

# *Parish of Kilconriola and Ballyclug*



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## WHO'S WHO IN OUR PARISH



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	People's	Mr Jackie Greer
St Columba's	Rector's	Miss Laura Doole
	People's	Miss Elizabeth Peachey
Glebe Wardens	Rector's	Mr Kenneth Hughes
	People's	Mr Peter Chestnutt

### SELECT VESTRY

**Clergy, Church Wardens, Glebe Wardens and:** Mr Alan Adair, Mrs Andrea Cotter, Mr Richard Cotter, Mr Barry Duke, Mr Ronnie Fleming, Mrs Vera Greer, Mrs Elizabeth Hughes, Mrs Emma McAleese, Mr Alex McKay, Mr Alastair Marrs, Mr Richard Todd and Mrs Helen Weir.

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Sextons:	St Patrick's	Mr John Linton
	St Columba's	Vacant
Organists:	St Patrick's	Mr Adrian Poston, Mr Frank Hewitt and Dr Iris Millar
	St Columba's	Vacant

THE RECTOR WRITES



# Rectory Ramblings

I wonder if you can remember what happened way back on 20th July 1969 (without using technology)! Some of you will have guessed the answer at once - it was the day two men from earth first walked on the moon. I can clearly remember being glued to the very poor pictures on our TV as a 9 year old boy.

But I wonder if you know this part of that amazing story, Buzz Aldrin was an Elder in a Presbyterian Church and knowing that he was about to take part in the event that would be history making he wanted to be prepared. Prepared even on the moon to put God first. So he brought a small vial of communion wine and a consecrated communion wafer with him into space.

I'll let Buzz take over in his own words, "I opened the little packages which contained the bread and wine. I poured the wine into the chalice our church had given me. In the one-sixth gravity of the moon the wine slowly curled and gracefully came up the side of the cup. Then I read scripture. 'I am the vine, you are the branches. Whosoever abides in Me will bring forth much fruit. Apart from Me you can do nothing.' I ate the tiny wafer and drank the wine. I gave thanks for the intelligence and spirit that had brought two young pilots to the Sea of Tranquility. It was interesting for me to think that the very first food and drink eaten by humans on the moon was Holy Communion." [From the original Mission Report by Eric Metaxas].

Talk about putting God first! I wonder where you will venture this summer? I wonder if as families and individuals we will be as prepared and show the same remarkable Christian attitude as Buzz Aldrin - the desire and ability to put God first. July and August are not the only months of the year when people take holidays - but many do. I pray for fun, safety, refreshments and renewal for all who will be on holiday over the coming months. Do remember that in Christ Jesus - God put you first. We should try to do the same.

*R.M.N.C. M.*



# Parish News

## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to our Lay Reader Jim Perry who was recognized in the Queen's Birthday Honour's list.



The following appeared in the Ballymena Guardian on 22nd June -

*Mr James Perry has been awarded an MBE for his services to the community in Ballymena.*

*Mr Perry is a well recognized face locally, especially in Ahoghill where he has worked with the 'In Bloom' team for many years.*

*He is currently the Clerk to the Lieutenancy of County Antrim, hav-*

*ing served in the role of High Sheriff in 2016 and is the chair of the Northern Ireland Social Care Council. He is also Chair of Ulster Supported Employment Limited (USEL). During the last 35 years, James has served on 5 School Boards of Governors, including a period of almost 10 years as Chair of the Board at Ballymena Academy, where he currently acts as Honorary Treasurer of the Old Pupils' Association.*

*Married to Patricia, with two children Sarah and Christopher, James said: "I am absolutely delighted to receive this award. I was overwhelmed and totally surprised when I first received notification and I am particularly pleased that the citation refers to 'services' to my home town. It is a great honour to be recognized in this way."*

## MASONIC SERVICE

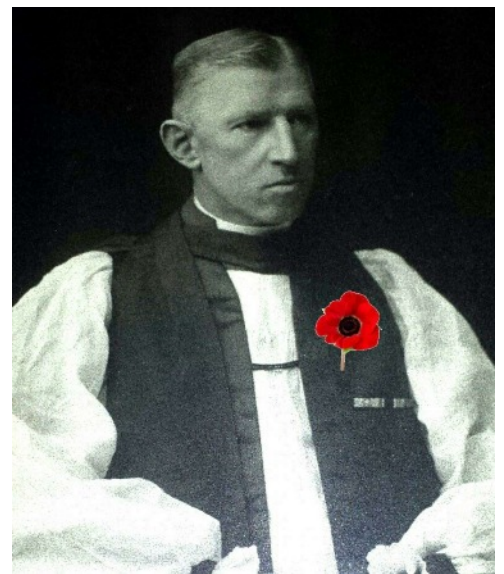
The Seven Towers and Massereene District Charity Divine Service was held in St Patrick's Parish Church on Sunday 14th May. The Reverend Mark McConnell officiated and later received a letter of thanks from the Honorary Secretary stating that £928 had been raised at the service for Masonic charities. £100 was also donated to church funds.



# A view from the pew

Quite often I think of all the folk that used to sit in the pews or members of the clergy that I have read about and wonder how would they have spoken, was it in clipped sentences and how tall were they?

One such rector that I always think about at this time of year, particularly, when the flag goes up on 30th of June, each year to commemorate the Battle of the Somme is Dr Arthur E Ross. He first came to the parish in 1894 as a curate and returned in 1912 as rector following the untimely death of the rector the Rev Noel Austin.



At the outbreak of the First World War he applied to become an army chaplain, his papers finally coming through from the War Office at the end of 1915 and shortly afterwards in early 1916 he left the parish to take up his duties as an Army Chaplain. He quickly rose to the rank of major, and like most of the clergy he helped the medics to attend to the wounded and dying. He was mentioned in dispatches in January 1917 for bravery at the Battle of the Somme and was awarded the Military Cross and a Bar was to follow in January 1918.

His citation reads, '*For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He carried in wounded under circumstances of great danger and difficulty. He ended by helping to carry a fellow officer for over four hours. He was the means of saving many lives, and inspired the stretcher-bearers to work to the utmost limit of their endurance.*'

His wife a famous British Ladies Golf Champion and author at the turn of the 20th century survived her husband the then Bishop of Tuam by some forty years.

L. W.

# **SEXTON REQUIRED**

## **ST COLUMBA'S PARISH CHURCH**

A vacancy has arisen for the position of Sexton at the above Church. This person will be responsible for general cleaning duties (4 hours per week) and making ready the Church for Sunday Services.

### **Essential Criteria**

- Ability to maintain premises clean and tidy to a high standard
- Willingness to undertake further training if and when required
- Ability to work on own initiative and unsupervised
- Ability to maintain confidentiality
- Must be punctual, dependable and in good health
- Must be in sympathy with the ethos of the Church of Ireland
- Must be flexible in terms of working pattern and hours required to complete the tasks on Saturdays

### **Desirable Criteria**

- Experience in handling cleaning products in a previous role
- An understanding of Church life and the groups which use the premises
- A working knowledge of Health and Safety regulations
- Demonstrable organisational, communication and planning skills
- Be unrestricted by Northern Ireland Access in working with children and vulnerable adults

If you are interested in this position application forms are available from the Churchwardens or may be downloaded from the parish website - [www.ballymena.connor.anglican.org](http://www.ballymena.connor.anglican.org).

Completed application forms must be returned on or before

**Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> August 2017.**



# Around the Parish

## MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

'Cowboys and Indians' seemed to be the recent theme for the Men's Fellowship group before they closed up for the summer. The men had a go at both indoor archery in May at Sentry Hill Sports Club and they closed their final get together in June with a Clay Pigeon Shoot followed by a BBQ at Clough Clay Pigeon Shooting Range. At the archery 'Big Chief Bulls Eye' was Ken Hughes and at the Clay Pigeon Shooting Paul Bacon was our sharp shooter for the evening.

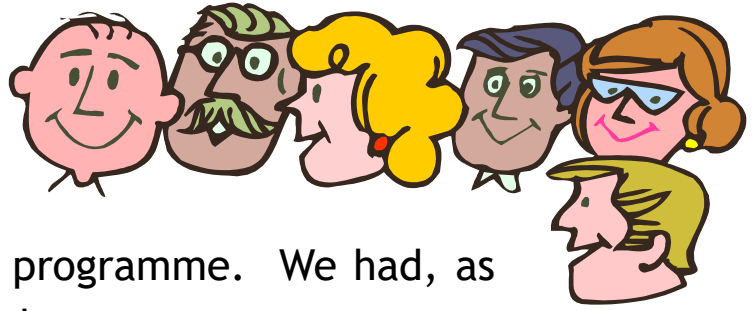


The Men's group also arranged and helped fund-raise for the Action Cancer 'Big Bus' to visit the parish again on Saturday 24th June. The Men's group will meet again after the summer months, so please keep an eye out for the dates.



*Dennis*

## THE STILL ACTIVE CLUB



Another year has passed quickly for our Still Active Club. We have had a varied and enjoyable programme. We had, as usual, guest speakers - we got to know our new rector, we heard from a parishioner, Marie Semple, about her experiences as a nurse in Afghanistan, from another parishioner Debbie Chestnut about 'the service provided by the Good Morning Ballymena' organisation and from Jennifer Campbell, mother of the Coleraine Olympic Rower Alan. We also had a Beetle Drive, a Quiz and tried our hand at Tai chi. We joined together for food at Christmas, on St Patrick's Day and for Afternoon Tea in April. We were entertained at the Christmas Dinner by the Shanogues-town Singers, by Lynda Brooks' recitations and Lynda Bell played for Carol singing. In March at the St Patrick's tide lunch we had Line Dancing, Irish Dancing, the rector sang, Adelaide recited poems and Michael Johnston accompanied us in singing Irish songs. We also had two outings, to the Riverside Theatre in March to see 'Annie' and to the Magherafelt area in May.

Thanks to all who helped this year, especially the Committee for their support and for making the tea each month. Adelaide has given up her role as Treasurer after quite a few years and we thank her for her work. Vera and Eva are going to share the job. Thanks also to the clergy for their support, to Lorraine and Sandra in the office, to John the caretaker and to new members for making the club what it is. Thanks also to the Mid and East Antrim Agewell Partnership who gave us a grant to help with our programme from January to May. Unfortunately this year we lost Anne Preston and former members Alice Smylie, Joan McCrory and Eileen Barr. Also some members have been ill and we hope they will be able to rejoin us next year. We will start back on the **third Wednesday in September at 2.00 pm**. We would love to see some new members from the Parish - we especially need men!

*Isabel Halliday*



## BALLYMENA HONORARY SOCIETY OF BELLRINGERS

For over 55 years Ivan Stacey has climbed the 53 steps to the Ringing Room to ring the bells. It is a commitment that requires dedication and a love of ringing. Like a lot of families when Eleanor and David were old enough they too were involved with the ringing of the bells and for a short period Rosemary too. Sadly, Ivan has called it a day and to show our appreciation of his dedication we decided to take him and Rosemary out for a meal. We were delighted that Jean, Patricia, Tracey and Sharon Letters who were all ringers too, were joined by Sandra McKay and Barbara Fleming. We will miss Ivan ringing the treble and have told him it will always be there should he decide to pay us a visit in the future.



*Ivan is pictured beside a bell very similar to the one he has been ringing for the last 55 years up the tower, but sadly for us he has decided to call it a day. He will be missed on the treble. The ringers wish him a very Happy Retirement from his ringing duties, we will still see him in person in church and there's always the 'Ringers wee nights out' to look forward to.*



# Secretary's Notes

As we look forward to the summer and the holiday season I'd like to let you know what we hope to have accomplished during the quieter weeks when regular use of the parish facilities stops for July and August.

As you probably know already the equipment storage shed at St Patrick's, Ballyclug was recently broken into and grounds keeping equipment stolen. In response we plan to have the alarm system there extended to cover the outbuildings as well as the church to try to deter any future repeat of this theft.

At St Columba's the Select Vestry intends to improve the exterior lighting at the front of the church to make it safer during the dark of the winter nights. We are considering installation of a street-lamp pole at the corner of the car park which will carry new flood-lighting to illuminate the car park and front steps. In the near future we also hope to have the good doors which were reclaimed from Harryville Chapel when it was demolished hung in the front hall at St Columba's.

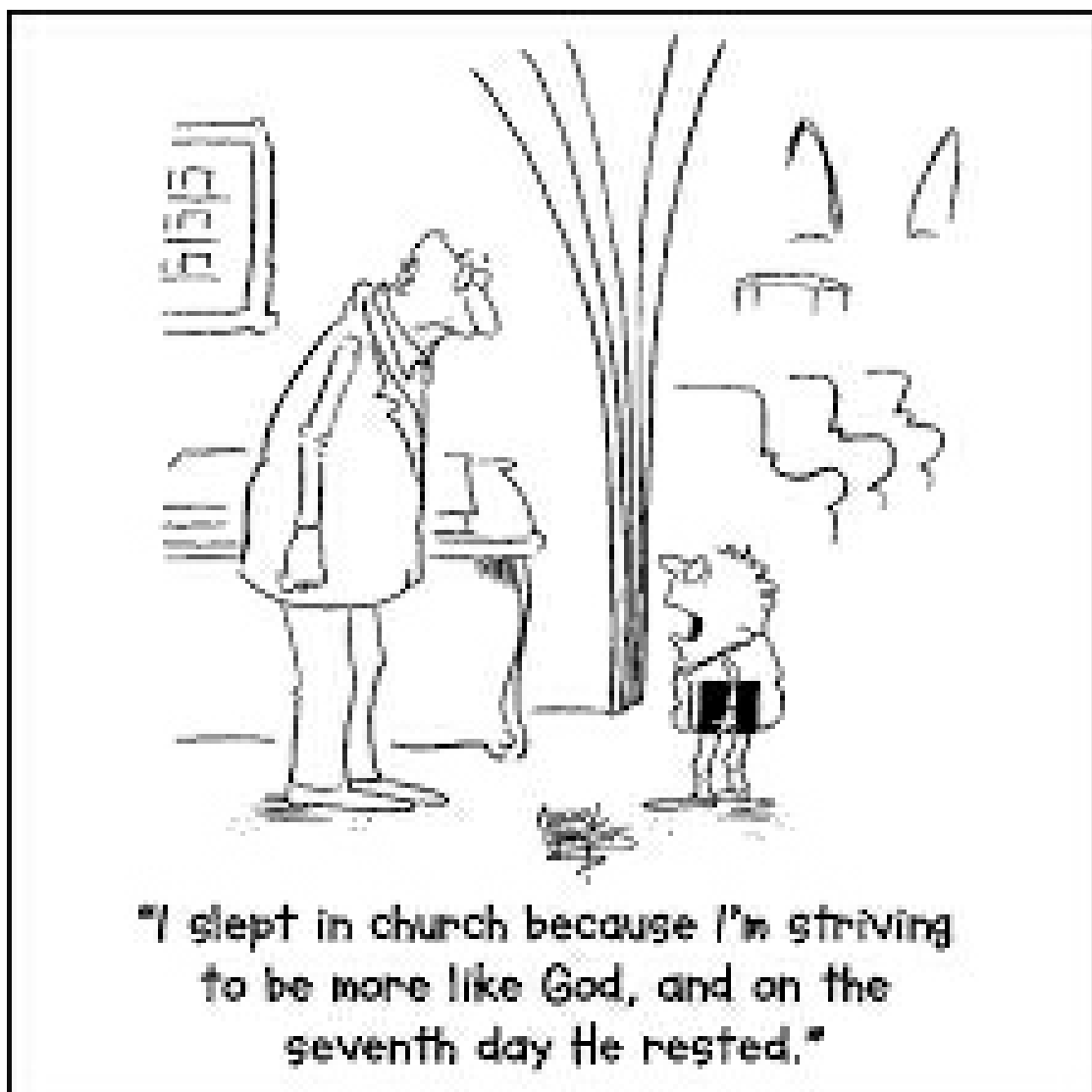
At Castle Street the action will be centred on the halls. We are still told repeatedly that the wifi signal is unreliable through the halls, so it is planned to extend the cabling and add extender boosters in several places to help overcome that problem. There will be the addition of a display screen in the entrance hall too, an idea that has been trying to come to fruition since before Canon Lloyd retired but is now at last becoming a reality. Hopefully those two pieces of work will improve the usefulness of the halls for everyone, but we are also considering some re-modelling to the 'Youth Room' which will benefit the Youth Club and improve the facilities they have to work with. That work will be entirely within that room so I dare say most of us will never see it, but we will take away some out of date features of the room and create a more open space with much better storage. For anyone who isn't sure of the location of the Youth Room, it is the room beyond the Parish Office, under and behind the stage of the main hall.

Well as we all know it is much easier to make plans than to carry them out, and that list, short though it is on paper, will be I imagine more than enough to actually try to get done before September arrives and all the regular weekly activities start up again around the parish. I hope that you'll be forgiving if some of it doesn't quite come off as quickly as we'd all like it too.

Finally can I ask you to spare a thought for the rector and Rev Dennis too. Simple maths suggests that their workload will each increase by about half now that Rev John has left to take up his new parish at Muckamore. We all wish him every success tackling the challenges of learning a lot of new names and faces and getting to know his new congregations - we will miss him here very much.

I hope those of you managing a holiday away have a good time and safe travel.

All the Best  
*Alastair*





# Antiques Fair

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



**Saturday, 23 September 2017**

10.30 am – 4 pm



*Antiques and collectable items  
including Jewellery, China, Crystal, Fine Porcelain,  
Clocks, Oil Lamps, Linen, Silverware, Coins,  
Original Paintings, Small Furniture, Stamps, etc*

*Refreshments available*

*Admission £2  
Children (accompanied)  
FREE*



*Proceeds in aid of  
Action Cancer  
and Church Funds*

**Action  
cancer**  
Supporting Cancer Research & Care





# Christian Aid Week 2017

This year saw an increase of just over 31% in our total collection for **Christian Aid Week** in the parish. It was a tremendous effort by all concerned! The lunches at St Columba's and St Patrick's at the beginning of the week raised £755.07, there was £1343 given on the plate in the three churches and a further £913.19 came from the door-to-door collection. In total we have been able to send £3111.05 to **Christian Aid** as a result of our efforts during that one week! A further bonus for **Christian Aid** is that many people gift-aided their donations, so even more money will be available to **Christian Aid**.

I know you will all join me in thanking the parishioners who made the lunches, both at St Patrick's and St Columba's, and the collectors who went out on our behalf to collect from the many people in the area allotted to us. The people we collect from at their doors are willing to contribute to **Christian Aid's** work, even if they are not regular churchgoers. I would like to add my thanks to Colin and Irene who cheerfully helped open all the envelopes and count the contents.

As ever, we have lost a few of our collectors; not through a lack of willingness to help but rather through age, ill-health and other church commitments. We have had a few volunteers come forward but we still need more - so please watch for the call to help next May and, if you can, come and join us in this whole-parish effort; going out together is part of the parish's witness in the community - and the banter is always good too!

*Mary Campbell*



**For primary school children**

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> - Friday 18<sup>th</sup> August  
3 - 6 pm**

**St Patrick's Church, Castle Street  
£1.50 per child**

**Games, arts and crafts, computers,  
cooking, sports, DVD, snacks, tuck shop**

**Contact Lucy 077 5995 0497  
to book a place**





Our Children's Week 'Landlubbers' was a great success averaging nearly 50 children every night. The children enjoyed coming each night to find out what the clue was and the stories for each night. Day 1 we learned about Paul in Prison, how we should love Jesus like Paul did and tell everyone about him. Day 2 we learned about Jesus' life, death and resurrection and that he did this all for us as it was part of God's great plan. Day 3 we learned that God wants to forgive us for the bad things we've done and that we should shine out like lights for him. We also learned the memory verse from Philippians 3:8 - *Nothing is as wonderful as knowing Christ Jesus my Lord which is the greatest treasure of all.*



On Saturday 17th June we had our Family Fun Night with over 150 people in attendance. It was great to see so many people and we had such great weather. Special thanks to Brian's Bouncy Castles, Jackie from Smudges Inc, Darren Reynolds for the photo booth, William Allen for the sausages



and Bobby Cotter for the bread rolls. Also thanks to Les, Andy, Darren and Kenneth for the BBQ and to all our leaders who helped.



On Sunday 18th June we had our finale of Landlubbers at the Children's Day Service where the children sang their songs from the week and they received their Sunday School prizes. Jen Christie from CMS gave the talk and we presented her with a cheque for £1000 for the CMS project 'Growing in God'.





The following awards were presented:-

- Minnie McAuley Cup best overall in Kindergarten - **Matthew McLaughlin**
- Magee Cup runner up in the Kindergarten - **Joshua Livingstone**
- McKervill Cup best overall in Seniors - **Emily Bacon**
- Stuart Dixon Memorial Cup runner up in Seniors - **Wyatt Lorimer**
- Robert Adair Cup best overall in Fusion - **Peter Bacon**
- Youth Shield best overall youth - **Aiden Hoey**
- Lauren Minford Memorial Cup presented for good attendance, enthusiasm and giving of her best - **Catelyn Wilson**
- Darren Rodgers Memorial Cup - (many thanks to Jacqueline and Paul Rodgers for presenting this new cup in memory of their son Darren) presented to two young people who have excelled themselves within young leaders this year, very keen/enthusiastic, always wanting to help and a great team) - **Finn and Josh Sloan**



Thanks to all the leaders who helped during Children's Week and the Fun Night - we could not do without them they are amazing. We are so blessed with great leaders who work together as such a great team. Special thanks to Lorraine and Sandra in the office, Stephanie Johnston and Helen Weir for all their art work and props. There is so much work that goes on that nobody ever sees behind the scenes. Thanks to Helen also for all her photos and keeping facebook and the website up to date. Thanks to William Allen for the sausages and Bobby Cotter for the bread rolls, to Les, Andy, Darren and Kenneth for the BBQ, Brian Dennison for Bouncy Castles and Jackie from Smudges Inc for face painting, balloon modeling and mascots. Thanks also to our Sunday School teachers who give of their time and are so committed to the young people.

On Thursday 8th June 40 leaders went to the Thatch for their annual evening together. We thanked all the leaders for their time and commitment throughout the year and also said farewell to John. We thanked him for his support and encouragement to youth work within the parish and for his time and dedication and commitment to pastoral care. We wished him all the best for his new role as rector and God's richest blessings to himself and Margo for the future.



Children's Church will take place every Sunday throughout the summer months. Children's Church is where children come out from the morning service and come over to the hall for arts/craft, stories, singing, snacks and games.

Youth Club starts again on **Saturday 9th September 7 - 8 pm** for Juniors (primary school age) 50 pence and **8 - 10 pm** for Seniors (secondary school age) £1. Anyone wanting to become a member must bring their parents on the first night to register. Sunday School will start on **Sunday 3rd September**. We would love to see anyone from 4 years of age. There will be a meeting for Sunday School teachers.



Anyone willing to help with any organization, Sunday School or Youth Club or anyone wanting to complete Duke of Edinburgh or any volunteer work please speak to Lucy or Alan.

Our next Messy Church will be Sunday 17th September the theme being prayer.

Ladies Night out Wednesday 21st June we enjoyed a meal at The Carrie, Kells.



*Lucy*



# **FIT 4 LIFE 2017**



# Bereavement Course

Many people are in contact with a church soon after they have been bereaved - even if they are not regular churchgoers. Churches are usually able to support bereaved people well before and immediately after the funeral - but sometimes do not have the time, resources or skills to help them in the weeks and months afterwards. The Bereavement Care Awareness Course has been produced as part of Care for the Family's bereavement training for churches to support those in their community who are coping with the heartache of the death of a loved one.

The aim is to develop knowledge, skills and understanding of how churches can be involved in providing appropriate levels of on-going support after the funeral, for people who have been bereaved following the death of a close family member or friend.

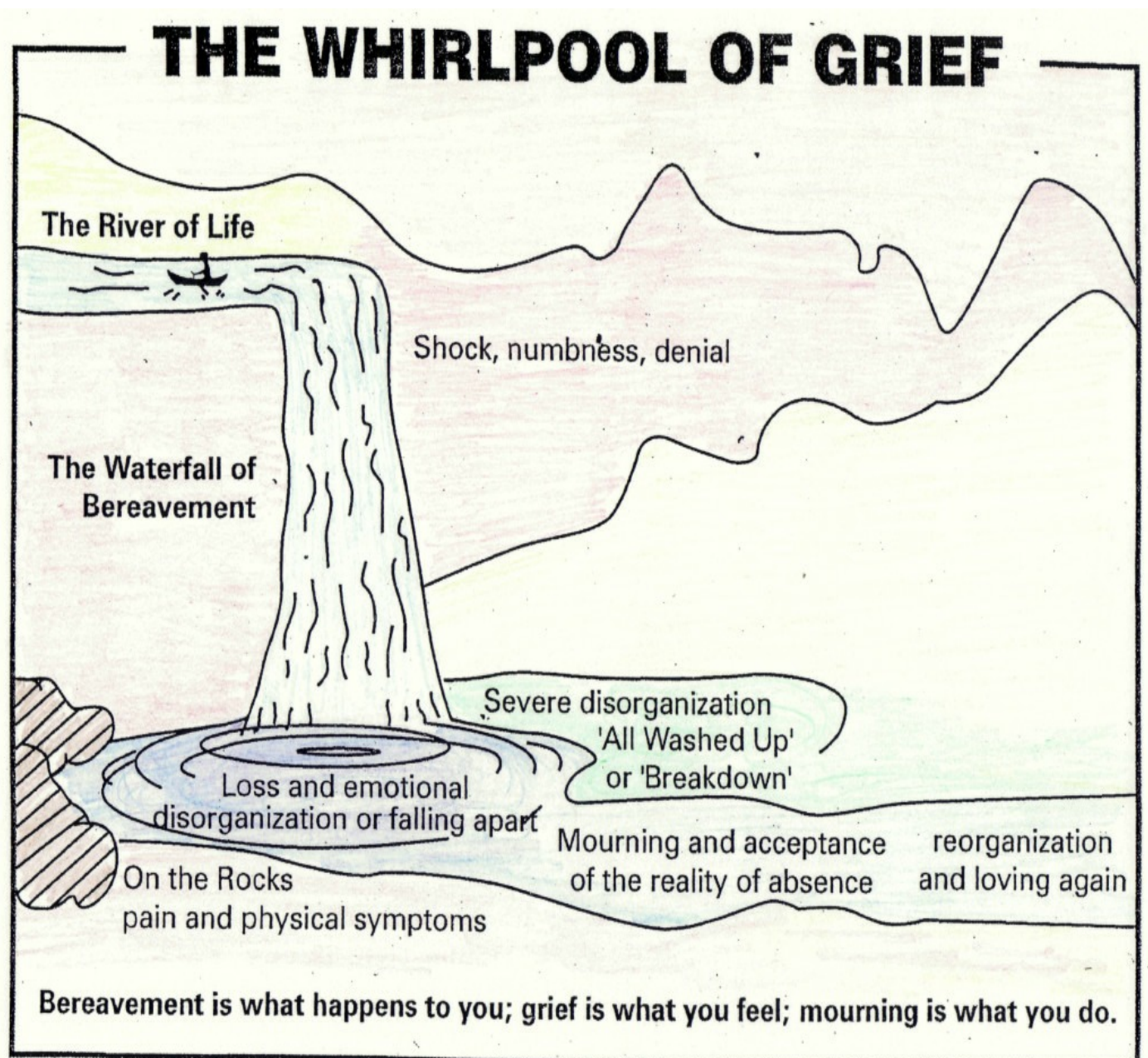
Those attending the course will:

- ♦ Gain basic information of the impact bereavement has in people's lives and the different ways in which individuals commonly respond.
- ♦ Have had the opportunity to reflect on your own experience of bereavement.
- ♦ Be able to identify the basic needs of bereaved people.
- ♦ Be able to identify key factors in providing effective support.
- ♦ Be able to identify the skills, structure and safeguards needed to provide appropriate levels of support to bereaved people within the context and boundaries of what might be possible within your church.



- ◆ Know the questions to be addressed in considering whether it is appropriate for you/your church to develop or be involved in supporting bereaved people.
- ◆ Gain information on models of bereavement support that churches can provide.
- ◆ Gain information on the range and types of bereavement support services available locally and nationally to be able to signpost bereaved people to them.

The Bereavement Course will take place on **Saturday 30th September 10 - 4 pm** - anyone who wants to attend please speak to Lucy.



# The Bible

## *NlrV Accessible Edition of The Bible*



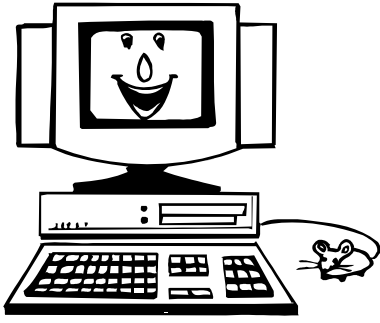
God's word is for all, yet for many reading it is a struggle. Developed in partnership with Livability, Torch Trust and Urban Saints, the NlrV Accessible Edition of The Bible breaks down barriers to reading, opening up the text to even more people who wish to read it.

Features of this unique edition include:

- use of the New International Reader's Version with shorter sentences and simpler language
- bespoke illustrations to aid understanding
- a specially designed clear font in 16 pt
- single column-format
- simpler navigation
- available in audio, print and digital format

Whilst this edition has been developed specially for those with learning disabilities, moderate sight loss, lower levels of literacy and English as a second language, it can be used by any reader wishing to explore God's Word.

If you would be interested in purchasing a copy of this new edition of the Bible, please contact Lucy.



# The Curate's Letter

## *Don't lose the bap*

In Northern Ireland we often, for some reason, refer to our head as a baked good - 'yer bap', 'yer scone', 'yer loaf'. Maybe someone can explain why. But when we say 'don't lose the bap' we mean don't lose your head or don't lose your temper.

Keeping our tempers in check is a 'biggie' for many of us! The way others behave or the circumstances we face in life can tip us over emotionally and we can react badly. And more often than not we can allow ourselves to say things that are hurtful and unloving to those around us. It may be with our family members, our friends, someone from our church family or even a workmate, when we get upset and say something that is not only ungodly but deeply hurtful. The old nursery rhyme 'sticks and stones may break my bones, but words will never hurt me', most of us know to be a rubbish and totally untrue saying.

In Matthew 15:18, Jesus says that 'what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this defiles a person'.

Sometimes people in this world can do things that are wrong to us, they can steal our car parking space, they can push in on a queue, they can cut us up whilst driving. And although there can be a justified satisfaction to giving someone a good tongue lashing when we feel we are in the right, the words which come out are always a sign of the condition of our heart. Road rage is one thing, but a lot of damage can be done in the home, to our friends, to our



church family, when we are not mindful of the words that come out of our mouth. The Bible tells us that what comes out of our mouths is very telling indeed. It tells us what condition our heart is in. When we speak words that don't honour God, it comes from a heart that is not where it should be.

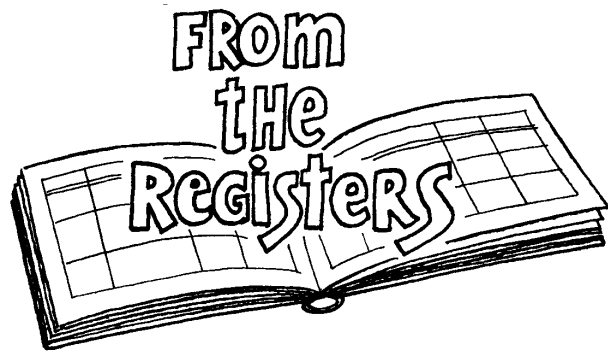
As the temperature increases outside this summer, don't allow your temper to get the better of you. After all this is just a sign of what can be going on in our hearts, and it is getting our hearts right before God that can be the best form of anger management. God wants to do business with each of us, in our hearts, the place where He looks first. So let's be mindful of the condition of our hearts. Read God's word, pray to God and ask him to make our hearts more like His. Search your heart and seek repentance before God for where you might let Him down as you deal with other people.

If you know you have a problem with your temper, why not try memorising a verse like Colossians 3:8 [But now you must rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips] and ask the Lord in prayer to bring it to mind when you feel like you are about to lose your temper. So don't lose your bap - allow God to help you respond to the challenges of life as a follower of Christ should.

*Dennis*







## CHRISTIAN BURIAL



3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Henry (Harry) McIlroy	9 Fenaghy Heights, Ballymena
13 <sup>th</sup> June	Eileen Noel Barr	27 Antrim Road, Ballymena

### Harry McIlroy

Harry was born in Cullybackey on 15<sup>th</sup> August 1936. He had one younger brother, Hubert who unfortunately died when he was still a young man. Harry left school at 14 years and served his time as an apprentice plumber. He met and married Hilda Williamson in 1967 and they had two daughters, Julie and Debbie. Sadly, Hilda passed away in 2006. Harry was a keen sportsman who enjoyed football, snooker and fishing. He also loved spending time at his caravan in Portrush and taking his dog Buster for long walks. Harry had a great sense of humour and was very fond of his grandchildren, Owen, Kyle and Sophie. He will be very sadly missed by his daughters Julie and Debbie and we extend to them and all his family circle our sincere sympathy at this sad time.

## Eileen Barr

Eileen was born in December 1937, the second youngest of five children, to Richard and Margaret Farrell. She was born in Omagh and moved with her family to Ballymena at the age of just 5. Eileen married her husband Carson Barr in 1960 in Ballyclug Church, and they both worked in, and lived nearby, Holywell Hospital in Antrim. Eileen and Carson were blessed with two daughters Lynda and Wenda. Having spent over 30 years in Antrim, Eileen and Carson returned to Ballymena in the mid-nineties and rejoined Ballyclug Church from then on. Eileen had health issues throughout her life and after Carson passed away in 2014, she continued to suffer from poor health. Eileen was a keen member of the church and relied on her faith in God to get her through the most difficult of times. We pass our sympathies and prayers to all of the family circle.





# 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
Men's Fellowship	1st Thursday	7.30 pm	Minor Hall
Junior Youth Club	Saturday	7.00 pm	Parochial Hall
Senior Youth Club	Saturday	8.00 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
Senior Guides	Thursday	8.00 pm	Mrs K Black
Rainbows	Friday	6.30 pm	Mrs H Strain
Scouts	Friday	7.45 pm	Mr K Hughes





# OUR WORSHIP

## ST PATRICK'S PARISH CHURCH

### SUNDAY SERVICES

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

### EVERY WEDNESDAY

10.30 am	Holy Communion
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## ST PATRICK'S, BALLYCLUG

### SUNDAY SERVICES

10.00 am	Morning Prayer
	Holy Communion
	4th Sunday in the month

## 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*