

Parish of Kilconriola and Ballyclug



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	St Columba's	Vacant

THE RECTOR WRITES



Rectory Ramblings

Fellow glasses wearers will surely have sympathy with me regarding the annual torture of the opticians check up and eye tests! My two least favourite parts are the eye pressure test (puff of air) and the sliding in/out of slightly different lenses, trying to tell which one gives a better and sharper focus. All in all for about an hour afterwards my eyes are red and runny and fit for very little.

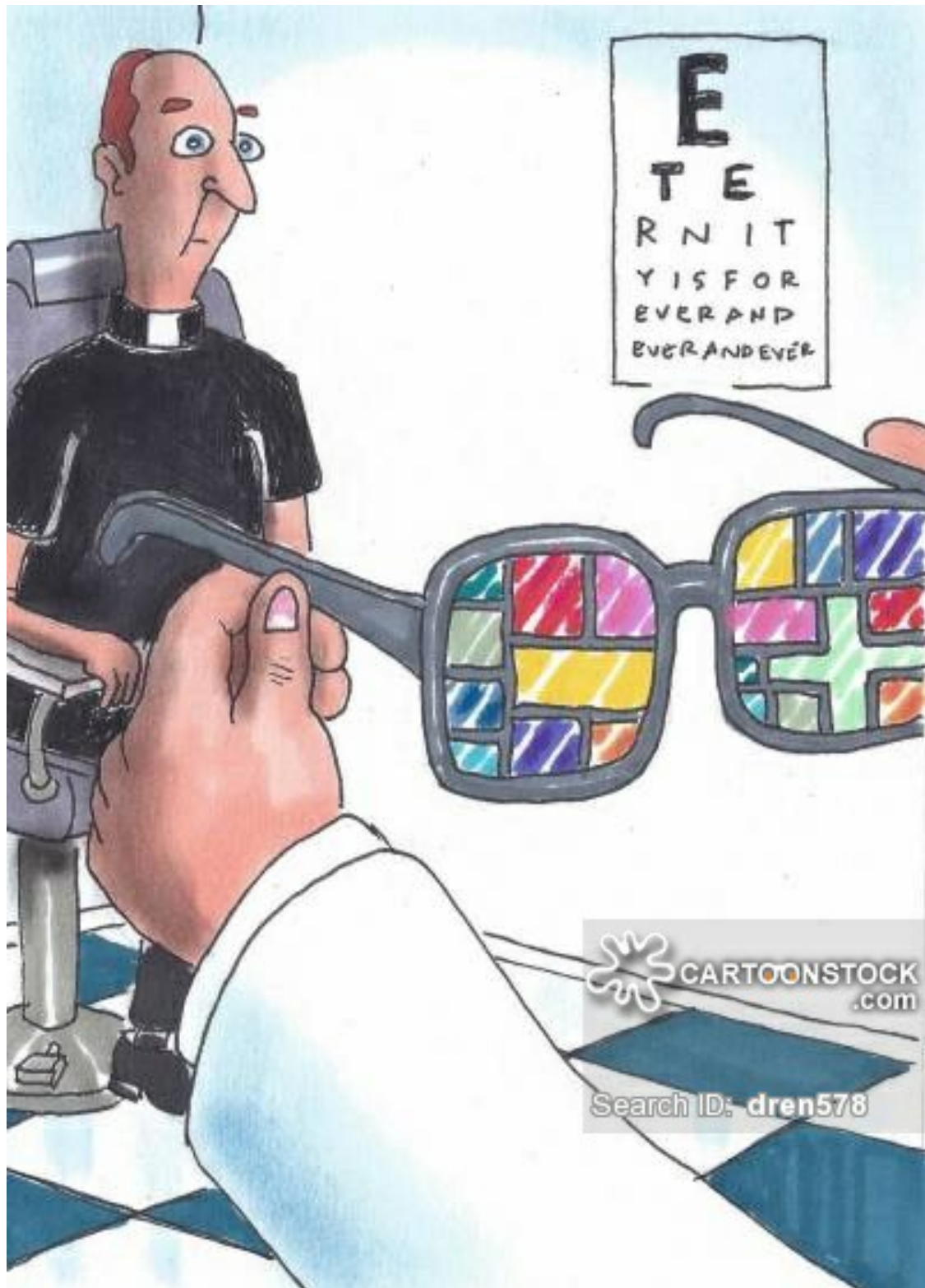
In focus - I want to take a moment to place several parish ministries - in focus and in the process encourage some in our church family to take advantage of the blessings they can provide. Firstly - in focus are the early morning Holy Communion services that are a regular part of our weekly/monthly worship. I suppose the greatest difference and the greatest spiritual opportunity these particular services provide is that of personal worship/prayer space. Our Lord Himself often needed to seek times of solitude in order to spend time with His Heavenly Father in prayer. Of all our services these early Communion services provide the best opportunity to come and find a personal worship space. Less distractions, an uncluttered service format and we can find time with God that all Christians need. So hassled mums, overworked dads, everyone really where appropriate why not make the early Holy Communion services in St Patrick's and St Columba's part of your resource worship diet - you'll not be sorry.

Mark 1 v 35 *'Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where He prayed'.*

The second - In focus this month is our still pretty new Men's Fellowship. This meets monthly for Bible Study and discussion, fun, practical ministry and even has a long-term aim in seeking opportunities for Mission Ministry both locally and overseas. So gentlemen what about you? Interested in

joining from Clay Pigeon Shooting to The Prodigal Son, to the Rectory garden. These guys get up to all kinds of things led by our Curate Dennis. There is always opportunity for honest conversation, good fun and building friendships and guys you know all of this is easier for us in many ways when our other/better halves are not there! So guys why not come along and do chat to Dennis or myself for more information.

R.M.N.C. *[Signature]*





Parish News

PARISH DATABASE

We are currently updating the Parish Database. If you have changed your address or have a new telephone number please let the office know. You can email kilconriola@btconnect.com, telephone 028 2563 0741 or fill in a yellow card to be found in the pews in church. Thank you.

ROUND POUNDS



Dear Parishioners,

When 15th October 2017 comes your round £1 coins will be worthless.

With this in mind the treasurer would love for you to donate to

the church any round pounds that you can find during the month of October.

Any donations raised will be split equally between the Alzheimer's Society and Youth Work within the parish.

So please kindly take the time to look down the backs of sofas, in drawers, in your cars (where you may have a round pound that you would use as a trolley token). In savings jars or piggy banks, or even under the bed where the rainy day fund is.

Have a rummage around in those old trousers and jacket pockets, purses and wallets.

If you're a parent why not have the children do a treasure hunt around the house, they can all be pirates for a few hours.

There are 1.5 bn pound coins in circulation and an equal number of new ones being produced.

This means that on average, everyone in the country has, 25 £1 coins.

We as a parish have an average attendance, across the 3 churches of 300 people on a Sunday. So, if we each brought in £5 worth of the 25 coins we could raise a total of **£1,500.**

So please look round for those round pounds.

R Cotter (Treasurer)

THANK YOU FROM THE TREASURER

Thank you all for the following donations received between June and September:

- Catering Team £3,600.
- Indoor Bowls £1,000.
- Badminton £75.
- St Patrick's Sewing Group £75.
- Seven Towers and Massereene RAC Class £25.
- The estate of the late Annie Wright Murray £5000.

R Cotter (Treasurer)

WATCHING ANY MORE TV RECENTLY?

Some will have spotted our new communications TV in the Entrance Hall at St Patrick's Parish

Hall. If your Ministry Group or Organisation would like to display activities, promote coming events, etc. please get in touch with Helen Weir, tel. 077 9001 2356 or any of the Clergy via the Church Office. Do stop and watch a while the next time you are passing.

MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDY ... CALLING ALL LEADERS!

On Tuesdays at 8.00 pm in the Choir Vestry, this enthusiastic group will be beginning to piece together the 'Big Picture' of the Bible - we will be taking time to ask some big questions and see how the Bible fits together to tell **God's Big Story**. It would be great to welcome back all our regular members but I also want to add a special invitation to all in leadership in any group in our parish. You give and share so much with us week by week - we would love the opportunity to give you something back so that when those tricky questions come - and they always do, from children, teens or adults you will be better equipped to answer and to share something of God's Big Picture. Looking forward to seeing you on Tuesday nights.

*Mark, Dennis and the
Mid-Week Team*



‘Vision Sunday’ Service - Sunday 15th October

All of the Kilconriola and Ballyclug Parish are invited to a special united service taking place on Sunday morning the 15th October, at 11.30 am in St Patrick’s Church. This promises to be a special day for the parish where we will outline our vision for the future.

Dennis and I have been ministering here in the parish for just over a year. During this time, along with big John, we have been prayerfully watching and listening, and alongside others have been busy seeking after God’s will for the ministry within the parish and within the community of Ballymena. We now believe the time is right to share our vision. We are asking our whole church family to gather together at St Patrick’s, on Sunday 15th, where we will be joined by Bishop Alan’s representative, and a good friend of the parish, Bishop Ken Clarke. Bishop Ken will bring encouragement and blessings from the diocese and wider Church of Ireland family. We have already taken advantage of Ken’s wisdom and enthusiasm in the preparation of these plans and we are delighted that he can be with us on this special morning.

We are hopeful that, with the ongoing prayerful and practical encouragement of our church family, we will realise something of God’s vision for Ballymena, and that the ministry of this church will bring new members for God’s Kingdom and to our parish.

***Yours in Christ
Rev. Mark***

A view from the pew

Recently I was entering a restaurant when a young lady was trying to manoeuvre two children and a buggy through the swing doors. I immediately grabbed the handle and held the door open for her to be greeted with, “Hi long time no see.” It turned out to be two young sisters who had been former bell ringers in the late 1980’s. When I came home that night I went upstairs and brought out one of my boxes of old photographs from 1987 onwards and looked at how I remember them. To be honest they haven’t changed that much. In one of the photographs of that time taken in late September/October 1988 those two faces were there, it was the team that rang for the 10 am family service under the supervision of the then Tower Captain Clare Hudson. In those days we had too many ringers and not enough bells.

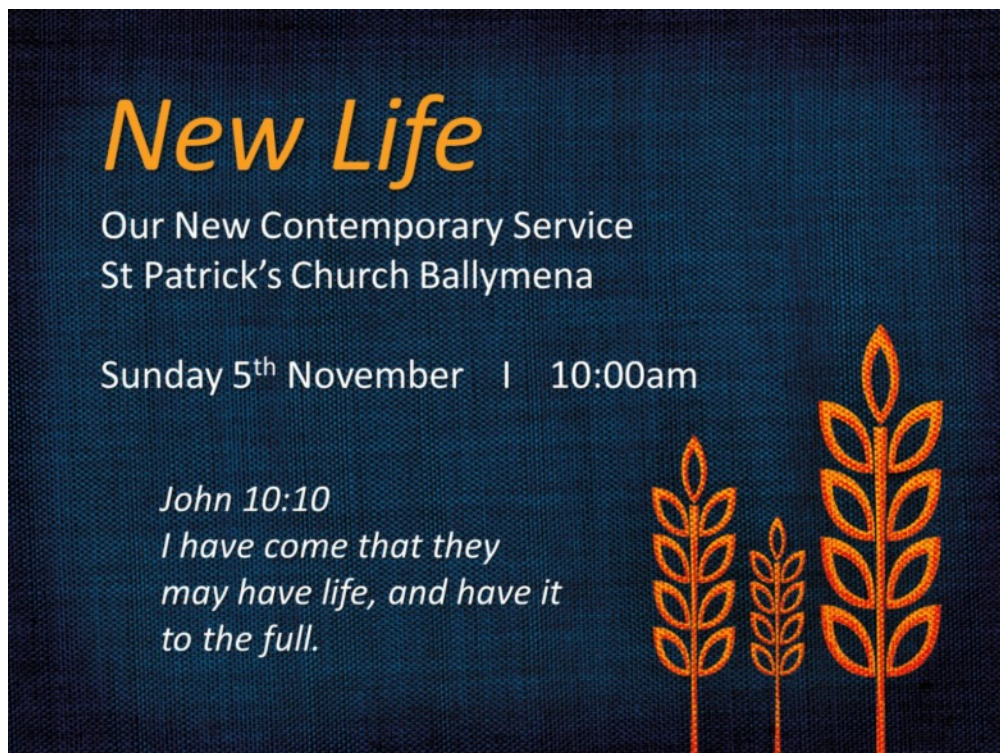


The situation now is we need more ringers to carry on the old tradition of ‘Calling the People to Worship’ but like everything with a tradition it’s not ‘Street Cred’. I might point out that this is not the only Parish having this trouble, most parishes now are in the same position, no one wants to commit to ringing twice on a Sunday. How do I know, because a lot of us ringers talk about ways and means to attract the ‘Young Ones’ and that also includes the under 40’s.

YOU don’t have to read music, all you have to do is be able to count to eight for that’s the most we can ring now. It will take you, depending on how quick you can master the bell, about three months and you too could be ringing for some of the most magical occasions in the church and public calendar. If you feel you might like to ‘give it a go’ why not give Colin a ring 077 8330 5112.

A NOTE on HEALTH and SAFETY children under 10 years are not permitted to enter the TOWER.

L.W.



‘New Life’ Service

We are very pleased to announce that ‘New Life’, our New Contemporary Church Service, will be launching on Sunday the 5th November. This will be a service for all the family, run every Sunday morning in St Patrick’s Church from 10 am to 11 am.

The service will have a more modern and relaxed format, which is designed for all regardless of age or church background. ‘New Life’ will include a dedicated Sunday School, from 10.30 am to 11 am in the Parish Hall. Tea, coffee and treats will be served in the Parish Hall directly after the service.

The ‘New Life’ Contemporary Service will be an addition to the existing Sunday services on offer at St Patrick’s, providing current and future church goers with greater choice. All of our current weekly services will continue to run as normal. We look forward to seeing you there on the 5th November if you are interested and please be sure to invite anyone else along.





Secretary's Notes

Here we are at another harvest-time, summer (if you could have called it that) didn't seem very long at all this year, and Christmas already starting to be mentioned, too much for my liking.

There was a good degree of success over the summer time in reducing the to-do list, despite the rather large set-back of St Columba's suffering a lightning strike which required some quite extensive re-wiring and repair. On the plus side that did enable our glebe wardens to update the alarm system and locks throughout the church. The planned work to improve the exterior lighting at the front of the building and car-park was all successfully completed too, which will be a big improvement for all using St Columba's during the darker evenings now that they have arrived.

In the halls you will have, I hope, already seen for yourself that there is an active display of notices and other bits and pieces scrolling round on the TV display. If you haven't seen it yet make sure to look for it next time you are there. The sincere thanks of the Select Vestry to Helen Weir for all of her hard work in getting this up and running. If you have anything you'd like featured there please do let us know and we'll do our best to have it included in the programme.

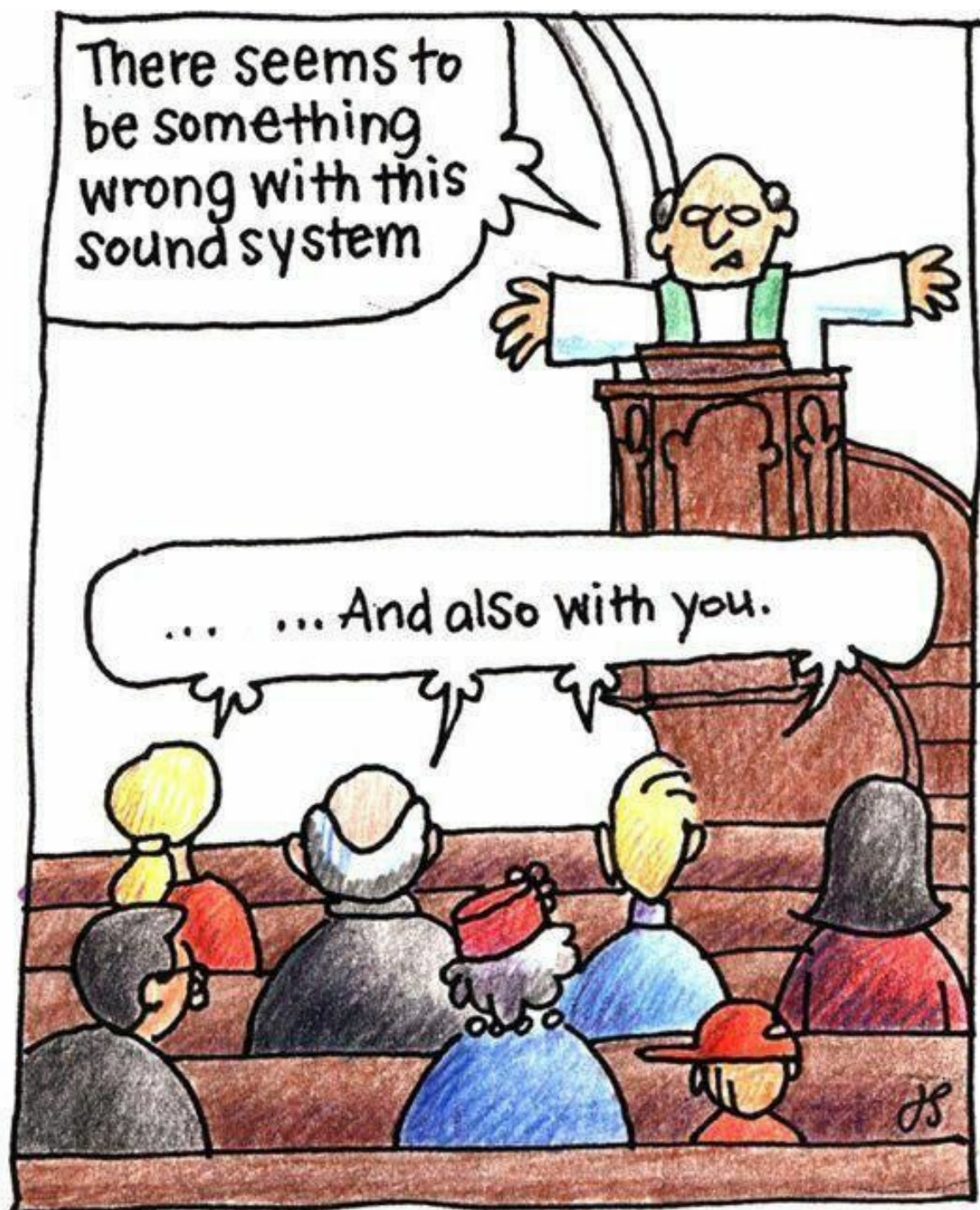
The project to improve and re-model the Youth Room is also complete and is a great job, creating both more open space and much improved storage in that room. We hope that will be a more attractive and useful space for the Youth Workers as well as their 'customers'.

As ever we'll have to now turn our attention back to our other properties and continue with inspecting for problems and trying to put them right before they get out of hand.

Now that all of the regular activities have re-started around the parish may I leave you with a plea that I have made before, but I'll remind you

all of now and will no doubt do so again in the future. When you are using any of the facilities around the churches or in the halls please leave them as you would like to find them, clean and tidy. If you had any equipment or furniture out to use put it away again where you got it from when you are done with it. If you made a mess clear it up before you leave and put the waste in a bin. Above all do not cover up fire extinguishers or block access to them or to the emergency exits, God Willing we'll never need them but we always need to think and act as if they will be called on in the next two minutes.

God Bless,
Alastair





Around the Parish

SQUIRRELS

The Squirrels will shortly be receiving tubes of Smarties and be asked to return them re-filled with 20 pence pieces. As mentioned in last month's magazine the chosen charity this year is Children's Cancer Unit Charity which provides help and support to the Children's Oncology and Haematology Wards in the Royal Victoria Hospital, Belfast.



This charity has been chosen as a friend's young grandson was treated here a couple of years ago with Acute Myeloid Leukaemia and is currently re-admitted to the wards and undergoing more treatment. I have heard from my friend how this charity helps to make the children's days brighter and happier and also supports their families as well. So, if you know any Squirrels or Squirrel Leaders, and happen to have a spare 20 pence in your pocket, please pass it on to them. We hope to make our donation to the charity around Christmas time.

There are other things that us adults can do to help, such as considering donating blood and platelets at the Northern Ireland Blood Transfusion Service which has sessions at St Patrick's Church several times a year, there is registering with DKMS as a stem cell donor, details of which can be found at www.dkms.org.uk and last but certainly not least, to pray for them. That they might know His healing. I am a firm believer that prayer is powerful and have seen first-hand the miracles that it can bring. Please can I ask that you take a few minutes to remember my friend's grandson and all amazing super-children like him, who are enduring this harsh treatment, and also for all the families of the children, that they would all have strength and courage to face each day and know that they are not alone.

Thank you.

Ann

MOTHERS AND TODDLERS GROUP

We were delighted to see the return of many old faces and to welcome some new families to our group in September. Surestart will visit us to sing action songs this month and we will end October with some Hallowe'en craft.

Congratulations to Dorothy Hegan on the birth of her first great grandchild - you don't look old enough Dorothy!

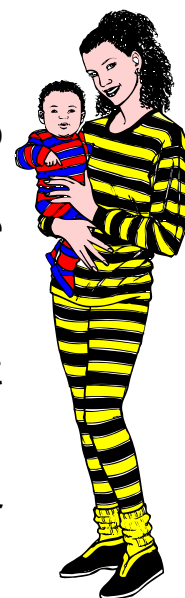
On a much sadder note, we send our deepest sympathy to our friend and helper, Evonne, on the death of her brother.

We will host a coffee morning for all our catering and car park volunteers on **Monday 9th October at 10.30 am.**

There will be no Mothers and Toddlers on 31st October .

Rota for October:-

DATE	NAME	FUNCTION
3 rd Oct.	Rosemary Stacey, Sandra McKay and Jean Cunningham	Tea
	Bee Robinson	Welcoming
	Alex McKay and Eddie McClelland	Car Park
10 th Oct.	Evonne Stinson, Eleanor Burnett, Vera Owens and Marlene Gray	Tea
	Mary Steele	Welcoming
	David Oliver and Derek Bell	Car Park
17 th Oct.	Dorothy Hegan, Isabel Halliday, Karin Agnew and Sandra Duke	Tea
	Ann Fisher	Welcoming
	Jackie McMaster and Jimmy Tuff	Car Park
24 th Oct.	Ruth Murray, Isobell Adair, Vivien Gilmour and Kathleen Thompson	Tea
	Liz Bodel	Welcoming
	Bob Peachey and Davy Nelson	Car Park



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



CHURCH LADS' AND CHURCH GIRLS' BRIGADE

A big warm welcome to all our new members in the Martins and with numbers increasing, we are very grateful for all the leaders who give up their time on a Friday night.

The boys and girls are busy working towards their Scripture Badges and building bird boxes. Senior boys are looking forward to Battalion Volleyball, Uni-hock and Dodge ball Competitions.

The 120th History Exhibition is open in the Braid Centre until 9th October. Go and have a walk down memory lane.

Hallowe'en Party - Friday, 27th October (usual times).

Alan Ross, (2589 2740)

MOTHERS' UNION



On Wednesday 13th September, a service of Holy Communion and Commissioning was held in St Patrick's at which I was commissioned by Rev Mark McConnell, as Branch Chairperson and the members attending were able to thank and show appreciation to Anne Adams for her leadership as she stepped down from the role after 10 years. Supper followed in the rectory.

Mid-Connor AREA SERVICE is on MONDAY 9th October at 8.00 pm in St John's Church, Crumlin.

Our next meeting is on WEDNESDAY 11th OCTOBER at 8.00 pm in the Minor Hall. Our speaker will be our Diocesan Worldwide Rep, Noreen Hurst who will update us on the work of Mothers' Union helpers on the ground, especially in areas of disasters in recent months.

A warm welcome will be given to any new faces or those who haven't been for a while. If anyone requires transport please give me a call. Look forward to seeing you all.

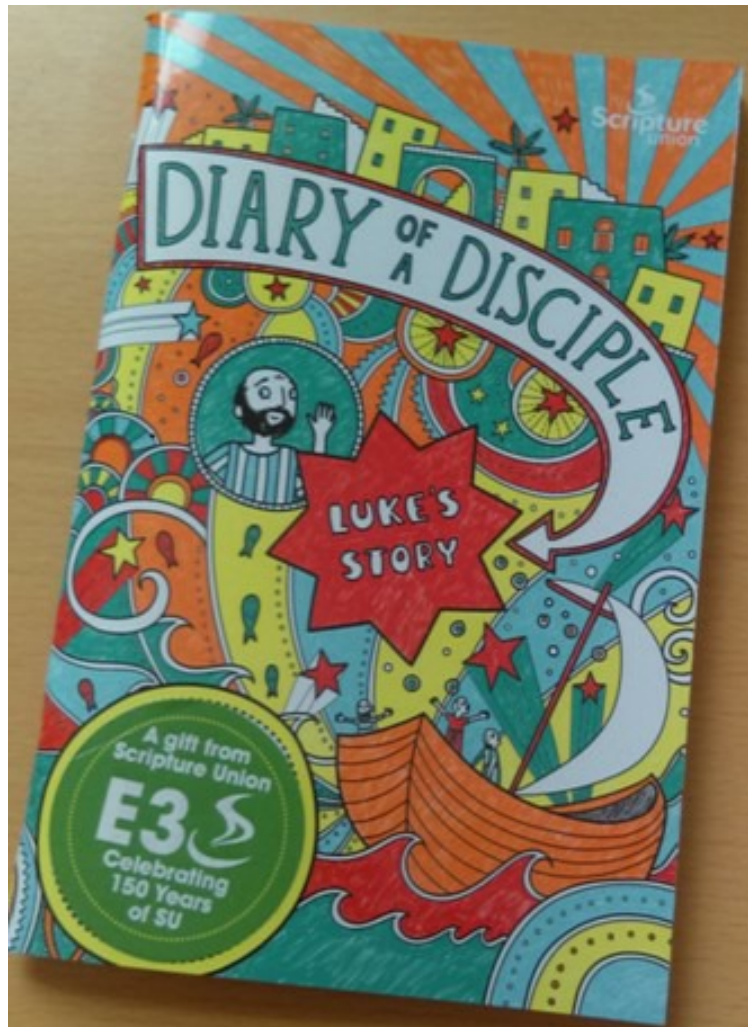
*Patricia McWhirter Tel 028 2587 9071
Branch Chairperson*

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Our Men's Fellowship group got together again in September after the summer break and are now planning the way ahead. On a monthly basis we are continuing to work through the Bible resource 'The Big Fight'. Plans are also afoot for our activities throughout the year, no doubt involving a Men's Breakfast or two and having a bit of fun and fellowship, but also looking to how we might bless others within our own Church, in the Ballymena community and potentially further afield. Attendance has been great and the fellowship we have shared together has been very encouraging, but new members of any age are always welcome to come along. We meet on the first Thursday of every month (next one 5th October), at 7.30 pm in the Minor Hall at St Patrick's. Speak to Dennis if you have any queries.



WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY AND WEEKLY PRAYER GROUP - SCRIPTURE UNION 150 YEARS OLD



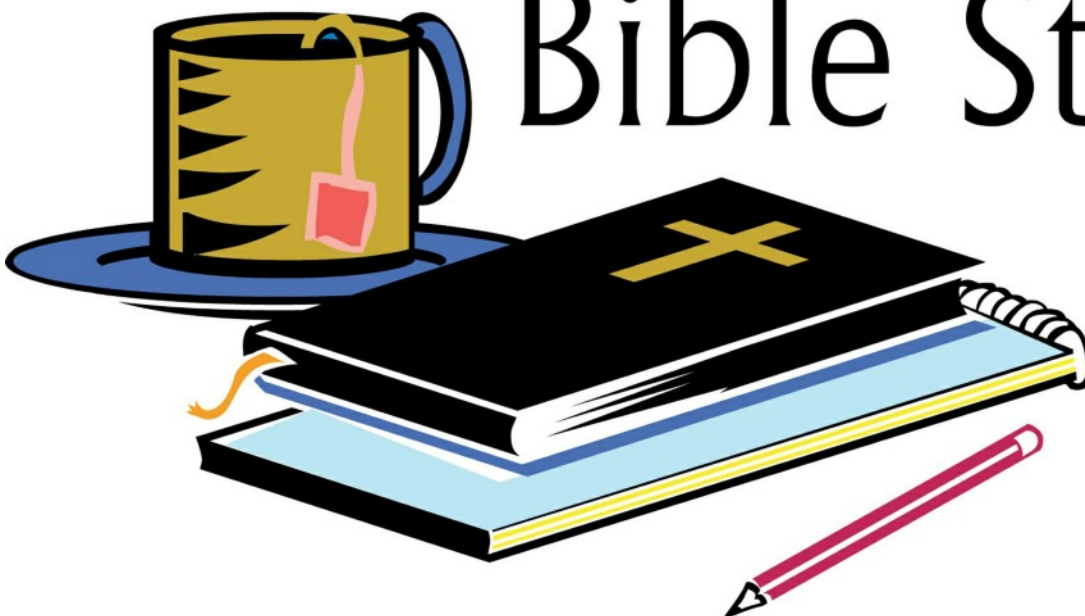
As part of their 150 years celebration, the Scripture Union has asked a number of churches in the Ballymena area to help with a local mission initiative. The SU have decided to issue a short 'Diary of a Disciple' booklet to every child in each of the primary schools in Ballymena. The booklet tells the story of Luke's gospel in a contemporary way with engaging illustrations. Our Weekly Bible Study Group and our Weekly Prayer Group have undertaken, therefore, to wrap around 120 of the books and pray over each of them as they do so, before they go into the hands of the pupils of Ballykeel Primary School.



WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Our new Women's Fellowship group will be starting on the 9th of October. This will offer a monthly opportunity to discuss the real-life issues we face as women within a Biblical context, as well as enjoying some cake, coffee and good chat. Our first evening is on Monday 9th of October, from 7 pm to 9 pm in the Jubilee Room in the Parish Hall. Further dates will be confirmed. Although this is primarily aimed at those not already involved in any other church fellowships, bible studies or prayer groups, please speak to Jen (079 6747 7048) or Cherith (079 1261 6557) directly if you are interested.

Women's Bible Study





Ballyclug Notes

As you may already know the store at Ballyclug Church was broken into and all of our new equipment was stolen. Since then, thanks to the people of the Parish who donated equipment, we have been able to repair the old equipment making it possible for us to maintain the grounds at Ballyclug during the summer. Unfortunately we now need to purchase a new lawnmower, etc. so that we can keep the graveyard where our loved ones and relations are buried up to its usual high standard.

To help us raise money we are going to hold a Coffee Morning and Cake Sale on **Saturday, 14th October from 10.00 am to 1.00 pm**. We will be delighted if you will help us by donating cakes, tray bakes, jams, chutneys, etc. St Patrick's Church Hall will be open on **Friday, 13th October from 10.00 am - 11.00 am and 8.00 pm - 10.00 pm** for your donations.

Your support will be greatly appreciated by our team of grounds men who work and give of their time and energy to keep the grounds around Ballyclug Church in such pristine condition. We would ask all our parishioners to come along and support our Coffee Morning on **Saturday, 14th October**.

J and V Greer





Youth Club has started back and we are glad to see some new members. We are still looking for volunteers to help so if you could give a hand that would be great. Over the next few weeks we will be starting to think of others and especially children all over the world who are less fortunate than ourselves. We will be filling shoe boxes to give to these children and remembering them and being grateful for what we have.

Sunday School has started back and its great to see everyone including some new faces - you are very welcome. Children receive an attendance card in church and put a sticker on it which is placed at the front of the church on a board. It is important that children attend as much as they can as this influences their Sunday School prize at the end of the year.



St Patrick's Sunday School

From **Sunday 5th November** Sunday School will be incorporated into the 10 am contemporary service with children going out at 10.30 am. There will be no Family Service on the 3rd Sunday of the month as the 10 am service will be weekly. There will be tea served in the hall after the service to allow extra time for Sunday School and for parents to have fellowship with each other. Please remember if you are going to the 10

am service or the 11.30 am to use the self registration for the children as this will still be counted for each service. If children are coming to the 11.30 am there will be opportunity for children to go out and have their own time like Children's Church during the summer.

Messy Church Prayer/Back to School was the theme on Sunday 17th September. We had a great turn out and enjoyed songs, prayers, video clips, arts, crafts and games and delicious bacon and cheese baps. Included were prayers for E3 project in Ballymena which works with schools/ 'Mad Lug make a difference luggage' where you buy 2 bags one for yourself and one for someone in care. We also prayed for those in Florida who have been affected by Hurricane Irma and collected £50 through donations. Our next Messy Church will take place in January with the theme Christingle - Jesus the light of the world.

Lucy

The Hall prepared for Messy Church



Enjoying Messy Church





The Curate's Letter

Time flies when you're having fun

My family and I have now been in Ballymena for over a year and it certainly is the case that time flies when you are having fun, or just plain busy! It has been a hectic year with a steep learning curve for a curate, but it has been a very encouraging one.



Time does fly by, this is 2017 and we are now well into autumn and hurtling towards Christmas. Some of you will have noticed some festive goods starting to appear in the shops - No! Too soon!

The Psalmist says, in Psalm 35:15, 'My times are in your hands.' How we use our time (as it flies by) as a Christian, for anything in our life, should be approached, just like all of our thinking, in a radical way compared to the world around us. As a Christian we are to spend our time, govern our time, with a focus on how our Lord would have us spend it. Prayer, for example, is something that the majority of the world would consider a complete waste of time - "Why pray when you could be just getting on with it?" Well the point is we shouldn't want to be 'getting on' with anything unless it is what God wants us to be doing. Seeking God's will in how we are to spend our time is what we should all be doing as Christians.

Reading God's word, and taking the time to prayerfully consider how we are to spend our time in light of it, might be considered another waste of time by some, but to the Christian it is essential. Psalm 119:105, 'Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.' A Christianity that

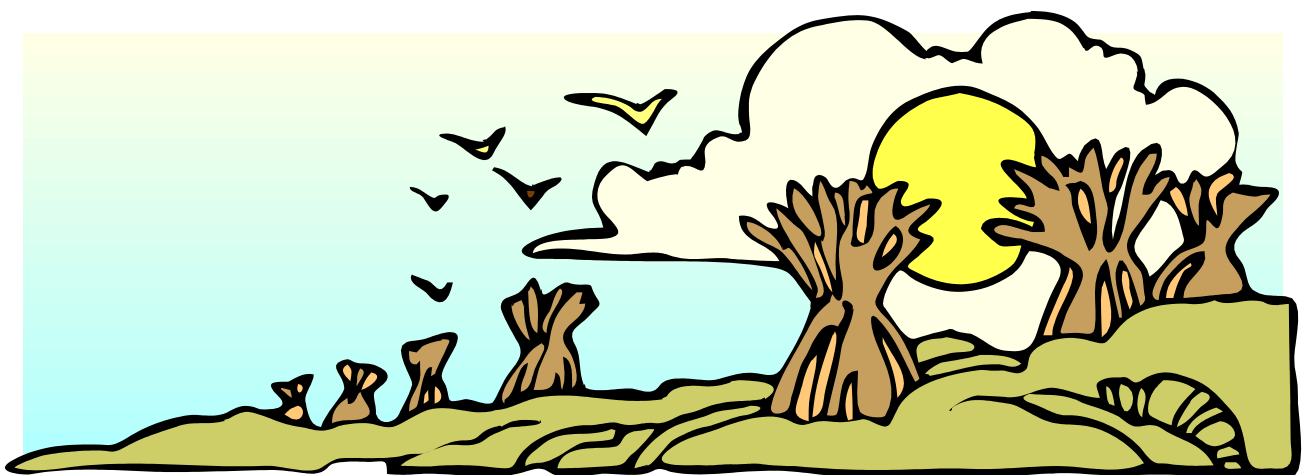
doesn't take prayer seriously and doesn't take the word of God seriously, and doesn't give over regular time to either is in deep danger.

As well as praying and reading God's word, we are of course to do his will - as it says in James 2, faith without works is dead. We are to give of our time and resources to serve God and others in need. This is the part that others can see, but that doesn't mean it isn't time well spent - serving God in practical ways, sacrifice is also essential to our growth as Christians and the growth of God's kingdom.

Our times are to be in God's hands. In the opening lines of the Lord's prayer there is 'Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done', not our kingdom, not our will, His! On a personal level, God is seeking to make each of us more like Jesus. We are to spend our time helping with that process, by spending time focused on God, praying to Him, handing over all our anxieties to him, asking for his help, reading God's word for His direction in our lives, and serving God in practical ways in our lives.

God Bless,
Dennis

HARVEST THANKSGIVING



8th OCTOBER 2017

ST PATRICK'S 11.30 AM



‘The Way’ Youth Fellowship

Our new youth fellowship group (The Way) is now up and running! We are really encouraged about the number of young people, of secondary school age, who came along on the first night to enjoy some fun, a few games and good chat and teaching. We're really looking forward to our next get together on Sunday 1st October 6.30 - 7.45 pm. Please take note of all our dates for the rest of the year. Don't worry if you didn't make it along to the first night, just come along next time ... we'd love to see you!!

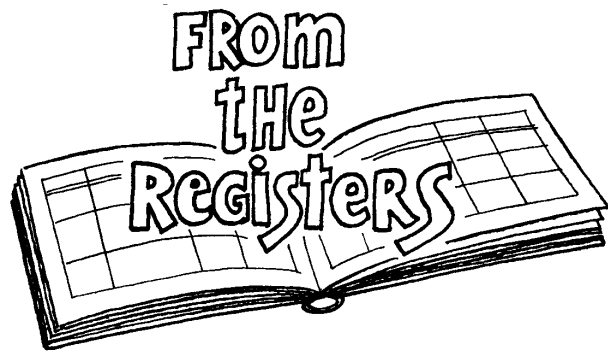
Also (YAWN!) please don't forget to return your completed safeguarding trust forms next time you're with us.

**LET GOD
SHOW YOU**

the way
John 14:6

THE WAY YOUTH FELLOWSHIP
Sunday Nights, 6.30pm to 7.45pm,
In Minor Hall of St Patrick's Church.

- 17th September
- 1st October
- 15th October
- 29th October
- 19th November
- 10th December



HOLY MATRIMONY



22nd September

Colin Tweed

Kerry Hazlett

7 Condiere Avenue,
Connor, Co Antrim
7 Condiere Avenue,
Connor, Co Antrim

CHRISTIAN BURIAL



6th September

James Millar

14d Glenshesk Drive,
Ballymena

8th September

William Coulter

27 Waveney Avenue,
Ballymena

19th September

Roberta Gribben

Redford Nursing Home,
Cullybackey

James Millar

James was born in August 1927 in Harryville Ballymena. James was married to Miriam for over 43 years, and they were an extremely devoted and caring couple who were very well thought of in the community. James and Miriam did nearly everything together including hand delivering magazines and envelopes for the church. After Miriam passed away

earlier in the spring of this year James found it difficult to adjust to life without her. James was known as a very caring, thoughtful and good person. He will be greatly missed by many including his close family, his neighbours and his friends. Our sympathies and prayers are with the close family and friends of James at this difficult time.

William Coulter

William was born in October 1952, the youngest of four children, to Sarah and Thomas Coulter in the village of Connor. William was a popular character in Ballymena having worked as a publican and a taxi driver. He was also a past member of St Patrick's Church in Ballyclug. William is very fondly remembered by his close family, not least his sons David and William who remember him as a very caring and thoughtful father. Our prayers are with the close family and friends of William at this time.

Roberta (Berta) Gribben

Roberta was born in July 1928. She was the the youngest of 4 children born to Robert and Annie Hanley in Ballymena. She married James (Jimmy) Gribben quite late in life, in her early 50's, and they lived together in Ballymena for nearly 40 years. Berta was a member of the church here at St Patrick's and in her day she served as a Sunday School teacher and she was a leader in the GFS (the Girls Friendly Society). Berta will be remembered as a loving aunt and great aunt by her close family. We pass on our prayers and sympathies 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		<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