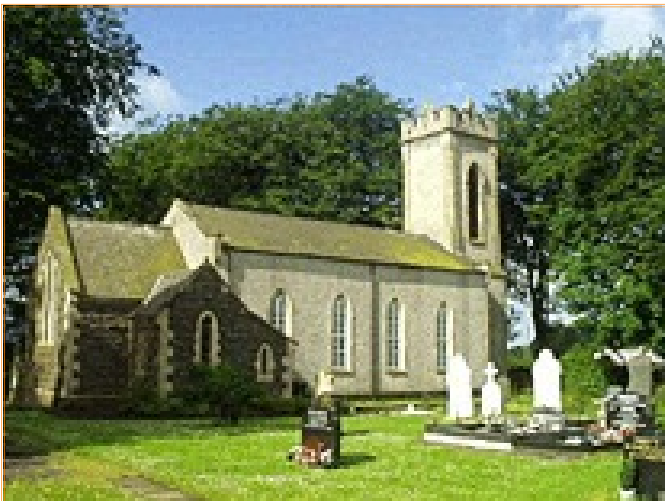


# *Parish of Kilconriola and Ballyclug*



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

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***“We plough the fields and scatter the good seed on the ground ...”***

Well excuse me, most of us don't! Apart from a small number of farmers and a much larger crop of enthusiastic gardeners, very few of us now live and work as closely to the ground as the famous Harvest Hymn suggests. Yet despite this, Harvest Thanksgiving remains deeply rooted in the affections of God's people and I for one am very glad!

This month we will decorate our churches with fruit, vegetables and flowers - traditional Harvest symbols. We will then gather these and give as much as we can away to many in our church family who are down, alone or suffering. We get to put a gift in our Harvest Envelope to allow us as a



Parish to support the work of many worthwhile missions and charities.

- **Appreciation** (of the beautiful world God has made).
- **Generosity and Compassion** (to those far and near in response to God's loving goodness).

Elements of traditional Harvest Thanksgiving might pass us by in these modern times but certainly not all. Let me quote the final words of our famous Harvest hymn:-

“Accept the gifts we offer,  
for all your love imparts  
and that which you most welcome,  
our humble, thankful hearts”.



Now we all know what God wants from us this Harvest. Amen!

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

# HARVEST THANKSGIVING

13th OCTOBER 2019

*ST PATRICK'S*  
*11.30 AM*  
*AND*  
*6.30 PM*



# BUILDING RESILIENCE



Resilience is our ability to cope in the face of adversity, trauma or stress. This is something we begin to learn in childhood.

## TOP TIPS

Here are some top tips for helping children build resilience.

- ✓ Remember, bad feelings don't last, have a purpose and prompt us to do things differently.
- ✓ Try to normalise setbacks. Help your child to see that it is not unusual to have difficulties in life.
- ✓ Help them to see that problems can be solved.
- ✓ Encourage young people to keep things in perspective – the problem is usually confined to only one part of their lives.
- ✓ Remember the value of humour – laughing can be a great release (but only if it is well-intentioned).
- ✓ Encourage children/ young people to accept responsibility for their actions.
- ✓ When reading stories, or discussing events, point out how people manage to overcome difficulties.
- ✓ Remember that learning is often frustrating. Encourage children/ young people to persist and believe they can get there.
- ✓ Provide support. Help them to see there are people who care about them and can give them help and advice when needed.
- ✓ Create a positive environment emphasising the importance of relationships and having a sense of purpose.

25<sup>th</sup> September 2019

Dear friends,

The last twelve months have been exhausting and it has been difficult to focus on anything other than my treatment plan. I have just received my last proton injection as part of the clinical trial and this stage of the journey is complete. I now need time to recover and regain my strength and energy.

Having advanced prostate cancer means that I will be receiving quarterly hormone injections for the rest of my life and will have very regular checkups with my oncologist. There are no guarantees, but it is hoped that I will be free of further treatment for years to come.

As a family, we are incredibly grateful for the amazing care and support we have received from the Cancer Centre at the Belfast City Hospital. We are also conscious that we have been carried by the love and prayers of so many people, especially the people of Connor diocese. I cannot thank you all enough for your faithfulness and care in praying for me and my family.

My family have been amazing in love and support and they have also been carrying their own hopes and fears. We have also been very blessed by the peace and joy we have experienced, as Jesus has clearly journeyed with us on this strange and unwelcome journey. He has been with us, giving us hope and healing.

Over the last few months, I have had various conversations with my oncologist, my GP and my family. With a very heavy heart and spirit, it has become clear to me that for the sake of the diocese and my own long-term health, I should retire on health grounds.

My medical advice has been clear that I will not have the energy I used to have, and the ongoing treatment will affect my ability to fulfil the very demanding role as Bishop of Connor.





I have followed the process necessary and it has been agreed that I can retire on health grounds. The Archbishop of Armagh has been supportive of this and I have informed him that I will retire on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2019, giving the necessary three months' notice. This will also give me time to recover and to be able to plan a move to our new home.

I am conscious that yet again the responsibility for the diocese falls to the three Archdeacons and I am very grateful for their willingness to serve the diocese in this way. At this stage, my aim is to be in St Anne's Cathedral on Christmas Eve and in Lisburn Cathedral on Christmas Day. This will allow me to fulfil my ministry as Bishop once more before I retire.

I will write to you again when my plans have been finalized, but suffice to say it has been an amazing privilege and joy to have served you as Bishop.

Be assured of my continued prayers for you all.

Grace and peace

*+Alan Connor*

+Alan Connor





# Parish News

## **BISHOP ALAN'S RETIREMENT**

Just like many of you in our church family the news you have just read from Bishop Alan brings me sadness and provokes me to pray. To pray for our bishop in these final weeks of ministry and for God's provision and preparation for a new phase of life in the future. To pray for our diocese as we shortly will prepare to seek and call a new shepherd and leader and for those who carry that huge responsibility. To pray with thanksgiving for all that Bishop Alan has brought to 'Team Connor' over his years as bishop and for God's gentle and powerful touch to rest upon him and his family in these days.

We have been praying - this is not the answer we expected or wanted but I urge you as scripture does to persevere in prayer. Thank you Bishop Alan (given that his last

public services are to be in St Anne's Cathedral on Christmas Eve and Lisburn Cathedral on Christmas Day) - we will be giving thought to possibly making one of these services our own, encouraging all our parishioners who can to travel and worship together with our bishop one final time - more on this later.

God bless Bishop Alan and God's blessing for your future.

## **CONFIRMATION PREPARATION - OUR 'YES' TO GOD**

For those young people considering confirmation their group will start on **Monday 7th October** (continuing on 21st October, 11th November, 25th November, 2nd December and 20th January) from 7 - 8 pm in the Rectory.

We will be contacting most parents/young people that have



indicated an interest but if anyone else would like to join the group please let the clergy or youth workers know. Also if there are any adults who might consider confirmation please speak to the clergy.

## **BALLYCLUG CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL**

Thank you to everyone in the parish for all the help, support and donations to Ballyclug Christmas Tree Festival. We hope you will continue to support the 175th Birthday of Ballyclug. A big thank you to Lorraine and Sandra in the office for all their help to date.

A programme and history booklet will be made up next month.

Our next Christmas Tree meeting will be in Ballyclug on **Tuesday 15th October at 7.30 pm**. Everyone welcome.

*Jackie Greer*

## **OPEN TABLE (MINISTRY IDEA PROPOSAL)**

**Background:-** For almost a year I have been annoying the Mid-Week Communion congregation by a

weekly, strange, announcement at the start of each service - a wild wacky menu available after the service, or, tea/coffee and biscuits if you prefer. They now know why and I want to share with everyone else. Simply put very many members of our church family eat alone! Christmas, birthdays, anniversaries, special days they eat alone. That is very sad and in one small way I would love to offer something different - 'An Open Table'.

**Idea:-** A simple hearty meal shared with others where folk don't have to eat alone. Good food, kind company and maybe even smiles and a hug these are incredibly special and powerful gifts we can share. The Bible calls them the gifts of hospitality.

**Response:-** If you think this is a good idea, if you can cook or drive or set a table or wash a dish or if you eat alone. I want to hear from you. I want to hear your ideas/responses and what you might be able to do, form a team, choose a date and menu and plan our first 'Open Table'.

Please let the church office have your responses and lets see if God

might be in this. When you next read scripture - especially the Gospels - just note how much of the action surrounding Jesus happens in homes round tables where there is food - makes you think! Look forward to hearing from you all.

## TRIP TO THE HOLY LAND?

Some weeks ago now I mentioned in a sermon that I have had a long standing desire to some day be in the places I read about and preach about in the Bible. I want

to use this edition of the parish magazine to ask you all a question - would you like to come too? Think, pray, chat and if you share this desire of mine either through an email or call to the church office please contact us with, 'An expression of interest'. There is no timetable, yet, no itinerary, yet, no concept of what size the group might be and if we would invite members of other churches to come and join us, yet! Let us know what you think.

Thanks,  
*Mark*

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# Bless My Pet

Watch Over and Protect

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Blessed are you, Lord God, maker of all living creatures. You called forth fish in the sea, birds in the air and animals on the land. You inspired St. Francis to call all of them his brothers and sisters. We ask you to bless this pet. By the power of your love, enable it to live according to your plan. May we always praise you for all your beauty in creation. Blessed are you, Lord our God, in all your creatures! Amen.

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# Ability Cafe

I'm sure we can all say that we enjoy going out for a bite to eat! We all know that it is very important to support local businesses, shops and cafes in our town. That being the case, let me tell you about a new coffee shop in the Ballymena area that has just opened (in August 2019) and is very worthy of our support. The Ability @ the Drawbridge Café in the ECOS is a social enterprise café run by Ulster Supported Employment Ltd (Usel). Usel, which won the 'Social Impact' award at the 2018 Social Enterprise Awards, seeks to equip people with disabilities and health conditions with the training, help and support they need to enter employment.

Ability @ the Drawbridge café currently provides for several young people hoping to get into the workplace. It's not just about the café, the coffee or the food - it's about providing opportunities for young people who wouldn't get them elsewhere. The café offers the chance for them to build up self-esteem and self-confidence;



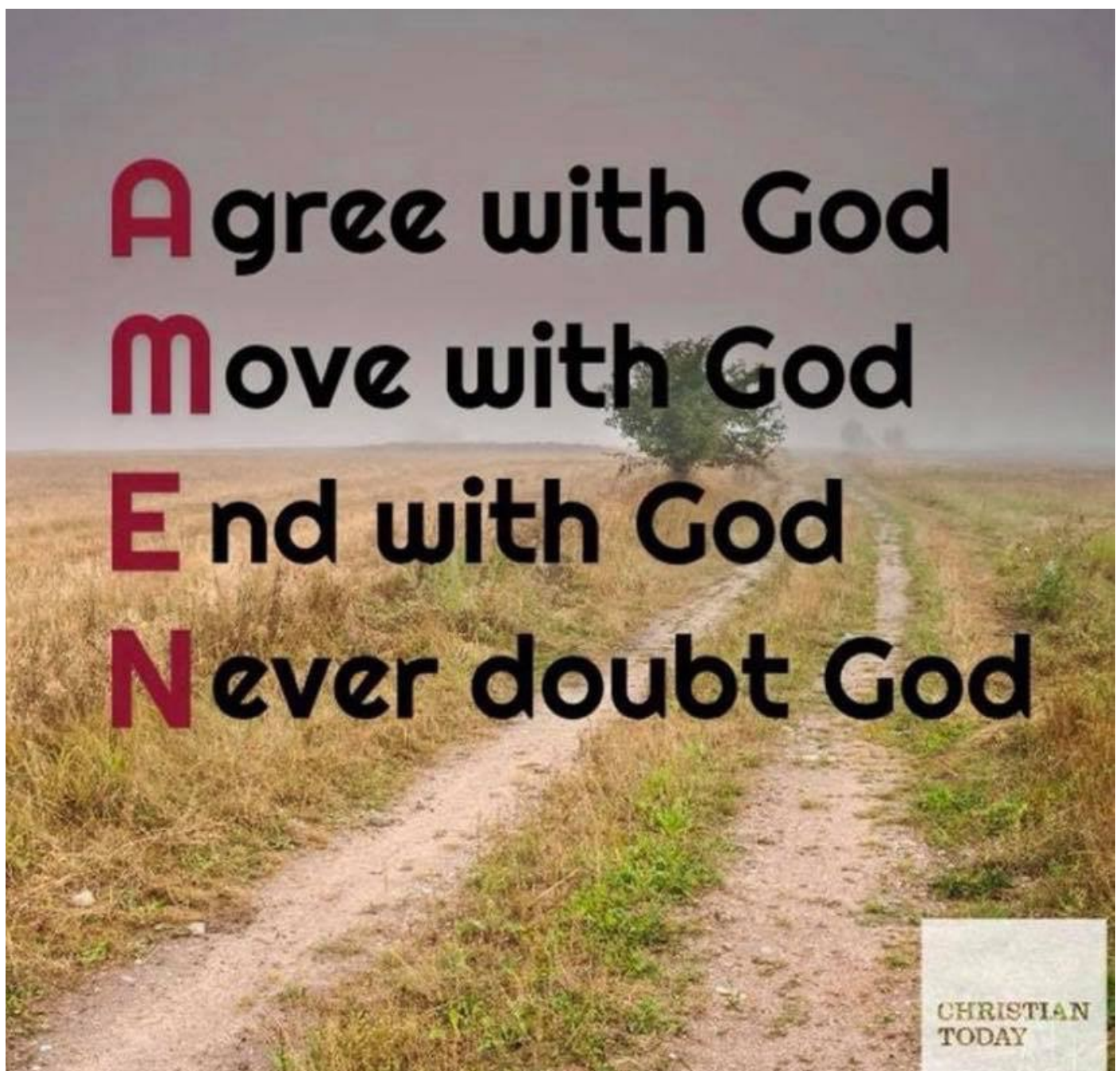
to develop new skills in a supportive environment; to achieve and accomplish their goals and to build a positive future for themselves. I think this is a great opportunity for the church to offer its friendship, encouragement and support to the Chef John, the staff and the young people at Ability Café.



The café is a great stop-off after a walk, a cycle or a park run round the ECOS centre. It's also a fabulous place for a catch up with some friends over a coffee or some lunch. I can personally testify to the great quality of the coffee and the food! The café also caters for events; it recently provided fabulous food for the Mid and East Antrim Council at the launch of the Mid and East Antrim ECOS Innovation Centre.

Please consider supporting (and eating at) Ability @ The Drawbridge Café. You can keep up to date with events over the next few months via the café's Facebook profile.

*Emma*





**Parish of Kilconriola and Ballyclug**

# **Ballyclug Parish Church**

**In Celebration of it's  
175th Anniversary**

**Presents**

## *Festival of Christmas Trees*

**"Christmas Carols"**

**28th Nov - 1st Dec 2019**

**Proceeds  
in aid of  
Church Funds**







# The Curate Writes

**A very big “Hello,” to you all!**

I would like to say a very big “Hello,” to you all in my first Curate’s Letter. I have only been here with you all in Ballymena Parish for a few weeks but I am already beginning to feel at home. The warmth of the welcome I have received from so many of you has been overwhelming. Thank you so much for your well wishes, prayers and words of encouragement. Please continue to bear with me as I settle in and learn about all that goes on in the Parish.

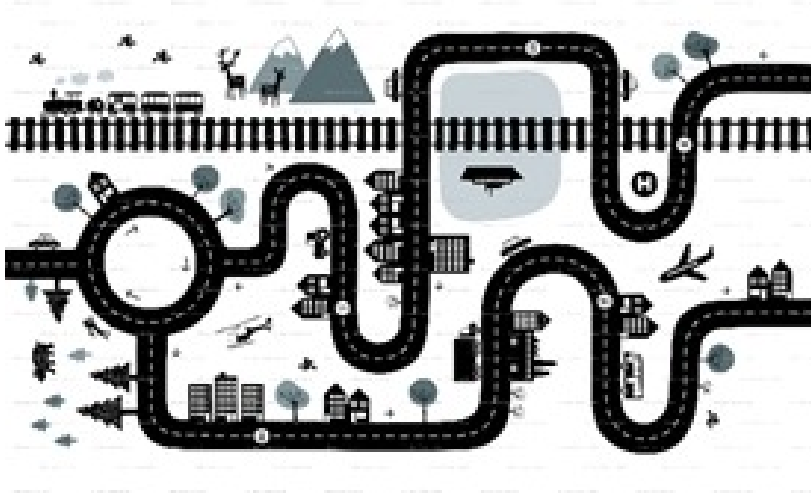
My Ordination on Sunday 8th September was a wonderful occasion. From the bells ringing to the wonderful music, to the sermon and then to the Ordination Prayer with the Laying on of Hands, the service was incredibly uplifting and moving. For me the service marked both the end of my Deacon Internship and my training at the Church of Ireland Institute and the beginning



of my curacy and my future ministry journey. It was a moment and an occasion I will never forget. I was truly blessed by the support and encouragement of all those who attended and I am so appreciative to all those from the parish who were able to be there.

One thing that will take a little while to get my head around is navigating the Ballymena area. I’ve been telling many of you about my getting mixed-up when I’m driving around. I have driven round a roundabout more than once in one go, have had to do two loops of the one-way system before I went on to the right road and have had a freaky moment coming off Harryville Bridge.





When reflecting on my recent experiences of travelling around the Ballymena area, I got to thinking about some of the journeys we read about in the Old Testament. I thought of Abraham who packed up his whole family and travelled from Ur to Haran and then on into Canaan, of Moses and the Israelites wandering in the

desert and of Ruth following her mother-in-law Naomi into a new land and to a new people. We can imagine the emotion they felt as they embarked upon new adventures and experiences, as they journeyed through both joyful and tough times and as they sought God in all of these times.

As we all journey through life, we go with the assurance that God goes with us. The Bible tells us this time and again. I love the promise of Joshua 1:9 - 'Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.' The Lord God travels with us; behind, ahead and beside us. We need only lean on Him - 'Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths'. (Proverbs 3:5-6)

We have also been equipped with the tools we need for our journey. God has given us the example of His Son Jesus Christ; He has given us the power of the Holy Spirit; He has given us the great gift that is prayer and He has placed us in a family - the family and community of the Church. We need to uphold and encourage each other in prayer, care for one another and provide a welcome for all those who join us on this journey of faith. I have been on the receiving end of all of these things since I have joined you in the Parish and I can say that they are very much worth sharing!

As I finish, I'll say that I look forward to meeting all of those I have not yet met and to all the adventures we will experience together in the time to come.

Emma

# CONNOR'S BIG FAMILY FIESTA

With  
**BOB  
HARTMAN**



An exciting afternoon of  
**drama, music & storytelling**  
aimed at primary aged children and their families

~ **SAT 16TH NOVEMBER 2019** ~

St Patrick's Church of Ireland, Ballymena

~ **AT 2PM - 4PM** ~

Cost £5 per child, £10 maximum charge per family.  
\*adults go free!

Our other special guests include;  
"**PLAY IT BY EAR**" drama group and  
the "**INSPIRE**" Worship Band

*This event is funded by  
Lisburn Cathedral Chapter  
C of I Orphans  
& Children's Society  
C of I Board of Education*



# LISBURN CATHEDRAL CHAPTER PRESENTS: SNAPSHOT SUNDAY

With  
**BOB  
HARTMAN**



Informal training workshops which give us 'snapshot' views of how to communicate creatively with children and young people. Led by experts in storytelling, worship and drama.

~ **17 NOVEMBER 2019** ~  
St Patrick's Church of Ireland, Ballymena

**3:00-5:30PM** | Snapshot Sunday  
**6:30PM** | All Age Service

Cost: £5

## TO BOOK...

Please book your places in advance to help us get an idea of numbers for seating and catering purposes. Book online via <https://connor.anglican.org/children-youth/> or via the Engage Connor Youth Facebook page. Fill in the short form and submit. You will receive email confirmation of your booking. Or send an email to: [christinabaillie@connordiocese.org](mailto:christinabaillie@connordiocese.org) and we will be in touch with more details.

Payment will be received on the day as you enter the venue. If you have booked, please do arrive at least 10 minutes early to ensure your seats are not re-allocated. Those who come along on the day without booking will be admitted on a first come first served basis. *Thank you.*



# Around the Parish

## MOTHERS' UNION



Dates for October:-

- **Wednesday 9th October** - Branch meeting in the Minor Hall at 8 pm. Our speaker is Rosemary Frayne and her talk is entitled 'Health and Hope'.
- **Monday 14th October** - Area Service in Craig's Parish Church at 8 pm. The speaker is our DP Sally Cotter. (Please let Jean know if you plan to attend).
- **Friday 25th October** - Diocesan Fun Night in All Saint's Parish Centre, Antrim at 7.30 pm. Cost £3 includes supper. (Please let Jean know if you plan to attend).

*Patricia McWhirter*



## MOTHERS AND TODDLERS

We have had a great turnout of children and carers in September all enjoying playing, singing, chatting and making new friendships.

Congratulations to Anna on the birth of her first grandchild, Oscar and it's lovely to welcome Isabel back on our volunteer rota.

17th September David Gillespie gave an informative talk on fire prevention in the home and Billy carried out a successful fire drill. Many thanks David and Billy.

Our programme for October will include our volunteers coffee morning on Monday **7th October** and a Hallowe'en Party **22nd October**. Please note there will be no Mothers and Toddlers Group **29th October**.

Everyone is welcome to the group and membership of St Patrick's is not required.

Rota for October:-

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

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

## CHURCH LADS' AND CHURCH GIRLS' BRIGADE

A big warm Brigade welcome to the nine new boys and girls into the Martins and five boys into the Y Team. We hope they have many years of fun, faith and fellowship.

We are busy with our Scripture Course 'Bible Blockbusters'. The boys and girls are learning more



about Jesus with the help of their favourite Disney movies. Thanks to our Development Officer Victoria for producing this.

On Sunday 29th September Ballymena CL&CGB joined with all Brigades in Northern Ireland to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Magherafelt CL&CGB, with a Parade and Thanksgiving Service in St Swithin's, Magherafelt.

Boys and girls are looking forward to their Enrolment Service and Alternative into the Light Hallowe'en Party on **Friday 25th October**.

*Alan Ross*  
**077 5991 6755**

## BEAVERS, CUBS AND SCOUTS

Beavers, Cubs and Scouts returned after their summer break and we are delighted to report that all sections are currently full! For the time being we are operating a waiting list for anyone else wishing to join.



This month we held our AGM and elected our new 5th Ballymena Scout Group Executive. The new Executive consists of:-

- **Chair** - Paula Speers
- **Secretary** - Ceara Thompson
- **Treasurer** - Louise Rea
- **Parish Representative** - Billy Taylor
- **Elected Member** - Ben MacDonald
- **Ex-Officio Members:-**
- Andy Clarke - GSL
- Aaron Coates - Scout Leader
- Heather Clarke - Cub Leader
- Helen Weir - Beaver Leader

We thank everyone for volunteering and getting the Executive Committee up and running and wish them all the best for the year ahead.

After 40 year's service, we bid a sad farewell to Christie Colhoun who was our Group Scout Leader. Christie was one of the founder members of 5th



Ballymena and has been part of the group ever since. He has held many roles and has many stories to share. Aaron Coates presented him with a small gift and we wish him all the best in his retirement, we will miss him greatly.



District Commissioner, Steven Millar joined us at the meeting and we were delighted when he announced he had appointed Andy Clarke as the new Group Scout Leader.

Scout leader, Kenneth Hughes also stepped down from this role. We thank Kenneth for his dedication and commitment to the group over the years.

We are delighted to announce that the new Scout Leader is Aaron Coates. Aaron has been a member of 5th Ballymena since he was a Beaver and is a valued member of the team. We wish him well in his new role.



Beavers returned and have been catching up with their Young Leader Ellie and hearing all about her trip to the World Scout Jamboree in America during the summer. We had four new Beavers moving up from Squirrels and they are settling in well and having great fun.

Cubs started the year with s'mores and games

and are looking forward to their trip to Tayto Park with other packs from across Northern Ireland.

The Scouts have been settling in and also attended a residential at the Share Centre in Lisnaskea as part of their cross community T:BUC project with 7th Ballymena Scouts (Together: Building a Unit-



ed Community). They had great fun trying their hands at activities like wind surfing, bush craft and laser tag.



Don't forget to support us in our fundraising efforts! Whenever you purchase a bottle of Deep River Rock Water take a note of the code and enter it on the link below. The Scout Group will receive 10 pence for every code entered! <https://thirstforbetter.ie/5th-ballymena-scout-group>.

We are also hosting our annual fundraising Chinese banquet on Wednesday 13th November in support of sending our scouts Emma, Amme, Zach and Alfie to the European Jamboree 2020 in Poland, representing both County Antrim and Northern Ireland. Doors open at 19:45 with a ticket price of £20 per person. Payments can be made in cash to either our scout leaders/our jamboree participants or via our group PayPal link found below (please add your name in the payment description). <https://www.paypal.me/5thballymenacubs>

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

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 7.15 - 9 pm**

Come and 'Zumba' to  
80's music in ultraviolet  
light with glow sticks

Refreshments included



**Admission £5 - For Youth Funds**

# European Jamboree 2020

## Fundraising Chinese Banquet

### 5th Ballymena Scouts

**Wednesday 13th Nov 2019, 8pm**

**Go Sun Restaurant, Ballymena**

**£20.00 per person**



**Tickets are available from all  
Leaders and Participants**

**Raffle tickets available on the night**





Our August 2019 figures are as follows:

Income: £19,137.01

Expenditure: £17,590.19

A surplus for the month of £1,546.82.

Our Year to Date figures are as follows:

Income: £193,330.77

Expenditure: £175,921.75

This leaves a surplus for the year to date of £17,409.02.

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

**Thank You to...**

An anonymous bequest of £5,000.00.

**Reminder**

Our Harvest Envelopes are used to make donations to other charitable causes. Your support in this over the years has been welcomed. We would encourage you to give generously again this October at harvest time.

Treasurer: *Richard J Cotter*



# A view from the pew



*Andrew, Clare, Giles and Eleanor Hudson are pictured standing beside their bell prior to its installation in the belfry in October 1987. The new ring of bells is pictured in the foreground.*

## Finn's Soup Lunch

**Saturday 12th October**

**12.00 to 2.00 pm**

**St Patrick's Church Hall**

**Donations in aid of Church Renovations**

**All Welcome**

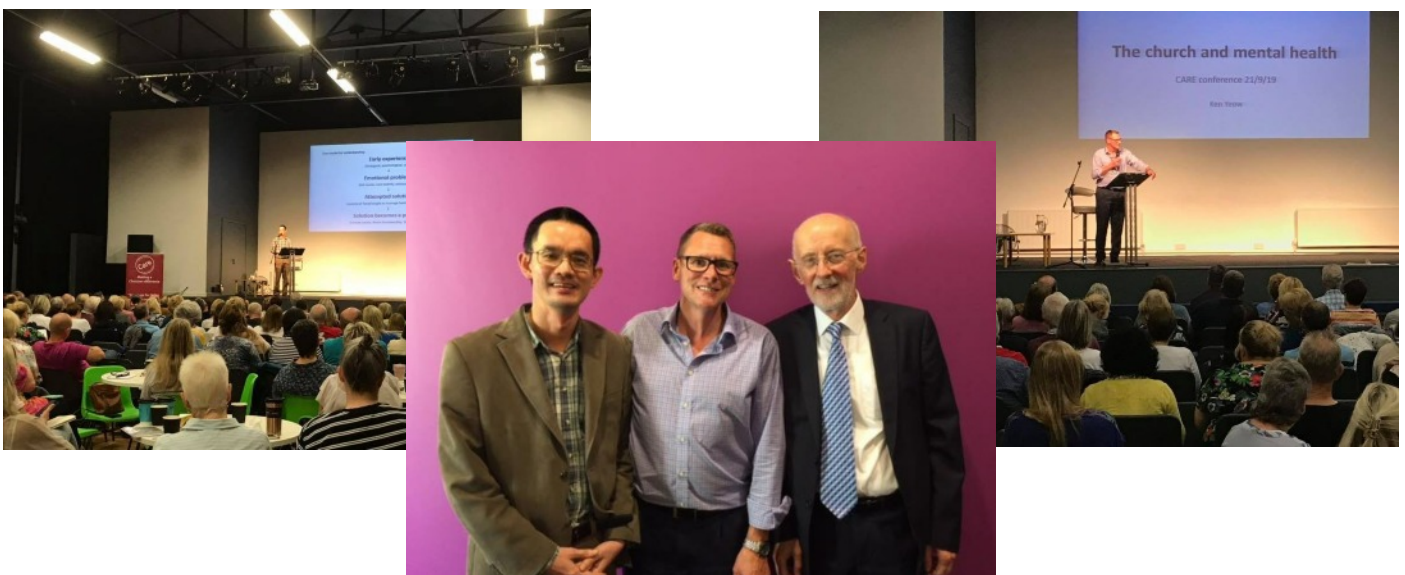




Youth Club has started back and we are glad to see some new members. Over the next few weeks we will be starting to think of others and especially children all over the world who are less fortunate than ourselves. We will be filling shoe boxes to give to these children, remembering them and being grateful for what we have.

Sunday School has also started back and it's great to see everyone including some new faces - you are very welcome. Children receive an attendance mark each Sunday they attend. It is important that they attend as much as they can as this influences their prize at the end of the year. Sunday School is also important as the children this year are learning through the 'All Aboard' Diocesan Resource. They will also be learning the Catechism including the Lord's Prayer, the Creed and all about the Church of Ireland.

Some of us were at Crown Jesus Buildings Belfast for the mental health training day organised by CARE. Nearly 200 people came from all over Northern Ireland to be equipped and inspired. Dr Stephen Critchlow and Dr Ken Yeow spoke on issues including stress and anxiety, suicide, eating disorders, depression and how the Church can appropriately respond to such conditions.





We are looking forward to our Animals Messy Church on **Sunday 20th October** - come along and enjoy crafts, stories, food and fun and celebrate the gift of animals. All are welcome to bring your pets and your pet will receive a blessing and a special card.

*Lucy*

come and join us for

# Messy Church

Stories      Animals      Food

St. Patrick's Hall

Crafts      Castle Street      Fun

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October 10am

Bring your pet, cuddly toy animal or picture of pet  
All will receive a blessing

2019 Theme: Listen,  
observe, act - in step  
with God

**Mothers' UNION**  
Christian care for families

Diocese of Connor

# Fun Night

*An evening of fun and fellowship!*

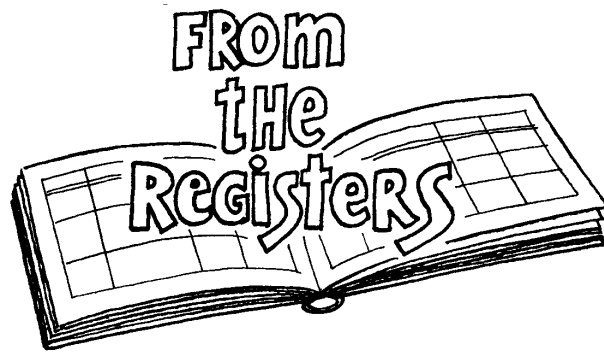
With entertainment from around the Diocese

**All Saints' Parish Hall, Railway St, Antrim, BT41 4AE**  
on **Friday 25 October 2019**, at **7.30pm**,  
cost **£3**, includes supper.



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## CHRISTIAN BURIAL



23 <sup>rd</sup> August	Frederick Ruck	35 Waveney Road, Ballymena
24 <sup>th</sup> August	Freddie Coates	9 Galgorm Drive, Ballymena
31 <sup>st</sup> August	Mary (Mollie) Beattie	Kintullagh Care Home, Ballymena

### **Fred Ruck**

From Kent, Fred came from a military background and his father served in World War 2 and was killed during it. Fred himself joined the Royal Irish Fusiliers and served in many places throughout the world including Palestine, Aden, Kenya, Libya, Korea, Malaya, Swaziland, Germany and ended up as Regimental Sergeant Major in St Patrick's Barracks here in the town. After leaving the army he became Administrator of what is now the University of Ulster which entailed managing the 3 campuses of Coleraine, Magee and Jordanstown. He was one of the first coaches at Ballymena Swimming Club and also President of the Ulster Branch of the Irish Amateur Swimming Association. On retirement he continued to enjoy, along with his wife Maria, travelling and caravanning. Fred was a very independent man and carried his military ethos and organisational skills into the rest of his life. Very much a family man, we remember his sons David, Raymond, Andrew and Mark and daughter Hayley and their families. The service was conducted by the Revd. Stuart Lloyd.



## Freddie Coates

Freddie was brought up in East Belfast where he was to meet his wife Sarah. He served for a short time in the RAF and then in the Shipyard followed by a time in British Enkalon and then for many years he worked in the Prison Service. He and Sarah moved to Ballymena in 2000 and she became a regular worshipper at Ballyclug. Her death in 2010 was deeply felt by Freddie and he too then became a member at Ballyclug. He had a keen interest in Formula 1 and attended many Grand Prix. He was also fond of collecting things and enjoyed his gardening. By nature he was a private person and by his wish his funeral was a quiet affair for his family. We remember especially his two sons Clarke and Groves and his grandchildren. The service was conducted by the Revd. Stuart Lloyd.

## Mary (Mollie) Beattie

Mollie was born on 22nd July 1920 and reached the great age of 99 years. She was a Belfast lady who worked in Gallahers Factory in York Street and lived through two World Wars. During the War she met her husband George and together they set up their home in Belfast. They had one son George who was the centre and joy of their lives. Mollie was a very practical and kind lady and was delighted to have her grandchildren and great granddaughter visiting her. She eventually moved to Glenravel Fold and to Rose Martha and Kintullagh Nursing Home, Ballymena, to be near her family. It is to her son, daughter-in-law, grandchildren, great grandchild and her sister that we convey our sincere sympathy at this sad time. The service was conducted by the Revd Mark McConnell.





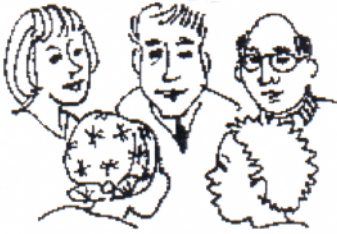
# OUR ACTIVITIES

## SAINT PATRICK'S

	Day	Time	Venue
<i>Bellringers</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>7.30 pm</i>	<i>Tower</i>
<i>Bible Fellowship</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>8.00 pm</i>	<i>Choir Vestry</i>
<i>Church Choir</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>8.00 pm</i>	<i>Choir Vestry</i>
<i>Church Lads' Brigade</i>			
<i>YBC</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>7.00 pm</i>	<i>Parochial Hall</i>
<i>JTC</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>8.00 pm</i>	<i>Parochial Hall</i>
<i>CLB</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>8.00 pm</i>	<i>Parochial Hall</i>
<i>Girls' Friendly Society</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>7.15 pm</i>	<i>Minor Hall</i>
<i>Healer Prayer Group</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>7.15 pm</i>	<i>Church Vestry</i>
<i>Indoor Bowling Club</i>			
	<i>Monday</i>	<i>7.30 pm</i>	<i>Parochial Hall</i>
	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>7.30 pm</i>	<i>Parochial Hall</i>
<i>Mothers and Toddlers</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>10.00 am</i>	<i>Parochial Hall</i>
<i>Mothers' Union</i>	<i>2nd Wed.</i>	<i>8.00 pm</i>	<i>Minor Hall</i>
<i>Still Active Club</i>	<i>3rd Wed.</i>	<i>2.00 pm</i>	<i>Minor Hall</i>
<i>Junior Youth Club</i>	<i>Saturday</i>	<i>7.00 pm</i>	<i>Parochial Hall</i>
<i>Senior Youth Club</i>	<i>Saturday</i>	<i>8.00 pm</i>	<i>Parochial Hall</i>
<i>Badminton</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>7.30 pm</i>	<i>Parochial Hall</i>
<i>Sewing Group</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>10.00 am</i>	<i>Parochial Hall</i>

## SAINT COLUMBA'S

	Day	Time	Contact
<i>Beavers</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>6.30 pm</i>	<i>Mrs H Weir</i>
<i>Ladies' Circle</i>	<i>4th Monday</i>	<i>8.00 pm</i>	<i>Mrs L Hughes</i>
<i>Brownies</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>6.30 pm</i>	<i>Mrs K Black</i>
<i>Guides</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>6.30 pm</i>	<i>Mrs K Black</i>
<i>Senior Guides</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>8.00 pm</i>	<i>Mrs K Black</i>
<i>Squirrels</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>6.30 pm</i>	<i>Mr P Houston</i>
<i>Cubs</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>6.45 pm</i>	<i>Mrs H Clarke</i>
<i>Rainbows</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>6.15 pm</i>	<i>Mrs H Strain</i>
<i>Scouts</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>7.45 pm</i>	<i>Mr A Coates</i>



# 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 C Kernohan*

## HOLY BAPTISM

*At Sunday services by arrangement*