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Jesus Sends Out Workers

He told them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field. Luke 10:2 (NIV)





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Cross Talk

Dear Friends,

There are many images used in the Bible to describe the day when Christ will return. One of the most joyful is the image of a wedding. At the centre of that image is the union of Christ and his Church and there is joyful feasting and celebrating. But for me, after Kathryn and Edward's wedding, that image has become even richer in meaning. What I had never appreciated before was the extent to which a wedding day is also about enjoying the fruits of our labours. No wedding happens without the bride and groom, the parents, the bridesmaids, best man and groomsmen and many others putting time and effort into making everything on the day as perfect as possible. And everything that is done, is done as an expression of love for the two people who are declaring their love for each other – and that effort is rewarded by sharing the happy couple's joy on their big day.

Of course performing the marriage ceremony for my own daughter was one of the most special things I have ever done. But I was also aware of so much around us on the day that had been done by members of the parish - cleaning, painting, decorating, food prepared and served, and tidying up afterwards. Words simply cannot express how much you added to the celebration of the day, or the depth of our gratitude.

There is a sense in which our church lives should carry something of that 'preparing and working for the big day'. Certainly, as our organisations all start up again we need that inspiration. We may talk about getting back to the grindstone, and we sometimes sense our mood dipping at the thought of all that needs to be done – but our labours for the Kingdom are far more than fulfilling our duty. They are our contribution to the preparation for the day when Christ will return and the greatest wedding feast of all will be held.

I hope that as we spend time together in worship and socially that we will always have that sense of drawing closer to Christ that will find its fulfilment when we shall see him face to face.

Wishing you God's richest blessings,

Andrew



HARVEST SERVICES

St Patrick's, Templepatrick
Sunday 5th October 2014
11.30 am All Age Harvest Celebration

The 11.30 am service will be followed by Lunch in the Parish Hall

St Patrick's Church will be decorated on **Saturday 4th 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 12th October 2014
3.30 pm Harvest Evening Prayer





PARISH FINANCES

No 1 account (day to day income and expenditure)

Despite the normal reduction in income to this account during the summer months and the fact that we are now back to normal expenditure, there is currently a surplus of £2500 in this account. When normal income resumes in September, it is hoped that pressure on this account will be eased.

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

At time of writing there is a surplus of £6400 in this account. Over the past year over £20,000 has been used from this account for necessary refurbishment and decoration of the vicarage. To this effect it has been invaluable in supplementing the No 1 account.

Hence the Select Vestry is keen that parishioners continue to contribute to this account through monthly envelopes, one off donations and by supporting functions organised by the Select Vestry in the coming months.

Norman Shirley (Hon Treasurer)

St Patrick's - Coffee in the Church Rooms

The "Coffee mornings" in the Church Rooms will start again on **Sunday 7 September 2014** 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!





Update on Kindfund Children's Outreach 2014

Preparations for the Kindfund children's outreach trip to NI are continuing to progress well. The group of 24 children will be coming to NI for just under 4 weeks at the end of September. The children will be in the Templepatrick area from 14th-18th October. They will be visiting Templepatrick Primary School and coming to our community soup lunch. An evening of multi-cultural praise and worship will be held with the children on **Thursday 16th October** at 7.00 pm in the parish hall, which everyone is invited to come to.

Thank you to all the parishioners who will be hosting the children whilst they are here, and to everyone who has provided support in planning for the trip. Your help is greatly appreciated.

For further details please see - www.kindfund.com/outreach

Daphne Lucas & Catherine McCutcheon

Discipleship Explored

Wednesday Evenings from 7:30pm to 9:00pm in the Old Presbyterian Church Halls commencing 24th September 2014.

An opportunity to read and discuss the St Paul's letter to the Philippians as a model for living a Christ centered life. We will be joining with members of The Old Presbyterian Church and members of Templepatrick Presbyterian Church in what promises to be engaging and stimulating discussion. It is an eight week course and I hope that it will appeal to more than just our Wednesday Evening Group.

Sunday Club - SCLUB4

Welcome back to all the Children who are attending Sunday Club this year. Whether you are a familiar or new face, you are all

very welcome!

We have a busy and exciting time ahead with lots of exciting things to doespecially having this special opportunity of meeting up with the Kindfund children in October!

Some useful dates for your diary:-

September

7th All Age Worship

14th Sunday Club Resumes

October

5th All Age Harvest Celebration - followed by Lunch in the Parish Hall

16th Celebration Praise with Kindfund - Parish Hall at 7.00 pm

<u>Gail</u>

Christmas Music at Donegore



on Tuesday 2nd December 2014

at **7.45 pm**

on this evening we welcome



Antrim Choral

who will join us for our Christmas Celebrations



Music in the parish

A special word of thanks to all choir members for maintaining choral services throughout the summer months to such a high standard: well done!

We look forward to a busy autumn preparing music for each Sunday, and for Harvest, the Kindfund visit, Remembrance, Advent and Christmas! What a treat!

The young musicians are gearing up to take part in the AAW of 7th September. Rehearsals will be in the church on the Sunday morning of each AAW, from 10.30 am. We will have singers, flutes, recorders, violin, guitar and percussion. Everyone is welcome- of any age- to come along at these practice times, to sing along, or just listen, and get to know our wonderful young folk!

<u>Pat</u>

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Looking after the Pennies!

The glass jar in St. John's has just been emptied and contained almost £73. Proof that looking after the pennies really does build into pounds.

A big thank you to all who contribute to the glass jars in both churches. The Church Wardens have a supply of collecting boxes for anyone who would like to start to save their pennies and other loose change.

LADIES FELLOWSHIP

Our request for fine weather was answered when on 28th May a full group of members and their husbands and friends assembled at Antrim railway station to catch the train to L'Derry . The excitement was reminiscent of a Sunday school outing. After lunch and some free time to wander, a coach took us on a tour of the city and the cathedral before depositing us back at the station for our return home. It was declared a very good day.

Now the summer seems to have gone and we look forward to a programme of interesting evenings each month from September to April 2014. In October the Rev Andrew will talk about the Holy Land, Mr Reg Maxwell takes time out of a busy schedule in January to tell us about the remembrance garden in Caen, and our friend Mrs Egli will make the evening of St. Patrick's Day a special occasion for poetry readings. We intersperse these with glimpses at Bogota street life and a trip to the mission to Seafarers at Belfast docks.

So there is something to interest everyone. You don't have to be a certain age to come along for one evening or several.

Our first meeting of the season is Tuesday 16th September at 7.30pm in St. Patrick's for a Communion service followed by supper in the church rooms.

<u>Helen Sheldon</u> (<u>Hon Secretary</u>) <u>Tel: 9443 3400</u>

Always do your best.
What you plant now, you will harvest later!

Og Mandino



European Heritage Open Days

Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th September 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

This year again St John's will be open for the European Heritage Open Days.

We will have a display of some of the old prayer books and bibles that are kept in the vicarage safe and hope to have some of our older fabrics and furnishings on display.

If you are aware of suitable items tucked away in corners that the Curate has yet to discover, please let him know so that we can include them.

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!

Chinese Banquet and Auction - Thursday 20 November 2014
Christmas Tree Festival - Sat 13 & Sun 14 December 2014

Christmas Music at Donegore - Tuesday 2 December 2014

Queen's Island Victoria Male Choir - January 2015

Chinese Banquet and Auction

As well as the Auction items, we also hope to have a good number of raffle prizes, if you have any suitable items that you would like to donate, please give them to a member of the fundraising committee or a member of Select Vestry. Thank you.



Fundraiser

be held in the Parish Hall

on Saturday 11th October 2014

from 2-4 pm

Tickets £10 each

these can be purchased from Isobel McCollam – 02894 432734 or Arlene Heaney – 07779 488942

All proceeds to Marie Curie

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Mr K Egli, Miss A. Kerr, Mrs D Lucas, Dr C Lundy, Mr D. Mawhinney,

Mr T Michael, Mrs A Millar, Mr W McAvoy, Mr S McCollam, Mrs I McCollam, Mrs G McCoy, Mr C Ovans, Mr N Shirley, Mr D Smyth, Mrs M Walbridge,

Mr R Young

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

Tel: 9443 9398

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

Sunday Club: Co-ordinator: Mrs 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

Rainbow Guides (4-7 years): Wednesday 6.00-7.00pm Joan Barkley

Tel: 07962 064734

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

Tel: 07763 411306

<u>Guides (10-14 years)</u>: Wednesday 7.30-9.00pm Lesley Anne Wetherspoon

Tel: 07753 445873

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Lesley Anne Wetherspoon Tel: 07753 445873

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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

<u>Ladies Fellowship</u>: 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

Date	Service	Reading /	Reader / Intercessor		
		Intercessions			
07.09.14	All Aco Worship	Gospel	Lucy Reid		
07.09.14	All Age Worship	Prayers	Emily Reid		
14.09.14	Morning Prayer One	Old Testament	Mrs K Young		
		Old Testament	Mrs C Michael		
21.09.14	Holy Communion Two	Epistle	Mr D Young		
		Intercessions	Mrs M Walbridge		
28.09.14	Morning Prayer Two	Old Testament	Mrs A Millar		
05.10.14	All Ass Warship	Gospel	Sasha Logan		
03.10.14	All Age Worship	Prayers	Sophie Clarke		
12.10.14	Morning Prayer One	Old Testament	Mr D Smyth		
		Old Testament	Mr H Cinnamon		
19.10.14	Holy Communion Two	Epistle	Mrs D Gaffney		
		Intercessions	Mrs L Leckey		
26.10.14	Morning Prayer Two	Old Testament	Mr E Williamson		
02.11.14	All Acq Wichin	Gospel	Nik Kane		
	All Age Worship	Prayers	David Kane		
09.11.14	Morning Prayer One	Old Testament	Mrs K Gordon		
		Old Testament	Mrs J Egli		
16.11.14	Holy Communion Two	Epistle	Mr B McMeekin		
		Intercessions	Mrs K Williamson		
23.11.14	Morning Prayer Two	Old Testament	Mr A Kane		
		Old Testament	Mr B McCrum		
30.11.14	Holy Communion Two	Epistle	Mrs N Clendinning		
		Intercessions	Mrs D Lucas		

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.

If anyone would like their name added to the rota, please speak to Bill McAvoy or Heather Boyd



Rotas



Readers and Intercessors rota for St John's, Donegore

Date	Service	Reading /	Reader / Intercessor
		Intercessions	
07.09.14	Holy Communion Two		
		Old Testament	Colin Ovans
14.09.14	Holy Communion Two	Epistle	Elizabeth Smyth
		Intercessions	Anne Cooke
21.09.14	Holy Communion One		
28.09.14	Morning Prayer One	Old Testament	Kathryn Williamson
05.10.14	Holy Communion Two		
		Old Testament	John Jones
12.10.14	Holy Communion Two	Epistle	Margaret Bell
		Intercessions	Heather Boyd
19.10.14	Holy Communion One		
26.10.14	Morning Prayer One	Old Testament	Edward Williamson
02.11.14	Holy Communion Two		
		Old Testament	Michael Cooke
09.11.14	Holy Communion Two	Epistle	Anne Cooke
		Intercessions	Molly Finlay
16.11.14	Holy Communion One		
23.11.14	Morning Prayer One	Old Testament	Susan White
30.11.14	Morning Prayer Two		

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Rotas

St Patrick's



Communion Rota

September Mr H & A Cinnamon
October Mr T & C Michael
November Mr M & Mrs A Cooke

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Cleaning Rota

September S White, D Lucas October L Lynas, L Leckey

November W Brolly, E King, A King



Flower Rota

September 7th Vacant, 14th I McCollam,

21st Vacant, 28th G Hamill

October 5th & 12th Harvest, 19th & 26th Vacant,

November 2nd I McCollam, 9th Vacant, 16th C Michael,

23rd Vacant, 30th O Ersking

St John's

Communion Rota

September Mrs M Bell & Ms H Boyd

October Mr & Mrs Cooke
November Mr & Mrs Mehaffey

CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER - NOVEMBER 2014

03.09.14 Wednesday

10.00 am Holy Communion One – St Patrick's

07.09.14 The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

10.00 am Holy Communion Two (said) – St John's 11.30 am All Age Worship – St Patrick's

Old Testament Exodus 12: 1-14

Psalm 149

Epistle Romans 13: 8-14 Gospel Matthew 18: 15-20

10.09.14 Wednesday

10.00 am Holy Communion Two - St Patrick's

14.09.14 The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

10.00 am Holy Communion Two – St John's part of European Heritage Open Day 11.30 am Morning Prayer One – St Patrick's

Old Testament Exodus 14: 19-31

Psalm 114

Epistle Romans 14: 1-12 Gospel Matthew 18: 21-35

17.09.14 Wednesday

10.00 am Holy Communion One – St Patrick's

21.09.14 The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

10.00 am Holy Communion One (said) – St John's 11.30 am Holy Communion Two – St Patrick's

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

24.09.14 Wednesday

10.00 am Holy Communion Two – St Patrick's

28.09.14 The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

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

Old Testament Exodus 17: 1-7
Psalm 78: 1-4, 12-16
Epistle Philippians 2: 1-13
Gospel Matthew 21: 23-32

01.10.14 Wednesday

10.00 am Holy Communion One – St Patrick's

05.10.14 The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

10.00 am Holy Communion Two (said) – St John's 11.30 am All Age Harvest Celebration – St Patrick's 12:30 pm Harvest Lunch – Parish Hall

Old Testament Exodus 20: 1-4, 7-9, 12-20

Psalm 19

Epistle Philippians 3: 4b-14 Gospel Matthew 21: 33-46

08.10.14 Wednesday

10.00 am Holy Communion Two – St Patrick's

12.10.14 The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

10.00 am Holy Communion Two – St John's 11.30 am Morning Prayer One – St Patrick's 3:30 pm Harvest Evening Prayer – St John's

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

15.10.14 Wednesday

10.00 am Holy Communion One – St Patrick's

16.10.14 Thursday

7.00 pm Celebration Praise with Kindfund – Parish Hall

19.10.14 The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

10.00 am Holy Communion One (said) – St John's 11.30 am Holy Communion Two – St Patrick's 7:00 pm Interdenominational Harvest – Old Presbyterian Church

Old Testament Exodus 33: 12-23

Psalm 99

Epistle 1 Thessalonians 1: 1-10 Gospel Matthew 22: 15-22

22.10.14 Wednesday

10.00 am Holy Communion Two - St Patrick's

26.10.14 The Fifth Sunday before Advent

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

Old Testament Deuteronomy 34: 1-12

Psalm 90: 1-6, 13-17

Epistle 1 Thessalonians 2: 1-8 Gospel Matthew 22: 34-46

29.10.14 Wednesday

No Wednesday Communion this week

01.11.14 Saturday - All Saints Day

10.00 am Holy Communion Two - St Patrick's

02.11.14 The Fourth Sunday before Advent

10.00 am Holy Communion Two (said) – St John's 11.30 am All Age Worship – St Patrick's

Old Testament Joshua 3: 7-17 Psalm 107: 1-7, 33-37

Epistle 1 Thessalonians 2: 9-13
Gospal Matthew 23: 1, 12

Gospel Matthew 23: 1-12

05.11.14 Wednesday

10.00 am Holy Communion One – St Patrick's Gospel Matthew 25: 1-13

09.11.14 The Third Sunday before Advent – Remembrance Sunday

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

Old Testament Joshua 24: 1-3a, 14-25

Psalm 78: 1-7

Epistle 1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18

12.11.14 Wednesday

10.00 am Holy Communion Two – St Patrick's

16.11.14 The Second Sunday before Advent

10.00 am Holy Communion One (said) – St John's 11.30 am Holy Communion Two – St Patrick's

Old Testament Judges 4: 1-7

Psalm 123

Epistle 1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11 Gospel Matthew 25: 14-30

19.11.14 Wednesday

10.00 am Holy Communion One – St Patrick's

23.11.14 The Kingship of Christ

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

Old Testament Ezekiel 34: 11-16, 20-24

Psalm 100

Epistle Ephesians 1: 15-23 Gospel Matthew 25: 31-46

26.11.14 Wednesday

10.00 am Holy Communion Two – St Patrick's

30.11.14 The First Sunday of Advent

10.00 am Morning Prayer Two (said) – St John's 11.30 am Holy Communion Two – St Patrick's

Old Testament Isaiah 64: 1–9
Psalm 80: 1-8, 18-20
Epistle 1 Corinthians 1: 3-9
Gospel Mark 13: 24-37

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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Notes for next issue of the Parish Magazine are due on:
Wednesday 12 November 2014

Contributions from all parish organisations would be very welcome.

COLEMAN'S GARDEN CENTRE

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Mon - Sat9am - 5.30pmSunday1pm - 5.00pm





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Ethiopia 2014

I would like to thank very much everyone who in any way supported my fundraising Afternoon Tea on 7th June. From everyone's very generous support I raised the fantastic amount of £1005. Each pupil going on the trip was asked to raise a minimum of £500.From my

fundraising I was able to donate £1130 to the group fundraising, I was able to buy a large amount of clothes and toys to take with me for the children and was also able to use some towards the cost of the trip.

The fundraising by the group was used to buy arts and craft equipment, tee shirts for the children and water filters to take with us. Due to everyone's fantastic fundraising efforts Ballyclare High will also be making a donation of £7000 to the Stand By Me charity which will be used to build a science block at Bethany School and provide a computer for the school.

Our journey to Ethiopia began on 25th June when we left Belfast by coach to go to Dublin Airport. From there we flew to Heathrow and then to Addis Ababa. We then had a 6 hour journey by minibus to Bekojii.

When we arrived at Bethany School all the children were singing and dancing to welcome us.

During the week we visited the local Saturday market, acted the story of the Good Samaritan at the church on the Sunday morning (attended by 1500 people), took lessons and games for the children throughout the week all based on the theme of Joseph, built and delivered water filters to the homes of some of the children and climbed a local mountain which took us to 3500 metres above sea level.

Throughout the week we were all struck with how little the children had and yet they wanted to give us all so much. They were happiest when we just spent time with them and were fascinated with our phones and cameras.

We were all very sad to leave the school and especially the children.

Thank you once again for all your very generous support for what for me was an amazing life changing trip.

Matthew Brolly

St Patrick's & St John's Bowling Club

The Bowling Club will re open the new season on **Friday 5th September at 7.30 pm**. Bowling on Friday evening from 7.30-10.30 pm and Monday evening from 8-9.30 pm.

New members would be made most welcome.

On Saturday 16th August, 23 members and friends travelled by coach to Dunluce outdoor bowling club, for our "annual" outing. Before bowling, we had tea/coffee supplied by the committee, after bowling for three hours we had our evening meal at Bushfoot Golf Club, which was enjoyed by everyone present.

We are now looking forward to our weekend away to Fermanagh staying at the Manor House Hotel and bowling in a local church hall.

This proved very successful last year and we are looking forward to another good weekend.

<u>Isobel McCollam</u> (<u>Hon Secretary</u>)

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



will resume on Wednesday 1st October

from 12 noon - 2pm

at Templepatrick Parish Hall, Old Coach Road

All welcome for food and fellowship

Teen Blast

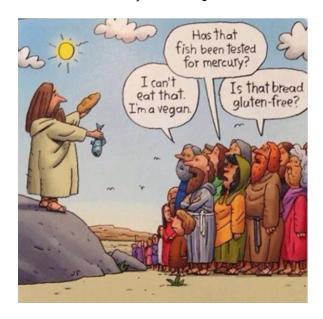
It is hard to believe that the summer is nearly over and we are once again planning our winter activities!

Firstly, congratulations to all our young people who did so well in their exams. We wish them well as they begin the next stage of their education, whether at secondary school or 6^{th} Form level.

Our "Teen Blast" will recommence on **Saturday 18 October at 7.00 pm**. We look forward to meeting up with our young people again and are busy planning what we hope will be an exciting and fun-filled programme.

Anne Cinnamon

Food for thought!



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LIGHT D READING

Matthew 5: 16 KJV Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

The bedroom door had been left slightly ajar as Nora, who had risen early, had left the bedroom and made her way across the cottage hallway to the kitchen. Tony, still in bed, but awake, glanced across at the bedside table to the alarm clock. It showed 7.02. "It's still flamin' well the middle of the night!," he groaned to himself. But Tony knew, of course, why dishes were enthusiastically being flung around the kitchen while the breakfast table took shape. Nora could hardly wait to start her day! Wasn't this the day? A normal Friday, but one that Tony would rather spend any other way than this! Quite simply, Tony was dreading today. He crawled slowly out of bed, slid on his slippers and reluctantly pulled on his dressing-down, just managing to enter the kitchen wearing the best (lying) smile he could.

"Morning darlin'!," Nora beamed. "Eggs are nearly ready! Start your cornflakes!" Tony pecked Nora's cheek and sat down at the table. He downed his small glass of daily Vitamin C orange juice, willing it to turn into straight whiskey. The stupid glass didn't perform.

Nora sat down opposite him and gleefully tapped her boiled egg looking as if she were playing the xylophone. "What *is* it with women?," Tony thought. "How can they be *this* happy about *daft* things? It's something I'll never, *ever* understand!"

The last of Tony's breakfast was hardly swallowed when his plate was pulled from under him. "OK, sweetheart? Going to get ready?," Nora asked, totally oblivious to Tony's demeanour. "Yep," Tony replied, blaming his uneasy stomach on rushed toast.

Bathroom grooming completed, Tony found himself adjusting his tie in front of the bedroom mirror and glanced at his wife's reflection as, now seated at her dressing-table, she was lightly spraying her hairstyle and adding the finishing touches to her makeup. His wife was very attractive yet modest, Tony admiring both qualities in her. The October weather called for coats and Tony noticed that Nora had hers on long before him. Yeah, that figured.

Nora made her way to the car as Tony locked the front door facing the inevitable. He looked over at his workshop, garage and shed with *longing*. What he wouldn't give today to be pottering about with his beloved tools! *Any* job would be happily tackled. *Any!*

Tony, now behind the steering wheel, carefully mastered the road. Nora sat happily beside him. He loved her more than deeply. Their Silver Wedding Anniversary was nearly upon them. The hotel had been booked for dinner with family and friends, floral table decorations had been ordered and invitations sent. Tony's good navy suit was at the ready, and a new shirt and tie had already been purchased.

All that was needed now - was a new dress for Nora.

It wasn't always the case that a small village would house an elegant boutique, but a mutually picturesque village, 40 minutes' drive away from their own, was just the place to start the laborious 'dress-hunt'.

The car was parked, the boutique entered and Tony was (typically) shown a seat, while Nora gave her thoughts of what she had in mind to the boutique owner. Tony prepared himself for the long, long wait. *This*, no doubt, would be Shop No 1 of *many*.

When Nora, however, appeared from the dressing-room, only *twenty-three* minutes after she and Tony had entered the boutique, Tony sat speechless. "How could *anyone*," he thought, "stock a dress so *perfect* for their special occasion? How could *such* a dress be *just waiting* on Nora!?," he asked himself. Nora looked stunning in the exquisite, shimmering-silver, chiffon dress. She was, of course, elated. *This* dress, was the one.

Returning to their car again with even Nora admitting that they had the one-stop-shop behind them, they had just put on their seatbelts when Nora's mobile phone rang.

It was Peggy, married to Ben, their longtime, best friends. "What!?," Nora asked sounding alarmed. "When did that happen?" Tony quietly listened. "Look," Nora then said to Peggy, "we've been out this morning, so give us a while to get back home and we'll get to you!" Nora turned off her mobile phone and slightly twisted in her seat, to face Tony. "Ben's broken his leg for pity's sake! He tripped on the back doorstep coming in from the garden last night! Ben's brother helped Peggy get him to hospital and back home, but Peggy says he's well and truly plastered, and not from the liquid kind!" There was silence in the car while Tony and Nora took in the unfortunate state of affairs. Then they instinctively looked at each other. "Harvest Festival!," they wailed aloud.

Every year their little village church, much loved and much frequented, was adorned on a Saturday for the following day's Harvest Festival. Devoted church ladies never failed to set aside time to beautifully decorate their church. Flowers and fruit were always generously donated by church members, but the fresh, healthy, green vegetables – were grown by Ben.

It didn't take long for Tony and Nora to keep their promise and, having stopped off at their own home to leave-in their somewhat 'amazing' purchase and change, they soon had their car pointed in the direction of Ben and Peggy's golden Autumn lane.

Tony rapped the back door sharply, heralding his and Nora's arrival. "Come on in!," Ben called from his uncomfortable position as a tearful Peggy moved toward both of them coming in through the back door, and allowed herself to be comforted with their accustomed hugs.

"Pain?," Tony grimaced at Ben, noticing Ben's slouched shoulders and baggy eyes. "Nah, Tony. At least the painkillers are working, even if *I'm* not, but thanks for looking in."

With a heavily-plastered leg outstretched on the ample footstool, poor Ben was indeed a very sorry sight. Ben glanced at the clock and said, "We're usually so well on by this time of the day, and now there's nothing for the ladies tomorrow morning." In barely a whisper, big, lovable Ben added, "I've let every one of them down."

As Nora, her arm still around Peggy, looked on, Tony carefully sat himself down on the edge of Ben's footstool. Leaning slightly toward Ben, Tony placed a sympathetic hand on Ben's shoulder and said, "Listen, pal, we're not jumping on any defeat-wagon! The good Lord got everything *into* the ground and He'll help us get it *out*!"

"What say, Ben," Tony continued, "that Nora and I harvest in *enough* for the ladies tomorrow, and I'll come back over on Monday with a couple of the guys and we'll bring in the rest for that good, Christian distribution list of yours?"

With that, Tony stood up and flung off his old raincoat, Nora following suit, to reveal heavy work-clothes underneath. It was only then that Ben and Peggy realized that their best friends were dressed for harvesting. A green shoot of hope and relief passed over Ben's face, but Tony didn't hang around for an answer, saving Ben's dignity.

"Right, Peggy, love!, get the kettle on! And" - Tony winked at Peggy - "I wouldn't mind one of your famous fruit scones!" Ben and Peggy, delightedly stunned, found themselves staring at two very determined, non-negotiable backs making their way out to their car to pick up wellies before visiting lonely vegetables, despondently sitting under an ever-darkening sky.

It was much later before Tony and Nora returned to their own country kitchen. Long, vigorous showers and something to eat had certainly revived them. Both had changed into warm, fleecy dressing-gowns and a little later still, Nora had brought their bedtime hot cocoa over to the open fire, which was flanked on either side by well-upholstered chairs.

As Tony threw another log onto the fire, he couldn't help but let the day play over in his mind. He thought of Ben's more than grateful, sincere, parting words and Peggy's happy tears as they had hugged goodbye. Wonderful harvest vegetables had been dug out, freed from heavy, clinging soil, washed, dried-off, cut and bound. The vegetables had afterwards been packed into Ben's wooden trays and stored in his old shed, ready for transporting, in the morning, down to the ladies working in the church.

Tony's thoughts continued to drift. He focused particularly on Nora in the garden that afternoon. Wet, bedraggled, dishevelled and sporting a generous coating of soil and mud, she had looked completely different to the Nora in her beautiful dress, earlier in the day. Tony, knowing Nora as he did, knew that all that had mattered to her was not only harvesting earth's produce, but also harvesting the seeds of love and friendship that God had planted.

"Quite a day, love, eh?," Tony chuckled over at Nora. "I can hardly *believe* how today went! You know," he grinned, "I believe that God was *even* in the boutique with us!" "Tony! Where *else* would He have been!?," Nora laughed, her voice tinkling with a giggly joy. "*That's* my Nora," Tony thought. "*That's* my God-loving Nora."

As Tony watched the reflection of the flames from the fire dance across the pulled curtains, he silently prayed in his usual, straightforward way. "Thanks, Lord, thanks so much. You have given us each other and blessed us both greatly. We will *always* be thankful, Lord. You *know* we will. But, oh, Lord, how Your blessing of *sweet contentment* is close to my heart!"

Tony nestled himself further back into his cosy chair, sighed happily, and took another sip of cocoa ...

Jeanette Egli

<u>From the Refisters</u>

HOLY BAPTISM

"He took them in his arms and blessed them"

St Patrick's, Templepatrick

HOLY MATRIMONY

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

St John's, Donegore

28th June 2014, Graham McKeever and Katie O'Connor

 $18^{\text{th}}\,\text{July}\,2014,$ Edward Williamson and Kathryn Ker

CHRISTIAN BURIAL

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord"

7th June 2014, William (Bill) Lewis

8th July 2014, James (Jim) Atcheson

Saints of the Church

The Birth of the Blessèd 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 belovèd 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 belovèd 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.

All Saints' Day 1 November -- Principal Feast -- Gold or White

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

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

Andrew the Apostle, Patron Saint of Scotland 30 November -- Festival -- Apostle -- Red

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