

Crossroads

St Ignatius and St Andrew

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Parish Magazine



Dear Friends

"How was the holiday, then?" How many of us will have arrived back home recently to face an interrogation from our friends and colleagues?

How do we answer? Or to put it another way, how honestly do we answer?

It all depends, doesn't it?

IF

We want people to think we chose a good resort, we enhance the details, just a little!

IF

We want our friends to be happy for us, we exaggerate the special moments we enjoyed!

BUT IF

We don't want our colleagues to be jealous of our good fortune in finding such a beautiful hotel, we mention the cold food, the noisy lifts and even the lumpy beds!

AND IF

We don't want to be seen as boasting about our companions, we 'complain' about their energy or their choice of food



Krimml Waterfall in Austria

It is the opposing truth to that taught in a telling verse in Proverbs 20.14:

"It's no good, it's no good!" says the buyer—
then goes off and boasts about the purchase."

When it comes to the faith we own, we sometimes are tempted to do the same!

Either to belittle its importance to us lest people think we are a bit 'crazy' or to exaggerate our Christian experience so that people think very highly of us.

What do you think? Have we understated or overstated our faith in the mistaken belief that what others think of us is more important than what God thinks of us?

By the way, we had a great holiday, the resort was marvellous, the lifts were silent, and...

Stephen

Bible Week

BIBLE WEEK runs from Tuesday 29th August to Friday 1st September in Shankill Parish Church, Lurgan where the starting time each evening will be 7.45.

The speaker for the series will be Bishop Greg Venables, Primate of the Anglican Church of South America.

This year being the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, the over-arching title of the series is 'Accept No Imitations'.

Teaching will be based on St. Paul's Letter to the persecuted early Christians in Rome.



- Tuesday 29th August Romans 5 'Secure'.
- Wednesday 30th August Romans 6 'Renewed'.
- Thursday 31st August Romans 7 'Legal'.
- Friday 1st September Romans 8 'Final'.

Practical Christianity: Sermons in September

Romans 12 presents every church member with some real challenges to turn faith into fruitfulness, belief into behaviour, and commitment into conduct.

During September in St Andrew's and St Ignatius' the various sermon themes pick up on parts of this chapter.

3rd September: Be Transformed: Romans 12.1-2

10th September: Overcome Evil: Romans 12.17-21

17th September: United in the Gospel: Romans 12.1-13

24th September: Respecting Unimportant People: Romans 12.14-16

On 17th several churches in the district will unite in affirming the work of Connect. We hope to have a short video introduction to the work, and Rev Ken Irvine of Rugby Avenue Congregational Church (meeting in Queensfort Road) will speak in St Ignatius' Church. Stephen will be preaching in Carryduff Presbyterian Church that day. It is an enormous privilege to be invited to preach in a local church.

Evening Worship

After the summer break, we welcome local people to come to the weekly evening service in St Ignatius' Church at 6.30 from Sunday 10th September.

The service includes hymns and a short address, following one of the prescribed forms of service. There is always a pleasant and friendly atmosphere with enough people present to ensure everyone is made to feel at home.

Killaney Children's Day

"I will run this race, and I will never stop!"

Children and young people in Killaney took part in their annual service in June. A unique race track was prepared to help everyone sense the need to start the Christian journey, to support others on it, and to keep going to the end. We thank members of the parish who helped make this a special day.

During the service, a new award was introduced by the Sunday School, entitled The Emma Gill Memorial Cup. Emma's younger sister, Annabel, presented the cup and it was awarded this year to Raine Calard. It marks a child in the Sunday School who has contributed to the life of the group and the church by their enthusiasm and interest.

Emma Gill is remembered as a lively, energetic and memorable member of Sunday School up to the time of her tragic death aged seven in February 2016. We thank her parents Rosemary and David for their part in the inauguration of this award. Raine and Annabel are pictured with the rest of the Sunday School lining up on the race track. *See also cover photo*



A Thank you from Linnea and Regis:

We would like to thank everyone at Killaney church for all their support thoughts and prayers for Raine. She is so much better and is back to running around and being her usual bubbly self. We are so grateful. We also want to thank everyone for surprising her with money, and Hilary for organising it and for her support. Raine was able to go down to the hospital shop and buy some goodies and still have some left over for her piggy bank. You are all so kind. Thank you, Stephen, for being there for us. God answered our prayers.

Dates to Remember

Sunday 15th October	Harvest
Saturday 4th November	Coffee Morning
Sunday 10th December	Carol Service

Killaney Rotas

Flowers:	Henry McMaster
Cleaning	Sandra Cousins Adrian Cousins



September

*By all these lovely tokens
September days are here,
with summer's best of weather
and autumn's best of cheer.*

so enjoy the September sunshine when you can and don't forget all the glories of autumn yet to come!

JACK NICKLAUS was once being interviewed by a really gushy reporter. Singing his praises, the reporter then said, "You really know your way around a golf course! What's the secret?" Nicklaus replied, "The holes are numbered!"

Do you believe in angels?

29th September is the feast of St Michael and all Angels.

by Canon David Winter

One of those surveys which some newspapers love to publish claimed recently that a large number of British people believe in angels – almost as many, in fact, as claimed to believe in God. They didn't tell us what people meant by 'angels'. I suspect quite a few were thinking of young children who die, who are often now said to be 'angels' 'up there'. They are not, of course. They are transformed human beings. Be that as it may, when Christians celebrate the feast of St Michael and All Angels later this month, there will be many of us, inside and outside churches, who will wonder exactly what or who we are celebrating.

Most simply, the word in the New Testament means 'messenger. An 'angel' is a being who brings God's message or his help to us. In the Bible, angels are variously described. The familiar notion of wings and flight comes from a vision given to Isaiah in the Temple when he was being called as a prophet. The angel Gabriel, who told Mary that she was chosen to be the mother of the Messiah, is not described at all, but his words are recorded in detail. Angels speak to people in dreams (Joseph, the husband of Mary, for instance) and Jesus talked about 'angels' who particularly care for children ('guardian angels').

Most people, even very devout ones, have never knowingly encountered an angel, I guess. However, the New Testament tells us that in 'showing hospitality to strangers' some of us have 'entertained angels without knowing it'. Clearly, wings and eyes of flame are not obligatory. Just human care: 'Oh, go on, be an angel and make me a cup of tea!'

Ordination: a church family event!

Let's put on a real welcome for our deacon intern, William Jeffrey, who will DV be admitted to become a deacon on the first Sunday in September.

William has been serving the church for many years, previously in Gilnahirk Presbyterian as an elder and Sunday school teacher, and more recently, in St George's Parish where he regularly attends.

God's call to him has been recognised by the Church, and he hopes to be ordained as a deacon on 3rd September at 6.00 pm in Ballyholme Parish Church, Bangor.

I hope a representative number from St Andrew's and St Ignatius' will be present for the event. The preacher will be Dr Christina Baxter.

The following are the candidates who will be ordained on that day, and take up internships:

- Andrew Irwin to serve in Donaghcloney
- William Jeffrey to serve in Killaney and Carryduff
- Maithrie White–Dundas to serve in Ballyholme
- Myrtle Morrison to serve in Craigavon

William hopes to serve our parishes from 1st September to mid-June 2018. Please pray for him and his fellow ordinands, and find ways to make him and his wife, Alison, welcome in our midst. His is a training post, so our role is to encourage and enable that training to take place.

Golf Society Summer Reports:

June: Another good golfing day enjoyed at Bangor GC. While a few regular players were absent due to holidays, there was still a very good turnout! Results were as follows:

- Winner: Malcolm Foreman 44pts
- Second: Roger Gould 41pts
- Third: Raymond Thompson 39pts
- Nearest the Pin: Trevor Crowe who also won the 2's
- Longest Drive: Alan Johnston

July: The Society had a good Captain's Day at Shandon Park GC. We were fortunate to escape most of the showers!

- Winner: Malcolm Foreman 33pts
- Second: Andrew Glass 29pts
- Third: David Marston 28pts
- Nearest the pin: Malcolm Foreman
- Longest Drive: Alan Johnston

Word Alive!

After our summer break, the Tuesday Fellowship group resumes this month with its study of 1 Corinthians. One reason for a verse by verse study of scripture is to hear what God is saying through all parts of the Bible. To choose favourite passages or to select occasional sections of a letter or book opens us to the possibility that the preacher is only dealing with a part of the biblical record.

Since the 3rd January, each study has examined consecutive sections, and we resume at chapter 9.15-27. We meet on Tuesday evenings with a cuppa to start and usually finish around 9.15 pm. We supply a leaflet containing the passage to each person, though you are welcome to bring your own Bible if you wish.

This month we meet on Tuesdays 5th, 19th, and 26th with a gathering for prayer in the rectory on 12th all at 8pm.

Parish Readers Course

In our parishes we have several people who are both willing and capable to assist in the leading of public worship. Several have done so at small gatherings in, e.g., The Jeremy Taylor Chapel, and others have assisted in prayers or reading lessons in the parish church. Your fellow parishioners appreciate your service.

This month a diocesan course is beginning for Parish Readers. This is for people who are willing to 'read' the regular services from time to time, and is designed to give a good introduction to the role.

If you are interested in being recommended for the course, or wish to consider other elements of ministry, please speak to Stephen early in September. The course is run on six Tuesday nights from Sept to Dec, 2 in Down Cathedral and 4 in Carryduff Parish Church!

St. John's Izmir appointment

We are delighted to announce the appointment of the Revd James Buxton, currently Fellow and Dean of Chapel, Corpus Christi College, Cambridge (Ely) to be Chaplain of St. John's Izmir and Mission to Seafarers Port Chaplain to Izmir, Turkey. James will take up his post on 18 September. St John's, Izmir is supported by ICS via Carryduff Parish Funds.

Mothers' Union

The Mothers' Union has recently adopted a new cycle of management so that the term of office reflects the calendar year. For this reason, our AGM is held in September to allow the new committee and leader to get acquainted with one another and make plans for the next season.

We hope new members will come along and be part of the MU group at St Ignatius'. With your fresh input and encouragement, and your participation, if elected, on the committee or as an office bearer, the group's balanced programme of practical and spiritual themes will be enhanced.

On Thursday 7th September at 8.00 pm, a supper will be held, and the business of the meeting will be the triennial elections. SHL.



Women's Study Fellowship

Equipping Christian women to serve God in the family, in the workplace and in the church. Quality Bible teaching, worship, prayer & fellowship.

WSF meets on Mondays from 9.40 am to 1.00 pm at Belfast Bible College in Dunmurry. A typical Monday morning in WSF includes worship and prayer, biblically based teaching by our team of experienced tutors, and informal fellowship over tea or coffee. Fees are £370 per year. At the end of the course, a qualification is earned. Visit <https://www.belfastbiblecollege.com/womens-study-fellowship> for further information. Please apply by 1st September. Please note that You can set up a standing order for £46 per month, for the 8-month academic year (Sept - April).
The course lasts three years but can be taken one year at a time.

J Club Plus

NEW Times : 8.00 pm to 9.30 pm

The Theme: *What the bible says about.... Discipleship!*

Friday 8th September - Big Bake & Games, Youth Meeting & Food

What is a disciple?

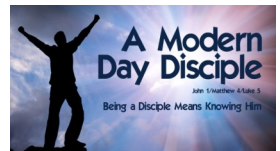
Friday 15th September - Young people plan activities

What does a disciple look like?

Sunday 24th September - J Club Sunday & Ten Pin Bowling

Friday 29th September - Sports Night with Football and Cindy (of Zumba Fame!) including Food!

Why is discipleship important?



New Term, New Program, New Ideas, New Vision, and New Opportunities.

From September to December we are going to explore together 'Discipleship and Young People'

As young people how you can each use your gifts and talents in God's Church?

If you know of any young person from P7 / Year 8 and up, please encourage them to come along and be a part of a special group which meets on Friday nights.

See you on Friday 8th September @ 8pm Contact : Keith 07901935205

Junior J Club

NEW Times: 6.45 pm to 8.00 pm

Friday 15th September - Guardians of Ancora

Sunday 24th September - JC Sunday & 10 Pin Bowling

Friday 29th September - Guardians of Ancora



Guardians of Ancora TREASURE SEEKERS is a creative and fun way of discovering the love of Jesus. J Club will help blow away any misunderstandings about God and the Bible. We want to show that following Jesus can be a great adventure!

J Club will involve arts & crafts, baking, games, worship, football, special events and outings etc. We are very excited! It is a MUST for all children in P1 to P6. New members are very welcome to join.

We reopen on Friday 8th Sept @ 6.45 pm. Contact: Liz Maginn 07745581602

Calling Young People: Confirmation 2018

Young people will be given an opportunity this year to consider stepping forward to be confirmed as followers of Christ in the family of the church.

Taking part in the service - called Confirmation - which marks this significant step, is a way of claiming for yourselves the promises made by others on your behalf when you were baptised as children.

While we hope that all who were baptised a dozen years ago will take this step, you are only asked to consider the action. Those coming to be prepared will have the choice to opt out before the service if you wish. Only at the end can anyone say of you "You're getting confirmed this year" No pressure allowed!

Parents are encouraged to discuss this with their family members and support them accordingly. The preparation will include portions of Youth Alpha to help us understand the faith, as well as teaching about the church.

Gatherings will be held before worship in Carryduff (10 am) and after worship in Killaney (1.00 pm) on Sunday 24th September to discuss suitable times to meet. (Probably a monthly event until the new year)

A Rite of Passage – BIG School

September is an important month for many 11-year olds. After six years in a cosy Primary, they will be off to 'Big School'. Most children have enjoyed school, making friends, feeling at home, comfortable with lessons and teachers. They probably knew the name of every child in the school.

But now they know it will be different. Of course, it's exciting to move on, proudly trying on the new uniform and working out which of your friends are going to the same school. But the anticipation will be tempered with a little apprehension. What's it like being in a school of perhaps over a thousand students, and maybe a hundred teachers?

Parents may have a few anxieties, too. The teenage experience lies ahead: the sulks, the hormones, the moods, the highs and lows of awakening sexuality. How will they cope, and how will we?

The great thing for the parents is that every single one of them has actually experienced it themselves. This is not uncharted territory, and we survived it and can remember how it felt – and how our own parents dealt with it.

We shall discover, as they did, that it's not easy being mum or dad to a teenager, but we also know that out of those turbulent years will emerge a new, grown-up relationship that is life-long and life-enhancing.



Feeding the World

Harvest thanksgiving services and related secular celebrations seem to be the order of the day in mid-autumn. It's the time of year when we tend to take it for granted that harvests have been safely gathered in.

This is all very welcome and a genuine cause for gratitude. Yet, in real terms, it's quite parochial and localised. We tend not to think too much or too deeply about other places where harvests have frequently failed; nor do we give much thought to the many parts of the world where the population density is high and widespread hunger – even starvation – is an everyday fact of life.

Why should this be? In one sense it represents the failure of our success. By this I mean simply that we have been so successful with the development of life-saving medical procedures and the elimination of diseases that a great many more people the world over are not only alive but also living much longer. In short, in our lifetime there has been an enormously expanding human population. There are a great many more mouths to feed.

Of course, there have been several international initiatives and highly publicised charitable campaigns to “feed the world.” You could scarcely forget the hugely visible Live Aid pop concerts and the associated personal commitment of Bob Geldof and many others from the world of popular entertainment. But starvation remains as not only a seemingly insoluble problem but a greatly increasing one – a problem brought about, at least in part, by the failure of our success. All is not safely gathered in.

The scale and nature of this crunch issue were starkly illustrated by the political journalist and broadcaster Andrew Marr. In the final chapter of his scholarly book “A History of the World” (based on a BBC television series), he has made a stark observation. He writes “When we read about a famine in Ethiopia it is worth knowing that Ethiopia’s population has grown from around five million people at the beginning of the twentieth century to some eighty million today, and it is estimated to double by the middle of this century – by when the number of people in Africa is expected to have risen by another billion.”

In the light of such stark predictions, the corresponding population increases across Asia and South America and the scarcity of resources it would almost seem that war, disease and famine could be inevitable consequences. All is not safely gathered in.

We have a God-given directive to love our neighbour – and that includes the vast worldwide multitude of undernourished people. There may be a clutch of scientific and technical developments which, together with binding international agreements, could be brought to bear. But we, as a responsible faith community, cannot honestly accept that our present diet and lifestyle will still be either possible or appropriate by the middle of the

twenty-first century. Some things will need to change.

In a Reith Lecture for the BBC in 2010 Martin Rees (the Astronomer Royal) noted that "the world couldn't sustain anywhere near its present population if everyone lived like present-day Americans. But more than ten billion people could live sustainably, with a high quality of life, if all adopted a vegetarian diet, travelling little but interacting via super-internet and virtual reality."

Could we live like that? Is it not incumbent on us and our successors to develop less wasteful ways of living useful and happy lives? A part of me says that it can be done. It's all a matter of collective willingness and a greater concentration on community and spiritual life.

If we go in that direction then, perhaps, one day all may be safely gathered in.

Denis Carson



Carryduff Harvest Gift Days: Sept 30th and Oct 1st

This year's gift "day" will be a little different.

On Saturday 30th September from 9.00 to 12.00 the church will be opened for people to bring their donations to Stephen in the Jeremy Taylor Chapel. Most of the donations will be for this project, but an additional "plate" will be on hand for those who wish to give to our mission partners in Sudan. This extra money will be donated to CMSI to facilitate ministry in Olo Diocese. All gifts can be "gift-aided". The decorating of the church for Harvest happens at the same time.

We will distribute Harvest envelopes with the October magazine as usual.

Welcoming Guests

Thanks to the generosity of parishioners in last year's Harvest Appeal we have been able to complete stage one of the refurbishment of the washrooms in Carryduff Church Hall. The room containing a toilet and wash basin in the passage way between church and hall has been completely reformed and redecorated. This work has been facilitated by our contractor and volunteer help, and the select vestry members appreciate the efforts of Trevor and Robin in this regard.

The next stage is the renewal of the Ladies Toilets at the main hall entrance. This work involves more materials than the first, so we need to have a generous response from our Harvest Gift Day to make this possible. During the refurbishment, the accessible toilet will, unfortunately, need to double as the "Ladies".

Sunday 27 August

Trinity 11 (Green)

- 9:00 Holy Communion 2 in Carryduff
Romans 12: 1-8 Matthew 16: 13-20
- 10:30 Morning Prayer in Carryduff
- 12:00 Morning Prayer in Killaney
Romans 12: 1-8 Matthew 16: 13-20

Tuesday 29 August

- 7:45 Bishop's Bible Week: SECURE in Shankill, Lurgan
With Bishop Greg Venables

Wednesday 30 August

- 10:30 Midweek Communion in Carryduff
1 Thessalonians 2: 9-13 Matthew 23: 27-32
followed by Refreshments

Wednesday 30 August

- 7:45 Bishop's Bible Week: RENEWED in Shankill, Lurgan
With Bishop Greg Venables

Thursday 31 August

- 7:45 Bishop's Bible Week: LEGAL in Shankill, Lurgan
With Bishop Greg Venables

Friday 1 September

- 7:45 Bishop's Bible Week FINAL in Shankill, Lurgan
With Bishop Greg Venables

Sunday 3 September

Trinity 12 (Green)

- 9:00 Holy Communion 2 in Carryduff
Romans 12: 1-2 Matthew 16: 21-28
- 10:30 Parish Communion in Carryduff
- 12:00 Parish Communion in Killaney
Romans 12: 1-2 Matthew 16: 21-28
- 6:00 Ordination of William Jeffrey in Ballyholme Parish Church

Monday 4 September

- 7:30 Select Vestry in Quin Room

Tuesday 5 September

- 8:00 Word ALIVE! in Jeremy Taylor Chapel
1 Corinthians 9: 15-27 Freedom and Restraint

Wednesday 6 September

- 10:30 Midweek Communion in Carryduff
Colossians 1: 1-8 Luke 4: 38-44 followed by Refreshments
- 7:30 Belfast Philharmonic Choir OPEN REHEARSAL in St Bride's Church Hall
Speak to Denis Carson for further information.

Thursday 7 September

- 8:00 Mothers' Union Meeting in Mitchell Room
Supper and Triennial Elections

Sunday 10 September

Trinity 13 (Green)

- 9:00 Holy Communion 2 in Carryduff
Romans 12: 17-21 Matthew 18: 15-20
- 10:30 Morning Prayer in Carryduff
- 12:00 Morning Prayer in Killaney
Romans 12: 17-21 Matthew 18: 15-20
- 6:30 Compline in Carryduff
Romans 12: 4-7
- 7:00 Welcome Service for Rev Edward Kirwan in Cairnshill Methodist

Tuesday 12 September

- 7:30 Select Vestry in Killaney
- 8:00 Word ALIVE! Prayer in Rectory

Wednesday 13 September

- 10:30 Midweek Communion in Carryduff
followed by Refreshments

Sunday 17 September

Trinity 14 (Green)

- 9:00 Holy Communion 2 in Carryduff
- 10:30 Morning Prayer in Carryduff
- 6:30 Informal Communion in Carryduff

Tuesday 19 September

- 8:00 Word ALIVE! in Jeremy Taylor Chapel
1 Corinthians 10: 1-13 Learning from History

Wednesday 20 September

- 10:30 Midweek Communion in Carryduff
followed by Refreshments

Thursday 21 September

- 1:15 Golf Society in Donaghadee Golf Club
Ultimate Outing

Saturday 23 September

Day of Home Prayer in the parish (see Equinox Feature)

Sunday 24 September

Trinity 15 (Green)

- 9:00 Holy Communion 2 in Carryduff
- 10:00 **Confirmation Meeting in Carryduff (max 15mins)**
- 10:30 J C Special in Carryduff
- 12:00 Church Family at Worship in Killaney
- 1:00 **Confirmation Meeting in Killaney (max 15 mins)**
- 6:30 Evening Prayer in Carryduff

Tuesday 26 September

- 8:00 Word ALIVE! in Rectory
1 Corinthians 10: 14-22 Communion and Idolatry

Wednesday 27 September

- 11:30 Fellowship Communion and Lunch in Carryduff

Saturday 30 September

- 9:00 Harvest Gift Day in Carryduff



Mulishani – Greetings from Zambia: July/August 2017

Zambia! Reflecting on my days in Zambia have left me with an incredible sense of gratitude and privilege in so many ways. God's grace and mercy is all sufficient, and has been reflected by the sheer warmth of welcome I have received from Keith and Lyn Scott and the clergy and ordinands attached to St John's Anglican Seminary, Kitwe.

The warmth, disposition and smiles of Zambian people is delightful to experience first-hand and the infectious joy is palpable.

One Saturday morning I attended a service involving the ordinands and the St Veronica's Guild. The Guild is for ladies and reminiscent of the MU. The ladies smartly dressed in white blouses, blue skirts and head scarfs brought gifts of food and toiletries for the ordinands. They encouraged the ordinands and expressed their love and prayerful support through faith, action, word and song.

On my first Sunday I was involved in a 3+ hour service in the Parish Church of St Mary and St John in the Kwacha Township. There I had the privilege of reading the gospel, participating in the Eucharist and giving some impromptu words of greeting and encouragement. Being called upon to speak 'on the spot' is a feature of life in Zambia. It was quite beautiful to experience the various streams of Anglican worship expressed to the Glory of God in one service – leading to a natural strength of unity in diversity.

Two elderly ladies we visited were being cared for by family members in challenging situations; their conditions prevent them from attending their parish church. It was a wonderful privilege for me to join with these two beautifully humble elderly ladies in the Eucharist – occasions I shall never forget. At the end of the second home communion service the elderly lady unwrapped a handkerchief and from it made two offerings – (i) to support the Diocese of Northern Zambia, and (ii) a harvest offering to St Paul's. I was then completely taken aback when this most gracious lady handed me 10 Kwacha (c £1) to buy myself a cola drink. This lady made her loving sacrificial gesture to a stranger in her midst whilst sitting on the stone floor of her home coping with arthritis in her hip. What a challenge this presents to me and to all of us in our giving and receiving and hospitality in the name of our saviour Christ...?

At Fiwila there is a worshipping community, primary and secondary schools, a health centre, a small round chapel for the Anglican 'Little Sisters of Jesus', a larger church (The Holy Name) and some basic visitor accommodation. The warmth of welcome from the Zambian people to a stranger in their midst was again genuine, humbling and incredible all at the same time.

Bishop Derek, who is currently in the final stages of doctorate research on the subject of mission, was generous in the time he spent with me and I enjoyed our relaxed and joyful conversations. These provided me with useful insights into Zambian culture, context and church life. We even got to climb a mountain (might be stretching it – big hill) overlooking the mission station – with spectacular views allowing a glimpse of God’s wonderful creation. To cap it all I met and spoke with a Zambian Chief who would like to see greater interchange of clergy – with more Zambian clergy spending time in the UK and Ireland and vice versa.

This Zambian excursion has brought home to me the importance of building and maintaining good relationships. For Zambian people relationships are more important than being somewhere on time. Consequently, it was not unusual for me to witness, on several occasions, clergy simply stopping what they were doing to converse with the local people who were always grateful and responded positively.

I’ve enjoyed making and building new relationships with my Zambian Anglican brothers and sisters which I trust can be developed over time. To Keith and Lyn Scott I am indebted for being the most generous, kind and loving hosts, and they deserve our faithful prayers and support in the important work to which God has called them at St John’s Seminary, Zambia.

Being in Zambia has been excellent preparation for whatever lies ahead for me within God’s plan. I am thankful for my family at home in Northern Ireland, the prayers of support from many friends, good health and the safe travel I’ve enjoyed.

During my trip I received news of the sudden passing of my dear Father-in-Law - Norman J McC Smyth. Bishop Derek arranged a service of celebration for Norman’s life in Fiwila which included the Eucharist to coincide with his funeral at home. Norman would have smiled at the thought. I imagined the service in Fiwila would include simply the Bishop, Priest-in-Charge, an Anglican nun and me. To my joyful surprise the secondary pupils paraded out of school and attended the service, along with teachers and the school choir. The Body of Christ was in attendance at Belfast and Fiwila thousands of miles apart and yet not – for as

St Paul reminds us in his letter to the Romans, Chapter 8: Verses 38 and 39, “ For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.” (NRSV)

In thanking Bishop Derek afterwards, his humble gentle response was, “That is what we do as Anglicans.”



William Jeffrey

Diana, Princess of Wales

She was known as 'England's Rose', by some, and is venerated beyond reason by others. Here we share some thoughts from Parish Pump on this much loved mother and princess.

This month marks 20 years since the funeral of Princess Diana on 6th September 1997. Recently Prince William described how his mother's death was like an earthquake, the shockwaves taking a time to sink in. When we remember the days leading up to the funeral, the whole nation seemed touched by her death. Over 32 million people watched the funeral on television. As we look back to this event, what is its continuing significance?

As those made in the image of God, we are called to reach out to show love to others. 'Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God.' (1 John 4:7). Princess Diana did this, especially the vulnerable in our society, remembering especially her work with AIDS sufferers and landmine victims. However, she was also a flawed individual, who fought various 'demons' in her own life and struggled with relationships. People identified with her humanity as one like us: fallible, weak yet more than good enough.

There is always something powerful about a vulnerability in others; we can identify with them because, like us, they don't have it all together. God uses flawed people in his purposes, as we clearly see in the pages of the Bible: Abraham, Moses, David and Paul, to mention just a few!

Ironically, Mother Theresa died the day before Diana's funeral. Again, she was somebody who was much loved for her work among the poor. However, despite being declared a saint last year, she openly talked about the vulnerability of her faith. Mother Teresa revealed that she spent nearly 50 years without a tangible feeling of God's presence in her life! It's not easy to be a perfect saint!

'I think the biggest disease the world suffers from in this day and age is the disease of people feeling unloved.'

Diana, Princess of Wales.

PARISH REGISTERS

Holy Matrimony

29 July Andrew Wall and Ruth McMillan in St Andrew's Killaney

"Those whom God has joined together, let no-one put asunder."

Christian Funeral

30 June William (Billy) McKernan, Ballywalter.

Burial of Ashes at Killaney on 29 July

"I am the Resurrection and the Life"

On the money:

The new £10 note has provoked some disgruntled comments from Jane Austen fans. For it comes with an odd quotation from *Pride & Prejudice*: 'I declare after all there is no enjoyment like reading!'

What's wrong with that? Well, within the context of the book, those words were spoken to deceive. The simpering Caroline Bingley was only trying to woo Mr Darcy, whom she knew loved reading. Caroline Bingley actually hated reading!

So these words, now printed on thousands of £10 notes, are a prime example of 'proof-texting'. This is the practice of taking isolated, out-of-context quotations from a document to establish a proposition which may not reflect the original intent of the author.

What about us? How often do we so focus on finding a comforting biblical quotation that we forget to consider the context? Take a prime example: Jeremiah 29:11, much loved for its cuddly promises that God has in mind great plans that will benefit us. (It was Bible Gateway's second most popular verse in 2016.)

'For I know the plans I have for you,' declares the Lord, 'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.'

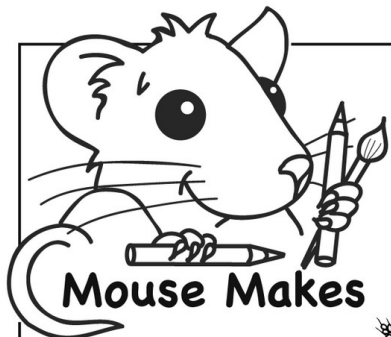
Yes, God spoke them to comfort Israel, but what was actually happening at the time?

Israel had sinned greatly, and so God had let her be taken into exile in Babylon. She had 70 years of captivity, exile and hardship ahead of her. And now God commanded Israel not to expect an immediate blessing, but instead to seek peace and prosperity for Babylon. She should pray for her enemies, who had taken her captive.

So – in practice, the words of Jeremiah 29:11 are a challenge as well as a blessing. Israel will not be rescued right away; she needs to accept her current situation so totally that she prays for those difficult people around her. She must be patient. BUT – God does promise that it will ultimately work out for her blessing. He has in no way abandoned her.

For us, it is perhaps a call to commit to the place in which God has put us, whatever that is, and to 'go all in', to seek to build up the people around us, and accept the difficulties and limitations. We can then know that God will bless us, in his perfect timing. Going back to Austen – perhaps there really is no enjoyment like reading ... quotes in context!





May all the peoples praise you, O God,
 may all the peoples praise you!
 The land has produced its harvest,
 God, our God has blessed us.
 God has blessed us, may all people
 everywhere honour him.

Psalm 67:5-7



Can you find these harvest
 words in the hay bales?

HARVEST

THANKSGIVING

PRAY • GOD • BLESSED

SEEDS • SOW • LAND

PLOUGH • SCATTER

SOIL • GROW

CROPS • REAP



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Quotes of the Month

With our Christian pilgrimage in mind....

Life without God is like an unsharpened pencil - it has no point.

Because of God's grace, failure is never final.

Don't give up on yourself. Even Moses was once a basket case.

We never do anything so secretly but that it is in the presence of two witnesses:
God and our own conscience.

It is only with gratitude towards God that life becomes rich. *Dietrich Bonhoeffer*

Christ promises to save His people from their sins, not in their sins. *C H Spurgeon*

Hope is the foundation of patience. John Calvin

We play the game; God keeps the score. *Erwin W Lutzer*

I believe every Christian man has a choice between being humble and being humbled.
C H Spurgeon

Observations on life in the 21st century...

“What do we worship? I think future anthropologists will take a look at the books we read on self-help, self-realization, self-esteem. They’ll look at the way we talk about morality as being true to oneself, the way we talk about politics as a matter of individual rights, and they’ll look at this wonderful new religious ritual we have created. You know the one? Called the ‘selfie.’ And I think they’ll conclude that what we worship in our time is the self, the me, the I.”
Rabbi Lord Sacks

If you think you're too small to have an impact, try going to bed with a mosquito in the room.
Anita Roddick

Millions long for immortality who don't know what to do with themselves on a rainy Sunday afternoon.
Susan Ertz

Be who you are and say what you feel, because those who mind don't matter and those who matter don't mind.
Dr. Seuss

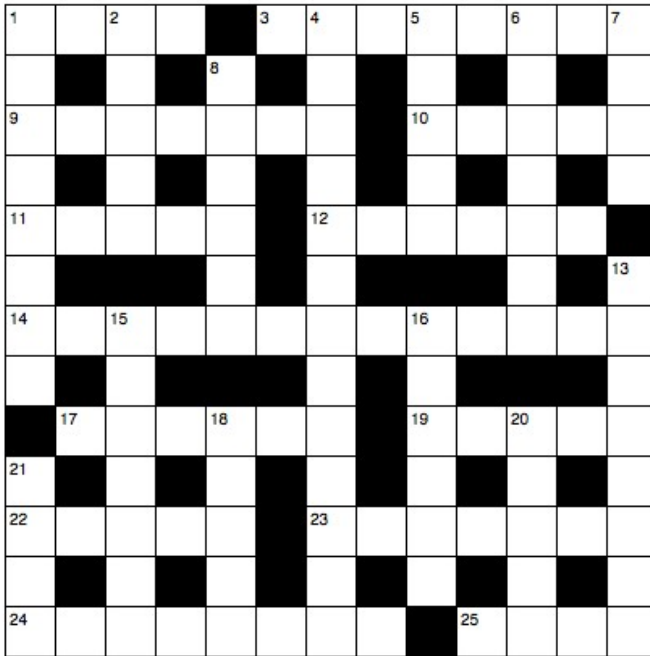
The only normal people are the ones you don't know very well.
Foe Ancis

Children are a great comfort in your old age, and they help you reach it faster too.
Lionel Kauffman

Never feel remorse for what you have thought about your wife; she has thought much worse things about you.
Jean Rostand, (Le Mariage, 1927)

Experience is that marvellous thing that enables you to recognise a mistake when you make it again.
F. P. Jones

The world is moving so fast these days that the man who says it can't be done is generally interrupted by someone doing it.
Elbert Hubbard (1856 – 1915)



Across

- 1 'A little later someone else saw Peter and said, "You — are one of them"' (Luke 22:58) (4)
- 3 Giving (1 Peter 2:5) (8)
- 9 They came to Jerusalem seeking an infant king (Matthew 2:7) (3,4)
- 10 'An athlete... does not receive the victor's crown unless he competes according to the — ' (2 Timothy 2:5) (5)
- 11 Pacifist, temperance advocate, open-air preacher, leading 20th- century Methodist, Donald — (5)
- 12 'Come quickly to — — , O Lord my Saviour' (Psalm 38:22) (4,2)
- 14 'The God of Abraham, — — — , the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus' (Acts 3:13) (5,3,5)
- 17 Sear by intense heat (Revelation 16:8) (6)
- 19 'It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust — — ' (Psalm 118:8) (2,3)
- 22 Goods (Nehemiah 13:15) (5)
- 23 i.e. train (anag.) (7)
- 24 Surrounding area (Luke 24:50) (8)
- 25 'Righteousness will be his — and faithfulness the sash round his waist' (Isaiah 11:5) (4)

Down

- 1 Elegant and creative (Exodus 31:4) (8)
- 2 'Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all — , but we will all be changed' (1 Corinthians 15:51) (5)
- 4 'I... delight to see how orderly you are and how firm your — — is' (Colossians 2:5) (5,2,6)
- 5 Enlist (2 Samuel 24:2) (5)
- 6 Of the Muslim faith (7)
- 7 Sharp intake of breath (Job 11:20) (4)
- 8 Woven cloth (Ezekiel 16:13) (6)
- 13 Plentiful (Romans 5:17) (8)
- 15 CIA char (anag.) (7)
- 16 Paul and Silas stopped him committing suicide after an earthquake in Philippi (Acts 16:27–28) (6)
- 18 One of the ingredients in the making of incense for the Lord (Exodus 30:34) (5)
- 20 Episcopal headwear (5)
- 21 Inhabitant of, say, Russia, Ukraine, Poland, Slovakia or Bulgaria (4)

Answers on page 22

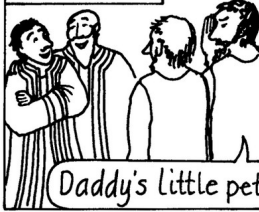
Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in
Genesis chs. 37:1-36, 39:1-20

Jacob had 12 sons but his favourite was Joseph, his beloved Rachel's son. He even gave him special clothes to wear...

His older brothers hated him.



Daddy's little pet

I dreamed the sun, moon and eleven stars bowed down to my star



Really?

He means us, doesn't he?



Not if we can help it!

Joseph visited his brothers as they looked after their flocks of sheep.



Let's kill him!

Put him down this dry well for now



Then some Ishmaelite slave traders came by



We'll sell Joseph instead!

What will we tell Father?



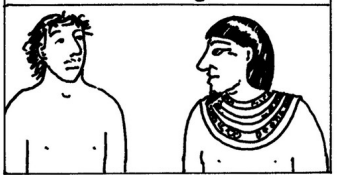
Put some goat blood on Joseph's fancy coat.

So they tricked Jacob

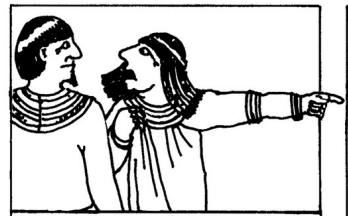
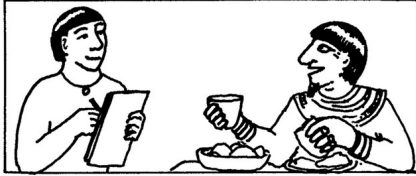


An animal must have killed him.

In Egypt, Joseph was sold to Potiphar, the captain of Pharaoh's Royal Guard

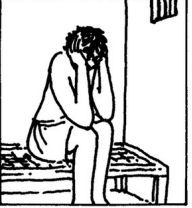


Potiphar was very pleased with Joseph's hard work and put him in charge of his household, but...



Potiphar's wife made up bad stories about Joseph..

so Joseph was put in prison



Carryduff Rotas for September

Lesson Readers 9.00

- 3 Mary
- 10 Caroline
- 17 David
- 24 Raymond

Lesson Readers 10.30

- 3 Maureen Kealey
- 10 Jim Gibb
- 17 Denis Carson
- 24 J Club/Sunday School

Intercessions

- 3 Vera
- 10 Keith
- 17 Marlene
- 24 J Club/Sunday School

Lay Assistants

Keith Shaw Susan Creber

Welcome Team

- 3 Adrienne & Vina
- 10 Norah & Helen
- 17 Joyce & Maureen
- 24 Francis & Lorna

Keynote Operators

- 3 Jenny Montgomery
- 10 Dave Johnston
- 17 Raymond Scott
- 24 Kameron Eralp

Refreshments

- 3 Maureen
- 10 Vera
- 17 Pamela & Doreen
- 24 J Club

Flower Donors

- 3 G Boles
- 10 J McCarrison
- 17 Belle Eaton
- 24 Vacant

Arrangers

Susan Creber
Belle Eaton
Belle Eaton

Equinox: think of your world!

The day when the sun goes edgewise – and daytime equals night.

23rd September is the autumnal equinox (if you live in the northern hemisphere) or the vernal (Spring) equinox (if you live in the southern hemisphere). The equinoxes occur in March and September, when the Sun is 'edgewise' to the Earth's axis of rotation, so that everywhere on earth has twelve hours of daylight and twelve hours of darkness.

So it is a day when our brothers and sisters in Albany, Olo, and Maridi Dioceses, our partners in mission in St Petersburg, Ethiopia and Izmir, the children in a foreign land who receive our Christmas Boxes, our Music for Life school children in Uganda, and all our family and friends around the world share the same 12 hours of daylight. On this day, then, let us remember each of them in prayer and thanksgiving to God.

CROSSWORD ANSWERS

ACROSS: 1, Also. 3, Offering. 9, The Magi. 10, Rules. 11, Soper. 12, Help me. 14, Isaac and Jacob. 17, Scorch. 19, In man. 22, Loads. 23, Inertia. 24, Vicinity. 25, Belt.

DOWN: 1, Artistic. 2, Sleep. 4, Faith in Christ. 5, Enrol. 6, Islamic. 7, Gasp. 8, Fabric. 13, Abundant. 15, Archaic. 16, Jailer. 18, Resin. 20, Mitre. 21, Slav.

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Please email content to Stephen *or* Marlene by Wednesday 13 September

Make up Team Friday 22 September at 11.00am

Flower Guild Members Honoured

Two members of the team who provide and arrange flowers in St Ignatius', and who have done so for many years, were honoured at worship on Sunday 2nd July. Mrs Adrienne Gibb and Mrs Vina Crothers were presented with tokens of appreciation by the two churchwardens on behalf of the Select Vestry. They have both been part of the sustained act of service for over thirty years, and Vina a little (!) longer. Their role has been to fulfil the wishes of parishioners who want to mark certain Sundays of the year with floral decor in grateful memory of loved ones, as well as to mark happy occasions in their lives. With very little fuss and often minimal acknowledgement, these servants of God have served the parish well.



They are shown in this photo.

Carryduff Sunday School News

Sunday School will start on the 10th September.

We hope the children all had a good summer and we are looking forward to seeing everyone again.

We congratulate the young people on their effort and their idea to give their collection to Habitat for Humanity NI.

This collection was made during Sunday School in 2016-2017.



Emily, Violet and Charlotte deliver the Sunday School Cheque from Carryduff to Pete Graham of Habitat for Humanity.

Olwen and Helen