

# *Parish of Kilconriola and Ballyclug*



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|               | People's | Mr Jackie Greer        |
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|               | People's | Miss Elizabeth Peachey |
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### 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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THE RECTOR WRITES



# Rectory Ramblings

## GAME OF THRONES

Whether you have read any of the books, or, watched any of the T.V. series, all will agree Game of Thrones has invaded our wee country and put it on the map in a major way. Tourists from all over the world head here - cameras at the ready to see the Winterfell countryside, Lordsport Harbour, The Coast of Dorne, The Dothraki Grasslands, The Kings Road, Winterfell, The Stormlands, Dondarrion's Hideout, and Rob Stark's Camp.

To you and me better known as Tollymore Forest Park, Ballintoy Harbour, Portstewart Strand, Bin-evenagh view point and plateau, Stranocum, The Dark Hedges, Castle Ward, Cushendun Caves, Marble Arch Caves and Inch Abbey. Alongside the studios at Titanic Belfast and a host of



other smaller locations dotted around. There are tours of all kinds and for all sizes of pockets (including a special Game of Thrones Doors Tour).

Basically the whole story is a power struggle. Who will sit on the Iron throne, who will be king/queen of all the land? Those in the hunt for this ultimate power will literally stop at nothing in order to achieve it. It is at this point that Game of Thrones and reality come very close together. What is Brexit all about? When there's anyone at Stormont - what are they about, really? Why are so many nations of the world in such miserable turmoil and what lies at the heart of all this new generation global terrorism? Someone somewhere wants to be on the Iron Throne, wants to be boss, wants power and control. This presents Christians with some interesting challenges and theological pondering. Surely for Chris-

tians God is on the ultimate throne and His reign will never end! Revelation Ch 4 v 1 - 6, Psalm 103 v 19, Hebrews Ch 8 v 1.

As Christians we are first and foremost children of God and His Kingdom even while journeying through this earthly life. Philippians Ch 3 v 20, Hebrews Ch 13 v 14, Revelation Ch 21 v 27.

As Christians we are to be prayerful/respectful/and if God's will and word demands it - protesting. Romans Ch 13 v 1 - 7.

In an even more personal sense the big story of the Bible is a Game of Thrones story. Who sits on the throne of your heart? Who ultimately controls your life and destiny? Who do you readily render your love and loyalty to?

Yes indeed Game of Thrones has brought revenue, fame and tourists to our wee country but also behind the scenes it asks some much deeper questions - see you at King's Landing - I hope.

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



**Sunday 17th September**  
**St Patrick's Church Hall at 10.15 am**  
**Please come along and bring your friends**





# Parish News

## **SAINSBURY'S ACTIVE KIDS 2017**

# Sainsbury's



This year, thanks to your support, we were able to send 5,948 vouchers to Sainsbury's. In return, they are going to send us some cooking and games equipment by the end of this month.

The Scout Group really appreciates the help it receives from the three churches and would like to thank all those who brought in their vouchers. Indeed, thanks to those who put money (£7) instead of vouchers in the boxes. This will go to Cub Scout funds.

Active Kids will be back in 2018 so look out for details in the February magazine.

*Christie Colhoun*

## **SHOE BOX APPEAL**

Shoe Box time again. Boxes will be available in the three churches from early/mid September (suggested donation of £1 per box which will go to Church funds). Please read the leaflet enclosed in the shoe box regarding contents and instructions in respect of the shipping donation. Please gift aid if possible. Boxes to be returned to the churches by **Sunday, 22nd October** to allow time for us to have them transported to the appropriate drop off point by the due date. This is important as last year some boxes were returned to us after the due date and had to be held over to this year. Many thanks for your support.

*Jean Kennedy/Liz Hughes*

## **A LIFE WORTH LIVING (ALPHA PLUS)**

Following the summer break we will be continuing our Christian Discipleship course, called 'A Life Worth Living', kicking off again on **Wednesday 13th September at 7.30 pm** in the choir vestry. This

course, which is a follow up to the successful Alpha course in the spring, will run fortnightly over the autumn months until its completion.

Anyone who is interested in attending is most welcome, whether you have gone through the Alpha course or not. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact either Mark or Dennis.

### **‘THE WAY’ YOUTH FELLOWSHIP**



Our Youth Fellowship, ‘The Way’, will be starting on **Sunday 17th September from 6.30 pm to 7.45 pm, FORTNIGHTLY** in the Minor Hall. We are really excited to be able to invite all young people of secondary school age along to learn from God’s Word, chat about the issues you face today, pray together and have some fun. We might even be able to swing a few wee trips away throughout the year! Feel free to invite your friends and do ask Dennis if you have any questions.

### **THANK YOU**

I want to thank the Rev. McConnell and members of the parish for the wonderful support given to me

during Dave’s illness and passing. Thank you Rev. McConnell for your support and the lovely service. Thank you to all who supported us in prayer; thanks to Lorraine and Sandra in the office; to John for preparing the church and to the organist. Thank you to Jean and the ladies for a beautiful tea after the service. Thank you to all those who came to the funeral - your support was much appreciated.

Dave was my best friend as well as my much loved husband and I miss him terribly but I am lucky to have two wonderful sons and through them two lovely daughters. My life must now take a different path to what we planned.

*Liz Bodel*

### **GRANTS**

Small grants from the Gore Trust are available to people either entering third level education or already in it. These are yearly grants and those who have received this grant before should apply again if they are still in education. Please send a letter or email to the Parish Treasurer - Mr Richard Cotter at 6 Markstown Crescent, Cullybackey, BT43 5PT or email address [richardcotter@connordiocese.org](mailto:richardcotter@connordiocese.org) stating your name and address, college being attended and course being followed. Closing date for grant requests - **30th September.**

# A view from the pew



*The Rev Mark McConnell is pictured receiving the Women's Section, Ballymena Branch, RBL Standard from Marie Semple at the Laying Up Service on Sunday 13th August. The Ballymena Women's Section was formed on the 22nd December, 1932 but now due to new Charity Regulations as from the 1st October, 2017 they must merge with the main body of the Royal British Legion.*



# Missions



## News from Nepal 22.8.17 Nepal Floods Crisis

Dear Friends,



Please pray for the recent natural disaster that has struck Nepal, along with other countries in South Asia. Continuous and extreme rainfall has triggered flash floods and landslides in parts of Nepal, causing widespread devastation, suffering and tragic loss of life.

Our Partners **HDCS** and **SD Church** are currently responding to this crisis and have asked for our prayerful support:

SL (HDCS Communications Support Officer) writes, “According to the latest news over 91 people have been reported dead, close to 50 are missing and 1,500 families are displaced by the floods.... In Rukum where our hospital and public health projects are located, roads are affected by landslides and people who need to come to the hospital are facing many challenges. Our medical teams from our projects are on standby to reach out to affected communities, we will be distributing water purifying tablets, medicines, dry food items, water bottles to these communities.”

BA (SD Church) writes, “The Terai plains in southern Nepal are the worst affected area... our staff are helping with medical camps here, but as people have lost their homes we will also distribute items like dishes, blankets, personal hygiene kits and mosquito nets (urgently needed as mosquitos have increased a huge amount with flood water lying everywhere).”



**Deirdre Zimmerman** (CMSI Mission Associate) writes, “Please especially pray at this time for the hundreds of thousands of people affected by the monsoon floods, with many districts having lost up to 80% of the planted rice crop.”

CMSI is responding by sending emergency grants of £1,000 to HDCS and SD Church to help facilitate their emergency response.

## Other News

**SD Church** - Please pray for BA as he and other staff from SDC begin a new women’s health project in Lalitpur District (near Kathmandu) this weekend. With funding from CMSI link parishes and Bishops’ Appeal they are working with the District Public Health Office to run 5 days of orientation training from 27 Aug - 1 Sept 2017, followed by Screening Camps 17 - 22 Sept to identify and treat women suffering with prolapsed uterus (a painful and life-threatening condition prevalent in the community, but often kept hidden through fear and shame).

## Zimmerman Family

After home assignment in Ireland and the US last year, Deirdre returned to her work as nutrition advisor at NPCS. Currently CMSI is seeking funding to help the organization address a new problem in Nepal: the rapid increase in overweight and obesity, and associated rise in diabetes and heart disease, as the population moves to 'modern' sedentary lifestyles with greater access to cheap, processed foods.

Mark now works at Patan Hospital as senior consultant in Internal Medicine and clinical trainer for medical students, where Deirdre is also looking at helping them to develop their almost non-existent nutrition services.

Deirdre writes, “The boys continue to thrive, with Zachary bringing home some fine results for his first 2 GCSE exams. Major change is on the horizon this winter as their school (KISC) plans to move to new property outside the city ring-road, meaning larger facilities but a long commute for most of the students.



We appreciate all your support and prayers for our work and life here in Nepal, and for the Nepali church.”

### Give thanks....

For a new baby daughter **Bishestha** born to BA and BJ in May - both mother and daughter are doing well! Here is BK the happy grandfather.....



Praise God also for two **CMSI STEP** (short term mission placement) volunteers that have recently returned



from Nepal. **Connor Skuce** (left) - gap year student from Aghadowey parish, Coleraine - served at KISC (Kathmandu International Study Centre) from Jan-Apr helping out with Maths teaching with secondary pupils from over 40 nations (including Zach and Benjamin Zimmerman). He also spent time visiting SD Church, as well as exploring some of the amazing mountain scenery in and around Kathmandu. See

<http://www.cmsireland.org/blog/connor-skuce>

**Ian Jackson** (Civil Engineer Graduate from Crosshaven parish, Cork) served with SD Church from June-July helping draw up architectural plans for a new Sunday School room. As well as making friends with Nepali Christians he also had time to travel, and even managed a bungee-jump! See <http://www.cmsireland.org/blog/ian-jackson/2017/06/19/safe-arrival-and-getting-started>



....and finally!

Please pray for the **CMSI Nepal Team** preparing to visit Kathmandu from 9-23 November 2017 - Peter Kirch, Nevin Kidd, Annie Kidd, Philip and



Lesley Burton, Roger Thompson. Ask for God's blessing throughout the visit, that the team might make strong relationships with our partners and friends at SD Church, HDCS and NPCCS.

If you want to meet them (along with many other Mission-motivated folk), come along to the **CMSI Ignite Conference** at Dromantine Retreat Centre,

Newry from Fri 29 - Sat 30 September....details at

<http://www.cmsireland.org/events/2017/09/29/ignite-conference-2017>

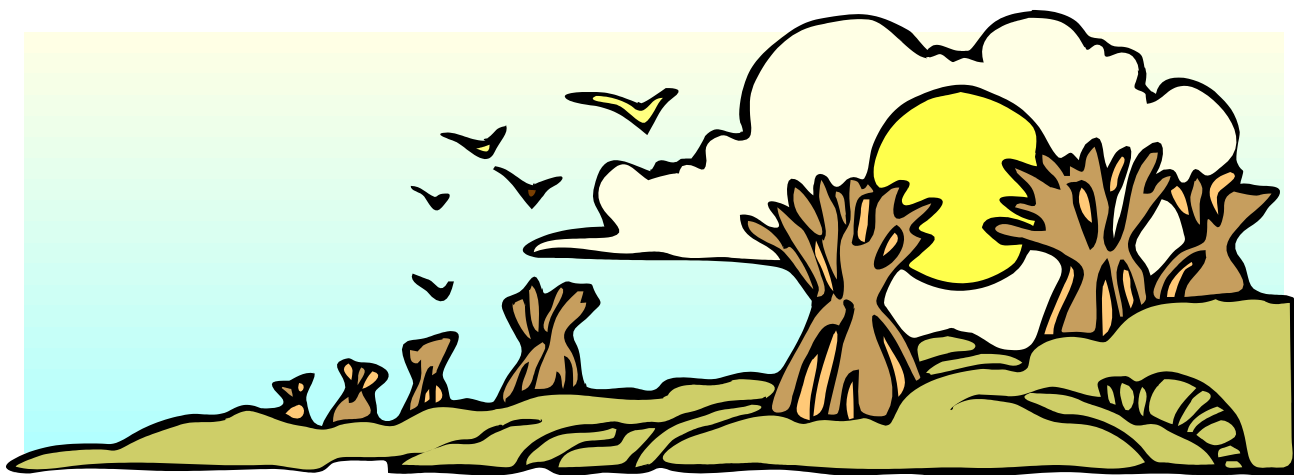
Please do get in touch if you would like more info - or if you would like me to visit your parish.

With many thanks for your continued support.

Roger Thompson

*Partnership Coordinator for Kenya, Nepal and Zambia*

## HARVEST THANKSGIVING



1<sup>st</sup> OCTOBER 2017

BALLYCLUG - 10 AM  
AND ST COLUMBA'S - 11.30 AM





# Around the Parish

## PARISH CHOIR

I hope everyone has had a lovely summer break. Choir practice returns on **Thursday, 7th September** from **8.00 - 9.00 pm**.



We are always on the lookout for new members, so if you think you would enjoy singing with us please come along.

*Sharon Doak*



## CHURCH LADS' AND CHURCH GIRLS' BRIGADE

We hope you had a nice summer break and enjoyed your holidays. It's back to school and Brigade on a Friday night.

Activities begin on **Friday, 8th September**. Come along and enjoy a variety of sports and gymnastics, volley ball, basketball, dodge ball, handball, badminton, football and our programme also includes arts and crafts, Bible study and Duke of Edinburgh.

It would be great to see some new boys and girls, so if you are 4 years and upwards, come along and enjoy the fun, faith and fellowship on a Friday night.

|         |             |                   |
|---------|-------------|-------------------|
| Martins | 4-7 years   | 7.00 pm - 8.00 pm |
| Y Team  | 7-10 years  | 7.00 pm - 8.00 pm |
| J Team  | 11-13 years | 8.00 pm - 9.30 pm |
| Seniors | 13-18 years | 8.00 pm - 9.30 pm |

The Brigade has reached a milestone in its history celebrating 120 years of children and youth work in Ballymena. We are holding a celebration

dinner in the Rosspark Hotel on **Friday, 1st September** and there is an exhibition in the Braid Centre showing the history of the Brigade from 1897 to the present day. This exhibition will be on display for the month of September, so drop in and have a trip down memory lane.

*Alan Ross, 2589 2740*

## **SQUIRRELS**

The Squirrels will be commencing on **Wednesday 20th September at 6.30 pm in St Columba's**. All 4 to 6 year olds are very welcome to join us.



We try to vary our programme each week to include games, craft work and cooking. We will be having a Halloween Party towards the end of October. Later in the year we hope to visit the Fire Station and weather permitting, our summer term will be spent outdoors.

We will also be collecting 20 pence pieces in Smartie tubes this year again in the run up to Christmas. This year our chosen charity is in aid of the Children's Oncology and Haematology Ward in the Royal Victoria Hospital, more details will follow.

If any 4 to 6 year old boys and girls would like to join please get in touch. Registration forms and further information can be found on our Facebook page, 5th Ballymena Squirrel Scouts - St Columba's.

We look forward to seeing you all on **Wednesday 20th September**.

*Paul, Ann, Jack and Mr Squirrel*

## **MOTHERS AND TODDLERS GROUP**



Our group resumes on **Tuesday 12th September** at 10 am and we look forward to the start of a new session. Babies, toddlers, mums, dads, grannies, grandas, aunties, uncles and child minders - all are very welcome.

Over the summer we were very saddened to learn of the death of Dave Bodel, husband of our dear friend Liz. We send our deepest sympathy to Liz and her sons, Andrew and Ian.

## Rota for September:-

| DATE                  | NAME  | FUNCTION  |
|-----------------------|---|-----------|
| 12 <sup>th</sup> Sep. | Evonne Stinson, Eleanor Burnett,<br>Vera Owens and Marlene Gray     | Tea       |
|                       | Mary Steele   | Welcoming |
|                       | David Oliver and Derek Bell   | Car Park  |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> Sep. | Dorothy Hegan, Isabel Halliday,<br>Karin Agnew and Sandra Duke      | Tea       |
|                       | Ann Fisher  | Welcoming |
|                       | Jackie McMaster and Jimmy Tuff                                      | Car Park  |
| 26 <sup>th</sup> Sep. | Ruth Murray, Isabell Adair, Vivien<br>Gilmour and Kathleen Thompson | Tea       |
|                       | Liz Bodel   | Welcoming |
|                       | Bob Peachey and Davy Nelson   | Car Park  |

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

## MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Our Men's Fellowship group will be back on the go again from **Thursday 7th September**, meeting at 7.30 pm in the Minor Hall at St Patrick's. The group will continue to meet on a monthly basis on the first Thurs-

day of each month. Last year, in addition to our monthly meeting and bible study, the men enjoyed a number of activities such as archery, clay pigeon shooting, men's breakfast events and talks, church maintenance work and fundraising for Action Cancer. Attendance has been very encouraging but new members of any age are always welcome to join us, so please come along. Speak to Dennis if you have any queries.



Proverbs 27:17 - As iron sharpens iron, one man sharpens another.

***Dennis***





# Confirmation 2017

**The Content** - “current, fresh and orthodox” a quote from Bishop Pat Storey (Meath and Kildare) and more importantly a former Curate of Ballymena Parish! This quotation is taken from the foreword of a new Church of Ireland Confirmation Resource called ‘I Believe’ - which we will be using as our preparation course.

**Key Dates:** Course begins **Sunday, 10th September**  
**6.30 pm - 7.30 pm** Frolick, Springwell Street,  
Ballymena

Please bring a Bible and something to write with - we can't treat you every night. So bring some ice-cream money too! The Confirmation classes will continue at this time and venue fortnightly. (There might be occasional tweaks to the timetable).

**Confirmation Service:** **Sunday 10th December** at the evening service in St Patrick's at **6.30 pm**  
**Friday 8th December** - St Patrick's Church  
**7.00 pm - 8.00 pm** Rehearsal and Prayers of Preparation

**Who can come:** Any member of our congregation who is third form or over in 2017. (Any adults interested in Confirmation should contact the Rector directly).

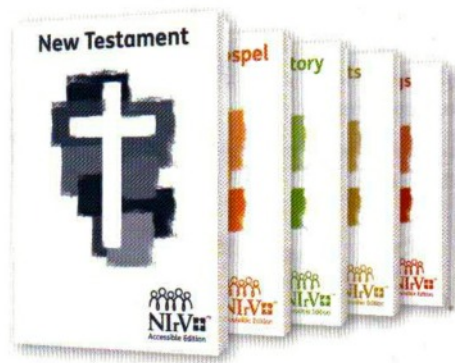
Some final thoughts - we pray that this will be a special time for those preparing for Confirmation. I would ask them alongside their families to be regular in worship and prayer as they approach this spiritual milestone with us. I would encourage all young Confirmation candidates to also be present regularly at Sunday Night Youth Fellowship - see separate article - as part of their overall preparations for Confirmation.

See you at Frolick on the 10<sup>th</sup>! Mint choc chip is my Fav!

**Mark**

# 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.

# Antiques & Collectables Fair



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



**Saturday, 23 September 2017**

10.30 am – 4 pm



*Over 20 Quality Dealers selling China, Crystal, Clocks,  
Fine Porcelain, Ceramics, Oil Lamps, Original Paintings,  
Antique and Vintage Jewellery, Stamps, Small Furniture,  
Linen, Silverware, Coins, Militaria, etc*

*A specialist will be on hand to provide valuations to those  
who bring along their own stamps and postcards on the day*

*Refreshments available*

**Admission £2**  
**Children (accompanied)**  
**FREE**



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Church Funds*

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Saving Lives Supporting People





# 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.

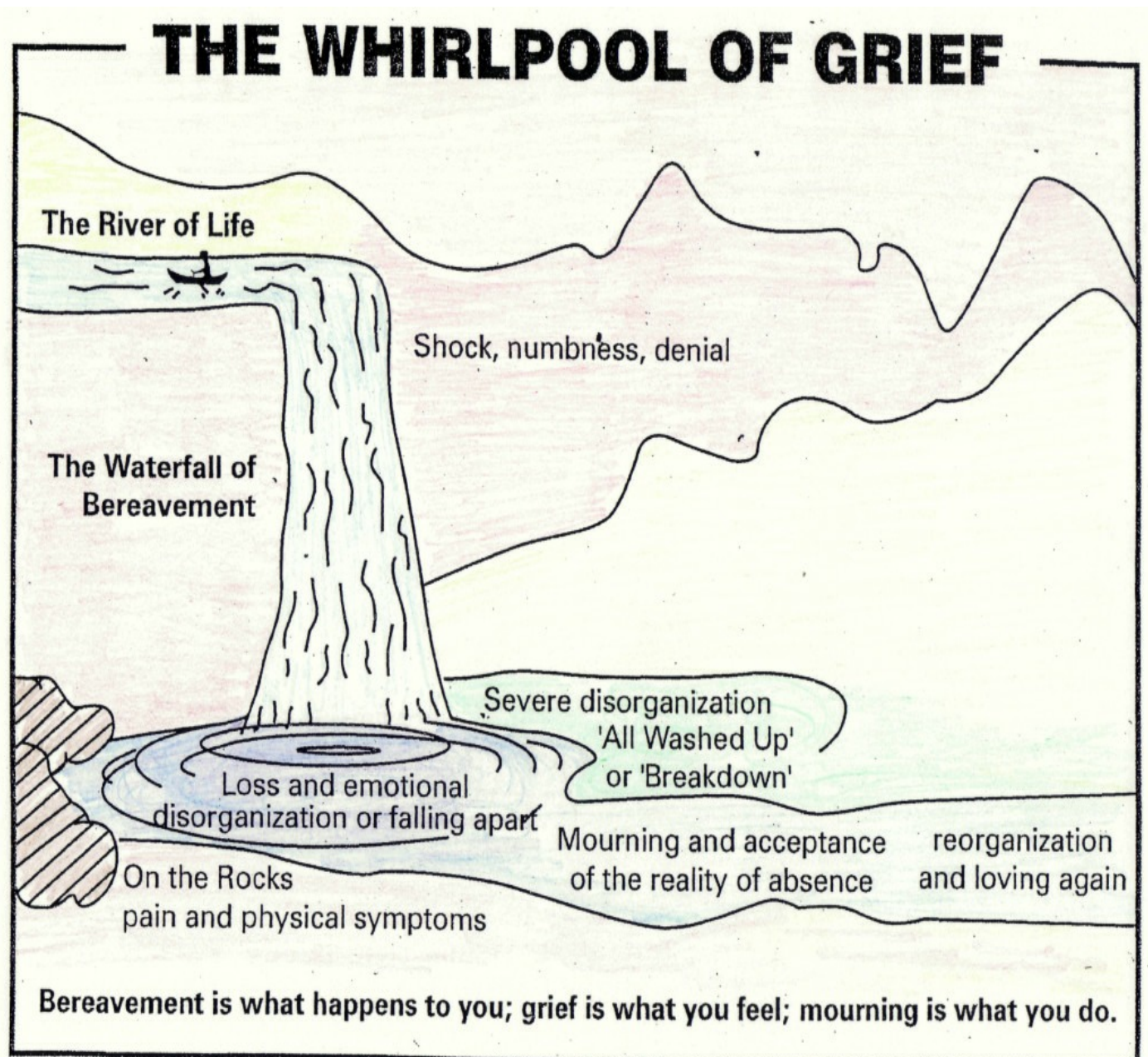
The aim is to develop knowledge, skills and understanding of how churches can be involved in providing appropriate levels of on-going support after the funeral, for people who have been bereaved following the death of a close family member or friend.

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.







## SUMMER MADNESS

*I went down on the Friday evening and I was really excited. When I got there I put my stuff in my tent that I shared with my friends Emma, Ellen and Abbie. When I got my things organized in my tent it was time to go for dinner - we had pasta bolognese thanks to Helen Weir. After dinner we went to worship and then we went to*



*the 'Godmodex' gaming bus. At 11 we went back to camp for hot chocolate and biscuits before bedtime. It was very cold at night and we woke up in the middle of the night freezing cold. On Saturday morning my friends and I woke up at 4.45 am and then went back to sleep and*



*woke again at 7.45 am. We had breakfast of cereal, fruit juice and bacon butties. We did our own worship instead of going to the big top. After that we went around and had our nails done and hair straightened. Then we went back to camp and had hot dogs for lunch. After our delicious lunch we went on the slip and slide - it was great fun and when we came off it was covered in bubbles*

*and mud. We went back to camp to get a quick shower before dinner (chilli and rice) with Connor Diocese and then we went back to the events. After a while there we went to the Salt Factory tent where we met Shaun Hover who taught us some amazing skateboard tricks and did a show. After the show we played football before going back to camp for super and a wind down before Lucy and Helen tucked us in with multiple*



blankets and hot water bottles. When we woke up on Sunday morning we had breakfast and then got dressed ready for worship. After worship we went out for a walk around the events and went back to camp for our lunch. When lunch was over we went for another walk and went back on the slip and slide before we headed back to sub camp for the Bishop's barbeque. We packed our stuff and got ready to go. See you next year Summer Madness.



**Caragh Hamill**

I went to Summer Madness on the Sunday and I got my nails painted blue for fun. Went on the zip line - it was high but so much fun. For dinner we had a barbeque.

**Finn**



The young people and leaders had a great time at Summer Madness - we all worked well together and there was a great bond between us all. The love of God was reflecting in us during our time there - the young people engaged in all activities and had great fun. They met with other young people and leaders and spoke to various speakers. I would like to say a big thank you to Josh and Robbie our

young leaders who enjoyed it as much as the kids and to Helen who coordinated all the tents and did all our cooking - thank you so much I really valued your help. Thanks also to Kenneth and Anne Hughes who provided tents and put them up and took them down - thank you so much we couldn't have done it without you. To all the parishioners who contributed to our fundraising and prayed for us thank you so much, it is great to know our church family supported us.





On Saturday 29th July we went to Por-trush for the day on the train. First we went to the beach, paddled, made sand castles and played football. Then we had lunch, went to Barry's and did some shopping. We also enjoyed the amuse-ments. A great day was had by all.



On Saturday 12th August sixteen of us went to W5 for the day on the train. We had a great time with all ages joining in the activities and we also enjoyed the Big Bang show which was great.



Over the summer we had a clean up in the Youth Room in preparation for a new floor and storage. Special thanks to Dennis for painting and to Les and Liz Hughes for helping with clearing/tidying and taking stuff to charity shops/skip.



'Messy Church Prayer' **Sunday 17th September** will focus on prayer and back to school, remembering that many of our young people have started back again. We will look at different types of prayer including the Lord's Prayer and how when going back to school we are not alone - God is with us. We will do this through singing/video clips/prayer walks/different prayer activities/arts and crafts and games. We will also enjoy food together. This is an all age service which is very informal and relaxed and held in the hall starting at 10.15 am. Please come along and bring your friends.

## SUMMER SCHEME

Wow what a week we had at summer scheme with 70 kids in attendance. The children enjoyed dance and games with Lesley, animals by Casal's Creatures, baking, arts and crafts, ice cream, candy floss, sports day, talent contest, glitter tattoos, face painting and lots of other activities. It was great to see so many children enjoying themselves - we hope to see many of you at Youth Club which starts on **Saturday 9th September 7 - 8 pm**. I would like to say a big thank you to all our leaders and helpers - we greatly value your time and commitment. Without you none of this would be possible. The feedback from parents has been great and very positive and we hope to maintain the connection we have made with many families.

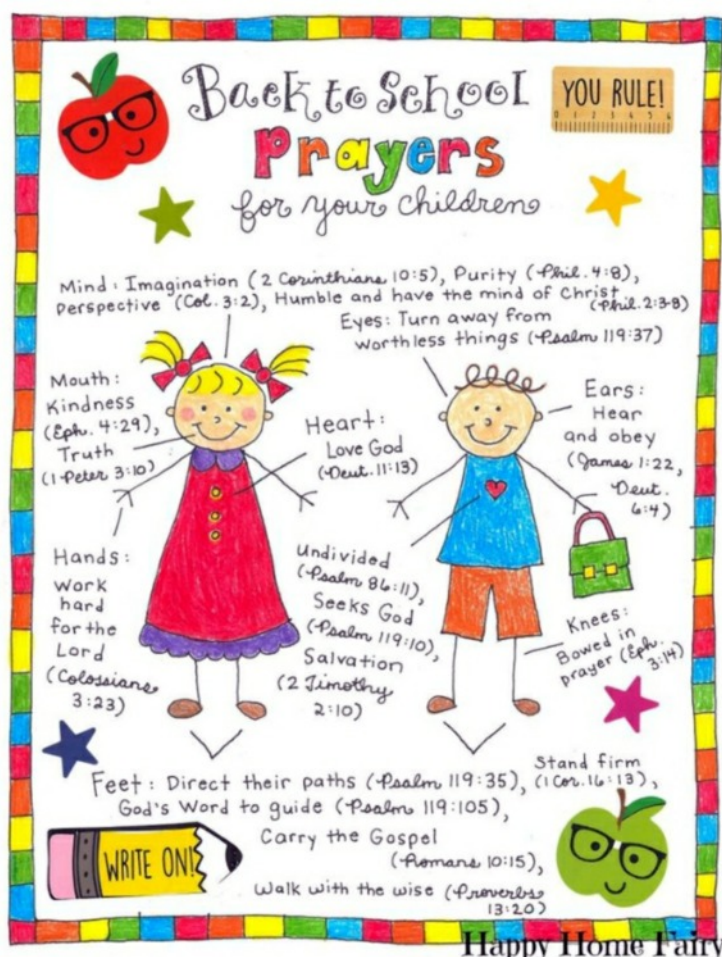


Youth Club starts on **Saturday 9th September**. On that night parents must sign a consent form for the whole year and it is essential we have these. If anyone would like to help at Junior or Senior Youth Club we would love you to join us. Leaders and helpers are on a rota system so you might only need to help every 6 weeks. Please speak to Lucy or Alan. This is a great experience for volunteers who want to use it as part of the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme.

Sunday School starts on **Sunday 3rd September**. We look forward to seeing everyone back after the summer break and would love to welcome any new starts from age 3+. When children are baptised the parents/godparents take on promises to bring the children up in the family of the church - part of this is bringing them to Sunday School.

This summer has been great, filled with lots of children and youth work that has been so fruitful. We have been blessed by being able to touch the lives of many young people. It all started with our Children's Week in

June with over 60 children from all over the Ballymena area and over 15 leaders, Summer Madness with 10 kids and 5 adults, Children's Church every Sunday during July and August, trips to Portrush and W5 and then the Summer Scheme with 70 children from all over Ballymena and 15 leaders. These things do not just happen. There is a lot of preparation, organisation and hard work that goes on behind the scenes. We are blessed to have such a great team of helpers and leaders who work tirelessly together - their level of commitment is outstanding and we gratefully value all of them. Please remember the young people and leaders in your prayers.



I would like to thank everyone for their continuous support and look forward to seeing all of you back again in September. I would like to wish all the young people well as they start back to school, especially remembering those going into P1, 1st year and university/further education.

**Lucy**



# *Young people from St Patrick's enjoying many of the summer activities*







Gracious God

as the summer begins to fade,  
new possibilities lie on the horizon.

Bless all of those who are beginning  
or returning to their roles as teachers  
lead and support them in their efforts.

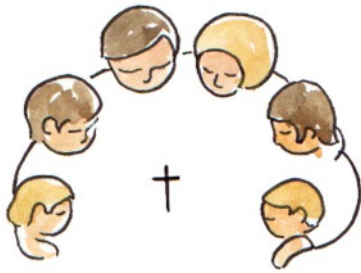
May this school year be a time of grace  
and potential as they teach, share,  
and challenge others to grow in faith,  
knowledge and wisdom.

Bless children and youth, along with  
their parents, as they begin a new  
school year.

May their minds be open to learning  
and to the wonder of discovery and  
insight.

Be with us all as we embark on this  
new year.

Amen.



# Ministries of Prayer and Healing

As we begin a new season after the summer break, it's good to remind ourselves of what is available in our parish in these vital ministries of prayer and healing.

## Prayer Support Teams

We have six teams with approximately ten on each team. These teams pray in their own private prayer time for those who have requested prayer. There is a designated team each week whose leader's name and telephone number is on our notices each week. You may also ring any team leader, the clergy or the church office if you would like prayer for yourself or a loved one. A team will remember them in prayer for the following few weeks.

|                  |                      |               |
|------------------|----------------------|---------------|
| The leaders are: | Millicent McClelland | 077 9173 6117 |
|                  | Adelaide Nimick      | 2564 0865     |
|                  | Alex McKay           | 2564 4698     |
|                  | Heather Barr         | 2564 1047     |
|                  | Eleanor Burnett      | 075 1736 5589 |
|                  | Patricia McWhirter   | 2587 9071     |

## Healer Prayer Group

This group meet each Tuesday at 7.15 pm in the clergy vestry. A small but very faithful group meet to pray for those who have requested prayer and for the sick in the parish. All prayer requests are strictly confidential within the group.

## Bible Study

This is in the Robing Room each Tuesday at 8.00 pm and is led by our clergy.

## **Prayer after Services**

This takes place after morning and evening service in the Prayer Space in St Patrick's. Anyone who wishes to have prayer for themselves or a loved one may come forward. There is a rota of willing volunteers who look after this ministry.

## **Prayer Time**

### **1st Saturday each month**

This prayer time takes place in the Jubilee Room at 8.00 am. It is, like all the Ministries, open to anyone who wishes to come and join in the prayers for our Parish and its needs.

It would be remiss of me if I finished without saying thank you to everyone who takes part in these ministries.

In the prayer teams we said our earthly farewell to Sandra Montgomery on 29th July. Sandra was a faithful member of the prayer teams and in her busy life she made time for this important ministry. When I think of Sandra I can hear our Lord and Saviour greet her with these words, "Well done, good and faithful servant." To Sandra's family, I assure them we will continue to remember them in prayer.

Irene Rogers went to live in Comber and Mary Cochrane moved to Hollywood. Thank you ladies for your faithful service to the prayer teams and I know the Lord will find plenty of work for you to do in your new parishes.

Finally I would like to say that these ministries are not an elite group but are open to anyone who wishes to come along and take part. There is always a welcome and I hope a warm and friendly one awaiting you should you wish to join us.

All prayer ministry is strictly confidential.

***Adelaide Nimick  
Team Co-ordinator***



# Parish of Kilconriola and Ballyclug

## Start Dates

### **Youth Club Saturday 9th September**

Juniors from 7 - 8 pm for all primary school age - cost 50 pence

Seniors from 8 - 10 pm for all secondary school age - cost £1

### **Sunday school Sunday 3rd September**

The children come to church and leave after 15 minutes to go to  
Sunday School

Kindergarten for children who are age 3+ to P4

Seniors P4 and above

Fusion is a group for teenagers who meet in the Youth Room

## Organisations

### ***St Patrick's***

CLB Friday 8th September

Martins 7 - 8 pm 4 - 7 yrs; Y Team 7 - 8 pm 7 - 10 yrs;

J Team 8 - 9.30 pm 11 - 13 yrs; Seniors 8 - 9.30 pm 13 - 18 yrs

GFS Tuesday 12th September 7.15 - 8.15 pm 4+ yrs

(Registration night for parents Tuesday 5th 7 - 8 pm)

Family Service 3rd Sunday in the month 10.15 am

Messy Church Sunday 17th September 10.15 am

### ***St Columba's***

Squirrels Wednesday 20th September 6.30 - 7.30 pm 4 - 6 yrs

Beavers Monday 4th September 6.30 - 7.30 pm 6 - 8 yrs

Cubs Monday 11th September 7.00 - 8.30 pm 8 - 10 yrs

Scouts Friday 22nd September 7.45 pm - 9.45 pm 10+ yrs

Rainbows - date to follow 6.30 - 7.45 pm 4 - 7 yrs

Brownies - date to follow 6.30 - 8 pm 7 - 10 yrs

(Contact Liz Peachey 078 0346 9520)

Guides Thursday 14th September 6.30 - 8.30 pm 10 - 14 yrs

Senior Section 8 - 9.30 pm 14+ yrs

Family Service 2nd Sunday of month 11.30 am

## **St Patrick's Kilconriola and Ballyclug Youth Workers**

Lucy McLaughlin  
3 The Commons  
Broughshane  
Ballymena

Home: 028 2586 1524

Mobile: 077 5995 0497



Alan Ross  
70 Maine Road  
Shankbridge  
Ballymena

Home: 028 2589 2740

Mobile: 077 5991 6755

# PARISH OF KILCONRIOLA AND BALLYCLUG

## Saturday Night Youth Club

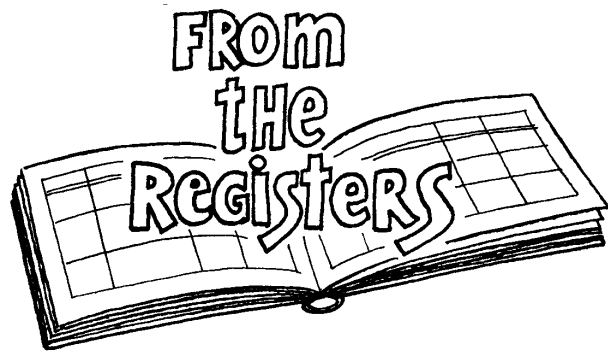
Youth Leader required  
For 3 hours: 7 - 10 pm  
Funded by EA

Qualifications in youth work  
or a willingness  
to undertake training essential

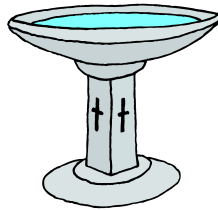
Job specification and  
application form available from:

The Parish Office,  
Tel. No. 2563 0741  
Email - [kilconriola@btconnect.com](mailto:kilconriola@btconnect.com)

Closing date for completed applications  
Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2017



## HOLY BAPTISM



9th July

Noah Robert  
William Moore

59 Chichester Park Central,  
Ballymena

## HOLY MATRIMONY



8th July

Andrew Clarke

19 Rockgrove Brae,  
Ballymena

Heather Hughes

19 Rockgrove Brae,  
Ballymena

11th August

Jack Fleming

106 Woodtown Road,  
Ballymena

Jessica Todd

70 Duneoin Road,  
Cullybackey

29th August

James Thompson

66 Old Ballymoney Road,  
Ballymena

Angela Gregg

24 Granville Drive,  
Ballymena

## CHRISTIAN BURIAL



23rd June

Colin Rostron

Rose Martha Nursing Home,  
Ballymena

|             |                    |                                     |
|-------------|--------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 29th June   | Annie (Anna) Ross  | Cornfield Nursing Home,<br>Limavady |
| 6th July    | Andrew David Bodel | 53 Leighinmohr Avenue,<br>Ballymena |
| 22nd July   | William Watson     | 11 Rathlin Drive,<br>Ballymena      |
| 29th July   | Sandra Montgomery  | 133 Doury Road,<br>Ballymena        |
| 23rd August | Matthew Quigley    | 11 Kenbane Crescent,<br>Ballymena   |

## **Colin Rostron**

Colin was born in Flyde, Blackpool, on 21st April 1927 and was one of three children. Throughout his life he worked in various jobs, one of which for a short time was as a goalkeeper on the books of Manchester City. In 1939 Colin joined the Army and served in the Catering Core. Following an injury he was sent to Ballykinler to recover and it was here that he met Mary Ritchie from Broughshane who was part of a team of musicians who entertained the troops. Mary became his wife and Northern Ireland his adopted home. Colin worked in the building trade. He had two children, Colin and Michael. Colin enjoyed meeting and talking to people and making them laugh and he was extremely fond of sport. He was a member of Ballyclug Church and will be missed by his sons, their wives, grandchildren and great grandchildren and his wider family circle. We extend to them all our sincere sympathy at this sad time.

## **Annie (Anna) Ross**

Anna was one of a family of nine children. She was born on 16th March 1928 and grew up in Fenagh, Cullybackey. Anna became a Christian in 1956. She attended Cullybackey Methodist Church and then, together with her husband Matt, she became a member of St Patrick's Church. Anna had an active mind and a great love of books and reading. She was a Medical Secretary and went on to become Personal Assistant to the Chief Executive of the North Eastern Education and Library Board. Unfortunately Anna's health deteriorated in later life which necessitated her having to move into a Nursing Home. Anna's life knew many changes but her faith and trust in Jesus Christ remained very strong. We extend our prayers and sympathy to all her family circle.



## **Andrew David Bodel**

David was the youngest of two boys born to William and Mary Bodel and he spent his early years in Newry. Very sadly his brother George passed away at a young age and this perhaps was the beginning of David developing a strong and independent spirit. David had a long career with the Inland Revenue working in London and Belfast. It was at work that he met Liz - his future wife and they were married on 14th October 1978 in St Patrick's Church, Jordanstown. Together they raised their two boys Andrew and Ian and Ballymena became their home. David loved and played rugby and was a member of many clubs over the years. In later years David developed a great passion for country pursuits, especially training gun dogs and possibly his favourite spots on earth are to be found on the Cleggan Estate. A quiet, honest and fair minded man, he fought his illness with courage and dignity. He will be missed by all and our prayers are with Liz and the family.

## **William John Watson (Billy)**

Billy was born in January 1933. He married Adrienne in 1958 and the couple settled in Ballymena for over forty years. Billy and Adrienne were blessed with two children Andrew and Sharon. Billy worked as an Environmental Engineer and was recently acknowledged with fellow membership (following 60 years in the industry) with the Chartered Institute of Environmental Health. Billy was a keen rugby supporter and over the years helped out a great deal with Ballymena Rugby Club. Billy was a dedicated member of the church, attending St Patrick's Ballyclug for many years. Billy and Adrienne both drew on their faith with God as they faced difficulties in their lives, not least after the untimely death of their son Andrew at the young age of 34. As Billy's health declined over the past three years his wife Adrienne faithfully cared for him in their home. Adrienne continues to look to God as she copes with the loss of her great friend and companion. We pass on our prayers and sympathies to Adrienne and to all of the family circle.

## **Sandra Margaret Montgomery**

Sandra was born to Albert and Miriam Hurst in Bramley, Leeds in April 1939 and was the eldest of 2 children. After moving to Northern Ireland in her early twenties, Sandra met her husband to be Tom Montgomery and the pair were married in December 1964. Tom and Sandra settled in

Ballymena and were blessed with five daughters Kate, Kirstie, Lise, Anna and Heidi. Sandra and Tom both worked in Dunclug School as teachers, from the early seventies until their retirement. Sandra had a great love of music and helped many students with their music exams and in preparations for school musicals. Sandra was a dedicated servant of the church, and a faithful member of St Columba's Church where she played the organ for over 20 years. Sandra was a talented woman with a heart for God and for serving others. She was much loved and will be greatly missed by both her family and her church community. Our sympathy and prayers are with Tom and the girls and the rest of her close family circle at this difficult time.

### **Matthew Quigley (Matt)**

Matt Quigley was born and brought up at Springfarm Cottages in Antrim. He began a lifelong career with Northern Ireland Electricity at the age of 15 till his retirement at 60 following a period of ill health. Matt was full of life and took special joy in his garden, many holidays, badminton, bowls, dancing and socialising with a large group of family and friends. His sudden death came as a big shock to his wife Helen and the whole family circle. Matt's wish for all that knew and loved him would be face life with a smile not a frown. Our prayers are with Helen and the whole family at this sad time.





# 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*