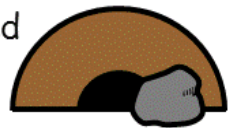


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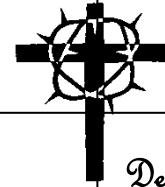
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Cross Talk

Dear Friends,

Is it really only three months since I wrote my first piece for this magazine? In some ways that time has flown by, and in others it seems so long ago. Your welcome, support and encouragement have helped me and my family to feel very much at home right from the very beginning, and we thank you for that. Advent and Christmas were the perfect time to begin a new ministry and I'm delighted with the conversations that we have been having, exploring our hopes for the parish and its role in the community.

The Wednesday Evening Group is proving very popular with inspiring and enjoyable conversation about what we are reading in scripture. We have selected the E100 programme (see inside) to guide us through the bible in 100 key passages. Everyone is very welcome to come along and join in the discussion as and when suits them.

The other key midweek event is the Wednesday morning Holy Communion service. A significant part of the service is praying for those in need of healing, whether of body, mind or spirit. We pray for anyone who asks to have their name added to the prayer list. (The list is available on Sundays as well as on Wednesdays to add names to). There is also the opportunity, immediately after the service, for anyone to receive personal, private prayer for themselves or for someone else they are concerned about.

It has been a real joy to get the opportunities to meet so many people at the various events that go on in our Parish Hall each week and through the month. The fortnightly community Soup and Cheese lunch is going from strength to strength as more and more people come to enjoy fellowship and delicious food. The bowls, the Ladies Fellowship and Teen Blast are also doing a wonderful job in building community and connecting people with the Gospel in very real and tangible ways.

I have also had the opportunity to meet my local colleagues in ministry, Rev Richard Kerr of the Presbyterian Church and Rev Rosalind Taggart of the Non-Subscribing Presbyterian Church and we are looking forward to creating opportunities to work and to worship together.

The first opportunity for that will be on Palm Sunday Evening when we will host the annual inter-denominational service in St Patrick's. It will also be my pleasure to welcome my friend and Diocesan Lay Reader, Mrs Louise Bowes, to St Patrick's to lead our meditations during Holy Week.

For me, Easter is the most joyful time of the year. There is a real sense in which Lent allows us to prepare our hearts and minds for Easter without the noise and clutter that invades our preparations for Christmas. We each need to find space and time to kneel at the foot of the cross, then we can kneel at the mouth of the empty tomb and celebrate both what God has done for us and what we can do in Him.

I hope and pray that as you engage with some or all of the various events and activities going on in this vibrant and growing parish that you will find opportunities to deepen your relationship with God, to grow in faith and to respond to His love for you.

Andrew

Easter Vestry

This year's Easter Vestry will be held on
Monday 28th April at 7:30pm in the Parish Hall.

It will be chaired by the
Archdeacon of Connor, the Ven Stephen McBride

PARISH FINANCES

No 1 account (day to day income and expenditure)

At time of writing, this account is overdrawn by £2,694. Recovery of around £10,000 gift aid tax refund in early March will reduce the overdraft in this account. This should leave a net surplus in these two accounts.

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

Through recent fund raising, monthly envelopes and family donations, this account has, at time of writing a surplus of £6,187. In the last financial year, £17,000 from this account was used in updating the bathrooms and kitchen in the vicarage and on purchasing a parish computer/printer and software. It 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.

Financial details of both accounts for year ending 31st December 2013 will be circulated to parishioners, after they have been approved by the Select Vestry in March.

Norman Shirley
(Hon Treasurer)

Rural Deanery Lenten Services

The Rural Deanery Lenten Services this year will be on the "Fruit of the Spirit".
Dates and locations as below. All services start at 7:30pm.

5 th March	Muckamore	Love
12 th March	All Saints', Antrim	Joy
19 th March	Ballynure	Peace
26 th March	Templepatrick	Patience
2 nd April	Connor	Kindness
9 th April	Drummaul	Gentleness

Canon Kenneth Ruddock
Diocesan Curate
Ahoghill

16/12/13

Dear Ann,

On reflection I feel that on Sunday I did not do full justice to the very kind remarks of Bill M^cEvoy. Your Parishes have been very kind in many ways and for this Kathleen and I are very grateful indeed. We have received plenty of books, painting, cards, apples and now your gifts on Sunday. These are very much appreciated and will be used to our advantage. Well done to all.

1. Thanks again to the choir cum organist. When I moved “camp” to a certain parish in Belfast, there were only 5 ladies in the choir. We could not even manage any of the canticles. Very sad to see it was.
2. The churchwardens in the Parish were very helpful, aided by Alan & Brian in Templepatrick, and Pat, Heather and Margaret in Donegore – 3 wise women.
3. I date myself in referring to the old BBC TV programme “Victorian Melodrama” i.e. a reliving of 19th century concerts. Lionel Sachs was the M.C and at the end of thanking all the artists and musicians he referred to “Yours Truly” i.e. the audience in Victorian Dress. So the part of the congregation was and is important. Here 2 points stand out:
 - i. Audience participation
 - ii. Audience reaction

Both were very high in your 2 churches.

A friend of mine is a cartoonist. He has one cartoon re taking a service. The congregation men were mute silent. So the priest turns around and says loudly “For God’s Son, will you say something even if it is only AMEN” !! N.B. Amen is the people’s part of the prayer – not the priest’s.

Finally Kathleen plays and important apart even if she is shy and reticent. A former Rector of mine once described his wife like this: “She was not a mother superior but she is a superior mother.” I am lifted and laid especially on Sunday and Kathleen can be an intelligent critic on the way home from church especially after listening to the sermon twice over. Even more at times!

Once again Kathleen and I wish your parish and the priest in charge all the best. In the words of the psalmist “We wish you good luck in the name of the Lord.”

Very many thanks

Yours very sincerely

Kenneth E. Ruddock.

Contd

Ps: Since written a parcel has been received.

On Remembrance Sunday I told how Kathleen and I had comforted a mourning lady by giving her a poppy tea-towel and then read to you a very moving poem from it. I commented that having looked everywhere I could not find a replacement.

Two of your parishioners spent time and effort in tracking down a similar tea-towel that they have now sent to me.

A wonderful unexpected gift, which reflects why I rated audience participation and reaction in your parish as very high.

The E100 Bible Reading Programme

We all know so many bible stories, we have heard them since childhood and we have grown up to have favourites – or ones that have particular significance or relevance for us. Each Sunday as passages from the Old Testament, the Epistles and the Gospels are read, and even as the children’s story is told – we are transported in our mind’s eye to familiar but ancient, distant places, into the presence of people we know so well but whom we have never met and hear the unfolding of events that we almost imagine we ourselves witnessed. Yet we all acknowledge that there also many times when we hear stories we don’t know, or listen to passages whose meaning we struggle to understand for our own lives.

The E100 is a program of 100 “essential Bible readings” that takes us on a journey from Genesis to Revelation. They are chosen to present the full story of God’s plan of salvation for us, the people he has created and whom he loves. It gives us the opportunity to take a fresh look at some of those familiar stories and to connect them with the stories that precede and succeed them in the flow of that full story. It is also an opportunity to notice things we have missed in the past and to ask questions we have never before had the chance to ask. In the Wednesday Evening Group we are using the E100 as the basis for our bible study and everyone is welcome to come, listen, ask questions and share thoughts and opinions.

The E100 readings are published weekly in the Pew News, and are also available on the parish website, but there is also a companion book published by Scripture Union called Essential 100 by Whitney T Kuniholm which can be ordered on-line from scripture union or from any Christian book shop.

E100 is advertised as ‘Your journey through the bible in 100 readings’. It’s a journey that no matter how many times you have made it before, it always yields something new and always deepens and broadens our understanding of God’s place in and for our lives.



WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

The Women's World Day of Prayer (WWDP) will be held on Friday, 7th March 2014 at 8.00pm in Kilbride Parish Church, Doagh. The theme is "Streams in the Desert" and has been prepared by Christian women of Egypt. All are welcome.

Guest speaker is Mr John Doherty, General Secretary at the Bible Society in Northern Ireland.

This is an interdenominational service, shared between participating churches in Templepatrick and surrounding area, seven in total.

Ann Kerr



Sunday Club - SCLUB4

The children have been rather busy since returning after the Christmas break - designing the front of the 'Easter' card which will be delivered to homes in the Templepatrick area, advising of all the Church services being held over the Easter period - thanks to all the children for their hard work and efforts - I'm sure you will all agree - an excellent job - WELL DONE!

An amazing **£400.00** was collected for our Kindfund Advent appeal. Thank you very much to everyone who kindly donated to this very worthwhile cause, it is greatly appreciated.

Please read Catherine and Daphne's update (later in magazine), on Kindfund's Childrens' Outreach visit to Northern Ireland planned for September 2014.

Gail

LADIES FELLOWSHIP

November and December meetings took the ladies out and about: the November meeting coincided with an invitation to an evening in Templepatrick Presbyterian church with the "farmer poet" Brian Rankin, and it turned out to be a highly entertaining, laughter-filled occasion.

On 10th December we joined the bowlers at Mossley Mill for a lovely meal before walking over to the theatre to see "Hunchback the Musical". While the show was barely a nod to Monsieur Hugo, and the ears took some time to adjust to the decibels, the cast put everything they had into it and we had a good evening.

January saw a full house to appreciate the parish's own Denise Martin telling how she came to be studying Chinese medicine. She demonstrated how acupuncture could alleviate aches and pains for two volunteers. This was a very interesting evening and we are very grateful to Denise for her presentation.

We now look forward to our own visitors' evening on 18th February when our speaker will be Dr. Marion Gibson who promises to be another interesting speaker on "Travels of a disastrous woman".

March will be a busy month, with the Women's World Day of Prayer on the 7th in Kilbride, followed by the Lenten Lunch on the 9th and our next meeting on the 18th, when our speaker will be John Orme telling us about his time as a missionary in Japan.

Helen Sheldon
(Hon Secretary)
Tel: 94433400

Young Farmers Play

Thanks to everyone who supported the Play in any way.

It was a very successful evening which raised –

£869.00



This year, as Kindfund marks its 10th year as a registered charity supporting the disadvantaged in Northern Kenya, it is bringing a group of 20-25 orphans from the Kindfund homes to Northern Ireland at the end of September for 3-4 weeks. This will allow the children to reach out to the local community which has supported them for so long.

The children will be spending part of their time staying in the Templepatrick area. We will be holding an event in the parish which will give everyone the opportunity to meet the children, hear their singing, and for our children to meet and interact with the Kenyan children.

We've already had offers of help, ranging from financial, to requesting to meet the children and help with activities whilst the children are here, to hosting some of them for part of their visit. Fundraising to cover the expenses has already started. We will be having a tray bake table at the community soup lunches in the church hall and are selling catchphrase quizzes.

May we take this opportunity to thank all of the Sunday Club children and their families for raising £400 for Kindfund in this year's Advent Appeal, a tremendous effort. Your support is greatly appreciated and it will be lovely for you to meet the children who you have been supporting over the last number of years through the Advent Appeal.

For more information on the Kindfund Children's Outreach see www.kindfund.com/outreach

Daphne Lucas & Catherine McCutcheon

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BELFAST BT15 3HN
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18 December 2013

Mrs Ann Cook
St Patrick's Church of Ireland
Templepatrick
Co. Antrim

Dear Mrs Cook

Thank you, and please pass on our thanks to the congregation of St.Patrick's Church of Ireland for their kind and generous donation to NSPCC. I can assure you that your gifts have been delivered to the local families with whom we work, who are in great need especially at Christmas time.

The staff of NSPCC work with children and families who have experienced, and continue to experience trauma, abuse, hardship and neglect. Life can be very difficult for the children in these families and so it means a huge amount that, because of your donations, their parents and carers will have been able to give them some well-deserved treats this Christmas.

It is also heartening for staff to see that the public recognise and appreciate the hard work they do every day. Our teams are dedicated and passionate about helping children, which is at times a thankless task, so thank you.

I wish you all a happy New Year and I urge you to take a moment to give thanks for the children you know who are safe, secure and loved.

Many thanks

Yours sincerely

Catherine McClean
Practice Team Manager



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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 AAW service, in the
Church - see Pat - Tel: 9443 9398

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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 H Sheldon Tel: 9443 3400



Rotas



Readers and Intercessors rota for St Patrick's, Templepatrick

<i>Date</i>	<i>Service</i>	<i>Reading / Intercessions</i>	<i>Reader / Intercessor</i>
02.03.14	All Age Worship	Gospel Prayers	Stephanie Gordon Sasha Logan
09.03.14	Morning Prayer One	Old Testament	Mrs Amanda Brobyn
16.03.14	Holy Communion Two	Old Testament Epistle Intercessions	Mrs Alison Millar Mrs Noreen Clendinning Mrs Wendy Brolly
23.03.14	Morning Prayer Two	Old Testament	Mrs Catherine Michael
30.03.14	<i>Mothering Sunday</i> Holy Communion Two	Old Testament Epistle Intercessions	Mrs Isobel McCollam Mrs Angela Barton Revd A Ker
06.04.14	All Age Worship	Gospel Prayers	Emily Reid Alex McIlwaine
13.04.14	<i>Palm Sunday</i> Morning Prayer One	Old Testament	Mr Des Smith
20.04.14	<i>Easter Day</i> Holy Communion Two	Old Testament Epistle Intercessions	Mr Bill McAvoy Miss A Kerr Mrs Margaret Walbridge
27.04.14	Morning Prayer Two	Old Testament	Mr Stephen McCollam
04.05.14	All Age Worship	Gospel Prayers	Nik Kane David Kane
11.05.14	Morning Prayer One	Old Testament	Mr Andrew Kane
18.05.14	Holy Communion Two	Old Testament Epistle Intercessions	Mrs Sandra Aitcheson Mr Alan Walbridge Mrs Daphne Lucas
25.05.14	Morning Prayer Two	Old Testament	Mr Bill McCrum

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



Readers and Intercessors rota for St John's, Donegore

<i>Date</i>	<i>Service</i>	<i>Reading / Intercessions</i>	<i>Reader / Intercessor</i>
09.03.14	Holy Communion Two	Old Testament Epistle Intercessions	Mrs Helen Bradley Mr John Bradley Mrs Anne Cooke
23.03.14	Morning Prayer One	Old Testament	Mrs Molly Finlay
13.04.14	Holy Communion One	Old Testament Epistle Intercessions	Mr Colin Ovans Mrs Margaret Bell Ms Heather Boyd
20.04.14	Holy Communion Two	Old Testament Epistle Intercessions	Mr Michael Cooke Mrs Anne Cooke Mrs Elizabeth Smyth
27.04.14	Morning Prayer One	Old Testament	Mr John Jones
11.05.14	Holy Communion Two	Old Testament Epistle Intercessions	Mrs Margaret Bell Ms Heather Boyd Mrs Molly Finlay
25.05.14	Morning Prayer One	Old Testament	Mr Colin Ovans

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Fundraising Calendar


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


Variety Concert - Saturday 8 March 2014
Table Quiz - Thursday 22 May 2014


CALENDAR FOR MARCH - MAY 2014

Rotas


St Patrick's

 <u>Communion Rota</u>	
March	Mr T & Mrs C Michael
April	Mr S and Mrs I McCollam
May	Mrs M Bell and Mrs M Finlay

 <u>Cleaning Rota</u>	
March	C Michael, T Michael, G McCoy
April	A Millar, H Shirley, N Shirley
May	M Walbridge, A Walbridge, A Kerr, N Clendinning

 <u>Flower Rota</u>	
March	2 nd E Smyth, 9 th , 16 th , 23 rd & 30 th Lent
April	6 th & 13 th Lent, 20 th & 27 th Easter Choir
May	4 th G Hamill, 11 th , 18 th & 25 th Vacant

St John's

 <u>Communion Rota</u>	
March	Mrs M Moore & Mrs F McElhinney
April	Mrs M Bell & Ms H Boyd
May	Mr & Mrs Mehaffey

02.03.14 The Sunday before Lent (*Transfiguration Sunday*)
 9.30 am Holy Communion Two; 11.30 am All Age Worship
 Old Testament Exodus 24: 12-18
 Psalm 2
 Epistle 2 Peter 1: 16-21
 Gospel Matthew 17: 1-9

05.03.14 Ash Wednesday
 10.00 am Holy Communion One
 7.30 pm Rural Deanery Service – Muckamore

09.03.14 The First Sunday in Lent
 10.00 am Holy Communion Two; 11.30 am Morning Prayer One
12:30 pm Lenten Lunch
 Old Testament Genesis 2: 15-17; 3: 1-7
 Psalm 32
 Epistle Romans 5: 12-19
 Gospel Matthew 4: 1-11

12.03.14 Wednesday
 10.00 am Holy Communion Two
 7.30 pm Rural Deanery Service – All Saints', Antrim

16.03.14 The Second Sunday in Lent
 9.30 am Holy Communion One; 11.30 am Holy Communion Two
 Old Testament Genesis 12: 1-4a
 Psalm 121
 Epistle Romans 4: 1-5, 13-17
 Gospel John 3: 1-17

17.03.14 St Patrick's Day
 10.00 am Holy Communion for St Patrick's Day

19.03.14 Wednesday
 10.00 am Holy Communion One
 7.30 pm Rural Deanery Service – Ballynure

23.03.14 The Third Sunday in Lent
 10.00 am Morning Prayer One; 11.30 am Morning Prayer Two
 Old Testament Exodus 17: 1-7
 Psalm 95
 Epistle Romans 5: 1-11
 Gospel John 4: 5-42

26.03.14 Wednesday

10.00 am Holy Communion Two
 7.30 pm Rural Deanery Service – Templepatrick

30.03.14 The Fourth Sunday in Lent (Mothering Sunday)

11.30 am Holy Communion Two
 Old Testament 1 Samuel 1: 20-28
 Psalm 34: 11-20
 Epistle 2 Corinthians 1: 3-7
 Gospel Luke 2: 33-35

02.04.14 Wednesday

10.00 am Holy Communion One
 7.30 pm Rural Deanery Service – Connor

06.04.14 The Fifth Sunday in Lent

9.30 am Holy Communion Two; 11.30 am All Age Worship
 Old Testament Ezekiel 37: 1-14
 Psalm 130
 Epistle Romans 8: 6-11
 Gospel John 11: 1-45

09.04.14 Wednesday

10.00 am Holy Communion Two
 7.30 pm Rural Deanery Service – Drummaul

13.04.14 The Sixth Sunday in Lent (Palm Sunday)

10.00 am Holy Communion Two; 11.30 am Morning Prayer One
6.30 pm Interdenominational Service
 Old Testament Isaiah 50: 4-9a
 Psalm 118: 1-2, 19-29
 Epistle Philippians 2: 5-11
 Gospel Matthew 21: 1-11

14.04.14 Monday in Holy Week

10.00 am Holy Communion Two

15.04.14 Tuesday in Holy Week

10.00 am Holy Communion (Iona Liturgy)

16.04.14 Wednesday in Holy Week

10.00 am Holy Communion One
 7:30 pm Evening Prayer

17.04.14 Maundy Thursday

7:00 pm Agape Meal in Parish Hall

18.04.14 Good Friday

12.00 noon The Three Hours
 7:30 pm Evening Prayer

19.04.14 Easter Eve

7:00 pm Easter Vigil

20.04.14 Easter Day – The First Sunday of Easter

10.00 am Holy Communion Two; 11.30 am Holy Communion Two
 Old Testament Jeremiah 31: 1-6
 Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24
 Epistle Acts 10: 34-43
 Gospel John 20: 1-18

23.04.14 Wednesday

10.00 am Holy Communion Two

27.04.14 The Second Sunday of Easter

10.00 am Morning Prayer One; 11.30 am Morning Prayer Two
 Old Testament Genesis 8: 6-16; 9: 8-16
 Psalm 16
 Epistle 1 Peter 1: 3-9
 Gospel John 20: 19-31

30.04.14 Wednesday

10.00 am Holy Communion One

04.05.14 The Third Sunday of Easter

9.30 am Holy Communion Two; 11.30 am All Age Worship
 Old Testament Isaiah 43: 1-12
 Psalm 116: 1-3, 10-17
 Epistle 1 Peter 1: 17-23
 Gospel Luke 24: 13-35

07.05.14 Wednesday

10.00 am Holy Communion One

11.05.14 The Fourth Sunday of Easter

10.00 am Holy Communion Two; 11.30 am Morning Prayer One
 Old Testament Nehemiah 9: 6-15
 Psalm 23
 Epistle 1 Peter 2: 19-25
 Gospel John 10: 1-10

14.05.14 Wednesday (St Matthias)

10.00 am Holy Communion Two

18.05.14 The Fifth Sunday of Easter

9.30 am Holy Communion One; 11.30 am Holy Communion Two

Old Testament Deuteronomy 6: 20-25

Psalm 31: 1-5, 15-16

Epistle 1 Peter 2: 2-10

Gospel John 14: 1-14

21.05.14 Wednesday

10.00 am Holy Communion One

25.05.14 The Sixth Sunday of Easter

10.00 am Morning Prayer One 11.30 am Morning Prayer Two

Old Testament Isaiah 41: 17 – 20

Psalm 66: 7 - 18

Epistle 1 Peter 3: 13-22

Gospel John 14: 15-21

28.05.14 Wednesday

10.00 am Holy Communion Two

29.05.14 Ascension Thursday

7.30 pm Evening Prayer

The Bishop of Connor’s Lenten Talks 2014

The Bishop is running two courses during lent this year – one on Discipleship and one on Ministry. Each course is being run at three venues as below (each starts at 7:30pm). If you wish to attend any of these, please let Andrew know so that he can pass numbers on to the Bishop’s secretary.

Discipleship

Tuesday 4th March

Monday 10th March

Tuesday 18th March

Bushmills Parish Centre

Jordanstown Parish Centre

Christ Church, Lisburn (church)

Ministry

Tuesday 25th March

Tuesday 1st April

Monday 7th April

Bushmills Parish Centre

Jordanstown Parish Centre

Christ Church, Lisburn (church)

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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Wednesday 14 May 2014

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Music in the parish

Christmas seems a long way off now, but I must say 'well done' and 'thank you' to the Parish Choir for their splendid singing in the 'Nine Lessons and Carols' and in the 1st Communion of Christmas for both St Patrick's and St John's. It always feels like a musical marathon to have so many big services in the space of 3 days, and we are fortunate indeed to have such choir commitment at a busy holiday period.

The young church musicians excelled themselves in the 'Nine Lessons and Carols'! Thank you to Lucy Reid (violin), Morgan, Alex, Emily, Sasha, David and Dorothy (recorders), and to Lucy Logan, Harriet, Daniel, Nik and Callum for singing and playing percussion. Sasha Logan treated us to some Christmas Carols on her flute on Christmas morning in St Patrick's. Thank you Sasha!

We enjoyed our young singers and percussion in the January Christingle Service, and recorders, violin and singers in the February AAW. Thank you once again to parents and grandparents who support our practice times, and without whom none of this can happen!

At present we are all preparing some musical surprises for the Parish Concert. Don't miss it!

Saturday 8th March, 8pm in the Parish Hall

Pat
Tel: 9443 9398

From the Registers

CHRISTIAN BURIAL

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord"

St Patrick's, Templepatrick

3rd December 2013, Kenneth James Harper Erskine



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 until 9.30pm.

Since our last magazine we have had our Christmas party night with a very good turnout of members. The winner on the evening received a turkey and there were some other prizes too.

Our charity this year was Marie Curie.

We are now looking forward to our visit to the Rock bowling club on the 13th March.

In April we will have a visit to the Jim Baker Stadium, bowling for two hours and afterwards a meal with some refreshments. This is always a good night's entertainment.

On the 11th April we will have our Easter egg competition.

Our AGM is on **Friday 3rd May 2014** in the **Minor Hall** at **7.30pm**.

New members would be made most welcome.

Isobel McCollam
(Hon Secretary)

From the Mouths of Bairns

Five-year-old Fiona is sitting quietly in a pew at her first wedding. When the bride and groom have left the church, she turns to her mother and whispers, "Why did the lady change her mind?" Surprised, her mother asks, "What do you mean?" "Well," explains Fiona. "She walked down the aisle with one man and came back with a different one!"

Teen Blast News

Teen blast began the New Year with 38 young people coming together for a "Movie Duvet" evening. This was a "great-fun" evening with a serious side too. Elaine McCormill (PSNI) spoke to the young people about the dangers of Social Networking and advised them on responsible use of mobile phones, computers etc. As an adult listening to this talk, it really brought home the responsibilities we have as parents, teachers, leaders etc in this modern world to try to keep our children safe. After this very enlightening talk we all settled down in a very colourful collection of PJ's, Onesies etc, wrapped up in blankets, sleeping bags and duvets to enjoy a film together!! (Projector kindly supplied and set up by the Safety Wardens from Antrim Borough Council.) "Snack packs" were provided for everyone and were thoroughly enjoyed by all, while watching the film!

Many thanks to those who gave up their Saturday night (especially our young helpers) to ensure our young people had a great evening !!

Anne C

Teen Speak - Young Helpers

Teen blast is a welcome relief from the worries of school and gives everyone the chance to have fun, young and old alike. The young people are able to play games, watch films, dance and much more, in a welcoming environment with their friends. At the same time, they are learning valuable life lessons. Last time, they were taught about the dangers that mobile phones and social networking can pose, a real concern in today's society.

What do I get out of it? I enjoy seeing everyone have a good time each month. Some kids always find a way to make me laugh and smile. I have learnt a lot about responsibility and acting as a role model and I hope it helps me to become a better person. I sincerely hope that the turnout for Teen blast will remain high for months to come and I would encourage anyone aged 9+ to come along.

Ben Collister

Teen Speak - Young Helpers contd

This season of Teen blast started in September 2013 and has been a monthly source of enjoyment for kids in the local area, although attracting kids younger than teenage years. In recent months there have been up to 50 children present in the hall, covering such activities as Samba Drumming, Street Dancing, Cage Football, Xbox Connect games night and a Movie/Duvet night where we watched 'Despicable Me 2'. We have had assistance on numerous occasions from Antrim Borough Council, providing the equipment for the football, movie and Xbox nights and even throwing in pizza for supper. We are indebted to them for their help and support in providing activities for the kids. We have also had the 2 Community PSNI Officers visit on a few occasions, one of whom was even persuaded to get his nails painted!

From my perspective the kids who attend appear to thoroughly enjoy themselves. It is our hope that through Teen blast they will start to associate our church hall as a friendly place where they can come and have fun with their friends and for it to be seen as a hall in the community, but very clearly belonging to St Patrick's church.

For me, Teen blast is all about me giving something back to the church. A lot of hard work and effort is put in by the whole team and it is really starting to pay off. My hope is that it will continue to grow and that it will become an integral part of our church and our community well into the future.

Adam Martin

T A B L E Q U I Z

A table quiz has been arranged for **Thursday 22nd May 2014** in the **Baker Stadium at 7.30 pm.**

We are once again hoping for good support. Anyone who has previously attended can vouch for a good evening of fun.

Admission £5.00 per head, including supper.

Isobel McCollam

Maundy Thursday Agape Meal

Maundy Thursday is the day when the church remembers the first celebration of the Holy Communion, a sharing of bread and wine after a meal. St Paul, in 1 Corinthians 11, describes how the early church continued the tradition of eating a meal as part of the Lord's Supper. Many churches today have rediscovered the value (both spiritual and social) of sharing a meal and then celebrating the Eucharist as the final part of that meal. I am sure that we will find it a joy and a blessing to do so too. Therefore I'm asking everyone who can, to bring their evening meal to the Parish Hall on Maundy Thursday at 7pm, just bring enough for yourself and your family (I am particularly hopeful that the children will come and be a part of this), bring it hot and ready to eat, and bring something sweet for dessert too. There will be plates, cutlery and juice at the tables waiting for you. There will be an opening prayer, and we will eat our main course. Then there will be a reading and an address followed by dessert and tea and coffee. After that we will break bread and share wine (and grape juice!) I hope you will all find this a very significant and meaningful part of your Holy Week.



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LITTLE THOUGHTS



Proverbs 17 : 22 KJV
A merry heart doeth good like a medicine ...

I'm running away if just one more thing,
Goes wrong at the start of my day,
It's now twenty-past six. I'm still here in bed,
And everything's pushed into full disarray!

My trusty alarm clock did not think of me,
There wasn't a peep or a bleep,
It just sat on my table in full silent mode,
While I went on enjoying the deepest of sleep!

Of course my head aches. Well, that's no surprise,
As I stare at the clock with no din,
For my nerves are awake and I now realize,
That my day is in havoc, I've gone and slept in!

Now the shower doesn't work! Is there anything else?
Come to think of it, why am I cold?
I guess it's my fault with the heating last night,
When I didn't re-set, even though I was told!

The sweater I wanted to wear's in the wash,
And the house-keys have now gone astray,
Yes, the greatest idea that I ever have had,
Was to turn back the clock to some time yesterday!

I've made it to work and my daily routine,
Is now staring me full in the face,
Don't these deadlines look worse? I'm a pale shade of green,
For my lateness has had an effect on the place!

But now, dearest God, I'm here back in my bed,
I give thanks for Your love and devotion,
Today's trivial things, and this has to be said,
Are the things that just tempt me in faithless emotion.

I let drama take over. What would my day bring?
Yet You kept me in grace, free from sorrow,
Lord, try not to chuckle. I ask just one thing,
Please make sure my alarm rings its loudest tomorrow!

Jeanette Egli

Saints of the Church

Patrick, Patron Saint of Ireland
17 March -- Missionary -- Festival -- White

Patrick was born in Celtic Cornwall around the year 390 and was captured by Irish raiders when he was sixteen years old and taken to Ireland as a slave. After six years, he escaped and seems to have gone to the Continent. He eventually found his way back to his own family, where his previously nominal Christian faith grew and matured. He returned to Gaul and was there trained as a priest and much influenced by the form of monasticism evolving under Martin of Tours. When he was in his early forties, he returned to Ireland as a bishop, and made his base at Armagh, which became the centre of his See. He evangelised the people of the land by walking all over the island, gently bringing men and women to a knowledge of Christ. Although he faced fierce opposition and possible persecution, he continued his missionary journeys. Despite being unsuccessful in his attempts to establish the diocesan system he had experienced in Gaul, his monastic foundations proved to be the infrastructure required to maintain the faith after his death, which occurred on this day in the year 460.

Joseph of Nazareth
19 March -- Festival -- White

In the gospel of Matthew, Joseph is depicted as a good man, a working carpenter, who trusted in God. He received God's messenger who shared with him God's will for him and for Mary, to whom he was engaged to be married. Luke's gospel describes how Joseph took the new-born child as if he were his own. He was with Mary when, on the fortieth day after the birth, Jesus was presented in the Temple, 'where every first-born male is designated as holy to the Lord'. The adoption of Jesus by Joseph also established Jesus in the descent of David, to accord with the prophecy that Israel's deliverer would be of the House and lineage of David.

The Annunciation of our Lord to the Blessed Virgin Mary
25 March -- Principal Feast -- White or Gold

The story of the announcement of the coming of God made flesh in the person of his Son, Jesus the Christ, the Anointed One, is heard in today's proclamation of the good news from the gospel of Luke. The feast marks the conception of Christ in the womb of Mary and has been celebrated in the Church at least since the late fourth century. The perfect humanity and the complete divinity of Jesus is affirmed, following the controversies around those orthodox assertions, which themselves led to the acknowledgement of Mary as Theotokos, God-bearer, which in the West became translated as Mother of God. The celebration thus took on strong associations with the person of Mary, and became known in England as Lady Day. In recent years, the Church has re-affirmed the day as a Feast of our Lord, on which his virgin- mother has a unique place of honour and veneration.

Mark the Evangelist
25 April -- Festival -- Evangelist -- Red

John Mark was a Jew and, according to Paul's letter to the Colossians, was cousin to Barnabas. He accompanied Barnabas and Paul on their first missionary journey. Afterwards, he went to Cyprus with Barnabas and to Rome with first Paul and then Peter. Mark's gospel is generally regarded as the earliest and was most likely written whilst he was in Rome. It was probably based as much on Peter's preaching of the good news as on Mark's own memory. Mark's gospel has a sharpness and an immediacy about it and he does not spare the apostles in noting their weaknesses and lack of understanding that Jesus the Christ would suffer for the world's redemption. Sharing in the glory of the resurrection means sharing in the giving of self, both in body and spirit, even to death; sharing the gospel was, for all, in essence both excessively generous and ultimately sacrificial.

Philip & James, Apostles
1 May -- Festival -- Apostles -- Red

Philip and James appear in the list of the twelve apostles in the first three gospels but are frequently confused with other early saints who share their names. In John's gospel, Philip has a more prominent rôle, being the third of the apostles to be called by Jesus and then himself bringing his friend Nathanael to the Lord. Philip is the spokesman for the other apostles who are questioning the capacity for feeding the five thousand and, at the Last Supper, enters into a sort of dialogue with Jesus which leads to the Farewell Discourses of our Lord.

James is said to be the son of Alphæus and is often known as 'James the Less' to distinguish him. He may also be the 'James the Younger' who, in Mark's gospel, is a witness at the Crucifixion.

They are celebrated on the same day because the church in Rome, where their relics rest, was dedicated on this day in the year 560.

Comgall of Bangor, abbot. Down diocese. 602
May 10

Comgall was the founder and first abbot of Bangor Abbey, said to have been the largest monastery in Ireland, with as many as three thousand in the community at one period. Comgall visited Columba in Iona and worked closely with him in spreading the Gospel. Columbanus was trained at Bangor before setting out on his missionary journeys to Europe. There was a strong family-spirit in the community life at Bangor. Counselling, as well as instruction, was an important part of the training. To Comgall is attributed the saying, "A man without a soul-friend is a body without a head."

Matthias the Apostle
14 May -- Festival -- Apostle -- Red

After the betrayal of Jesus by Judas Iscariot, the apostles brought their number back to twelve by choosing Matthias to replace him. He was chosen by lot from amongst the disciples. The author of the Acts of the Apostles sees apostleship differently from Paul's interpretation of the rôle and seems to reflect the understanding of the gospel of Luke. The number had to be restored so that they might "sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel". It was conditional that they had to have been with Jesus during his earthly ministry and witnesses to the resurrection. The point of being chosen by lot, rather than by some democratic method, indicated the election or choosing by God, rather than by mortals.

The Visit of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Elizabeth
31 May -- Festival -- of the BVM -- White

The church today recalls the visit of Elizabeth to her cousin Mary, as recorded in Luke's gospel. The celebration of the feast first occurred at a Franciscan Order General Chapter in 1263 but quickly spread throughout Europe. Since it is a celebration clearly described in the gospel, the churches of the Reformation were less inclined to proscribe it as they were other Marian feasts, particularly as it was the occasion for Mary to sing her great hymn of praise in honour of her Lord and God. Just as Luke sees John the Baptist as the last of the prophets of the old covenant, he uses John's leaping in Elizabeth's womb as the first time John bears witness to Christ as the promised Messiah. Thereby he links the old covenant with the new. He seems to be saying that just as the old covenant clearly points to Jesus, so does its last prophet, yet to be born.

Queen's Island Victoria Male Choir

Thanks to everyone who supported the Choir in any way.
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