

Crossroads

St Ignatius and St Andrew

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Parish Magazine





Dear Friends

When I was young I never heard any reference to the autistic spectrum. All children behaved differently from one another, but some were so different that even well meaning carers sometimes abandoned hope for them. They were treated as if they were just dull or useless or stupid, even though occasionally there seemed to be a brightness just waiting to shine, a level of ability which rarely got the chance to emerge.

Today, there is a much better grasp of the extensive range of behaviours on what is called the spectrum. Yet many people, who have little personal experience of a child or young person in the spectrum remain oblivious to the heavy challenges a person in the spectrum, and their families, face.

"Asperger's", as it is often called, is a type of autism which is less severe but presents a similarly challenging experience.

We are truly blessed in our parishes to have people who understand life on the spectrum, and we want to try to help them, don't we? The way we encourage parents who have difficult moments with their children at Sunday School or at worship is a key part of our support. It has been a huge effort in some cases to get the child out to a less familiar environment: let us make sure they are afforded space and welcome in the church family.

The name of the Social Communication Unit at Carryduff PS reveals two key elements which children on the spectrum face: dealing with other people, and learning to communicate by listening and speaking. Let us be a Spectrum-Friendly Community.

For more information visit www.autismni.org

Stephen Lowry

Update from your Trainee Diocese Reader

It's hard to believe that my first year in my training is completed and I am now starting my final year. It has been a year of writing essays, attending the Church of Ireland Theological Institute in Dublin, diocesan training in Church House, Belfast, and practical training in our group parishes under the responsibility of Stephen.

My final year has now commenced with preaching practice, where the group of 23 trainees have been split into groups of four and sent to different tutors. The Rev Joanne Megarrell, who is the rector of Moira, will be my tutor. Practical training in our parishes is an essential part of building up our confidence in conducting worship under the guidance of our own rectors; I am very thankful to Stephen for his support, guidance and knowledge, allowing me the opportunity to assist him in leading worship. On Sunday 12th February 2017, I will preach my first sermon and would really appreciate your feedback.

I have been overwhelmed and humbled by your gracious support, prayers, love and good wishes. I ask that you continue to pray that God will equip, train and prepare me to be his faithful servant and preacher.

Keith Shaw

Mothers' Union

Our next meeting is on Thursday 2nd February at 8pm in the Mitchell Room. **Our guest speaker is Professor Jim Dornan - yes, father to the famous actor!!!!**

His talk is entitled
'Woman - the journey is far from over!'

We have extended an invitation to the ladies of St Andrew's Killaney, and their friends, to join us as our guests.

Please come along and enjoy a chat and a cup of tea after the main part of the meeting is over. I look forward to welcoming you all.

At our January meeting Canon Tim Kinahan from Helen's Bay told us about his long term commitment to Asra Hawariat School in Addis Ababa in Ethiopia, and about the dramatic development in that country in recent years. He went on to tell us of the 'faith in action' of Asfaw Yimeru, whose determination led him to cater for the children in the slums of that area.

Asfaw was a scholarship boy at the elite General Wingate School, who gave up his chance of a university place to devote his life to the poor of the city. In May 2001 Asfaw was awarded the World Children's Prize for the Rights of the Child, which was presented to him by Queen Silvia of Sweden.

Mary Hewitt

South Sudan Table Quiz

A Table Quiz (including Supper) to be held by Holy Trinity Church Banbridge on Wednesday 15th February at 8.00 pm in Banbridge Parish Hall. Cost £3. Proceeds in aid of the work of the Mothers' Union in South Sudan.

Shoe Boxes and Bookstalls

It is with pleasure that we renew our thanks to everyone who supported our annual shoe box appeal for Operation Christmas Child and who took such an active interest in the Advent bookstall.

We can now confirm that our 126 shoe boxes were safely delivered into the hands of deprived children in Macedonia, and that the bookstall achieved a total sales figure of £214.

SAMS Friday Night Live

Friday Night Live is an event each year in the local calendar which evokes consistent praise: it is apparently one of the best mission events in the year. This month, on 3rd February, at 7.30 pm Craigavon Civic Centre will once more form the venue for this annual roundup and meeting of SAMS supporters and Mission Partners. Bishop Ken Clarke has issued a warm invitation to attend. Ken will DV preach at Carryduff and Killaney in April.

Andrew Forster, chairman of SAMS, is the main speaker. For more details visit samsukireland.com

If you are interested in going to the event please contact Liz Fleming or Marlene Moore.

Information about Fostering

An information evening is being held on Thursday 9th February 2017 from 7-9pm at the Crowne Plaza Belfast

Call 028 9004 0057 to register your interest or email Mairead.Sloan@seltrust.hscni.net

Visit www.adoptionandfostering.hscni.net for more information on fostering or even adopting a child in need of a loving home.



YOUTH NEWS

Next J C Special Service

Our monthly worship for all ages, with a focus on YOU!

We invite everyone to come along on Sunday 26th February at 10.30am.

This is an informal service, followed by special refreshments, and fun activities for the children afterwards.

J Club

December turned out to be a busy month for J Club, starting with the Salt Factory Sports Team, who came and played games with the children. They rounded off their spot with Bible teaching, and this was followed by a party and disco, with Cindy encouraging us all to dance. The month finished with our JC Sunday Christingle Service when the children took part in the service; afterwards everyone made their way into the hall where we made sweet trees. In January, the first night back was balloon madness with the children taking part in many different balloon games and worship. Our first JC Sunday of the new year was all about being hospitable to strangers. This was followed by a trip to Dundonald Ice Bowl for 10 pin bowling. We ended the month with a fitness night and worship.

J Club welcomes all P1 – P6 aged children.

Anyone requiring information can contact me (Liz) on 07745581602 Liz Maginn

J Club Plus

We have approx 25 -30 teenagers arriving every week for fun, food, Bible teaching and fellowship.

It is a wonderful group, and a pleasure to lead sometimes!

Lindsay Lutton has been leading this group

for the past few years. Last year she got married and is expecting her first child, so she has stepped down from her position. The group is hosting a thank you party for Lindsay on Friday 27th Feb to show our thanks for her hard work and dedication in making J Club Plus a wonderful youth ministry in our parish.

New appointments:

We are delighted to announce the proposed appointment of a youth worker with responsibility for this group. He is Eric Denner, and is currently the youth officer for the diocese of Dublin and Glendalough. Kelly Best has also been proposed as the new youth and children's intern. She would work alongside the other members of the team.

Meanwhile, we assure Eric and Kelly of our prayers as they await confirmation of their appointments.

THANK YOU

Victoria Frazer has served as our J Club Groups Treasurer & Leader for a number of years, but has decided that she must step down because of commitments at home. Words cannot express our thanks for the wonderful job Victoria has done in managing our accounts.

As an organisation we simply want to say **Thank you Victoria**. You will always remain a special part of our J Club team.

Norma Moore is our new treasurer and we welcome her back to J Club!

Norma, Lindsay Dunning and I were the first leaders when J Club was formed.

Norma was a leader for the first 3 years and then remained a great supporter by helping with or attending most of our fundraising events. Welcome back !

Keith

KILLANEY NEWS

Thanks

With the happy Christmas celebrations behind us, we wish to say thanks to Raymond and Terry who collected and put the Christmas Tree in St Andrew's, and also to the young people in the Youth Club who decorated the tree so well.

We also wish to thank Florence who decorated the church with holly and greenery, which had been kindly donated. We thank Peggy for her seasonal arrangement in the porch. Everything was done very tastefully.

Poppy Appeal

Betty May extends thanks to all who supported the Poppy Appeal in Church. It raised £75.50 for the Royal British Legion.

Invitation

The Mothers' Union would like to extend a warm invitation to the ladies of St Andrew's to join them on Thursday 2nd February at 8pm in the Mitchell Room. Please contact Mary Hewitt or Joan Nevin to let us know if you would like to come; you would be made very welcome. Professor Jim Dornan, who is a retired obstetrician, is our speaker and it would be lovely to get to know each other better over some supper.

A Prayer

Dear Lord, please guard me on my way,
Please guide my feet, lest I should stray,
Please give me strength, when storms come near;
To overcome enfeebling fear;
And Lord, I beg, my whole life through
Please let me ever walk with You.



Rich man Poor man

A rich father in the USA took his son to visit a poor family living on a farm in the country. He wanted to get the boy's views on their lifestyle, so different from his own. Back in their luxury home, the father asked his son what he thought of the other family's way of life; 'Well, Dad, I saw that we have a dog at home, and they have four. We have a pool that reaches to the middle of the garden, and they have a beautiful creek that has no end.

'We have electric lamps in the garden, they have the stars. Our patio reaches to the front yard, they have a whole horizon.

'Thanks, Dad, for letting me see how poor we really are!'

Daily Survival Kit

Toothpick - to remind you to pick out the best qualities in others.

Rubber Band - to remind you to be flexible.

Pen - to remind you to list your blessings every day.

Tube of Glue - to remind you to stick with it; you can accomplish that task.

Tea Bag - to remind you to relax daily.

Bandage and Plasters - to remind you to heal hurt feelings, yours and someone else's.

HfHNI report

As Pete Graham of NfHNI (Habitat NI) spoke at KandCd in January he brought greetings to our supporting parishioners:



First, thank you for your continued interest in the work of Habitat for Humanity NI. We value the faithful and generous support you have given us from Carryduff and Killaney. Through the support of people like yourselves Habitat were able to reach over 6.6 million people last year.

Habitat focusses on shelter.

It is one way we put our Christian faith into action; manifesting God's love through providing access to affordable housing as a foundation for breaking the cycle of poverty. The statistics are overwhelming: 1 in 4 people in the world live in poverty housing, 100 million have no home at all. Home isn't the place that it should be. Many are trapped by poverty, oppression and a lack of opportunities. We wish to upscale our individual response into wider national responses to this homelessness.

Habitat for Humanity brings people together to build homes, communities and hope.

Habitat's strength is that we are local, wherever we work, using local people who understand housing needs in their own communities. We are thereby well placed to respond to emergencies and to help rebuild long after media attention has moved on or even when it doesn't make the headlines here at all.

One of the many families affected in the earthquake in Haiti in 2010 was Vena, a married mother of 4, and her husband. They lost everything in the quake, and for three years lived in a tent made of plastic sheeting, corrugated iron and other scrap materials. Her husband had to travel to the Dominican Republic for work as none was available in Haiti so Vena was left to look after the children alone.

Thankfully, Habitat could help Vena's community - amongst many - and after the quake, we distributed 24,600 emergency shelter kits and 1,500 upgradable shelters which families could modify into permanent homes, as resources allow.

Since 1984 Habitat Haiti has supported almost 60,000 families. And when Habitat build, we build better and stronger; research proves that for every \$1 spent on disaster mitigation, \$7 is saved when disaster strikes. This can be as simple as hammering in hurricane clips in a new Habitat home. These reinforce the structure, especially the roof to the walls; ensuring the home can withstand extreme weather.

Vena's new home

Vena and her family were able to move into a new home leading to her comment, "It's been difficult for us over the past couple of years but I finally see some light now that we will have a home again." Initial assessments, following the recent Hurricane Matthew in Oct 2016, show minimal damage for Habitat communities, including Vena's.

Habitat knows from our work in Haiti, and elsewhere, that when disaster strikes a community, without proper land laws in place, people lose their homes and their ability to

recover. Laws on land ownership in Haiti have been challenged to help dispossessed people regain land to live on.

Currently, we are recruiting volunteers for local initiatives, such as our ReStore shop in Lisburn and a building project at Annesgate in Belfast - a shelter for homeless women. Our innovative local projects partner with like-minded organisations to renovate empty homes or community spaces - and for work abroad teams travelling in support of our partner projects in India, Cambodia, Ethiopia and Malawi. Volunteers build beside families in need and raise funds to help reach many more. They return home as our advocates, inspiring others to support our work in whatever way they can.

You can become a volunteer

If you haven't done so already, please do come along and visit our ReStore in Lisburn; we're based just off Young Street in Lisburn! Do call in if you're out and about and perhaps pick up a bargain on the way! We are open Monday - Saturday 9am-5pm.

Please continue to pray and support us in whatever way you can; contact us at Lisburn using phone 028 9263 5635. or visit our website www.habitatni.co.uk

Carryduff Sunday School News and Plans

19th February - There will be no Sunday School on this day.

Following the talk by Peter Graham, the children have decided to donate this year's collection to **Habitat for Humanity**. Well done children, this is another very generous and considerate decision.

Olwen, Jill and Helen.

Clergy Quiet Day Tuesday 28th February 2017

Once again we have the pleasure of hosting the bishop, clergy and others from the diocese of Down and Dromore on Tuesday 28th February.

The main job for the parish is to ensure that they feel welcome and to look after the catering for the day.

I would really appreciate the help of parishioners in both parishes to ensure everything is in place and all goes smoothly.

In February I will have details of the help that is needed for the event, including setting up tables and chairs the night before, supplying items of food or helping with meals on the day --morning coffee, lunch and afternoon tea. Help will be needed to clear the hall afterwards .

We receive a generous cheque from the diocese and, after meeting expenses, the rest supplements parish funds and is used at the discretion of the Select Vestry.

Your help would be greatly appreciated and I encourage you to get involved in any way you can.

Please do not hesitate to contact me for more information

Keith - 07901935205



OpenDoors: The Persecuted Church

In November of last year a Ladies' Coffee Morning was held to raise awareness of and financial support for the work of Open Doors. The event enabled us to send a cheque for £775.00 to the organisation's office in Belfast. **Thank you to all who came and gave generous donations.**

For the past 25 years Open Doors has worked to identify and highlight countries and communities where Christians face persecution and where their religious freedom is not tolerated.

It produces an annual World Watch List using data from its field workers and independent experts to ascertain where persecution is greatest and where religious freedom is limited. Researchers have indicated that persecution rose globally again for the third time in a row, and identified 2016 as the "worst year yet".

Worldwide, approximately 215 million Christians experience high, very high or extreme persecution, with Islamic extremism remaining the global dominant driver of persecution. However, ethnic nationalism is fast becoming another major cause of persecution; in Asia, religious nationalism and government insecurity have resulted in tottering governments scapegoating Christians in order to gain quick support.

Amongst a number of findings the following are alarming:

The killings of Christians in Nigeria saw an increase of 62%.

Persecution in Pakistan is the most violent.

23 Christian leaders in Mexico and 4 in Columbia were killed specifically for their faith.

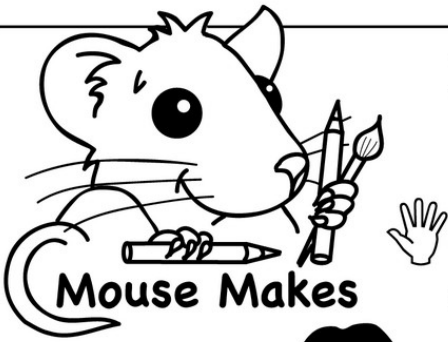
Hindu nationalism in India was responsible for reported incidents every month, including pastors beaten, churches burned and Christians harassed.

For the past 14 years North Korea has remained the most dangerous place to be a Christian; others include Somalia, Afghanistan, Sudan, Syria, Iraq, Iran, Yemen and Eritrea.

Open Doors defines persecution as "any hostility experienced as a result of identification with Christ". Christians remain one of the most persecuted religious groups in the world; they continue to risk imprisonment, loss of home and assets, torture, beheadings, rape and even death as a result of their faith.

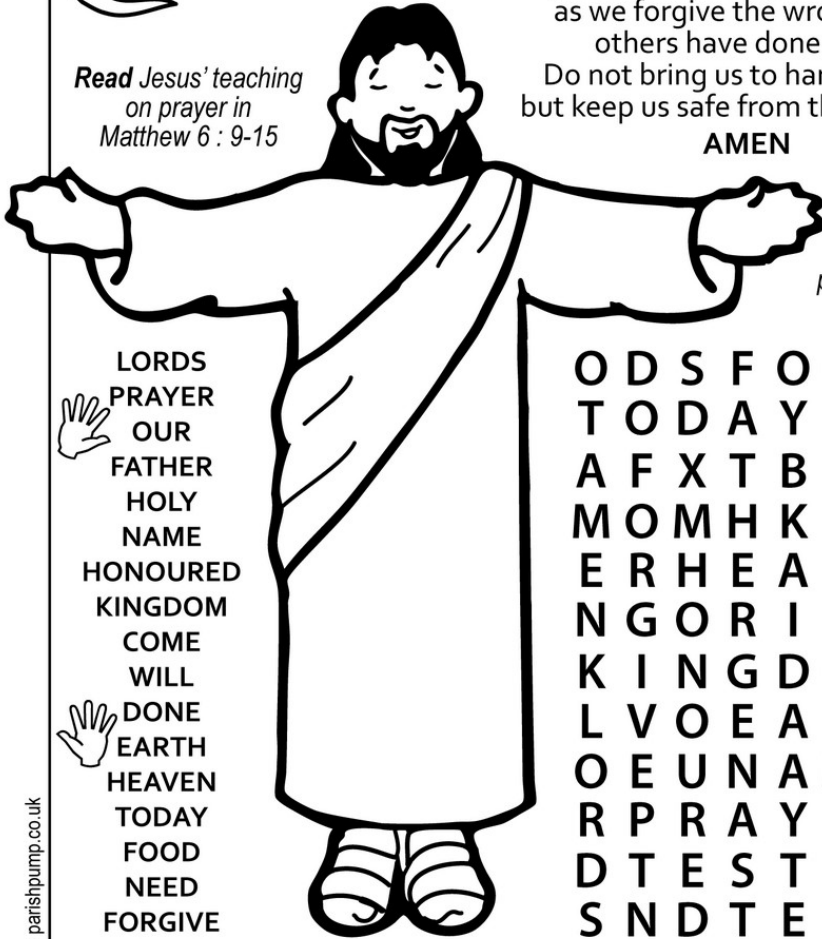
Despite this, the Church is growing where the persecution is greatest. Christians there have a deep love for and trust in Jesus; they have a profound joy and sense of His peace and they are willing to lose their life for Him. Their life and witness are in stark contrast to that of most Christians in the western world whose religious freedom is considered their right. Jesus said, "In the world you face persecution. But take courage; I have overcome the world!"

It makes you think!



Mouse Makes

Read Jesus' teaching
on prayer in
Matthew 6 : 9-15



THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven:

May your holy name be honoured;
may your Kingdom come;
may your will be done on earth
as it is in heaven.

Give us today the food we need.
Forgive us the wrongs we have done,
as we forgive the wrongs that
others have done to us.

Do not bring us to hard testing,
but keep us safe from the Evil One.

AMEN

Write a
prayer of
praise to God

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Can you find all
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CALENDAR

February 2017

St Ignatius and St Andrew

Service details

Sunday 29 January Vestry Revision Begins

- 9:00 *Holy Communion 2 in Carryduff*
1 Corinthians 1.18-31 Matthew 5.1-12
- 10:30 *Morning Prayer in Carryduff*
- 12:00 *Morning Prayer in Killaney*
Acts 16.22-32 Hebrews 13.1-3, 20-21

Epiphany 4 (White)

Tuesday 31 January

- 8:00 *Word ALIVE! in Rectory* *The Church at Corinth: 2.1-12*

Wednesday 1 February **for The Presentation of Christ (White)**

- 10:30 *Midweek Communion in Carryduff*
Hebrews 2.14-18 Luke 2.22-40 followed by Refreshments

Thursday 2 February

- 20:00 *Mothers' Union in Mitchell Room with Professor Jim Dornan*

Friday 3 February

- 7:30 *Friday Night Live: SAMS in Craigavon Civic Centre*
Speaker: Archdeacon Andrew Forster samsukireland.com

Saturday 4 February

- 4:00 *Come & Sing with the Ulster Orchestra: Performance in RBAI*

Sunday 5 February **Fourth Sunday before Lent (Green)**

- 9:00 *Holy Communion 2 in Carryduff*
1 Corinthians 2: 1-12 Matthew 5: 13-20
- 10:30 *Parish Communion in Carryduff*
- 12:00 *Parish Communion in Killaney*
Manifesto H13: Married Excellence
Hebrews 13.1,4-6 Matthew 5.13-16
- 6:30 *Compline in Carryduff Psalm 112: 1-9 1 Corinthians 2: 1-12*

Monday 6 February

- 7:30 *Select Vestry in Carryduff*

Tuesday 7 February

- 8:00 *Word ALIVE! Prayer in Liz's house*

Wednesday 8 February

- 10:30 *Midweek Communion in Carryduff*
Genesis 2: 4b-9, 15-17 Mark 7: 14-23 followed by Refreshments

Thursday 9 February

- 7:00 *Fostering? Information Night in Crowne Plaza Belfast*

Saturday 11 February

- 7:30 *Saturday Night Live: Youth Event What did the prophets do?*
In Seagoe Parish, Portadown with Stu Bothwell

Sunday 12 February

Third Sunday before Lent (Green)

- 9:00 Holy Communion 2 in Carryduff
1 Corinthians 3: 1-9 Matthew 5: 21-37
- 10:30 Morning Prayer in Carryduff
- 12:00 Morning Prayer in Killaney
Deuteronomy 30: 15-20 1 Corinthians 3: 1-9
Keith to speak in KandCd
- 6:30 Holy Communion ONE in Carryduff Deut 30: 15-20 Matthew 5: 21-37

Tuesday 14 February

- 8:00 Word ALIVE! in Rectory The Church at Corinth: 3.1-15

Wednesday 15 February Magazine Notes today, please.

- 10:30 Midweek Communion (Green) in Carryduff
Genesis 8: 6-13, 20-22 Mark 8: 22-26 followed by Refreshments
- 8:00 Table Quiz in Holy Trinity Church Banbridge with supper in the church hall.
Proceeds in aid of the work of the MU in South Sudan

Sunday 19 February

Second Sunday before Lent (Green)

- 9:00 Holy Communion 2 in Carryduff
Romans 8: 18-25 Matthew 6: 25-34
- 10:30 Morning Prayer in Carryduff (No Sunday School today)
- 12:00 Morning Prayer in Killaney
Manifesto H13: Money Management [Hebrews 13:5]
- 6:30 Praise Time in Carryduff
Romans 8: 18-25 Matthew 6: 19-24

Tuesday 21 February

- 20:00 Word ALIVE! in Rectory The Church at Corinth: 3.16-21

Wednesday 22 February

- 10:30 Midweek Communion (Green) in Carryduff
James 1: 12-18 Mark 9: 30-37 followed by Refreshments

Friday 24 February

- 11:00 Magazine Make Up Team in Jeremy Taylor Chapel

Saturday 25 February

- 10:00 Guarding the Heart in Spires Conference Centre
£15 per ticket: Speaker Vaughn Roberts

Sunday 26 February

The Sunday before Lent (Green)

- 9:00 Holy Communion 2 in Carryduff
2 Peter 1: 16-21 Matthew 17: 1-9
- 10:30 J C is SPECIAL in Carryduff
- 12:00 Church Family at Worship in Killaney
Manifesto H13: Secret of Contentment
- 6:30 Evening Prayer in Carryduff Exodus 24: 12-18 | 2 Peter 1: 16-21

Tuesday 28 February

- 10:00 Clergy Quiet Day in Carryduff

FUTURE EVENTS

Explorers do Switzerland – this time it's personal!

After 3 years away, 1st Carryduff Explorer Scouts are packing their bags and heading off to Switzerland again!

The Centre began in 1923 shortly after the First World Scout Jamboree. Lord Baden-Powell dreamt of a place where Scouts from all over the world could meet: a Permanent Mini Jamboree.

This July 12 Explorer Scouts and 4 leaders will embark on a week of jumping, climbing, hiking, walking, rafting, swimming and probably a lot more!

To help fund this once in a lifetime trip we are holding various fundraisers – one of these will be held after the morning service in Carryduff on 19th March. We would love it if you could join us for tea or coffee!

Living Vintage!

Knockbreda Parish, together with **Living Vintage,**

Presents an evening of

Authentic 1940 - 1950 Vintage Fashions & accessories in an atmosphere of fun & nostalgia.

Saturday 25th March 2017

Doors open 7.00 pm

Show 7.30 pm sharp in Parish Hall

Tickets £12 each, including refreshments.

For further info & tickets contact the Parish Office 028 9064 5372



AFRICANCHILDREN'SCHOIR™

7th April Concert

On Friday 7th April we welcome back our friends from Uganda, the 46th Children's Choir!

Some eighteen children and their chaperones will descend on Carryduff for the day and night, and we look forward to enjoying their concert and hosting them in our homes.

Accommodation

A small number of volunteers are needed to host the group: in each case, one or two adults with two or more children need beds for the night in our homes. Vera and I will take a group. You may like to do so too. Please do not be upset if the choir's specific needs do not fit in with what you can offer. Essentially, you need to have two bedrooms (one for the adult, one for two or more of the children) available. Breakfast and a packed lunch will compete your offer of help.

Carryduff Parish sponsors Mark from Uganda through his education, and your donations to our Mission Fund make this possible. Others have individually organised sponsorships running.

Keep the date free now so you can come and invite your friends to join you at the concert. Tickets will be on sale soon. See <http://africanchildrenschoir.org.uk> for more information about the choir.

Contact Keith or Stephen with offers.

Fun with Flowers

We are looking for help arranging the church flowers. So we are having an evening on Thursday 9th March 2017 at 8.00pm Please don't feel that because you can't arrange flowers you shouldn't come.

We want to meet and have a fun evening together, and encourage each other.

No experience necessary...So please give it a go!

We need to know numbers in advance.

Contact Elizabeth Johnston or Joyce McMeekin



Flower List

There are still plenty of spaces available on the list in the Jeremy Taylor. Please sign your name on a week/s that you would like to have the flowers arranged to mark an occasion that is special to you.

Ignatius: The Medicine Table

Who was Saint Ignatius?

There were two saints by that name, Ignatius of Ephesus and Ignatius Loyola. The well known one, who has the 'surname' Loyola, is honoured and valued in the Roman Catholic tradition, though he is little mentioned in Anglican Spirituality.

"Our" Ignatius was the Bishop of Antioch in the First century, and is often referred to by writers seeking to understand the early church. He himself wrote letters, including one to Smyrna and one to Ephesus. They are short and worth reading in their entirety.

As an honoured eastern saint, Ignatius fits in well to the liturgical life of a Church of Ireland Parish. As Denis Carson says in the church's 50th Anniversary Booklet,

"It was in Antioch that our patron saint, Ignatius, came to accept and to expound the Christian faith. In 69 AD he became Bishop of Antioch and remained there as bishop for forty years. His devotion to the faith and to the order of the Church brought him into direct conflict with the emphatically pagan Roman Empire. He refused to renounce his faith and was brought to Rome, sentenced to death by the Emperor Trajan, and mauled by lions in the Colosseum c.110 AD (the precise date is unknown)."

He was a thoughtful and inspiring teacher, and one of his phrases was to describe the Bread and Wine of communion as "the medicine of immortality, and the antidote to prevent us from dying, but [which causes] that we should live for ever in Jesus Christ."

As we regularly partake of communion I wonder does the idea - that it is the "Medicine of immortality" - encourage us to take it more regularly and to be more aware of our need of God's healing of our troubled souls? See you at the Medicine Table soon?



Looking Forwards, Looking Upwards

It was both encouraging and uplifting to hear the Archbishop of Canterbury's televised broadcast on the morning of New Year's Day. It was only five minutes long but, in that short time, he said a great deal to raise the spirit at the beginning of what may well be a difficult and unsettling year.

The Archbishop spoke of the fears that many people have about divisions in our society and, in particular, about the divisions caused by Brexit. It's a step into an uncertain – and perhaps ill advised – future as far as the United Kingdom is concerned. Then, if we add to that the brutality of events in the Middle East, the misgivings we might all have about the changing political posture in Washington and the instability of local politics at Stormont, we might reasonably conclude that the outlook in 2017 does not seem all that bright.

It is this melting pot of ever changing uncertainties that the Archbishop took by the scruff of the neck in his five minute sound bite. The broadcast came from Coventry – a city which, the Archbishop reminded us, was savagely bombed in 1940 during World War II.

By the 1960s Coventry Cathedral had been rebuilt and has since become the focal point of a ministry of forgiveness and reconciliation. Beyond that, the city itself has become a centre for refugees. Their very presence contributes to the healing of ethnic divisions, and it is the Archbishop's view that they are, in real terms, a blessing to our way of life.

The example of Coventry directs us to reach out towards all that is best in our history. That standpoint commits us to actively seek out opportunities for forgiveness and reconciliation. If the EU referendum has brought some raw divisions to the surface, the very best things in our national history remind us that, as a nation, we have always stood for human dignity and hope. In tune with that spirit the Archbishop urges us to take hold of our uncertain future in a creative, innovative spirit. We ought to stand together as the multi-racial society we have become – “to live well together, to live as beacons of hope.”

To do this is to act in the spirit of obedience to the crucial directive of Jesus himself. We do well to note that He said “If you obey my commands you will remain in my love.....My command is this: love each other as I have loved you (John 15.10-12).”

And why should we be anxious about all that the New Year might bring? As a faith community (rather than a completely earthbound one) we might best be attentive to the advice Paul gave to the Philippians – “Do not be anxious about anything.....And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus (Phil. 4.6-7).”

The Archbishop covered all this ground in five minutes. It was a gently spoken but pointed rebuff to the televised raucous vulgarity that preceded the New Year firework display. More pointedly, it was a call to do the right thing, to think deeply and optimistically about the future and to listen positively to the “still small voice of calm.”

Denis Carson

Romance, marriage and all that stuff - the way children see it....

How do you decide whom to marry?

You got to find somebody who likes the same stuff. Like, if you like sports, she should like it that you like sports, and she should keep the crisps and dip coming. - Alan, age 10

No person really decides before they grow up who they're going to marry. God decides it all way before, and you get to find out later who you're stuck with. - Kirsten, age 10

What is the right age to get married?

23 is the best age because you know the person FOREVER by then. - Camille, age 10

How can a stranger tell if two people are married?

You might have to guess, based on whether they seem to be yelling at the same kids.

- Derrick, age 8

What do you think your mum and dad have in common?

Both don't want any more kids. - Lori, age 8

What do most people do on a date?

Dates are for having fun, and people should use them to get to know each other. Even boys have something to say, if you listen long enough. - Lynnette, age 8

On the first date, they just tell each other lies and that usually gets them interested enough to go for a second date. - Martin, age 10

What would you do on a first date that was turning sour?

I'd run home and play dead. The next day I would call all the newspapers and make sure they wrote about me in all the dead columns. - Craig, age 9

When is it okay to kiss someone?

When they're rich. - Pam, age 7

The law says you have to be eighteen, so I wouldn't want to mess with that. - Curt, age 7

The rule goes like this: If you kiss someone, then you should marry them and have kids with them. It's the right thing to do. - Howard, age 8

Is it better to be single or married?.

It's better for girls to be single but not for boys. Boys need someone to clean up after them. - Anita, age 9

How would the world be different if people did not get married?

There sure would be a lot of kids to explain, wouldn't there? - Kelvin, age 8

And the #1 Favourite is..... How would you make a marriage work?

Tell your wife that she looks pretty, even if she looks like a truck. - Ricky, age 10

General Vestry Membership

This is open to adults

aged 18 and over

who attend church or live in the parish boundary

donate £1 or more in the last year to the church in a way which can be recorded.

Forms obtainable from Wardens or rector in both churches. You can only belong to one parish vestry, and your contributions must be up to date. Closes Sunday 26th February.

Carryduff Rotas for February

Lesson Readers 9.00

- 5 Raymond Scott
- 12 Ken Fletcher
- 19 David Patterson
- 26 Caroline Taylor

Lesson Readers 10.30

- 5 Sandra Thomas
- 12 Fiona Ellis
- 19 Joan Clayton
- 26 Sunday School/J Club

Intercessions

- 5 Susan Creber
- 12 Robin McDonald
- 19 Jacky McDowell
- 26 Sunday School

Lay Assistants

Keith Shaw
Marlene Moore

Welcome Team

- 5 Malcolm & Wesley
- 12 Pamela & Jean Hobbs
- 19 Irene & Jene Buchanan
- 26 J Club with John & Jackie

Keynote Operators

- 5 Maurice
- 12 Fiona
- 19 Jenny
- 26 Kameron

Refreshments

- 5 Mary & Liz
- 12 Fiona Ellis
- 19 Johnston Family
- 26 J Club Team

Flowers: Joyce

- 5 Ken Ellis
- 12 Maureen Kealey
- 19 Vacant
- 26 Sadie Rutledge

Killaney Rotas for February

Flowers

Eileen Earney

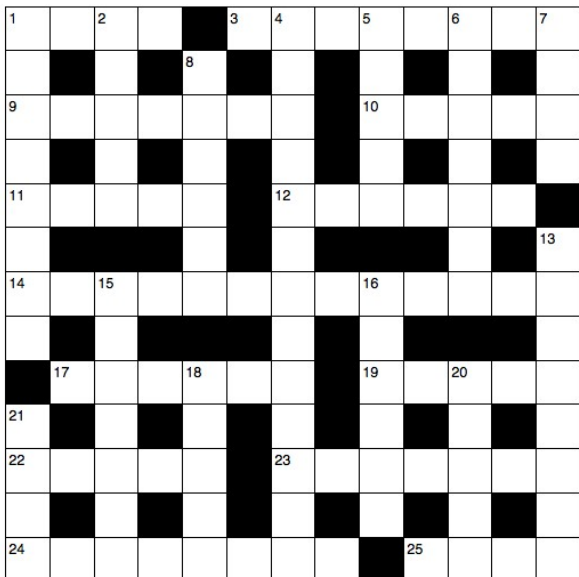
Cleaning

Sandra Cousins & Adrian Cousins

CROSSWORD ANSWERS

ACROSS: 1, Wage. 3, Cleansed. 9, Plateau. 10, Ready. 11, Did so. 12, Hollow. 14, Unregenerated. 17, Offers. 19, Islam. 22, Is not. 23, Overran. 24, Barracks. 25, Legs.

DOWN: 1, Wiped out. 2, Guard. 4, Laughing-stock. 5, April. 6, Seaport. 7, Days. 8, Belong. 13, Oddments. 15, Refiner. 16, Raided. 18, Extra. 20, Large. 21, Limb.



Across

- 1 Salary (Isaiah 19:10) (4)
 3 Question Jesus asked of those healed of leprosy, 'Were not all ten — ?' (Luke 17:17) (8)
 9 Wide, elevated level area of land (Joshua 13:9) (7)
 10 'So you also must be — , because the Son of Man will come... when you do not expect him' (Matthew 24:44) (5)
 11 '[He] said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He — — , and his hand was completely restored' (Luke 6:10) (3,2)
 12 'Who has gathered up the wind in the — of his hand?' (Proverbs 30:4) (6)
 14 Not born again (13)
 17 'Again and again he — the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins' (Hebrews 10:11) (6)
 19 Mails (anag.) (5)
 22 'He — — here; he has risen' (Matthew 28:6) (2,3)
 23 Defeated (Judges

- 20:43) (7)
 24 Soldiers' quarters (Acts 21:34) (8)
 25 'Pillars of marble' were how the Beloved described those of her Lover (Song of Songs 5:15) (4)
 Down
 1 Totally destroyed (Genesis 7:23) (5,3)
 2 What the Philippian jailer was told to do with his prisoners Paul and Silas (Acts 16:23) (5)
 4 Object of ridicule (Job 12:4) (8-5)
 5 In most years, the month in which Easter falls (5)
 6 For example, Caesarea, Joppa, Tyre, Sidon (7)
 7 '[Jesus] was in the desert for forty — , being tempted by Satan' (Mark 1:13) (4)
 8 'Hallelujah! Salvation and glory and power — to our God' (Revelation 19:1) (6)
 13 Mend dots (anag.) (8)
 15 Purifier (Malachi 3:3) (7)
 16 Attacked (1 Samuel 27:8) (6)
 18 The good Samaritan to the innkeeper: 'When I return, I will reimburse you for any — expense you may have' (Luke 10:35) (5)
 20 How Matthew described the crowds who followed Jesus (Matthew 4:25) (5)
 21 For example, one of 25 Across (Judges 19:29) (4)

Answers on page 18



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PARISH REGISTERS

Christian Funerals

2 December Jade Danielle Smith
Killynure Close, Carryduff
11 January Mary Elizabeth (Molly) Gardiner
Carlton Hills, Carryduff

"I am the Resurrection and the Life, says the Lord"

Remembering with Thanksgiving

Mrs Molly Gardiner was raised on the family farm at Tullywest Road half way between Ballynahinch and Saintfield. She was the eldest of three, and is survived by her sister Grace Gilbert and brother Samuel McKelvey. She married Cyril Gardiner in 1956 and they were blessed with two sons, Stephen and Keith. At her funeral in St Ignatius' Church, Stephen told of the warm Christian family upbringing which they had shared, and the devotion of their mother as a home maker and godly influence upon them. Reading the lessons were son Keith and grandson Craig. We sympathise with Stephen and his wife Lindsay, Cherith and Craig, Keith and his wife Ruth, Hannah and Erin. Molly's husband, Cyril, was too ill to attend the funeral. Before coming to Carryduff, Cyril and Molly belonged to Knocknagoney Parish. The well-filled church heard Canon David Brown, rector of Knocknagoney, as he preached on the promises of God in scripture, and all were encouraged to be still in the presence of God, trusting in him in their sad hour.

DV: what does it mean?

Often when announcing events in the church calendar, either in church or in the magazine, a little combination of letters "DV" is used. What does it mean?

DV means "Deo Volente" or "with God being willing". It harks back to a phrase in the letter of James in the New Testament. It is a letter full of practical advice for Christian living. It is well worth reading once or twice a year to keep our feet grounded.

In James 4 the brother of Jesus wrote:

13 Now listen, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city. We will spend a year there. We will buy and sell and make money." 14 You don't even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? It is a mist that appears for a little while. Then it disappears. 15 Instead, you should say, "If it pleases the Lord, we will live and do this or that." 16 As it is, you are proud. You brag about it. That kind of bragging is evil. 17 So when you know the good things you should do and don't do them, you sin.

"If it pleases the Lord, we will live and do this or that" It would be a bit of a mouthful to say that every time you announce a plan to pick up the kids from the bus, or tidy the kitchen! Instead we try in church situations to approach future plans with DV added, an acknowledgement that "our times are in His Hands".

Everything we plan is DV, but we are more likely to add it when announcing a Communion service: it is just a tradition, but with a good basis.

. . . and DV is better than "with a bit of luck", don't you think?

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Please email Stephen or Marlene by Wednesday 15th February

Make up TEAM Friday 24th February at 11.00am



The Olo Coffee Morning held on 21st January for the work of the Diocese of Olo with which both parishes are partnered raised over £830.00.

We thank Norah Brown and Liz Fleming who organised the event, all from Carryduff and Killylaney who contributed their cakes and bakes, and all who attended and supported the event with their gifts. Well done!

