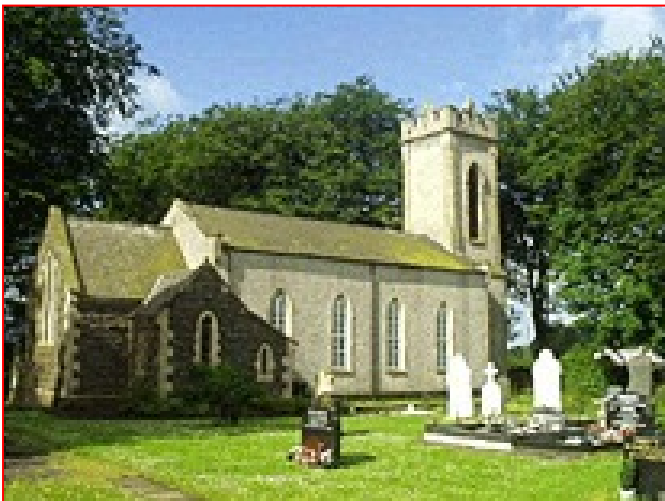


# ***Parish of Kilconriola and Ballyclug***



**Parish Magazine  
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*Diocese of Connor - Parish of Kilconriola and Ballyclug*

## WHO'S WHO IN OUR PARISH



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	People's	Mr Jackie Greer
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	People's	Miss Marie Semple
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	People's	Mr Peter Chestnutt

### SELECT VESTRY

**Clergy, Church Wardens, Glebe Wardens and:** Mr Alan Adair, Mr William Burnett, Mr Richard Cotter, Mrs Anne Crawford, Mrs Debbie Crawford, Mr Ronnie Fleming, Mrs Mary Galbraith, Mr Les Hughes, Mr Alex McKay, Mr Alex McNeill, Mr Richard Todd and Mrs Helen Weir.

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	St Columba's	Mr Andrew Clarke
Organists:	St Patrick's	Mr Adrian Poston, Mr Frank Hewitt and Dr Iris Millar
	St Columba's	Vacant



## THE SNOW GLOBE STORY

What's your most precious single Christmas decoration? My mum covers the house in tinsel, but more than that, what is your most precious individual Christmas decoration? A handmade robin that's a family heirloom handed down through many generations? A brightly painted lump of stuff handmade in P1 by your first grandchild? We all have our favourites. I for one have always loved snow globes - a world in miniature and with a shake everything shimmers.

The roots of the snow globe go back to Thomas Edison's early attempts at inventing the light bulb and the attempts by one Ervin Perry a Viennese instrument mechanic to improve his design. His efforts failed to produce more light from very early light bulbs but the snow globe was born. Did you know that in the iconic movie 'Citizen Kane' the log cabin scene at the opening of the movie is actually a Perry snow globe! But the whole point of a snow globe is to shake it and make it



snow - obscuring the image within. I sometimes feel that this is the story of Christmas in the nutshell. The Biblical image within the globe of God's word is clear, a promised Saviour, a Manger, a Miraculous Earth Changing Birth. But so much that happens in our heads, hearts and homes shake everything up and obscure the beautiful image and heart of Christmas. We can't see it. Others can't see it. Something might be there deep within but obscured by the fake snowflakes of a very fake Christmas.

What does a snow globe require for the image to become clear again - stillness - peace. What a desire and longing within us all. May God give you these special moments of calm where everything becomes clear and



if we are shaken up by life and this time of year, let us hold on to the truth that is there, the faith that is within, obscured but not invisible, hard to see yet still present.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a very Blessed, Peaceful and Joyful Christmas and a Happy New Year.

*The McConnell Family*

A snow globe verse for Christmas: Psalm 37:5-7

# **Christingle Service**

**Sunday 20th January 2019  
St Patrick's Church Hall at  
10.15 am**

**Celebrating Jesus the Light  
of the World**





# Parish News

## 2019 ENVELOPES

CRG envelopes for 2019 are now available for distribution - bags at the back of churches. **PLEASE NOTE** - envelope numbers have been reallocated for 2019. Parishioners holding a number (in 2018) above 650 have been given a new number for next year. Those with a number below 650 will receive the same number for 2019.

A sincere thank you to the small faithful team who prepare the envelopes for distribution and to the many who complete the task by delivering them directly to your door. Without the help of everyone involved this would be a huge task and we are extremely grateful to you all. Those living in the country areas will find their envelopes at the back of church.

## BALLYCLUG - ADVENT SERIES

As is our custom we will have a mid week service on the Wednesday evenings of Advent in Ballyclug Church at 7.30 pm -

**Wednesday 5th, 12th and 19th.**  
We will use the service of Compline and will be looking at 3 aspects of prayer - Thanksgiving, Confession and Intercession.

## SHOE BOXES - SAMARITAN'S PURSE

Many thanks to all those who gave donations for the shoe boxes. £100 was raised for church funds and in total 106 shoe boxes were filled and returned through the church. Well done everyone.

*Liz/Jean*

## DISABLED ACCESS/EXIT - ST PATRICK'S CHURCH HALL

### Plea to all Organisations, Leaders and Helpers

Please, please, please be aware of any hall users/visitors with disability and make them both welcome and safe through suitable announcements and practical help as they arrive/leave events at the hall. We and they would very much appreciate your help and sensitivity in this matter. Thanks.

*Mark*



## INSTALLATION

**Tuesday 4th December at 8 pm in Lisburn Cathedral** - Installation of Mark McConnell as a Canon of Lisburn Cathedral. Anyone who would like to attend will be most welcome. If you wish to travel by bus please add your name to the sheet at back of church. The McConnell clan would welcome your prayers and some smiles and familiar faces on the 'Big Day'.

## SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

**Sunday evening 9th December at 6.30 pm in St Patrick's** - a special theme of giving thanks to God for loved ones lost as we near the end of the year, will be central to this service. In all the noise and busyness of the Christmas/New Year period this service will provide an opportunity for quiet remembrance and thanksgiving. If this is suitable for you, or someone you know, please do pass the word around and come along.

God Bless.

*Mark & Lucy*

## CHRISTMAS MORNING SERVICE AT BALLYCLUG - CANON KEN RUDDOCK'S FAREWELL

I'm delighted to announce that a very good friend and former Curate of the Parish, Canon Ken Ruddock will conduct and preach at

Christmas Day Holy Communion in Ballyclug at 9.30 am before retiring as Diocesan Curate.

I know that he is held in high esteem within the Parish and if you would like to be present at this very special service that would make it extra special. Our prayers and very best wishes to Ken and Kathleen as they enter this next phase of life and Ministry.

*Mark*

## LEPROSY MISSION



The total donated in the little red boxes in 2018 was £356.34. I am very grateful to all those who contributed to this very worthwhile cause.

TLM Northern Ireland supports work in Ethiopia, India, Nepal, Nigeria and Tanzania. In 2017 TLM Northern Ireland contributed nearly £200,000 to leprosy programmes overseas.

Your help is, as always, much appreciated by The Leprosy Mission.

*Christie Colhoun*

## CHRISTMAS PRESENT FOR THE CHURCH UPDATE

Many of you will have seen by now the attractive scaffolding in St Patrick's. Some Sundays ago I made a quick plea that some might make a Christmas present to the Church to help towards the

undoubtedly hefty bill we will face as we tackle an outbreak of dry-rot - well Christmas has come early - thanks to Christmas presents from two families £1,060 is now in the kitty. I want to say a thank you from us all. Christmas has indeed come early. Thank you for your generosity.



# Christmas Afternoon Tea & Seasonal Fayre

Saturday 15th December

12.00-3.00pm

St Patrick's Church Halls

All proceeds in aid of Parish Funds

# Famous Christmas Prayer

Loving Father,  
Help us remember the birth of Jesus,  
that we may share in the song of the angels,  
the gladness of the shepherds,  
and worship of the wise men.

Close the door of hate  
and open the door of love all over the world.  
Let kindness come with every gift  
and good desires with every greeting.  
Deliver us from evil by the blessing  
which Christ brings,  
and teach us to be merry with clear hearts.

May the Christmas morning  
make us happy to be thy children,  
and Christmas evening bring us to our beds  
with grateful thoughts,  
forgiving and forgiven,  
for Jesus' sake.

**Amen.**



What a surprise - yes that's R. L. Stevenson of Kidnapped, Treasure Island, etc. fame.



This is from a collection of prayers written for the Stevenson Family and their guests that formed part of daily Christian devotions in their home at Upolu, a Samoan Island where the author spent his final years. The time for evening prayer was announced daily by the blowing of conch sea shells all over the island. Everyone would stop what they were doing and gather together at the nearest home for scripture readings and prayers. Considered one of the greatest Scottish authors, his 'Prayers written at Vailima' is a little known but highly acclaimed addition to his huge list of works. A stunning prayer and who knows might make someone a great Christmas present.



# Around the Parish

## MOTHERS' UNION



At our November meeting we had an excellent speaker from Women's Aid. Thanks to all who kindly brought items for the refuge and to all who supported our 'Bring and Buy' and Lynda's jellies (£150) - very much appreciated.

We will be attending the Advent service in Ballyclug on WEDNESDAY 12 DECEMBER.

On WEDNESDAY 9 JANUARY we will have a branch meeting in the Minor Hall at 8.00 pm.

God's richest blessings to all at this Advent season.

*Patricia McWhirter*



## 5<sup>th</sup> BALLYMENA SCOUTS 'Curry and Quiz Night'

Thanks to all who attended our Curry and Quiz Night which was a great success. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the evening of food, quizzing and musical entertainment. £835 was raised, £420 of which went to church funds and £415 towards my own Jamboree fund. We also raised over £200 from the raffle for Scout funds.

I am very grateful to everyone who supported me by attending this Curry and Quiz Night and also to those who attended the Chinese Buffet last March. I received several donations throughout the last year for which I am also very grateful. There were, of course, several other fundraisers such as the Christmas fireside quiz, Scout's canoe camp survival weekend and tuck shop at Scout meetings throughout the year.



The generosity and support of my family, friends and Church family has been fantastic and I appreciate it very much. I was required to raise £3,500 for this amazing opportunity and have now, unbelievably, reached that target with time to spare! I could not have done this without everyone's continued support, so again, thank you.

Some firms very kindly supported this event which added significantly to its success and their generosity was greatly appreciated. The firms involved were:- Culbertson Spar Galgorm, Lynas Foods, Prime Cuts, Monroe's Restaurant, Mountain Warehouse, Moy Park, Allen Meats, Coca Cola and the Khyber Indian restaurant in Galgorm.

*Ellie Hughes*



## SQUIRRELS

The Squirrels have been enjoying cooking in the kitchen and making crafts. Everyone can now make scrambled eggs for lunch. We are now on the run up to Christmas! We have made some snowmen and will be making some paper chains and cooking Chocolate Christmas Logs. The big party will be on **Wednesday 12th December** and we hope Santa

might appear.

We are also delighted that after a few years of waiting, the church doors purchased by the Squirrels have now been fitted to St Columba's. There are still a few finishing touches to be done but they look amazing! A very big thank you to all who helped. We hope many will value the doors as they come in to our services and organisations in the years ahead.

We hope all our Squirrels, friends and families have a very Happy Christmas. See you again in 2019.



*Ann, Paul and Mr Squirrel*



## CHURCH LADS' AND CHURCH GIRLS' BRIGADE

We have had a very busy and fun filled start to the Brigade programme, completing our Scripture Course, learning new games and keeping fit.



**Friday, 7th December** is the Brigade Party Night - usual times and wear your Christmas Jumper.

Our Annual Jumble Sale will be held on **Friday, 1st March 2019**. After Christmas is a good time to clear out around the house and garage so keep us in mind. More details in the February magazine.

All the leaders would like to thank you for your continued support and wish all your families a very Happy Christmas and Peaceful New Year. Brigade will recommence on **Friday, 11th January 2019**.

*Alan Ross (2589 2740)*



### MOTHERS AND TODDLERS GROUP

Julie-Ann from Sure Start joined us on 13th November; everyone enjoyed singing new songs and a little workout added to the fun. Thank you Julie-Ann.

We will finish on the **11th December** with our traditional Carol Service in the church followed by the Christmas party. Santa Claus has promised to fit us into his busy schedule!

A lunch will be held for our wonderful volunteers in January - details to follow.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish all families and volunteers a very Happy Christmas and look forward to seeing you all in the New Year.

**Please note that we will resume on the 8th January 2019.**

## Rota for December and January:-

DATE	NAME	FUNCTION
4 <sup>th</sup> December	Rosemary Stacey, Sandra McKay, Jean Ross and Jean Cunningham	Tea
	Bee Robinson	Welcoming
	Alex McKay	Hall Set Up
11 <sup>th</sup> December	Evonne Stinson, Eleanor Burnett, Vera Owens and Marlene Gray	Tea
	Mary Steele	Welcoming
	Ray Burbage	Hall Set Up
8 <sup>th</sup> January	Rosemary Stacey, Sandra McKay, Jean Ross and Jean Cunningham	Tea
	Bee Robinson	Welcoming
	Alex McKay	Hall Set Up
15 <sup>th</sup> January	Evonne Stinson, Eleanor Burnett, Vera Owens and Marlene Gray	Tea
	Mary Steele	Welcoming
	Ray Burbage	Hall Set Up
22 <sup>nd</sup> January	Dorothy Hegan, (Isabel Halliday/ Eva McCarthy), Vera Greer and Sandra Duke	Tea
	Ann Fisher	Welcoming
	David Oliver and Rodney Gourley	Hall Set Up
29 <sup>th</sup> January	Ruth Murray, Isabell Adair, Vivien Gilmour and Kathleen Thompson	Tea
	Liz Bodel	Welcoming
	Davy Nelson	Hall Set Up

***Dorothy (2589 2740), Anna, Catherine, Liz and Patricia***

## BEAVERS

# BEAVERS

November was a busy month for the Beavers. We made poppy globes and attended the Remembrance Day Youth Service at St Patrick's. Some of our older Beavers took part in their Investiture Ceremony and swam up to join Cubs. We hope they have a great time there. We then worked on our Animal Friend badge and learned how we can care for the birds and wildlife in our gardens.



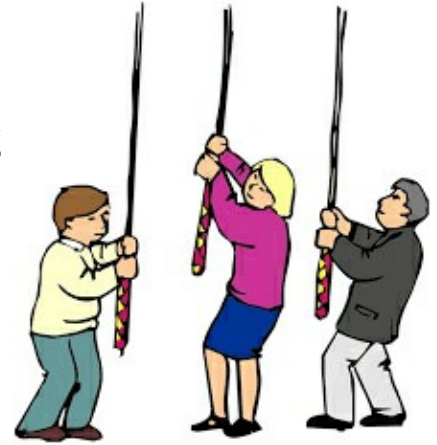
We also welcomed Ellie to the Colony. Ellie is joining us as a Young Leader and we look forward to having her with us on a Monday evening.

[www.facebook.com/ballymenabeavers/](https://www.facebook.com/ballymenabeavers/)  
**Helen, Keith and Ellie 077 9001 2356**



## BELLRINGERS

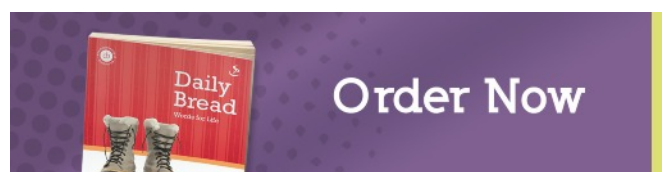
One hundred years ago the bells of St Patrick's rang out celebrating the end of WW1. One hundred years later, eight bells rang for #Armistice100.



The ringers were: -

Standing: Adam McCurdy, Alex McKay,  
Lorraine Watt, David Megaughin

Seated: Alastair Marrs, Colin Watt, Alex McGarel, Ronnie Fleming



Order Now

Daily Bread Bible Reading Notes will be available from mid December. A payment envelope for the subscription of £18 will be included. This is required for audit purposes and should be returned together with payment before the end of January 2019.

# ***CHRISTMAS***

## **St Patrick's, Ballymena**

### **Sunday 16th December 2018**

8.15 am Holy Communion 1

11.30 am Sunday School  
Nativity Service

6.30 pm Holy Communion 1

### **Sunday 23rd December 2018**

8.15 am Holy Communion 2

11.30 am Morning Prayer 2

6.30 pm Festival of Nine  
Lessons and Carols  
by Candlelight

### **24th December - Christmas Eve**

11.30 pm The First Communion  
of Christmas 1

### **Christmas Day**

8.15 am Holy Communion 2

10.30 am Christmas Family  
Communion 2

### **Sunday 30th December 2018**

8.15 am Holy Communion 1

11.30 am Morning Prayer 1

### **31st December 2018**

11.15 pm Watchnight Service



# **SERVICES**

## **St Columba's, Dunclog**

**Sunday 16th December 2018**

11.30 am Holy Communion 2  
7.00 pm Service of Nine  
Lessons and Carols  
by Candlelight  
followed  
by refreshments

**Sunday 23rd December 2018**

11.30 am Morning Prayer 2

**Christmas Day**

10.30 am Christmas Family  
Communion 2

**30th December 2018**

11.30 am Morning Prayer 2

## **St Patrick's, Ballyclug**

**Sunday 16th December 2018**

10.00 am Morning Prayer 1

**Sunday 23rd December 2018**

10.00 am Service of Lessons  
and Carols

**Christmas Day**

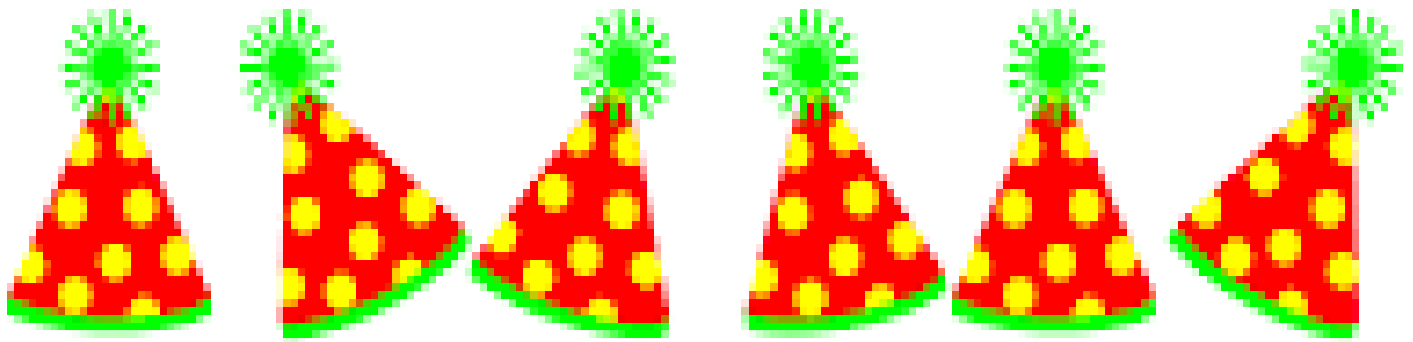
9.30 am Holy Communion 1

**30th December 2018**

10.00 am Morning Prayer 1





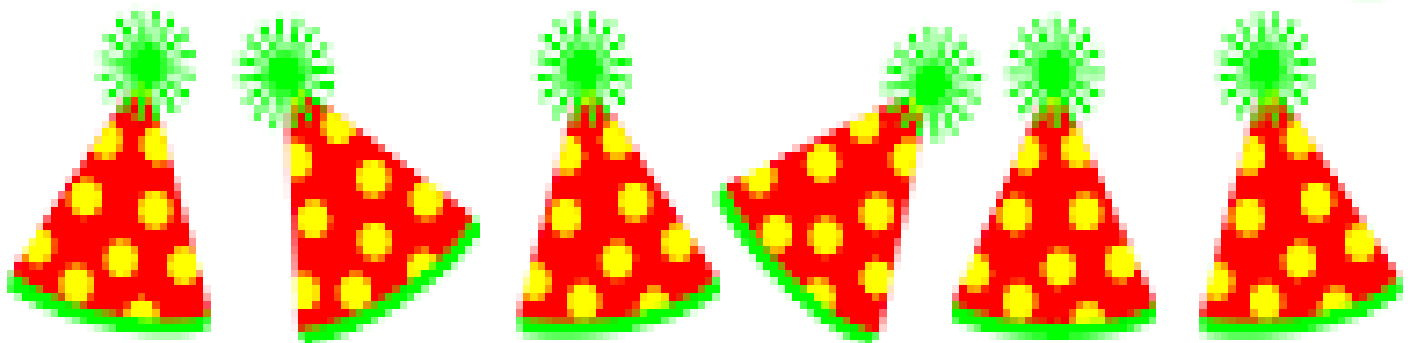


# CHRISTMAS PARTY

**For all primary school  
children in all organisations  
of the church, Sunday  
School and Youth Club**

**Saturday 8th December  
St Patrick's Church Hall  
7 to 8 pm for primary  
school age  
8 - 10 pm for secondary  
school age**

**Games, Music, Christmas  
Jumper Competition,  
Snacks and Santa.  
Come along and join the  
fun!**





**Did you know ...** That we raised £4360.00 in harvest envelope collections this year and the funds will be distributed to other charitable organisations in due course.

Our **October 2018** figures are as follows:

Income: £28,432.78

Expenditure: £27,888.12

This leaves a surplus for the month of £ 544.65

This figure is inflated by the Harvest envelope collection which has not yet been paid out, if it was paid out then we would have been in a deficit of **£-3815.35**

Our **Year to Date** figures are as follows:

Income: £230,330.91

Expenditure: £255,854.58

This leaves a deficit for the year to date of **£-25,523.67**

**Did you know ...** That for every recordable pound in Free Will Offerings (FWO's) if you are a taxpayer we can claim gift aid of 25 pence per pound. This means your offering can be worth up to 25% more. If you don't already gift aid, please consider it and contact Lorraine in the office for details.

**Did you know ...** That on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2018 there will be a Christmas Afternoon Tea in St Patrick's Church Halls, with all funds raised going towards church funds.

**Thank You to ...** The Mothers' Union for their kind donation of £150.

***Treasurer: Richard J Cotter***

# **Movie and Dessert Night**

**Saturday  
5<sup>th</sup> January**

**7 - 10 pm**

**St Patrick's  
Church Hall**

**J. MICHAEL FINLEY   MADELINE CARROLL   TRACE ADKINS   PRISCILLA C. SHIRER   and DENNIS QU Aid**

## **I CAN ONLY IMAGINE**

**Showing the Christian  
Award Winning Film  
'I can only imagine'  
Tickets £7.50  
Proceeds in aid  
of Youth Funds**

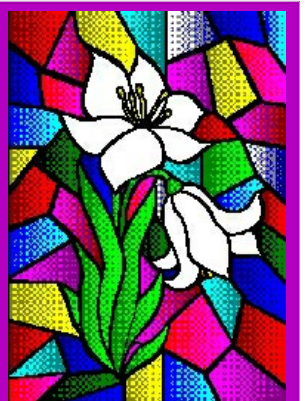


# A view from the pew



The Girls Friendly decided to do something special for the Christmas morning service 2010. Karen (leader) is pictured along with Sam who gave the girls the loan of the Tower hand bells and trained them to play a Carol for a very snowy Christmas morning service.

*Service of Remembrance  
Giving Thanks to God for Loved Ones  
Sunday 9th December at 6.30 pm  
St Patrick's Parish Church*





Christmas Tree Presents - Please bring presents unwrapped for the Salvation Army Christmas Appeal as soon as possible.



Youth Club will finish on **Saturday 8th December** and start again on **Saturday 12th January 2019**. Our Sunday School Carol Service will be held on **Sunday 16th December at 11.30 am**. Children should meet in church at 11.10 am. They will perform a Nativity Play and there will be mince pies and tea/coffee served after the service. Christian Aid Family Appeal Sunday School - teachers and children will receive envelopes in which they can give a donation towards the Family Appeal instead of the giving and receiving of presents. These envelopes will be given with the collection at the Carol Service.



Sunday School teachers Christmas Dinner **Tuesday 18th December at 7 pm** - Rococo.

Sunday School will finish on **Sunday 9th December** and start again on **Sunday 6th January 2019**. On Sunday 20th January we will have a Christingle Service in the hall at 10.15 am. Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year for 2019 to all our young people and leaders.

*Lucy and Alan*



## Youth Interview

We are so proud of our young people Kurtis, Aiden and Ellen (pictured) affirming their faith and telling the congregation in St Columba's how God has touched their lives since going to Summer Madness.



They are now spreading the good news to their friends. What an inspiration they are. May God bless them and all the young people in our church and may the light of Jesus shine in all of their lives.

Recently our young people enjoyed a Youth Club Light Party.





## Sunday School at St Patrick's learning about Noah's Ark.



## St Patrick's Sunday School - Light Party.



## YOUNGMINDS CRISIS MESSENGER

The YoungMinds Crisis messenger service provides free, 24/7 crisis support across the UK. If you are experiencing a mental health crisis and

need support, you can text YM to [85258](https://www.youngminds.org.uk/crisis-text-line). We aim to connect every texter to a trained volunteer in less than 5 minutes to provide support in a crisis. They will listen to you and help you think through how you're feeling, and will aim to help you take the next steps towards feeling better. Texts are free from EE, O2, Vodafone, 3, Virgin Mobile, BT Mobile, GiffGaff, Tesco Mobile and Telecom Plus. This service is powered by our trusted partner, Crisis Text Line.

## CRISIS TEXT LINE |

### How does it work?

The trained volunteer will introduce themselves, reflect on what you've said, and invite you to

share how you're feeling. You'll text each other, only sharing what you feel comfortable with. By asking questions, listening to you and responding with support, they will help you think through your feelings until you both feel you are now in a calm, safe place. You might be signposted to other services, so that you can continue to get support.

Our crisis messenger service could help with urgent issues such as:

- Suicidal thoughts
- Abuse or assault
- Self-harm
- Bullying
- Relationship breakdown

You can text us free and anonymously - although if the volunteer believes you are at immediate risk of harm, they may share your details with people who can provide support.







# The Curate's Letter

## Jesus the Light of the World

It is obvious of course, but have you ever noticed that light itself has no shadow? Lucy posted the picture below on facebook and I thought it worth sharing. If you shine a light onto a lit match it is only the matchstick that will cast a shadow. It reminds us of that great verse of Scripture, 1 John 1:5 God is light; in him there is no darkness at all.



I heard a story about an American pastor who was getting a tour, with his young son, of the massive limestone underground caves in Carlsbad Caverns in New Mexico. The tour guide was showing the group all the stalagmites and stalactites within the deep massive cave rooms, when he suddenly turned off all the internal lights. He asked the people on the tour to stand perfectly still and to hold up their hand in front of their face. It was so dark that no one could even see the outline of their hand in front of them. The minister could feel the grip of his 8 year old son's hand on his leg get stronger and stronger as the seconds went by - and then the tour guide suddenly lit up a single solitary match in the space of this massive underground cave. Every single set of eyes was drawn to the light of the tiny match, and even though it was small the massive and colourful caverns were filled with its light.

Isaiah 9:2 says, 'The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone'. The gospel of Matthew quotes these same verses referring to

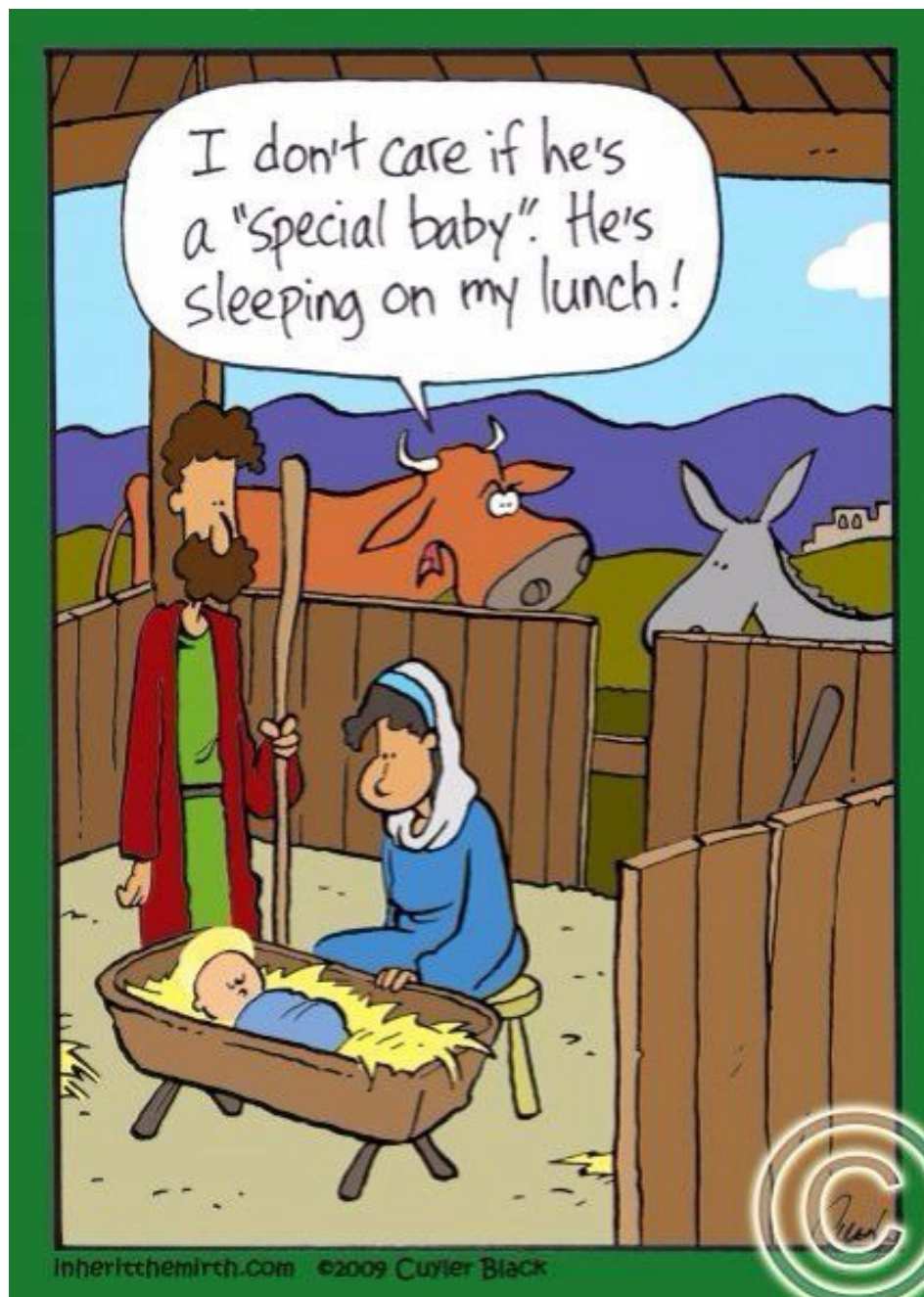


Jesus (Mt. 4:16). Jesus referred to himself as the light of the world (John 8:12).

The Christian is, in many ways, to be a match, used up to the glory of God, burning out so that the light of Jesus can be seen by others. If we recognise the darkness in the world around us, and if we know Jesus as the light of the world, then we are to demonstrate the light of Christ in the lives we lead and the world around us can be attracted to Him. The light of Jesus, is pure, it has no shadow, '... in Him there is no darkness at all.' May we all know Jesus as the true light and burn for Him in this dark world.

God bless and Merry Christmas.

*Jenni's*



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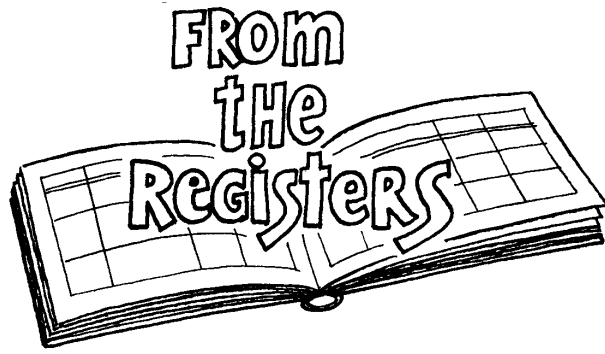
# Afternoon Tea



Soup/sandwiches/savouries/patisseries

Cost £10

Proceeds in aid of Youth Funds



## CHRISTIAN BURIAL



12<sup>th</sup> November

Joanne Cully

51 Orkney Drive, Ballymena

### Joanne Cully

Joanne grew up as part of a very large family. She was a Ballymena girl and was well known from her work in the local Argos Store when it was part of the Tower Centre and then latterly within Sainsbury's. Joanne was a devoted mum to Alana and Maddison and grandmother to wee Annie. Her girls were the centre of her world. Many in St Columba's will remember Joanne's late mother, Jean Cully, who was caretaker there for a long time. Joanne lost her battle with cancer at the tender age of just 44 years. She will be sadly missed by her family and friends to whom we extend our sincere sympathy and prayers at this sad time.





## **Christmas Bells**

**I HEARD the bells on Christmas Day  
Their old, familiar carols play,  
And wild and sweet  
The words repeat  
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!  
And thought how, as the day had come,  
The belfries of all Christendom  
Had rolled along  
The unbroken song  
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!  
Till ringing, singing on its way,  
The world revolved from night to day,  
A voice, a chime,  
A chant sublime  
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!  
Then from each black, accursed mouth  
The cannon thundered in the South,  
And with the sound  
The carols drowned  
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!  
It was as if an earthquake rent  
The hearth-stones of a continent,  
And made forlorn  
The households born  
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!  
And in despair I bowed my head;  
"There is no peace on earth," I said;  
"For hate is strong,  
And mocks the song  
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!"  
Then pealed the bells more loud and deep:  
"God is not dead, nor doth He sleep;  
The Wrong shall fail,  
The Right prevail,  
With peace on earth, good-will to men."**

*Henry Wadsworth Longfellow (1807-1882)*



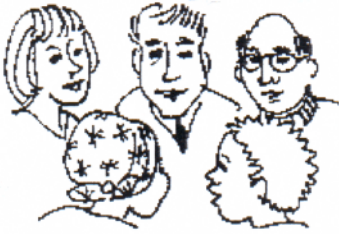
# OUR ACTIVITIES

## 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
'The Way'	Sunday	6.30 pm	Minor Hall
Youth Fellowship	(Fortnightly)		

## SAINT COLUMBA'S

	Day	Time	Contact
Beavers	Monday	6.30 pm	Mrs L McCullagh
Cubs	Thursday	6.45 pm	Mrs H Clarke
Ladies' Circle	4th Monday	8.00 pm	Mrs L Hughes
Brownies	Tuesday	6.30 pm	Mrs K Black
Guides	Tuesday	6.30 pm	Mrs K Black
Squirrels	Wednesday	6.30 pm	Mr P Houston
Senior Guides	Tuesday	6.30 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

10.00 am

11.30 am

*1st Sunday in the month*

6.30 pm

*3rd Sunday in the month*

*4th Sunday in the month*

*Holy Communion*

*New Life Service*

*Morning Prayer*

*Parish Communion*

*Evening Prayer*

*Holy Communion*

*Living Faith Service*

### EVERY WEDNESDAY

10.30 am

*Holy Communion*

## ST PATRICK'S, BALLYCLUG

### SUNDAY SERVICES

10.00 am

*4th Sunday in the month*

*Morning Prayer*

*Holy Communion*

## ST COLUMBA'S, DUNCLUG

### SUNDAY SERVICES

8.30 am

*1st Sunday in the month*

11.30 am

*2nd Sunday in the month*

*3rd Sunday in the month*

*Holy Communion*

*Morning Prayer*

*Family Service*

*Family Communion*

## SUNDAY SCHOOLS

### ST PATRICK'S

10.00 am

*Church*

*Leaders - Mrs L McLaughlin and Mr A Ross*

### ST COLUMBA'S

11.30 am

*Church*

*Superintendent - Mrs S Foster*

## HOLY BAPTISM

*At Sunday services by arrangement*