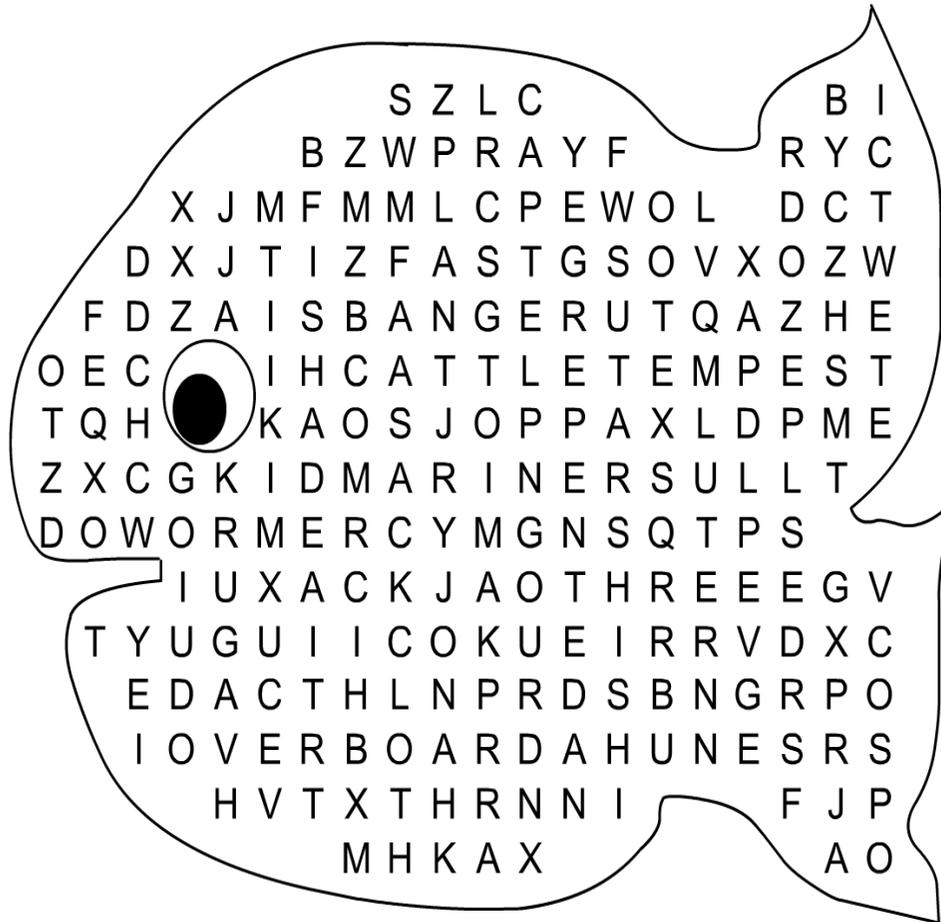


Jonah and the Big Fish

Find the words hidden in the puzzle.



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| ANGER | JONAH | PLANT | TARSHISH |
| CATTLE | JOPPA | PRAY | TEMPEST |
| FAST | MARINERS | REPENTED | THREE |
| FISH | MERCY | SACKCLOTH | WORM |
| GOURD | OVERBOARD | SHADE | |



Cross Talk

Vicar's Annual Report 2015

First and foremost, I want to make sure that I thank you all for being here this evening, I am continually grateful for the privilege of leading this parish, for your love and concern for me and for my family; for the fact that you still laugh at my jokes but also for the number of positive comments that I get about my sermons and the events that we put on in the parish. Whatever I have forgotten to include in this report – I want to be sure that my sincere appreciation of your encouragement is properly recorded.

I begin my report with a technicality, and that is that on the 1st of December this year my contract as Diocesan Curate with Responsibility for the United Parish of Templepatrick and Donegore will come to an end. At that point the Bishop will task the Parochial Nominators with finding an incumbent for the parish. That will involve advertising the post, conducting interviews and visiting the candidate's current parishes. Then any recommendation they make must be approved by the Bishop and by Diocesan Council before an appointment is made and a service of institution takes place. And regardless of the two years that I have been here, I will be expected to submit to that process if I wish to be considered for the post. And I know we make jokes about it from time to time, but the bottom line is that I will not automatically become Vicar of this parish on the 1st of December. In light of that, my report is perhaps not as full of plans for the future as you might wish, but it certainly reflects the foundation that I believe we are building together for a future that will see this parish thrive. And whoever is standing here this time next year will have the best starting point possible for a long and fruitful ministry in this place.

On the grounds that I have started with the imagery of laying foundations, let me continue in that vein and recognise that the foundation stone of all that we build is the worship life of our churches. Throughout this past year we have expressed the fullness of Christian Life. We have conducted baptisms, confirmations, weddings and funerals and our churches have had congregations in excess of one hundred on eight separate occasions. There have been many services that have stuck in my mind, but I particularly want to mention the Remembrance Sunday service in St Patrick's and the part that the Scout Group played in that service. The placing of crosses in memory of each person recorded on the war memorial was an extremely fitting and poignant mark of the centenary of the outbreak of the First World War.

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But even aside from those headline days - our week by week services, on Sundays and on Wednesday mornings, have reflected our desire to worship God reverently and thoughtfully as well as seeking ways of engaging with younger members of the parish; and finding expressions of worship that will resonate with their spirituality. I am hugely indebted to the parish choir and to Pat in leading them; and for all that she does with the younger parishioners as well. I am continually being congratulated by visitors to our parish on the standard and appropriateness of our music – and I also want to thank Sally for leading the worship in St John’s. In addition I want to take this opportunity to say a word of thanks to John Jones for his many years in the choir. John has decided to retire from singing every Sunday, but I’m delighted that he turns up for special occasions and still sings in St John’s.

In order to help ‘steady’ that foundation stone of our Sunday worship, one of the key changes that we have made this year has been the establishing of a 10am Service in St John’s every Sunday. There were several factors that prompted me to want to change the old pattern of 2nd and 4th Sunday in St John’s at 10am, and 1st and 3rd in St Patrick’s at 9:30am – not least the ease of letting people know where and when there are services on. But I also want to make it possible for people to choose each Sunday if they want Holy Communion or Morning Prayer, or if they want a traditional or contemporary language service or indeed if they want an early or a late service. I haven’t got it completely right yet, but we are moving in the right direction. And certainly the numbers of people coming to St John’s on a Sunday has risen significantly in the last 12 months, whilst the numbers in St Patrick’s have also risen even with two less services each month.

Our Sunday Club led by Gail, Claire and Sophie also has a very healthy roll call and it is unfortunate that I don’t get to come and join with the kids in Sunday Club, but the engagement that I get from them when telling them their story, and at our Family Services and the Christmas play and the presentation of their project in June all reflect a group that is running well and being run well. The group that were confirmed in January certainly had an engagement and understanding of their faith and it was a real pleasure for me to prepare them for Confirmation.

But perhaps my biggest debt of gratitude is to our Churchwardens, Des, Bill, Colin and Chris for all that they do, week in – week out; as well as our Sacristans, Brian and Wilma; and those who read lessons and those who lead the intercessions. The time and energy that you all put into preparing for and sharing in the leading of worship are what makes our services so special.

There is another group of people that I want to thank at this point and they are the people who come out to our Wednesday Evening sessions. The two highlights of which were firstly the interdenominational running of the Discipleship Explored course that we shared with the two Presbyterian churches. We had a superb representation of the Anglican tradition, and kept the Presbyterians outnumbered in each of the three study groups! And the second was that I actually got the chance to use the word antisestablishmentarianism in a bible study of Zechariah. I was explaining the vision in chapter 4 and the significance of the two olive trees on either side of the lampstand, representing the King and the High Priest. We are now looking forward to reading and discussing Gerard Hughes’ book ‘God of Surprises’ which has become one of the most popular Christian Books of recent years.

One of the recurring themes in my sermons over the year has been ‘Building Community’ and that is the other half of the foundation that I am talking about this evening. In a sense everything that goes on in this Parish Hall is part of that work - Teenblast led by Anne, our bowls club led by Isobel, our Ladies Fellowship, headed up by Anne, Helen and Isobel, our newly formed young people’s group and our uniformed organisations led by Catherine (and she is to be congratulated on the reforming of the Scout section which had been inactive for some years). These organisations, their leaders and all who help to run them are making that expression of the gospel as a community of people real and tangible – not just for our own people but for people from other churches and from no church. And to me the jewel in that crown is the fortnightly Soup and Cheese lunch. The bonds of friendship and concern that are made and sustained on those Wednesday lunchtimes are the lodestone of Christian work and witness and I particularly want to thank everyone who helps to make those lunches work, I know that they are exhausting and that you are looking forward to the summer off after this week.

We have had other stand out occasions during the year – possible the best of which was the visit by the Kenyan children with KindFund and the evening we spent with them sharing songs, stories and playing with Lego! Our other major stand out event was the Christmas Tree Festival in December, our objective was to help build that sense of community that I keep talking about, and we invited organisations, businesses and individuals to put up trees that reflected their contribution to the community. It was a far greater success than I ever dared to imagine it might be – and I’m just scared that we’re going to have to do it again this year! But my thanks to everyone who supported it by providing trees or helping with the catering. And especially to the fundraising committee Ann, Alison, Anne, Isobel, Stephen and Bill for all the work that went into organising it and all the other events we have had over the year.

I must also mention ‘Joseph and his amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat’ which we hope to present this June. There had been a slight anxiety about whether it is too ambitious for us or not, but I believe we have in Mandy, David and Cath a very capable production team, and we now have enough people who are keen to get involved to make it a good show, worth coming to see – but its real success will not be in the magnificence of the performances, but in that it is giving people who wouldn’t normally be part of the same church activities the opportunity to work together (and there is still room for others to come and join in the fun).

With all of that said, there is a question that I keep getting asked about how we can sustain all that we do, as well as we do it, into the future. People who have been in leadership roles or who have been supporting the running of organisations, activities and events over many years - and who are looking to step down from those roles are struggling to find successors. I know myself that trying to find people who have the time and desire to be wardens or vestry members or whatever is a struggle and I have every sympathy for those who tell me that the pressures of family and work make those commitments impossible. We have to recognise that we are trying to make church work in a very different cultural setting to how church was when we grew up. At that time it was unthinkable that anybody could have ‘other commitments’ on a Sunday. Now employers, coaches, and just about everybody thinks that Sunday is no different to any other day of the week and those who don’t show up for shifts, or training, or rehearsals lose the job or the place that is so important to them.

On the other hand I also want to express a concern, that when people join our church – that we don't frighten them off with an avalanche of jobs and roles that we want to think that they can do; we need to remember that our primary responsibility is to allow people to grow in their relationship with God. That is why they have come to church in the first place. Part of that will be to encourage them to join in our social events, to find their place within this community – but we must give them time to 'feel at home' before we start looking for them to take on board roles and positions that will make demands of their time and their energy. I know that's not the quick fix to our manpower challenges that we need, and it will mean that some of our events and activities will need to be scaled back for a while. But the consolation is that we know that even the branches that bear fruit need to be pruned so that they may produce more fruit!

A word about our buildings, we had a quinquennial inspection a few weeks ago and were praised for the high standard that each of our buildings is kept at, our glebewardens, Stephen and Michael, put in a lot of time ensuring that that standard is maintained and many others share in the work of maintenance and cleaning. We had three enjoyable, sunny evenings last May with work parties at the two churches and the hall; so keep your ears open for an announcement of 3 evenings this May and don't miss out on the opportunity to join in the fun!

As far as administration goes, I want to thank Select Vestry for all that they have done over the year and the time they have given up to do it. Particularly I want to thank Raymond, Margaret, Alison and David who are standing down from Select Vestry but who I know will continue to be significant players in the life of the parish. Thank you to Ann and Norman for their work as Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer; to Isobel as FWO recorder and envelope secretary, Michael as Gift Aid secretary and Trevor as Auditor. And thank you to those who carry out all the other roles and responsibilities with quiet dedication and without which we, as a parish, would fail to be as effective as we are.

Finally, a word of thanks to Archdeacon Stephen for his mentorship and for chairing our Easter Vestry. And to my family, whose active engagement with my ministry gives me both the support and the encouragement I need, thank you all.

Andrew

Kneel before Jesus and you can stand before anyone!

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The following were nominated or elected at the Easter Annual General Vestry meeting on Monday 13 April 2015

Vicar's Churchwarden: (St Patrick's) Mr D Smyth
People's Churchwarden: (St Patrick's) Mr W McAvoy
Vicar's Churchwarden: (St John's) Mr C Ovans
People's Churchwarden: (St John's) Dr C Lundy
Vicar's Glebewarden: Mr M Cooke
People's Glebewarden: Mr S McCollam

Select Vestry Members in addition to the above:

Mrs H Boyd, Mr K Egli, Mr A Kane, Miss A Kerr, Mrs D Lucas,
Mrs I McCollam, Mrs G McCoy, Mrs C Michael, Mr T Michael,
Mr C Mulligan, Mr N Shirley, Mr E Williamson

Diocesan Synodsmembers: Mr E Cinnamon, Mrs M Finlay
Supplemental Diocesan Synodsmembers: Mr H Cinnamon, Mr J Sheldon

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

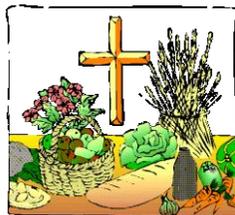
Supplemental Nominators: Mr M Cooke, Mrs A Millar,
Mr J Sheldon, Mrs C Michael

Supplemental Glebewarden: Dr C Lundy
Honorary Auditor: Mr T Michael

The following were elected by the newly constituted Select Vestry on Monday 13 April 2015

Honorary Secretary: Miss A Kerr
Honorary Treasurer: Mr N Shirley

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HARVEST SERVICES

St Patrick's, Templepatrick

Sunday 4th October 2015

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 3rd 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 11th October 2015

3.30 pm Evening Prayer for Harvest



PARISH FINANCES

No 1 account (day to day income and expenditure)

At time of writing, this account has a surplus £9,600, mainly due to the recent recovery of £10,300 gift aid tax. Expenditure from this account remains consistently lower than income, particularly during the summer months when parishioners are on holiday. Hence the Select Vestry has to carefully monitor spending.

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

This account has, at time of writing a surplus of £10,500. The account is proving 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.

You will find financial details of both accounts for year ending 31st December 2014 enclosed with this magazine.

Norman Shirley
(Hon Treasurer)

Table Quiz

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

£750.00 - for parish funds

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Choir: Practices on Thursday at 8pm.

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 G McCoy Tel: 9443 2782

Helpers: Mrs C 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 Lesley Anne Wetherspoon
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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

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 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> |
|-------------|---------------------|---|---|
| 05.07.15 | Service of the Word | Gospel | Mrs G McCoy |
| 12.07.15 | Morning Prayer One | Old Testament | Mr D Smyth |
| 19.07.15 | Holy Communion Two | Old Testament Epistle Intercessions | Mr H Cinnamon Mrs N Clendinning Mrs M Walbridge |
| 26.07.15 | Morning Prayer Two | Old Testament | Mr S McCollam |
| 02.08.15 | Service of the Word | Gospel | Mrs K Gordon |
| 09.08.15 | Morning Prayer One | Old Testament | Mrs A Brobyn |
| 16.08.15 | Holy Communion Two | Old Testament Epistle Intercessions | Mrs J Egli Mr B McMeekin Mrs C Michael |
| 23.08.15 | Morning Prayer Two | Old Testament | Mr B McCrum |
| 30.08.15 | Holy Communion Two | Old Testament Epistle Intercessions | Mr A Kane Mr J McConnell Mrs D Lucas |
| 06.09.15 | Service of the Word | Gospel Prayers | Ellen Clarke Sophie Clarke |
| 13.09.15 | Morning Prayer One | Old Testament | Mrs K Young |
| 20.09.15 | Holy Communion Two | Old Testament Epistle Intercessions | Mrs S Aitcheson Mrs D Gaffney Mrs W Brolly |
| 27.09.15 | Morning Prayer Two | Old Testament | Mrs I McCollam |

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

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| 04.10.15 | Service of the Word | Gospel Prayers | Stephanie Gordon Rory Gordon |
| 11.10.15 | Morning Prayer One | Old Testament | Mrs A Millar |
| 18.10.15 | Holy Communion Two | Old Testament Epistle Intercessions | Mr E Williamson Mr A Walbridge Mrs K Williamson |
| 25.10.15 | 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.



Sunday Club - SCLUB4

A big thank you to all the children who took part in the prize-giving in June. What can I say - Jonah and the Whale went down an absolute treat with the congregation! Not to mention the music and singing - well done to everyone and our thanks, especially to Pat, for organising and bringing it all together! A very fitting finish to our Sunday Club year!

Some useful dates for your diary:-

Sept 6 Service of the Word
 13 Sunday Club Returns

Gail



Rotas



Readers and Intercessors rota for St John's, Donegore

| <i>Date</i> | <i>Service</i> | <i>Reading / Intercessions</i> | <i>Reader / Intercessor</i> |
|-------------|--------------------|---|---|
| 05.07.15 | Holy Communion Two | _____ | _____ |
| 12.07.15 | Holy Communion Two | Old Testament Epistle Intercessions | Mr C Ovans Ms H Boyd Mrs E Smyth |
| 19.07.15 | Holy Communion One | _____ | _____ |
| 26.07.15 | Morning Prayer One | Old Testament | Mrs C Williamson |
| 02.08.15 | Holy Communion Two | _____ | _____ |
| 09.08.15 | Holy Communion Two | Old Testament Epistle Intercessions | Mr J Jones Mrs L Lecky Ms H Boyd |
| 16.08.15 | Holy Communion One | _____ | _____ |
| 23.08.15 | Morning Prayer One | Old Testament | Mrs K Williamson |
| 30.08.15 | Morning Prayer Two | Old Testament | Mrs E Smyth |
| 06.09.15 | Holy Communion Two | _____ | _____ |
| 13.09.15 | Holy Communion Two | Old Testament Epistle Intercessions | Mr M Cooke Mrs A Cooke Mrs M Finlay |
| 20.09.15 | Holy Communion One | _____ | _____ |
| 27.09.15 | Morning Prayer One | Old Testament | Mr E Williamson |
| 04.10.15 | Holy Communion Two | _____ | _____ |
| 11.10.15 | Holy Communion Two | Old Testament Epistle Intercessions | Mrs L Lecky Mr C Ovans Mrs A Cooke |
| 18.10.15 | Holy Communion One | _____ | _____ |
| 25.10.15 | Morning Prayer One | Old Testament | Mrs M Finlay |

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Rotas

St Patrick's



Communion Rota

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| July | Mr H & Mrs A Cinnamon |
| August | Mr M & Mrs A Cooke |
| September | Mr K & Mrs J Egli |
| October | Mrs M McConnell & Mrs I McCollam |



Cleaning Rota

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| July | J Jones, S Aitcheson, H Boyd |
| August | I McCollam, M McConnell |
| September | S White, D Lucas |
| October | L Lynas, L Lecky |



Flower Rota

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| July | 5 th , 12 th & 19 th Vacant, 26 th F Blackbourne |
| August | 2 nd Vacant, 9 th B Perris, 16 th , 23 rd & 30 th Vacant |
| September | 6 th M Walbridge, 13 th I McConnell, 20 th H Graham, 27 th G Hamill |
| October | 4 th & 11 th Harvest, 18 th C Michael 25 th Vacant |

St John's



Communion Rota

| | |
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| July | Mr & Mrs Cooke |
| August | Mr & Mrs Mehaffey |
| September | Mrs F McElhinney & Ms H Boyd |
| October | Dr & Mrs Lundy |

CALENDAR FOR JULY - OCTOBER 2015

05.07.15 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 5: 1-5, 9-10
Psalm 48
Epistle 2 Corinthians 12: 2-10
Gospel Mark 6: 1-13

12.07.15 The Sixth Sunday after Trinity

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

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

19.07.15 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 7: 1-14a
Psalm 89: 20-37
Epistle Ephesians 2: 11-22
Gospel Mark 6: 30-34, 53-56

26.07.15 The Eighth Sunday after Trinity

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

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

02.08.15 The Ninth 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

09.08.15 The Tenth Sunday after Trinity

10:00 am Holy Communion Two – 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

16.08.15 The Eleventh 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

23.08.15 The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

10:00 am Morning Prayer One – 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

30.08.15 The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

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

02.09.15 Wednesday

10:00 am Holy Communion One

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

09.09.15 Wednesday

10:00 am Holy Communion Two

13.09.15 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 1: 20-33
Psalm 19
Epistle James 3: 1-12
Gospel Mark 8: 27-38

16.09.15 Wednesday

10:00 am Holy Communion One

20.09.15 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 31: 10-31
Psalm 1
Epistle James 3:13 – 4:3, 7-8a
Gospel Mark 9: 30-37

23.09.15 Wednesday

10:00 am Holy Communion Two

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

30.09.15 Wednesday

10:00 am Holy Communion One

04.10.15 The Eighteenth 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

07.10.15 Wednesday

10:00 am Holy Communion One

11.10.15 The Nineteenth 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

14.10.15 Wednesday

10:00 am Holy Communion Two

18.10.15 The Twentieth 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

21.10.15 Wednesday

10:00 am Holy Communion One

25.10.15 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

28.10.15 Wednesday

10:00 am Holy Communion Two

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 A Cinnamon, 27 Templerise, Templepatrick Tel:028 9443 2317
Mr M Cooke, 44 Rathmore Road, Dunadry Tel:028 9443 3183
Mr A Walbridge, 4 Broadacres, Templepatrick Tel:028 9443 2795

From the Registers

CHRISTIAN BURIAL

“Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord”

16th February 2015, Neville Laverty
20th February 2015, Lady Alison Cooke
10th April 2015, Eleanor Law
5th June 2015, Elena Evans
11th June 2015, Mavis Coe



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

Wednesday 7 October 2015

Contributions from all parish organisations would be very welcome.



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Music in the parish

As the holiday season approaches I take this opportunity to thank all the members of our Parish Choir for time and talents given freely during the last year. The music they prepare week by week, with additional choral treats at Harvest, Christmas and Easter, adds up to a huge commitment which we do not, and must not, take for granted. I would like to express a particular thank you to Mrs Pat MacKean, our Hon Sec, Treasurer, Registrar, Librarian and Pastoral Care Officer! Truly she does a magnificent job in all these roles for the choir, and we are all indebted to her. I wish all choir members safe journeys wherever they holiday, knowing that those left behind will continue to provide leadership for our worship during the summer months.

As we go to print, our junior musicians are preparing to play and sing in the last children's service before the summer. Thank you to them all, and to their parents, for their very special contribution to our services.

Finally, an advance notice about a service taking place in St Patrick's in September: we plan to have new anthem books dedicated on Sunday 20th September. These are the gift of Mr Jim Clendinning, in memory of his late brother Stanley, long-standing member of this parish, and husband of our esteemed choir member, Noreen. During communion the choir will sing an anthem from this collection.

Pat
Tel: 9443 9398



St Patrick's & St John's Bowling Club

The bowling club had their AGM on Friday 1st May 2015 at 7.30pm in the Minor Hall with a good turn out of members, followed by presentation of prizes and supper.

We welcome the new committee elected and look forward to the start of the new season on **Friday 4th September 2015, at 7.30pm**. Come along even if you have never bowled before and enjoy the fun and friendship.

We are hoping to start a Junior section of the bowling club between the ages of 7 and 14, which will be on a Friday evening between 6.30 and 7.30pm, depending on the interest shown, and will commence on **Friday 11th September 2015**.

On Saturday 15th August we are having our 'Annual' outing to Dunluce bowling club with a meal afterwards in Bushfoot golf club.

In September we will be going for our 'annual week-end break', once again to Fermanagh, staying at the Manor House Hotel and bowling in a local Church hall. This was enjoyed last year by everyone and we are hoping for another good week-end.

Isobel McCollam
(Hon Secretary)

TeenBlast and Soup Lunches have now finished for the Summer ...

TeenBlast

We had a very successful year with the young people in Teenblast. Attendances each night were good, averaging 24 very lively youngsters!

Over the year we tried to encourage and develop new skills. Crafts included jewellery making, portraits, decorated picture frames, button craft etc. They also enjoyed dismantling 2 bicycles, courtesy of Rev Andrew! We look forward to them being reassembled again!! Table tennis, snooker, dance mats and table top games were also enjoyed. One of our highlights was the Christmas Disco to which we invited young people from all the various organizations'. The hall was often filled with delicious smells, burgers, pizza, hot dogs and cake pops made and enjoyed by the young people themselves (courtesy of Alison).

Thank you to all our volunteers who have given so much over the year, and especially to Ben, who is really showing his leadership skills. It is a pleasure to watch how our young people develop and mature!

As before new volunteers would be very welcome. It is just one Saturday night per month, guaranteed to keep you feeling young!

Anne Cinnamon

Soup Lunches

The Soup Lunches continue to flourish, becoming a real community event! It is hard to believe when we started we were delighted to have 34 people turn up and we used the Minor Hall! We now have attendances averaging 65 and at both the Christmas and St Patrick's Day lunches we served almost 100.

I would like to say a big thank you to all those people who help in any way. To the men who set up and clear away tables, those who make soup, serve tables, etc. It is you who have made this venture such a success.

We could still use some more volunteers! If you would like to help please contact me, believe it or not I'm sure you would enjoy the camaraderie!

Anne Cinnamon

The United Parish of Templepatrick and Donegore Community Soup and Cheese Lunch



will resume on **Wednesday 7th October**

from 12 noon – 2pm

at Templepatrick Parish Hall, Old Coach Road

All welcome for food and fellowship

LADIES FELLOWSHIP

We were delighted to have Jeanette Egli reading her own poetry on St Patrick's evening. It was a lovely intimate setting and a real pleasure to hear verse spoken by the writer herself. Thank you Jeanette, for sharing your poems with us in this way.

April's AGM did indeed bring a bit of excitement. Our new President is Elizabeth Smyth and Honorary Secretary is Luella Lecky. By popular demand, Isobel McCollum is continuing in her post of Treasurer. Thank you to Anne Cooke who served as President and to Helen Sheldon who served as Honorary Secretary for the past 2 years. Thanks also to those who have been on the committee and welcome to those who are joining it.

Our annual outing this year was to Mount Stewart. Over 30 of us headed to North Down, including some men who became honorary members for the day. We had a fabulous time. Our tour of the house was preceded by lunch at Harrisons, outside Greyabbey, and as the weather was so good, we were able to walk off the 'country sized' portions in the glorious grounds of Mount Stewart.

We will soon be meeting to plan our timetable for the year 2015/16, which will include anniversary celebrations and I would take this opportunity to encourage any women to come and join us. I joined the Fellowship myself about 6 years ago and can vouch for the good company and fun it has provided. Perhaps when we reconvene in September, you will come for a night, enjoy it and come again!

Luella Lecky
(Hon Secretary)
Tel: 9443 3266

St Patrick's – Refreshments in the Church Rooms

The "Coffee mornings" in the Church Rooms will start again on **Sunday 6 September 2015** from **10.45 am – 11.15 am**

Come along for a cup of tea or coffee and a chat before Church!
Everyone is most welcome !



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SCOUT NEWS

We are coming close to the end of our year and by the time you read this report the Cubs and Scout Sections will have been to camp and Beavers will have had their "Sleepover" in the Hall.

Our Scout weekend camp in Shane's Castle proved more than a little trying for Leaders and boys alike because the weather was so bad that we had to abandon camp at 8.00pm on Saturday evening or be washed away! Everyone was safely delivered home and next morning we moved the tents and equipment to the hall to dry out.

Scouts are going to have another weekend camp in June and hopefully the weather will be a little kinder.

Our Cubs have had another successful year in the Cub Football winning, not only, the District and County competitions but also going to the NI final in June in Fivemiletown. We wish them every success once more.

Our reformed Scout Section welcomed Iain Witherspoon as Assistant Scout Leader in January and together with Steve Sargent and Helpers - Lawrence Anderson and Steve Britton-Hall they have completed an excellent first year with 21 Scouts. They have gained several badges, the most memorable of which was the 26 mile cycle ride from Lisburn to Newtownabbey, enjoyed greatly by all.

The final event for the Group will be the Annual Family Group BBQ in Greenmount, with only the Scout Section continuing into June.

I would like to place on record my thanks for the untiring efforts and loyalty of all our Leaders and Helpers, not forgetting the boys, Daniel Scott and Owen, who help us in order to achieve their Duke of Edinburgh Award.

As always we would welcome help in any capacity, as our members grow so also does our need for supervision.

Yours in Scouting

Catherine Michael (GSL)

LITTLE THOUGHTS



Matthew 28 : 20 KJV
... and, lo, I am with you alway ...

I'm tidying up, 'cause He's coming to stay,
What a joy it will be if He lingers all day,
I'll pluck the place up with all I can muster,
While arming myself with spray-polish and duster!

I must buy some flowers for they're always nice,
And I'll vacuum around at least once or twice,
The mirrors, of course, could do with a shine,
Last night's washing will have to come down off the line.

I've been meaning to clean the bathroom floor too,
So I'll get on with that, I have plenty to do!
No doubt though He'll notice how everything looks,
I'm sure He will see that I've moved those old books!

Then I'll set out the china and get the cake made,
But I may have to wing it for baking's a trade,
That I'm never too sure of, but maybe a prayer,
Will help all my efforts a bit here and there.

Everything's ready. The rooms look just great,
Did I just hear the doorbell? He's not even late,
I'll show Him around, though that could take a while,
But first we'll have coffee and sit here in style!

Yet, what's that He's saying? It isn't my home,
That He's come to visit, but just me alone,
And now as I asked Him how long He would stay,
He answered, "*Forever – I've not been away.*"

Jeanette Egli

Saints of the Church

Thomas the Apostle

3 July -- Festival -- Apostle – Red

Thomas is mentioned among the number of the Apostles in the gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke but it is in John's gospel that his significance is revealed. Firstly, he is heard encouraging the other disciples to go to Judæa with Jesus; then, not knowing what Jesus meant when he talked about where he was to go elicited the answer that Jesus was himself the Way. But probably most famously he was the Apostle notably unconvinced by reports of the resurrection of Jesus, causing Jesus to show him the marks in his hands and feet and side. Thomas then proclaims the words that have been described as the great climax to John's gospel by saying to Jesus, "My Lord and my God!"

James the Apostle

25 July -- Festival -- Apostle – Red

James, often called 'the Great', was a Galilean fisherman who, with his brother John, was one of the first apostles called by Jesus to follow him. The two brothers were with Jesus at his Transfiguration and with him again in the garden of Gethsemane. They annoyed the other followers of Jesus by asking to sit one on his left and the other on his right when he came into his glory and they were present for the appearances of Christ after the resurrection. James was put to death by the sword on the order of Herod Agrippa, who hoped in vain that, by disposing of the Christian leaders, he could stem the flow of those hearing the good news and becoming followers in the Way. James' martyrdom is believed to have taken place in the year 44.

Bartholomew the Apostle

24 August -- Festival -- Apostle – Red

It has long been assumed that Bartholomew is the same as Nathanael though it is not a certainty. The gospels speak of Philip bringing Nathanael to Jesus and calling him an Israelite worthy of the name. He is also present beside the Sea of Galilee at the resurrection. Although he seems initially a somewhat cynical man, he recognises Jesus for who he is and proclaims him as Son of God and King of Israel.

The Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8 September -- Lesser Festival -- BVM -- White

This festival in honour of the birth of the mother of our Lord is celebrated on this day in both the eastern and the western Churches. Falling just nine months after the feast of the Conception of Mary, this feast acknowledges the preparation by God of his people to receive their Saviour and Lord, putting 'heaven in ordinary' and showing that mortal flesh can be the bearer of Christ to the world.

Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist

21 September -- Festival -- Apostle -- Red

Matthew appears in the list of the twelve apostles of Jesus and, according to the gospel written under his name, was a tax collector. Mark and Luke called the tax collector Levi, and it has been assumed that they are one and the same. This occupation was despised by his fellow Jews as a betrayal to the occupying Roman force but Christ showed that judging by outward appearance was not what he was about. He ate with Matthew and with his friends, scandalising those around him. Matthew affirmed that his life would now change because of following Jesus, and that he

would make amends for any former wrongdoing. This was enough for Jesus, for he had drawn someone back to God. He was forgiven, therefore he was acceptable, therefore he was received.

Michael & All Angels

29 September -- Festival -- White

Michael, Gabriel and Raphael are the three named biblical angels, depicted as the beloved messengers of God. Michael, which means 'who is like God?', is described as protector of Israel and leader of the armies of God and is perhaps best known as the slayer of the dragon in the Revelation to John. He is thus regarded as the protector of Christians from the devil, particularly those at the hour of death. A basilica near Rome was dedicated in the fifth century in honour of Michael on 30 September, beginning with celebrations on the eve of that day, and 29 September is now kept in honour of Michael and all Angels throughout the western Church.

Luke the Evangelist

18 October -- Festival -- Evangelist -- Red

Luke was a dear friend of the apostle Paul, and is mentioned by him three times in his Letters. Paul describes him as 'the beloved physician' and, in his second Letter to Timothy, as his only companion in prison. He is believed to be the author of two books of the New Testament, firstly the gospel which stands in his name and also the *Acts of the Apostles*. Luke's narrative of the life of Christ has a pictorial quality and shows the sequential pattern from the nativity through to the death and resurrection. The developed sense of theology that comes over in Paul's writings is virtually unknown in those of Luke but, as a Gentile, Luke makes clear that the good news of salvation is for all, regardless of sex, social position or nationality. Traditionally, Luke wrote his gospel in Greece and died in Boeotia at the age of eighty-four.

Simon & Jude, Apostles

28 October -- Festival -- Apostles -- White

Simon and Jude were named among the twelve apostles in the gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke. Simon is called 'the Zealot', probably because he belonged to a nationalist resistance movement opposing the Roman occupation forces. There is no indication in the gospels whether Simon moved from the Zealot party to be a follower of Christ or, on the other hand, if after the resurrection he became a supporter of that group, seeing it as a response to God's call to proclaim the kingdom.

Luke describes Jude as the son of James, while the Letter of Jude has him as the brother of James, neither of which negates the other. It seems he is the same person as Thaddæus, which may have been a last name. Owing to the similarity of his name to that of Judas Iscariot, Jude was rarely invoked in prayer and it seems likely that because of this, interceding through him was seen as a final resort when all else failed. He became known, therefore, as the patron saint of lost causes.

The two apostles are joined together on this day because a church, which had recently acquired their relics, was dedicated to their memory in Rome in the seventh century.
