Crossroads

St Ignatius and St Andrew

June 2017



Dear Friends

The Interview: Did you try too hard?

I've noticed that when I get a little tense or nervous about an occasion it can help me "up my game" to perform better. But sometimes I am trying so hard that I end up failing miserably.

Perhaps you have gone to an interview for a job, well within your skill range. In preparation, you have ensured the dress or the suit has been just right, the teeth are gleaming, and even your hair has had an extra sparkle: but you have interviewed badly. We've all been there.

But the next interview has been for a job way above your expectations and you know you will not be successful. As a result, you have been relaxed and jovial, looking a lot less perfect but feeling a lot more like yourself. And, surprise surprise, you've landed the job!

I think we need to find a balance between relying on our own efforts, and resting on who we are, and what God has made of us.

Take the Christian life:

- when we are careless and casual the life does not go well if at all and many readers of a church magazine give their relationship with God such little thought that it doesn't even appear on their radar.
- when we are over wrought and anxious about every little aspect have I prayed enough, do I give enough, do I worship enough we are doomed to fail our own high standards and leave ourselves vulnerable to a sort of godly despair.
- when we rest on God's gift of a relationship with him--won at great cost to himand seek to enjoy his kindness and mercy, forgiving ourselves as he forgave us,
 then we have the potential to become the sort of people that attract others to
 that relationship, that life, and we get the job done.

So, don't try too hard, God has done the hard bit, but, as the God-Man said, "Seek first his Kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be yours as well."

Stephen



We did keep warning the Vicar not to pick a fight with the flower arranging team!

Carryduff Sunday School

June 4 Sunday School

11 Visit to Funtastic-Play

We will attend church at 10.30am and leave to walk to Funtastic at 10.45am.

Children should be collected from Funtastic before 12.30pm.

18 J C Sunday (Father's Day)

25 No Sunday School

There will be no Sunday School during July and August. We look forward to seeing all the children back again in September.

Have a lovely summer!

Olwen, Jill and Helen

Fun with flowers

We would like to thank those who attended our flower evening.
We had fun, flowers, food and fellowship!
Our next evening is on **Thursday 15th June** at 8.00 pm.

Anyone who would like to help with the arranging of our church flowers will be most welcome.

Looking forward to seeing you there.

..Elizabeth and Joyce

See the cartoon opposite!

Mothers' Union

A great evening was enjoyed by a group of ladies from St. Ignatius' on Thursday 4th May.

We enjoyed the tongue-in-cheek humour and sumptuous costumes of the film, 'Lady Susan'. In true cinema-going tradition, we indulged in chocolates and ice cream as we watched!

Noel Spence, who owns the cinema, made us very welcome and some of us purchased a copy of his book of short stories, "Cause and Effect"

With cheerful service and lovely food, we chatted to friends and members and we were joined by Ian, our driver from Richardsons' Coaches. *Photos on outside cover!*

We wish all our members more of this lovely weather and a refreshing and enjoyable summer until we meet on September 7, when our meeting will be chaired by Stephen, and supper will be provided by the committee.

Best wishes for the summer months.

Mary Hewitt

P.S. We have 20 anniversary notebooks for sale to Mothers' Union members. If you would like one (or more) of these, please bring £3.00 for each notebook to the September meeting.

Men's Breakfast: Christian Aid Week

The Men's Breakfast on 20 May raised £320 for Christian Aid Week.

Thank you to all - especially to the staff at Maple Restaurant for their early start!



Deacon Intern: William Jeffrey

The title deacon intern describes an ordained person who serves in a parish in the midst of their training. We are delighted to have been chosen to have a deacon in our parishes from September this year until his final exams in June 2018.

William Jeffrey is currently a member of St George's Belfast where his son is a member of the choir. He and his wife, Alison, live in Belfast and, following his early retirement from the civil service, William sensed God's call to offer himself for ordination. Hopefully, William will tell us more about himself in our next magazine, including his years serving as an elder in a local Presbyterian Church, and we look forward to his ministry among us in Killaney and Carryduff for his first year as an ordained person. The title, Deacon, means servant, and reflects the names given to seven disciples in Acts 6. It reminds those who work as clergy that they are first and always servants of God and called to serve God's people. At the conclusion of a successful intern year, most deacons are ordained as presbyters (elders or priests) and begin a longer paid of salaried service in a church specially fitted to offer a wide spread training experience.

William hopes to be ordained deacon at a service in Ballyholme Parish on 3rd September, and we know members of our parishes will attend to support him before he begins his new ministry here. Put it in your diary now!

Pentecost - a day that changed history

People call it 'Whitsun' because once upon a time it was a day for wearing white and going on church processions. The church, however, calls it 'Pentecost' and it's on June 4th this year. It is a crucial date in the Church calendar – in some ways the birthday of Christianity as we know it.

After the crucifixion the followers of Jesus took to meeting in an 'upper room' in Jerusalem, with the doors locked 'for fear of the Jewish authorities'. It was here that the risen Christ appeared to them several times, as well as on a few occasions in other locations when they ventured out. Eventually, He told them that He was 'going back to the Father', but that they should stay in the city until they received the spiritual resources to do the job for which He had called them – to take His message to the world. They did as they were told, about 120 men and women, Luke tells us, including the mother of Jesus.

Then it happened, on the Jewish feast of Shavuot, which was 50 days after the Passover. Pentecost was a spiritual experience which transformed their lives. Emboldened, they emerged from the upper room and started preaching on the city streets. They continued to do so even when ordered to stop. What had happened to bring about this transformation? The answer was two words: Holy Spirit. If that sounds very elusive and vague, think of it in its basic meaning in the Greek of the New Testament: Breath – the very source of life itself, the most precious gift of God. At Pentecost the handful of believers were brought to new life because the Holy Spirit of God breathed upon them. The Church was born. Two thousand people were baptised. Wimps became witnesses!

Killaney Notes

Good morning, God, and thank you For the glory of the sun, And thank you for the health I have To get my duty done.

I shall pursue my daily art, Without complaint and fear And spend my every effort

To be friendly and sincere.

I know there have been many days That I have whiled away,

But this is one that I will try
To make your special day.



Rotas

Flowers: Marie Mack
Cleaning Brian McNeill

Lynn McNeill

Happiness is finding beauty in simple things,
Delight in friendship, uplift in music,
Pleasure in giving - and endless joy in sharing.

St Ignatius' Golf Society

The venue for the first outing of 2017 was the Dufferin course at Clandeboye Golf Club, known as the "long course" as opposed to the Ava "short course."

The following day my legs told me why it is called the long course.

The course played well, the weather was fine and 21 members enjoyed the day.

We had 3 new members who joined us, great to see new members but a mixed blessing as 2 of the new members finished in the top 3 places with very fine scores.

1st was David Marston with 36 points, 2nd was Richard Chambers with 34 points and 3rd was Malcolm Foreman with 31 points.

Nearest the pin was Sam Brown.

Longest drive was Billy Clarke.

Two's were Malcolm Foreman and Raymond Thompson .

As we go to press an outing is taking place in Lisburn Golf Club.

Rod Maxwell

Parish Registers

Holy Matrimony

5 May Jan Graham & Peter Buchanan , "Those whom God has joined together let no one put asunder"

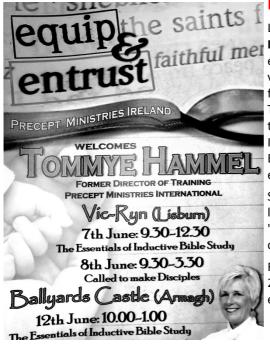
Christian Funeral

25 May Robert (Bertie) Gracey, Saintfield Road, Carryduff
"I am the Resurrection and the Life"

Bertie Gracey

St Andrew's, Killaney was filled to overflowing on a gloriously warm day as the family and friends of Bertie Gracey came to lay him to rest. Bertie and his wife Belle had been connected with St Andrew's for many years, with Bertie playing his part in the growth and support of the church. As a talented entertainer and musician, Bertie was well known as the pianist of the Trevor Hill Trio. His life time of service with the Belfast Water Commissioners and their successors saw him lay a valued role in the national life too.

We extend our sympathies to Belle, Anne, Lorna and Heather, and their family circle.



Equip & Entrust

Local mission agency, **Precept Ministries Ireland**, has invited our church to attend events in Lisburn on 7th and 8th June. The venue is Vic-Ryn and the first event is free for all who book. Starting at 9.30 am Tommye Hammel, the former director of training of Precept Ministries International, will tell people about "The Essentials of Inductive Bible Study". The event ends at 12.30 pm.

She continues the following day in a day long course 9.30 am to 3,30 pm, entitled, "Called to make Disciples". The second course costs £10.

For further information and to book (by 2nd June) please phone 028 9081 4880 or email info@preceptireland.org

The leaflet is in the church porches





Faith In South Sudan: The Church's Response To Crisis.

A meeting held in Belfast on Friday 19th May. Linda Abwa introduced the evening by giving an overview of the recent experiences of the nation of South Sudan and a brief history of the formation of the country. Bishop Anthony Poggo was welcomed to the gathering at the Grosvenor Hall Belfast.

He suggested that the lack of true democracy and adequate leadership led to the breakdown in South Sudan when the first president died, just 22 days into his role.



Independence was joyful but what followed was very sad.

Groups and militia were formed, usually on tribal bases, to get their own ideas into action. Many of the militias helped form a larger national army.

The peace agreement signed in August 2016 was to try to improve democracy, and to remove corruption and the influence of ethnicity, including those in the security sector. There was talk of a transitional government. A hybrid court was designed to help people move on from some historical incidents which took place during the war.

2017

In recent months the fall in the price of oil has affected the country's economy: this has resulted in a reduction in national income. This has created problems. There is a risk of there being no money to pay police and army, and there has been a rise in the use of weapons in theft and crime. The national dialogue needs to take place and be inclusive of the opposition.

Refugees

97% of some areas' populations have fled the country.

62% of refugees are children.

1.9 m displaced inside the country, 1.8m displaced to neighbouring countries.

Church and state

Sometimes the church has been critical of the government, and this has led to strained relationships. The church takes a risk when it seeks to follow the beatitudes by being peace makers. The church does what it can to try to help people following trauma with acts of healing and programmes for trauma counselling.

He finished by commending us in Ireland: "You, in Ireland, are true partners with the work in South Sudan."

CALEN	DAR	June 2017
St Ignatius a	nd St Andrew	Service details
Sunday 28 May		Easter 7 (White)
9:00	Holy Communion 2 in Carryduff Acts 1: 6-14 John 17: 1-11	
10:30	Morning Prayer In Carryduff Ezekiel 39: 21-29 John 17: 1-11	
12:00	Church Family at Worship in Killaney The Helper: Acts 1: 6-14	
6:30	Praise Time in Carryduff 1 Peter 4: 12-14; 5: 6-11	
Tuesday 30	May	
8:00	Word ALIVE! in Rectory	
Wednesday		isitation of Mary (White)
11:30	Midweek Communion & Fellowship Lunc	•
Sunday 4 Ju		ne Day of Pentecost (Red)
9:00	Holy Communion in Carryduff Acts 2: 1-13 John 20: 19-23	
10:30	Parish Communion in Carryduff	
12:00	Parish Communion in Killaney	
6:30	Acts 2: 1-21 John 20: 19-23 Compline in Carryduff	
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Monday 5	lune	
7.30	Select Vestry Carryduff	
Tuesday 6		
8:00	Word ALIVE! in Jeremy Taylor Chapel	
Wednesday	y 7 June	for St Columba's Day
10:30	Midweek Communion: in Carryduff	•
	Romans 15: 1-6 John 12: 20-26	
	followed by Refreshments	
Saturday 10		
10:00	Essentials Youth and Children's Day	Totalia Consider (Militar)
Sunday 11 . 9:00	June Holy Communion in Carryduff	Trinity Sunday (White)
9:00	2 Corinthians 13: 11-13 Matthew 28: 16-	20
10:30	Morning Prayer in Carryduff	Preacher: Keith Shaw
	Sunday School to Funtastic Play after the	service opening.
12:00	Morning Prayer in Killaney	Preacher: Keith Shaw
C-20	2 Corinthians 13: 11-13 Matthew 28: 16-	20
6:30	Praise Time in Carryduff Matthew 28: 11-20	
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Tuesday 13 June

7:30 Killaney Select Vestry TBC

8:00 Word ALIVE! in Jeremy Taylor Chapel

Wednesday 14 June

Magazine articles to office

10:30 Midweek Communion in Carryduff 2 Corinthians 3: 4-11 Matthew 5: 17-19 followed by Refreshments

Sunday 18 June

Trinity 1 (Green)

9:00 Holy Communion in Carryduff Romans 5.1-8 Matthew 9:35-10:8

10:30 J C Special in Carryduff

12:00 Church Family Worship in Killaney
Standing Room Only. Romans 5.1-8
6:30 Evening Prayer in Carryduff

1 Samuel 21: 1-15 Luke 11: 14-28

Tuesday 20 June

8:00 Word ALIVE! in The Rectory

Wednesday 21 June

10:30 Midweek Communion in Carryduff 2 Corinthians 9: 6-11 Matthew 6: 1-6, 16-18

followed by Refreshments

Friday 23 June

11:00 Magazine make up team in Jeremy Taylor Chapel

Sunday 25 June

Trinity 2 (Green)

9:00 Holy Communion in Carryduff Romans 6: 1b-11 Matthew 10: 24-39

10:30 Morning Prayer in Carryduff12:00 Morning Prayer in Killaney

Romans 6: 1b-11 Matthew 10: 24-39

7:00 Farewell to Rev Louise Donald in Belvoir Methodist
No further evening services in Carryduff until September

Tuesday 27 June

8:00 Word ALIVE! in Jeremy Taylor Chapel

Wednesday 28 June

for St Peter's Day

10:30 Midweek Communion: in Carryduff Acts 12: 1-11 Matthew 16: 13-19 followed by Refreshments

Friday 30 June

Summer Madness in Glenarm

The Time of Your Life: LIVE IT WELL with Matt Chandler and Rachel Gardner





A Loving Wisdom

A recent feature in the technical journal *Chemistry World* speculates that chemical weapons are "the most extreme example that knowledge can both help and harm." The article refers to the recent use of sarin gas as a weapon in Syria, yet discloses that the scientific knowledge which led to the deployment of sarin as a weapon of war is the same knowledge that lies behind the development of drugs used in the treatment of some degenerative diseases. This, surely, is one of the chemical science's more compassionate contributions to human well-being. It lies at the opposite end of the spectrum from sarin gas.

We are faced here with an issue of stark contrasts. Are we capable of choosing what we ought to do with all the knowledge we now have? We have the option to use it for either good or evil. Knowledge is one thing; the wisdom of choice is another.

Sometimes it might be wiser, for the greater public good, to withhold certain knowledge. Yet, against this, the pursuit of knowledge and free thought and open discourse is often suppressed for very questionable reasons. A recent example that comes readily to mind was the widespread action by the Turkish government to dismiss nearly 5000 academics from universities in a series of emergency decrees between September 2016 and February 2017. Several thousand other public employees were also fired and more than a hundred journalists were jailed.

All of this was evidently politically inspired. Was there any wisdom behind it? It seems that here we have a striking example of one of the more unsavoury traits in "the wisdom of the world" – a wisdom politically rooted and motivated by the self-interest of an elite group.

What a contrast there is here with the entirely selfless loving wisdom at the heart of Christian faith. Earthly wisdom simply cannot stand against it. As Paul tells us ".....the foolishness of God is wiser than man's wisdom (1 Corinthians 1. V25)."

Where is this loving wisdom? Who has it? It is graphically expressed in a long narrative poem called "The Dream of Gerontius" by John Henry Newman (1801-1890). In this poem we meet Gerontius as a man who has lived life to the full; a man whose life was enriched by worldly wisdom. But now all that is past. He is on his death bed, fearful of what lies before him, contemplating the prospect of hell and of retribution for all his self-indulgence.

Then Newman's verse brings to our attention the unending capacity for forgiveness embodied in the loving godly persona of Jesus Christ. Gerontius is forgiven. In the hour of his passing an angelic choir cries out:

"Praise to the holiest in the height And in the depth be praise....."

The full text of this part of Newman's poem appears as hymn No. 108 in our Church Hymnal.

Gerontius has been redeemed by the loving wisdom of God. That wisdom – in the form of the completely self-sacrificial death of Christ on a cross – is beyond all human wisdom. Even the foolishness of God is wiser than the wisdom of humankind. As we read in the second verse of the hymn, the chorus of angels proclaims:

"O loving wisdom of our God! When all was sin and shame, A second Adam to the fight And to the rescue came."

In a world full of noise we need to listen carefully to the things worth hearing. We need to hear about loving wisdom. It's a long way from the questionable wisdom behind the development and use of sarin gas. It is a wisdom that, beyond all else, our world greatly needs.

Denis Carson

Summer Volunteers Lists Carryduff 2017

We thank Dave Nevin for drawing together the tasks that need to be done by volunteer work teams in Carryduff Church and Halls between now and September. This is the time of year when organisations meet less frequently and so access to the buildings is slightly easier to arrange.

We have three levels of team and task combinations:

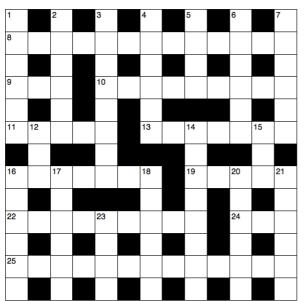
- a) a list of people who can be called upon to do outdoor work sweeping, hedging, cleaning gullies etc.
- b) a list of people who can be called upon to do indoor work when necessary, e.g. before/after major events.
- c) a specific list of jobs which people can select as their own task to be done in their own time.

An individual's name could be put on 1, 2 or all 3 lists.

So how about you? Would you like to come on your own and do a job, or offer to help someone else and work together? Is there a task you reckon needs done by somebody and you would like to offer to do it?

This is your opportunity to serve, and save the church some funds as well!





Across

- 8 Laban complained he had not been allowed to kiss them when Jacob fled with his family (Genesis 31:28) (13)
- 9 In favour of (3)
- 10 'The child's father and mother at what was said about him' (Luke 2:33) (9)
- 11 Swagger (Psalm 12:8) (5)
- 13 'Terrors him on every side and dog his every step' (Job 18:11) (7)
- 16 Bay bits (anag.) (7)
- 19 Preach, address an audience, speak in public (5)
- 22 Holy Communion (9)
- 24 'On their way to out the land, Joshua instructed them, "Go and make a survey of the land" (Joshua 18:8) (3)
- 25 Joseph advised Pharaoh to appoint these to administer his grain storage plan (Genesis 41:34) (13)

Down

- 1 'Assyria's pride will be brought down and — sceptre will pass away' (Zechariah 10:11) (6)
- 2 'And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in with God and men' (Luke 2:52) (6)
- 3 The descendants of Esau (Genesis 36:9) (8)
- 4 The components of the crown that Jesus was made to wear before his crucifixion (John 19:2) (6)
- 5 Colour of cloth which was to cover holy objects in the tabernacle when moving camp (Numbers 4:6–12) (4)
- 6 One of the gold articles plundered from the Midianites offered to the Lord by the Israelite army 'to make atonement' (Numbers 31:50) (6)
- 7 'The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set — ' (Jeremiah 31:29) (2,4) 12 Ate (anag.) (3)
- 14 'We ourselves... groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our as sons' (Romans 8:23) (8)
- 15 Abram's nephew (Genesis 14:12) (3)
- 16 Rupture (Job 30:14) (6)
- 17 'Yet to all who received him... he gave the right to children of God' (John 1:12) (6)
- 18 'l... asked him the true meaning of all . he told me and gave me the interpretation of these things' (Daniel 7:16) (4,2)
- 20 Military units (Exodus 14:20) (6)
- 21 'Joseph her husband was a righteous man and did not want to her to public disgrace' (Matthew 1:19) (6)
- 23 Diva (anag.) (4)

Answers on page 14

It can be read in the Bible in. Genesis ch 25:19-33,27:1-42

A short story from the Bible

Jacob had cheated his father and brother, and had run away to stay with his uncle Laban. On the way there.



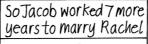




Work for me for 7 years and you can marry her

But Laban tricked him into marrying her sister







As you aren't paying me wages, can I have, the black sheep?



Laban agreed, but that day he moved all the black sheep far awau





Laban became very icalous of Isaac



Your father doesn't like me any more. We need to go back



They waited until Laban was awau..



but he was told ..



Carryduff Rotas for June

Lesson Readers 9.00

- 4 Mary Hewitt
- 11 Ken Fletcher
- 17 Caroline Taylor
- 24 David Patterson

Lesson Readers 10.30

- 4 Liz Fleming
- 11 Denis Carson
- 17 J Club
- 24 Robin McDonald

Intercessions

- 4 Stephen Lowry
- 11 Jackie McDowell
- 17 J Club and Sunday School
- 24 Denis Carson

Lay Assistants

Jacky McDowell Keith Shaw

Welcome Team

- 4 Ken Ellis & John Morrissey
- 11 Robin & June McDonald
- 17 J Club with John & Elizabeth
- 24 Jene Buchanan

Keynote Operators

- 4 Maurice
- 11 David J
- 17 Kameron
- 24 Raymond

Refreshments

- 4 To be arranged
- 11 To be arranged
- 17 J Club & Sunday School
- 24 To be arranged

Flower Donors Arrangers

4 Robin & June
11 Ken Ellis Elizabeth
17 Elizabeth Elizabeth
24 Audrey Good Elizabeth

Naughty mummy

A mother asked her young son, as they waited for the bus, to tell the driver he was five years old, because then he would ride for free. As they got into the bus the driver asked him how old he was. "I am five years old," said the little boy proudly. The driver had a son of his own that age, and smiled. "And when will you be six years old?" he asked. "When I get off the bus!"

Sent away

An irritated mother complained to her friend: "When I was a kid, my parents sent me to my room without supper if I misbehaved. But my son has his own TV, telephone, computer, and every computer game and CD player in his room!" "So how do you handle it?" her friend asked.

"I send him to MY room!"

CROSSWORD ANSWERS

ACROSS:

8, Grandchildren. 9, Pro. 10, Marvelled. 11, Strut. 13, Startle. 16, Babysit. 19, Orate. 22, Eucharist. 24, Map. 25, Commissioners.

DOWN:

1, Egypt's. 2, Favour. 3, Edomites. 4, Thorns. 5, Blue. 6, Armlet. 7, On edge. 12, Tea. 14, Adoption. 15, Lot. 16, Breach. 17, Become. 18, This So. 20, Armies. 21, Expose. 23, Avid.

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Please email Stephen *or* Marlene by Wednesday 14th June Make up TEAM Friday 23rd June 11.00am



Meal following Mothers' Union Trip to Tudor Cinema

