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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.”

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Organisation Start Back Dates

Bowling Club

Friday 1 September 2017

Choir

Thursday 7 September 2017

Guides - Rainbows/Brownies/Guides

Date to be confirmed

Ladies Fellowship

Tuesday 19 September 2017

Parish Prayer Group

Monday 4 September 2017

Scouts - Beavers/Cubs/Scouts

Date to be confirmed

Select Vestry

Monday 11 September 2017

Soup Lunches

Wednesday 4 October 2017

Sunday Club

Sunday 3 September 2017 – Service of the Word

Sunday 10 September 2017

Teen Blast

Saturday 21 October 2017

Wednesday Morning Communion

Wednesday 6 September 2017

Wednesday Evening Group

Wednesday 6 September 2017

Yoga

Monday 4 September 2017

Rector's Annual Report 2017

It is my great delight that this year I am presenting the Rector's Report actually as the Rector. Now that all the uncertainty around the appointment is over, I want to put one simple question in front of us as we start to look to the future – "What use are we?" At its heart that question demands that we engage with what church is, what its value to us is and what value it has for those around us. I believe that three significant successes over this past year point us to some helpful answers to that question.

The first success is my appointment as Rector. Not because of me, but because of you. This Parish actually feels to me like somewhere worth being the Rector of. A very significant part of my deciding that this was the right place for me to serve was the amount of sincere and generous support and encouragement that I receive from you. But that in itself grew out of your deep love for the parish, and your desire to see it grow and develop. A considerable part of my conviction that this is a good corner of God's Kingdom to labour is that fact that there are so many labouring here, so faithfully, already. I will never know how many hours of work go into this parish each week. Hours put in by so many of you, in so many ways. Some are public and obvious, others never seen. And it is through that work that we have such a positive and worthwhile parish life.

My 'thank you's for that work may sound familiar, but they are genuine and deeply felt. Firstly to those who help me to lead worship each Sunday: our organists Pat and Sally and our choir; 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. I want to pay a particular tribute to the work that goes into helping the kids to engage with church through music and reading not just at our All Age Worship but on other occasions – as they did on Palm Sunday.

Thank you to those who keep our buildings 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. Also thank you to those whose generosity have provided such additions to our churches as the new War Memorial and the hand rails in St John's; the defibrillators in both churches and the hall; the Lectern and pew bibles in both churches; the additional large print hymnbooks in St John's; the Easter Candle in St Patrick's and many other things as well.

Thank you to those who put so much into our community engagement and social activities through the Soup and Cheese, the Organisations, the Bowls, the Ladies Fellowship and TeenBlast. And there are those other things that come and go, handled with quite devotion and which are also key parts of our parish life – The Christian Aid collection, The Magazine Distribution, the fund raising events and so on.

Rector's Annual Report 2017

And then there is the administrative work that goes on: Norman, Isobel, Michael and Trevor work tirelessly at our finances; the members of Select Vestry in the various responsibilities that they carry and the Parish Safeguarding Panel who, thankfully, have not had to deal with any incidents but who carry that burden of responsibility. And then there is the often forgotten work that Harry does in looking after the administration of our graveyards.

This is a Triennial Year and so we have to appoint Parochial Nominators and Diocesan Synodsmen. I always seem to be thanking the Nominators - I hope next year to have absolutely nothing to say to them, you deserve a bit of a rest. For our Synodsmen – Molly is standing down after a number of tours of duty and I appreciate her faithful attendance each year and Edward is happy to continue in that role.

It is that body of work that makes our Parish function, that provides somewhere and something for people to connect with and to feel that something worthwhile is going on in.

The second significant achievement of last year was that it was our first full year as a registered charity with the Charity Commission of Northern Ireland. The significant factor in that is that we have to put a higher level of scrutiny on ourselves. We need to be clearer about our purpose and our measures of success. We need to be accountable not just in financial matters but also in our engagement with people, in the way we seek to proclaim the Gospel, in fact in just about every area of parish life. And that kind of accountability does not sit easily with a church community. Kindness could possibly be measured by counting the number of cups of tea we make – but it's not going to make us kinder people. The effectiveness of our proclamation of the Gospel could be measured by the number of people in Church on a Sunday – but sometimes we make the biggest impression on those who are visiting us for baptisms, weddings or funerals; or for the Rural Deanery or Interdenominational services and who may make a significant connection with God on that occasion, but whom we may never see again, and may never get to hear their story.

That said, I think the real opportunity that our Charity status gives us is to be more intentional about what we do. We may do the same things this year that we did last year, but we can't get away with doing them simply because we did them last year. We must approach everything with the desire to make God's love known (and sometimes our busyness contrives to make us forget that) and we must be clear about how we think or expect that that might happen.

All of these questions were, at least in part, behind the achievement of our third milestone – The Parish Development Plan.

I am enormously indebted those who took the time and trouble to be part of the consultation group that put the plan together. There were many conversations, there were differing points of view and there were conflicting ideas of how best to move forward. But there was also respect and a shared desire that this parish should develop, should actively try to move forward, whilst at the same time championing what is good and uplifting in Anglican Worship at its best.

We presented the plan to you at the beginning of Lent to give you the opportunity to respond to it, and thank you for your engagement and your feedback. And that feedback reflects exactly those same desires and challenges that we worked through in the groups. There have been a number of very helpful new suggestions, some of you have pointed out areas and concerns which we discussed as we produced the plan, I think what is clear is that the development group reflects the views of all parishioners very well.

There is much work ahead of us to deliver all that we want to, there are a number of personnel changes – some need to step down for personal reasons; and others are volunteering relevant and helpful skill to take specific areas forward.

The next stage is to ask you today to accept that plan so that we can start to deliver in those areas we have identified. That said, the Community Engagement Group have already been hard at work and the upcoming Hog Roast is a major undertaking by them to create a really good and effective engagement with the community.

But also, and perhaps this where the development plan really shows its potential, we are now registered as Safe Church through Onus the charity supporting victims of Domestic Violence. You'll hear more about that over the coming weeks – but the recognition is that the Parish Development Plan isn't just about doing the same things as well as we can (which is a good thing in itself) but also about doing things that we never even thought we could, and realising that those are also hugely important to do. I would also like to add at this point that in the near future two parishioners will be commissioned as Parish Readers which will add wonderfully to our Sunday worship.

We've done many other things over the year as well as those three, I've made fleeting reference to some but there are many others, each of which have allowed us to grow in faith and in community with one and other. If I've failed to mention something, it's not because it didn't matter, or was insignificant – it's just that I can't possibly list everything. I just hope that this time next year there will be even more things that I will have forgotten to include in my 2018 Rector's Report.

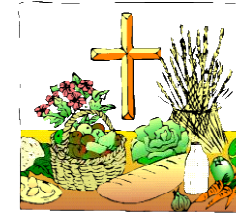
Before I finish two final thank yous. Firstly to Gail who has lifted such a burden of deskwork from me. Her role is invaluable and so much of what I do, and indeed what we do as a parish, is underpinned by her untiring work.

Finally to my family, and especially to Nuala, this has been another big year for us as a family and moving into the Vicarage was a significant part of that. But Nuala's ever calm, ever generous, support and encouragement continues to be the most tangible expression of God's Blessing in my ministry.

I hope and pray that this year will see our parish continue to grow and deepen in faith, that we will each find the opportunities for more and more meaningful engagement with God and with one another. And as we ask ourselves 'What use are we?' I pray that we will find many encouraging answers to that question.

Thank you.

Andrew



HARVEST SERVICES

St Patrick's, Templepatrick

Sunday 1st October 2017

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 30th September from 10 am.
Please bring along your contribution that morning and stay to lend a hand if possible.
Thank you.*

From the Registers

HOLY BAPTISM

"He took them in his arms and blessed them"

23rd April 2017, William Robert John Young

28th May 2017, Poppy Victoria Glass

CONFIRMATION

25th April 2017, Carole Ann Williamson

HOLY MATRIMONY

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

16th March 2017, Richard James Leahy and Amanda Jane Riddell

CHRISTIAN BURIAL

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord"

6th April 2017, Agnes Lillian Forsythe

29th April 2017, Brian Douglas Kenny



St John's, Donegore

Sunday 8th October 2017

3.30 pm Evening Prayer for Harvest



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Diocese of Connor

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Tel: 9443 2795

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Mr K Egli, Mr J Jones, Mr A Kane, Miss A Kerr, Dr C Lundy, Mrs D Martin, Mrs I McCollam,
Mr S McCollam, Mrs G McCoy, Mrs F McElhinney, Mr C Ovans, Mr N Shirley, Mrs E Smyth,
Mrs M Walbridge

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Supplemental Synodsmen: Mr A Walbridge, Miss A Kerr

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St Patrick's, Templepatrick Organist and Choirmistress: Mrs Pat Maxwell, Tel: 9443 9398

St John's, Donegore Organist and Choirmistress: Mrs S Cotter

Sunday Club: Co-ordinator: Mrs Gail McCoy Tel: 9443 2782

Helpers: Mrs Clare Clarke, Miss Sophie Clarke

Creche: (Sunday)

Youth Organisations

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
Tel: 07546 880243

Brownies (7-10 years): Wednesday 6.30-8.00pm Lauren McFerran
Tel: 07763 411306

Guides (10-14 years): Wednesday 7.30-9.00pm Leslyann Witherspoon
Tel: 07850 319205

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Leslyann Witherspoon Tel: 07850 319205

Beavers (6-8 years): Monday 6.30-7.30pm Catherine Michael Tel: 9443 3123

Cub Scouts (8-10years): Tuesday 6.45-8.00pm Mr Jony Laverty Tel: 9446 1619

Scouts (10½-14years): Tuesday 8.00-9.30pm Catherine Michael Tel: 9443 3123

Teen Blast: 3rd Saturday in the month 7.00-10.00pm Michelle Spence Tel: 9083 6901

Adult Organisations

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>
02.07.17	Service of the Word	Epistle	Bill McAvoy
09.07.17	Morning Prayer One	Epistle	Alison Millar
16.07.17	Holy Communion Two	Old Testament Epistle Intercessions	Kathryn Young Noreen Clendinning Margaret Walbridge
23.07.17	Morning Prayer Two	Epistle	Stephen McCollam
30.07.17	Morning Prayer Two	Epistle	Jeanette Egli
06.08.17	Service of the Word	Epistle	Harry Cinnamon
13.08.17	Morning Prayer One	Epistle	Catherine Michael
20.08.17	Holy Communion Two	Old Testament Epistle Intercessions	Des Smyth Dorothy Gaffney Ann Kerr
27.08.17	Morning Prayer Two	Epistle	Sandra Aitcheson
03.09.17	Service of the Word	Gospel Prayers	Nik Kane David Kane
10.09.17	Morning Prayer One	Epistle	Ben Collister
17.09.17	Holy Communion Two	Old Testament Epistle Intercessions	Kathy Gordon Ann Ker Andrew Kane
24.09.17	Morning Prayer Two	Epistle	Claire Forth
01.10.17	Service of the Word for Harvest	Gospel Prayers	Rory Gordon Ellen Clarke
08.10.17	Morning Prayer One	Epistle	Amanda Brobyn
15.10.17	Holy Communion Two	Old Testament Epistle Intercessions	Steve Britton-Hall Angela Barton Parish Reader

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

22.10.17	Morning Prayer Two	Epistle	Margaret Walbridge
29.10.17	Holy Communion Two	Old Testament Epistle Intercessions	Christina McCollam Brian McMeekin Rector

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.

The Parish of Templepatrick and Donegore

Community Soup and Cheese Lunch



will resume on **Wednesday 5th October**

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>
02.07.17	Holy Communion Two	_____	_____
09.07.17	Holy Communion Two	Old Testament Epistle Intercessions	Des Smyth Luella Lecky Heather Boyd
16.07.17	Holy Communion One	_____	_____
23.07.17	Morning Prayer One	Epistle	John Jones
30.07.17	Morning Prayer Two	_____	_____
06.08.17	Holy Communion Two	_____	_____
13.08.17	Holy Communion Two	Old Testament Epistle Intercessions	Molly Finlay Colin Ovans Parish Reader
20.08.17	Holy Communion One	_____	_____
27.08.17	Morning Prayer One	Epistle	Luella Lecky
03.09.17	Holy Communion Two	_____	_____
10.09.17	Holy Communion Two	Old Testament Epistle Intercessions	Heather Boyd Molly Finlay Parish Reader
17.09.17	Holy Communion One	_____	_____
24.09.17	Morning Prayer One	Epistle	Bob Cotter
01.10.17	Holy Communion Two	_____	_____
08.10.17	Holy Communion Two	Old Testament Epistle Intercessions	Michael Cooke Heather Boyd Anne Cooke
15.10.17	Holy Communion One	_____	_____
22.10.17	Morning Prayer One	Epistle	Des Smyth
29.10.17	Morning Prayer Two	_____	_____

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.

Rotas

St Patrick's



Communion Rota

July	Mr A & Mrs C Borland
August	Mr J & Mrs G Hamill
September	Mr H & Mrs A Cinnamon
October	Mrs A Millar & Mr B McAvoy



Cleaning Rota

July	S Aitcheson
August	I McCollam, M McConnell
September	S White, D Lucas
October	L Lynas, L Lecky



Flower Rota

July	2 nd B McMeekin, 9 th M Walbridge, 16 th Available, 23 rd F Blackbourne, 30 th Available
August	6 th B Perris, 13 th L Glass, 20 th & 27 th Available
September	3 rd M Walbridge, 10 th I McCollam, 17 th H Graham, 24 th J Egli
October	1 st & 8 th Harvest, 15 th A Barton, 22 nd G Hamill, 29 th Available

St John's



Communion Rota

July	Mrs L Lecky & Ms S Watson
August	Ms H Boyd & Mr D Smyth
September	Mr M & Mrs A Cooke
October	Dr C & Mrs W Lundy

CALENDAR FOR JULY – OCTOBER 2017

02.07.17 The Third 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	Genesis 22: 1–14
Psalm	13
Epistle	Romans 6: 12–23
Gospel	Matthew 10: 40–42

09.07.17 The Fourth Sunday after Trinity

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

Old Testament	Genesis 24: 34–38, 42–49, 58–67
Psalm	45: 10–17
Epistle	Romans 7: 15–25a
Gospel	Matthew 11: 16–19, 25–30

16.07.17 The Fifth Sunday after Trinity

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

Old Testament	Genesis 25: 19–34
Psalm	119: 105–112
Epistle	Romans 8: 1–11
Gospel	Matthew 13: 1–9, 18–23

23.07.17 The Sixth Sunday after Trinity

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

Old Testament	Genesis 28: 10-19a
Psalm	139: 1-11, 23-24
Epistle	Romans 8: 12-25
Gospel	Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43

30.07.17 The Seventh Sunday after Trinity

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

Old Testament	Genesis 29: 15-28
Psalm	128
Epistle	Romans 8: 26-39
Gospel	Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52

06.08.17 The Eighth 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	Genesis 32: 22-31
Psalm	17: 1-7, 16
Epistle	Romans 9: 1-5
Gospel	Matthew 14: 13-21

13.08.17 The Ninth Sunday after Trinity

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

Old Testament	Genesis 37: 1-4, 12-28
Psalm	105: 1-6, 16-22, 45b
Epistle	Romans 10: 5-15
Gospel	Matthew 14: 22-33

20.08.17 The Tenth Sunday after Trinity

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

Old Testament	Genesis 45: 1-15
Psalm	133
Epistle	Romans 11: 1-2a, 29-32
Gospel	Matthew 15: [10-20], 21-28

27.08.17 The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

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

Old Testament	Exodus 1: 8 - 2: 10
Psalm	124
Epistle	Romans 12: 1-8
Gospel	Matthew 16: 13-20

03.09.17 The Twelfth 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	Exodus 3: 1–15
Psalm	115
Epistle	Romans 12: 9–21
Gospel	Matthew 16: 21–28

06.09.17 Wednesday

10:00 am Holy Communion One

10.09.17 The Thirteenth 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	Exodus 12: 1–14
Psalm	149
Epistle	Romans 13: 8–14
Gospel	Matthew 18: 15–20

13.09.17 Wednesday

10:00 am Holy Communion Two

17.09.17 The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

10:00 am Holy Communion One (said) – St John’s

11:30 am Holy Communion Two – St Patrick’s

Old Testament	Exodus 14: 19–31
Psalm	114
Epistle	Romans 14: 1–12
Gospel	Matthew 18: 21–35

20.09.17 Wednesday

10:00 am Holy Communion One

24.09.17 The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

10:00 am Morning Prayer One – St John’s

11:30 am Morning Prayer Two – St Patrick’s

Old Testament	Exodus 16: 2–15
Psalm	105: 1–6, 37–45
Epistle	Philippians 1: 21–30
Gospel	Matthew 20: 1–16

27.09.17 Wednesday

10:00 am Holy Communion Two

01.10.17 The Sixteenth 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	Exodus 17: 1–7
Psalm	78: 1–4, 12–16
Epistle	Philippians 2: 1–13
Gospel	Matthew 21: 23–32

04.10.17 Wednesday

10:00 am Holy Communion One

08.10.17 The Seventeenth 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	Exodus 20: 1–4, 7–9, 12–20
Psalm	19
Epistle	Philippians 3: 4b–14
Gospel	Matthew 21: 33–46

11.10.17 Wednesday

10:00 am Holy Communion Two

15.10.17 The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

10:00 am Holy Communion One (said) – St John’s

11:30 am Holy Communion Two – St Patrick’s

Old Testament	Exodus 32: 1–14
Psalm	Psalm 106: 1–6, 19–23
Epistle	Philippians 4: 1–9
Gospel	Matthew 22: 1–14

18.10.17 Wednesday

10:00 am Holy Communion One

22.10.17 The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

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

Old Testament Exodus 33: 12–23
Psalm 99
Epistle 1 Thessalonians 1: 1–10
Gospel Matthew 22: 15–22

25.10.17 Wednesday

10:00 am Holy Communion Two

29.10.17 The Fifth Sunday before Advent (Bible Sunday)

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

Old Testament Nehemiah 8: 1-4, 8-12
Psalm 119: 105-112
Epistle Colossians 3: 12-17
Gospel Matthew 24: 30-35

New Parish Readers

Congratulations to Elizabeth Smyth and Carole Williamson who were licenced by the Diocesan Warden of Readers to serve as Parish Readers in our parish.

Parish Readers, in addition to reading the bible and leading the intercessions, which they and others do already, are authorised to read services from the Prayer Book (or other services authorised for use by the Bishop). There are certain limits to that – they may not read The Absolution after the prayer of Confession, The Prayer of Consecration at Holy Communion nor The Blessing at the end of the service. They are not authorised to preach their own sermons, however they may read a sermon that the rector has written. By a separate authorisation, they are also permitted to administer the Chalice at Holy Communion.

We wish them well in this new ministry within our parish and pray that it will be a blessing to them and to us.

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 24 April 2017

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, Mr J Jones, Mr A Kane, Miss A Kerr, Mrs D Martin, Mrs I McCollam, Mrs G McCoy, Mr N Shirley, 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: Mr T Michael

The following were elected by the newly constituted Select Vestry on Monday 24 April 2017

Honorary Secretary: Mrs G McCoy
Honorary Treasurer: Mr N Shirley

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PARISH FINANCES

No 1 account (day to day income and expenditure)

At time of writing, this account has a surplus £7,229. Gift aid tax refund of £11,728, prevented this account from going into deficit, and we very much rely on it, as expenditure is consistently lower than income. Select Vestry have to carefully monitor spending, particularly as the surplus in the fabric fund, has recently been significantly reduced.

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

This account has, at time of writing a surplus of £6,748. In preparation for the Rector moving into the Vicarage, essential repairs and replacements, costing £5,500, were met from this account, which reduced the surplus. The account continues to be very useful in meeting costs incurred with the upkeep of the Church estate. The Select Vestry would encourage parishioners to continue to contribute to this account through monthly envelopes, donations and by support for fund raising events.

Financial details of both accounts, for year ending 31st December 2016, will be circulated to parishioners, in the next parish magazine.

Norman Shirley
(Hon Treasurer)

Table Quiz

A thoroughly enjoyable night was had by all and the evening raised:

£740 - for parish funds



St Patrick's & St John's Bowling Club

The bowling club held their AGM on Friday 5th May 2017 at 7.30pm in the Minor Hall with a good turn out of members. Followed by presentation of prizes and supper.

We welcome the committee elected and look forward to the start of the new season on **Friday 1st September 2017 at 7.30pm.**

We had one new member this season.

Come along even if you haven't bowled before and enjoy the fun and friendship.

On Saturday 5th August 2017, we are having our 'annual' outing to Dunluce outdoor bowling club, Bushmills, followed by a meal in Bushfoot golf club.

The bowling season ended with a lovely meal in Ballyclare golf club, attended by most members of the bowling club. The evening was in memory of Lillian Forsythe who had asked the secretary to make sure the bowlers had a night to remember on her!

Once again we had a great years bowling, thanks to the members who turn up each week and support the club.

Isobel McCollam
(Hon Secretary)



An amazing - **£1,280** was raised this year, which was up on last year's amount (£1,015).

Many thanks to all the collectors – your participation and support is greatly appreciated.

Leah Lynas
Tel: 9443 3363



Music in the parish

Easter to Ascension

The parish choir delivered two glorious Choral Communion services in St John's and St Patrick's on Easter Day. Following that, we prepared a special anthem for Ascension Day, and a surprise for a much-loved former organist of the parish, Mildred Irvine.

Just before Easter, Mildred had left in with me two cassettes of the parish choir 's 'Nine lessons and Carols', recorded in 1991 and 1995. These included some absolute gems of four-part and solo singing. Alan Walbridge's technical expertise and Pat McKean's archive suitcase came together to produce a very special personal snapshot of the choir as it was under Mildred: 2 smart CDs with the singers listed on the back.

Former choir members, along with Mildred, were invited to join us on Ascension Day for a joyful choral evening service. A presentation of the CDs was made to Mildred and former choir members at a splendid supper provided by the choir. The organist acknowledged the generous gift to the parish, of Mildred's library of organ music. This has been catalogued, and is now available for borrowing by organist and choir members.

The Ascension Day service and supper was a very happy occasion - one to cherish, and one I hope we will repeat.

As we move towards the end of this year's music making, and into the summer, I express on behalf of the parish, wholehearted appreciation of the talent, devotion and enthusiasm shown by our choir members. The warmth and vitality they bring to worship is without price.

Thank you also to our troupe of young musicians who have played and sung at the 'First Sunday' services. They give us all much joy, and we look forward to more of the same, and indeed some new developments. Watch this space!

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 27 September 2017

Contributions from all parish organisations would be very welcome.

LADIES FELLOWSHIP

It is hard to believe we are at the end of another year of Ladies Fellowship! We have packed quite a bit into our meetings. In January, we had a visit from Rita who did Indian Head Massage. I wasn't shy when she asked for a volunteer and I don't remember much after that. It was blissful.

In February, our speaker was Sharon Thompson, who many of us knew from McKays Chemist at the Twelfth Milestone. Sharon is a naturally gifted speaker and told us how she became involved in the Girassol charity, which some of us may be aware of from the shop in Antrim. Like many before her, she went on a trip to Africa (Mozambique) and fell in love with it. The name girassol means sunflower in Portuguese and it reminds us to shine Christ's light. The charity has a dual way of working – not only raising funds to support the missionaries in Mozambique, but working to support local people. It's a very worthwhile charity to support in a practical way and with prayers too. It was part of the plan that Sharon would do some make-up advice with us too, but all thoughts of our self-preservation flew out the window as we proved an attentive audience.

In March we were out again, revisiting Country Cakes Designs with Lorraine Duncan, who designed an Easter cake for us and provided a beautiful supper. She is a lovely hostess and makes everything look so easy – and she assures us that it is. Personally, I believe any effort from myself would resemble something from the 'Generation Game' outtakes!

In April we had our AGM and some changes have been made. Isobel McCollam was re-elected as our trusty Treasurer. Elizabeth Smyth (President) and myself stood down and were replaced by Ann Kerr as President and Karen Porter as Honorary Secretary. Those standing down from the committee were Daphne Lucas and Nuala Ker and joining were Margaret Walbridge and Heather Boyd.

'Thank you' to everyone who served on the committee, or held office, over the last year or two. Personally, it has been lovely having the opportunity to get to know and share fellowship with our neighbouring parishes. I think it's important to nourish those ties. I would also like to extend my thanks to 'Captain Mainwaring' (she knows who she is) and to Isobel for their support over the last 2 years. Welcome to the new committee members and especially to Ann and Karen. We wait with baited breath to see what the new year will have in store.

Our annual outing was to Ballydougan Pottery, just outside Lurgan. We were blessed with sunny weather, fabulous food and an interesting talk from Sean, which included pottery, thatched cottages and Huguenots! Bridget and Marie did a super job making sure we enjoyed the Ballydougan experience.

We meet up again on Tuesday 19 September at 7.30pm with a service of Holy Communion at St Patrick's. We welcome any ladies who would like to join or even visit for a night. Until September, have a lovely summer.

Luella Lecky
(Hon Secretary)
Tel: 9443 3266



European Heritage Open Day

St John's Church, Donegore

Saturday 9th & Sunday 10th September 2017
2pm until 4pm each day

2017 marks the bi-centenary of the nave in St John's.
Our exhibition this year will be to mark that anniversary
and also to promote
Margaret Bell's updated history of the Church.



A very big thank you to the Sunday Club children and leaders, their families, friends and everyone who contributed to the Kindfund Advent appeal. An amazing £215 was raised, your continued support is very much appreciated.

The work of Kindfund continues to go well under the guidance of Ken and Pamela Dobbin, working and witnessing among the pastoralist Turkana, Samburu and Rendille tribes of northern Kenya. They now care for 125 orphan children in their three Children's homes.

It is hoped to bring one of the older girls - Damaris over for a visit to N Ireland in September, we would love her to meet up with some of her Kindfund family here in Templepatrick.

Thank you again for all your support. For more information visit: www.kindfund.com

Daphne Lucas



Sunday Club

A big thank you to everyone who took part in the prize-giving service in June and who worked so hard to ensure we had 12 disciples and Jesus ready to put on display – a memorable end to our Sunday Club year!

May we take this opportunity of wishing the children and their families a great summer! We look forward to seeing you all again in September!

Some useful dates for your diary:-

- Sept 3 Service of the Word
- 10 Sunday Club Returns

Gail

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Another term over, and what a great one it has been! I think our young people will agree that we have had some great nights over the past year. One of their favourite nights was in November when a company called GodModex brought in a number of wide screen TVs and gaming consoles. The highlight of the evening was definitely the dance off on 'Just Dance' between our leaders and young people, and I'm sure you can guess who won!

We also had a great night out in March, which took us to Glengormley Sports Bowl. This was a very competitive, but very enjoyable evening with some new young people coming along as well. It was a great way for our leaders and our kids to really engage with one another and to get to know each other better. We ended off a great night with a compulsory trip to McDonald's - Happy Meals and McFlurrys all round!

Along with all the organised activities we have had this year, some of our favourite nights were spent with our usual club set up. This is where we have our pool table, table tennis table, football net, Wii and nail bar set up and of course supper is always included! These nights always have such a chilled feel, where our young people are able to enjoy simply hanging out with one another at their leisure.

Each night wouldn't be a success without our amazing team of leaders who come up with great ideas and ways to engage with the young people. We are really grateful for all they do and the time and energy they put into making each Saturday night so great. We, as leaders, have loved getting to know the young people more and we have been so fortunate to have such a great group of kids that come along each month. We hope that next year will bring more successful nights and hope to see you all again in October. Hope you have a great summer!

Michelle

LITTLE THOUGHTS



John 1 : 1 KJV
... and the Word was God

Busyness

Last night I know I told the Lord before I fell asleep
That I'd be sure and not forget the words I'd said to Him
The sun's come up, a new day's here, and many tasks are waiting
I'll remember last night's promise! I don't need the extra sin!
I've had breakfast with my hubby, then I watched him drive away
Fully-armoured with his toolbox for the jobs now overdue
After I have cleared the table, I'll attack my daily chores
For there's quite a list of things that I'm determined to get through.
I should ring my Aunt Matilda as she's waiting on my call
While I really must remember I've a special card to write
Well, at least the dinner's half-prepared and that's, no doubt, a help
So I should get through things well enough from now until tonight.

Oh, for pity's sake! It's ten o'clock! I hardly can believe it!
However, I will watch the news before I go to bed
I'm amazed at how time flies and I don't know where my day's gone
Though tomorrow is another day to organize my head.

Then just as I am pulling on my fluffy dressing-gown
I can feel my conscience pointing to my overwrought timetable
Suddenly my words are whispered back that I had prayed last night
When I'd vowed, with great intent, to take the time to read my Bible.

I know He'd waited quietly as hours were slipping by
On that little space in time when we would share His Word together
He showed a great politeness with no pushing or persuading
Yet remained on gold-edged pages, bound in finest goat-skin leather.

Goodnight, dear God. I must admit Your patience knows no bounds
As I feel my heart reminding me of what I failed to do
It's so true the busyness of life can stand well in the way
But where did moments go, Lord - for my Bible - and for You?

Jeanette Egli