in some measure, share in your lives, letting me into your homes and sharing some of your experiences of life. It is a privilege to come alongside people especially in some of the happiest and saddest times of their lives. Our pastoral care tends to be focused around those who are hurting and so often the manner of their bearing of that hurt is a positive witness and us clergy are enriched by it. Thank you for all your acceptance of me with my limitations, for your kindnesses and generosity and for all the encouragements I have had along the way.



I might be expected to finish with the word 'goodbye' but I would rather leave you with the word 'welcome'. That word in a sense sums up the Christian gospel. The good news is that God has been welcoming you from all eternity. He has already decided to invite you and accept you. Our relationship with God is rectified, put straight or justified by Him. We simply need to welcome this truth by faith and allow it to call out living and behaviour that will please him.

This day is the first day in the rest of our lives. May you the good people of Kilconriola and Ballyclug, this community of faith in which I have had a privileged place, use the rest of your lives to come to terms with God's welcome.

*Stuart Lloyd*



# Parish News

## NO RECTOR - NO DIFFERENCE

During the vacancy the life of the parish will continue as usual. While the bishop and rural dean have ultimate responsibility for the welfare of the parish, responsibility for the day to day ministry of the church will be shared by the 2 curates - the Rev. Iain Jamieson and the Rev. John McClure. All the different areas of ministry have been detailed and one or other of the curates has agreed to take oversight of each area. Any enquiries during the vacancy should go to the curates or to the Parish Office which is aware of the various areas of responsibility.

## CONGRATULATIONS

Well done to Lucy and her team for Messy Church in October. A great deal of work went into organising this new way of doing church and the large numbers who attended really appreciated their time in the hall. There was a very positive atmosphere around the

event and it certainly gave encouragement and enjoyment to many.

## BELFAST COMMUNITY GOSPEL CHOIR CONCERT

Radio Cracker Ballymena is presenting The Belfast Community Gospel Choir in concert in Wellington Presbyterian Church, Ballymena on Saturday 21st November at 7.30 pm. This is the first time this prestigious choir will have appeared in the Ballymena area and it promises to be a wonderful evening. Ticket are £10 each - available from The Faith Mission Shop, High Street or The Music Rooms, Church Street, Ballymena or [www.radiocracker.org.uk](http://www.radiocracker.org.uk) online at

## CHURCH OF IRELAND/ METHODIST COVENANT

Recently some representatives from the parish met with some from the Methodist Church to consider how locally we could forward the covenant and work

together. There were possibilities in terms of youth events and the ministry of prayer and it was good to share initiatives that are presently underway in both churches. A further meeting has been arranged.

## **SONGS OF PRAISE**

The BBC will be filming for forthcoming episodes of Songs of Praise

and are asking for your support. WHERE - Green Pastures Church, Ballymena. WHEN - Friday 6th November from 7 - 10 pm and Saturday 7th November from 7 - 10 pm.

To apply for tickets please go on-line to the BBC Ticket Unit - <http://www.bbc.co.uk/showsandtours/shows/>. If you would like more information please call Laureen Todd on 028 9033 8256.

# **Remembrance Sunday**



**8th November**  
**Act of Remembrance at morning services**  
**in all three churches**





Well done everyone who came and supported the Macmillan coffee evening - £260 was raised for this worthwhile charity.

The young people are preparing the shoe boxes for operation Christmas child to send away to those who don't get anything at Christmas.

On Saturday 17th October seventeen young people and seven leaders went by bus to Ballymoney for 'Kids Big Adventure'. We joined with others from Connor diocese and had a great day learning about the creation through song, drama, puppets, arts and crafts and games.



Wow - what a morning at Messy Church. We were extremely encouraged to see so many and even had to bring out more chairs. 177 in total of all ages wanting to engage in this ministry. Thanks to those who



came and to the team that helped organise it. Our theme was the creation, harvest and giving thanks to God which we did through singing, videos, arts and crafts and food.

We also gave thanks to our rector and all that he has done for us. The children used the letters of the word RECTOR to acknowledge their thanks to him - R is for RESPONSIBILITY and the huge responsibility the rector had within the three churches and all the many parishioners; E is for ENCOURAGING and all the encouragement he gave to people especially the young people and the leaders of this parish; C is for COMMITMENT and all the commitment he gave to this parish day by day, year by year; T is for TEACHING and for all the teaching he gave to us as young people and all the many children's talks and assemblies he gave; O is for OTHERS and how he cared for others young, old, sick and poor; R is for REACHING OUT and how he was involved in reaching out to those less fortunate than ourselves especially within our community and further afield in India and Nepal.



The young people and leaders then thanked the rector and made a presentation to him.

Confirmation classes are continuing on Monday nights with 12 candidates. This month we covered - 'Jesus what is he doing', 'The Holy Spirit', 'The Bible' and 'Prayer'. We also had a fun evening together with games and food. In November we will be gathering together with 'Energise' for an evening on social media and the bible.

*Lucy*





# The Curate's Letter

Albert Einstein removed the portraits of two scientists Newton and Maxwell from his wall and replaced them with portraits of Gandhi and Schweitzer. When asked why Einstein explained it this way. The time has come to replace the image of success with the image of service.

We have been privileged to have a faithful servant in our midst. Canon Stuart Lloyd has served this parish for the past 27 years. Canon Lloyd has gone above and beyond the call of service and has demonstrated that he has the energy of three men in the work that he has done over the years.

Canon Lloyd has been a faithful servant to the people of this parish, the Church of Ireland and firstly to the Lord's work. As Christians we are all called to serve God in as many ways as we can.

The Servant Heart  
Matthew 20: 20-28

The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

I came across this article and felt that it is a good example of how God can use us all to serve other people with greater needs, while humbling us and moulding us into what we should be at the same time.

Marion Mill, in many ways lived a fairy tale life. She was born in a royal palace in Hungary. Her first spoon was solid gold. She was sent to the best schools and when it was time to go to college she was sent to the most prestigious school in Vienna. There she met and fell in love with a young medical student named Otto, and the fairy tale life continued. Otto and Marion married and migrated to the United States to live in Hollywood, where Marion would pursue her dream of being an actress. While in Hollywood, Otto became so interested in movies that he gave up his medical practice and eventually became a director of movies. He

became more widely known than his wife, actually - he was the famous director Otto Preminger.

Marion became famous in her own way, though. Her beauty, wit and charm made her a famous international hostess in their homes in New York, Hollywood and several family homes in Europe. But Marion, it turned out, couldn't handle the fast life of Hollywood. She began to drink and take drugs. She had numerous affairs. Eventually her life and lifestyle became so sordid, even by Hollywood standards that Otto divorced her. Marion then went into a depression that led to her attempting suicide three different times.

In a final attempt to get her life together, she moved back to Vienna. There at a party, she met a well known medical doctor, a man named Albert Schweitzer. Schweitzer was on home leave from his hospital work in Lambarene, Africa. Marion was so fascinated by this man who gave up a potential for great honour and fortune to work in an obscure African village that she asked to meet with him. Over the next six months they met regularly as Schweitzer shared his desire to make a lasting difference with his life. When it was time for Schweitzer to go back to Africa, Marion begged him to let her go with him. To everyone's, surprise, Schweitzer agreed. Marion, the princess born in a palace went to a little village in Africa and spent the rest of her life emptying bed pans and tearing up sheets to make bandages for the putrid sores on the poverty-stricken African nationals.

Marion wrote an autobiography that she titled, 'All I Want is Everything'. When she died TIME magazine quoted these words from that book: "Albert Schweitzer says there are two kinds of people. There are the helpers and the non-helpers. I thank God that he allowed me to become a helper, and in helping I found everything."

There are two kinds of people: helpers and non-helpers. When we read this passage we find that God has purposed that his followers are the helpers. In the words of the Bible, you are called and commanded to be a servant.

Canon Lloyd has certainly left us with a good example of how to be the Lord's Servant.

I personally would like to wish Canon Lloyd, Jane and the family, God's richest blessings as Stuart begins a new chapter in his life and service for the Lord.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "John McCune".



# Around the Parish

## CHOIR NOTES

There has been so much change since the last Choir Notes.



Upon my return from holiday in Canada I was given the news that Dr Jonathan Drennan had resigned his position as Organist and Choirmaster. There were a few nervous days of wondering what had happened and also what was going to happen to the Choir!

We did enjoy our time with Jonathan and he certainly encouraged the Choir on so many levels. We had to work very hard at practice but he also made us laugh with stories of his past experiences!

We had one night off and the following Thursday night we attended for choir practice and found Frank Hewitt behind the piano and Mr Adrian Poston sitting amongst the choir. We are so thankful to both gentlemen for taking over this role of Organist and Choirmaster and appreciate their time and effort.

On the First Sunday of the month we had the pleasure of attending at Ballyclug for our yearly Harvest visit. Adrian played the organ for us and we sang, 'Thou Visited the Earth'.

At present we are practising for Remembrance Sunday.

Each Thursday night the Rector attends choir practice to open in prayer and to share his thoughts on the Psalm appointed for the following Sunday. We have always appreciated this and shall certainly miss his attendance at the start of each choir practice. As a Choir we would like to thank the Rector for his support and encouragement throughout his tenure as Rector. We hope that he will enjoy his retirement.

***Ruth Dixon (Secretary)***

## MOTHERS' UNION



Mothers' Union Branch meeting will be on **WEDNESDAY 18th November** - please note the change of date - when we will have a 'Bring and Buy' Sale. This is a great opportunity to clear a wardrobe or a cupboard or two!

*Jean Kennedy (Sec.)*



## CHURCH LADS' BRIGADE

Over 50 boys and girls enjoyed the Pizza Uni-hock and football night - thanks to Karen and Zara for cooking the pizzas.

The CLB will parade at this year's Remembrance Day Parade on **8th November** and lay a wreath at the cenotaph. A new book entitled 'Ready and Willing' has been produced by Johnny Conn, detailing the contribution of the Church Lads' Brigade to the Great War. If you are interested in buying one please contact me.

The Enrolment Service will take place on **Sunday 15th November** at the Family Service, 10.15 am.

*Alan Ross (2589 2740)*

## MOTHERS AND TODDLERS

Our first session ended on 20th October with a very enjoyable Halloween Party - even Spiderman came along. The children had fun covering apples with white chocolate and there were edible treats for everyone.

Sure Start visited on 13th October and we had a very active sing along which proved quite challenging for the leaders!

We return on **3rd November** after the Halloween break when Anne Adams of the Gideon Organisation will give a brief talk and distribute New Testaments.

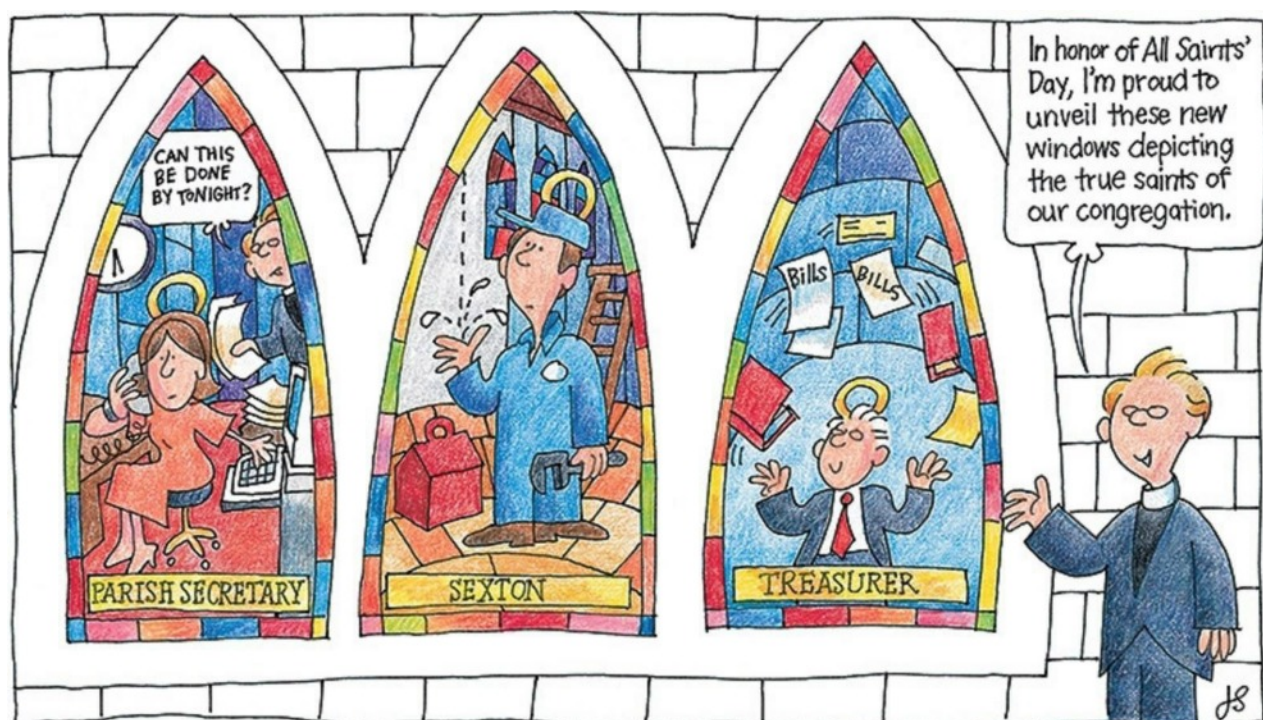




## Rota for November:-

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

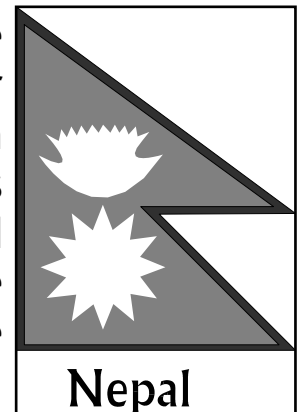
*Dorothy (2589 2740), Anna, Anne, Catherine and June*





# Missions

Many will remember Ady Camacho who was with us in the parish for 3 months from Nepal. He returned for a year to his home country - the Philippines, but now is back in Nepal and settling into his work again. What follows is part of a newsletter that he sends to all his friends and supporters. There is also a personal letter to us in the parish - mentioning many of the people with whom he connected.



Some of the money raised through the Harvest Supper will go to supporting his work.

## **THE CHALLENGES OF RE-ENTERING AND RESETTLING IN KATHMANDU**

I never have thought that going back to the mission field after my one year Home Assignment would be hard for me. I was confident then to return with the expectation that I would be very familiar with the place I usually spent for several years, but it turned out to be different when I actually stepped into my second home – Nepal. The challenges of staying in the field started after the 7.8 earthquake triggered Nepal last April 25. The price of basic commodities went up, the house rentals were doubled or tripled. Most of the houses left numerous cracks and others were damaged. After 23 days of searching for a place to stay, I finally found a flat that would suit my needs. Thank God, it is a furnished flat in the same compound I stayed in my previous years. With all these re-entry challenges, God has given me enough strength and wisdom to go on.

## **REUNITED WITH APC NEPAL - STREET PROGRAM**

After a year of my absence, I was eager to meet my APC Nepal family again. As expected, I have to listen to their endless stories about what

happened to them during and after the earthquake. God is so good that no one got hurt; the APC staff and street children were all safe, thank God.

I met many new children that day including the four familiar faces who are still staying in the Drop-In Centre. I came back with a new management, new rules and regulations, but still God is so good, they accepted me again. I will be doing the same ministry of giving first aid, assisting during the program, and this time, I will be helping in giving meals to the children.

## **TEACHING MINISTRY AT AGAPE 2 CHILDREN HOME**

God has opened an opportunity for me again to start free tutorial services to children in the new orphanage of Agape 2 Children Home. This 2nd home centre to the Nepali children who were abandoned and neglected by their families has been providing education, foods, shelter and spiritual nourishment that lead them in the relationship towards growth in Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour.

I was also given a chance to tell about the Philippine geography, a portion of history, video showing of beautiful beaches and tourist spots. I've got some Filipino currencies to give them an idea of what our money would look like.

With the free service of Dr Kaleb Budha, the children, who are prone to having skin and wound problems, were able to receive free medical check-ups.

## **PRESENT SITUATION IN NEPAL**

While Nepal is still rising up from devastation caused by the earthquake, another crisis has come in. Before and after the promulgation of the New Constitution of Nepal, with its establishment as a federal democratic republic with secular values, some political groups have been demonstrating a stir of anger against the government due to some points unfavourable with their ethnicity. Indefinite bandhs (strikes) are going on along Tarai region—the India-Nepal border, in protest of their demands. This has caused blockade of essential supplies of petrol, kerosene, aviation fuel, cooking gas, and goods coming from India. Everyone is affected, be it with daily travelling to workplaces and schools, or buying

food and commodities. Taxis are charging four times the rate and food prices soared high. This landlocked country is in terrible crisis.

## PRAYER CONCERNS

- That the scarcity of supplies in Nepal will be over and God will intervene with the current political and economic crisis.
- That I will always shine with Christ's love as I minister to the APC street children and staff and those at Agape 2 Children Home.
- Safe flight to the Philippines this month. Asian Centre for Missions has invited me to attend its 20th Anniversary to be held at Robinson's Place Pioneer, Mandaluyong City, Metro Manila, Philippines. Please pray for protection and good health as well. May the event challenge attendees with the working power of the Holy Spirit and touch everyone in a very special way. Please pray that more individuals will commit as goers, partners in prayers and financial supporters.
- Pray for me that I will not rely on my own strength, wisdom and ability alone, but fully trust on our Lord Jesus Christ moment by moment in my life.
- Discipline in having a healthy lifestyle. My desire is to be able to lose weight, targeting to have normal blood pressure of 120/80. Pray for me to have self-control in food intake.
- Pray for me to be a consistent blessing in every way and everywhere—here, to my friends, and beloved family.

Dear Parishioners,

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ! And from land of scarcity Nepal!

It's been two years had passed, but still the memories from your Parishioners and the lovely place 'Ballymena' missing so much.

You don't know how much I'm grateful to all of you. The meals that I had in every house was delicious. The parishioners are so generous.

The Rector and his wife Jane are very concerned to all my needs. The Missions team and their respective families was so caring and loving.

And how can I forget TESCO ....?



The schools I visited was attentive and friendly. The great people from the Prayer Team, The Breakfast, The Staying Alive (is that the right word) was encouraging.

The Derry trip was exciting with the Staying Alive Group.

Debbie and Sarah Chestnutt for the community outreach for the young people.

Mr Ian McKay was patiently brought me to the lovely places from Ballymena to all the places, the Castles, The Titanic (I missed Jack and Rose), Belfast City, the water reservoir, when we took the boat crossing to other place. I had wonderful time seeing those amazing places.

Miss Cheryl Sinclair allowing me to sing with the Living Faith Team, it's a wow! And to your parents Mr and Mrs Sinclair helped in my sprain.

Mr St Clair for the great lunch in the forest.

Adelaide and her friends nice lunch and fellowship.

Joan Holden for helping me every time I needed a ride to the church and teaching in the breakfast.

Mr ..... who brought me to his boat for fishing even I'm freezing to death hahahhaha.

Lucy and Matthew for the smile and the toys.

Peter and Debbie Chestnutt for unforgettable London trip it was mind blowing.

Finn amazing boy (wee man) helped me to feel comfortable at the church and his mum Melanie Sloan and Joshua.

Richard, Anne Todd and family for wonderful fellowship.

Jimmy, Anne Crawford and family .... and Rosanne Service and the children nice driving around.

Mr and Mrs Adair parents of Anne great fellowship.

And to the others unable to remember your lovely name....

To Rector Stuart without his approval that trip will not be possible, to the Mission Team and to all the parishioners.

If I missed someone please forgive me.

The time I had with all of you was amazing and unforgettable.

Thank you

Dhanyavad

Maraming Salamat po (tagalog language from my country Philippines)  
meaning - Thank You so much.

Looking forward to seeing you ALL again.

Blessings,

Ady



The Disciples became very fearful



# Secretary's Notes

There hasn't been much in the way of visible work going on around our premises this month, apart from the usual maintenance tasks. One exception is the remodelling of the south transept in St Patrick's into the prayer space, which I hope will be complete by the time that you are reading this.

That will leave the Select Vestry free to concentrate on the renovations to the rectory to try to get it ready for whoever comes next. The wheels are beginning to turn in the process of trying to find our new rector too, with a visit from the Glebes Committee from the Diocese and also representatives of the Permanent Commission.

The Glebes Committee had to satisfy themselves (because they will be trying to satisfy the R.C.B. in Dublin on our behalf) that we have examined all the alternatives for providing suitable accommodation for our rector. The Select Vestry has established a sub-group to look at the various options we could imagine and they were able to put forward our case for renovating the existing house, rather than looking to buy or build a new one. Our case for renovating is that it will be both faster and less expensive than either a new build or acquiring another property which probably would also require quite a bit of work to bring it to the standard set by the R.C.B. Adding to that the convenient position of the existing rectory we could not see any compelling reason to look for another house.

However, some amendments and additions will be necessary to the planned alterations which we had submitted and these are being seen to by the architect. Again by the time this is in print these amended plans will be ready for re-submission, God Willing.

At the October meeting of the Select Vestry we were joined by Archdeacon Stephen Forde, our Rural Dean. The Archdeacon had to satisfy himself on behalf of the Diocese that the parish could afford to provide a living to a new rector and give him or her somewhere to live. To this end he had examined our accounts and plans for the rectory and was (we hope) fully satisfied on both counts. Our clergy were asked to leave the meeting while Archdeacon Forde questioned the laity about the current operation of this parish and how we thought we would like to see it develop in the future. His questions were designed to try to draw out from us what kind of person we would like to see as our next rector, to try to define the qualities that they should possess to be a good match for this large and diverse parish. Only time will tell how successful that matching process will be, but in the meantime please remember to ask the Lord to guide our parish nominators, the Bishop and all concerned in making the choice, not least those who might put themselves forward as candidates.

It will be strange for us all not to have Canon Lloyd in charge after all this time, and no doubt we will miss him directing the way that we travel, but the world will keep turning and we will all get used to the changes which are bound to come in time, with God's help.

That's all for this month.

*Alastair*



**PLEASE KEEP FREE!**

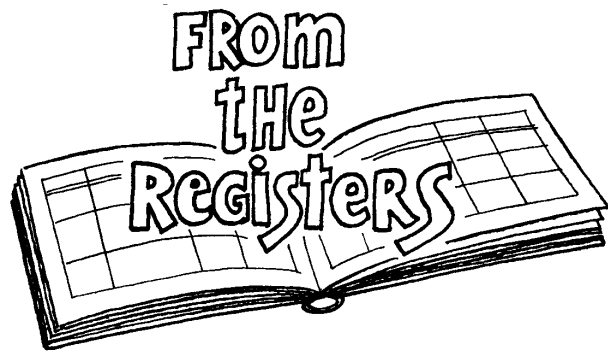
**COFFEE MORNING**

**November - Saturday 28<sup>th</sup>**

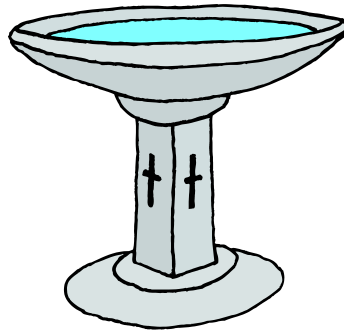
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## HOLY BAPTISM



11th October	Harry Samuel McAllister	199 Moat Road, Ballymena
	Krystal Michelle Conway	28a Chichester Park East
18th October	Oliver Thompson	2 Glenagherty Drive, Ballymena
	Ella Thompson	2 Glenagherty Drive, Ballymena

## CHRISTIAN BURIAL



31st August	Samuel Kilpatrick	31 Wilson Crescent
6th October	Margaret Barr	Kintullagh Nursing Home
15th October	Alistair Nevin	Tower House, Ballymena

### Samuel Kilpatrick

Sam died while still quite young, after a long period living with cancer. Along with this he was greatly saddened by the death of his mother and never really got over this loss. Through his difficulties Sam held firmly to his faith and was quite ready to speak of his faith. He came to look

forward to death and those who ministered to him were inspired by this witness. Sam was well known in the community - for many years he worked with the Council in refuse collection - and people were touched by his kindness. He had a love of nature - in Laurel House he delighted in the birds singing outside his room - and 'Chico' his pet St Bernard dog meant so much to him. We commend the care given to him by his sister Mary and niece Margaret. He will be missed at St Patrick's where, when he was in health, he was a faithful worshipper.

### **Margaret Barr**

Margaret or Madge as she was known had enjoyed good health for most of her long life. She had a positive view to life and made her way through the illness and death of her husband William, continuing to get out to her Wednesday morning communion. It was only in the last year or so that her life was so limited and she needed to be cared for in Kintullagh. Family was very important to her - she was married for 62 years - and she was a good home maker, not only in terms of the nurture and guidance she provided for her children Stephen and Ruth but also in terms of her skills about the house and her patience and organisation. Her grandchildren were also well looked after and she also made time to care for other members of the family. She was a life time member of St Patrick's, and in her time was a member of the GFS, the Choir, Badminton and the Mothers' Union as well as being a faithful worshipper. Her Christian faith upheld her through life and in that faith we can commend her with assurance to almighty God. We continue to remember Stephen and Ruth and their families.

### **Alistair Nevin**

Alistair had lived at home for much of his life cared for by his mum Jean and his late father Bertie. In later years he was to make a new home in Tower House. He loved to get home at weekends to his mum but still to return to his other home after that. For very many years he also attended the George Sloan Centre. In all these places he touched many lives and enhanced them. He had a happy sunny disposition and there was a great contentedness about him. Although he could not speak with his mouth he certainly spoke with his eyes and especially his smile. As all those who cared for him declared he was a joy to work with. He loved music, loud music preferably and could clearly indicate that he wanted more volume. He enjoyed life and especially the outings and holidays that were arranged for himself and others. We remember his mum Jean whose care was unstinting, and his brother Ronnie and sister Sharon.



# OUR ACTIVITIES

## SAINT PATRICK'S

	Day	Time	Venue
<i>Bellringers</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>7.30 pm</i>	<i>Tower</i>
<i>Bible Fellowship</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>8.00 pm</i>	<i>Choir Vestry</i>
<i>Church Choir</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>7.30 pm</i>	<i>Choir Vestry</i>
<i>Church Lads' Brigade</i>			
<i>YBC</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>7.00 pm</i>	<i>Parochial Hall</i>
<i>JTC</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>8.00 pm</i>	<i>Parochial Hall</i>
<i>CLB</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>8.00 pm</i>	<i>Parochial Hall</i>
<i>Girls' Friendly Society</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>7.15 pm</i>	<i>Minor Hall</i>
<i>Healer Prayer Group</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>7.15 pm</i>	<i>Church Vestry</i>
<i>Indoor Bowling Club</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>7.30 pm</i>	<i>Parochial Hall</i>
	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>7.30 pm</i>	<i>Parochial Hall</i>
<i>Mothers and Toddlers</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>10.00 am</i>	<i>Parochial Hall</i>
<i>Mothers' Union</i>	<i>2nd Wed.</i>	<i>8.00 pm</i>	<i>Minor Hall</i>
<i>Still Active Club</i>	<i>3rd Wed.</i>	<i>2.00 pm</i>	<i>Minor Hall</i>
<i>Youth Club</i>	<i>Saturday</i>	<i>8.00 pm</i>	<i>Parochial Hall</i>
<i>Junior Youth Club</i>	<i>Saturday</i>	<i>7.00 pm</i>	<i>Parochial Hall</i>
<i>Badminton</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>7.30 pm</i>	<i>Parochial Hall</i>
<i>Sewing Group</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>10.00 am</i>	<i>Parochial Hall</i>

## SAINT COLUMBA'S

	Day	Time	Contact
<i>Beavers</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>6.30 pm</i>	<i>Mrs L McCullagh</i>
<i>Cubs</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>7.00 pm</i>	<i>Miss H Hughes</i>
<i>Ladies' Circle</i>	<i>4th Monday</i>	<i>8.00 pm</i>	<i>Mrs L Hughes</i>
<i>Brownies</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>6.30 pm</i>	<i>Mrs S Cardwell</i>
<i>Squirrels</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>6.30 pm</i>	<i>Mr P Houston</i>
<i>Guides</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>6.30 pm</i>	<i>Mrs K Black</i>
<i>Choir</i>	<i>Sunday</i>	<i>10.15 am</i>	<i>Mrs S Montgomery</i>
<i>Rainbows</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>6.30 pm</i>	<i>Mrs H Strain</i>
<i>Scouts</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>7.45 pm</i>	<i>Mr K Hughes</i>



# OUR WORSHIP

## ST PATRICK'S PARISH CHURCH

### SUNDAY SERVICES

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

### EVERY WEDNESDAY

10.30 am	<i>Holy Communion</i>
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## ST PATRICK'S, BALLYCLUG

### SUNDAY SERVICES

10.00 am	<i>Morning Prayer</i>
	<i>Holy Communion</i>
	<i>4th Sunday in the month</i>

## ST COLUMBA'S, DUNCLUG

### SUNDAY SERVICES

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

## SUNDAY SCHOOLS

### ST PATRICK'S

11.30 am	<i>Church</i>	<i>Leaders - Mrs L McLaughlin and Mr A Ross</i>
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### ST COLUMBA'S

11.30 am	<i>Church</i>	<i>Superintendent - Mrs S Foster</i>
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## HOLY BAPTISM

*At Sunday services by arrangement*