

LITTLE THOUGHTS



1 John 3 : 16 KJV

Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us ...

Our little piece of heaven is simply where You are,
In every daylight moment, underneath a midnight star.

Our little piece of heaven is in Your tender gaze,
Keeping watch upon Your children as we travel through life's maze.

Our little piece of heaven is in Your holy touch,
A whisper-breeze that's floating by will comfort us so much.

Our little piece of heaven has to be in Your embrace,
When You stroke away, with gentle hands, the worries from each face.

Our little piece of heaven is thinking how You dress,
For only You could clothe Yourself in pain and humbleness.

Our little piece of heaven is where we know You stay,
Amidst the heavy turmoil that may sometimes come our way.

Our little piece of heaven is around us and about,
Your power and might will keep us safe and push away all doubt.

Our little piece of heaven is in every word You say,
As You speak to us from Scriptures made to guide us through each day.

Our little piece of heaven lies so deep within Your strength,
This great and joyous love that knows no breadth and knows no length.

Our little piece of heaven is in Your grace, and free,
Without this gift since time began, where would we be?

Our little piece of heaven isn't easy to explain,
The answer lies upon Your cross – the day You took the blame.

Jeanette Egli



Cross Talk

Dear Friends,

On the wall in front my desk at home there is a panoramic picture of Jerusalem. It is the view from the Mount of Olives which is dominated by the Dome of the Rock and the Walls of Jerusalem. It is a picture which prompts more questions than our Parish Table Quiz! I often try to identify the various churches and shrines that I can see on it, and whilst I can pick out the obvious ones – Holy Sepulchre, Dominus Fleuit, The Church of the Dormition, there are always many more that I can see, but cannot identify.

Of course many of the Christian Churches in Jerusalem identify themselves with some part or other of the story of Jesus and particularly with the days leading up to Good Friday and the days immediately after. Some of you have visited some of those churches and have seen how they reflect the importance that our faith places on those days.

As we prepare for Holy Week and Easter, even if we have never been to Jerusalem, we also seek to capture that sense of the significance of those events – and we do that by retelling the story of those days. What we find hard to do, however, is to experience those stories as those who were there at the time experienced them. What must it have been like to be in the Temple as Jesus overturned the tables of the money changers? How did the disciples really feel as Jesus offered them bread and wine saying that they were his body and blood? How deep was the sense of fear when sitting on the Mount of Olives, watching the Temple Guard marching across the Kidron Valley towards you? We know how the story unfolded, we know that those were the greatest days in history, but for those who were there they must have felt like the worst.

So as we get closer to Easter, let me encourage you not to rush too quickly towards the big celebration. Take time with the stories of the arrival in Jerusalem, of the cleansing of the Temple, of the Last Supper, of Gethsemene and of The Passion. Imagine yourself as an eyewitness to each of them, as the disciples were, and in doing so I know that you will find a deeper connection with the events that changed our relationship with God himself. And I know that in that deeper connection with the story, you will deepen your relationship with God Himself.

Andrew

PARISH FINANCES

No 1 account (day to day income and expenditure)

At the time of writing, due to several family one-off donations, there is a surplus of £2,230 in this account. Generally monthly income to the account is less than expenditure, so these donations are very welcome. Gift aid tax refund later in the year will be helpful, but the Select Vestry will still have to carefully monitor day-to-day expenditure.

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

During 2014, a number of very successful fund raising events, organised by the Select Vestry, raised a total of £6,563. Direct giving through monthly envelopes and one-off donations raised £4,730. At time of writing there is a surplus of £9,987 in the account. This is proving very useful to cover costs of upkeep and repair of Church property and buildings and to relieve pressure on the No 1 account.

Norman Shirley
(Hon Treasurer)

Easter Vestry

This year's Easter Vestry will be held on
Monday 13th April at 7:30pm in the Parish Hall.

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



WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

The Women's World Day of Prayer (WWDP) will be held on Friday 6th March 2015 at 8.00 pm in 2nd Donegore Presbyterian Church, Connor Road, Parkgate.

The theme for this service is '**Jesus said to them: Do you know what I have done to you?**' and has been prepared by Christian women of The Bahamas.

This is an interdenominational service, shared between seven participating churches in Templepatrick, Parkgate and Kilbride.

Do come along and join us. All are welcome.

Refreshments are available following the service.

Ann Kerr

Christmas Music at St John's, Donegore with Antrim Choral Society

I am so pleased to be able to report on the evening with Antrim Choral Society on 2nd December 2014. I can still visualize the enchanting setting with Christmas and Candles. The joyful songs, melodies, the Christmas Lullaby and best of all (for me) The Christmas Truce - Stille Nacht, relating to World War 1. Followed by a very moving and poignant poem called 'The Unknown Soldier' which was expressed in hushed tones and silence. Completing the World War 1 Theme we had a rousing version of 'It's a long way to Tipperary.'

All in all a delightful and extremely well presented Evening. Our grateful thanks to Antrim Choral Society and thank you to everybody who helped with providing chairs, supper and supporting the Evening in any way!

Hopefully we will see more of their interesting Repertoire. Which reminds me... Antrim Choral will be celebrating their 40th Anniversary in High Street Presbyterian Church on Tues 28th April with Special Guests - The Clifford Lowry Quartet. Anyone interested in purchasing tickets may Tel: Heather B 94432990 at the end of March for details.

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Dear Rev Andrew and Select Vestry United Parish of Templepatrick and Donegore – Visit by Kindfund Children in October 2014

We want to express our thanks and deep appreciation of how you as a body of God's people expressed his love and kindness to our children during the 5 days they were staying in your parish in October. You have been an inspiration to us.

The task we had set ourselves to bring over the party of children from our children's homes in Kenya was a mammoth one and only achieved by the dedicated work of a small number of people here in N Ireland led by a member from your parish. The children spent almost four weeks in Northern Ireland during which they were introduced to people places and activities they could never have imagined coming as they do from pastoralist tribes living in the Horn of Africa.

Pamela and I were overwhelmed by the welcome, kindness and hospitality shown to the children while in your parish. We were tired and almost burnt out and it was so refreshing and assuring for us to leave them clearly among God's people who were going to love and cherish them.

The children themselves enjoyed being among you, sharing their faith and engaging in the activities arranged for them by your parish. We know you have made a major impact on their lives which will remain with them for a lifetime. The evening in your church hall was such a community affair and was carried through in a climate of joy and happiness everyone freely participating together. It was a memorable evening with God's people.



Our Fundraising Promise

We are members of the Fundraising Standards Board (FRSB) self-regulatory scheme. The FRSB works to ensure that organisations raising money for charity from the public do so honestly and properly. As members of the scheme, we follow the Institute of Fundraising's Code of Fundraising Practice and comply with the key principles embodied in the Code and in this Promise

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We deeply appreciate the prayerful interest and generosity shown by your Sunday School leaders and children over a number of years and it was special for our children to be able to meet them and join with them in the Parish Hall. Thank you for giving Kindfund the honour of being your charity for 2014 and for the generous financial support.

To the women of the parish who catered for the children and who were run off their feet serving them, the families who hosted the children, those who made transport available to shuttle them around and all those who have contributed generously to their wellbeing both during the visit and over the past years we say thank you in the name of our Lord. You have been co-workers together with us in fulfilling the plans for good God has for these children and we are confident that he has already blessed you in giving and will continue to do so as you walk with him.

May you continue to let your light shine in Templepatrick and Donegore and to the ends of the earth as you serve together as God's people and reach out with the love Jesus has implanted in your heart.

Rev Andrew thank you for being willing and open to bringing the children into the heart of your Parish. Please accept our thanks and pass it on to all who worship at Templepatrick and Donegore

Yours in Christ' service

Ken and Pamela Dobbin



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Sunday Club - SCLUB4

Over **£200.00** has been collected for our Kindfund Advent appeal. Thank you very much to everyone who kindly donated to this very worthwhile cause, it is greatly appreciated.

For anyone who hasn't returned their jar - its not too late, please bring it along to Sunday Club as soon as you can please. Thank you!

We are currently thinking and planning for Lent and Easter and gathering ideas for our 'themed' project, which will commence on Sunday 19 April. So if you have any ideas of what you would like to create, make sure you come along and let us know!

May we take this opportunity of wishing the children and their families a great Summer! Thanks for your support throughout the year - we really appreciate it and we look forward to seeing you all in September.

Many thanks to Clare for her continued support and artistic brilliance! Thanks also to Sophie and Lucy who have both been helping out this year with classes - we greatly appreciate your support and input!

Some useful dates for your diary:-

April	5	Easter Sunday - No Sunday Club
	12	No Sunday Club
	19	Sunday Club Returns
June	7	Service of the Word and Sunday Club Prize Giving
Sept	6	Service of the Word
	13	Sunday Club Returns

Gail

Rural Deanery Lenten Services

Dates and locations as below. All services start at 7:30pm.

18 th February	Kilbride	Jesus is the Vine
25 th February	Drummaul	Jesus is the Good Shepherd
4 th March	Connor	Jesus is the Light of the World
11 th March	All Saints', Antrim	Jesus is the Gate
18 th March	Templepatrick	Jesus is the Bread of Life
25 th March	Muckamore	Jesus is the Way, the Truth and the Life

LADIES FELLOWSHIP

After an inspirational talk in November by Joe and Sadie Law and Nancy about their hands -on work with children of the streets of Bogota, it was down to business on a Christmas tree. Mrs Eileen Smyth provided a fine tall birch. Its delicate branches were duly hung with many items made and acquired, representing the wide interests and activities that the ladies of the parish pursue.

A few days after the tree festival several spouses joined us on a visit to the mission to seafarers at Belfast Dock. Our local community policemen took us there in their minibus. Over tea and mince pies the Rev Hall- Thompson described the valuable work done by the mission throughout the world. We all enjoyed the shop and trying on the array of bonnets knitted by the ladies of Seagoe parish. Later we returned to the Tempelton for our Christmas dinner.

In January we were fortunate to have Mr Reg Maxwell telling us about designing the British Memorial Garden in Caen, Normandy. We knew that Reg and Pat had attended a grand opening ceremony in 2013. What we learned this evening was that the Royal Ulster Rifles were the first troops to enter the city in July 1944 after the battle of Normandy under the command of Lieutenant General Harris who went on to design the garden along with Reg some twenty years ago.

We look forward to a relaxed evening as guests of Templepatrick PW in February, and the speaker is the artist Ross Wilson.

The women's world day of prayer is on 6th March.

17th March is a very special evening of readings and poetry by Mrs Jeanette Egli, whose excellent contributions of poems and stories are well known to readers of the parish magazine.

Our AGM on 21st April brings all the excitement of choosing new office bearers.

The May outing will be to Mount Stewart, which is reopening after a major refurbishment.

Helen Sheldon
(Hon Secretary)
Tel: 94433400

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People's Churchwarden:(St John's) Dr C Lundy, 11 Old Coach Road,
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Mr T Michael, Mrs A Millar, Mr W McAvoy, Mr S McCollam, Mrs I McCollam,
Mrs G McCoy, Mr C Ovens, Mr N Shirley, Mr D Smyth, Mrs M Walbridge,
Mr R Young

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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
Tel: 07850 319205

Guides Senior Section (14-25 years): Wednesday 7.30-9.00pm
Lesley Anne Wetherspoon 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

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 H Sheldon Tel: 9443 3400

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



Rotas



Readers and Intercessors rota for St Patrick's, Templepatrick

<i>Date</i>	<i>Service</i>	<i>Reading / Intercessions</i>	<i>Reader / Intercessor</i>
01.03.15	Service of the Word	Gospel Prayers	Nik Kane Sophie Clarke
08.03.15	Morning Prayer One	Old Testament	Mrs J Egli
15.03.15	Holy Communion Two	Old Testament Epistle Intercessions	Mrs I McCollam Brian McMeekin Mrs W Brolly
22.03.15	Morning Prayer Two	Old Testament	Mrs C Michael
29.03.15	Holy Communion Two	Old Testament Epistle Intercessions	Mr E Williamson John Sheldon Mrs K Williamson
05.04.15	Holy Communion Two	Old Testament Epistle Intercessions	Mr H Cinnamon Dorothy Gaffney Mrs M Walbridge
12.04.15	Morning Prayer One	Old Testament	Mrs D Lucas
19.04.15	Holy Communion Two	Old Testament Epistle Intercessions	Mr B McCrum Alan Walbridge Mrs L Lecky
26.04.15	Morning Prayer Two	Old Testament	Mrs K Gordon
03.05.15	Service of the Word	Gospel Prayers	Stephanie Gordon Rory Gordon
10.05.15	Morning Prayer One	Old Testament	Mrs A Brobyn
17.05.15	Holy Communion Two	Old Testament Epistle Intercessions	Mr S McCollam Angela Barton Mr A Kane
24.05.15	Morning Prayer Two	Old Testament	Mrs S Aitcheson
31.05.15	Holy Communion Two	Old Testament Epistle Intercessions	Mr B McAvoy Choir member Mrs A Millar

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

07.06.15	Service of the Word	Gospel Prayers	Lucy Reid Emily Reid
14.06.15	Morning Prayer One	Old Testament	Mrs K Young
21.06.15	Holy Communion Two	Old Testament Epistle Intercessions	Mrs W Brolly David Young Miss A Kerr
28.06.15	Morning Prayer Two	Old Testament	Mrs J Egli

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.

From the Registers

CHRISTIAN BURIAL

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord"

St Patrick's, Templepatrick

5th February 2015, Stanley Clendinning

HOLY BAPTISM

St Patrick's, Templepatrick

18 January 2015, Edward Williamson

CONFIRMATION – 18 January 2015

St Patrick's, Templepatrick

Sophie Clarke
Stephanie Gordon
Nik Kane
Calum Lecky
Daniel Logan
Lucy Logan
Lucy Reid
Edward Williamson



Rotas



Readers and Intercessors rota for St John's, Donegore

<i>Date</i>	<i>Service</i>	<i>Reading / Intercessions</i>	<i>Reader / Intercessor</i>
01.03.15	Holy Communion Two	_____	_____
08.03.15	Holy Communion Two	Old Testament Epistle Intercessions	Mr C Ovans Mrs L Lecky Ms H Boyd
15.03.15	Holy Communion One	_____	_____
22.03.15	Morning Prayer One	Old Testament	Mr J Jones
29.03.15	Morning Prayer Two	Old Testament	Mr E Williamson
05.04.15	Holy Communion Two	Old Testament Epistle Intercessions	Mrs C Williamson Mrs L Williamson Mrs M Finlay
12.04.15	Holy Communion Two	Old Testament Epistle Intercessions	Mr M Cooke Mrs A Cooke Ms H Boyd
19.04.15	Holy Communion One	_____	_____
26.04.15	Morning Prayer One	Old Testament	Mrs K Williamson
03.05.15	Holy Communion Two	_____	_____
10.05.15	Holy Communion Two	Old Testament Epistle Intercessions	Mr C Ovans Ms H Boyd Mrs E Smyth
17.05.15	Holy Communion One	_____	_____
24.05.15	Morning Prayer One	Old Testament	Mrs L Lecky
31.05.15	Morning Prayer Two	Old Testament	Mr J Jones
07.06.15	Holy Communion Two	_____	_____
14.06.15	Holy Communion Two	Old Testament Epistle Intercessions	Mrs C Williamson Mrs L Williamson Mrs A Cooke
21.06.15	Holy Communion One	_____	_____
28.06.15	Morning Prayer One	Old Testament	Mr E Williamson

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Rotas

St Patrick's



Communion Rota

March	Mr T & Mrs C Michael
April	Mr S McCollam and Mrs I McCollam
May	Mrs M Bell and Mrs M Finlay
June	Mr N & Mrs W Brolly



Cleaning Rota

March	C Michael, T Michael, G McCoy
April	A Millar, H Shirley, N Shirley, A Kinahan
May	M Walbridge, A Walbridge, A Kerr, N Clendinning
June	S Russell, D Gaffney



Flower Rota

March	1 st , 8 th , 15 th & 22 nd Lent
April	5 th & 12 th Easter Choir, 19 th A Barton, 26 th D Gaffney
May	3 rd G Hamill, 10 th J Egli, 17 th I McCollam, 24 th & 31 st Vacant
June	7 th , 14 th & 21 st Vacant, 28 th S White

St John's



Communion Rota

March	Mr & Mrs Mehaffey
April	Mr & Mrs Williamson
May	Mr & Mrs Cooke
June	Dr & Mrs Lundy

CALENDAR FOR MARCH - JUNE 2015

01.03.15 The Second Sunday in Lent

10:00 am Holy Communion Two (said) – St John's

11.30 am Service of the Word – St Patrick's

Old Testament Genesis 17: 1-7, 15-16

Psalm 22: 23-31

Epistle Romans 4: 13-25

Gospel Mark 8: 31-38

04.03.15 Wednesday

10.00 am Holy Communion One

7.30 pm Rural Deanery Service – Connor

08.03.15 The Third Sunday in Lent

10.00 am Holy Communion Two – St John's

11.30 am Morning Prayer One & Holy Baptism – St Patrick's

Old Testament Exodus 20: 1-7

Psalm 19

Epistle 1 Corinthians 1: 18-25

Gospel John 2: 13-22

11.03.15 Wednesday

10.00 am Holy Communion Two

7.30 pm Rural Deanery Service – All Saints', Antrim

15.03.15 The Fourth Sunday in Lent (*Mothering Sunday*)

10.00 am Holy Communion One (said) – St John's

11.30 am Holy Communion Two – St Patrick's

Old Testament 1 Samuel 1: 20-28

Psalm 34: 11-20

Epistle 2 Corinthians 1: 3-7

Gospel Luke 2: 33-35

17.03.15 St Patrick's Day

10.00 am Holy Communion for St Patrick's Day

18.03.15 Wednesday

No Wednesday Morning Communion this morning

7.30 pm Rural Deanery Service – Templepatrick

(This will be a service of Holy Communion)

22.03.15 The Fifth Sunday in Lent

10.00 am Morning Prayer One – St John's

11.30 am Morning Prayer Two – St Patrick's

Old Testament

Jeremiah 31: 31-34

Psalm

51: 1-13

Epistle

Hebrews 5: 5-10

Gospel

John 12: 20-33

25.03.15 Wednesday

10.00 am Holy Communion Two

7.30 pm Rural Deanery Service – Muckamore

29.03.15 The Sixth Sunday in Lent (*Palm Sunday*)

10.00 am Morning Prayer Two (said) – St John's

11.30 am Holy Communion Two – St Patrick's

7.00 pm Interdenominational Service – Templepatrick Presbyterian Church

Old Testament

Isaiah 50: 4-9a

Psalm

118: 1-2, 19-29

Epistle

Philippians 2: 5-11

Gospel

Mark 11: 1-11

30.03.15 Monday in Holy Week

10.00 am Holy Communion Two

31.03.15 Tuesday in Holy Week

10.00 am Holy Communion (Iona Liturgy)

01.04.15 Wednesday in Holy Week

10.00 am Holy Communion One

7:30 pm Evening Prayer

02.04.15 Maundy Thursday

7:00 pm Agape Meal in the Parish Hall

03.04.15 Good Friday

12.00 noon The Three Hours

7:30 pm Evening Prayer

04.04.15 Easter Eve

7:00 pm Easter Vigil

05.04.15 Easter Day – The First Sunday of Easter

10.00 am Holy Communion Two – St John's

11.30 am Holy Communion Two – St Patrick's

First Reading

Acts 10: 34-43

Psalm

118: 1-2, 14-24

Epistle

1 Corinthians 15: 1-11

Gospel

Mark 16: 1-8

08.04.15 Wednesday

~~10.00 am Holy Communion Two~~

12.04.15 The Second Sunday of Easter

10.00 am Holy Communion Two – St John's

11.30 am Morning Prayer One – St Patrick's

First Reading Acts 4: 32-35

Psalm 133

Epistle 1 John 1: 1 – 2: 2

Gospel John 20: 19-31

13.04.15 Monday

7.30 pm EASTER GENERAL VESTRY – Parish Hall

15.04.15 Wednesday

10.00 am Holy Communion One

19.04.15 The Third Sunday of Easter

10.00 am Holy Communion One (said) – St John's

11.30 am Holy Communion Two – St Patrick's

First Reading Acts 3: 12-19

Psalm 4

Epistle 1 John 3: 1-7

Gospel Luke 24: 36b-48

22.04.15 Wednesday

10.00 am Holy Communion Two

26.04.15 The Fourth Sunday of Easter

10.00 am Morning Prayer One – St John's

11.30 am Morning Prayer Two – St Patrick's

First Reading Acts 4: 5-12

Psalm 23

Epistle 1 John 3: 16-24

29.04.15 Wednesday

10.00 am Holy Communion One

03.05.15 The Fifth Sunday of Easter

10:00 am Holy Communion Two (said) – St John's

11.30 am Service of the Word – St Patrick's

First Reading Acts 8: 26-40

Psalm 22: 25-31

Epistle 1 John 4: 7-21

Gospel John 15: 1-8

06.05.15 Wednesday

10.00 am Holy Communion One

10.05.15 The Sixth Sunday of Easter

10.00 am Holy Communion Two – St John's

11.30 am Morning Prayer One – St Patrick's

First Reading Acts 10: 44-48

Psalm 98

Epistle 1 John 5: 1-6

Gospel John 15: 9-17

13.05.15 Wednesday

10.00 am Holy Communion Two

14.05.15 Ascension Thursday

7.30 pm Evening Prayer

17.05.15 The Seventh Sunday of Easter: The Sunday after Ascension Day

10.00 am Holy Communion One (said) – St John's

11.30 am Holy Communion Two – St Patrick's

First Reading Acts 1: 15-17, 21-26

Psalm 1

Epistle 1 John 5: 9-13

Gospel John 17: 6-19

20.05.15 Wednesday

10.00 am Holy Communion One

24.05.15 The Day of Pentecost: Whit Sunday

10.00 am Morning Prayer One – St John's

11.30 am Morning Prayer Two – St Patrick's

First Reading Acts 2: 1-21

Psalm 104: 26-36, 37b

Epistle Romans 8: 22-27

Gospel John 15: 26-27; 16: 4b-15

27.05.15 Wednesday

10.00 am Holy Communion Two

31.05.15 Trinity Sunday

10.00 am Morning Prayer Two (said) – St John's

11.30 am Holy Communion Two – St Patrick's

Old Testament Isaiah 6: 1-8

Psalm 29

Epistle Romans 8: 12-17

Gospel John 3: 1-17

03.06.15 Wednesday

10.00 am Holy Communion One

07.06.15 The First 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 1 Samuel 8: 4-11, 16-20

Psalm 138

Epistle 2 Corinthians 4: 13 – 5: 1

Gospel Mark 3: 20-35

10.06.15 Wednesday

10.00 am Holy Communion One

14.06.15 The Second Sunday after Trinity

10.00 am Holy Communion Two – St John's

11.30 am Morning Prayer One – St Patrick's

Old Testament 1 Samuel 15: 34 – 16: 13

Psalm 20

Epistle 2 Corinthians 5: 6-10

Gospel Mark 4: 26-34

17.06.15 Wednesday

10.00 am Holy Communion Two

(Last Wednesday Morning Communion before the Summer)

21.06.15 The Third 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 Samuel 17: 32-49

Psalm 9: 9-20

Epistle 2 Corinthians 6: 1-13

Gospel Mark 4: 35-41

28.06.15 The Fourth 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 1: 1, 17-27

Psalm 130

Epistle 2 Corinthians 8: 7-15

Gospel Mark 5: 21-43

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 Templarise, Templepatrick Tel:028 9443 2317

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

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Music in the parish

Looking back at the last three months, thank you to the parish choir for all the splendid singing at our Christmas services - the '9 Lessons and Carols', and the Midnight and Christmas Day Communion Services in St Patrick's and St John's. Thank you also to all our young musicians who made a special contribution to the Sunday Club Nativity Play and the '9 lessons', with their singing and playing.

In January the choir made a presentation to our esteemed member, Mr John Jones, on his retirement. Mrs Mildred Irvine, former organist and choirmaster, reminded us all of his loyalty and commitment over some 30 years. We thank him for giving his time and talent in this way, and are pleased that he will continue to join our ranks from time to time. You will always be welcome, John!

The children of the parish continue to delight us with instrumental accompaniments and lately, part-singing, as they become more involved with the music at the AAW services. In the last month, three of our youngest children have started learning to play the recorder, and will make their debut at the morning service on 1 March, joining the older members. Thank you to Dorothy, Gail and all the parents who support our playing and singing!

As Lent and Easter approach, we look forward to the seasonal music this brings for old and young church musicians alike, and, we hope, for every member of our church community.

Pat
Tel: 9443 9398

Queen's Island Victoria Male Choir

Thanks to everyone who supported the Choir in any way.

Once again it was a very successful evening which raised –

£1,020.00



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 also lots of other prize winners.

Our charity this year was Marie Curie and we raised £160.00.

The bowling club deeply regrets the passing of Stanley Clendinning, an esteemed member of the bowling club and extend our deepest sympathy to Noreen, Elaine and the family circle.

We are now looking forward to our visit from the Rock bowling club and then our return visit to them.

In March we will have our second visit to the Baker Stadium.

On the 27th March we will have our Easter egg competition.

On **Friday 1st May**, we will have our AGM in the **Minor Hall** at **7.30pm** followed by presentation of prizes and supper.

If we didn't see you this year, why not give us a try when we start back again in September.

Isobel McCollam
(Hon Secretary)

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!

Musical Drama - Thursday 11 & Friday 12 June 2015
Table Quiz - Thursday 21 May 2015

TeenBlast

The young people from "Teenblast" continue to have a "blast"! We had a Disco in December, to which we invited all children from the various organisations. 35 very lively youngsters attended. We had a special DJ (Ricky) who volunteered his services for the evening. We are very grateful to him for making sure the Disco was a success and wish him well as he continues to DJ in much more prestigious locations than ours!!

In January we held a "Movie/Duvet" night, which was organised by Rev Andrew. We did not know he had such a diverse and suitable range of films!! (A big kid at heart really!!)

28 young people, all dressed up in pyjamas or onesies, happily curled up on the floor in sleeping bags or wrapped in duvets and munching their way through "goodie bags", which were supplied in place of supper. The evening ended with a few games, designed to build on 'confidence' and 'positive thinking'.

If you are aged 9+ and have not yet joined us on the 3rd Saturday of each month, we would love to see you. You are guaranteed a good evening!

Thank you again to all helpers/volunteers for your continued support.

Anne Cinnamon

Table Quiz

A table quiz has been arranged for **Thursday 21st May 2015** 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

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Dear Rev Ker

Once again I write to thank you and your Congregation for their continued support and for their very generous donation of toys, games and gifts.

As you are aware, unfortunately, many families in our community still experience levels of deprivation. If it were not for the thought and generosity of people such as yourselves, we would not be able to provide so many needy families in the community with practical help and support which will have made Christmas that little bit better for them.

We deeply appreciate your support and wish you all a Happy and Prosperous 2015

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CHRISTIAN AID is **70** this year and to mark this milestone some special events are being organised.

Our area organiser, Anne Ford, suggested a Celebration with Flowers and this has now been organised to take place on Thursday 9th April 2015 at 7.30pm in the Templeton Hotel.

Tickets are £10, which includes tea, coffee and tray bakes. The demonstrator will be Shelagh Richardson, National Assn Of Flower Arranging Societies, Wessex & Jersey Area.

Please try to support this event. Tickets available from me: phone 02894 433363.

On Sunday 19th April - Christian Aid Anniversary Service in St Anne's Cathedral at 3.30pm. Speaker Mr David Ford MLA.

Christian Aid Week this year will be from Sunday 10th May - Saturday 16th May.

A big thank you again to my fellow collectors and as always new help is always needed so if you can give a couple of hours during this week, please get in touch. Last year we collected £1017 and a total of £6390 was forwarded to Christian Aid from the four active churches in the Templepatrick group area.

Hopefully we can match or better this amount this year!

Thanks again collectors.

Leah Lynas

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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.

Columba of Iona – Colm Cille
9 June -- Lesser Festival -- Missionary -- White

Born in Ireland in about the year 521, Columba was trained as a monk by St Finnian and then founded several monasteries himself, including probably that of Kells, before leaving Ireland to settle on Iona, off the coast of Scotland. He was accompanied by twelve companions and the number grew as the monastic life became more established and well-known. Columba seems to have been an austere and, at times, harsh man who reputedly mellowed with age. He was concerned with building up both the monastery and its life and of enabling them to be instruments of mission in a heathen land. He converted kings and built churches, Iona becoming a starting point for the expansion of Christianity throughout Scotland. In the last four years of his life, when his health had failed, he spent the time transcribing books of the gospels for them to be taken out and used. He died on this day in the year 597.

Barnabas the Apostle
11 June -- Festival -- Apostle -- Red

Though not named among the twelve apostles of the evangelists, Barnabas emerges in the Acts of the Apostles as one of the most significant of their number. He sold his estate and gave the proceeds to the Church, since all things were to be held in common, and clearly became a leader. He is described as a Levite from Cyprus so, like his friend Paul, was from the Greek world rather than that of Palestine, and he introduced Paul to the leaders of the Church in Jerusalem. He was sent to Antioch apparently to guide the Christians there in their relations with non-Jewish converts, promoting the concept of all being one in Christ. He broke with Paul to go to Cyprus and tradition has it that he was martyred there in the year 61.

The Birth of John the Baptist
24 June -- Festival -- White

The biblical story of John, the son of Elizabeth and Zechariah, begins even before his birth. His leaping in his mother's womb is seen as a great alleluia in anticipation of the birth of his Redeemer and the good news of Jesus Christ is related in all four gospels as beginning with John as Christ's forerunner. He seemed to have a predestined rôle akin to that of the Old Testament prophets, particularly in encouraging the people of God to live lives worthy of their calling and in imminent anticipation of the coming of the Anointed One. In the tradition of the early Fathers, John was seen as endowed with grace from before his birth, and consequently the Church has always kept the celebration of this day with greater solemnity than that of his death.

Peter and Paul, Apostles
29 June -- Festival -- Apostles -- Red

Peter has often been called the 'Prince of the Apostles' because of the words of Jesus re-naming him, from Simon to Cephas. This was the Aramaic form of the Greek word Peter, which means 'rock'. Jesus said that on this rock he would build his Church. But both Peter and Paul came to be seen as having different rôles to play within the leadership of the Church: Peter in witnessing to the Lordship of Christ and Paul in developing an understanding of its meaning for Christ's followers. Peter and Paul have been remembered jointly on this day since the very early days of the Church, it being regarded as the anniversary of their martyrdom in Rome in about the year 64.

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