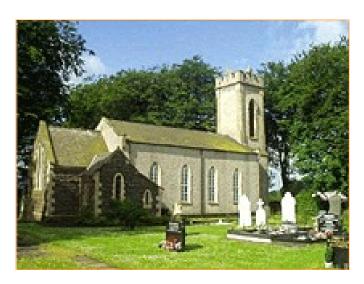
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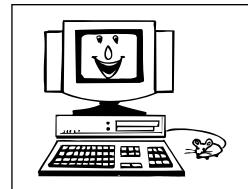
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The Curate's Letter

Our Priorities in Life

There is a wee story I heard about a vicar who, on his way back to the rectory one dark evening, was confronted by a robber who pulled a gun on him and said, "Your money or your life!" As the vicar shakenly went for his wallet the robber noticed his clergy collar and said, "Ah I'm so sorry, I didn't realise you were a vicar, you can go." The vicar was so relieved and grateful that he offered the robber a chocolate bar that he had in his pocket. To which the robber replied, "No thank you, I'm off chocolate for Lent."

It would be fair to say that some of us take the season of Lent more seriously than others. Giving up something for Lent, when done in the right spirit, is a real opportunity to glorify God and to prioritise Him in our life. Jesus Christ, when he accepted the cross, prioritised the will of

God and the good of others, before himself. When we know and accept what Christ has done for each of us, with the help of the Holy Spirit, we begin to re-prioritise our lives. For the Christian, priorities in life like money, or a career, or even family or friends, can be important, BUT top of the list should always be following and serving the Lord.

When things get in the way of God, in our lives, they become a dangerous idol. What we choose to give up for Lent should be something that we know has a bit



of a grip on us. There are many things in life that we prioritise and give too much of our attention and energy, and that can get in the way of following the Lord. What is it in your life that might have a bit of a grip on you, or is a bit of an idol? Could you give it up for Lent and use the time and energy you would have spent on it re-prioritising Christ in your life?

For me, this year, I have decided to give up social media and spending too much time on my smart phone. For many of us if we spent as much time reading our bible or praying to God, as we did on our electronic devices, our Christian walk would be much better. During Lent I am going to try to use my mobile phone for phone calls only (and the odd text) and stay off facebook and anything that means I am staring at a screen.

Whatever you might decide to give up for Lent, I hope it can help you to keep 'serving God' at the very top of your priority list.





RETREAT

Ballymena Church Members Forum will hold a day retreat in the Dromantine Conference Centre near Newry on Saturday 11th May. It will be facilitated by Rev. David Rock of Ballymena Methodist Church.

The cost is £20 which includes transport, a four course meal, tea and coffee. Coach to depart at 8.45 am from IMC cinema car park with expected return of 5.30 pm.

Booking will be necessary. If interested, please contact Barbara Hutchinson 077 1118 3180 to reserve a place.

SUNBEAMS IN THE MIST by MAY HAMILL

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. 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.

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.

KOSHISH - A STORY WORTH TELLING

Many of you contributed generously when we had the Koshish collection boxes. Now we have the opportunity to hear from Matika Devkota who set up this work in Nepal and is now recognised as a leading light in improving the cause of people with mental health problems in Nepal. He is on a short visit to the Parish.

The plight of those with problems who have been left to live rough and scrape a living whatever way they can. Men and women who have often been abandoned.

Women who have had to sell themselves just to live.

These stories are heart rending but with the help of the Koshish organisation often with positive results.

Come hear the story of Koshish at a Parish Breakfast followed by a talk by Matika. Bring your family and friends for a good feed (as always). Show our support to Matika and his work. Breakfast at 10 am sharp, talk about 11 am finished about 11.30 am **Saturday 23rd March**.

You will be able to contribute to Koshish work at the end of the breakfast but more importantly come and show your support.

MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTION

Yes, its that time of year again when we encourage all who receive the magazine to make their annual subscription. You should find a subscription envelope in this month's magazine and this should, when filled, be returned to church.

We are keeping the subscription rate at the same level and thus would like people to give at least £8. We do appreciate all who do return their envelopes - unfortunately many manage to avoid payment! Please try to do your best.

THE GOOD BOOK CLUB CONTINUES ...

8th March - A Christian Response to Mental Illness

22nd March - Why So Much Suffering?

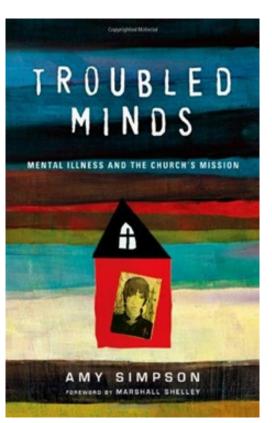
5th April - Mental Illness and the Church's Responsibility

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



IN CELEBRATION OF 175 YEARS BALLYCLUG PARISH CHURCH PRESENTS



John Porter

With Artists

Martin Moore

Mandy McCullough

James Strange and Testify

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

Famous Prayers

Famous Prayers - Dietrich Bonhoeffer

During our Bible Study at St Patrick's we recently looked at some of the many Christian Martyrs through the years who paid the ultimate price for their faith in the risen Christ. Dietrich Bonhoeffer was a German pastor who stood up to the Nazi regime and was consequently imprisoned and executed before the end of WW2. He is considered today an important theologian and his writings remain very influential throughout the world, not least his book, 'The Cost of Discipleship'.



Whilst in prison he penned this powerful prayer as a morning prayer for his fellow prisoners, but as one of his fellow inmates later commented, "It applies to anyone who's going through intense suffering and is imprisoned in their own mind by their own thoughts and fears."

> O God, early in the morning I cry to you. Help me to pray And to concentrate my thoughts on you; I can't do this alone.

In me there's darkness, But with you there's light; I'm lonely, but you don't leave me;

I'm feeble in heart, but with you there's help; I'm restless, but with you there's peace. In me there's bitterness, but with you there's patience; I don't understand your ways, But you know the way for me. O Heavenly Father, I praise and thank you For rest in the night; I praise and thank you for this new day; I praise and thank you for all your goodness and faithfulness throughout my life.

You have granted me many blessings; Now let me also accept what's hard from your hand. You will lay on me no more than I can bear. You make all things work together for good for your children.

Lord Jesus Christ, You were poor and in distress, a captive and forsaken as I am. You know all man's troubles; You abide with me when all men fail me; You remember and seek me; It's your will that I should know you and turn to you. Lord, I hear your call and follow; Help me.

> O Holy Spirit, Give me faith that will protect me from despair, from passions, and from vice; Give me such love for God and men as will blot out all hatred and bitterness; Give me the hope that will deliver me from fear and faint-heartedness. Amen.

The prayer below has been submitted by Irene Thompson. A prayer very familiar and memorable to Irene from her time as a teacher in Seaview Primary School in Belfast. I think you might agree that it is a great prayer to start the day for any of us, no matter our age.

Into Thy hands Oh Lord we commend ourselves this day, Let Thy presence be with us to its close, Help us to see that in doing our work we are doing Thy will, And that by serving others we are serving Thee, Through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Around the Parish

CHURCH LADS' AND CHURCH GIRLS' BRIGADE

A big thank you to everyone who helped and donated items to our Jumble Sale. The support from the Parish is really appreciated.

We had a visit from Victoria Jackson the CLCGB Support and Training Officer on the 15th February.

Victoria brought along some D. J. Decks, Lego Minestorm Robots and Green Screen Photography. The boys and girls really enjoyed the evening as you can see from the photographs below.







MOTHERS AND TODDLERS GROUP

February was a very busy month; the hall was decorated with lots of tartan to remember Burns Night, we made 'pig faces' and the children received a chocolate coin to celebrate Chinese New Year. There was lots of colouring and sticking when making Valentine cards for mums, dads, grannies and grandas.

This month looks to be just as busy as Sure Start will be with us to help with Mothers' Day craft, a visit from the library is planned and we will be celebrating St Patrick's Day.

Rota for March:-

DATE	NAME	FUNCTION
5 th March	Rosemary Stacey, Sandra McKay, Jean Ross and Jean Cunningham	Tea
	Bee Robinson	Welcoming
	Alex McKay	Hall Set Up
12 th March	Evonne Stinson, Eleanor Burnett, Vera Owens and Marlene Gray	Tea
	Mary Steele	Welcoming
	Ray Burbage and Noreen McKeown	Hall Set Up
19 th March	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 March	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



MOTHERS' UNION

At our meeting on **Wednesday**, **13th March** in the Minor Hall at 8.00 pm, we look forward to see-

ing Christine's Silver Jewellery and hearing her spiritual journey. All welcome.

The Festival Service in St Anne's Cathedral is on **Sunday, 7th April at 3.30 pm.** If you haven't already done so, please let Jean or Patricia know if you require transport.

Patricia McWhirter

'THE WAY' YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

We had a recent change of venue, and a great night, in the rectory, where Dan McConnell led the teaching, as we continued to go through the gospel of Mark together. During March we will be back in Den and Jen's house, and Catherine McWhirter and Jenna Andrews will be taking their turn at leading proceedings.



Our young people are continuing to enjoy fun and fellowship together as they learn more about the Christian faith. Numbers are great at around 18 to 20 children each night, but we can always squeeze more in, so please join us if you are interested. We meet once a fortnight on Sunday evenings from 6.30 pm to 8 pm, and anyone from P7 through to Year 14 is very welcome to attend.

Dennis







Alpha Course at St Columba's Church



You are invited to Alpha, which is a series of sessions that freely explore the basics of the Christian faith. Come along to enjoy a dessert with tea and coffee, to watch a short Alpha video presentation and to have a chat.

They will take place on Wednesday evenings at St Columba's Church, from 8 pm to 9.30 pm, beginning **6th March 2019**, and will run for six weeks finishing before Easter. Many millions of people around the world have explored the big questions of life as part of an Alpha course. Whether you are a current parishioner or not you are most welcome, and please feel free to invite a friend or family member to join you.





THE BIG CONNOR CONTEST

Well done to team 1 and 2 from Ballymena who took part in the Big Connor Contest in St Paul's Lisburn - a great time was had by all.



AFTERNOON TEA

Thanks to all those who came to support our Afternoon Tea £600 was raised for youth funds. A great afternoon was had by all. Thanks to the young people and all who helped in any way and especially to Andrea and Elaine for all their lovely treats.







Thank you to those who supported the youth fireside quizzes. The winners were - 1st Judith Getty, 2nd Emily Bacon and 3rd Heather Clarke. *Lucy*

CHINESE BUFFET EVENING And Raffle

Wednesday 15th May at 8 pm Go Sun Restaurant

> Ticket only event - £20 (available from Lucy) For Youth Funds





AFIA - Away from it all

Away from it all (AFIA) is a scheme funded by members of Mothers' Union to help people who wouldn't otherwise be able to have a break.

Who can apply?

- The scheme is open to anyone who is experiencing stress in their family life.
- Basic information is required and there will be a simple application form to complete.
- A referral form has to be completed by a professional, e.g. clergy, teacher, etc. who has known the family for a period of time.

About the Break

- Away from it all holidays provide short holidays and breaks in a variety of forms.
- Breaks include day trips, funding towards an organised camp for youth; short hotel stay with leisure facilities, help to fund a trip to visit relatives.
- As funds allow and where possible we will work with you and belo you plan whatever you feel



help you plan whatever you feel is most suitable for your family.

 The names of those who benefit from a break will remain completely confidential.

If you know of any family this scheme would benefit please speak to the clergy.



From the Treasurer

Our January 2019 figures are as follows:

Income: £45,530.64 Expenditure: £21,807.61 This leaves a surplus for the month of £22,723.03

Our **<u>Year to Date</u>** figures are as follows:

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These figures are purely based on income and expenditure through the general CRG account.

There is an exceptional income item in January of £24,612.06 of gift aid. If this was taken out of the income we would end up being in a deficit for the month of \pounds -1,989.03.

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 it is cheaper to receive <u>standing orders</u> into our bank account than to lodge in cash. Should you wish to <u>set up a standing</u> <u>order</u> please contact either the Treasurer Mr Richard Cotter, or speak to Lorraine in the parish office. **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 ... We are holding our **St Patrick's Night Concert** again this year on **Friday 15th March 2019 at 7.30 pm**. Tickets available for £12. All proceeds in aid of church funds.

Thank You to ... The Catering Team for their <u>further</u> donation of £1,000 towards church funds, Ballymena Academy for their donation of £350 to church funds. To all who assisted at the Table Quiz we raised a sum of £300 which went to church funds.

Treasurer: Richard J Cotter



ST P&TRICK'S NIGHT CONCERT

COME ALONG ON FRIDAY 15™ MARCH TO ST PATRICK'S PARISH CHURCH HALL CASTLE STREET BALLYMENA 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

A view from the pew



It was with sadness that we received the news of the death of The Very Revd Frederick Rusk, former Rector of this Parish, Canon of St Saviour's Chapter and Dean of Connor, which filtered through on Friday, 8th February.

When, The Revd Rusk as he was known then, arrived in Ballymena in 1978 along with his wife Lilian, children Catherine, Michael and Rosemary, they all soon settled into parish life. Mrs Rusk joined the MU, Michael and Rosemary the choir, while Catherine went off to study at university. He was always popping into the various organisations to say hello to the leaders and children, and was a great supporter of all the various musical evenings that took place in the parish. Being the son of a bell-ringer he took a great interest in the goings-on up the tower. It was during his time as rector that the old 8 bells were sent off to be recast into the beautiful 12 we have today.

To Lilian, Catherine, Michael and Rosemary we send our deepest sympathy.



The 2019 Children's Resource theme reflects CMSI's wider annual theme for 2018/2019 -In the Margins: Serving the Least Among Us.

Throughout the Bible, it is made clear that genuine faith and authentic worship are expressed in acts of loving kind-



ness to people 'on the outside': those who are sick, widowed, poor, hungry, uprooted, homeless, orphaned, lonely, imprisoned ...

The life and ministry of Jesus further reinforce this simple, powerful, biblical truth:

It's a truth that all of CMSI's Global Partners have clearly grasped, whether in Nepal or in Africa. They each work in ways that serve 'the least among them' - caring for marginalized people in their own communities.

CMSI and churches across Ireland have the privilege of partnering with the Global Church as it reaches out to those who are suffering and those who have been neglected.

We also want to be inspired by our partners as we consider how best to care for those on the fringes of society, wherever we are.

We want to care more effectively for people on the fringes and welcome them in to God's Kingdom?

We want to learn how to bring the **Outside in**.

Introducing ... Nepal

Nepal is best known as the home of Mount Everest and the Himalayas, the mountain range which runs across the north of the country and acts as the border with Tibet and China. Nepal lies to the north of India - and historically had close ties with this neighbour.

Despite signs of economic growth in recent years, Nepal remains among the poorest and least developed countries in the world. It's also one of the few countries in the world where leprosy is yet to be eliminated.

A series of natural disasters in Nepal have added significant additional burdens to the poverty and political instability experienced in the country. The earthquake in April 2015 was especially damaging, claiming the lives of nearly 9000 people and causing widespread destruction to homes, schools, businesses and infrastructure.

The main religion in Nepal is Hinduism, which accounts for around 80% of the population and has shaped much of the culture of the country. About 9% of people are Buddhists.

Christianity is still relatively young in Nepal: the first church was established in 1952. But the Church in Nepal is now one of the fastest growing Churches in the world - with new Christian fellowships emerging constantly. Such rapid growth poses particular challenges, including the training of church leaders.

Recent years have seen renewed opposition to Christianity and increased persecution of Christians. In 2017, new laws were introduced that criminalize 'religious conversion'.



Irish Missionaries were among the first to work in Nepal and there have been strong links between the Church in Ireland and the Church in Nepal throughout the last 70 years.

CMSI works with two Global Partners in Nepal - Sundar Dhoka Church and HDCS (Human Development Community Services).

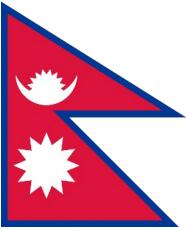
10 Facts about Nepal

- 1. 8 out of the world's 10 highest mountains are in Nepal and they're all over 8 km high.
- 2. The capital city is Kathmandu.
- 3. The official currency of Nepal is the Nepalese Rupee. £1 is worth about 145 NPR; €1 is worth about 130 NPR.
- 4. The Nepal flag is the only national flag that is not quadrilateral (rectangular) in shape. It is made of two triangles.
- 5. The main crop grown by farmers in Nepal is rice.
- 6. Cows are sacred in the Hindu religion and cannot be killed. Cows roam all over Nepal, even on the busy streets of Kathmandu.
- 7. 'Namaste' is the standard greeting in Nepal. It can mean 'Hello' or 'Good Bye'. People say it while putting their hands together and bowing slightly. Christians greet each other by saying "Jai Mashi."
- 8. Nepal time is 5 hours and 45 minutes ahead of Ireland (4 hours and 45 minutes in our summer).
- 9. They use a different calendar in Nepal. The current year is 2075 and 2076 will begin on our 14th April.
- 10. The legendary 'Yeti' or 'Abominable Snowman' is said to live in the mountains of Nepal.

The flag of Nepal

The current flag was officially adopted in December 1962, but it is similar to previous, traditional versions.

There are various meanings attributed to the flag. Here are some of the more popular ones:



The two pennons (triangles) - and their white em-

blems - were said to represent two rival branches of the historic ruling families, as well as the Himalayan mountains. Today, they *officially* represent Hinduism and Buddhism - the two main religions.

The sun and moon are also said to reflect the hot temperatures of the lowlands (Terai) and the cool weather in the Himalayas.

The **crimson red** colour represents the rhododendron - the national flower of Nepal. Or it can symbolise the bravery of the Nepali people.

The **blue border** represents peace.

CMSI's Partners in Nepal

Human Development and Community Services (HDCS)

HDCS is a Christian organisation that seeks to share God's transforming love in real, practical ways with vulnerable communities in Nepal. Their programmes include: managing two rural hospitals; providing day care facilities for children with intellectual and physical disabilities; operating a community radio programme; managing an International School in Kathman-



du that has served the missionary community for many years.

CMSI has partnered with HDCS since 2003. The Executive Director is Kapil Sharma.

Sundar Dhoka Church

Sundar Dhoka ('Beautiful Gate') is a church based in Kathmandu that is led by the marginalized and seeks to serve the marginalized. The church's ministry is among the poor - particularly people with disabilities and those who are sick. In addition to vibrant church services, fellowship groups and discipleship programmes, the church engages in lots of social outreach activities, under its development organisation, SDSS (Sundar Dhoka Saathi Sewa).

CMSI has enjoyed a close partnership with SD Church since 2007. The pastor of the church is Babukaji Adhikari.

The Zimmerman Family

The Zimmerman's are CMSI Mission Associates who live, work and learn in Kathmandu.

Deirdre is from Dublin and is a former CMSI Mission Partner. She is a nutritionist who works with an organisation that helps communities in Nepal to feed themselves more effectively. Mark is from USA and is a doctor, working and teaching in a hospital in Kathmandu. Zachary and Benjamin both go to school in Kathmandu.

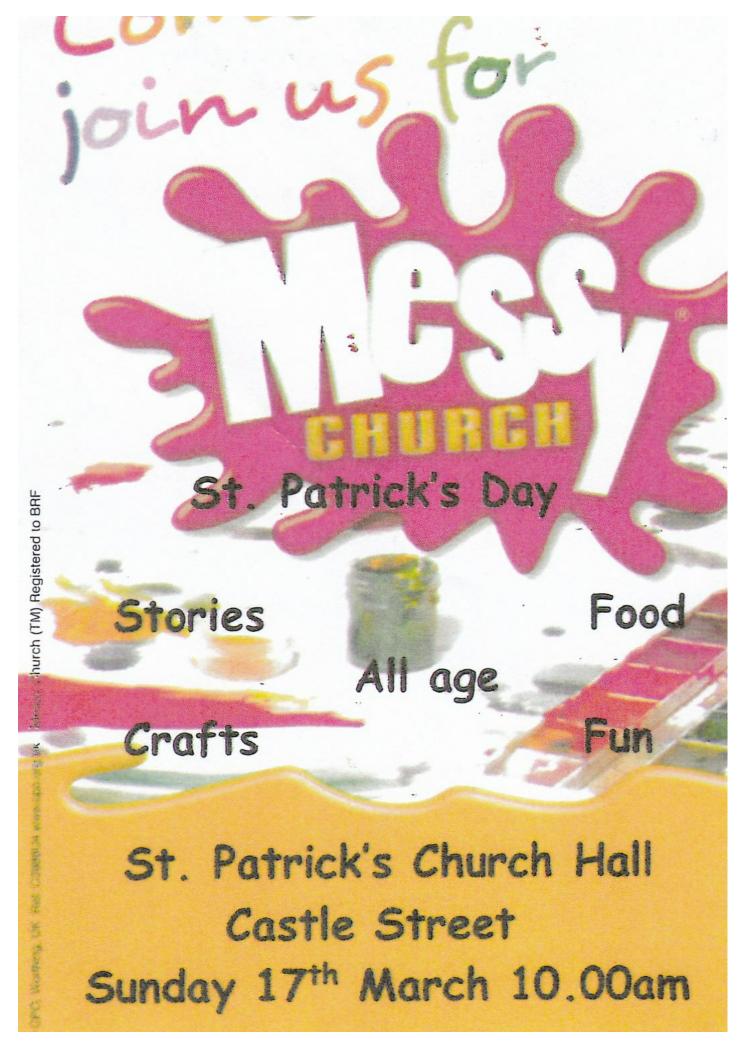
Fundraising - Supporting CMSI Global Partners in Nepal

Each year, money is raised through the Children's Resource to help our Global Partners engage in real, loving, life-changing mission. This money, and the prayers that go with it, really make a difference.

The money raised through the **Outside In** resource will be used in support of both **HDCS** and **Sundar Dhoka Church** - to help them as they reach out to care for those on the margins. More specifically, the donations will go towards three programmes, two of which are focused on children:

- * HDCS's *Child Based Rehabilitation Training Programme*, to help share knowledge about disability and child growth and to provide training in caring for children with special needs. This programme will include parents of the current ABBS students.
- * SD Church programme for training and re-sourcing Sunday school teachers To develop better skills and approaches for working with marginalized children and teaching them about the Christian faith. The teachers will then train others in rural parts of Nepal.
- * Any excess funds will be allocated to SD Church's 'Charity Fund' this allows the church leaders and staff to provide small gifts of compassion when they meet people who are particularly vulnerable and struggling.

Please help by sending in your donations to CMSI, be sure to include a note to say that they are for the *Outside In* - project. This will ensure that your donation is allocated to the *Outside In* fund and will then be used in support of the programmes outlined above.





Christian Aid Week 2019

Christian Aid Week 2019 12 - 18 May

Our parish has always supported Christian Aid generously. We have responded to particular appeals throughout the years and have always made a big effort during Christian Aid Week; joining with the effort of so many other Christians and churches to support Christian Aid's work with the needy throughout the world. We have given generously on the plate in church and at the lunches organised in St Patrick's and St Columba's where we have also enjoyed the banter and chat with fellow parishioners. Some parishioners have also given generously of their time to collect door-to-door in the area allotted to us. This collection is a way of reaching out to people who are happy to contribute to the work of Christian Aid although not regular church 'attenders' themselves; it brings in a significant sum of money for Christian Aid that goes to help people in need to help themselves.

Christian Aid works in partnership with local bodies in various parts of the world to make the best use of any help they can provide. This year they are concentrating on the needs of mothers and babies in poorer parts of the world. They highlight the needs particularly of Sierra Leone where ten mothers die in childbirth every day. We all remember the ravages that Ebola brought to that country just a few years ago; the effects on Sierra Leone's economy are still being felt and providing adequate healthcare is a continuing problem. Christian Aid has managed, with its partner, RADA, to provide some rudimentary health clinics, but they need to be improved - electricity, so that they have light at night would, for

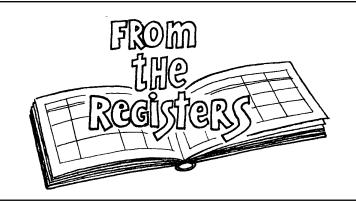
instance, make a big difference in the clinic where a nurse called Judith is helping mothers give birth, and an added bonus would be a roof that doesn't leak!

Many parishioners are involved in organising the lunches and others are willing to come out and collect in the door-to-door effort. However, the band of door-to-door collectors is dwindling and we could do with some new volunteers. This particular work is part of our parish's witness in Ballymena and those of us who go out value the fellowship of our co-collectors.

Please do watch out for the Christian Aid Week envelopes in church in May and for details about the lunches - but also, please give more than a cursory thought to joining us on the door-to-door collection and get in touch either with the Parish Office or with me (028 2564 6701 or mer2201@ymail.com) if you can help in this service of outreach and witness to the world.

Mary Campbell





HOLY MATRIMONY



2nd February

Christopher Perry

Katherine Dawson

10 Millmount Village Avenue, Dundonald 10 Millmount Village Avenue, Dundonald





Bellringers Bible Fellowship Church Choir Church Lads' Brigade YBC JTC CLB Girls' Friendly Society Healer Prayer Group Indoor Bowling Club

Mothers and Toddlers Mothers' Union Still Active Club Men's Fellowship Junior Youth Club Senior Youth Club Badminton Sewing Group 'The Way' Youth Fellowship

OUR ACTIVITIES

SAINT PATRICK'S

Day	Time	Venue			
Friday	7.30 pm	Tower			
Tuesday	8.00 pm	Choir Vestry			
Thursday	8.00 pm	Choir Vestry			
Friday	7.00 pm	Parochial Hall			
Friday	8.00 pm	Parochial Hall			
Friday	8.00 pm	Parochial Hall			
Tuesday	7.15 pm	Minor Hall			
Tuesday	7.15 pm	Church Vestry			
Monday	7.30 pm	Parochial Hall			
Thursday	7.30 pm	Parochial Hall			
Tuesday	10.00 am	Parochial Hall			
2nd Wed.	8.00 pm	Minor Hall			
3rd Wed.	2.00 pm	Minor Hall			
1st Thursday	7.30 pm	Minor Hall			
Saturday	7.00 pm	Parochial Hall			
Saturday	8.00 pm	Parochial Hall			
Wednesday	7.30 pm	Parochial Hall			
Thursday	10.00 am	Parochial Hall			
Sunday	6.30 pm	Minor Hall			
(Fortnightly)					

SAINT COLUMBA'S

	Day	Time	Contact
Beavers	Monday	6.30 pm	Mrs L McCullagh
Cubs Ladies' Circle	Thursday 4th Monday	6.45 pm 8.00 pm	Mrs H Clarke 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

6.30 pm

1st Sunday in the month

3rd Sunday in the month 4th Sunday in the month

EVERY WEDNESDAY

10.30 am

Living Faith Service

Holy Communion New Life Service

Morning Prayer

Evening Prayer

Holy Communion

Parish Communion

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