



Kids Club

What a way to end a fantastic first year of our new Kids Club! We hired a bouncy castle, complete with bouncy slide, and an inflatable dart board, along with our basketball, giant 10-pin-bowling and games. And no party is complete without hot dogs, sweets and crisps! It was great fun and the kids didn't want to go home at the end of the night.

Each month the kids have been able to come along to our Parish Hall to have fun, play games, see their friends and make new friends as well. It has been great being able to provide somewhere for the kids to come and enjoy their Saturday nights (and give their parents a couple of free hours each month as well!). Over the last year we have had a movie night, decorated cupcakes and biscuits, had a large, and very competitive, game of crab football and much more! Each month the kids would ask what 'special' activity would we have for them next time so it was great being able to plan different activities to add in each time.

It's been a pleasure to run Kids Club for such a wonderful group, and it has been great to see them coming back each month and bringing their friends along too. We have met some great kids this year and loved getting to know them all better each month. We hope that the kids have loved it all as much as we have and hope everyone has a wonderful, and much deserved break this summer. I hope next year will be as great as this one!

Michelle

	<p><u>Congratulations</u></p>
	<p>David Kane</p>
	<p>who has been selected by the Northern Cricket Union (NCU) to represent Ulster in the Inter-Provincial Series of matches this season. He will also play in the Ayr Cricket Festival to be held in August.</p>
	<p>Well done, David!</p>

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ST. PATRICK'S & ST. JOHN'S
The Parish of Templepatrick & Donegore

“The meaning of Life?
To experience God’s love,
to respond to that love
and to share it with others.”

Organisation Start Back Dates

Bowling Club

Friday 7 September 2018

Choir

Thursday 6 September 2018

Guides - Rainbows/Brownies/Guides

Date to be confirmed

Ladies Fellowship

Tuesday 18 September 2018

Parish Prayer Group

Monday 3 September 2018

Scouts - Beavers/Cubs/Scouts

w/c Monday 10 September 2018

Select Vestry

Monday 10 September 2018

Soup Lunches

Wednesday 3 October 2018

Sunday Club

Sunday 2 September 2018 – Service of the Word

Sunday 9 September 2018

Teen Blast

Saturday 20 October 2018

Wednesday Morning Communion

Wednesday 5 September 2018

Wednesday Evening Group

Wednesday 5 September 2018

Yoga

Monday 3 September 2018

Rector's Annual Report 2018

It is hard to believe that this is my second Annual Report to you as your Rector and my fifth overall. As a disclaimer I will warn you that it is inevitable that a certain amount of this report will sound familiar, but that in itself highlights one of the great tensions within the global church. The tension between being the rock of stability in a volatile and unpredictable world and being the river of life that changes its course with the changing terrain through which it flows.

My delight, in presenting this report, is being able to remind you of successes we have had on both sides of that dynamic. As a Christian Community our primary function is to gather together on Sunday mornings to worship God. In St John's we have marked the 200th Anniversary of the building of the present Nave with the publication of a second edition of Margaret Bell's history of the church, and our congregations there frequently number over 30. In St Patrick's, we continue to offer a style of worship that is becoming increasingly rare and yet is still appreciated by many people and is often commented on by those who come to visit us.

It was a great honour for me to present Pat MacKean and Noreen Clendinning with their long service awards for 54 and 50 years respectively in the Parish Choir. I was equally proud to present Carole and Elizabeth to the Warden of Readers for their licensing as Parish Readers. Their role, whilst well established elsewhere, is new in our Parish - but it is a role that enriches and deepens our worship and our ability to connect with God in ways that, without them, would not be possible.

A very close second to our Sunday Worship is our responsibility to grow in our faith and we continue to deepen our appreciation and understanding of the Bible through our Wednesday Evenings at the Vicarage. In the same vein, and I'm only going to mention it once, I'm particularly delighted to be taking half a dozen parishioners on pilgrimage to the Holy Land at the end of May. Our Monday morning prayer time also continues to develop, and, on one of the Mondays each month, we hold it as a 'quiet time' in the church. We also have a small group who have started to explore other, more contemplative, forms of prayer.

We have had occasions to welcome visitors to our Churches, Doagh Fellowship of Churches met in St John's last April, and we have had many come for weddings, baptisms and funerals throughout the year. And so many of them have commented how beautiful our churches are, how warm our welcome is and how inspirational our engagement with God is.

Perhaps this is as good a point as any to mention that other parishes are looking at what we are doing and how we are doing it - the word is out that we are, and I quote 'in a good place'. I have, over the last year, had a couple of conversations with people about how we

have turned St John's around from 'on the verge of closure' (their words) to growth. Our Rural Deanery Lenten service is looked forward to by many each year and, with it having been the Ash Wednesday service this year, it was particularly well received.

But coming back to what we do for ourselves – I realise I haven't yet mentioned the special services for Easter, Ascension, Harvest and Christmas – and my thanks to our organists Pat and Sally and our choir and musicians (both young and even younger!); to our readers and intercessors; our sacristans Brian and Heather; our churchwardens Colin, Florence, Stephen and Margaret; and our Sunday Club leaders Gail, Clare and Sophie not just for making those occasions so special and meaningful – but for turning up Sunday after Sunday throughout the year. And that on top of all the preparation, rehearsals and early arriving and late leaving.

But of course, the value of our worship is also measured by how we live out the faith that we have nurtured Sunday by Sunday. Our Wednesday Community Soup and Cheese Lunches continue to be appreciated and enjoyed by many. And again 'the word is out' about how good they are, and how well they are run. In fact a couple of my colleagues have been visiting and taking notes! I want to say thank you to Anne, Alison, Isobel, Margaret and Noreen and all those who work so hard with them to make those lunches the success that they are.

The organisations that meet regularly in our halls – The Bowls club, The Yoga Group, The Ladies' Fellowship, Kid's Club, The Retirement Group and the Uniformed Organisations, all provide opportunities not just for entertainment but for conversation and mutual support. Thank you to all of the leaders and to Isobel who, as Hall Secretary, keeps the events diary and all that goes with that.

As I glanced back through my diary for last year I was reminded of the so many other things we did, some as Fundraisers, others purely as social occasions – The Table Quiz, The Hog Roast, Tai Chi classes, European Heritage Open Days, The Harvest and Lent Lunches, The Chinese Banquet, and the Percy French night. (And as a late addition - The Donegore Music Concert that should have been in December – we thoroughly enjoyed on Saturday 24th March). So many people put so much work into those events and without them, our parish finances would be so much worse – and our sense of community and fellowship would be so much weaker.

On a more down-to-earth level – this year we seem to have endured more storms and snows than usual so a particularly sincere thank you this year to those who keep our buildings open, safe and looking so well: our Glebewardens Karl and Christopher; those on the cleaning rota and the flower rota; those who cut the grass in St Patrick's and all the other little (and not so little) jobs that people do.

Much of what I have said so far ties in with our Parish Development Plan – but I want to pick out four other things from it that are worthy of mention –

Firstly, our engagement with Templepatrick Primary School continues to grow – we welcomed children from the Orchestra to our St Patrick's Day Lunch on Wednesday. Sandra Aitcheson and I represent the Church on the Board of Governors and I am the governor representative on the School's Rights Respecting School panel which, as parents and grandparents of pupils will know, achieved the 1st level accreditation and is now working towards the 2nd level.

Secondly, in St John's we have started the investigative stages of improving the access for wheelchair users and of building a toilet. These are essential for making more use of the church, but require particularly careful and sensitive planning so as not to detract from the beauty and that sense of 'A Place Apart' that makes the church so special.

Thirdly, our accreditation as "Safe Church" is part of a much bigger initiative, championed by Women's Aid, against Domestic Violence and provides a first point of contact for victims as well as being a voice that speaks against any form of domestic violence, physical, emotional or spiritual.

And the fourth thing to mention is that we placed boxes for Food and toiletries to go to Antrim's Food Bank into both churches. These have proven to be a great success and we have taken approximately 3 dozen bag-fulls of provisions to them. These items have then been allocated to individuals, couples and families who have been referred by statutory agencies such as doctors, social services and the Citizens Advice Bureau.

So my thanks to all of the members of the Parish Development Team and especially to Denise who leads the Community Engagement Sub-group.

And then, there are all those other things that come and go, handled with quiet devotion and which are also significant parts of our parish life – The Christian Aid collection, The Magazine, those who make tea and coffee on various occasions – and I should also mention Dorothy Gaffney who is in training to take over from Alison Millar as Catering Co-ordinator. And many, many others each of whom brings something extra, something more to who we are and what we do as a parish.

Looking forward to the next twelve months, and conscious of that dynamic between the dependable-familiar and the flexible-pioneering, I am conscious that as well as continuing to provide good Anglican worship on a Sunday Morning - we also need to create opportunities for those who want a less formal and more innovative style of worship and engagement with the Bible. It is one of our Parish Development objectives; and I have been trying for some time to work out how we might do that. So, starting the Sunday after Easter, we shall try out a Café Church gathering on Sunday Evenings. I hope it will appeal

to all age groups, but my greater hope is that it will offer those who have not yet found a spiritual home, the chance to explore and deepen their relationship with God.

In terms of our Community Engagement – we are keen to find new opportunities for social events. There are a number of ideas being discussed and planned already that will, I hope, be just as enjoyable as the events they will replace – but will also engage with new people and deepen that sense of dynamism and flexibility that we need to embrace.

Someone once said - It is impossible to please all of the people all of the time. That is no less true in church than it is anywhere else – but I believe that everyone of us comes to church and engages with our work in the community because we are all seeking to deepen our love for God, and to make that love real for other people. It is also my belief that that happens most effectively in a Church context where Bible reading and prayer are taken seriously. My main objective for the next year is to continue to help you in that mission.

Before I conclude, I must say a very sincere thank you to Gail who, as parish administrator, has made my workload so much more manageable – but has also brought her own relationship with God into what she does. She doesn't just engage with that role as a job – but as something that is important to her; and I thank her for that as much as for all that she does.

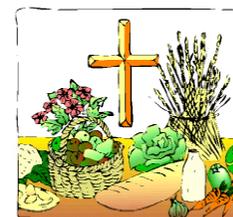
To my family, and especially to Nuala, just saying thank you falls so far short of fully expressing my gratitude to you for your love, support and guidance both in my ministry and in being myself.

And finally, I have kept my thank you for Select Vestry and the Finance team of Norman, Isobel, Michael and Trevor to last. The work that you do so often goes unseen and would only be noticed if you failed to do it – but you don't and all of our success as a parish sits on top of that quiet, diligent work. But I have kept my thank you to you to the end because Norman, after 25 years as Honorary Treasurer, and a further 7 as member of Select Vestry is standing down. I cannot even imagine the number of hours that he has put into that role, but the fact that our parish is in such a sound financial position owes a lot to those many, many hours, so thank you Norman. As a token of our appreciation, Ann and Gail presented Norman with a card and a gift – *and I must also add that Trevor Michael has stepped down after 23 years auditing those accounts. Thank you Trevor for the essential part you have played in that team.*

I'm delighted to finish by saying that in the Select Vestry Meeting directly after Easter Vestry, Andrew Kane agreed to take on the role of Honorary Treasurer.

Thank you.

Andrew



HARVEST SERVICES

St Patrick's, Templepatrick

Sunday 7th October 2018

11.30 am Service of the Word for Harvest

The 11.30 am service will be followed by Lunch in the Parish Hall

*St Patrick's Church will be decorated on Saturday 6th October from 10 am.
Please bring along your contribution that morning and stay to lend a hand if possible.
Thank you.*



St John's, Donegore

Sunday 14th October 2018

3.30 pm Evening Prayer for Harvest



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Creche: (Sunday)

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St Patrick's Young Singers/Instrumentalists: Rehearsal before Service of the Word service, in the Church - see Pat - Tel: 9443 9398

Rainbow Guides (4-7 years): Wednesday 6.00-7.00pm Joan Barkley
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Teen Blast: 3rd Saturday in the month 7.00-10.00pm Michelle Spence Tel: 9083 6901

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Choir: Practices on Thursday at 8pm. Mrs Pat Maxwell Tel: 9443 9398

Indoor Bowling Club: Friday 7.30pm Secretary: Mrs I McCollam Tel: 9443 2734

Ladies Fellowship: 3rd Tuesday in the month 7.30pm

Secretary: Mrs K Porter Tel: 07734 580494

Yoga: Monday 6.30-8.00pm Gail McCoy Tel: 07841 382193



Rotas



Readers and Intercessors rota for St Patrick's, Templepatrick

<i>Date</i>	<i>Service</i>	<i>Reading / Intercessions</i>	<i>Reader / Intercessor</i>
01.07.18	Service of the Word	Epistle	Stephen McCollam
08.07.18	Morning Prayer One	Epistle	Sandra Aitcheson
15.07.18	Holy Communion Two	Old Testament Epistle Intercessions	Claire Forth Ann Ker Andrew Kane
22.07.18	Morning Prayer Two	Epistle	Liz McIlwaine
29.07.18	Holy Communion Two	Old Testament Epistle Intercessions	Daphne Lucas John Sheldon Rector
05.08.18	Service of the Word	Epistle	Suzanne Bennett
12.08.18	Morning Prayer One	Epistle	Bill McCrum
19.08.18	Holy Communion Two	Old Testament Epistle Intercessions	Bill McAvoy Noreen Clendinning Alison Millar
26.08.18	Morning Prayer Two	Epistle	Jeanette Egli
02.09.18	Service of the Word	Gospel Prayers	Anna Glover Ava Glover
09.09.18	Morning Prayer One	Epistle	Steve Britton-Hall
16.09.18	Holy Communion Two	Old Testament Epistle Intercessions	Margaret Walbridge Brian McMeekin Wendy Brolly
23.09.18	Morning Prayer Two	Epistle	Ben Collister
30.09.18	Holy Communion Two	Old Testament Epistle Intercessions	Amanda Brobyn Angela Barton Rector
07.10.18	Service of the Word for Harvest	Gospel Prayers	Josh Brobyn Harriet Brobyn
14.10.18	Morning Prayer One	Epistle	Kathryn Young

Readers and Intercessors rota for St Patrick's, Templepatrick cont'd

21.10.18	Holy Communion Two	Old Testament Epistle Intercessions	Kathy Gordon Alan Walbridge Ann Kerr
28.10.18	Morning Prayer Two	Epistle	Harry Cinnamon

If you are unable to do either the reading or the prayers on the day you are assigned please swap with someone else on the rota and then change the list at the back of the church and inform the Vicar that a swap has been made. Thank you.

Fundraising Calendar

We are planning further fundraising events for the benefit of the parish and we value your support. The dates for your diaries are below, we'd love to see you at these events!

- Fashion Show** - Saturday 22 September 2018
- Donegore Christmas Music** - Tuesday 4 December 2018
(Tickets available from 1st October from Church Wardens & Heather, Tel: 9443 2990)

Table Quiz

A thoroughly enjoyable evening, raising:

£757 - for parish funds



The Parish of Templepatrick and Donegore

Community Soup and Cheese Lunch

will resume on **Wednesday 3rd October 2018**

from 12 noon - 2pm

at Templepatrick Parish Hall, Old Coach Road

All welcome for food and fellowship



Rotas



Readers and Intercessors rota for St John's, Donegore

<i>Date</i>	<i>Service</i>	<i>Reading / Intercessions</i>	<i>Reader / Intercessor</i>
01.07.18	Holy Communion Two	_____	_____
08.07.18	Holy Communion Two	Old Testament Epistle Intercessions	Heather Boyd Colin Ovans Carole Williamson
15.07.18	Holy Communion One	_____	_____
22.07.18	Morning Prayer One	Epistle	Molly Finlay
29.07.18	Morning Prayer Two	_____	_____
05.08.18	Holy Communion Two	_____	_____
12.08.18	Morning Prayer One *	Epistle	Luella Lecky
19.08.18	Holy Communion One	_____	_____
26.08.18	Holy Communion Two *	Old Testament Epistle Intercessions	Sharon Watson Des Smyth Elizabeth Smyth
02.09.18	Holy Communion Two	_____	_____
09.09.18	Holy Communion Two	Old Testament Epistle Intercessions	Heather Boyd Molly Finlay Luella Lecky
16.09.18	Holy Communion One	_____	_____
23.09.18	Morning Prayer One	Epistle	Colin Ovans
30.09.18	Morning Prayer Two	_____	_____
07.10.18	Holy Communion Two	_____	_____
14.10.18	Holy Communion Two	Old Testament Epistle Intercessions	Michael Cooke Anne Cooke Carole Williamson
21.10.18	Holy Communion One	_____	_____
28.10.18	Morning Prayer One	Epistle	Bob Cotter

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St Patrick's

 <u>Communion Rota</u>	
July	Mr A & Mrs C Borland
August	Mrs D McIlwaine & Mrs J Reid
September	Mrs V Brady & Mrs L Glass
October	Mrs A Millar & Mr B McAvoy

 <u>Cleaning Rota</u>	
July	S Aitcheson, H Graham
August	I McCollam
September	S White, D Lucas
October	L Lynas, L Lecky

 <u>Flower Rota</u>	
July	1 st B McMeekin, 8 th D Gaffney, 15 th , 22 nd & 29 th Available
August	5 th L Glass, 12 th , 19 th & 26 th Available
September	2 nd M Walbridge, 9 th I McCollam, 16 th H Graham, 23 rd J Egli, 30 th Available
October	7 th & 14 th Harvest, 21 st & 28 th Available

St John's

 <u>Communion Rota</u>	
July	Mr M & Mrs J Boyd
August	Dr C & Mrs W Lundy
September	Mr M & Mrs A Cooke
October	Ms H Boyd & Mrs L Lecky

CALENDAR FOR JULY – OCTOBER 2018

01.07.18 The Fifth Sunday after Trinity

10:00 am Holy Communion Two (said) - St John's
11:30 am Service of the Word - St Patrick's

Old Testament	2 Samuel 1: 1, 17-27
Psalm	130
Epistle	2 Corinthians 8: 7-15
Gospel	Mark 5: 21-43

08.07.18 The Sixth Sunday after Trinity

10:00 am Holy Communion Two - St John's
11:30 am Morning Prayer One with Holy Baptism - St Patrick's

Old Testament	2 Samuel 5: 1-5, 9-10
Psalm	48
Epistle	2 Corinthians 12: 2-10
Gospel	Mark 6: 1-13

15.07.18 The Seventh Sunday after Trinity

10:00 am Holy Communion One (said) - St John's
11:30 am Holy Communion Two - St Patrick's

Old Testament	2 Samuel 6: 1-5, 12b-19
Psalm	24
Epistle	Ephesians 1: 3-14
Gospel	Mark 6: 14-29

22.07.18 The Eighth Sunday after Trinity

10:00 am Morning Prayer One - St John's
11:30 am Morning Prayer Two with Holy Baptism - St Patrick's

Old Testament	2 Samuel 7: 1-14a
Psalm	89: 20-37
Epistle	Ephesians 2: 11-22
Gospel	Mark 6: 30-34, 53-56

29.07.18 The Ninth Sunday after Trinity

10:00 am Morning Prayer Two (said) - St John's
11:30 am Holy Communion Two - St Patrick's

Old Testament	2 Samuel 11: 1-15
Psalm	14
Epistle	Ephesians 3: 14-21
Gospel	John 6: 1-21

05.08.18 The Tenth Sunday after Trinity

10:00 am Holy Communion Two (said) - St John's
11:30 am Service of the Word - St Patrick's

Old Testament	2 Samuel 11: 26 - 12: 13a
Psalm	51: 1-13
Epistle	Ephesians 4: 1-16
Gospel	John 6: 24-35

12.08.18 The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

10:00 am **Morning Prayer One*** - St John's
11:30 am Morning Prayer One - St Patrick's

Old Testament	2 Samuel 18: 5-9, 15, 31-33
Psalm	130
Epistle	Ephesians 4: 25 - 5: 2
Gospel	John 6: 35, 41-51

19.08.18 The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

10:00 am Holy Communion One (said) - St John's
11:30 am Holy Communion Two - St Patrick's

Old Testament	1 Kings 2: 10-12; 3: 3-14
Psalm	111
Epistle	Ephesians 5: 15-20
Gospel	John 6: 51-58

26.08.18 The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

10:00 am **Holy Communion Two*** - St John's
11:30 am Morning Prayer Two - St Patrick's

Old Testament	1 Kings 8: 22-30, 41-43
Psalm	84
Epistle	Ephesians 6: 10-20
Gospel	John 6: 56-69

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02.09.18 The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

10:00 am Holy Communion Two (said) - St John's
 11:30 am Service of the Word - St Patrick's

Old Testament	Song of Solomon 2: 8-13
Psalm	45: 1-2, 6-9
Epistle	James 1: 17-27
Gospel	Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23

05.09.18 Wednesday

10:00 am Holy Communion One - St Patrick's

09.09.18 The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

10:00 am Holy Communion Two - St John's
 11:30 am Morning Prayer One - St Patrick's

Old Testament	Proverbs 22: 1-2, 8-9, 22-23
Psalm	125
Epistle	James 2: 1-10, 14-17
Gospel	Mark 7: 24-37

12.09.18 Wednesday

10:00 am Holy Communion Two - St Patrick's

16.09.18 The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

10:00 am Holy Communion One (said) - St John's
 11:30 am Holy Communion Two - St Patrick's

Old Testament	Proverbs 1: 20-33
Psalm	19
Epistle	James 3: 1-12
Gospel	Mark 8: 27-38

19.09.18 Wednesday

10:00 am Holy Communion One - St Patrick's

23.09.18 The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

10:00 am Morning Prayer One - St John's
 11:30 am Morning Prayer Two - St Patrick's

Old Testament	Proverbs 31: 10-31
Psalm	1
Epistle	James 3: 13 - 4: 3, 7-8a
Gospel	Mark 9: 30-37

26.09.18 Wednesday

10:00 am Holy Communion Two - St Patrick's

30.09.18 The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

10:00 am Morning Prayer Two (said) - St John's
 11:30 am Holy Communion Two - St Patrick's

Old Testament	Esther 7: 1-6, 9-10; 9: 20-22
Psalm	124
Epistle	James 5: 13-20
Gospel	Mark 9: 38-50

03.10.18 Wednesday

10:00 am Holy Communion One - St Patrick's

07.10.18 The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

10:00 am Holy Communion Two (said) - St John's
 11:30 am Service of the Word for Harvest - St Patrick's
 12:30 pm Harvest Lunch - Parish Hall

Old Testament	Job 1: 1; 2: 1-10
Psalm	26
Epistle	Hebrews 1: 1-4; 2: 5-12
Gospel	Mark 10: 2-16

10.10.18 Wednesday

10:00 am Holy Communion Two - St Patrick's

14.10.18 The Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

10:00 am Holy Communion Two - St John's
 11:30 am Morning Prayer One - St Patrick's
 3:30 pm Evening Prayer for Harvest - St John's

Old Testament	Job 23: 1-9, 16-17
Psalm	22: 1-15
Epistle	Hebrews 4: 12-16
Gospel	Mark 10: 17-31

17.10.18 Wednesday

10:00 am Holy Communion One - St Patrick's

21.10.18 The Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity

10:00 am Holy Communion One (said) - St John's

11:30 am Holy Communion Two - St Patrick's

Old Testament	Job 38: 1-7
Psalm	104: 1-10, 26, 37c
Epistle	Hebrews 5: 1-10
Gospel	Mark 10: 35-45

24.10.18 Wednesday

10:00 am Holy Communion Two - St Patrick's

28.10.18 The Fifth Sunday before Advent (Bible Sunday)

10:00 am Morning Prayer One - St John's

11:30 am Morning Prayer Two - St Patrick's

Old Testament	Isaiah 55: 1-11
Psalm	19: 7-14
Epistle	2 Timothy 3: 14 - 4: 5
Gospel	John 5: 36b-47

31.10.18 Wednesday

10:00 am Holy Communion One - St Patrick's

From the Registers

HOLY BAPTISM

"He took them in his arms and blessed them"

8th April 2018, Christopher Logan Spence

CHRISTIAN BURIAL

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord"

12th June 2018, Yvonne Hutchinson

The Parish of Templepatrick and Donegore

Diocese of Connor - Church of Ireland

The following were nominated or elected at the Easter Annual General Vestry meeting on Monday 19 March 2018

Rector's Churchwarden: (St Patrick's) Mr S McCollam
 People's Churchwarden: (St Patrick's) Mrs M Walbridge
 Rector's Churchwarden: (St John's) Mrs F McElhinney
 People's Churchwarden: (St John's) Mr C Ovens
 Rector's Glebewarden: Mr K Egli
 People's Glebewarden: Dr C Lundy

Select Vestry Members in addition to the above:

Mrs A Cinnamon, Mr M Cooke, Mrs L Glass, Mr J Jones, Mr A Kane, Miss A Kerr, Mrs D Martin, Mrs I McCollam, Mrs G McCoy, Mrs E Smyth

Diocesan Synodsmembers: Mr E Cinnamon, Mrs D Martin
 Supplemental Diocesan Synodsmembers: Mr A Walbridge, Miss A Kerr

Parochial Nominators: Mr N Shirley, Mrs M Walbridge
 Mr S McCollam, Dr C Lundy

Supplemental Nominators: Mr M Cooke, Mrs A Millar,
 Mr J Sheldon, Mrs C Michael

Honorary Auditor:

The following were elected by the newly constituted Select Vestry on Monday 19 March 2018

Honorary Secretary: Mrs G McCoy
 Honorary Treasurer: Mr A Kane

PARISH FINANCES

First of all as the newly elected Honorary Treasurer of the Parish I would like to thank all those who have help ease me into the new job without too much trauma, especially our outgoing Treasurer Norman Shirley, who has done such an excellent job over the last 25 years. I hope I can match up to the quality of his work, though hopefully not the length of his service.

General Account (for day to day income and expenditure)

At the end of May this account had a **surplus** of £13,432, due almost entirely to the Gift Aid refund of £12,800 received from H M Revenue and Customs in April. This shows the importance of all Parishioners who pay tax completing a Gift Aid declaration to maximise our income from this source. The increased use of bankers' order, with 2/3 of Parishioners now paying their Freewill Offering by this method, has stabilised our income evenly through the year and anyone else who would consider this method, as an alternative to weekly envelopes, should contact the Parish Recorder, Mrs Isobel McCollum or myself. This account should show a surplus at the end of the financial year.

Fabric Account (for upkeep and repair of property and buildings)

At the end of May this account also showed a **surplus** of £9,788, thanks mainly to the efforts of our Fundraising Committee. The income to this account through monthly envelopes has however declined by 30% from last year, which is a cause for some concern. The maintenance costs of our buildings continue to grow and further substantial work is expected in St John's in the near future. The Select Vestry would therefore encourage Parishioners to continue to contribute to this account and anyone wishing to set up a separate bankers' order for this purpose, as a couple of parishioners have already done, should contact Isobel or myself.

The Church accounts have been left in excellent order by the previous Treasurer and Select Vestry and I hope for your continued support to maintain that position into the future.

Andrew Kane
(Hon Treasurer)



St Patrick's & St John's Bowling Club

The Bowling Club held their AGM on Friday 4th May 2018, in the Minor Hall, at 7.30pm, with a very good turn out of members and followed by presentation of prizes and supper.

We welcome the committee elected and look forward to the start of the new season on **Friday 7th September 2018 at 7.30pm.**

We had two new members this season.
New members would be made most welcome.

On Saturday 18th August 2018, we are having our 'annual' outing to Dunluce Outdoor Bowling Club, Bushmills, followed by a meal in Bushfoot Golf Club.

In September we will be having a three-day weekend break in Donegal.

Once again we had a great year of bowling, thanks to everyone who turned up each week.

Isobel McCollam
(Hon Secretary)

A Note from St John's, Donegore

We wish to thank Pat MacKean for the many years of dedicated Service she has shared with us in the Choir at St John's.

Music has played a huge part throughout Pat's life and she has been a great source of inspiration and encouragement to us on the Hill.

Sadly, Choir members have been in short supply, but recently, I am happy to say we have three new members, a big thank you to them - you know who you are!!

Anyone else who would like to join Sally's Choir are more than welcome and we would be delighted to see some new faces. A word with Sally would be appreciated.

In closing, just a mention for the children who occasionally attend St John's. We now have a little library of Bible stories and Bibles, which the children can pick up from the bookcase at the back of the Church. Please feel free to use and return at the end of the Service.

We are very grateful for this kind donation.

Heather Boyd



Music in the parish

Music-making within the parish continues to flourish in delightfully unexpected directions: the 'Girl Band' who made their debut in February with a pop-Christian song called 'My lighthouse', sang for us again in May. This time Alan Walbridge reproduced the original backing track for them. The song 'Believe' was amazingly effective and moving, delivered with confidence and poise by Beth, Emilia, Harriet, Helen and Natalie. Well done, girls!

On 13 May the choir recognised Jack McConnell's lifetime contribution to church music, in presenting to him the Loyal Service Medal of the Royal School of Church Music. Jack began singing as a choirboy in St James's, Belfast, becoming Head Choirboy there, and eventually entering the tenor section. A group of his lifelong friends from St James's, along with his family from Dublin, joined us in St Patrick's for the service, and for lunch afterwards. This was a happy and memorable occasion for all present, and we congratulate Jack on his well-deserved award.

On 20 May, Pentecost, the Church Recorder Consort played arrangements of three hymns representing the church seasons of Easter, Ascension and Pentecost: 'This joyful Eastertide', 'Hail the day that sees him rise' and 'Spirit of the living God'. We were delighted to have Helen and Natalie Menagh join the adult group for this recital. Although we are now well established, and widening our repertoire each season, we are always open to new members, and will offer support for absolute beginners. Most of the present group were absolute beginners when we started two years ago!

On 3 June, our young musicians shared with us some of the music they are preparing for Grade Examinations. These included solos on flute, violin and piano, before the 11.30 service.

As choir practices finish for the summer, a reminder that the full schedule of sung services will continue through the summer months. Thank you Choir!

Pat

Tel: 9443 9398

Safeguarding Trust

In accordance with the recommendations in 'Safeguarding Trust - The Church of Ireland Code of Good Practice for Ministry with Children', a Parish Panel has been appointed (operating since June 1998) to implement some of the responsibilities identified in the Code.

The Panels responsibilities include:

- interviewing persons willing to serve as workers in the parish
- advising workers on their responsibilities in respect of the Code
- advising the Select Vestry in respect of its responsibilities
- being an immediate contact point for workers when a suspicion, complaint or allegation of child abuse is made about a worker or on parish premises in accord with the procedures set out in these guidelines.

The Parish Panel Members are:-

Rev Andrew Ker, 926 Antrim Road, Templepatrick Tel:028 9443 2300

Mrs S Aitcheson, 3 Lylehill Green, Templepatrick Tel:028 9443 3674

Mr M Cooke, 44 Rathmore Road, Dunadry Tel:028 9443 3183

Mr A Walbridge, 4 Broadacres, Templepatrick Tel:028 9443 2795



Notes for next issue of the Parish Magazine are due on:-

Wednesday 26 September 2018

Contributions from all parish organisations would be very welcome.

LADIES FELLOWSHIP SUMMER OUTING 2018

On a mild May morning, many of our ladies, and not a few gents, boarded the bus. With our informative and ever friendly driver Walter at the wheel, we anticipated a great day out. Expectations were running high! In perfect time we set off from the Templeton Hotel, through beautiful, 'basket-in-flower' Broughshane, descending into the breath-taking picturesque views of the Glens and into the ever-quaint Glenarm village. Our destination of course – Glenarm Castle. We had arrived!

As the bus pulled up to the function room courtyard, we were met & welcomed by our charming waiter for the day and were treated to an array of white linen clothed tables with fine mixed china settings, mouth-watering scones, and never ending tea & coffee! What a treat! Oh, did I mention the stunning flower displays on entrance? It passed our expectations, and then some! Fellowship & craic around the tables was delightful. High anticipation for the rest of the day was set!

Before lunch, our party, 30 in all, were given a well-paced, informative & witty Castle Tour by George the Butler. As the hearty fire crackled in the hallway, adorned with impressive pillars and hand painted friezes, we moved on from room to room, sporting heirlooms and paintings a plenty, alongside cherished family mementos & treasured photos. A real sense of history and heritage prevailed. We then boarded the bus and were escorted back through tree-lined grounds and sheep filled fields to lunch. Eating again!

Lunch consisted of a tasty veggie soup, made with herbs, freshly picked from the castle grounds that morning, served with a superb selection of tasty, precision cut chunky sandwiches & tempting tray bakes. All the flavours kept us guessing with intrigue ... wonderful!

As you can imagine with all that sitting and eating it was time for a bit of light exercise! We walked and mused through the delightful gardens, chatting and sharing, with engaging displays of colour-popping flowers and shrubs almost standing at attention, all planted up for the May Tulip Festival. Simply stunning!

No annual day out is surely ever complete without a little retail therapy! Again we had an array to peruse and choose from: The Tea room & shop, Curios & Antiques, The Byre, and The Fudge Factory. Yes, there really was a little something for everyone.

If you are up for a bit of challenge, maybe you could find out who bought the swill bucket, or the beautiful matching outfit, or the Book of Glenarm Castle or the expensive necklace [all of £2 I think, sssh], or the beautiful cobalt blue glass set? I could go on!

All in all our annual day out really proved to be 'a something for everyone' kind of day, surpassing expectation. Our heartfelt thanks to all who made the day flow so well. Bless you. Roll on next year ... maybe see you there!

Karen Porter
(Hon Secretary)
Tel: 07734 580494

Spring Song St John's, Donegore

Thank you to everybody who attended Jubilate! with their Spring Song on Saturday 24th March 2018.

It was a wonderful evening of Songs from around the World. The choice of Music by Dave Stewart (The Director & Conductor) was amazing - something for everyone. Some familiar and others unfamiliar, but never-the-less most enjoyable.

The evening ended with supper, extended to everyone, due to our small number in the audience.

Our thanks to Jubilate! and All who supported our yearly fund-raiser.

£505 was raised on the night and donations went to Clic Sargent and Church Funds.

Hopefully we will welcome back Dave Stewart and Jubilate! for our Christmas Music on 4th December 2018 - A date not to be missed!!

Hope to see you then ...

Heather Boyd

I Pilgrimaged



The sun was hot and burned high in the sky
In time I stopped and sat upon a stone
And there I asked myself the question, Why?
Why had You come from Heaven's arms, to face The Cross, alone?

I pilgrimaged to see Your place of birth
And where You rested, there I rested too
I walked for miles along this dust of earth
With every step I prayed my footprints touched the ones from You.

I felt myself move further back in time
A woven garment round me, open sandals on my feet
And suddenly this Holy Land was mine
Though my question never left me, and I prayed that we would meet.

I pilgrimaged to see Your place of life
And heard the children laugh, as children do
Natives haggled for their wares in good-natured strife
From the rough-and-ready stalls, beside a sea of vivid blue.

I felt the urgent need to look around
As crowds were jostled heavily, in throng
Distinctly I heard animated sound
Yet I sensed a great belonging, for the images were strong.

I felt a Presence come among this folk
And feared I'd miss You, were I overcome
I could reach, and almost touch Your very cloak
For the answer moved my soul when I gazed at this Suffered One.

I pilgrimaged to see Your place of death
Realizing I would never be the same
I sank into the silence, with the sound of Your last breath
For in this Holy Land You died – after whispering my name.

Jeanette Eglí

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Holy Land Pilgrimage



Going on a pilgrimage is a very personal journey, nor is it for the faint hearted. However, if you go in a group, this creates a different dynamic. The experience becomes two-fold, personal and as part of a 'team'. The group also becomes a very important part of the experience.

Our Pilgrimage to the Holy Land started on Tuesday 22nd May 2018. There were 13 of us. We stayed for the first 6 nights in Jerusalem, a busy, noisy city and the second part of our stay was in Tiberias, on the shores of the Sea of Galilee, quiet and restful. I could tell the story, purely factually and list the places we visited, but I don't think that would give a sense of what the experience felt like. What I would like to share with you is my account of a few occasions which stood out for me.

As part of our group we had three ministers with us: David, Andrew and Walter. They were all very different personalities and brought their own perceptions and insights to our Pilgrimage and to the spirituality of the experience. As expected, they were all very professional about their ministerial role, but they also showed how they were just like the rest of us, sharing jokes, chatting and laughing: very refreshing!

On our first day we visited the Shepherds' Fields. Following lunch in a restaurant in the style of a Bedouin tent, we went to a cave adjacent to a local church, for Holy Communion. It was thought that this was close to where Jesus was born. The celebrant was Walter and he talked about how the angels visited the shepherds and urged them to go to see the baby Jesus. As we stood in that cave reciting the liturgy, the atmosphere changed to a strong feeling of

reverence and it felt like we were in the presence of God. It caught me by surprise, but it was very re-assuring that God had met us at the very beginning of our Pilgrimage.

The second occasion that stood out for me was when we went to Wadi Qelt, into the desert. After we drove for about 40 minutes, we arrived at the bottom of a steep hill. We had to walk up the hill along a narrow path, looking down into a steep valley. Again we shared communion. David was our celebrant that day and he explained that in Biblical times, when people wanted to get close to God, they would go out into the desert. As we stood under a shelter, the sun was beating down, the sky was cloudless and a clear blue colour, the ground was barren and rocky and apart from a few birds calling in the distance, there was nothing but a deafening silence. It became apparent why someone would retreat away from the crowds in Jerusalem, to be still in the silence, to try to get in touch with their soul and to listen to that 'still small voice' of God guiding them.

The third place that stood out for me was on the shore of the Sea of Galilee. There was a designated place with wooden pews and a large stone altar and an iron cross in it. We celebrated the Eucharist here too. Andrew was the celebrant and he talked about Jesus feeding the 5,000. He described how the small boy had the bread and the fish and how Jesus asked the disciples to bring the food to him. Then as Jesus broke the bread in half, each half stayed the same size as the original loaf. This continued until everyone was fed, with both bread and fish. Standing on that shore, in the hot sun, listening to the sound of the water, it was easy to imagine yourself there, among the crowd, listening to Jesus speak. It was quite emotional and Andrew brought the story to life. Our group on that occasion and on many occasions, fell into a meditative silence and were often reluctant to move on, as the atmosphere was so tranquil, each individual quiet with their own thoughts. A peace seemed to come over us and we were one in our reverie.

I'm not sure that I have done justice to our Pilgrimage with my descriptions. There were so many places to see and so much information to take on board. There was also the fact that real life in Jerusalem in 2018 was not simple and easy, with tension among different faiths. It is hard to put into words how it felt throughout the journey. Everyone will have their own thoughts and memories, but I know everyone would agree, it was both exhausting and exhilarating. A worthwhile experience.

Thanks to all of my fellow pilgrims, who journeyed with me, but a special thanks to Andrew for his teaching, kindness, good humour, thoughtfulness and sincerity, which he clearly demonstrates through his vocation.

Denise