

# *Parish of Kilconriola and Ballyclug*

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## WHO'S WHO IN OUR PARISH



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### CHURCH WARDENS

|                      |          |                     |
|----------------------|----------|---------------------|
| <b>St Patrick's</b>  | Rector's | Miss Ruth Dixon     |
|                      | People's | Mr Richard Cotter   |
| <b>Ballyclug</b>     | Rector's | Mr William Burnett  |
|                      | People's | Mr Jackie Greer     |
| <b>St Columba's</b>  | Rector's | Mr Bert Kernohan    |
|                      | People's | Mr Larry Cunningham |
| <b>Glebe Wardens</b> | 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.

**Honorary Secretary:** Mr A Marrs 32 Granville Drive, Ballymena

**Honorary Treasurer:** Mrs L McBride 29 Ballylummin Road, Ahoghill

**Sextons**  
**St Patrick's** Mr John Linton  
**St Columba's** Miss Margaret Mawhinney

**Organists**  
**St Patrick's** Mr Frank Hewitt and Mr Adrian Poston  
**St Columba's** Vacant



# The Curate's Letter

Since the retirement of Canon Lloyd I have been attending the Finance Committee meetings on a regular basis. This has provided a very useful insight into the finances of the Parish. There is no doubt that we continue to face considerable financial challenges but I would like, first and foremost, to thank parishioners for their giving over the last year. This is also very much appreciated by members of the Select Vestry. The commitment, through regular giving and various fundraising activities, has ensured that the ministry and mission of the parish has been able to continue to develop.

In 2015 the net surplus across both our General Account and our Renovation Account amounts to £35,350. The total contributed through the blue envelopes (Christian Responsibility) amounted to £187,560 (including Gift Aid). This shows a very small reduction compared to the previous year. Our white envelopes (Renovation) brought in a total of £65,593 (again including Gift Aid). This is on a par with the level of giving in 2014.

At the 31<sup>st</sup> December 2015 our balance in investments amounted to £154,415. In our normal bank accounts we had a balance of £150,439.

Although most of the work in St Patrick's has now been completed there will, of necessity, be ongoing expenditure required to each of our church buildings. Very importantly this year, the Vestry is considering the extent of the work which needs to be undertaken in order to bring the rectory up to the required standard. This is a major project and will require a considerable financial investment.

The Vestry has overall responsibility for the finances of the parish, a role which they take very seriously. They are supported in this role by the Finance Committee which is chaired by Jim Perry and also includes the two Glebe Wardens, Peter Chestnutt and Kenneth Hughes. Our parish Treasurer is also a member as is Jonathan Carson our previous Treasurer. Ivan Stacey retired from the Committee at the end of December. Ivan's contribution and support in terms of managing our parish finances has been very much appreciated over many years. Colin Watt continues to provide very valuable support to the work of the Committee and Robin King's role in helping with parish lodgements is very much appreciated. As Parish Treasurer, Lorraine McBride carries the main responsibility for keeping the financial records of the parish in order, as well as managing the Gift Aid scheme. She undertakes all of these responsibilities in a very professional and diligent manner. Thanks must also go to Sandra Thompson for the many hours spent on financial matters in the office. Technical accounting support is provided by Helen Houston and our annual audit is undertaken by Stevenson and Wilson (Chartered Accountants).

The role played by Rosemary Stacey and Jim Lynch along with the count teams on a Monday and Tuesday morning is very much appreciated. We also recognise the work undertaken by the Church Wardens each Sunday as they co-ordinate the various collections. Appropriate financial stewardship is an integral part of our Christian discipleship. We can help declare how much God means to us through our level of giving. As we prepare for a new phase in the life of our parish there is no doubt that the financial challenge will continue to grow. May our appreciation of all that God means to us, as individuals and as a parish, continue to inspire our giving.

Thank you once again for your continuing contribution to all of our fundraising initiatives.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "John McCune". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.



# Parish News

## GUEST TEA

St Patrick's Church Hall was the setting for a wonderful occasion on Friday, 22 April. On arrival in the hall, those attending were treated to a visual feast, featuring tables beautifully set with the finest bone china, some of which had been kindly donated by parishioners following an earlier appeal in the parish magazine.

Prior to the event, the organisers had been a bit apprehensive - many coffee mornings, cake sales and Christmas Fairs had been organised over the years but this was a 'first' for a Guest Tea in St Patrick's. However, we needn't have worried - the Reverend Iain and the Reverend John did a superb job at publicising the event in the Sunday announcements, with the Rev Iain likening it to an afternoon tea at the Dorchester (albeit a few hours later in the evening!).

It really was a wonderful team effort, with so many people contributing to its success. Our thanks go to the team of volunteers who gave of their time in preparing and serving the food. Thanks, also, are

due to the ladies who responded to the appeal for tray bakes. The excellent turnout enjoyed a selection of dainty sandwiches, fine tray bakes and other delicacies. 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 and counting money, managing sound and lighting, compering the evening and organising the musical programme. Thanks, as always, are due to the staff of the church office.

Special mention must go to the young musicians, each of whom held her audience spellbound. It was wonderful to showcase such local talent in the form of Naomi Crawford (cello), Laura and Rachel Smyth (soprano) and Anna Maria O'Donnell (harp). It was hard to believe that these performers ranged from only 15 years of age to the eldest, a mere 22 years old!

Naomi treated the audience to a wonderful cello recital, including the beautiful Edelweiss and Amazing Grace. Laura and Rachel - no strangers to St Patrick's - performed 5 very different pieces,

reminding us of just how talented and versatile they really are. Their repertoire included 'Like a Singing Bird' (by Bob Chilcott), the humorous aria 'Silvered is the Raven Hair' from Gilbert and Sullivan's 'Patience' and a stunning performance of 'The Star of the County Down'. Anna Maria (a mere 15 years of age) held her audience spellbound as she performed a varied selection of pieces on the harp. By special request, she performed an encore of the beautiful 'London-derry Air', specially arranged for the harp.

Sincere thanks must go to the following businesses for their kindness and generosity in sponsoring the prize draw: Robert Adair Jewellers, Fleurish Florist and Gift Boutique (Ahoghill), McAtamney's Butchery and Deli (Greenvale Street), Rod McKay Photography, Rosspark Hotel, Spar at Galgorm and Tullyglass House Hotel.

In particular, thanks to all of you who attended the Guest Tea which raised £1,500, all of which will be used for church funds. Thanks also go to those who were unable to attend but gave generous donations.

***The Fundraising Committee***

## **AUTUMN FUNDRAISING EVENTS**

It's hard to believe that it is almost 2 years since the last Christmas Fair and Auction on 29 November 2014. Plans are already beginning to take shape for the 2016 events.

Feedback, following the last Fair/Auction, indicated that many of those attending felt they would prefer to have the Auction on a separate day. This would allow the items for Auction to be displayed in the hall, enabling potential bidders to have more time to view the items before the Auction began. In addition, buyers at the Christmas Fair would have more time to peruse the wide range of goods for sale by the various stall holders.

## **PARISH AUCTION - SATURDAY 24 SEPTEMBER 2016**

Following on from the above, the Auction has been arranged for Saturday, 24 September 2016, commencing at 11.30 am. Potential bidders will have the opportunity to view the items for sale from 9.00 am - 11.30 am.

At the last Auction, around 60 items were auctioned, some of which were donated by local businesses but many were very kindly donated by our own parishioners. Once again, we would appeal to everyone to begin to think about any items that might be donated for the Auction (valued at £25+ and in good condition, please). These may be left with the caretaker in the church hall any weekday from Monday, 12 September to Thursday, 22 September (12 noon - 3.00 pm) or you may simply get in touch with any member of the Fundraising Committee (please see below) by 21 September.

Robert Stevenson did a magnificent job in keeping order in the proceedings last time around and we are delighted that, once again, Robert has kindly agreed to be our auctioneer.

## **CHRISTMAS FAIR - SATURDAY 26 NOVEMBER 2016**

The Christmas Fair will be held on Saturday, 26 November 2016, commencing at 10.00 am. Further details will follow in the July/August magazine.

All proceeds, both from the Auction and Christmas Fair, will go towards church funds.

*Fundraising Committee members: Debbie Chestnutt, Lynda Bell, Sandra Duke, Ronnie Fleming, Jackie Greer, Joan Holden, Stephanie Johnston, Trevor Montgomery and Alan Ross.*

## **KOSHISH - A BIG THANK YOU**

As I am sure you are aware we raised £1,040 at the 'Big Breakfast' and we would like to thank everyone who was there and contributed and those who were unable to make it but still contributed. By the time you are reading this, money will be on its way to Nepal for the Koshish homes.

Regarding the Koshish bottle collection, again many thanks, they are coming in to me and I am surprised how kind people have been and how much they have been able

to get into some bottles. We will make a final total in September along with the fireside quiz money and close collection then so you have plenty of time to fill more bottles and sell quiz sheets. It does not matter how much or how little it all counts and makes such a difference to those in need. If handing in money for Ian's quiz sheets please let him know so he can mark them off his sheet.

It would be great if we could get another £500 to send out. I have tried to give receipts for money received from bottles, but if you would like to know how much was in your bottle (if marked with name) ask me if you have not received a receipt, or ask a church warden.

***St Clair Beatty***

## **A NOTE OF THANKS**

To all our new friends in Ballymena, who in any way have helped us settle into our new temporary home on Frys Road, a huge thank you. For painting and flowers and food and friendship and cards and DIY skills - a huge thank you. As I write this little note for the parish magazine a new beginning looms for all of us. May God guide and provide as we find our feet in the parish and as we start to get to know each other in the days ahead.

God Bless you all.

***Mark, Cherith, Erin, Daniel, Matthew (not forgetting Lily and Luna) McConnell***



# Around the Parish

## CHURCH LADS' BRIGADE

Congratulations to the U-12 and U-16 5-a-side football teams from Ballymena Company who won both sections of the Northern Ireland finals and can represent the Ulster Regiment in the national finals in Blackpool.



A very proud Revd Iain Jamieson, will present Ballymena Company at the Queen's Big Birthday Party in London. Our next event is the Ulster Regiment Athletic and Sports Day at Antrim Forum at 10.30 am Saturday, 4th June.

Over the summer break we are on the look out for parents or parishioners who would be willing to help with CLB for one hour on a Friday evening. This is not a big commitment but it would make a huge difference to have an extra pair of hands. Please consider this and contact a leader or speak to the clergy so that we can have you in place for September.

Thanks to all parents and boys for their continued support over the year. We hope you have a nice summer break and we will see you all back on Friday, 9th September.

*Alan Ross*



## GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY

The annual GFS display was held on Tuesday, 15th March 2016. We hope everyone enjoyed the night, the girls had all worked hard for display night and we are proud of all of them.

For such a large parish we have a very small number of girls, any girl from the age of four will be welcome to join us on a Tuesday night in the



Church Hall from 7.15 pm, we recommence on **Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> September 2016.**

Prizes awarded at display:

#### JUNIOR CANDIDATES

|                |               |
|----------------|---------------|
| Catelyn Wilson | Best Newcomer |
| Jessica Rock   | Most Improved |
| Ellie Thompson | Attendance    |
| Maggie Lorimer | Best overall  |

#### CANDIDATES

|                      |               |
|----------------------|---------------|
| Karra-Louise McKeown | Best Newcomer |
| Kayleigh Mooney      | P.E.          |
| Miley Doherty        | Best Overall  |

#### JUNIOR MEMBERS

|                |                 |
|----------------|-----------------|
| Erika Carp     | Best Newcomer   |
| Zoe Moore      | Marching        |
| Libby Millar   | Drama           |
| Anna Coid      | Arts and Crafts |
| Anna Service   | P.E.            |
| Kaitlyn Gibson | Best Behaviour  |
| Maddie Carter  | Best Overall    |

#### MEMBERS

|               |                 |
|---------------|-----------------|
| Caragh Hamill | Choir           |
| Millie Agnew  | Arts and Crafts |
| Louisa Shaw   | Marching        |

#### SHIELDS

|                  |                |
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| Cotter Shield    | Maggie Lorimer |
| Adair Shield     | Miley Doherty  |
| Carson Shield    | Maddie Carter  |
| Galbraith Shield | Millie Agnew   |

The girls all did extremely well in the Bible Study examination.

We had *10 passes*

Ellie Thompson

Kayleigh Mooney

Karra-Louise McKeown

Kaitlyn Gibson

Libby Millar

Erika Carp

Anna Coid

Zoe Moore

Caragh Hamill

Louisa Shaw

*Three Highly Commended*

Maggie Lorimer

Jessica Rock

Miley Doherty

Diocesan Winners - Bible Study Cup Winners:-

Junior Candidate

Catelyn Wilson

3<sup>rd</sup> Place

Junior Member

Anna Service

3<sup>rd</sup> Place

Junior Member

Maddie Carter

2<sup>nd</sup> Place

Member - Millie Agnew came first and has been entered into the All Ireland Bible Study group. Millie won the Diocesan Cup.

All girls received badges for Bible Study and Arts and Crafts. Well done everyone.

Thank you to all the parents who keep bringing the girls on a Tuesday night, without you we would not be here and G.F.S. is a long established organisation that we would like to keep going.

Thank you.

*Anne, Debbie and Elaine*



## MOTHERS AND TODDLERS

We send our congratulations to Ann Fisher on the birth of a granddaughter.

In May we had a visit from Sure Start and an interesting talk on Healthy Eating by a representative from Tesco.

This month there will be a further visit from Sure Start for a craft activity or action songs session and on our last day before the summer break we will welcome a storyteller from the library. As always, there will be a party to bring our term to a close and it will be free of charge to all adults and children.

We are pleased to report that we have been able to make the following donations during the period September 2015 - June 2016:- N.I. Hospice, Marie Curie, Radio Cracker and a contribution of £300 to the church for heat and light.

Our group finishes on **14<sup>th</sup> June** and resumes on **6<sup>th</sup> September**.

We hope you have a lovely summer break and look forward to seeing all the little ones again in September.

Rota for June:-

| DATE                  | NAME   | FUNCTION  |
|-----------------------|--|-----------|
| 7 <sup>th</sup> June  | Rosemary Stacey, Sandra McKay, Mary Cochrane and Jean Cunningham | Tea       |
|                       | Bee Robinson   | Welcoming |
|                       | Alex McKay and Eddie McClelland                                  | Car Park  |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> June | Evonne Stinson, Eleanor Burnett, Vera Owens and Marlene Gray     | Tea       |
|                       | Mary Steele  | Welcoming |
|                       | Oliver Reid and David Oliver                                     | Car Park  |

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

## MOTHERS' UNION

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2 pm summer 'Afternoon Tea' at Rosspark Hotel. Members are asked to let Jean or Anne know by 5<sup>th</sup> August. Looking forward to seeing you all, have a great holiday season.



*Jean Kennedy 2556 7906*



## SQUIRRELS

The Squirrels have been out and about recently. We enjoyed a fun day called Creepy Crawlies Day in Crawfordsburn. This was organised by the Squirrel Association. The Squirrels had lots of fun searching for different types of bugs and examining them with microscopes.



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# SQUIRRELS



## VISIT BALLYMENA FIRE STATION

We also had a fun evening out at Ballymena Fire Station. Everyone had lots of fun seeing the engines and of course getting to use the hose. Thank you to the Fire Fighters for making us so welcome and giving up their free time.



**SUNDAY 19<sup>th</sup> JUNE**  
**11.30 AM**  
**ST PATRICK'S**

**End of Children's Week and distribution  
of Sunday School prizes.  
Final collection from the CMS Project  
'The Meeting Place' will be presented.**

**Speaker - Rachel Sheppard,  
Scripture Union**



By the time you read this our new rector Mark will have joined us. On behalf of all the young people and leaders of the parish we want to welcome him and his family. We look forward to his ministry with us and working alongside him. We pray for Mark and his family as they go through a time of transition and change and pray for God's blessing on them.

This month the Youth Club had a games night in aid of NSPCC. We enjoyed playing different games and learning about the charity and keeping safe. We raised £50 to give to the charity. We also had a healthy eating night when Heather came in to do some juicing. We enjoyed her drinks which were made from fruit and vegetables. Youth Club will finish on Saturday 18th June and will start again on **Saturday 3rd September** - have a great summer.



***Youth Club - visit by Heather - healthy juices***



The Sunday School has finished the CMS project 'The Meeting Place'. We are collecting the remainder of the Smartie tubes and the Children's Day collection will also go towards it. Sunday School will finish on Sunday 12th June and the following Sunday will be Children's Day. Children to meet in hall at 11 am. During the summer months we will have children's church during services for any children who wish to attend.



*Messy Church at Pentecost*

### **MESSY CHURCH 3**

Pentecost - the church's birthday - Wow. Amazing we were delighted with the turn out at messy church - 116. This was a great number considering it was the North West weekend and caravan season. The hall was full of balloons, ribbons, party banners, washing lines, kites, lights, candles and cake. We were there to celebrate the Holy Spirit through singing, prayer, stories, arts and crafts. You could really feel the sense of the Holy Spirit. Activities included cupcake icing, balloon modelling, bubbles, dove making, flame hand prayers, balloon games and aeroplanes. We sang happy birthday to the church, blew out candles and popped party poppers, as well as enjoying party food. Some of the feedback from the children was - AMAZING, BEST ONE EVER.

Thanks to everyone who helped - to all the Sunday School teachers, the ladies in the kitchen and to our musicians - a great team effort. Looking forward to our next one in November.

Night out for all leaders of all organisations in the parish **Tuesday 21st June 7 pm** The Thatch, Broughshane.

We will be hiring a bus to go to Summer Madness on Sunday 3rd July - anyone wishing to go please contact Lucy.

Children's ministry is a vital ministry in our church. We see lots of young people over the summer months and do many activities, the two main ones being Children's Week and the Summer Scheme. We are appealing for help for these events. If you feel you could help at Children's Week Monday 13th - Fri 17th June from 7 - 8.15 pm or Summer Scheme please contact Lucy or write your name down on the sheet at the back of church.

Summer Scheme Monday 15th August - Friday 19th August from 3 - 6 pm for primary school children. £1.50 per child per day. To book a place contact Lucy 077 5995 0497.

Any young person aged 14 or near that age wishing to be confirmed this December (with confirmation classes starting in September), please contact the rector, Lucy or Alan.

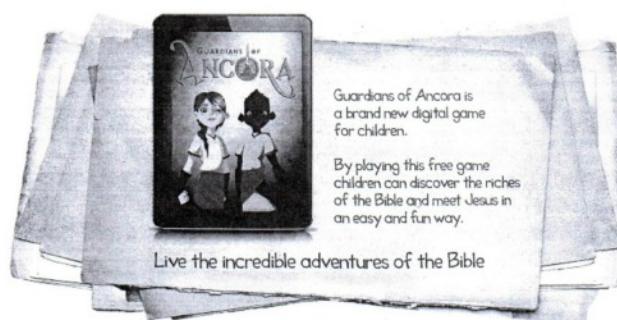
## CHILDREN'S WEEK - ANCORA

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'.



Fun, adventures and Bible stories  
now in the same app



PLAY  
FOR  
FREE



Scripture  
union



**Lucy**





## **ST PATRICK'S**

**FOR ALL YOUNG PEOPLE OF ALL  
ORGANISATIONS, SUNDAY SCHOOL,  
YOUTH CLUB AND FAMILIES**

**Godmodex, photo booth,  
bouncy castles, BBQ, face painting  
and glitter tattoos**

**NO PARKING IN CHURCH GROUNDS  
PARENTS ARE RESPONSIBLE  
FOR THEIR CHILDREN AT ALL TIMES**



# Secretary's Notes

By the time you are reading this our new rector will be with us and it is a pleasure to welcome Rev. McConnell and his family to our parish. By this time I had hoped to be able to tell you that the work on modernising the rectory was underway at last so that their new home would be taking shape, but sadly it is not the case because we are still trying to reach agreement with the Representative Church Body about the works to be done.

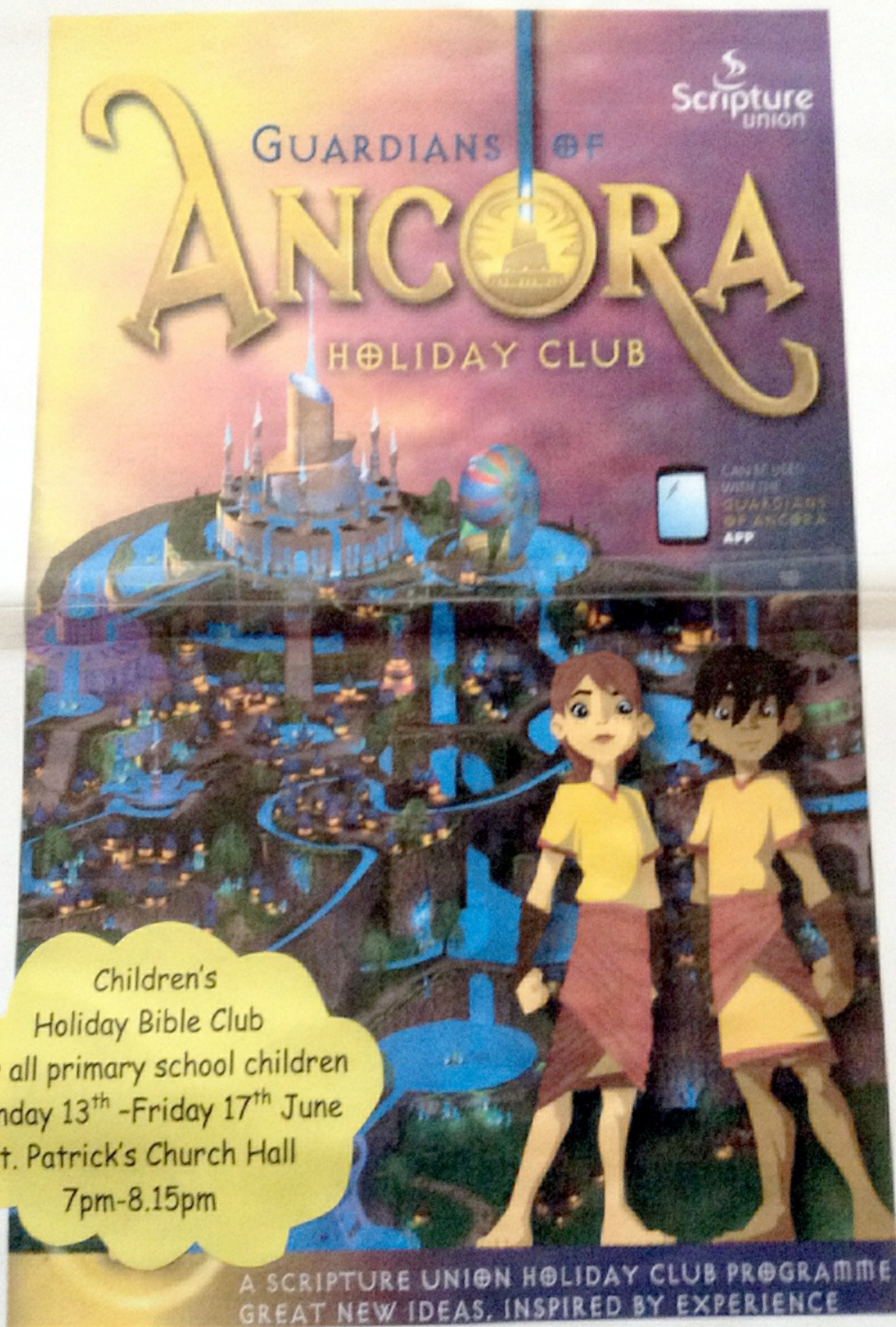
Actually that's not quite right, I think we have now finally got agreement on the actual work, but now because some of the things on the work list were agreed after the tender process began they need us to go back to those who submitted tenders and have them re-price the job including the changes. I can tell you that the changes made were all taking things out, in an effort to keep the costs down, since all the tenders came back at more than we were budgeting for. Maddeningly this creates another delay while this process is gone through, and every delay adds extra cost as prices go up with time passing. The whole process is pretty disheartening, but we'll battle on until we get the permission to start work or the RCB run out of obstacles they can throw at us. As in dealing with any bureaucracy there are lengthy waits while proposals are discussed and accepted and then we need to wait for the next meeting of the Plans Committee in Dublin for their acceptance or refusal before we can move on or (as it has been so far) go back, re-think and try again.

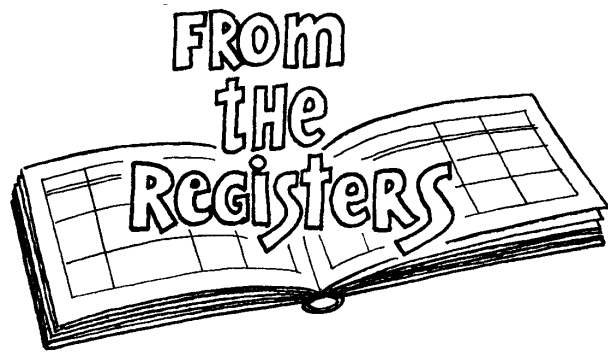
This also means that we are not in a position to do any more than essential maintenance anywhere else until the rectory situation is finalised and our outlay is finally known for that, though thankfully nothing else is in immediate need. As always though there are several projects which should be undertaken before they become a larger problem and we won't be able to put them off forever.

So thank you once again to everyone who is doing their bit to keep the day to day maintenance and grounds-keeping up, and thanks to you all for your patience as we try to get the rectory project off the ground at last.

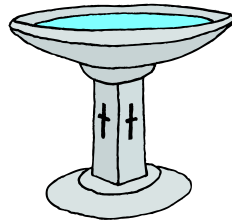
All the Best,  
*Alastair*







## HOLY BAPTISM



|          |                      |                    |
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| 1st May  | Lyndsey McCombe      | 2 Inishowen Mews   |
| 2nd May  | Sophia Junkin        | 24 Sandhurst Manor |
| 15th May | David John Megaughin | 27 Rosses Farm     |
|          | Sophie Rey           | 17 Francis Street  |
|          | Annie Evelyn Stewart | 19 Granville Drive |

## HOLY MATRIMONY



|          |                  |                    |
|----------|------------------|--------------------|
| 26th May | Charles Allen    | 17 Granville Drive |
|          | Jessica Forsythe | 17 Granville Drive |

## CHRISTIAN BURIAL



|            |                 |                   |
|------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| 26th April | Matthew McCombe | 2 Fortview        |
| 27th April | Robert Wilson   | 26 Waveney Fold   |
| 2nd May    | David Russell   | Rose Martha Court |
| 24th May   | George Dickson  | 57 Larne Road     |



## **Matthew Gillen McCombe**

Matthew was born in Cogry on 22 December 1929. He was the youngest child of Isabella and Hugh McCombe. He had seven siblings, Robert (Sonny), Molly, Tommy, Samuel, Susan (Sissie) Malcolm and Hugh. The family moved to Ballymena and Matt worked in the Braidwater Spinning Mill and it was there that he met his future wife Kathleen Scullion. Matthew and Kathleen had two daughters, Eileen and Rhonda. He became a Clerk of Works in the building trade before he settled into the role of maintenance for the Northern Health and Social Care Trust where he worked until he retired. Matthew was a very much loved father, grandfather, uncle, great uncle and great great uncle. He was very humorous and full of energy. He was also extremely fit and when they were very young he loved to take Eileen and Rhonda on speed walks. Matthew loved sport especially golf and football. He also loved singing and had a very beautiful tenor voice. He sang for many years in St Patrick's choir. He was also quite a poet and philosopher. We extend our sincere sympathy to Eileen, Rhonda and all the family circle.

## **Robert (Bertie) Wilson**

Robert started to work in a shoe factory when he was 14 years old. He was also a doorman at the Flamingo Ballroom and he enjoyed the big bands and seeing famous people like the Rolling Stones who played there. He was a car park attendant with the DoE for 26 years. Everyone knew him and he was a very popular person. Bertie was a devoted husband and father. He was married to Georgina for 55 years and was very protective of her and his family whom he raised with love and taught them to believe in old fashioned values. He had twelve grandchildren and one great grandchild. He had a great sense of humour and loved making his grandchildren laugh. His spare time was spent in his garden growing roses. He loved his dogs, Whisky and Brandy, watching wrestling and swimming. Bertie will be sadly missed and we extend our sincere sympathy to his sons Geoff, Paul, Stephen, Kevin and daughters Gail, Rhonda and Deborah and all the family circle.

## **David Russell**

David was brought up in Garfield Place. When he married his wife Jean, they lived in Slemish Drive and then moved to Richmond Park where they lived together for nearly 48 years. David worked in the Braidwater Mill

for most of his working life until his retirement. He walked everywhere and he loved to whistle. He was a quiet, unassuming and very caring man who nursed his wife Jean through the last few years of her life. Unfortunately after her death, David was involved in a car accident which caused dementia to set in. He spent his last years in Rose Martha Court where he was attended to daily by his family. David loved his family and it was always a delight for him to see his children, grand children and great grand children coming to visit. We extend our sympathy and prayers to all of the family circle.

## George Dickson

George was born in Craigywarren. The family later lived in Water Street Ballymena. He attended school locally. After school he worked at the Mark Royal shirt factory in Cullybackey and then as a porter at the Waveney Hospital. He was then transferred to Antrim Hospital which he didn't like so much, nevertheless he stuck it out until retirement and was said to be popular with the nurses. George was an energetic gardener and something of 'wheeler dealer' who liked to make a profit buying and selling in a small way. He was a home bird who only went on holiday to Blackpool once, decided that was enough and never went on holiday again. George never married. After his parents died George was looked after by sister and when she died by his niece. Jennifer looked after George for the rest of his life and looked upon him as a father. George was a complicated private person and liked a quiet life. He was kind and was never heard to say a bad word against anyone and everyone liked him. George had a fall about six months ago which was a severe set back and led to complications, but his sudden death from a heart attack was unexpected and was a great shock. We offer our sympathy to Jennifer, Wilbert, Raymond, Paula, Sydney, Tommy, Jonathan and all of the extended Dickson family.





# 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*