

Parish of Kilconriola and Ballyclug

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St Patrick's	Rector's	Miss Ruth Dixon
	People's	Mr Richard Cotter
Ballyclug	Rector's	Mr William Burnett
	People's	Mr Jackie Greer
St Columba's	Rector's	Mr Bert Kernohan
	People's	Mr Larry Cunningham
Glebe Wardens	Rector's	Mr Kenneth Hughes
	People's	Mr Peter Chestnutt

SELECT VESTRY

Clergy, Church Wardens, Glebe Wardens and: Mr Alan Adair, Miss Nicola Burnett, Mr Barry Duke, Mr Dessie Dunlop, Mr Ronnie Fleming, Mrs Rosalie Grainger, Mrs Elizabeth Hughes, Mr Alex McKay, Mrs Patricia McWhirter, Mr Alastair Marrs, Mr Oliver Reid and Mr Richard Todd.

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St Columba's Vacant



The Curate's Letter

You may have heard that the Archbishop of Canterbury wants to fix the date of Easter. Maybe he is already looking ahead for what will he ultimately be remembered for - his 'legacy' as you might call it. The church as you know has two kinds of feast days - fixed feast days like Christmas which is always celebrated on 25 December (at least in the western church) and moveable feast days like Easter which is fixed for - wait for it - the first Sunday after the first full moon after the vernal equinox (ie the first day of spring).

At first sight moving Easter from a moveable to a fixed feast seems a sensible idea. Imagine after all how difficult it would be if the date of Christmas fluctuated between November and February. It would throw household budgets and television advertising lead-in times into a tizz.

But such a change would be a bad idea - it is a subtle theological downplaying of the importance of Easter. Easter was originally a pagan festival in honour of the God Eastre until the church wisely turned it into a celebration of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. There is a similarity, in fact, between the traditional pagan and Christian approaches to Easter - both see Easter as something which comes from outside the human world, as a gift, a breaking-in of something divine.

The pagans looked to the vernal equinox which is fixed in nature and cannot be moved by man, to give them the date of Easter. Christian Easter, following the pagan tradition, also reminds us that salvation is a gift, it comes when it comes, it can't be brought on or speeded up. It comes in God's own time just like the second coming of Jesus will come in God's own time.

We should no more be trying to manage and fix Easter as if it were a problem than we should be trying to fix the date for the second coming of Christ. Neither the first coming of Christ, nor his death and resurrec-

tion celebrated at Easter, nor his next coming can be fixed, they are nothing to do with us in that sense - they are gifts pure and simple. They cannot be speeded up, demanded or earned, but only gratefully received.

Thank you very much for the many good wishes I have received on passing my driving test. That also was something which came in its own time, and refused to be speeded up. It was an open question as to whether that or the 'second coming' might happen first.

Iain Turner





Parish News

INSTITUTION OF NEW RECTOR

The Institution of the Reverend Mark McConnell as incumbent of the parish by the Lord Bishop of Connor will take place on **Wednesday 1st June at 8.00 pm** in St Patrick's Church. All parishioners are invited and encouraged to attend this service.

- Sandra Duke
- Barry Duke
- Cathy Moore
- Sandra Greer
- Les Hughes
- Liz Hughes
- Kenneth Hughes
- Alan Sutters
- Ivan McCombe
- Stephen Andrews
- Ian McKay

NEW TEAM

The Annual General Vestry of the parish met recently and a new team was chosen in terms of church wardens, glebe wardens and Select Vestry. The names of the new team appear on the inside cover of this magazine.

At another meeting in St Columba's the parishioners there also chose new members for the St Columba's Committee. As well as the new church wardens Bert Kernohan and Larry Cunningham these members are:-

JOINT SERVICE

For some years now we have had one joint service during the year when the 3 churches come together. This year it seems appropriate to have this when we are welcoming our new rector to the parish. The service will be held on Sunday **5th June in St Patrick's at 11.30 am**. Thus on that Sunday there will be no service in Ballyclug or St Columba's. We would encourage all parishioners to come along and extend a warm welcome to

the Reverend Mark McConnell and his family.

THE END OF AN ERA

The March Family Service Sunday in St Columba's culminated in a very special event. A series of presentations were made to Sandra Montgomery in recognition of her 26 years service as organist at St Columba's.

She was presented with a beautiful felt picture of the church, an inscribed family Bible, a collage of photographs showing some of the many ways in which she contributed to the life at St Columba's - as organist, choir mistress, flower arranger, Sunday School teacher, church reader, and dishwasher!

She was also presented with a cake and flowers to remind her of the occasion.

Finally she was given a cheque which she was instructed to use for a well deserved holiday.

After the presentation and speeches the committee served a light lunch to the congregation.

Thank you to all involved.

FUND RAISING EVENTS

A reminder of two autumn fund raising events:

- **Parish Auction - Saturday, 24 September**
- **Christmas Fair - Saturday, 26 November**

Further details in the June magazine.

A NOTE TO ST COLUMBA'S

For once in my life you folk have me virtually speechless. In the opening line of a hymn, 'How can I say thanks for all you have done for me'? Sometimes God has things for us to do that we don't even contemplate, and this was one thing I didn't particularly want, but that's another story. You folk in St Columba's are such a warm and welcoming church family, it's a privilege to be a part of it. The way you responded to anything that was thrown at you, in the way of new hymns, songs and chants was quite a revelation - thank you. Most of all though, the kindness and generosity of your presentation to me was absolutely overwhelming, and so undeserved. How can I take so much

for doing something I loved so much?

I'm pleased that I can keep my links with the parish through Ballyclug, and still do what I think God expects of me to support Tom in his role out at Carnalbana. Believe me I'm well churched on a Sunday morning these days.

May I just wish you all God's richest blessings now and into the future. There will always be a piece of my heart up there with you. In the meantime thank you so much again.

God bless!

Sandra





Around the Parish

MOTHERS' UNION

The next Branch meeting will be on Wednesday 11th May when we will meet at the church at 6.45 pm for a visit to Lorraine McBride's 'Bee Company' at Craigdun.



Tuesday 24th May - Young Members' Diocesan Event - 'Fashion by George (Asda)' in St Patrick's, Ballymena at 7.30 pm.

Friday 27th May - 'Mums in May' tea party in the Minor Hall at 2.30 pm.

Jean Kennedy



The choir are busily preparing for the Reverend Mark McConnell's Institution on 1 June 2016. Rehearsals are underway for choral evensong. It is important that the tradition of choral music is upheld within St Patrick's Parish Church. As I have stepped out of the choir, in my role as Rector's Church Warden, I have the pleasure of actually listening to the choir from the back of the church and they sound really good!

By the time you will have read this the musical evening scheduled for 22 April 2016 will have taken place. Some may remember Miss Rachel Smyth and Miss Laura Smyth who sang with the choir, they are taking part at this musical evening.

As practises end around the end of June the choir hope to arrange an evening meal - a time to relax and enjoy each other's company!

*Ruth Dixon
(Secretary)*



MOTHERS AND TODDLERS

We continue to have lovely fun filled Tuesday mornings and we thank all those mums, dads, grannies, grandas and child minders who support us each week. Hopefully this month will see a visit from the local library and a healthy eating promotion.

Many thanks to the helpers who will cover the extra week in this month's rota.

Rota for May:-

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

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



CHURCH LADS' AND CHURCH GIRLS' BRIGADE 2016

Our annual Parents and Friends Evening was held on Friday, 15th April. A very large crowd enjoyed the fun filled programme with a theme based on football and the 'Euros 2016'. Thanks to Revd John McClure and his wife Margo who presented the awards.

MARTINS SECTION

Boyd Shield for P.E. and Games
Runner Up
Hamill Shield for Best Squad

Stinson Shield - Best New Recruit
Runner Up
Scripture Cup Competition
Runners Up

Gillespie Cup for Best Overall
Runner Up
Special Achievement Award
Willie Nelson Memorial Cup for
Church and Sunday School
Attendance
Most Musical Award

Jude Crawford
Alex Mawhinney
Joe McGrattan, Eli Culbertson,
Alex Quigley, Alayna Wilson
Lewis and Lucy McKay
Casey Parkhill
Callum Abernethy
Jack Gillespie and
Brooke Mawhinney
Charlie Stewart
Matthew McAllister
Josh Crawford
Josh Livingstone

Jack Turner

All received their Badges and Attendance Awards.

Y.B.C. SECTION

Andrew Dennison Shield for
P.E. and Games
Runner Up
Black Cup - Best Squad

McBride Shield for Scripture
Runner Up
Elliot Cup for Best Overall
Runner Up

Mason and Carson Hume

Kayden Wilson
Wyatt Lorimer, Harry Lamont,
Thomas Adair, Euan Hamill
Robert Johnston and Corry Black
Dan McGrattan
Jamie Quigley
Harry Lamont
Thomas Adair

A new Shield in Memory of Stewart Allen, a former member of CLB kindly presented by his mother, Margaret, for Best Sunday School Church attendance.

Euan Hamill

All received Attendance Awards.

J.T.C. SECTION

Burnett Shield for P.E. and Games
Runner Up
McCullough Shield - Best Squad

Adam Lamont
John Young
Aaron Adair, Adam Boyd,
James McIlfatrick

Rodgers Cup for Scripture
Runner Up
McCready Cup for Best Overall
Runner Up

Aiden Hoey
James McIlfatrick
Adam Boyd
Aiden Hoey

All received Attendance Awards.

C.L.B. SECTION

O'Hara Centenary Shield for
P.E. and Games
Runner Up
Perry Cup for Best Squad

David Leetch

Callum Ross
Matthew Boyd, Anthony Shaw,
Simon Bennett, Callum Hamill
Adam Smith
Callum Hamill
Anthony Shaw

Nevin Cup for Best Overall
Runner Up
Ann Johnston Cup for Scripture

All received Attendance Awards.

GENERAL CUPS FOR ALL SECTIONS

Sally Ross Cup for Best Sportsman
Sittlington Cup for Brigade Week
Runner Up
Penney Cup for Church Duty

Michael Leetch
Casey Parkhill
Jack Gillespie
Simon Bennett and Callum Hamill

Barr Cup Best overall in
Company
Five Year Service Medals
awarded to

Sophie Leetch and Oonagh Lamont

Simon Bennett and Adam Smith

The Company presented cheques for £300 to the church, £200 for the Leprosy Mission and on the night £250 was collected for Macmillan Nursing Care.

Our next event is the Regimental Athletic and Sports Day at Antrim Forum on Saturday 4th June.

Thanks to all parents, boys and girls for their continued support.

Alan Ross , 2589 2740

Big Parish Breakfast

You are invited to join us for breakfast
Light Breakfast or Full Ulster Fry

Saturday 7th May

Time:- 9.30 am - 12.30 pm

Venue:- St Patrick's Church Hall



All donations in aid of the
Koshish Fund

Bring the whole family



CHRISTIAN AID WEEK - THE WEEK WE LOVE EVERY NEIGHBOUR

Picture a young mother of four. Her husband has left. She has no land. No assets. No savings. And the only work she can get is backbreaking manual labour for as little as 74 pence a day. Her home has been flooded several times, and last August it flooded again. This is Morsheda. She's our neighbour, and she desperately needs our help.

From 15 - 21 May, our church will join with more than 20,000 others across the country for the sake of people like Morsheda. Across the UK and Ireland we will deliver 7 million envelopes to our local neighbours to raise money for our global neighbours in need. It's an opportunity to reach out to our community, and to make sure some of the world's poorest people have enough to eat and a safe place to live.

A Home Safety Package from Christian Aid could raise Morsheda's home on an earth plinth, safe from the flood plain, and give her resources to invest in things like farm animals, seeds and a composting kit - giving her the tools she needs to build a better future. A new chance at life for Morsheda costs as little as £250.

Can you deliver and collect Christian Aid envelopes to your neighbours to help our church raise money this Christian Aid Week? Contact Mary Campbell on 028 2564 6701 if you can get involved.

Church Wardens

ST PATRICK'S



Ruth Dixon

This is my second term as a Church Warden. In 2007 I was the People's Church Warden and thoroughly enjoyed my year in that position. When I was asked recently if I would take up the duties of Rector's Church Warden I was a bit hesitant as I am a member of the choir. I considered it an honour to be asked to be Rector's Church Warden and decided I would let my name go forward. My father had also been a Church Warden and

superintendent of the Sunday School when I was a little girl so I am well versed in some of the duties. I was a member of the GFS which I really enjoyed and later joined the choir. At present I work as a legal secretary in Belfast. My hobbies are numerous but my favourite are singing, Bible Study and a bit of retail therapy.

Richard Cotter

I have been married to Andrea for the past five years and we have been members of St Patrick's Church for the past four and a half years. I am humbled and delighted to have been given the opportunity to serve God and the church as the People's Church Warden. Having three young nephews keeps us active and busy going to football matches, youth clubs and parties. I am an Honours Graduate in Business Studies. I have worked for All-Route Shipping NI Ltd for the past twenty years and currently hold the position of Accounts Manager. I like walking but my main interest is travelling. I have visited numerous countries including China, Australia, Alaska and many more including a number of the islands in the Caribbean.



2016/2017

BALLYCLUG

William Burnett

I have been a parishioner at Ballyclug for the past thirty five years since relocating to Ballymena from Omagh. Married to Karen, I have two children, four step children and three grandchildren. With such a large family I tend to be rather busy and our house can certainly be very lively. Karen and I enjoy travelling and visiting new places and countries. I work



locally at Ballymena Meats. Recently I celebrated my 'Big 60'. At the moment I have no intention of retiring. I am looking forward to taking over from my daughter Nicola and working alongside Jackie.

Jackie Greer

Jackie served his time as an engineer with the Merchant Navy and has worked with several local companies since leaving the Navy. He became a member of St Patrick's when he met his wife. They have three grown



up children and two grandchildren. He would like to thank the congregation of Ballyclug for choosing him once again to serve for another year and for their continued support. Jackie thoroughly enjoys his role in the parish and his involvement with the various work parties where he uses his many skills in the upkeep of the church and graveyard. His hobbies are music and caravanning.

ST COLUMBA'S



Bert Kernohan

I am married to Caroline and we have a son Andrew and a daughter Dana. Born and bred as they say in Ballymena I've worked for the Waveney Laundry, Magee Clothing, Head Caretaker at St Louis Grammar School and presently as Area Manager for Building Cleaning within the Education Authority. My hobbies are running, cycling, and circuit training. As you will probably have realised by now I enjoy keeping fit. This will be my first time serving as Rector's Church Warden. Several years ago I served as St Columba's People's Church Warden. I look forward to supporting and serving the church and congregation throughout the next year.

Larry Cunningham

Although born in London I was brought up in Belfast before heading back to London to do a degree. A Chartered Quantity Surveyor by profession, I commenced my career in London before coming to Ballymena thirty four years ago. Whilst in London I met my future wife Jean, a school teacher. We settled down in Ballymena, and I started working for the Northern Ireland Housing Executive as a Property Technical Manager. We have three boys Jonathon, Andrew and Jamie. Now that I'm retired my interests are golf, bridge, walking, reading and Portugal.





On Good Friday we had a great turnout of young people at the Family Service and afterwards for 'Buns and Crosses' in the hall. We were delighted that the Zimmerman family, our CMS partners, were able to join us. We looked at the Easter story by sharing food and looking at what the food meant in the Easter story. We also played 'pass the egg', had an Easter egg hunt and made some crafts. A good time was had by all.



Good Friday with the Zimmerman Family

The Sunday School is still collecting 20 pence pieces for the CMS project in their Smartie tubes. Some tubes have already been filled and brought back - keep collecting and bring any outstanding tubes back as soon as possible.



Seven Sunday School teachers and Iain attended equipped training in Antrim on Saturday 16th April. It was a great day that included drama, crafts, bible clubs, object lessons and special services. It gave us an opportunity to meet folk from other churches within the diocese and to share ideas.

Abbie McDowell one of our young people from Sunday School, had 11 inches of her hair cut. She did this so that she could donate her hair to the Little Princess Trust which is a charity that provide real hair wigs for children with cancer. The Sunday school donated £50 to support Abbie and this wonderful charity. Well done Abbie.

Our third Messy Church will take place on Sunday 15th May at 10.15 am in the hall. It will take on the theme of Pentecost and the church's birthday. We would encourage you

to come and join us. If you haven't been before it's very relaxed and takes on the form of an all age service including singing, video clips, arts and



Abbie McDowell from Sunday School who had her hair cut in aid of the Little Princess Trust Charity

crafts and food. It would also be good if you could wear something red or orange. We would love to see as many there as the last time.

Well done to all those who took part in the CLB and GFS displays - a credit to the young people in these organisations and a big thank you to all the leaders for all their work throughout the year.

CHILDREN'S WEEK - ANCORA

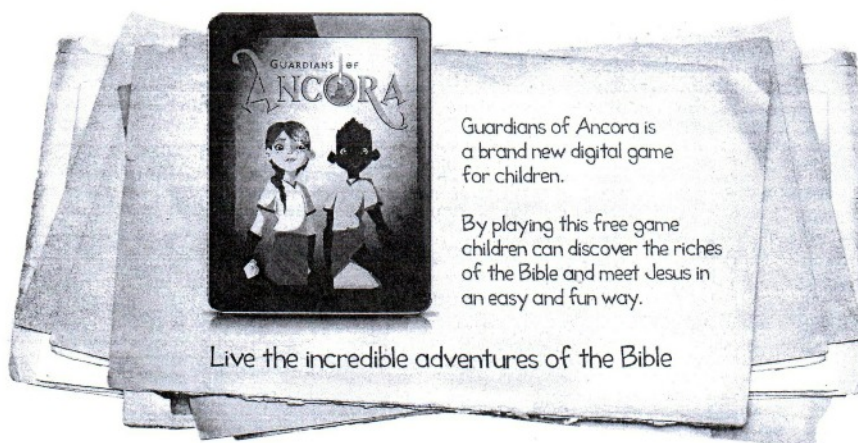
Once the hall of memory in the city of Ancora was filled with wonderful story treasures each a reminder of one of the great stories of the saga (the Bible). Now many of those objects have been lost. Each night we will try to find a lost story treasure and return it to the hall of memory and explore the story it represents. As the hall fills up we, the guardians, will discover how each story fits together to reveal more about who Jesus is and how we might develop our own relationship with him.

The programme is devised from the faith based app game 'Guardians of Ancora'.

Lucy



Fun, adventures and Bible stories
now in the same app



PLAY
FOR
FREE



Scripture
union





Ballyclug Notes

At the Easter Vestry the new Church Wardens and Select Vestry were elected with the re-election of Jackie Greer as People's Church Warden and William Burnett as the new Rector's Church Warden. We are pleased to have Dessie Dunlop, Nicola Burnett and Alan Adair as representatives on the Vestry. Our thanks go to Jackie and Nicola for carrying out their duties as Church Wardens last year and to Jackie McMaster and Stuart Jackson for representing the church on the Vestry.

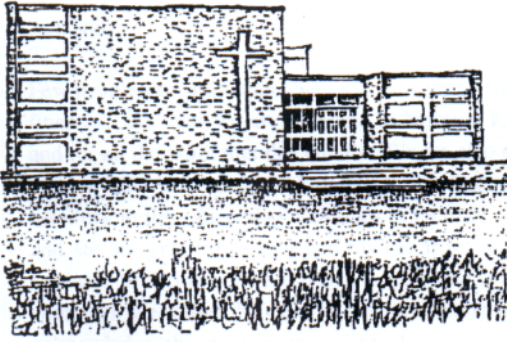
Please remember to keep free **Wednesday 5th October** for the annual Harvest Supper.

William Burnett

SPORTS TOURNAMENT
INCLUDING DODGEBALL & VOLLEYBALL

»»» SATURDAY 7TH MAY 2016 «««
2-7PM AT BALLYMONEY PARISH CENTRE
£5 PER PLAYER / BBQ INCLUDED
ALL PROCEEDS TO STREETREACH 2016





St Columba's Notes

A NOTE OF THANKS - MR AND MRS FUNDRAISER NIGHT

Dear All,

We cannot thank you enough for the excellent turnout to the Mr and Mrs Night on Friday 8th April. As we're sure you can imagine, it surpassed all our expectations. From start to finish the night was hectic: from arranging the hall; preparing and serving the food and the tidy-up after-math.

We would like to reiterate our gratitude to everyone involved in the project:

- Les and Liz Hughes whose work from the very beginning allowed the whole night to run;
- A major thanks to those working behind the scenes including, Liz Bodel, Liz Taylor and Rosemary Colhoun for their help with preparing the hall and the food;
- Harry Johnston and Kyle who helped with the tidy up of cutlery, crockery, tables and decorations from the hall;
- Ken Hughes for his work with sound and lighting;
- The Cubs and Scouts who waited on tables;
- The Rainbows for extending their Easter break, allowing us to use the hall;
- Our three couples (hopefully still couples) for volunteering, Heather Hughes and Andy Clarke, Rev John and Margo, and Ian and Marie Semple;
- The Reverend Iain who, as we are sure you can agree, shone a new light on his presenter skills as host for the night. He certainly kept the entertainment rolling;
- Thanks also to Ellie who acted as Revd Iain's glamorous Scout assistant and score keeper for the evening;

- Once again, to Heather Hughes for her initial idea of hosting the fundraiser night in aid of ourselves;
- All of our donors, including Ballymena businesses;
- Lastly, all of you who supported us in attending and with your donations.

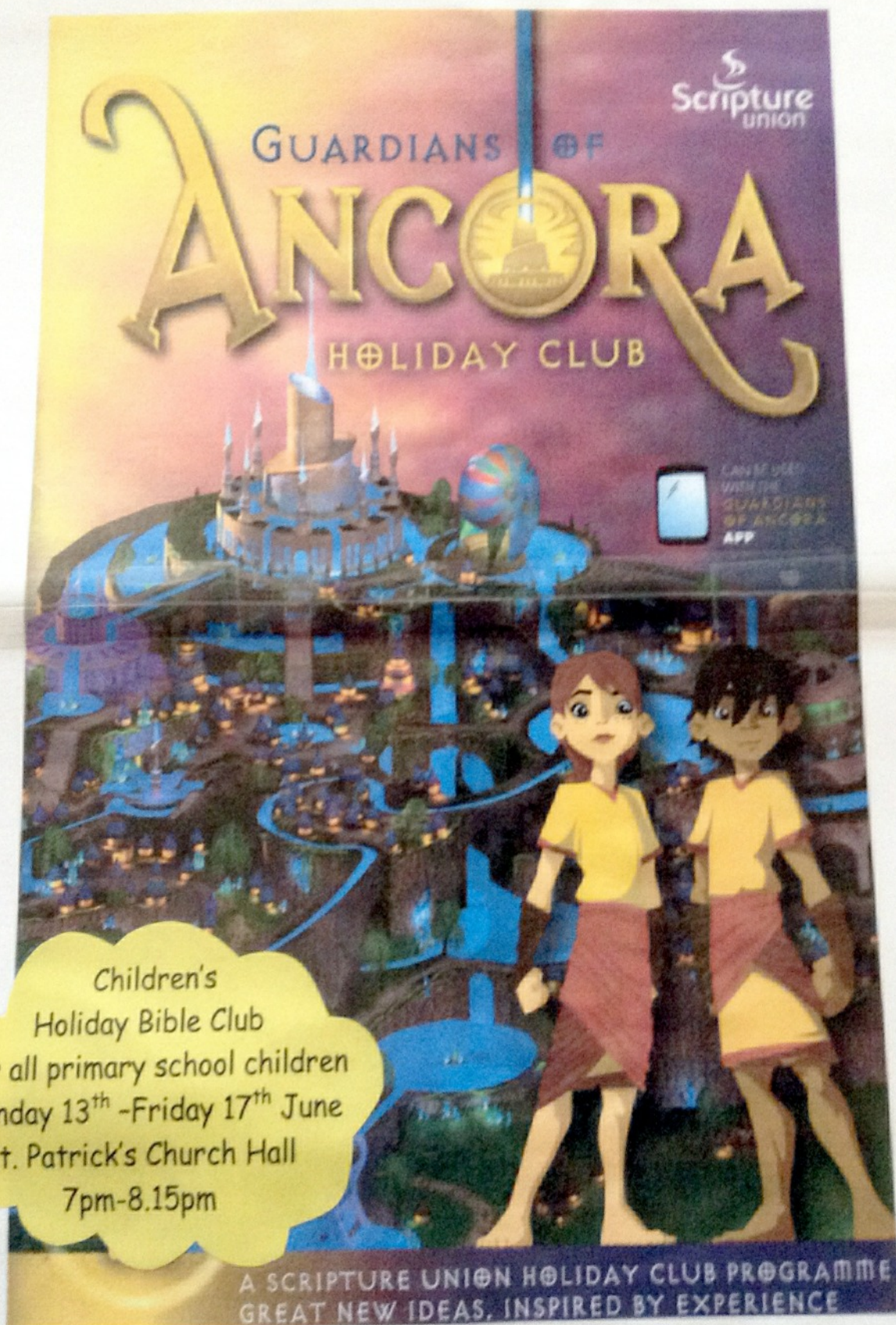
We're sure you'd be glad to hear that the night raised a grand total of £1,624.61. The money was split between the Explorer Belt funds and the parish.

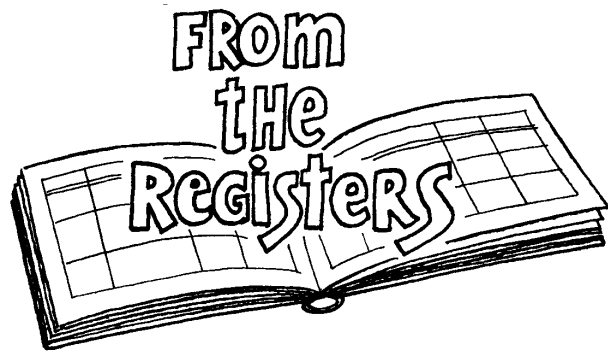
We're delighted that this has covered the cost for ourselves, and a donation of £724.61 to parish funds.

Yours in Scouting,

Aaron Coates and Danny Bryson







CHRISTIAN BURIAL



23 rd March	Roberta Paterson	68 Chichester Park Central, Ballymena
26 th March	Florence Spence	15 Cullybackey Road, Ballymena
6 th April	Abraham Lorimer	15 Fountain Place, Ballymena
8 th April	William Bonnar	34 Farm Lodge Avenue, Ballymena
17 th April	Herbert Balmer	13 Brooke Park, Ballymena

Roberta Paterson

Roberta was born in Dundrum. Her mother lived close to the estate of Lord Downshire who took an interest in her and wanted to adopt her, but Roberta's father objected. Instead he paid for her private education in England. Roberta later worked as a telephonist for the Fire Service before meeting her husband James who worked in Gallahers. When James got a promotion in Ballymena the couple moved to Chichester Park in Ballymena where they stayed for the rest of their lives. We offer our sympathy to Marion.

Florence Spence

Born 26th May 1927, Florence was a twin to William and one of ten children. She grew up in Hope Street and attended Guy's School and then went on to work in Wilson's Laundry, Gilmour's Groceries, J & J Foods and Devlin's Fruit shop in a part-time capacity. Florence married Joss on 14th November 1955 and they had one daughter Elizabeth. Sadly Joss died on 9th August 1983. Florence lived for her church and her faith was very important to her. She was a member of the G.F.S., the church choir and the bowls. Florence loved her daughter Elizabeth, her son-in-law Stephen, her grandchildren Ellen and Adam who were her pride and joy and her family. Florence was a very gracious, generous, courteous and kind person who was full of humour. She was a great friend to many and will be sadly missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with Elizabeth, Stephen, Ellen and Adam to whom we extend our Christian love. May God comfort and bless you now and in the days ahead.

Abraham Lorimer

Abraham was born and died in the family home in Fountain Place, Ballymena. He went to Guy's School until he was 13 and then he worked on dairy farms in Scotland before returning to Ballymena. He then went off again, this time to work in Herefordshire and London before returning to Ballymena for good. Abraham worked as a butcher/slaughter man for the rest of his working life. He had a great love for Scotland and for animals and for all manner of country pursuits and was known to bring all sorts of peculiar animals home and try to give them a home at Fountain Place. Abi was the centre of a close and extended family. He was a strong character with a big personality and a sense of mischief and humour. We offer our sympathy to Barry and all of the Lorimer family.

William Bonnar

William's father was a shepherd and William grew up in small cottage close to Slemish. He attended Hazelbank School at Buckna and drove a lorry after leaving school before settling down as a bus driver for Northern Ireland Transport (which later became Ulsterbus). William married Dorothy in 1947. He liked to garden and he also liked to sleep. Sometimes he combined his passions by sleeping in a wheelbarrow when he was meant to be gardening. He was known for his warm and witty

personality. We offer our sympathy to Dorothy, Jeanette, Wilma, and all the extended Bonnar family.

Herbert Balmer

Herbie was born to the late Herbie and Jeannie Balmer on 18th September 1950 in Glenariff Crescent. He was one of ten children, six boys and four girls and is survived by his two brothers, Jim and Desmond. Herbie worked as a cattle driver. He met Sylvia in 1968 in the Flamingo and they were married on the 13th hour on Friday the 13th day of June 1969. They had five children, Archie, Rodney, Nicola, Gillian and Darren and later became grandparents to fourteen grandchildren. Herbie and his family went to live in London in 1984 and returned home to Ballymena in 1993. He had been in bad health since his first heart attack in April 1991. Herbie had heart surgery, a stroke and other health problems. He did a lot of things he should not have been doing but as the song goes, 'He did it his way'. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.

Sunday Evenings 6.30 pm St Patrick's Church

**living
faith**

May 22nd	Living by Faith - Ken Clarke
June 12th	Worship from the heart - The Bishop



OUR ACTIVITIES

SAINT PATRICK'S

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

SAINT COLUMBA'S

	Day	Time	Contact
Beavers	Monday	6.30 pm	Mrs L McCullagh
Cubs	Monday	7.00 pm	Miss H Hughes
Ladies' Circle	4th Monday	8.00 pm	Mrs L Hughes
Brownies	Tuesday	6.30 pm	Mrs S Cardwell
Squirrels	Wednesday	6.30 pm	Mr P Houston
Guides	Thursday	6.30 pm	Mrs K Black
Choir	Sunday	10.15 am	Vacant
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		<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