

Parish of Kilconriola and Ballyclug



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Diocese of Connor - Parish of Kilconriola and Ballyclug

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	People's	Mr Jackie Greer
St Columba's	Rector's	Miss Elizabeth Peachey
	People's	Miss Marie Semple
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	People's	Mr Peter Chestnutt

SELECT VESTRY

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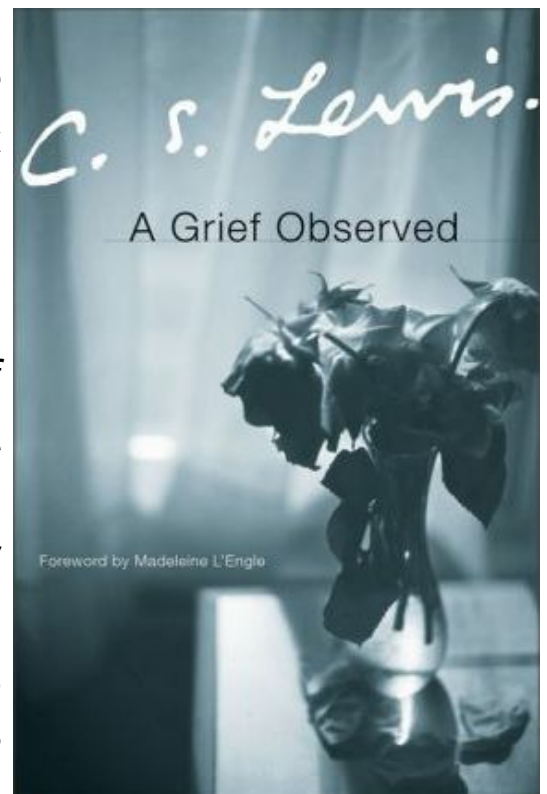
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	St Columba's	Mr Andrew Clarke
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	St Columba's	Vacant



The problem of evil, “Sooner or later we must face the question in plain language. What reason have we except for our own desperate wishes to believe that God is good. Doesn’t all evidence suggest exactly the opposite. What have we to set against it? We set Christ against it - but what if we are mistaken? His near last words (my God, my God why have you forsaken me) have a perfectly clear meaning. He had found that the being he called Father was horribly and infinitely different from what he had supposed. The trap so long and carefully prepared and so subtly baited was at last sprung on the cross.”

Believe or believe it not the quote above does not come from an atheist or sceptic planning to shake any faith in God but from one of the greatest Christian thinkers and writers in modern times, C. S. Lewis! You can find the full text in his book *A Grief Observed* and in that book he shares what many of us battle with when we face prolonged or sudden horrors around us or in our own lives. If God is good why is that happening? In my pastoral ministry and general conversations over the past months, this question keeps emerging and while it is simply impossible to deal with the issue to satisfy each and every individual,

I want to attempt over a few months to share some thoughts and general principles which I pray that you might find useful regarding the problems of evil.



R.M.N.C. eff.

A vibrant, cartoon-style illustration of a 'Jumble Sale' sign. The sign is white with a purple border and is held up by a wooden post. It is surrounded by various household items for sale, including a blue vase with tools, a yellow lamp, a framed picture of a sunset, a blue wheelbarrow, a yellow teapot, and a brown suitcase. The items are set against a background of green grass and a blue sky with a sun.

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Parish News

THANK YOU FROM ST COLUMBA'S HOSPITAL, HAZARIBAGH

In the present economic climate all charities are suffering and there seems to be more and more charities looking for money. So the Committee of The Friends of St Columba's Hospital is very grateful for your ongoing support. Last year we received a total of £430.00 which will really help. The Hospital itself is soldiering on against economic and social pressures.

Power and labour costs are going up and the hospital is relying on paying patients in direct competition with the State hospitals.

Christianity is suffering increasing persecution in India. Fortunately this aspect has not impinged directly in Hazaribagh as it did at one time but it is a shadow over missionary based hospitals.

Barry Duke
Honorary Secretary
The Friends of St Columba's
Hospital

YOUR VOTE

Now is the opportunity to register to vote at church elections. The Register of Vestry Persons is open for additions - until the end of February.

If you are not on the register it's only a matter of putting your name on a form at the back of church.

SUNBEAMS IN THE MIST by MAY HAMILL

It was a great joy recently to interview May at a main Morning Service in St Patrick's. The occasion was the launch of her new/first published book of poems and stories all about 'Her Friends in The Bible'. May shared that she has been writing since her primary school days and this has been a very helpful expression of her developing Christian Faith.

In an act of great generosity, May has pledged the proceeds of all sales to support the Building and Renovation Fund of St Patrick's.

This is a great wee book and would make a wonderful gift. Supplies of *Sunbeams in the Mist* are held in the Parish Office and Lorraine and Sandra will be glad to help with any enquiries.

If God gives you a gift - use it - who knows what will happen. Well done May and thank you.

Mark

HAPPY RETIREMENT CANON KEN AND A BIG BIRTHDAY FOR BALLYCLUG

It was a joy to pop into Ballyclug on Christmas morning and make a small presentation on behalf of the Parish to Canon Ken Ruddock and his wife Kathleen. This was to

mark his retirement from the post of Diocesan Curate.

During his sermon and thank you remarks Canon Ken reminded us that 2019 would mark the 175th birthday of Ballyclug Parish Church and a couple of special events are being planned to celebrate this. We pray that God will bless the Ruddocks in their retirement and health permitting Canon Ken will continue in active ministry albeit at a more leisurely pace.

NEW EMAIL ADDRESS

revmarkmcconnell@gmail.com is the new email address for the rector. This email address is now current and should be used in place of the old one.



A decorative background featuring a treble clef with musical notes, crossed brass instruments (trumpets and trombones), and a banner.

IN CELEBRATION OF
175 YEARS
BALLYCLUG PARISH CHURCH
PRESENTS

AN EVENING OF
Gospel Music

With Artists

John Porter

Martin Moore

Mandy McCullough

James Strange and Testify

A photograph of the interior of a church, showing wooden pews, a red carpeted aisle, and a stained glass window at the altar.

At Ballyclug Parish Church
Friday 8th March at 7.30pm
Freewill offering for Church funds

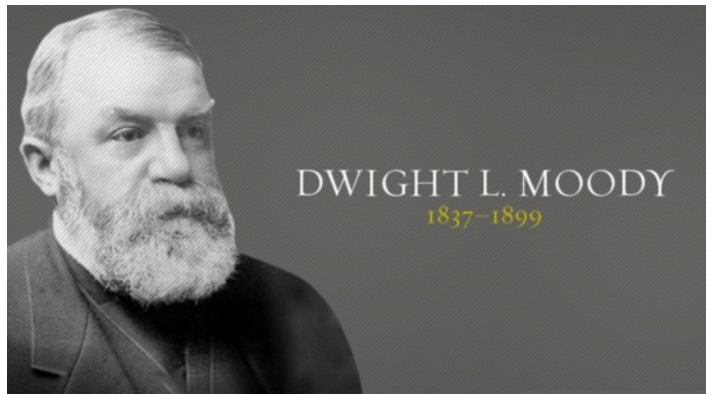
Famous Prayers

Thank you for the many responses to these prayers and the stories behind their authors. If you have a particular prayer that is special to you and don't mind sharing the background as to why (for magazine publication or not), I would love to hear about it. Please drop the prayers and information into the Church office. Thanks. Here is this month's 'Famous Prayer'.

Use Me - Dwight L Moody

Use me then, my Saviour for whatever purpose, and in whatever way you may require. Here is my poor heart, an empty vessel; fill it with your grace. Here is my sinful and troubled soul; quicken it and refresh it with your love. Take my heart for your abode; my mouth to spread abroad the glory of your name; my love and all my powers, for the advancement of your believing people; and never suffer the steadfastness and confidence of my faith to abate; so that at all times I may be enabled from the heart to say, Jesus needs me, and I am His. **Amen.**

From Massachusetts, USA, and described by many as the first Billy Graham, Dwight L Moody moves from humble beginnings as a travelling salesman. From the 1860's onwards, in partnership with Ira D Sankey, began their evangelistic campaigns - started what became a prolific hymn-writing duo, began an international network of Sunday Schools and Youth Ministries and began large-scale mission campaigns in both the UK and USA. It is reckoned that more than 100 million people listened to his preaching! Not bad for a door-to-door salesman!



Around the Parish

MOTHERS' UNION



At our January meeting we had a chance to reminisce. At our next meeting on **Wednesday 13 February at 8 pm**, our speaker is Frank McCooke from Slemish Market Garden. Please feel free to join us.

Patricia McWhirter



SQUIRRELS

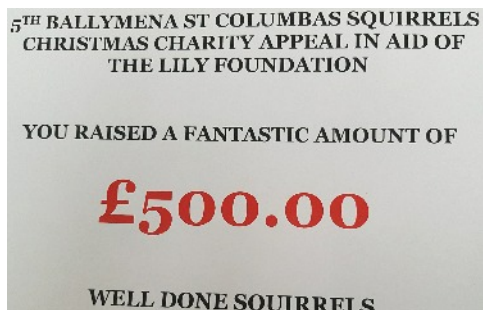
The Squirrels had lots of fun on the run up to Christmas. We made chocolate logs, paper chains and snowmen but the highlight was our Christmas party. We had lots of games and presents and of course a very special visitor. Thank you to Santa for finding the

time to come along to our party.

Our Christmas party was also the night we announced the total of our Christmas Charity Appeal in aid of The Lily Foundation. The Lily Foundation is the UK's leading charity dedicated to fighting Mitochondria Disease. Their mission is to support people whose lives are affected by the condition, raise awareness and fund research into its prevention, diagnosis and treatment. Ten million people in the UK suffer from diseases in which mitochondria dysfunction is believed to be involved, and every day in the UK a baby is born that will develop Mitochondria Disease. The Lily Founda-



tion is fighting to change this, with their ultimate aim being one day to find a cure. Mitochondria Disease is a complex condition that affects people medically in a wide variety of ways. It can occur at any age and it can affect almost any part of the body. There is currently no cure for Mitochondria Disease.



With our numbers being down slightly this year we were a little worried about how much we could raise for The Lily Foundation. We needn't have worried. Thanks to some

very generous donations from all the Squirrels and a few 'helpers' we raised the amazing total of £500.00. We really appreciate all the generous donations we received, and can not thank you all enough. The money raised is being put to good use already.



The Squirrels are now back for our new term. We meet every Wednesday evening in St Columba's, Doury Road, Ballymena from 6.30 pm to 7.30 pm. If there are any 4 and 5 year olds (both boys and girls) who would like to come along and join the fun we would be delighted to welcome you. For any more information please contact us on our facebook page, or email stcolumbassquirrels@gmail.com or drop in on Wednesday evening.

Paul & Ann



MOTHERS AND TODDLERS GROUP

In December, Rev. Dennis led us in a lovely Carol Service, and everyone enjoyed the Christmas party. 8th January saw our Mother and Toddler group return, after the Christmas break, and we welcomed some new families.

In January the children had good fun making Christingles and learning the meaning of the different parts.

Our volunteers enjoyed a lunch on Thursday 17th January finished off with a bit of fun at a Beetle Drive. Charitable donations have been made to MS Society, Diocese of Connor

(Baby Basics), Turning Point NI, Cancer Research UK (in lieu of flowers - Raymond Cochrane) and Ellie's Scout trip.

This month we will celebrate Chinese New Year on 5th February and the children will have a craft activity for Valentine's Day.

We welcome Noreen to our band of volunteers.

Rota for February:-

DATE	NAME	FUNCTION
5 th February	Rosemary Stacey, Sandra McKay, Jean Ross and Jean Cunningham	Tea
	Bee Robinson	Welcoming
	Alex McKay	Hall Set Up
12 th February	Evonne Stinson, Eleanor Burnett, Vera Owens and Marlene Gray	Tea
	Mary Steele	Welcoming
	Ray Burbage and Noreen McKeown	Hall Set Up
19 th February	Dorothy Hegan, (Isabel Halliday/ Eva McCarthy), Vera Greer and Sandra Duke	Tea
	Ann Fisher	Welcoming
	David Oliver and Rodney Gourley	Hall Set Up
26 th February	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



ST PATRICK'S CHOIR

On Sunday, 23rd December the choir hosted the Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols. This year we were delighted to have additional members from our own

parish as well as some members from Glenravel joining us for this special occasion.

It was great to see the choir stalls 'full' with 35 choristers in attendance. Thanks to the rector for leading the worship and to the nine readers.



It would be wonderful to have a choir of this size every Sunday morning! If you can sing in tune please, please do come along to the Robing Room on Thursday evening at 8.00 pm for only one hour. The future of your church choir depends on you! Why not come and sing with us?

Adrian Poston
Organist and Choirmaster



CHURCH LADS & CHURCH GIRLS BRIGADE

All leaders, boys and girls are back after the Christmas break and each section is working towards items for this year's Parents' Night.

The Brigade 'Grand Spring Jumble Sale' will be held on Friday, 1st March. This is our main fund raiser for the year and we would appreciate your support. It is a great chance to

clear out the attic and garage. Donations of bric-a-brac, clothes, furniture, toys, unused gifts, groceries and cakes will be gratefully received. Anything you would like to donate can be brought to the halls anytime on Thursday, 28th February and if you need items collected contact Alan Ross: Tel No. 2589 2740 or 077 5991 6755.

BEAVERS

Beavers returned from their Christmas break ready for a new term of adventure and fun! Four new Beavers have joined us and it's great to have them.



We have been out and about already, visiting Ballymena Ambulance Station where we got to see inside a real ambulance and learn some basic first aid.

We also 'virtually travelled' a bit further afield to North America where we built tepees and had a pow wow round the campfire.



www.facebook.com/ballymenabeavers/
Helen, Keith & Ellie 077 9001 2356

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP



Way • Truth • Life

The Way Youth Fellowship

Come and explore the big issues of our faith every other Sunday night • 18:30-20:00 • P7 to Year 14
(Rev Den's house • 6 Old Antrim Mews)

13 & 27 Jan
10 & 24 Feb
10 & 24 Mar
7 & 28 Apr
12 & 26 May

'The Way' Youth Fellowship is back on the go in 2019. This is a great opportunity for our young people to have a bit of fun and fellowship whilst they explore the big issues of life. It is a safe and encouraging environment for our kids where they can ask questions and learn about the Christian faith. We meet once a fortnight on Sunday evenings from 6.30 pm to 8 pm - dates shown above. Anyone from P7 through to Year 14 is welcome to attend.



Dennis

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Join us on the evening of Thursday 7th February at the Rectory, meeting at 7.30 pm. Please come along, grub will be provided. As always please feel free to invite others.



Another date to remember is the IMC (Irish Men's Convention) on Saturday 2nd March in Belfast. Those who are interested in attending and need a ticket please speak to Mark or Dennis.

A wee note of thanks also to W. Allen Meats who kindly supplied us with the meat for the Saturday

morning breakfast which was held towards the end of last year and raised over £800 towards Church funds.

Dennis



St Patrick's Parish Church
Castle Street, Ballymena

Holy Communion
(Traditional Form 1)
Is Celebrated each
Wednesday Morning
@ 10.30am

*Afterwards tea/coffee is served in the Choir Vestry .
Please come and join US you are very welcome.*



Bible Studies in St Patrick's and St Columba's

'Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path'

Psalm 119:105



In our recent Bible Study we have been looking at some of the famous Christian Martyrs through history who have paid the ultimate price for their testimony to Jesus Christ. We are now, from mid-January onwards, taking a close look at the Acts of the Apostles.

The Bible Study held at St Patrick's Church will continue to meet every Tuesday evening from 8 pm in the Choir Vestry. St Columba's Church will also now be hosting their own Bible Study every Wednesday evening in St Columba's Church from 8 pm.

If you have not been involved before why not come along and join in, or if you already attend why not bring a friend? Our Bible studies are a friendly and welcoming fellowship with no expectations or pressure to speak - you can just listen.

Dennis

Aged 4 or 5?

Boy or Girl?

Want Fun & Learning



**Want to be part of
Scouting?**

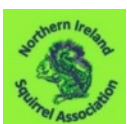
**Come and join
our Squirrel
Drey**



**@ St Columba's COI, Doury
Road, Ballymena**

Wednesdays 18:30-19:30

The Northern Ireland Squirrel Association is a registered charity and is affiliated to the Northern Ireland Scout Association. All leaders are AccessNI checked and fully trained. The Squirrel Association is 26 years old.



For further information, visit our facebook page or email us on stcolumbassquirrels@gmail.com





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

- Income: £29,041.59
- Expenditure: £25,645.21
- This leaves a surplus for the month of £ 3,396.38

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

- Income: £283,705.90
- Expenditure: £309,502.09
- This leaves a deficit for the year to date of £-25,796.19

These figures are purely based on income and expenditure through the general CRG account and may vary when the accruals and prepayments accounts are presented at the Easter Vestry.

The Select Vestry have been concerned for some time at the ongoing build up in the deficit and have taken steps where possible to reduce the out going costs. They will continue to do this and continue to monitor and report on the financial affairs of the parish.

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.

Thank You to...

- The St Patrick's Choir for their donation of £200 towards Church funds.
- The Catering Team for their donation of £1,000 towards Church funds.
- St Patrick's Sewing Group for their donation of £300 towards Church funds.
- The anonymous donations totalling £2000 towards the Renovation fund for the dry rot project.
- Ballymena Academy for their contribution to St Patrick's of £350 for use of the church for their annual Christmas concert.
- The fundraising committee and all who helped with the afternoon tea on the 15th of December.

Treasurer: Richard J Cotter





ST PATRICK'S NIGHT CONCERT

COME ALONG ON

FRIDAY 15TH MARCH

AT 7:30 PM

FOR GOOD FOOD

AND ENTERTAINMENT



VARIOUS ARTISTS INCLUDING

MR BILLY MCFARLAND

ADMISSION £12 PER PERSON

BY TICKET OR PAY AT THE DOOR

TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM CHURCH WARDENS
AND PARISH OFFICE

THE GOOD BOOK CLUB

Will return Friday 22nd February at 7 pm in the Choir Vestry.

This season we will be looking at how the church should respond to mental illness.

We will have 7 sessions as detailed below. There will be 4 meetings before Easter and 3 meetings after Easter.

The book we will be reading in connection with this will be *Troubled Minds* by Amy Simpson.

22nd February - Introduction

8th March - A Christian Response to Mental Illness

22nd March - Why So Much Suffering?

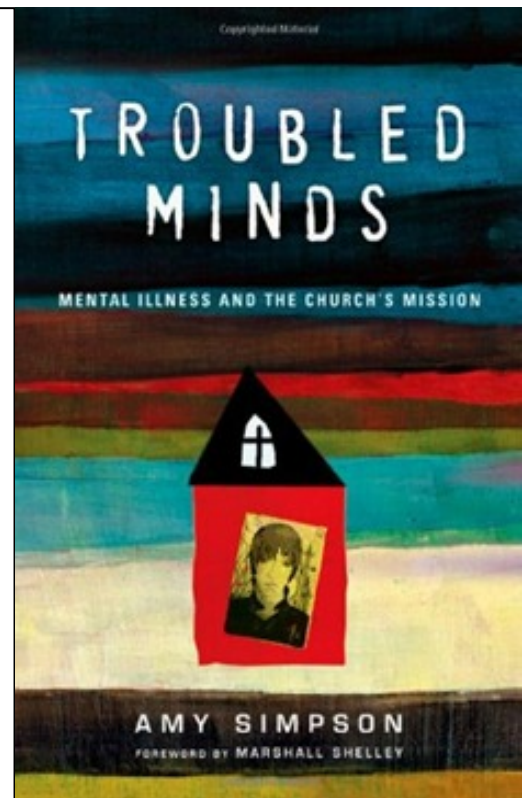
5th April - Mental Illness and the Church's Responsibility

Easter Break

10th May - Shining Light on Stigma

24th May - The Church Is Called to Help with Mental Illness

7th June - God Can Redeem Mental Illness



Anyone who is interested is welcome to come along and join in any of our sessions. There's plenty of tea and fellowship and much great conversation and discussion, along with some Bible study.

Should anyone wish to learn more please speak to Mr Richard Cotter or contact him by email on rjcotter@sky.com.

Books are not required for the introductory session, Richard will have a few books available to purchase that evening, (first come first served).

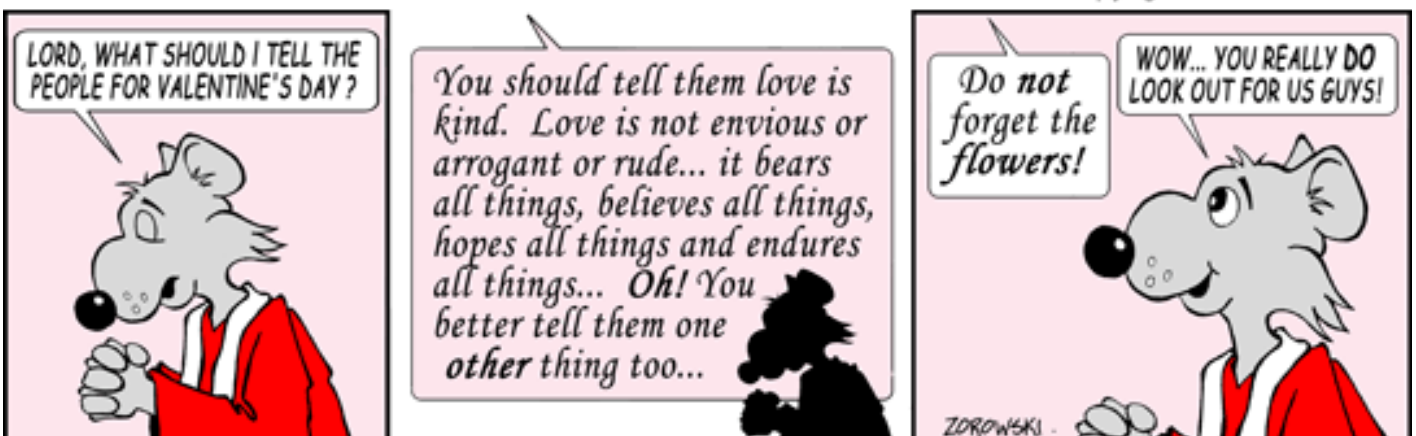
A view from the pew



St Patrick's Dramatic Society - in one of their productions pictured during the 1950's in the Old Parochial Hall, Clonavon.

Church Mice

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Engage Christmas outreach took place in Broughshane on Saturday 1st December. Our young people participated in Carol Singing. We then enjoyed the Christmas Party with our friends from Connor Diocese.



The Christmas party for all youth of the parish took place on Saturday 8th December. We enjoyed games, food and a visit from Santa.



A Service of Remembrance took place on Sunday 9th December to remember loved ones who have died. A memory book is now available at the back of the church for those who wish to write in it.



The Sunday School Nativity Service took place on Sunday 16th December. The children's nativity reflected on the sounds of Christmas. It was great to see a good turn out. The service finished with refreshments.



Thank you to all who donated Christmas presents for the Salvation Army Appeal - these were gratefully received. Also a big thank you to those who contributed to the Christian Aid Christmas Family Appeal.

Thanks to everyone who came and supported the Movie Night. A great night was had by all. Thanks also to those who helped and provided desserts. £600 was raised for youth funds.



Christingle Service - focused on 50 years of 'Christingle Jesus the Light of the World'.

This year is a very special one for Christingle as it is 50 years since the first Christingle service for The Children's Society was held in this country, at Lincoln Cathedral on 7th December 1968. But Christingles themselves actually go back much further, and began in the Moravian Church in Germany. At a children's service in Marienborn in 1747, Bishop Johannes de Watteville looked for a simple way to explain the happiness that had come to people through Jesus. He decided to give the children a symbol to do this.

In 1968, John Pensom of The Children's Society adapted Christingle and introduced it to the Church of England. This involved children decorating an orange with a red ribbon, dried fruits, sweets and a candle to create a new visual representation of Christ, the light of the world, celebrated by the lighting of the Christingle candles.





Our young people had a great night with the Big House.



The subject for discussion was 'Dealing With Difficulty' and taught them positive ways of coping with difficult situations.

It also reinforced how God is always there for us no matter what.

Thanks to the young people who came along and to Catherine, Andrew and Christina for leading the evening.

Engage Sports - we are hoping to make up a team to take part in the Big Connor Sports Contest. If you are interested see Lucy.

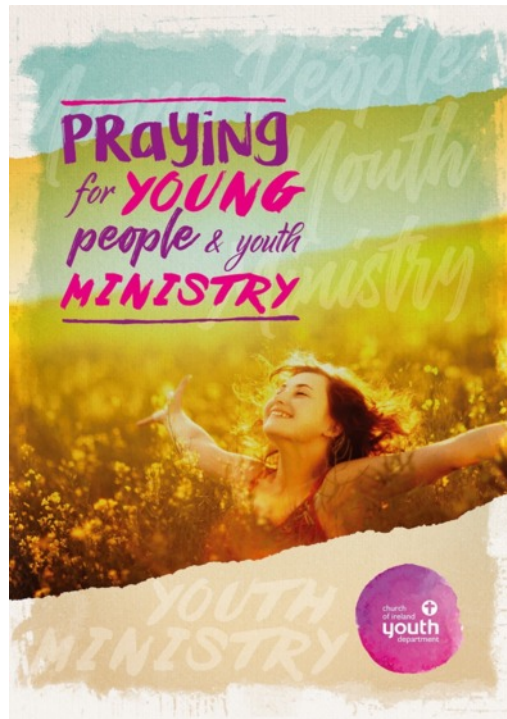


Afternoon Tea - You are invited to come to our luxurious Afternoon Tea with soup/sandwiches/scones and pastries. Tickets £10 available from Lucy.

Fireside quizzes for youth funds are available from the back of Church or from Lucy.

Summer Madness Friday 28th - Sunday 30th June - cost £40. Any young person wishing to attend please contact Lucy for consent form.

Day of Prayer for young people 2019 marks the 5th CIYD Day of Prayer for young people and youth ministry. We will have young people praying for each other at all our services on Sunday 3rd March.



Messy Church St Patrick's Day Sunday 17th March at 10 am in St Patrick's hall. All welcome.

Date for your diary - Wednesday 15th May 8 pm Chinese Buffet and Raffle in the Go Sun, Ballymena. Tickets £20 for Youth Funds.

Lucy





The Curate's Letter

Useful to God

It can often be said that 'Rock bottom will teach you lessons that mountain tops never will'. Have you ever noticed that it is often the people who have come through the most difficult of spells in life, that become the most well-rounded, humble and compassionate of people? Tough times are never welcome in our lives, and often we find it hard to understand why we would ever have to go through them, but as we journey through them with God, He can use us powerfully. Oswald Chambers once said, "If you are going to be used by God, he will take you through a multitude of experiences that are not meant for you at all; they are meant to make you useful in his hands."

St Paul wrote to the church in Corinth - 'Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God. For just as we share abundantly in the sufferings of Christ, so also our comfort abounds through Christ'. 2 Cor 1:3-7

As we are brought through difficult experiences we can develop a level of understanding and compassion for others that we wouldn't otherwise have. God can use us powerfully to come alongside others who are going through something similar. May we be useful to God in our service as we are trustful to God in our hardships.

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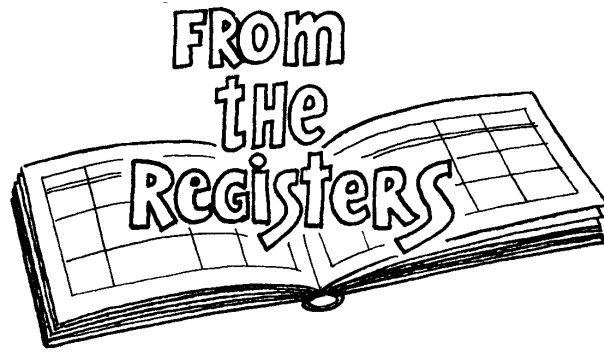
Afternoon Tea



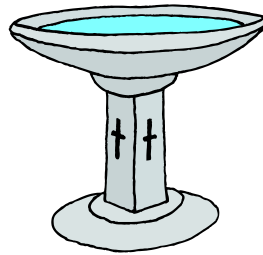
Soup/sandwiches/savouries/patisseries

Cost £10

Proceeds in aid of Youth Funds



HOLY BAPTISM



30th December

Alex Rose Ross

52b Killyless Road,
Cullybackey



CHRISTIAN BURIAL



7th December
8th December
2nd January
10th January

Derek Gardiner
Francis Marks
Elspeth Gilliland
Albert Patterson

31 Collinwood, Ballymena
2 Princes Street, Ballymena
12 Clarehill, Ballymena
17 Grangeleigh Avenue,
Ballymena

Derek Gardiner

Derek was born in Portadown on 4th September 1936. He began his working life in Vauxhall (Luton) where he met and married his wife Esther. After working in Luton for a considerable time, he and Esther moved back with Vauxhall to Northern Ireland and settled in Ballymena. He started his own business in Cullybackey where he worked as a mechanic. Derek liked tinkering and fixing cars, bikes, buggies and all kinds of machines. He loved his dog Bess and his caravan in Murlough Bay. He was a friendly person who enjoyed visiting his sister Gwen, talking to his very good neighbours and we extend to his sister, sister-in-law, nephews and nieces our sincere sympathy at this time.

Francis (Frankie) Marks

Frank was born in September 1940 and raised by Danny and Ellen Marks in Harryville, Ballymena. Frank married Nora in 1961, in St Patrick's church Ballyclug, and they were blessed with two children Sharon and Martin. Frank is remembered as a caring husband and father. Our prayers and sympathies are with all of the close family and friends at this time.

Elsbeth (Elsie) Gilliland

Elsbeth (Elsie) was born on 25th March, 1929 and began her life in Larne. She and her siblings matured quite quickly as they grew up during the war years when people of her generation had to become resilient quite quickly. She met and married Bob, thanks literally to her next door neighbours and together they set up home in Larne. Elsie and Bob had four children, Jimmy, Isobel, Lorna and Emma and her world evolved around her family. Elsie worked in some local factories in Larne, which kept her busy. She loved having her children and friends around her and was happiest when her home was full of people. Elsie was a devoted mother and loved all of her children, grandchildren, great grandchildren and brother Jim. We extend to all of them our sincere sympathy at this sad time.

William Albert Christopher Willis Patterson

Albert was born on the 16th August 1935. He was the third child of William and Emily. He had two sisters, Gladys and Helen. Albert attended Finaghy Primary School and then Lisburn Technical School and whilst a very able pupil he quite soon decided that he wanted to be a policeman. He joined the RUC in 1956 and after completing his training he began his active duty in Ballymena where he remained all his career apart from a short stint in Cullybackey. He served for 35 years and retired in 1990. In 1953 he met Maureen Campbell (a student at Queen's University) whom he married in 1959. They had three children - Sandra, Gordon and Valerie. The family circle grew with many grand children and great grand children. Upon retirement Albert became an active member of the RUC George Cross Association and local voluntary welfare group. He was especially proud to act as chairman of the former and also to take part in the Remembrance Day Parade at the Cenotaph in London. Albert's one life long interest was horses and he was more than happy that the 'horsey' gene was passed down through the generations. He also enjoyed golf and was a keen Manchester United fan. Albert faced his illness with bravery and humour. He never complained and often mentioned how fortunate he was to have had such a long and happy life. We extend sincere sympathy to Maureen and the entire family circle at this 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
'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