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St Andrew's Killanney & St Ignatius' Carryduff

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LIGHT OF THE WORLD

**Christmas & New Year Edition
2018-2019**

Dear Friends

With the rush of Christmas, and the arrival of New Year we ALL take stock of what really matters to us, and what will be our focus for the future. Sometimes are so preoccupied with what has to be bought and what needs to be done that we are tempted to block out those higher thoughts. But it is very hard to keep going without asking “why?” So pause for a moment with me as I ask myself:

- Am I doing this to make me happy, or help others be happy?
- Will I give the “best of me” to the people that matter, or just what’s left?
- Where can I add meaning to a tradition, instead of being a slave to it?
- What can I stop in the New Year which will make each day better?
- Whom can I serve more effectively next year than I have in the last one?
- What one habit will help me to encounter God today and every day?

My answers? Simply put, I need to . .

- Invest in important work when best able to do so: early, wide awake, fresh
- Listen attentively to the person in front of me rather than trying to catch the eye of the person waiting in line
- Create memories with seasonal moments rather than slavishly following them
- Stop trying to talk and read at the same time
- Serve God above all in times of worship, not my wants, nor the congregations’
- Give thanks for each part of the day, and end it before it is tomorrow!

I hope you can take time to reflect over these winter months, and if weather confines you to the house, more so than usual, ask God to sit with you while you wait.

Stephen

A Prayer for Christmas Joy

Loving, generous Father,
this Christmas, please help us to keep you
at the centre of our preparations and
celebrations.

May our thankfulness for the gift of your
precious son, Jesus, motivate all that we
think and say and do.

May the joy of His coming shine from us
and attract those who don’t know what
Christmas really means, so that they want
to find out!

In Jesus’ name and for His glory, Amen.

by Daphne Kitching

Praying for a creative New Year

Father, dear Father
Your love is revealed in the beauty of
creation, the wonder of family life and in the
joy of creative art and work.

Help us this year to offer the best we have to
your glory

as we love and serve our families

as we care for and nurture the creation

and as we apply our hearts and imagination
to labour.

Help us to be your humble servants
for Christ’s sake. Amen.

Mothers' UNION

Christian care for families

Mothers' Union Diary Dates

December

Our next meeting, on **Thursday 6th December**, will be our last get together before Christmas.

Join us at **7.30 in the Ivanhoe** for a Christmas meal and entertainment.

If you haven't booked your place and are keen to come along please speak to either Jenny or Vera

The cost is £22.95 per head. **Could everyone attending please bring a Secret Santa gift to the value of £5.00.** We look forward to seeing you all there.

January Music

Thursday 3rd January 2019. This meeting coincides with the visit by The African Children's Choir to our parish.

The **African Children's Choir** programme promotes the beauty, dignity and unlimited ability of African children around the world. It is a voice for the millions of suffering children who cannot speak for themselves. It provides for children's wellbeing & education, using the transformative power of music. They install Christian principles through teaching and leading by example, and

bring relief and development to African nations in crisis.

Please join us to support this very worthwhile cause. Tickets are available from Keith at a cost of £7 for adults and £4 for children.

January Enrolment Service

January's programme continues with our Enrolment service on Sunday 6th January in St. Ignatius', Carryduff at 10:30 am. All members are encouraged to attend.

Later in the day, the commissioning of the new Diocesan President, Roberta McCartney will take place in St John's, Rathfriland at 3.30pm

Looking back

On Thursday 6th November we were joined by our own floral experts, Joyce and Elizabeth, who gave us lots of economical decorating tips for Christmas.





Elizabeth demonstrated a table decoration which would provide an attractive centre piece without taking up too much room.

The ladies then showed us how we could make a buttonhole for a wedding. In true Blue Peter fashion Joyce had prepared some earlier and Elizabeth made one on the night. Then everyone present had an opportunity to have a go for themselves.

A good evening was enjoyed by everyone present. Thanks go to Joyce and Elizabeth for their preparations for the evening and for sharing their talents with us.

Thanks
Jenny Montgomery

Operation Christmas Child Boxes:

Operation Christmas Child has been supported by our parishes for some years and this year, yet again, the members and their generous friends have contributed boxes stuffed with presents for children. Along with the donation of money to assist in the distribution of these generous gifts, the gifts were passed on to the distributors in November. Thank you to Denis for organising the appeal and to Dave for his assistance in deliveries. At the time of writing over 90 boxes have been collected, and join with others gathered from the parish, but donated through collection points elsewhere. Keep up the excellent work.



Community Christmas Lunch

On Wednesday 5th December the folks at St. Ignatius', Carryduff prepare lunch for members of the church and community who wish to come. Usually, up to 30 arrive and enjoy a three-course Christmas Dinner, including a performance by the Carryduff Primary School Choir.

The meal is free, using gifts given at the weekly refreshments during the year, but we would appreciate knowing who intends to come so we can cater for you.

A communion service takes place at 11:30 and we will sit down for lunch to be served after 12:15 pm.

Please let us know you are coming. Complete the forms in the churches, or phone the church office and leave a message: do it now! Office phone number is 028 90813489

Magazine

First an apology. We hit a problem with last month's print edition. This resulted in virtually all of the print editions omitting a narrow band of text on each page. This was not noticed until after the distribution had begun.

As a result, we decided in the church office to bring forward a new system of typesetting and printing. This magazine is the first to use Affinity Publisher, an application which operates on both of the most popular types of computer.

Thankfully, the downloadable copies did not suffer from this fault and are available to all with smartphones, computers and

tablets. The parish website has a link to this and older copies. You can sign up there, too, for the monthly reminders and keep in touch for important or the rare emergency notices.

The Magazine Team

Men's Breakfast

On 1st December men are invited to come to Belfast, to the Mission to Seafarers situated near the docks, for our next Men's Breakfast.

The Flying Angel Mission is the location. We will be gathering there at 9 o'clock on Saturday 1st December to enjoy a cooked breakfast and to meet with the people there. The sailors' Christmas boxes from the mission include deodorant, shampoo, shaving products and other items. If you would like to bring one, please do. The team at the mission will put these into boxes for Christmas for the seafarers.

We will also bring the knitted goods which parishioners have been creating.

Please let Stephen know you plan to come by signing in, text message or email or by filling the online form on the website. Cost is the usual £5:00 payable on the day.

I am really looking forward to seeing and hearing about the work there. The address is

The Mission To Seafarers,
Princes Dock St,
Belfast BT1 3AA
Rev Colin Hall-Thompson, chaplain,
will meet us and chat.

Golf Society Annual Report

The St Ignatius' Golf Society began their season in March 2018. We held eight monthly events, and, on average, approximately twenty golfers attended each outing.

The venues and winners of each event are as follows:

March	Kirkistown G C	Winner T Mellan
April	Donaghadee G C	Winner S Browne
May	Dunmurry G C	Winner R Thompson
June	Carnalea G C	Winner R Maxwell
July	Knock G C	Winner R Thompson
August	Cairndhu G C	Winner T Crowe
September	Clandeboyne G C	Winner D Marston
October	Down Royal G C	Winner S Browne.

The weather was very kind to us during the season with only a few light showers occurring at one of the outings.

The Society also held an "Away Day" to Roe Valley Hotel and Golf Resort (Limavady) on 26/27th September. We had twenty golfers taking part; most were members but there were a few visitors. A most enjoyable time was had by all.

Our Fred Dunlop Trophy (Knockout competition) was won by our incoming captain, Tom Mellan. Golfer of the year was David Marsden.

Our new season starts in March 2019, and we would welcome any new members.

The Rev. Stephen Lowry is President of the Society with Ronnie Wilson, Captain for the year 2018 and as mentioned above, Tom Mellan captain for 2019.

Christmas Tree of Remembrance in Carryduff Parish

This year we have decided to make our Christmas tree a Tree of remembrance. We warmly invite you to write your loved one's name or a message on the cards provided for you and hang them on the tree.

As preparations to celebrate the festive season is now underway in our shops and towns, we are aware that the season is also a very difficult time for many of us who have lost family members, friends and members of our church family. So we encourage everyone to place a star on the tree of remembrance this Christmas time with the hope of the Christ Child will be in our hearts as we come to celebrate birth of Jesus Christ.

Killaney Notes

Christingle and Carol Services

A Christingle Service takes place on 16th December at 12.00. The children enjoy this service very much so please come and support them.

Our Service of Lessons & Carols - with NI Concert Brass Ensemble - is on Sunday 23rd December at 3.00 pm. There is no morning service on 23rd.

Harvest

Thank you to all who supported the sale of fruit and vegetables after the Harvest. £120 was raised for Christian Aid.

Coffee Morning

The Coffee Morning and Cake Sale raised £360 for Church Funds.

Shoe box and Mission to Seafarers Appeals

Thank you to all who knitted hats and gloves, etc for the Mission to Seafarers Appeal, and to those who filled the shoeboxes – 18 boxes were collected from Killaney parishioners.

*Oh God, as I go out to life and work today,
I thank you for the world's beauty:
For the light of the sun;
For the colour of the flowers;
And for all glimpses of lovely things.
I thank you for life's gracious things:
For friendship's help;
For kinship's strength;
For love's wonder.*

*Protect wildlife, plants and trees.
Make no unnecessary noise.
Leave nothing but footprints.
Take away only memories and photos.*

How true! Footprints vanish in a day or two, but memories stay with us for years.

Rosters

Flowers: December
January

Cleaning: December
January

Alison Gray
Eileen Earney
Brian McNeill
Lyn McNeill
Alison Gray
Anne Mannis

Christmas Carols at Carryduff and Killaney

To enrich your Christmas, I have decided to **change** the shape of our services this December by bringing the Carryduff Candle-Light service forward by a week and combining for the evening on 23rd in Killaney.

It all starts with the **Connect Community Carol Service** at Lough Moss Leisure Centre on Sunday 2nd December at 4:00 pm. Three school choirs are joined by our local Mayor, Mr Uel Mackin. The collection is for the Mayor's Charity which is the **Children's Cancer Fund**.

The following week it is the Scouts' turn: the **Scouts are marking the changes with an outdoor service of carols in the church grounds**. Lit by torchlight, the service will be simple in form and followed by refreshments. This is on 9th December at 6:30 pm. Don't forget your torches (and possibly scarves and coats!). We will revert to the hall if the weather is too wet - even for our hardy Scouts!

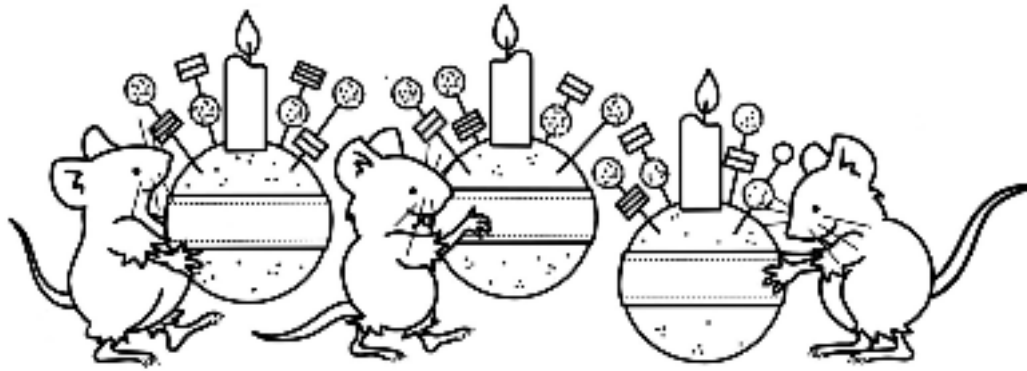
It is **Christingle time for Killaney** on Sunday 16th at 12:00 as we introduce children and their families to the meaning of Christmas using this old Moravian custom.

At **6:30 pm Carryduff holds its Carols by Candlelight Service**, a week earlier than normal, in St Ignatius' Church. We will read the nine lessons, accompanied by hymns and carols, in the gentle atmosphere provided by the candles.

The younger generation will enjoy a Carryduff **Christmas Carol Special** on 23rd at 10:30 am. We hope to have the children provide a montage of the Christmas Scene, and parental cameras will no doubt be in use.

A truly beautiful and enjoyable carol service takes place at Killaney each year, with musical accompaniment by members of the NI Brass





Ensemble accompanying us. **This year, on 23rd at 3:00 pm both churches will meet at St Andrew's for this delightful event.** There is no service in Carryduff on the 23rd evening.

Keith writes:

Christmas Eve Refreshments

As we gather around the Lord's table on Christmas Eve night to celebrate the truly meaning of Christmas story.

Before we come to worship it's lovely to see God's people gather after all the Christmas madness of shopping is done and we prepare ourselves for Christmas.

As always we welcome everyone from 10.45pm for fellowship and soft drinks before we come to worship.

Christmas Day Services

The excitement of Christmas Morning is shared as we meet for worship at St. Andrew's, Killaney at 9:30 am and at St. Ignatius', Carryduff at 10:30 am.

These are shorter services as is appropriate for the busy morning on which they take place, but they are also the most important thing a fit and healthy person can do to celebrate Christmas.

Children are, of course, especially welcome on Christmas Morning and are encouraged to bring with them a gift to show to their friends at church. Parents can have an interesting conversation with their children as they discuss which present to bring, and remind them that Jesus is the reason we have Christmas in the first place, so it is worth going to "his house" on "his birthday"! See how you get on!





**MOVIE
MOMENTS**

Nick and Carol Pollard from EthosMedia.org share thought-provoking reflections on the latest films.

Everything I need?

Disney's *The Nutcracker and the Four Realms* is a visual and auditory feast that will both delight the senses and stimulate the brain as it explores the essential human question: 'What is everything I need?'

Building on Tchaikovsky's famous ballet score and Hoffmann's lesser known story *The Nutcracker and the Mouse King* this delightful film draws us into the

mind of Clara, played brilliantly by the teenage actress Mackenzie Foy. Deeply upset by the recent death of her mother, Clara has retreated to an attic, where she uses her precocious skills in science and engineering to build a fabulous contraption for catching mice. Demonstrating this to her younger brother she recounts Newton's Third Law of Motion - that every action has an equal and opposite reaction.

The wider social and cultural application of this principle gradually becomes evident as Clara then journeys into a fantasy world where the inhabitants of four realms (flowers, snowflakes, sweets and amusements) are at war. Clara has entered these realms in search of the key to a locked egg-shaped box that was left to her by her recently deceased mother, who said 'everything you need is inside'. But what is everything I need? What formula will be unlocked by this key? Gradually she discovers that the solution is not simplistic

and one-dimensional, indeed there is much to learn even in the process of the quest itself.



This evocative film offers great opportunities for a stimulating shared experience. As well as marvelling together at the beautiful sets, costumes and dance it provides an excellent post-viewing opportunity to discuss what might be 'everything I need', and what we also can learn from our own quest for answers to life's big questions.



Released on November 2nd

**ETHOS
MEDIA.org**

EthosMedia.org provides free resources to help people explore spiritual, moral, social and cultural issues through the latest feature films.

Painting

Carryduff and Killaney have both secured contractors to proceed with painting in the next few months. In Carryduff this will mean holding worship in the Church Hall on at least one Sunday morning. We think this will be the first Sunday in December, but we will not know until the work commences.

If you would like to be a fresh volunteer to assist with the setting up of the hall for worship, please offer yourselves to Raymond or Joan, churchwardens, or Mark and David, the glebe wardens. Killaney's work will not affect times of worship.

The hour-glass of Christmas

But when the time had fully come, God sent His Son..... (Galatians 4:4)

Have you ever used one of those old-fashioned glass 'egg-timers'? Thousands of sand grains sink down from the wide top of the glass until they trickle through the tapered centre, only to fill the bottom as the glass widens out once more. By then you know your egg is boiled.

It is this very 'hour-glass' that describes the shape of Christmas – and all that stems from it. At the top of the glass, the dimensions were wide: God promised that salvation would come to the whole world through His people Israel. They would act as God's 'light' to the world. Then, as the centuries went by, and Israel constantly rebelled against the Lord, the hour-glass narrowed: until by the end of the Old Testament, it was down to a faithful remnant. 400 years more, and the sand-glass has narrowed down to a tiny hamlet by the name of Bethlehem... and the reduction now to a single grain – a manger-Child - of whom it would be said, "He became flesh and lived among us."

The solitary Man from Galilee turns out to be what Israel could never have been. All rested upon Him - the personal and unique fulfilment of an eternal sacrificial plan for a dying world. The apostle Paul would one day describe Him as 'our great God and Saviour' (Titus 2:13). Here was the narrowest point in the Christmas hour-glass.

But, inevitably, the process - having narrowed in shape from Eternity down to the Child born as world-Saviour - was to widen out again. With the disciples and then the birth of the Church, the international witness spread [ever-wider...to](#) Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and finally to the ends of the earth. We are still part of that widening process now!

The Man born to be King at tiny Bethlehem now stands at the right hand for us all. He is still a man; not even an 'ex-man,' but glorified Man, beckoning us all – beckoning YOU to follow Him onwards from this very Christmas to partake with Him in the Glory to come!

by Richard Bewes

Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in Luke chapter 2 verses 1-7

The Roman Empire charged the countries it had invaded taxes, based on the number of people and what they earned.

Emperor Augustus gave orders that all people in the Empire were to be registered so they could be taxed.



This census was before Quirinius became Governor of Syria* (*whose own census started riots - Acts 5:37)



When the order came, Mary and Joseph were living in Nazareth.

But Joseph was descended from King David, who had been born in Bethlehem...



so Joseph took Mary to Bethlehem to stay with his family.

Come and meet everyone!



A normal home in Bethlehem.



While they were staying there, Mary's baby was born.



There was no space in the guest room to put a new baby!

So they made a snug bed for Jesus in one of the mangers.



Calendar for December and January

Saturday 1 December

9:00 Men's Breakfast in The Mission To Seafarers,
Princes Dock St, Belfast BT1 3AA

Sunday 2 December

1st Sunday of Advent (Purple)

Lectionary Cycle for YEAR C Begins with Advent Sunday
9:00 Holy Communion TWO in Carryduff
Revelation 15:1-4 Luke 21:12-19
10:30 Parish Communion in Carryduff
12:00 Parish Communion in Killaney
Revelation 15:1-4 Luke 21:12-19
16:00 Community carols in Lough Moss Leisure Centre
With choirs and readers from three local schools.
Collection in aid of Children's Cancer Fund.
Greetings from the Mayor
No evening Service in Carryduff

Tuesday 4 December

8:00 Word ALIVE in Rectory

Wednesday 5 December

11:30 Midweek Fellowship Christmas Lunch in Carryduff Church Hall
Psalm 23, Matthew 15:29-37
Children from Carryduff PS sing at 1:00 pm

Thursday 6 December

7:30 MU dinner in Ivanhoe Hotel

Sunday 9 December

2nd Sunday of Advent (Purple)

9:00 Holy Communion TWO in Carryduff
Philippians 1:3-11 Luke 3:1-6
10:30 Morning Prayer in Carryduff
12:00 Morning Prayer in Killaney
Malachi 3:1-4 Philippians 1:3-11
6:30 Scout Carol Service in Carryduff Church Hall & Grounds
The Scouts' Christmas Carol Service with a difference
Under torchlight in the Church Grounds!

Tuesday 11 December

11:00 Make a Christmas Wreath (- 1.00) in Carryduff
7:00 Make a Christmas Wreath (- 9.00) Parish Halls
8:00 Word ALIVE in Rectory

Wednesday 12 December

10:30 Midweek Fellowship Communion in Carryduff
Isaiah 6:1-13 Matthew 23:1-12

Thursday 13 December

7:00 Sunday Special prep meeting in The Rectory

Friday 14 December

10:30 BSNI Christmas Coffee Morning in Bible House

Sunday 16 December

3rd Sunday of Advent (Purple)

9:00 Holy Communion TWO in Carryduff
Philippians 4:4-7 Luke 3:7-18
10:30 Morning Prayer in Carryduff

- Philippians 4:4-7 Luke 3:7-18
 12:00 Christingle Service in Killaney
 The Child Friendly Family Service for Christmas at Killaney
 6:30 Carols by Candlelight in Carryduff
 A Service of Nine Lessons and Carols

Wednesday 19 December

- 10:30 Midweek Fellowship Communion in Carryduff
 Isaiah 11:1-9 Luke 1:1-25

Sunday 23 December

4th Sunday of Advent (Purple)

- 9:00 Holy Communion TWO in Carryduff
 Hebrews 10:5-10 Luke 1 39-45
 10:30 Christmas Special Family Carols in Carryduff
 Mary: Chosen by God Luke 1:39-45
 3:00 Christmas Carols at Killaney in Killaney
 A Service of Lessons and Carols accompanied by a
 NI Concert Brass Ensemble

Monday 24 December

Christmas Eve (White)

- 10:45 Christmas Eve Refreshments in the Jeremy Taylor Chapel
 11:15 First Communion of Christmas Night in Carryduff
 Isaiah 9:2-7 Psalm 96 Titus 2:11-14 Luke 2:1-14

Tuesday 25 December

Christmas Day (White)

- 9:30 Christmas Morning Celebration in Killaney
 Titus 2:11-14 Luke 2:1-7
 10:30 Christmas Day Service in Carryduff
 Luke 2:1-7

Sunday 30 December

1st Sunday of Christmas (White)

- 9:00 Holy Communion TWO in Carryduff
 Colossians 3:12-17 Luke 2:41-52
 10:30 Morning Prayer in Carryduff
 12:00 Morning Prayer in Killaney
 1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26 Luke 2:41-52

Tuesday 1 January

Naming of Jesus (White)

- 10:30 New Year Communion in Carryduff
 Galatians 4:4-7 Luke 2:15-21
No service on Wednesday this week

Thursday 3 January

- 7:30 African Children's Choir in Carryduff
 Tickets - £7 Adult, £4 Child, £20 Family
 To purchase tickets please call 07901935205

Sunday 6 January

The Feast of the Epiphany (White)

- 9:00 Holy Communion TWO in Carryduff
 Isaiah 60:1-6 Matthew 2:1-12
 10:30 Mothers' Union Enrolment in Carryduff
 12:00 Parish Communion in Killaney
 Ephesians 3:1-12 Matthew 2:1-12
 There are no evening services in January

Monday 7 January

- 7:30 Select Vestry in Quin Room, Carryduff

Tuesday 8 January

7:30 Select Vestry in Hempton Hall, Killaney

Wednesday 9 January

10:30 Midweek Fellowship Communion in Carryduff
Isaiah 40:25-31 Matthew 11:28-30

Thursday 10 January

7:00 Sunday Special prep meeting in The Rectory

Sunday 13 January

9:00 Holy Communion TWO in Carryduff
Acts 8:14-17 Luke 3:15-17, 21-22
10:30 Service of the Word in Carryduff
12:00 Service of the Word in Killaney
Isaiah 43:1-7 Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Tuesday 15 January

8:00 Word Alive in The Rectory

Wednesday 16 January

10:30 Midweek Fellowship Communion in Carryduff
Revelation 4:1-8 Luke 7:18b-23

Sunday 20 January

Epiphany 2 (White)

9:00 Holy Communion TWO in Carryduff
1 Corinthians 12:1-11 John 2:1-11
10:30 Morning Prayer in Carryduff
12:00 Morning Prayer in Killaney
Isaiah 62:1-5 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Tuesday 22 January

8:00 Word Alive in The Rectory

Wednesday 23 January

11:30 Midweek Fellowship Communion Lunch in Carryduff
Galatians 3:15-22 Luke 1:57-66

Sunday 27 January

Epiphany 3 (White)

Opening Revision of General Vestry Lists in Carryduff and Killaney
9:00 Holy Communion TWO in Carryduff
1 Corinthians 12:12-31a Luke 4:14-21
10:30 Sunday Special & Lunch in Carryduff
followed by Lunch for Bread of Life,
the project sponsored by BSNI in Peru.
12:00 Sunday Special in Killaney
Luke 4:14-30
6:30 Evening Prayer in Carryduff

Tuesday 29 January

8:00 Word Alive in The Rectory

Wednesday 30 January

10:30 Midweek Fellowship Communion in Carryduff
Hebrews 9:15-28 Mark 4:1-20

Junior @ J Club December

Thursday 6th - Outing to a Christmas Show, Belfast (P1 to P5)
Friday 7th - Belfast Christmas Market (P6 - P7)
Friday 14th Dec - Christmas Surprise
Sunday 23rd Dec - Christmas
J Club Sunday includes
Christmas Children's Service, refreshments and Special Christmas PARTY
Friday 28th Dec - CLOSED
Christmas holidays

January

Thursday 3rd - African Children's Choir Concert at Carryduff Parish
Friday 4th - OFF
Friday 11th - 4 The Win Gaming
Friday 18th - Fun Activities
Sunday 27th - J Club Sunday
All Age Worship, Lunch & Special activity in the hall

J Club Plus December

Saturday 1st Dec - Saturday Night Live (Saintfield Parish)
Friday 7th Dec - Belfast Christmas Market
Friday 14th Dec - J Club Plus Christmas Dinner in the hall
Sunday 23rd - Christmas
J Club Sunday includes
Christmas Service, refreshments and Special Christmas PARTY
Friday 28th Dec - Closed Christmas holidays

January

Thursday 3rd - African Children's Choir Concert at Carryduff Parish
Friday 4th - OFF
Friday 11th - 4 the Win Gaming
Sunday 13rd - Young People to assist with welcoming & refreshments
Friday 18th - Fun Night with Craig
Sunday 27th - J Club Sunday
(All Age Worship, Lunch & Special Activities in the hall)

We are currently looking for a Senior Leader to lead the J Club Plus Group. We encourage our congregation to pray that God will provide us with the right person to continue this wonderful ministry to young people and build up the Christian development which is taking place.



A Time to Remember

At 8.30 in the evening an expectant audience fell silent. Out of that silence there emerged a slow and solemn orchestral prelude, punctuated by the sound of a tolling bell. Then a choir of over 200 voices began to sing, in a mysterious whisper, the words:

“War broke, and now the Winter of the world
With perishing great darkness closes in.....”

It was with these words from the poem “1914” by Wilfred Owen that The Great War Symphony began.

It was my immense privilege to be a member of that choir, and the occasion was one that was very special and uniquely memorable.

In brief, a modern English composer called Patrick Hawes had written a truly striking piece – The Great War Symphony – for orchestra, large mixed voice choir and two solo singers. Its purpose was to commemorate the centenary of the end of the First World War, and it was receiving its American premiere on 11 November (Armistice Day) in Carnegie Hall, New York.

The intention of the composer – who also conducted the performance – was that the choir should comprise singers from several countries that had been affected by the war. I was one of a small group from Belfast Philharmonic Choir; and in the concert I was placed alongside a very friendly man from the New Mexico Peace Choir. There were also singers from a Canadian Military Wives Choir, a madrigal group from Germany, a group from Hong Kong, several English and American choirs and a few individual singers from other places around the globe. It was a truly international choral gathering.

The whole piece, divided into four sections, lasted just over one hour. The words we sang were drawn mostly from poems about

the War and the Oath of Allegiance, but included a moving setting of the first verse of Onward Christian Soldiers and a quotation from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians, as rendered in the "King James" Bible. These words: "Watch ye, stand fast in the faith....." were the text on which the Archbishop of Canterbury based a sermon in St. Paul's Cathedral on the first anniversary of the outbreak of the war.

All the singers were provided with a poppy; and the words we sang to end the piece, from a poem entitled "We Shall Keep the Faith" made absolutely clear the significance of the poppy in our annual acts of remembrance;

"And now the Torch and Poppy Red we wear in honour of our dead,

Fear not that ye have died for naught;

We'll teach the lesson that ye wrought in Flanders Fields."

It would be difficult to convey the full impact of this concert on our audience and on all of us who took part. As we left the platform I felt a strong sense of humility; but I think it may take some time before the significance of what we had just done really registers with me.

I can scarcely believe that all this happened in New York on the evening of Armistice Day. Earlier in the day, at 11.00am local time, there were "Bells of Peace" tolling across the whole country. This simple act of remembrance was observed at the start of a Eucharist (Holy Communion) service at the Episcopal church of St. Thomas on Fifth Avenue. This was "high church." There was incense and the service was interspersed with accomplished singing by a choir of men and boys. It was all very involving and I was not the only one present – in a large congregation – who felt that this was a deeply spiritual experience.

We may often think of New York as a noisy, fast moving city that never sleeps. However, in the course of one day I experienced something entirely different. That Eucharist at St. Thomas' Church and the Great War Symphony in Carnegie Hall have given me much of real depth to remember.

Denis Carson

African Children's Choir Hosting

We are pleased that our new year in Carryduff begins with a concert by the Uganda based African Children's choir. As part of the package we are asked to host the young people in our homes. The rules are very strict both to preserve the safety of all involved and to help these young children stay with the group leaders in homes with multiple spare rooms.

We have one home on stand by, but need a further two homes which can provide two separate bedrooms for leader in one room, and children in another.

If you can help, please offer your services to Keith Shaw at church.

The event is on Friday 3 January 2019 and involves looking after our guests for one night.

Please do not be offended if your help is not required this year, as the particular circumstances may not suit what you can offer, or what remains to be needed.

Saturday
Night
Live

Speaker, worship, prayer, food, fun
For those in year 8+

I AM

Christmas Jumper
Competition

SAINTFIELD PARISH CHURCH HALLS
43 Main St. Saintfield
SATURDAY 1st DECEMBER 2018
7.30 pm - 9.30 pm

ACROSS: 1, Hide. 3, Disgrace. 9, Sonship. 10, Oaths. 11, Tutti. 12, Ignore. 14, Foreknowledge. 17, Ashram. 19, Men or. 22, Aroma. 23, Nineveh. 24, Amethyst. 25, Trod.
DOWN: 1, His staff. 2, Do not. 4, Imprisonments. 5, Groan. 6, Altered. 7, Easy. 8, Shrink. 13, Searched. 15, Restore. 16, Lament. 18, Reach. 20, Never. 21, Jada.

The Manger

A simple trough for feeding stock
Had stood, for many years,
As humble as the wint'ring flock –
Besmirched by filthy smears.

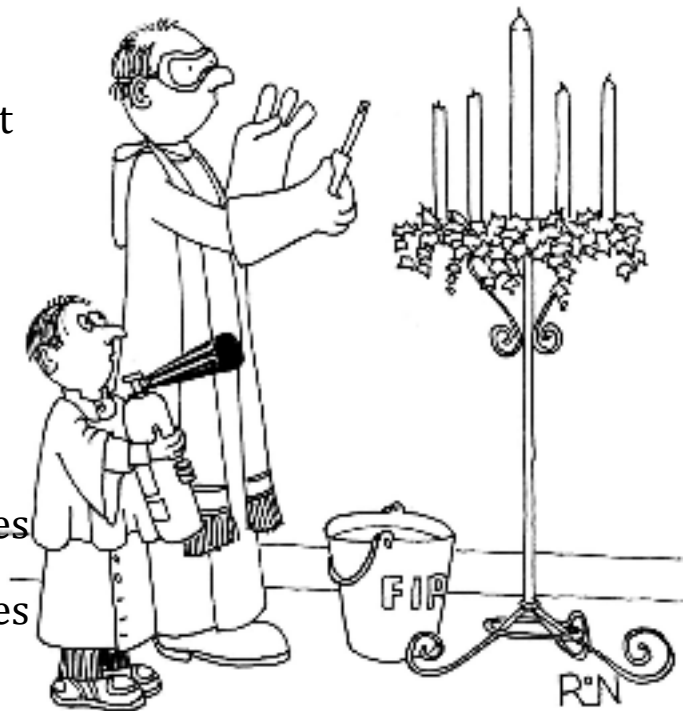
This manger mean inspired no thought
As day succeeded day,
Save by the stable lad who sought
To fill it up with hay.

And yet this old and dirty thing
That stood unloved, unknown
Became a bed for God the King
A trough became a throne!

And men have sung two thousand times
About that manger, poor
And poets build their Christmas rhymes
Upon that stable floor.

For God can use the meanest tools –
He'll use your heart, or mine –
He moves outside our human rules
To work His plan divine!

by Nigel Beeton



*After the first candle fiasco, Brian
took no chances*

Why your App's 'verse of the day' may be skewing your view of God

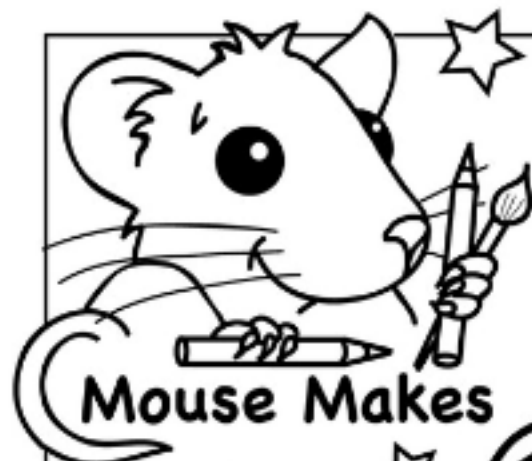
Do you mostly read the Bible in snatches off an app, or retweeted from friends? Are the verses always encouraging, making you feel better?

That is well and good, but there is more to the Bible than just 'feel-good' verses, and to grow as a Christian you need the 'complete diet'.

Now Dr Pete Phillips of Durham University has pointed out that fundamental to the Christian faith are the 'what we might call propositional texts – verses which set out what God has done for us; how we are saved; the power of the cross... but the internet is populated with therapeutic texts rather than propositional texts. Could this result in people thinking the Bible is more about therapy than about God sending His Son to die for us?

'Because we are all wrapped up in the social media filter bubbles of retweets, shares and likes, our experience of the Bible online is often dictated by what works as clickbait rather than doctrine.'

From Parish Pump



Mouse Makes

**HAPPY
CHRISTMAS!**

Read the Christmas
story in Luke 1:1 - 2:21

When Mary gave birth to Jesus she wrapped him in strips of cloth and laid him in a manger. There were shepherds in a field nearby looking after their sheep. An angel of the Lord appeared to them and the glory of the Lord shone around them and they were terrified. The angel said, *"Do not be afraid! Listen carefully, I bring you good news! Today your Saviour has been born, He is Christ the Lord."*

Then an army of angels appeared praising God. When the angels left the shepherds hurried to Bethlehem, found Joseph and Mary and saw the baby lying in a manger.



Registers

Christian Funeral

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

19 November Derek Alexander McKinley, Queensfort Court

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord

Tribute Mr Derek McKinley

St. Ignatius', Carryduff was overflowing at the funeral service for Mr Derek McKinley. The large crowd included many members of the congregation of the parish as well as friends from St Colman's Dunmurry, St Simon's Belfast and the local community and churches in Carryduff. In attendance also were many colleagues from his thirty years as kitman for the Northern Ireland Team as well as the local clubs in which he served as either player, physio, or kitman. Knockbada FC was his most recent appointment. The chaplain of Knockbada, the Rev Ray Rennix, participated in the service.

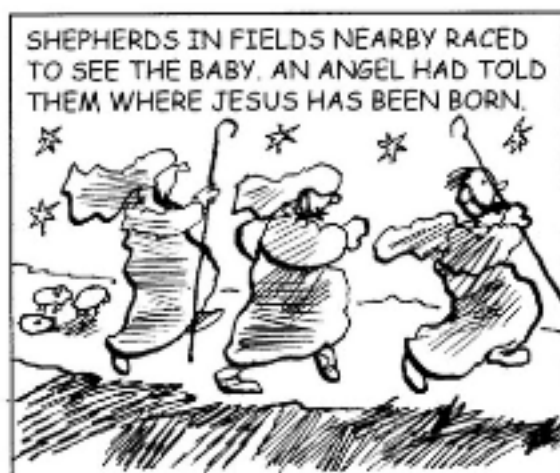


In a heart-felt and moving tribute to his dad, Stuart McKinley spoke warmly of his father for many minutes. Among the many anecdotes was Derek's tongue-in-cheek claim that, having been left on the bench alone after first the manager was sent off, and then the assistant manager had gone to the stands at one match, he was the only person remaining and so it was effectively he who managed the NI Team with a 100% record. The game ended with Derek in charge with a 1:0 scoreline for the men in green and white. We will not begrudge Derek his boast!

Since joining St. Ignatius', he had become a much valued member of the parish. He attended regularly and was quickly made people's churchwarden and, then, sexton, roles which he fulfilled in his usual humble and diligent way.

Derek is survived by his sister Isabel, wife May, daughter Deborah and son-in-law Desi, son David and daughter-in-law Suzanne, son Stuart and daughter-in-law Tracey, and his nine grandchildren.

The First Christmas

January Service Schedule

We look forward to meeting with you at worship in January. Starting your resolutions with regular Sunday attendance is right for you, so please "use" us to do yourself some good!

Evening Services take a break in January, but Wednesday mornings at 10:30 in St. Ignatius', Carryduff continue as usual from 9th January, including the Lunch on 23rd when the service starts at 11:30 to help us build an appetite.

The regular Sunday Morning Communion Services continue and provide a quiet but challenging start to Sundays with a short address each week.

Main Services at 10:30 in Carryduff and 12:00 in Killaney proceed as usual. The idea is to engage all ages with an opening section flavoured with some elements for children, and then a deep time of teaching before we respond in prayer, or on 2nd January with Communion.

Opening this 10:30 slot is the Mothers' Union Enrolment Service, on Epiphany Sunday 6th January.

January Community Lunch

On Wednesday 23rd January 2019 we will host our first midweek lunch of the new year. It starts with a service at 11:30 am.

Everyone is warmly invited; please let us know you are coming in the usual ways. A list will be in church for several weeks beforehand and the office phone can be used as well 028 9081 3489

Bread of Life Sunday

On Sunday 27th January 2019, the Sunday Special at Carryduff will be followed by a lunch in the Church Hall. The idea is to support a Bible Society Project, which was the theme of our Bible Sunday service on 28th October.

Children in Peru who have limited resources, and would often arrive hungry at school and without reading materials, are given breakfast each day by volunteers from the Bible Society. Along with their breakfast, they are told Bible Stories and are given children's reading materials to help them learn to read about Jesus.

When asked, "What could we do to help?" at the service, the answer was: we could send them some money from our own Parish Lunch! The meal will be served in the Church Hall after the Sunday Special in January.

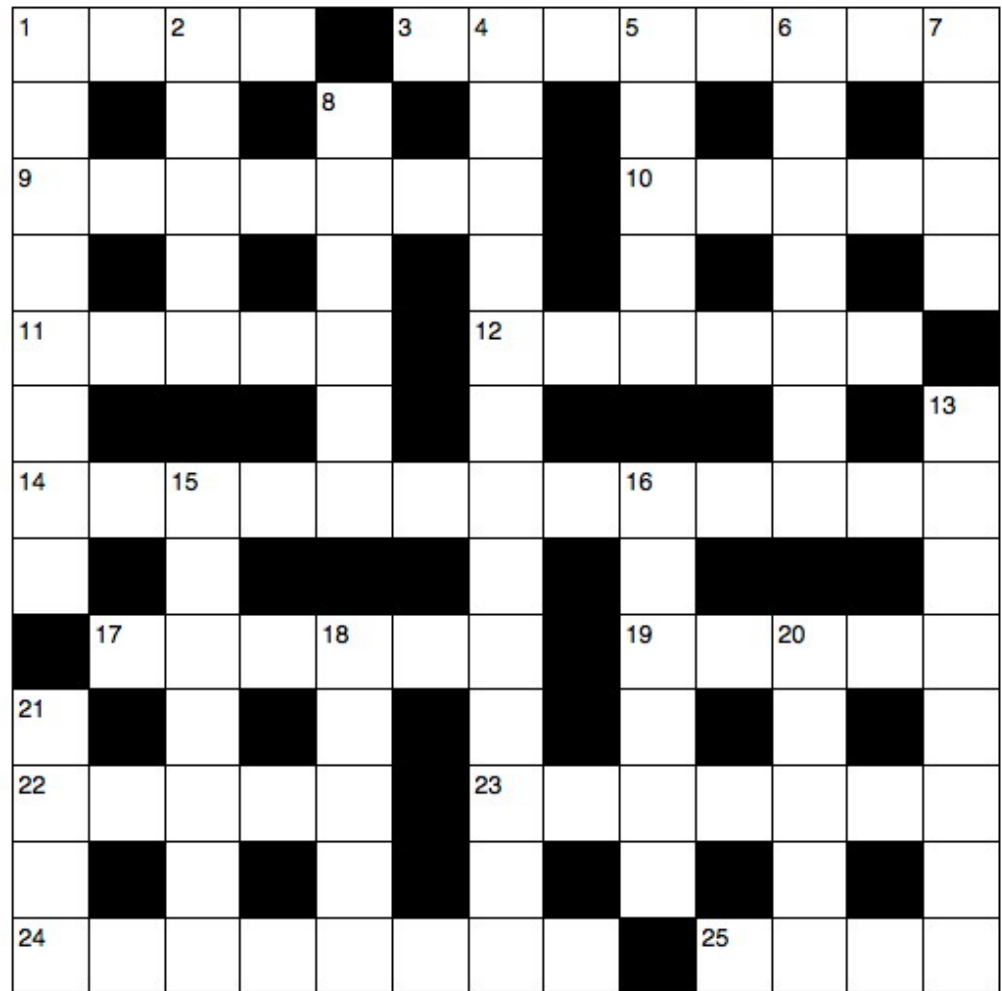
Parishioners in Killaney will be encouraged to make a small donation during the Refreshments, following the Sunday Special in St. Andrew's. For more information about the project visit:
biblesocietyni.co.uk/project/peru-bread-of-life

Across

- 1 'How long will you — your face from me?' (Psalm 13:1) (4)
 3 'Let us, then, go to him outside the camp, bearing the — he bore' (Hebrews 13:13) (8)
 9 Shoshin (anag.) (Romans 8:15) (7)
 10 Solemn pledges (Matthew 5:33) (5)
 11 Italian term for full orchestra (5)
 12 'For he who avenges blood remembers; he does not — the cry of the afflicted' (Psalm 9:12) (6)
 14 Prescience (1 Peter 1:2) (13)
 17 Where a Hindu holy man lives (6)
 19 'If he found any... who belonged to the Way, whether — women, he might take them as prisoners' (Acts 9:3) (3,2)
 22 Fragrance (2 Corinthians 2:15) (5)
 23 Vine hen (anag.) (Jonah 1:2) (7)
 24 Precious stone decorating the twelfth foundation of the New Jerusalem (Revelation 21:20) (8)
 25 'Will you keep to the old path that evil men have — ?' (Job 22:15) (4)

Down

- 1 'Then Moses raised his arm and struck the rock twice with — — ' (Numbers 20:11) (3,5)
 2 'You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, " — murder"' (Matthew 5:21) (2,3)



- 4 One of Paul's many hardships endured as a servant of God (2 Corinthians 6:5) (13)
 5 'We ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, — inwardly' (Romans 8:23) (5)
 6 Changed (Daniel 6:8) (7)
 7 'My yoke is — and my burden is light' (Matthew 11:30) (4)
 8 Recoil (Revelation 12:11) (6)
 13 'O Lord, you have — me and you know me' (Psalm 139:1) (8)
 15 ' — to me the joy of your salvation' (Psalm 51:12) (7)
 16 Express sorrow (Isaiah 16:7) (6)
 18 'Then he said to Thomas, " — out your hand and put it into my side"' (John 20:27) (5)
 20 'God has said, " — will I leave you; — will I forsake you"' (Hebrews 13:5) (5)
 21 Son of Onam and brother of Shammai (1 Chronicles 2:28) (4)

The Solutions are on page 19.

Rosters for Carryduff: December & January

	900 Readers	10:30 Readers	6:30 Readers	10:30 Prayers
2	Mary Hewitt	Elizabeth Sweetnam	Vera	Raymond
9	Patricia Darling	Liz Fleming	Scouts	Marlene
16	Edward Darling	Jim Gibb	Lessons & Carols	Denis
23	Caroline Taylor	J Club	3:00 in Killaney	J Club
24/25	-	10:30 Joan Clayton	11:15 Keith	-
30	Ken Fletcher	Vera Lowry	No service	Keith
6	Raymond Scott	Joyce McMeekin		MU
13	Mary Hewitt	Marlene Moore		Jacky
20	Patricia Darling	Fiona Ellis		Vera
27	Edward Darling	J Club		J Club
	1030 Displays	10:30 Welcome	Flower Donors	Flower Arrangers
2	Maurice	Wesley & Ken	Joyce McMeekin	Joyce
9	Jim	J Club PLUS	Norah Brown	E Johnston
16	Fiona	John & Jackie	M Frizelle	
23	Kameron	Family Service + J Club	Rev Edwardson	
24/25	11:15&10:30 Volunteers			
30	Dave N	Eunice & Irene	Not yet	
6	Jim	Pamela & Jene	published	
13	Maurice	J Club PLUS		
20	Fiona	Ann & Mary		
27	Dave J	Family Service J Club		
	Refreshments Team		Communion Assistants	
2	Robin and June McDonald		Susan and Denis	
9	Joan and David Nevin			
16	Norah Brown and Helen Burke			
23	Norma Moore and J Team			
24/25	10:45 for 11:15 Stephen, Susan and Patrick		Keith and Susan	
30	Trevor & Elizabeth Rourke			
6	MU Members		Raymond & Jacky	
13	J Club Plus Team			
20	Eunice Blakely and Irene Killops			
27	Bread for Life Lunch			

The Rosters are to help team members. If any printed day is not suitable please get in touch with the team leaders, Stephen, Elizabeth, Jene, Keith 07901935205 and Joan (who originally asked you to do the the task) A Master list is in the Jeremy Taylor Chapel noticeboard and you can delete or swap dates then note the change there.

You can simply text Stephen if that is easier. 078 345 84932

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The Parish Panels seek to help ensure that children and their leaders experience a safe and secure environment in their youth work.

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Please email content to Stephen or Marlene by Wednesday 17th January 2018

Make up Team Friday 26 January at 11.00 am



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JUST AS I AM

HYMNS TOUR



Thursday 3rd January 2019

7.30 pm

Carryduff Parish Church

Saintf eld Road, Carryduff

Tickets - £7 Adult, £4 Child, £20 Family

To purchase tickets please call

07901935205