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Cross Talk

Dear Friends,

How quickly two years fly past; this should be my farewell letter to you as my contract with the parish finishes at the end of November. But instead I would prefer to look forward to the future in the hope that I will be writing to you in four months' time on a more permanent footing. Our parish is full of potential. There are many successful events and activities that happen regularly thanks to the commitment and hard work of the people of the parish. However, there are others in the parish and in the community around us who should also be supported and challenged by the Gospel we proclaim. At the same time we long to provide opportunities for our young people (and not so young) to feel engaged and spiritually connected with our churches. And then there is the constant need for each of us to grow and mature in our own faith through prayer, bible reading and service.

However all that we do and all that we long to do, sits on top of the managing and running of the parish and the organisations in an increasingly bureaucratic and legalistic environment. The work required to maintain our buildings is increasingly demanding on the ever-ageing group who have so faithfully maintained them over the years.

We are not the only parish to face these challenges. Many have found it helpful to employ a parish secretary (as distinct from the Honorary Secretary to the Select Vestry) to work on a part time basis to lift some of the administrative burden from their rectors and free them to focus on the spiritual needs of the parish and the community. Appointing such a person requires finances and it will only be possible for us to do that in our parish if we all help to make it a reality.

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To that end I am asking for your support. Firstly that you consider completing the Standing Order form that is enclosed in this magazine. By doing so you help us to anticipate and manage our income each month. This would ensure that a salary can still be paid over the summer months when Giving traditionally dips. You will still have your envelopes and may place them (empty) on the offering plate each Sunday as a token of your eGiving. There is also the added security benefit that our offering is not sitting in a house or being carried by hand into a bank for lodgement.

In addition I'm asking that you complete the Standing Order (which is for a monthly donation) for five times your normal weekly amount. So if you give £5 each week, please fill it in for £25. If you give £10 each week, please fill it in for £50. In this way you will increase your giving by a manageable but significant amount that will make our plans possible.

I know perfectly well that we are all finding our personal finances tighter these days, it is no different in the church. My appeal is simply that if you agree with me that the Parish of Templepatrick and Donegore genuinely has a future that can not only nurture the community of faith that it currently has, but can grow and reach out into this community – then please help us raise the money we need to make this significant step forward in how we do that.

Thank you.

Andrew

PARISH FINANCES

No 1 account (day to day income and expenditure)

At time of writing, this account has a *surplus* of £6,850. While monthly income during the summer months decreased due to lower attendance, this normally increases towards the end of the financial year. This account should show a surplus at the end of the financial year.

No 2 Account (Fabric fund) - for upkeep and repair of property and buildings

This account has currently a *surplus* of £12,300. As the Fabric fund now plays an essential role in supplementing the No 1 account, the Select Vestry would encourage parishioners to continue to contribute to this account through monthly envelopes and to support planned forthcoming fund raising events.

The above accounts are linked and hence debit interest is only incurred when the sum of the two accounts is negative.

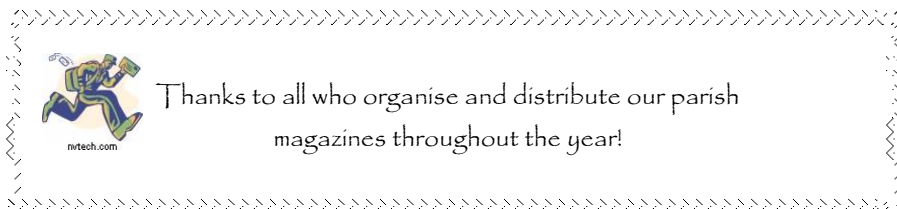
Norman Shirley
(Hon Treasurer)

T e e n B l a s t

Teenblast is recommencing on Saturday 17 October after the summer break! They will meet in the church hall from 7 00pm - 9.00pm under the leadership of Michelle Ker.

All young people from 9 years upwards will be made very welcome.
Come and enjoy the fun!

Anne Cinnamon



LADIES FELLOWSHIP

The Ladies Fellowship began their new season with a Service of Holy Communion, led by Rev Andrew, who used a wonderful analogy of how we are like fishing nets. We need to cast our nets far and wide. This is always a lovely intimate service.

Afterwards, Elizabeth Smyth gave us a short and very interesting talk on the trip she and Desmond had been on earlier this year, taking them as far away as Japan and exploring different cultures.

We have a varied agenda for the meetings over the next year, from cake decoration to 'Fabergé' eggs and assistance dogs. We will also be celebrating 30 Years of the Ladies Fellowship in February 2016 and plan a special evening to mark that anniversary.

We would be delighted to see any ladies who might like to visit (even just to see what we are at). Feel free to dip your toes in the water, and maybe you'll find yourself heading for the bait!

Luella Lecky
(Hon Secretary)
Tel: 9443 3266





Christmas Music at Donegore
Musicus Amicos
St John's Church, Donegore
on **Wednesday 2nd December 2015 at 8.00 pm**
Tickets £8.00

Proceeds in aid of:
Guide Dogs for the Blind & Church Funds

Tickets available from the Porch and Choir Rooms at St Patrick's
and Heather – Tel: 02894 432990 at St John's





Just couldn't let this unique evening go by without a thank you to All concerned!!

For those of you who couldn't make Sat 26th September ... here's a little taster which might encourage you to join in the next one!! Thank you Rev Andrew and Team for a Night to remember.... Full of fun, laughter and some very confused and not so confused 'old' hands!! It was a splendid evening with our guest Bill 'calling' all the steps from the floor and diplomatically turning a blind eye to any variations in the dances!!

Supper was a huge success, thanks to Ann and her Team ... everybody tucked into Hot Dogs and chocolate ice-creams Yum!!

I understand over **£400** was raised for the Maya trust, all in all a splendid evening ...

Many thanks again to All concerned!!

Heather Boyd



Music in the parish

In this update, I would like to share with you some reasons to celebrate the musical life of our parish community.

We have just enjoyed a wonderful gathering in St Patrick's for a family Harvest Festival, with our children and young people playing a prominent role as singers, instrumentalists and readers, alongside the traditional Harvest hymns, psalm and anthem led by our fantastic parish choir. And yes, the choir is changing! We welcome to its ranks Ann and Carroll Mulligan (alto and bass). We are fortunate indeed to have experienced musicians join us! We hope they will be happy, and stay with us through the church year with all its seasonal music.

The instrumental group was delighted to welcome Samantha Collister (violin) who played beautifully before and during Harvest service. We hope she will join us again. Thank you also to: Dorothy, Alex, Helen and Natalie (recorder), Sasha (flute) and Nik (guitar).

I have collated music exam successes during the past year of our young church musicians: it is an impressive list, and we congratulate them all, for each grade represents time and commitment as well as talent. Well done!

Lucy Logan	<i>Grade VI Singing</i>
Samantha Collister	<i>Grade IV Violin</i>
Lucy Reid	<i>Grade IV Violin and Grade III Piano</i>
Sasha Logan	<i>Grade III Piano and Grade I Flute</i>
Alex McIlwaine	<i>Grade I Flute</i>
Emily Reid	<i>Grade I Clarinet and Grade I Piano</i>
David Kane	<i>Grade I Clarinet</i>

I would also like to let you know of another remarkable talent developed by our choir member Alan Walbridge. We all knew he was a whizz-kid with anything technological, but since joining the choir 2 years ago, Alan has set up a web page which is linked to our parish music; on it you will find, not just listed, but able to be listened to, all the hymns, chants and anthems the choir has sung in the last 2 years. At the click of a button you can isolate the bass, tenor, alto or soprano part, and use it to sing along to, to learn a part! You can check it out at: <http://www.templepatrick.connor.anglican.org/choir>. How about that! Alan has now embarked on producing a high-quality collection of carols for our young instrumentalists to play at Christmas. Thank you Alan! We look forward to that!

As we go to print, we are preparing for our Harvest Service in St John's Donegore. This will be a traditional evensong, with settings of the Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis by F H Shera, written in 1928 and 1935, and the more modern setting by Philip Stopford of 'All Things Bright and Beautiful'.

Pat
Tel: 9443 9398

At The Gate of the Year

I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year
'Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown.'
And he replied,
'Go into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God
That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way!'

M.L.Harkins

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Creche: (Sunday)

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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 L Lecky Tel: 9443 3266

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>
01.11.15	Service of the Word	Gospel Prayers	Josh Brobyn Harriet Brobyn
08. 11.15	Morning Prayer One	Old Testament	Mrs J Egli
15. 11.15	Holy Communion Two	Old Testament Epistle Intercessions	Mr E Williamson Mrs D Gaffney Mrs K Williamson
22. 11.15	Morning Prayer Two	Old Testament	Mrs M Walbridge
29. 11.15	Holy Communion Two	Old Testament Epistle Intercessions	Mr B McCrum Miss A Kerr Mrs D Lucas
06.12.15	Sunday Club Play	Gospel Prayers	Ellen Clarke Sophie Clarke
13. 12.15	Morning Prayer One	Old Testament	Mr H Cinnamon
20. 12.15	Holy Communion Two	Old Testament Epistle Intercessions	Mrs K Gordon Mr B McMeekin Mrs A Millar
24.12.2015	Holy Communion Two	Old Testament Epistle Intercessions	Mr D Smyth Mrs E Smyth Miss A Kerr
25. 12.15	Family Service	Gospel	Mr B McAvoy
27. 12.15	Morning Prayer Two	Old Testament	Mrs S Aitcheson
03.01.16	Christingle Service	Gospel Prayers	Stephanie Gordon Rory Gordon
10.01.16	Morning Prayer One	Old Testament	Mrs J Egli

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



17.01.16	Holy Communion Two	Old Testament Epistle Intercessions	Mrs A Brobyn Mrs A Barton Mrs W Brolly
24. 01.16	Morning Prayer Two	Old Testament	Mrs C Michael
31. 01.16	Holy Communion Two	Old Testament Epistle Intercessions	Mr S McCollam Mr A Walbridge Mr A Kane
07. 02.16	Service of the Word	Gospel Prayers	Nik Kane David Kane
14. 02.16	Morning Prayer One	Old Testament	Mrs I McCollam
21.02.16	Holy Communion Two	Old Testament Epistle Intercessions	Mrs K Young Mr J Sheldon Mrs L Lecky
28. 02.16	Morning Prayer Two	Old Testament	Mr B McAvoy

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.

Have a teaspoon of Prayer

If you have trouble praying, try it by the teaspoonful (tsp):

T – thank you

S – sorry

P – please



Rotas



Readers and Intercessors rota for St John's, Donegore

<i>Date</i>	<i>Service</i>	<i>Reading / Intercessions</i>	<i>Reader / Intercessor</i>
01.11.15	Holy Communion Two	_____	_____
08. 11.15	Holy Communion Two	Old Testament Epistle Intercessions	Mr C Ovans Ms H Boyd Mrs E Smyth
15. 11.15	Holy Communion One	_____	_____
22. 11.15	Morning Prayer One	Old Testament	Mrs C Williamson
29. 11.15	Morning Prayer Two	Old Testament	Mrs L Lecky
06.12.15	Holy Communion Two	_____	_____
13. 12.15	Holy Communion Two	Old Testament Epistle Intercessions	Mr M Cooke Mrs A Cooke Ms H Boyd
20. 12.15	Holy Communion One	_____	_____
25. 12.15	Holy Communion Two	Old Testament Epistle Intercessions	Mr E Williamson Mr C Ovans Mrs K Williamson
27. 12.15	Morning Prayer One	Old Testament	Mr J Jones
03.01.16	Holy Communion Two	_____	_____
10.01.16	Holy Communion Two	Old Testament Epistle Intercessions	Mrs E Smyth Mrs M Finlay Mrs L Lecky
17. 01.16	Holy Communion One	_____	_____
24. 01.16	Morning Prayer One	Old Testament	Mrs C Williamson
31. 01.16	Morning Prayer Two	Old Testament	Ms H Boyd

07.02.16	Holy Communion Two	_____	_____
14. 02.16	Holy Communion Two	Old Testament Epistle Intercessions	Mr M Cooke Mr C Ovans Mrs A Cooke
21. 02.16	Holy Communion One	_____	_____
28. 02.16	Morning Prayer One	Old Testament	Mr J Jones

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From the Registers

HOLY BAPTISM

"He took them in his arms and blessed them"

St John's, Donegore

19th July 2015, Evelyn Daisy, daughter of Judith and Steven Ferguson

St Patrick's, Templepatrick

13th September 2015, Elizabeth Carol Margaret, daughter of David & Katherine Young

HOLY MATRIMONY

"What God has joined together ... " Mark 10:9

St Patrick's, Templepatrick

15 August 2015, Jonathan Glass and Lauren Brady

CHRISTIAN BURIAL

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord"

23rd June 2015, Stephen McCoy
25th September 2015, Mary Barton

CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER 2015 - FEBRUARY 2016

01.11.15 All Saints Day

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

Old Testament	Wisdom 3: 1-9
Psalm	24
Epistle	Revelation 21: 1-6a
Gospel	John 11: 32-44

04.11.15 Wednesday

10:00 am Holy Communion One

08.11.15 The Third Sunday before Advent (Remembrance Sunday)

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

Old Testament	Ruth 3: 1-5; 4: 13-17
Psalm	127
Epistle	Hebrews 9: 24-28
Gospel	Mark 12: 38-44

11.11.15 Wednesday

10:00 am Holy Communion Two

15.11.15 The Second Sunday before Advent

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

Old Testament	1 Samuel 1: 4-20
Psalm	16
Epistle	Hebrews 10: 11-14, 19-25
Gospel	Mark 13: 1-8

18.11.15 Wednesday

10:00 am Holy Communion One

22.11.15 The Kingship of Christ

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

Old Testament	2 Samuel 23: 1-7
Psalm	132: 1-12
Epistle	Revelation 1: 4b-8
Gospel	John 18: 33-37

25.11.15 Wednesday

10:00 am Holy Communion Two

29.11.15 The First Sunday of Advent

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

Old Testament	Jeremiah 33: 14-16
Psalm	25: 1-9
Epistle	1 Thessalonians 3: 9-13
Gospel	Luke 21: 25-36

02.12.15 Wednesday

10:00 am Holy Communion One

06.12.15 The Second Sunday of Advent

10.00 am Holy Communion Two (said) – St John's
11.30 am Sunday Club Christmas Play and Gift Day – St Patrick's
7.30 pm Lylehill Young Farmers Club Carol Service – St Patrick's

Old Testament	Malachi 3:1-4
Canticle	Benedictus
Epistle	Philippians 1: 3-11
Gospel	Luke 3 : 1-6

09.12.15 Wednesday

10.00 am Holy Communion Two

13.12.15 The Third Sunday of Advent

10.00 am Holy Communion Two – St John's
11.30 am Morning Prayer One – St Patrick's

Old Testament	Zephaniah 3:14-20
Psalm	146: 4-10
Epistle	Philippians 4: 4-7
Gospel	Luke 3: 7-18

16.12.15 Wednesday

10.00 am Holy Communion One

20.12.15 The Fourth Sunday of Advent

10.00 am Holy Communion One (said) – St John's
11.30 am Holy Communion Two – St Patrick's
6.30 pm Service of Nine Lessons and Carols

Old Testament	Micah 5: 2-5a
Canticle	Magnificat
Epistle	Hebrews 10: 5-10
Gospel	Luke 1: 39-45

23.12.15 Wednesday
10.00 am Holy Communion Two

24.12.14 Christmas Eve (Thursday)
11.00 pm Holy Communion Two - St. Patrick's

Old Testament	Isaiah 52:7-10
Psalm	98
Epistle	Hebrews 1:1-4
Gospel	John 1:1-14

25.12.14 Christmas Day (Friday)
10.00 am Holy Communion Two – St John's
11.30 am Christmas Morning Family Service

Old Testament	Isaiah 9:2-7
Psalm	96
Epistle	Titus 2:11-14
Gospel	Luke 2:1-20

27.12.14 The First Sunday of Christmas
10.00 am Morning Prayer One – St John's
11.30 am Morning Prayer Two – St Patrick's

Old Testament	1 Samuel 2: 18-20, 26
Psalm	148
Epistle	Colossians 3: 12-17
Gospel	Luke 2: 41-52

01.01.16 New Year's Day (Friday)
10.00 am Holy Communion One

03.01.16 The Second Sunday of Christmas
10.00 am Holy Communion Two (said) – St John's
11.30 am Christingle Service – St Patrick's

Old Testament	Jeremiah 31: 7-14
Psalm	147: 13-21
Epistle	Ephesians 1: 3-14
Gospel	John 1: 10-18

06.01.15 Epiphany (Wednesday)
10.00 am Holy Communion Two

10.01.16 The First Sunday after the Epiphany (*The Baptism of Christ*)
10.00 am Holy Communion Two – St John's
11.30 am Morning Prayer One – St Patrick's

Old Testament	Isaiah 43: 1-7
Psalm	29
Epistle	Acts 8: 14-17
Gospel	Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22

13.01.16 Wednesday
10.00 am Holy Communion One

17.01.16 The Second Sunday after the Epiphany
10.00 am Holy Communion One (said) – St John's
11.30 am Holy Communion Two – St Patrick's

Old Testament	Isaiah 62: 1-5
Psalm	36: 5-10
Epistle	1 Corinthians 12: 1-11
Gospel	John 2: 1-11

20.01.16 Wednesday
10.00 am Holy Communion Two

24.01.16 The Third Sunday after the Epiphany
10.00 am Morning Prayer One – St John's
11.30 am Morning Prayer Two – St Patrick's

Old Testament	Nehemiah 8: 1-3, 5-6, 8-10
Psalm	19
Epistle	1 Corinthians 12: 12-31a
Gospel	Luke 4: 14-21

27.01.16 Wednesday
10.00 am Holy Communion One

31.01.16 The Presentation of Christ in the Temple (*observed*)
10:00 am Morning Prayer Two (said) – St John's
11:30 am Holy Communion Two – St Patrick's

Old Testament	Malachi 3: 1-5
Psalm	84
Epistle	Hebrews 2: 14-18
Gospel	Luke 2: 22-40

03.02.16 Wednesday
10.00 am Holy Communion One

07.02.16 The Sunday Before Lent (Transfiguration Sunday)
 10:00 am Holy Communion Two (said) – St John’s
 11.30 am Service of the Word – St Patrick’s

Old Testament	Exodus 34: 29-35
Psalm	99
Epistle	2 Corinthians 3:12 - 4:2
Gospel	Luke 9: 28-36

10.02.16 Ash Wednesday
 10.00 am Holy Communion Two
 7.00 pm Rural Deanery Lenten Service

14.02.16 The First Sunday in Lent
 10.00 am Holy Communion Two – St John’s
 11.30 am Morning Prayer One – St Patrick’s
 12.30 pm Lenten Lunch – Parish Hall

Old Testament	Deuteronomy 26: 1-11
Psalm	91: 1-2, 9-16
Epistle	Romans 10: 8b-13
Gospel	Luke 4: 1-13

17.02.16 Wednesday
 10.00 am Holy Communion One
 7.00 pm Rural Deanery Lenten Service

21.02.16 The Second Sunday in Lent
 10.00 am Holy Communion One (said) – St John’s
 11.30 am Holy Communion Two – St Patrick’s

Old Testament	Genesis 15: 1-12, 17-18
Psalm	27
Epistle	Philippians 3:17 - 4:1
Gospel	Luke 13: 31-35

24.02.16 Wednesday
 10.00 am Holy Communion Two
 7.00 pm Rural Deanery Lenten Service

28.02.16 The Third Sunday in Lent
 10.00 am Morning Prayer One – St John’s
 11.30 am Morning Prayer Two – St Patrick’s

Old Testament	Isaiah 55: 1-9
Psalm	63: 1-9
Epistle	1 Corinthians 10: 1-13
Gospel	Luke 13: 1-9

Rotas

St Patrick’s



Communion Rota

November	Mr J & Mrs G Hamill
December	Mr T & Mrs C Michael
January	Young Parishioners
February	Mr M & Mrs A Cooke



Cleaning Rota

November	H Graham, E & A King
December	H & J Sheldon, E & D Smyth, B McMeekin
January	A & H Cinnamon
February	A Cooke, O Erskine, B Perris



Flower Rota

November	1 st I McCollam, 8 th , 15 th & 22 nd Vacant, 29 th O Erskine
December	6 th F Blackbourne, 13 th S Russell, 20 th & 27 th Ladies Fellowship
January	3 rd , 10 th & 17 th I McCollam, 24 th S White, 31 st Vacant
February	7 th E Smyth, 14 th , 21 st & 28 th Lent

St John’s



Communion Rota

November	Mr & Mrs Cooke
December	Mr & Mrs Mehaffey
January	Dr & Mrs Lundy
February	Mrs F McElhinney & Ms H Boyd



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St Patrick's & St John's Bowling Club

The bowling club continues to meet on Friday evening from 7.30pm to 10.30pm and Monday evening from 8.00pm to 9.30pm.

We opened the new season on Friday 4th September 2015, the first bowl of the new season was delivered by our Vice-chairperson Bill McAvoy.

We have started a junior section of the bowling club, aged between 7 and 14 years, bowling on a Friday evening from 6.30pm to 7.30pm.

In September we had a four-day break to the Manor House in Fermanagh, bowling in a local church hall, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all present. Our thanks once again to Will Mehaffy for his contact with the local church.

We are looking forward to our first visit of the season to The Baker Stadium and a visit from the Rock Bowling club.

Our Christmas party night will be on Friday 18th December 2015, our chosen charity this year is Marie Curie.

Come along even if you have never bowled before and enjoy the bowling and friendship, new members would be made most welcome.

Isobel McCollam
(Hon Secretary)

Sunday Club - SCLUB4

Our Advent appeal for this year will continue with Kindfund, and will run from Sunday 29 November to 10 January 2016.

The children's gifts will once again be given to the NSPCC. If anyone would like to contribute to this very worthwhile appeal, could I ask that you mark if the gift is for a boy or girl (or both), and also what age group please. These gifts will be received at the beginning of the Service on 6 December 2015.

Some useful dates for your diary:-

- 29 Nov - Rehearsal for play - 10.30 am
Start of Advent Appeal
- 6 Dec - Pre Christmas AAW, Christmas Play & Collection of Gifts - 11.30 am
Rehearsal for play - 10.30 am
- 13 Dec - **No Sunday Club**
- 20 Dec - **No Sunday Club**
Carol Service - 6.30 pm
- 25 Dec - Christmas Morning Service - 11.30 am
- 27 Dec - **No Sunday Club**
- 2016**
- 3 Jan - Christingle Service
- 10 Jan - **Sunday Club Resumes**
Return jars for Kindfund appeal

Gail

LITTLE THOUGHTS



Luke 12 : 24 KJV

... God feedeth them ...

Little Robin Redbreast, are you a Christmas helper?
Have you a special job that is meaningful and dear?
Are you out there working hard in your search for food and shelter?
For the summer sun has since long gone, and snowfall has come near.

Many leaves have fallen, leaving branches bare and cold,
And you seem alone in winter's storm but still you carry on,
You play your part so splendidly and do as you've been told,
In your trust you've found a blessed and very loving human bond.

You'll find some seeds and nuts left in a bare December garden,
Because the God that made you moves His humankind so much,
A kindly heart has left you food that lifts your heart, and gladdens,
Caring sentiment that God has built lies in His children's touch.

So what then, tiny Robin, is your task upon this earth?
You surely have a job that only you alone can do?
There has to be a reason, God made everything with worth,
Yes, you seem so very precious, as the Season looks to you.

God made His child and feathered friend to live in joy together,
For your blood-red symbol signifies this wondrous time of year,
As you hop about, dear Robin, in the glistening, snowy weather,
You know what God commanded: "Announce the Birth! The Babe is here!"

Jeanette Egli



The Scout Group have had a busy start to the new season with all three Sections almost at maximum numbers.

Beavers have at present twenty-two members, all working hard for badges, led by Judy Graham and Michelle Sargent and Scouts Jack and Patrick.
We also have a Parent Rota with two Parents signed up each week to help supervise.

Cubs are led by Jonny, Keith and Andy and helped by Owen. They have already won the District Unihoc Competition. This follows their success in Football, not only winning the District heats but also the County and they are now the NI Champions for the second time. This achievement is very special and congratulations to all the boys.

Scouts have twenty-one members ably led by Steve Sargent and Iain Witherspoon and helper Lawrence Anderson. A number of our Scouts are approaching their 14th birthday so the problem arises as to where we find two Leaders for Explorer Scouts - the next Section - Any Volunteers?

We are looking forward to Christmas and Beavers are going to a Panto in the Theatre at the Courtyard accompanied by pupils of that age group from Riverside School in Antrim.

Cubs are having 10 Pin Bowling in the Forum, again accompanied by pupils from Riverside of that age group. These outings are part of "A Million Hands" program to involve Scouting in community projects and we have chosen to help and learn about "special needs" children. Scouts will also be taking part and their contribution has yet to be organised.

Yours in Scouting

Catherine Michael (GSL)

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:-

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Mrs A Cinnamon, 27 Templerise, Templepatrick Tel:028 9443 2317
Mr M Cooke, 44 Rathmore Road, Dunadry Tel:028 9443 3183
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Wednesday 10 February 2016

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Saints of the Church

All Saints' Day

1 November -- Principal Feast -- Gold or White

From its earliest days, the Church has recognised as its foundation stones those heroes of the faith whose lives have excited others to holiness and have assumed a communion with the Church on earth and the Church in heaven.

Celebrating the feast of All Saints' began in the fourth century. At first, it was observed on the Sunday after the feast of Pentecost; this was to link the disciples who received the gift of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, the 'foundation of the Church, with those who were martyrs, giving their lives as witnesses for the faith. In the eighth century, a pope dedicated a chapel to All Saints in St Peter's at Rome on 1 November. Within a century, this day was observed in England and Ireland as All Saints' Day.

Andrew the Apostle, Patron Saint of Scotland

30 November -- Festival -- Apostle -- Red

Though Andrew is named among the apostles in the gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke, it is in John's gospel that most is learned about him. Andrew was a Galilean fisherman, mending his nets, when Jesus called him to follow him, which he promptly did. He then seems to have remained with Jesus until the end. He was there at the feeding of the five thousand and then later, when some Greeks in Jerusalem wanted to see Jesus, Philip brought them to Andrew who told Jesus of their desire. Tradition has him travelling on several missionary journeys and eventually being martyred by being crucified on an X-shaped cross. He became the patron saint of Scotland because of a legend that his relics had been brought there in the eighth century.

Nicholas, Bishop of Myra

6 December -- Lesser Festival -- Bishop -- White

Nicholas was a fourth-century bishop of Myra in Asia Minor (southern Turkey). His reputation as a worker of wonders was enhanced by a ninth-century author of his hagiography and he is now best known through these stories. Many of them concern his love and care for children, how he fed the hungry, healed the sick and cared for the oppressed. He saved three girls from a life of prostitution by providing them with dowries and so developed the tradition of bearing gifts to children on his feast day, a practice appropriated by the Christmas celebrations. Nicholas is also one of the patron saints of Russia.

Stephen, Deacon, First Martyr

26 December -- Festival -- Martyr -- Red

In the book of the Acts of the Apostles, Stephen is described as one of the seven deacons whose job it is to care for the widows in the early Church in Jerusalem. His eloquent speech before the Sanhedrin, in which he shows the great sweep of Jewish history as leading to the birth of Jesus, the long-expected Messiah, and his impassioned plea that all might hear the good news of Jesus, leads to his inevitable martyrdom by being stoned to death. As the author of Acts, Luke's description of Stephen bears direct parallels to that of Christ: for example, the passion; being filled with the Holy Spirit; seeing the Son of God as the right hand of God, as Jesus promised he would be; commending his spirit to Jesus, as Jesus

commended his to the Father; kneeling as Jesus did in Gethsemane and asking forgiveness for his persecutors. Witnessing to Jesus by acting like Jesus in every way is thus seen by Luke as of the essence of the Christian life.

John, Apostle & Evangelist

27 December -- Festival -- Apostle -- White

Whether or not John the Apostle and John the Evangelist are one and the same, the Church honours on this day the one who proclaims Jesus as the Word made flesh and who is 'the disciple whom Jesus loved'. John was one of the sons of Zebedee who, along with James and Peter, followed Jesus. John was there with Jesus on the holy mountain; he was there with Jesus at the last supper; he was there with Jesus in his agony in the garden; he was there with Jesus and his mother, standing at the foot of the cross; he was there with Jesus as a witness of his resurrection and 'he saw and believed'. John was a witness to the Word, he proclaimed the Word and he lived and died witnessing to the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ, who loved him and whom he loved.

The Holy Innocents

28 December -- Festival -- Red

Herod 'the Great' was appointed King of the Jews by the Roman authorities in Palestine and he proved to be ruthlessly efficient in his thirty-three years of dealing with his subjects. In Matthew's gospel, he tried to persuade the Magi, to whom he played the host on their journey seeking the one 'who has been born king of the Jews', to bring word of where they had found him. His desire was to eliminate Jesus and, when he realised that the Magi had tricked him and left the country, Herod poured out his wrath on all the male infants in the land. These were God's 'innocent' ones, paralleling the story of Pharaoh slaughtering the Hebrew children in Egypt.

The Naming & Circumcision of Jesus

1 January -- Festival -- White

The celebration of this scriptural festival marks three events: firstly, the naming of the infant; secondly, the sign of the covenant between God and Abraham 'and his children for ever', thus Christ's keeping of the Law; and thirdly, traditionally the first shedding of the Christ's blood. The most significant of these in the gospels is the name itself, which means 'Yahweh saves' and so is linked to the question asked by Moses of God: "What is your name?" "I am who I am," was the reply, thus the significance of Jesus's words: "Before Abraham was, I am." This feast has been observed in the church since at least the sixth century.

The Epiphany

6 January -- Principal Feast -- Gold or White

The subtitle in the Book of Common Prayer of this, one of the principal feasts of the Church, is 'The Manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles'. This emphasises that, from the moment of the Incarnation, the good news of Jesus Christ is for all: Jew and Gentile, the wise and the simple, male and female. Nothing in the Greek text of the gospels indicates that the Magi were all male and even the number three and making them Kings is a much later, non-scriptural tradition. The date chosen to celebrate this feast goes back to the placing of the feast of the Nativity of Christ in the winter solstice: the north European pre-Christian tradition of celebrating the birth of Sun on 25 December differed from the Mediterranean

and eastern tradition of having 6 January as the Solstice. As often happens, the two dates merged into a beginning and an end of the same celebration. The western church adopted 'the twelve days of Christmas' climaxing on the eve of Epiphany, or 'Twelfth Night'. The implication by the fifth century was that this was the night on which the Magi arrived. The complications of dating became even more confused with the changing in the West from the Julian to the Gregorian Calendar, the eastern church refusing to play any part in such a radical change. So this day remains the chief day of celebrating the Incarnation in Orthodox Churches.

The Conversion of Paul

25 January -- Festival -- Apostle -- White

The conversion of the anti-Christian zealot, Saul, to the apostle of Christ, Paul, is clearly related in the reading from the Acts of the Apostles, but it has to be remembered that this was a beginning: Saul took some time to become Paul and some time to begin to understand that his call to preach -- to Jew and to Gentile -- the saving power of Jesus, the Son of God, was something that was a whole life's journey for him. Paul says in his Letter to the Church in Galatia, "God set me apart before I was born and called me through his grace ... Three years after (the Damascus Road conversion), I went up to Jerusalem." The preparation for this moment of his conversion was his whole life. This feast has been celebrated in the Church since the sixth century but became universal in the twelfth century.

Brigid, Abbess of Kildare

1 February -- Festival

Brigid (also known as Bride) was born in the latter part of the fifth century, of humble origin just five miles from Kildare. She was to become first a nun in the monastery there and then its Abbess. She is believed to have been baptised by and the stories of her portray a woman of great compassion. She is even said to have been consecrated a bishop by Bishop Ibor, because of her resemblance to the Virgin Mary, but this may have been put abroad to support the claim of the primacy of the Abbey of Kildare. By her prayers and miracles, she is reputed to have strongly influenced the formation of the Church throughout Ireland, where she is, with St Patrick, the patron saint. She died in about the year 525.

The Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)

2 February -- Principal Feast -- Gold or White

This day marks the completion of forty days since the birth of Jesus, when Mary and Joseph took the child to the Temple in Jerusalem. The requirement in Levitical law was for Mary to be 'cleansed', the completion of her purification following the birth of a male child. Until that day, she could touch no holy thing nor enter the sanctuary. Yet on seeing the holy family, Simeon praised God and acclaimed the infant as 'the light to enlighten the nations' and the prophet Anna gave thanks and proclaimed him her Redeemer. The image of Christ as the Light has led to the celebration of light countering darkness, with candles often taking a central place in the observance.

George Herbert, Priest

27 February -- Lesser Festival -- Pastor -- White

Born in 1593 into the aristocratic Pembroke family, George Herbert went up to Cambridge in 1614, eventually becoming a fellow of Trinity College. At the age of twenty-five, he became Public Orator in the University and then a Member of Parliament, apparently destined for a life at court. To everyone's surprise, he decided to be ordained and, after spending a time with his friend Nicholas Ferrar at Little Gidding, he was made deacon in 1626. He married in 1629, was priested in 1630 and given the care of souls of the parish of Bemerton, near Salisbury, where he spent the rest of his short life. He wrote prolifically, his hymns still being popular throughout the English-speaking world. His treatise, *The Country Parson*, on the priestly life, and his poetry, especially *The Temple*, earned Herbert a leading place in English literature. He never neglected the care of the souls of Bemerton, however, and encouraged attendance at the weekday recitation of the daily office, calling to mind the words of his hymn, 'Seven whole days, not one in seven, I will praise thee'. He died on this day in 1633.

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