

Parish of Kilconriola and Ballyclug

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THE RECTOR WRITES



The Rector Writes

De cluttering a house is a challenge - especially if that house is large and you have been in it quite a long time. It is amazing the amount of stuff you gather over the years. I give thanks for charity shops who have seen me all too often over the last months. Indeed some are almost at the point of saying, "Enough is enough."

I also give thanks for the local recycling centre at Ardeevin. This is an excellent facility and I am paying it daily visits. As well as the specialised containers ie metal, wood, plastic, cardboard and paper you have the general containers into which anything appears to be dumped including such large items as settees, beds and armchairs. I appreciate what happens to the material for recycling but what happens to all the mixed up materials and items. I am amazed for instance at how the large paper container appears to fill up each week. Then of course there are places to leave electrical goods, paint and building rubble. Nor is the centre just taking - it is also giving - manure is supplied to be taken away and there also you can get recycling bins. It is a very busy place - a vast amount of stuff is carried into it each day.



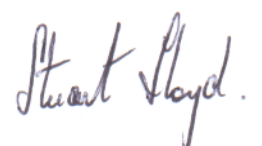
I am trying to shed a lot of stuff but at the same time I am only too aware that I am carting a lot of stuff onwards to a new house. Some of us

unfortunately carry a lot of stuff with us through life. Yes we like to hold on to things - all those photographs which we probably seldom look at but which we don't like parting with - they carry so many memories. The truth is that when we depart this life they will probably all be dumped. Then there are all the drawings that the children did when they were young - are they to go? And you come across all the course work that they did when at school - hours labouring over it but is it ever going to be looked at again? What about those boxes of lecture notes. You assiduously listened and scribbled down all the lecturer was saying, you studied them for the exams and they have sat gathering dust since. Years of study heaved into the paper bin!

Yes the job of de cluttering is sobering - we carry so much around with us in life. And I realise that while it may take a very large van to shift our stuff to the next port of call when I make that last journey in the hearse there will be no stuff with me. "We brought nothing into this world and certainly we can carry nothing out." I also am only too well aware at the moment of thousands of people having to leave everything and desperately trying to trek towards Europe - themselves alone with perhaps family but no stuff.

The words of Jesus do make sense, "Do not store up for yourself treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal. Store up for yourselves treasures in heaven where moth and rust do not destroy and thieves do not break in and steal." In other words don't concentrate on all the stuff that won't last, concentrate on what will last. Relationships surely can have that lasting character - our relationship with God and then our relationships with each other. And those fruits of the spirit - love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self control - these we need to practice in our lives for without them we will not be able to be at home beyond this life. What a shame to arrive as it were in heaven devoid of all our stuff but also devoid of those very characteristics that would ensure our enjoyment of heaven.

This de cluttering business is getting to me - but may the words of Jesus get to us all and encourage us to 'wise up'.

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads "Stuart Lloyd".



Parish News

ORGANIST

We are sorry to be losing Dr Jonathan Drennan as organist in St Patrick's. He stepped down at the end of September. We have very much appreciated his musical ability and how he got so much from our organ and indeed the Clavinova. We also appreciated how he was able to get the best out of our choir and his manner with them. He was also only too willing to assist the clergy in all sorts of ways and to play as requested at all sorts of services.

The pressure of work has caused him to resign and he will be greatly missed. He is a member of the examining panel of Trinity College London and this involves increasing travel all over the world.

It has been decided not to try to replace him until a new rector settles in but in the meantime we are fortunate to have obtained the services of 2 organists who will be well able to continue the ministry of music. Both are well known within the parish - Frank Hewitt and Adrian Poston. Between them they will

cover all the services and choir practices. We are grateful that they have stepped forward at this time.

VIGIL

We are planning, God willing to hold another vigil on **Friday 16th October** between 8 pm - 12. This will be our seventh vigil and these vigils continue to be appreciated by a reasonable number of people. The format will be as before in that there will be periods of silent prayer which people can use as they wish interspersed with times when we come together for a short refectio, prayer and some singing.

At this vigil we will focus on the biblical story as portrayed through the stain glass windows in St Patrick's. A booklet providing a pilgrimage around the windows has been produced and those attending the vigil can use this or part of it. People can come and go as they wish during the 4 hours although some find the extended period of time set aside helpful. We conclude the evening with a short service of Holy Communion.

KEEP IN MIND

The first Sunday in November will be the rector's last Sunday in the parish. Thus as already indicated on this **1st November** there will be a joint service for all 3 churches in the morning at 11 am in St Patrick's followed by an event in the hall. Usually this service on the first Sunday is Holy Communion but on that particular day because of the numbers involved and the timings the service will be basically Morning Prayer. There will, however, be Holy Communion on the previous Sunday in St Patrick's. On 1st November there will be the usual early morning communion in both St Patrick's and St Columba's as well as the evening service in St Patrick's.

COFFEE MORNING AND CAKE SALE

On Saturday morning, 19 September, St Patrick's Church Hall was a hive of activity. A good crowd of people came along to support the Coffee Morning and Cake Sale, enjoying a cup of tea or coffee with scones and tray bakes and, of course, the opportunity to meet up and have a chat with friends.

Our thanks go to Joan and her team of volunteers who worked so hard to make this fundraising event such a success. Thanks, also, are due to all those who provided tray bakes, scones and fudge and, of course, cakes, biscuits, jams and preserves which were so popular at the stalls. Many people gave willingly of their time to help in a number of other

ways including the setting up and tidying of the hall, welcoming, collecting/counting money and making floral arrangements for the tables. As always, the staff of the church office gave sterling support.

In particular, sincere thanks go to all those who attended the event which, to date, has raised in excess of £1,000, all of which will be used for Church Funds. Thanks also goes to those who were unable to attend but gave generous donations.

The Fundraising Committee

JUST A GENERAL THANK YOU

I have recently been very grateful to friends and parishioners who have sent cards, flowers, shepherd's pies, ham and turkey pies, cakes, fruit, vegetables and story tapes to the invalid in our home. Many sent messages of concern and prayed for a quick and full recovery. I know this is going on day after day in the parish for many, often not mentioned or heard of. To those on the receiving end of these acts of kindness it is so very meaningful. Over the past 26 years our rector has carried out so much of his work without any fuss, often hidden from anyone but he has been an example and inspiration to us all. I know many of us would want to say thank you to all those who have prayed for us, showed acts of kindness when we needed it, when we are feeling low and for the years of example shown by our rector in Christ's name.

A Parishioner



YOUTH CLUB

We're starting to get young people back to Youth Club and are encouraging others to come and invite their friends. On Saturday 26th September we had a Macmillan coffee evening which was well supported to raise money for Macmillan cancer support. We will also be starting to collect things for the shoe box appeal. It is important for us as a Youth Club to think of and to help others.

Sunday School attendance is picking up and it is great to see everyone again especially the new faces. It is important that children try to attend Sunday School as much as they can as this influences their Sunday School prize at the end of the year.

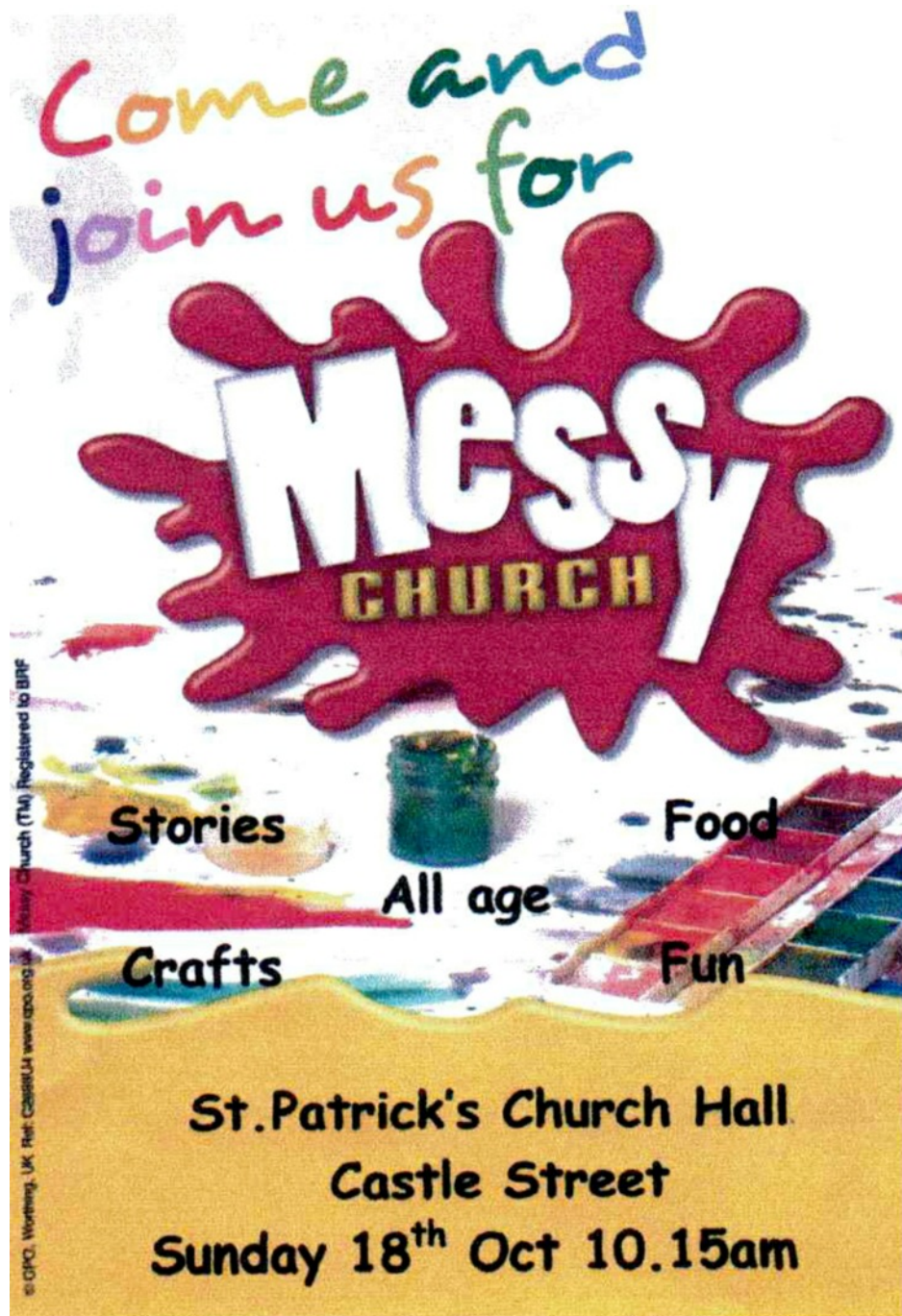
We are going to Kids Big Adventure in Ballymoney on Saturday 17th October. The bus is leaving St Patrick's at 1.30 pm and returning at 5.30 pm. Contact Lucy to book a place.



There will be no Sunday School on Sunday 1st November as it will be a joint service and we will all be in church for the rector's last Sunday.

We were so encouraged with Messy Church the last time we tried it. Over 100 people came and enjoyed worship, food, crafts and games. We are

going to have another one in October with the theme being creation and harvest we hope that many people will come and bring their friends.



Confirmation classes are well under way with 12 candidates. So far we have covered the topics - 'Me and where I belong', 'Me the world and God', 'God the big picture' and 'Jesus who is he?'.

The young people from the Confirmation Class will be going to 'Reveal' an event in Antrim on **Saturday 3rd October**. This is for young people from the Connor diocese and includes worship, food, mountain biking, crafts and photo booth.

Lucy

Harvest Supper

St Patrick's Church Hall



Wednesday 28th October at 7.30 pm
Entertainment and Food

PROGRAMME

Castle Players
Margaret Allen Singers
Surprise Guest Spot
Alex Logan
Killycoogan Band
Kenny Mitchell
Compere – Bill Balmer

Admission £7 – proceeds to the Royal Belfast Hospital for
Sick Children and Nepal Missions
Tickets available from J Greer, J McMaster and L Bell



The Curate's Letter

Great Women in the Bible

Over the next few letters I am going to look at great women in the bible. I will start with Sarah wife of Abraham. You can read about her in Genesis 18.

Maybe you will ask why not start with Eve. I'm sorry to disappoint you if you are a biblical literalist but there was no Eve. The story of Adam and Eve is a creation myth, it expresses spiritual truth in the form of a narrative or story. If my grandmother was still alive she would be angry with me, because she insisted that every word of the Bible is (literally) true. However, it is also true is that she never went into a church except for a wedding and had no interest in faith - beyond believing that every word of the Bible is literally true. Whereas I love church, but I certainly don't believe every word of the Bible is literally true. In fact to claim that it is would be itself disrespectful to the richness of scripture and endless complexity of scripture by reducing it to a 'one size fits all' simple kind of fact-stating literature, which can be simply said to be either true or false.

For example we might say that the famous statement 'Jesus wept' is literally true - because Jesus did in fact, on one particular occasion, literally weep and that makes the verse 'true'. But how would you say that the statement 'Return Israel, to the Lord' (Hosea 14.1) is true? We might argue that it needs to be expanded into the verses surrounding it to get a larger nugget which may then be asserted to be true (or false) but as it stands it is an exhortation to faith, and cannot possibly be said to be true or false in the same sense that the statement 'Jesus wept' is true.

Taking the Bible seriously - as a I hope I do - does not mean confusing the different type of writings and communications in the Bible. We shouldn't

be reading creation narratives as if they were stories in the parish magazine about the trips to the seaside. To believe that Adam and Eve were real people exactly like you and me seems not to be taking Genesis very seriously at all.

Anyway, I digress, back to Sarah. In a strange and complicated story in Genesis 18 God, in the form of three male visitors, paid a call on Abraham and Sarah in their tent near the great trees of Mamre. Sarah hurried off to bake cakes, and Abraham entertained the visitors. One of them asks, "Where is Sarah? I will come back next year at this time and your wife Sarah will have a son." Sarah, of course, was listening at the tent flap (just like you or I would) to this rather bizarre conversation about her.



Sarah was feisty and she laughed when she heard this. And said, "After I am worn out and my Lord is old, will I have this pleasure?" As well she might as she was an elderly lady. But still, it takes quite a nerve to laugh at God. After Sarah's laugh God appeared to Abraham - it does not say in what form, and demanded to know why Sarah had laughed. Interesting that he did not ask her. Sarah denied laughing because she was afraid. As well she might be. People didn't laugh at God in Ancient Israel.

This story is unusual because the Bible as you know is a serious book which is very short on laughs. There is humour certainly but not what you'd call 'laughs.' Jesus is never recorded as ever having laughed. But I feel sure he must have done because Jesus was fully human and everyone laughs. It was just that the evangelists were not interested in Jesus' laughter. They were interested in his weighty pronouncements. The word 'laugh' is hardly found in the Bible. So far as I know Sarah is the only person in the bible who ever laughed. It would be good to know a lot more about this story.

A year later Sarah gave birth to Isaac. Maybe she laughed again? Is anything impossible with God?

And the rest is history. The history of the family of the people of God.

Iain James



Around the Parish

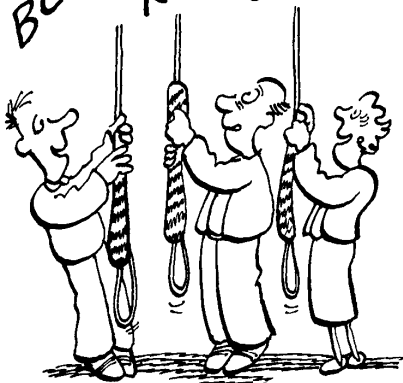
FLOWER GUILD

We will be decorating St Patrick's for the harvest services on **Friday 9th October from 10.30 am onwards**. Donations of fruit, vegetables etc, would be much appreciated and anyone wishing to stay to lend a hand will be very welcome. No qualifications needed!



Jean and Etta

BELL RINGERS



ST PATRICK'S BELLRINGERS

The bells of St Patrick's have rung out over Ballymena since 1895 and I'm sure the parishioners as well as the wider community would want them to ring out for many years to come. St Patrick's has one of the finest rings of bells and has the only ring of 12 bells in a parish church in Ireland. However, the bells do not ring themselves! There is a dedicated team of ringers who ring for Sunday services week by week, but the team is very small and we urgently need new recruits! While our main purpose is the call to worship, in addition we ring for weddings, royal events and special occasions. Regrettably, there are times when we do not have enough ringers available for one reason or another, and have no option but to decline.

We would encourage you to give it a try - don't leave it to others. You will find that you actually enjoy it! We will teach you. You don't have to be musical and you will have a hobby which you will enjoy for the rest of your life. Any former ringers would also be very welcome back again.

We will be sorry to lose the Rector as one of our team of ringers, but hope to have him with us from time to time.

If you would like to come up the tower and see what's involved contact Sam on 2565 3508, or Colin on 2564 2774 or the Rector.

MOTHERS' UNION



Wednesday 14th October 8 pm - Speaker Joan Parkinson, Methodist Chaplain to Hydebank. This promises to be a most interesting evening and all parishioners will be most welcome.

Jean Kennedy



CHURCH LADS' BRIGADE

A very warm C.L.B. welcome to our nine new Martins. We hope they enjoy Friday nights and we encourage them to keep up their attendance.

Juniors are busy with badge work and scripture courses. The seniors are making bird tables for their badge work.

On Friday 16th October we are hosting a Pizza Night with uni-hock and football for the Carnmoney, Magherafelt and Portrush Companies. Friday 30th October Fancy Dress Hallowe'en Party.

Alan Ross, 2589 2740

MOTHERS AND TODDLERS

It was lovely to see some familiar faces back with us in September and we were especially delighted to welcome some new children with their carers. We are in the process of getting a banner for the outside of the church to promote the group to the wider community.

Sure Start will be with us on 13th October for some craft activities and we will have our customary Hallowe'en party on 20th October.



Hallowe'en Break

Please note there will be no Mothers and Toddlers Group on **Tuesday 27th October**.

Coffee Morning Monday 12th October at 10.30 am in Minor Hall.

In recognition of their support, we will have a coffee morning for the ladies and gentlemen who help in the kitchen and with car parking. We simply couldn't function without them and greatly appreciate everything they do. We will also take this opportunity to make a donation from our funds to Macmillan Cancer Care for the World's Biggest Coffee Morning.

Rota for October:-

DATE	NAME	FUNCTION
6 th October	Rosemary Stacey, Sandra McKay, Mary Cochrane and Jean Cunningham	Tea
	Bee Robinson	Welcoming
	Alex McKay and Eddie McClelland	Car Park
13 th October	Evonne Stinson, Eleanor Burnett, Vera Owens and Marlene Gray	Tea
	Mary Steele	Welcoming
	Oliver Reid and David Oliver	Car Park
20 th October	Dorothy Hegan, Isabel Halliday, Karin Agnew and Sandra Duke	Tea
	Ann Fisher	Welcoming
	Jackie McMaster and Jimmy Tuff	Car Park
27 th October	Hallowe'en break	

Dorothy (2589 2740), Anna, Anne, Kate, June



BROWNIES

9th Ballymena Brownies have commenced the new term with 7 Brownies. It is great to see the girls enjoying all the activities which have been planned for this term. If

there are any girls aged 7 to 11 who would like to join this happy band please come along to St Columba's on Tuesday evening from 6.30 to 8 pm - they will be made most welcome by the girls and leaders.

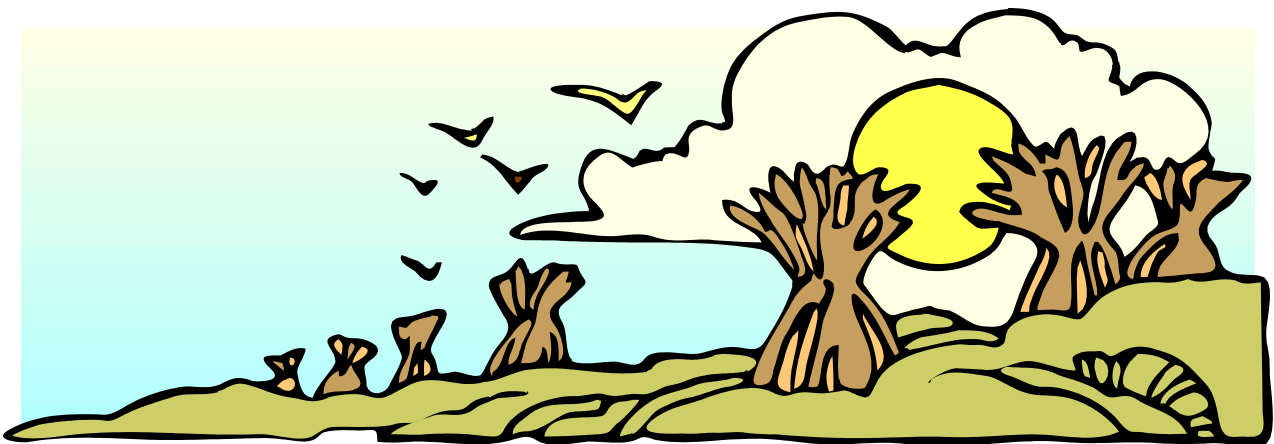
RAINBOWS

9th Ballymena Rainbows have started again. We are glad to see the Rainbows return from last year and have 10 new recruits. If there is any girl from 4 to 7 yrs who wishes to join, we meet on Fridays from 6.30 pm to 7.45 pm in St Columba's. We would like to see them there to join our guiding family for fun and friendship.

*Hilary,
Rainbow Leader*



HARVEST THANKSGIVING



SUNDAY 11th OCTOBER 2015

ST PATRICK'S - 11.30 AM

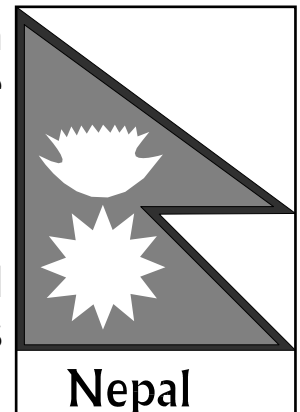
*Preacher - The Reverend Roger Thompson
Former Rector of Cairncastle and now working
for Church Mission Society with special
responsibility for Nepal*



Missions

September Salutations from the CMSI team. I write with my final update on our **Nepal Earthquake Response Appeal**.

Firstly, another huge ‘thank you’ for all the interest, prayers, communication and funds that we’ve received over the 20 weeks since the first of the major earthquakes in Nepal.



Nepal News - for prayer

Many of you will have continued to follow bits and pieces of news from Nepal and from our partners there, but with very limited news coverage in recent months, it’s perhaps worth highlighting a couple of general prayer points for the country.

- The country continues to experience ‘aftershocks’ - some more severe than others. Scientists have reported that the earthquakes didn’t release as much of the seismic pressure as had been hoped (after 80 years since the previous earthquake). Further significant earthquakes are predicted in the ‘near future’ - which could be days, months or a few years ahead. Given the widespread devastation and emotional trauma of the April/May quakes, there is still a sense of fear for many Nepalis.
- The focus of the earthquake response is now very much on rehabilitation and reconstruction - there is much rebuilding to do and it will take many years for many parts of the country to ‘recover’. But the efforts have been made all the more complicated because of the unstable and uncertain political situation ...
- The much-promised new Constitution (now five years in the offing) was due to be signed last month, but some unexpected additions appeared to the draft in June, which led to significant international

criticism (for a failure to protect fundamental rights for minority groups) and widespread protests in the country. The all-too-familiar sense of stalemate seems to have brought things to a halt - it's hard to see how effective reconstruction and rehabilitation can continue in this context!

- Part of the new Constitution could have implications for Christian Churches and for evangelism and conversion in Nepal. It could be that the Church in Nepal will once again experience opposition and persecution, but as some of our partners have pointed out - that's when the Church grows!
- I'm just off the phone with Bikash in Nepal who had lots of examples of how they've seen God at work through the earthquake, opening up new opportunities to share His love. It seems like a couple of new house-churches are going to be starting up in the villages that SD Church supported in May - July. He asked me to pass on their thanks for your prayers - and urged you to keep praying!

Earthquake Appeal Funds

Since launching our Earthquake Response Appeal at the end of April, we've received over **£25,000** to support our partners in their medium/long-term responses.

We've already transferred just over **£8500** to our partners and, just today, we have approved a further transfer of **£14,100**. Here's how the support is being used:

- **£2000 to Nutrition Promotion Consultancy Services** - this is the organisation Deirdre Zimmerman works for.
- **£6500 to HDCS schools rebuilding programme.**
- **£14,100 to SD Disabled Children's Hostel programme.**

All three programmes very much represent an investment in the future of children and families - exactly the sort of medium and long term responses that we were keen to support through this appeal.

Roger Cooke
Mission Resource Manager
CMS Ireland



Secretary's Notes

Another winter approaching all too fast and the usual list of maintenance work to be going on with around the Parish. Thanks once again to all who gave of their time and effort to look after the buildings and grounds over the summer months, when grass-cutting alone becomes almost a full-time job.

By the time that you are reading this Ballyclug will have had a new coat of paint to cover up the damp-proofing work again, thanks to the good offices of Jackie and his regular work-crew who give a great deal in their care for this lovely old Church and its surroundings. The electricians at Ballymarlow have been playing a few tricks in recent times and will need a proper inspection and consequent repairs by fully qualified electricians. At St Columba's the long awaited replacement doors have returned from the joinery, but once on site it became apparent that new hinges would be needed which have been ordered up. By this time they may also have arrived and so the installation won't now be far away, or perhaps may even have happened by the time this goes to print.

St Patrick's has seen all of the essential works completed, except that there are still some finishing touches to be done to complete the restoration of the pipe-organ to full working order, Wells Kennedy still needing to 'voice' a few remaining pipes before putting them back in place. Sorry but I can't explain any further exactly what that means, if you know I'd be grateful if you can explain it to me.

Also at St. Patrick's there is work going on at the top of the south transept to convert that space into a quiet area for prayer and reflection, a more

purposeful place than the empty pews which were never used, (at least since I have been coming to St Patrick's), which could also serve as a small side-chapel if needed. This is being created as a memorial to a much missed member of our congregation and has been generously gifted to the Parish.

The big project now (heaven help us but there always seems to be one on the go) is to get the Rectory up to the standard required by the Church of Ireland today for the next incumbent. As expected the age of the house told against it to an extent and it needs re-wiring and re-plumbing, an upgrade to the heating system and renewal of the bathroom facilities. It will also be necessary to create adequate access for wheelchair users and some related works outside in the garden. The good news is that the expected works can be met from the Renovation Fund, but please keep on filling your white envelopes, because there will almost certainly be some unexpected surprises which will crop up once work commences. When all is done though we can hope that the house will continue to provide a welcoming home for our next Rector, whoever they will be, as it has done for the Lloyd family over the last twenty six years. I'll end this time by wishing Canon and Mrs Lloyd many happy years to come in their new home.

*All the Best,
Alastair*



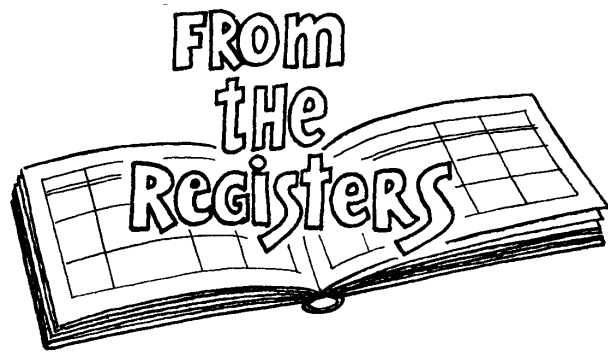
PLEASE KEEP FREE!

COFFEE MORNING

November - Saturday 28th

In aid of Church Funds





HOLY MATRIMONY



17 th September	Ryan Stewart Samantha Harris	30 Millhouse Dale, Antrim 30 Millhouse Dale, Antrim
18 th September	Seamus Rowan Margaret McTaggart	144 Carnlough Road, Ballymena 62 Wilson Crescent, Ballymena

CHRISTIAN BURIAL



4 th September	Isobel Magill	11 Orkney Drive, Ballymena
10 th September	Kathleen Stewart	164 Ballymoney Road, Ballymena
14 th September	James Allen	22 Tardree Grove, Ballymena
21 st September	Esther Herbison	44 Old Park Avenue, Ballymena

Isobel Magill

Earlier in the year Isobel had received a poor diagnosis but since then she carried on as best as she could and right up to the end she enjoyed visitors coming in and chatted away to them. Her death therefore when it happened was quite a shock to the family. Fifty nine years ago she started life in Maghera as part of a big family and belonged to the Church of Ireland in the town. When she moved to Ballymena and had a family Charles her husband took on the care of the children and housekeeping duties and she was the breadwinner. Never shy of work she was employed in O’Kane’s, Tullymore Hotel, Michelin and McAtamney’s. Later in life she enjoyed her grandchildren and also a game of bingo. She was sociable in nature and not only engaged with family but also the wider community and always kept an open door. As well as Charles we remember daughter Lynsey and sons Alan, Jason and Jamie.

Kathleen Stewart

Kathleen never really recovered from a fall and after being hospitalised she spent some months in Galgorm Nursing Home. She started life 91 years ago in Clarence Street and continued all her life in the town - mainly on the Ballymoney Road living next door to her sister, with whom she was very close. In her early years like many others she worked in Gallahers and there met her husband to be Isaac. They were to have many years together and his death in 2011 was a great blow to her. They had a caravan in Ballycastle and spent many holidays there with Adrian their son. Kathleen’s family were members of West Church and there she was to worship. However, she always had an affinity with St Patrick’s as the Stewart’s had a strong connection there. We remember at this time Adrian and her sister May.

James Allen

James, or as he was known to most Cody, had a good innings of 90 years and died in hospital following a heart attack. For much of his life he lived with his brother George and sister Margaret. In his early days he worked in the Braidwater Mill and then joined up during the war to serve in the far east. When he returned home he attended training school and then worked in the building trade until he retired. While he liked television his one great passion was ballroom dancing and for many years he danced with a partner all over the country. He was not one who engaged with

church and thus was not that well known to the clergy. We remember Margaret and George and niece Coleen.

Esther Herbison

For some time Esther had limited mobility and bouts of ill health but yet continued to be out and about and to make the most of life. When she was hospitalised recently it was assumed that she would bounce back but 2 cardiac arrests brought her life to an end. She was born in Railway Street on 3/3/1933 but was to live in many different homes over her years. She had nearly 60 years with her husband Billy who died in 2012 and while that was a great blow, true to form, she determined to try to keep her independence and to get out and about. Over the years she worked in the Phoenix and then in Andena Home as a care assistant. She enjoyed her knitting and many benefited from her skill and she enjoyed Megan her grandchild coming in to her after school. Despite her limited mobility she managed to get to Ballyclug each Sunday and to mid week communion in St Patrick's each Wednesday. Her faith meant a great deal to her and she started each day with her bible and bible reading notes. She was a lively character and others appreciated her positive attitude as she appreciated the fellowship of the church. She will be missed by both her own family and the church family. We remember her daughter Alison, son James and sister Elizabeth.





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		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