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Dear Friends

“Don’t mention the war” Such was the memorable line of Basil Fawlty in Fawlty Towers that decades later the phrase reminds me of the programme. Isn’t it difficult NOT to mention the subject that is on everyone’s lips? So this letter is not going to mention “the war”, and you know what I mean by that!

As 2021 began, I realised that my usual preparations for a new season, especially a new year were missing.

Usually around November I decide what I am going to use as my daily bible reading guide or pattern. It was only when a dear friend told me they were using Nicky Gumbel’s Bible in a Year scheme that I realised it was already 2nd or 3rd of January! I had just been reading the next paragraph of Romans as the new year slipped by.

But it is never too late to start something good, so on 3rd January I started into a similar guided set of readings for 2021.

Usually around December I try to sort out patterns for daily living which help me be more healthy, using diet, exercise, and good habits to achieve this goal. On 8th January I started trying to build a streak of water drinking and walking again.

If it is good to do, **it is not too late to start.**

Usually near New Year’s Eve I spend an afternoon on my own - with a pencil and paper - to reflect on some big questions: What skills do I need to improve, what habits do I need to control, what relationships do I need to build, what books am I going to read? I haven’t done it yet, as I write this, but I will have answers by the time you read this.

It is not too late to start.

These and all our intentions may have been turned upside down as we engage with this unnamed “war”, but at best they are only delayed or postponed, not totally frustrated. The challenge in the world of distractions is to direct our gaze at the One who created the world, to turn to the One who gives us each day to use for the best, and to trust the One who gave his life “to forgive us our trespasses”.

Today is a new day, a fresh start; whether we did well yesterday or last month or last year, God can turn us around as we yield our lives to him.

It is not too late - for you reading this - to start, but one day the opportunity will have passed!

Stephen

Mothers’ Union

The monthly programme of MU events continues to be in abeyance and we have been saddened not to be able to meet one another in person through this time of separation and stress. However, we have been active since the last magazine was produced and members have appreciated the efforts made by our committee, especially our Secretary and Branch Leader.



The Women’s Aid gifts had made their way to Bangor in late November, and there they were made ready for distribution. Because of a slight mishap - in the rectory where the bags were briefly stored - two ‘parishioners’ were added to the supplies and found themselves featured on an MU diocesan Facebook page! They were spotted - just in time - before they were ‘given’ to a family in shelter, and International Rescue (well, Stephen!) headed to Bangor to retrieve a shell shocked Nat and Martha and bring them home in time to feature in our Christmas Nativity Play!



Killaney News

Rotas

Flowers: Lila Earney Cleaning: Betty Green, Eileen Earney

Sunday School

Viona and Lila have served the parish of Killaney for several decades in the Sunday school. They announced at the start of 2020 that they were standing down from this valuable role to make way for others to take their place.

We appreciate deeply the role that they have played in assisting the parents of the children of Killaney Parish as they nurtured them into an understanding and appreciation of the Christian Faith. We also honour their faithful efforts to draw those young people into the church family as they grow older.

The number of children they have served has often been far in excess of the number one would expect in a small congregation such as ours.

We thank them deeply.

After Lila being unable to attend in-church services because of her work, and with a desire to express our appreciation to both of them before the year was over, we held a special outdoor service, including the lighting of the new outdoor Christmas Tree, and presented them with gifts.

First, David, Rosemary and Annabel Gill awarded them the Emma Gill Memorial Trophy for the year, a gift presented by the family in memory of their late daughter Emma - a much valued member of the Sunday School. In addition, two tokens and some lovely flowers were given to them as a token of the Select Vestry's appreciation, on behalf of the whole parish,



We thank Mrs Viona Crothers and Mrs Lila Earney for all their work, carried out with a smile.

Hopefully, this year will be better - much better! - than last year and we will soon be back to normal services. It will be nice to meet our fellow parishioners and have a chat without wearing a mask! When we see the letter ASAP we think "As Soon As Possible" but there is another saying: "Always Say A Prayer".

J Club Groups

What a year 2020 was for all of us! We, like all organisations, had to close down last March and divert our ministry to online as much as possible.

We were delighted we could re-open for 5 weeks during October and November but, unfortunately, we had to close again in early December.

We decided we wanted to deliver a selection box and a Christmas card to every member and to wish each family a happy Christmas. We clocked up many miles around Carryduff and the surrounding towns, spreading some joy to approximately 100 members and their families. Thank you to parishioners who gave donations towards the costs. Your kindness was overwhelming.

The big disappointment for us is the temporary closure of our Sunday Specials, which have become a wonderful and amazing outreach to many young families and grandparents, along with our church family. Once we are able to resume Sunday Specials in the months ahead, we will endeavour to restore this wonderful ministry, with your support and prayers.

We are continuing some activities online, and we are planning a zoom gathering very soon.

We are unsure when we will be able to return to face to face kids ministry; we are planning to deliver Easter Eggs to all our members unless we have resumed our Friday evening activities, reminding everyone of Christ's death and resurrection.

May all of us be resurrection people, both in the challenging and the good times.

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<https://carryduff-killaney.down.anglican.org>

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Next Edition

Please have content with the team by February 17 for our March Edition

Olo Diocese, South Sudan

Linda Abwa reports on a recent conversation with Bishop Tandema Obed Andrew, of Olo Diocese, South Sudan.

Two years ago Bishop Tandema explained the generalised fear that gripped his people: “attempts made to heal have not been enough.” A strategy of trauma healing commenced, supported by parish links in Ireland. So far, 300 people have been able to attend the workshops.

“Participants had time to express their anger. There was an atmosphere of forgiving those who have died and those who looted property. They understand that life can be so difficult and hard at times but that doesn’t mean the end has come.

Participants expressed their happiness to friends of the Diocese who have committed themselves to supporting the three phases of the trauma counselling and healing conference in Olo Diocese.”

This time, participants were also given C19 awareness training and a gift of soap to take home with them.

We thank Linda for continuing to keep us in touch with Olo.

STOP PRESS: for the first time in ten years Stephen received an email from Bishop Tandema as this page is being written. The communications between rural Olo and the outside world is virtually non-existent. The Bishop needs to travel for several hours by rough road on a motor-cycle to get to a location which has internet. In his email he said:

“We wish you all God’s blessings and prosperous new 2021, after the difficult times of COVID19 and economic hardships. I am very grateful to meet with you in CMSI zoom meeting.”

I hope that the good parishioners of Killaney and Carryduff will rise to the challenge to make transport and communication easier for our brothers and sisters in Olo Diocese.



Spring Cleaning!

We know how much parishioners enjoy taking part in the twice yearly Working Breakfasts at Carryduff. Though, the breakfast part has, for some, been the main draw!

Sadly such a gathering is impossible in the near future. Dave Nevin has kindly prepared a list of jobs which need doing around the place, and the Select Vestry invites you to select one and drop in to do it. Please let us know when it suits you and we will ensure the hall doors are open to give you access to water etc. Unfortunately, we can only do this with members of our own "bubbles" and you must restrict yourself to this. Sorry.

So whether you love to brush or wipe, or polish or reach into high corners to get spiders' webs removed, inside or outside the church, hall, and grounds, you will be very welcome to do so. Get in touch with Dave or Stephen or the wardens for further help and advice. Thank you!

Lebanon Appeal

At the time of writing, £540 has been donated for the Lebanon Appeal. We thank parishioners for their kind donations to help the aftermath of the Beirut explosion seven months ago. Funds are being utilised in the region by Open Doors.

In Appreciation

With the end of 2020 came news that Mrs. Sharon Dunning had decided to retire from her role as church cleaner.

It was always good to arrive in the church and halls after Sharon had wielded her magic and brought a clean sparkle to the place! Few of those using the church and halls realised the work that went on behind the scenes to make the place ready for us all. As is often the way, it only became obvious what was being done when Sharon went on holiday or was ill!

The Select Vestry met recently for their January Meeting, and asked me to pay tribute to her and wish her well in her retirement from this part time role that she has performed since December 2012. I gladly do so here and wish her and Ian every blessing in the years ahead.

Well done, good and faithful servant of St. Ignatius', Carryduff!



Mission Fund 2021

Killaney Parish Vestry responds to needs expressed from sermons by visiting preachers, news from mission agencies, and TV news. This process benefits from the keenness of members of the parish and vestry who encourage the vestry to use resources in this way. We thank you for your vigilance. Appeals are sometimes raised and often a simple allocation from funds is made. A separate collection for Bishop's appeal is normally collected, though not in 2020.

Carryduff Parish Vestry launched a Mission Fund many years ago to help parishioners give regularly to causes outside the parish. At the end of the year this fund was used to support the specific causes identified at the start of the year. General funds were also used for urgent needs which arose during the year. A separate collection for Bishop's appeal is normally collected though not in 2020.

The Mission Fund in 2020 has been used to support the following agencies and missions, using a formula to divide them fairly. 2021 will follow approximately the same pattern.

Cause 2020	Amount in £	% for 2021
CMSI Olo Diocese	2000	24
SAMS	1000	12
Intercontinental Church Society	1000	12
Bible Society NI	750	9
Habitat for Humanity NI	750	9
Christian Aid	1250	15
Love for Life	200	2
Christian Blind Mission	250	3
SU NI	300	4
SU St Petersburg	300	4
The Larder	200	2
Marie Curie	200	
International Justice Ministry	500	6



Small Acts of love

The consequences of the Covid 19 virus, and all our attempts to deal with them, have brought a few relevant New Testament observations to the foreground. One which comes readily to mind is an observation in the gospel record of John about loneliness.

Quoting the words of Jesus about the coming of the Holy Spirit he writes “.....I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.....because I live, you also will live.....(John 14 v.18-19).”

Our collective experience has made it very clear that loneliness is, indeed, a major and widespread issue throughout this pandemic. Many of us have become aware of it to some degree; and there is no doubt that we all know of others who have been – and continue to be – significantly affected by loneliness, anxiety and feelings of isolation.

There is an imperative here to which we ought to respond. Even doing something as basic as making a telephone call, sending a card or calling briefly at the door could mean a great deal to someone who feels isolated or anxious, even abandoned.

Such simple acts can be greatly welcomed as expressions of sympathetic interest; even better if we do them humbly as members of the wider Church community. Indeed, in this simple way we would be in tune with the words of St. Peter: “.....live in harmony with one another; be sympathetic, love as brothers, be compassionate and humble (1 Peter 3 v.8).”

All of this was very apparent in the Archbishop of Canterbury’s five minute televised New Year message on 1 January. On that occasion he was filmed during a visit to St. Thomas’ hospital – his local hospital – to offer assistance to a much over stretched hospital Chaplain.

We saw him in protective gear in both Covid and regular wards, engaging in moments of warmth with several patients. He emphasised how important it could be to just sit with someone,

letting them know that they are not alone. Further, he invited all of us to be generous with comforting words and “small acts of love.”

It’s only a short step from there to come to realise that we are deeply connected to one another, and that we can all have a shared hope. As the Archbishop said, there is no doubt that Jesus cared about people in this way. He is our peerless example; and by both following Him and trusting Him we, and those whom we try to support, may come to recognise that “the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus (Philippians 4 v.7).”

In conclusion I readily acknowledge that all these thoughts came to mind simply by giving the Archbishop of Canterbury a mere five minutes of my time on New Year’s Day. **Denis Carson**

Christmas Services

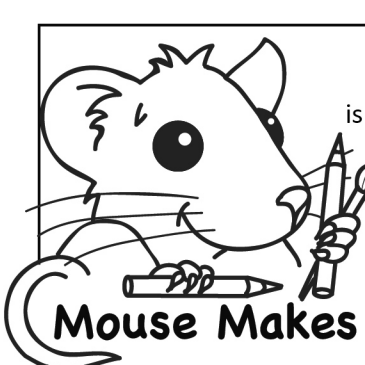
A much restricted worship calendar made our usual Christmas gatherings in the church very small affairs. Because of the prevailing health concerns, many faithful parishioners chose to avoid mixing when crowds might have been present and this ensured there were very few attending. Our continued caution has so far rewarded us with no outbreaks of covid being reported among church goers, and we are thankful for that.

Having decided to revert to “driving in” for a few weeks after Christmas proved a valuable opportunity to meet from the safety of vehicles, and the attendances in both parish car parks was very favourable, given the very ice-cold conditions. We appreciate the efforts of the wardens and their teams in making this possible again.

When these advertised drive-ins had concluded, government advice seemed to suggest that any outdoor gatherings were impossible, so to avoid confusion we reverted to online only worship for January, and possibly further.

A highlight of the calendar was the pre-recorded Carols by Candlelight, prepared by Dave Johnston and the readers, which was premiered as the service in church took place.

We thank Martha, Nat, Drew and Granny for explaining the Christmas story to our children, in church and at home, in the play they performed for the cameras. Thanks to the Calard family for their excellent production which was watched in both churches.




Mouse Makes


WHAT AM I?

The last letter of one word is the first letter of the next

E				H
• What two things did God create first? <i>Genesis 1:1</i>				
		S		
• What was the Earth without? <i>Genesis 1:2</i>				
M				
• What came before morning? <i>Gen 1:5</i>				
				G
• Who is the creator? <i>Genesis 1:1</i>				
				D
• What was separated from light? <i>Gen 1:4</i>				
S				
• Which day did God finish work? <i>Gen 2:2</i>				
• Who was created God's image? <i>Gen 1:27</i>				
			H	
• Who moved over the water? <i>Gen 1:2</i>				
I				S



By the **seventh** day God finished the work He had been doing. God *blessed* the seventh day and made it *holy*. When God gave Moses the Ten Commandments the **forth commandment** said to *remember* the seventh Sabbath day, to *keep it holy* and set apart for God.




FIND THE CREATION PAIRS

from Genesis 1 and 2

EARTH	MORNING
LIGHT	FRUIT
DAYS	SEA
TREES	NIGHT
LAND	FISH
EVENING	YEARS
ADAM	HEAVENS
DAY	DARK
BIRDS	WATER
SKY	EVE

?

DID YOU KNOW?
The first word of the Old Testament in Hebrew is **bereshith** which means "in the beginning". The Greeks translated this word as **GENESIS** which means *creation, origin and generation*



Can you find these words in the word search?

GOD • HEAVEN • SPIRIT
FLY • DEEP • EARTH
DARK • DAY • LIGHT
NIGHT • STARS • SKY
SEA • LAND • BIRD
CREATURE • HUMAN
TREE • PLANT • SEEDS
FRUIT • GOOD • TWO

Confirmation 2021

This year we hope to hold a service of confirmation in our parishes. Adults and young people who are interested should **contact Stephen in the next few days**, say by 7th February, to indicate they are considering confirmation.

What is confirmation?

If you . .

- determine that you wish to express a commitment to serving God in the life of the church OR
- reach an age where you can understand that you need to affirm the vows of baptism made for you when you were small OR
- you have made a personal commitment to Christ and wish to affirm it publicly OR
- you have come back to faith

... then you should consider taking part in a confirmation service.

This year, as well as inviting baptised young people to get confirmed, we encourage any member of the congregations who has (quietly) rededicated their life to Jesus, to take part in the Renewal of Vows which is at the heart of the service.

The service will probably be held after the summer break to give a chance for normality to return, at least in part. The bishop suggests that candidates for confirmation be adults having reached a minimum of 14 years of age, though I will also consider those who have reached the age of 13 by the date of the service.

Revision of General Vestry

The lists of registered vestry members are open for revision in February. Please complete an online form if you wish to join for the first time. Or contact a warden or the church office.

TWIXT OPTIMIST AND PESSIMIST

THE DIFFERENCE IS DROLL;

THE OPTIMIST THE DOUGHNUT SEES -

THE PESSIMIST THE HOLE.



Valentine's Day

What do you think of when the date is 14th February? Is it just another day, a painful anniversary or Valentine's Day, also called Saint Valentine's Day or the feast of Saint Valentine? It originated as a western Christian feast day honouring one or two early Christian martyrs named Saint Valentine and is recognised as a significant cultural, religious and commercial celebration of romance and love in many regions of the world. So, if you think of it as a day of love and romance, do you, if single, send a card and hope to receive one and maybe flowers or chocolates, or, if you are married or in a relationship, do you cherish a similar hope?

Indulge me, if you will, and fast forward to 14th February 2021 and the postman puts a card through your letterbox. You are intrigued as you pick it up because on the envelope it just says, to "Whosoever", and the envelope holds no other clue as to who it is from. So you open it and yes it is a Valentine's card covered in verses and they all have one theme, "Love". You start to read them, "I love you with an everlasting love..... a love that is perpetual, unending and eternal", "I created you, I knit you together in your mother's womb.... you are fearfully and wonderfully made".

You think to yourself, these are not the usual "roses are red, violets are blue, sugar is sweet, and so are you" verses you normally read on a Valentine's card, and so you read on, "Nothing can separate you from my love". You open the card again to look for clues as to who the sender is and are immediately drawn to the artwork of a faceless man with a blood-stained forehead, hands, side and feet with arms outstretched as far as they can be. The caption below reads, "I love you this much". Turning to the back of the card you read, "Behold I stand at the door and knock, if anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in".

I know that what I have described is fictional but the verses quoted are not. They are all from the greatest book ever written and still the world's best seller, and yet there are many who have never read it! Just like a Valentine's card which you open and read, you need to open your life to receive the greatest love of all, "God's Love" - a love that is patient, kind, does not envy, does not boast, is not proud; a love that does not dishonour others, is not self-seeking; a love that is not easily angered, keeps no record of wrong, and does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It is a love that always protects, always trusts, always hopes and always perseveres: a love

that never fails. He, who is Love, is gently knocking on your heart's door! Will you let Him in? That book, the bible, "God's love story", which is gathering dust on many a shelf, is well worth a read.

Happy Valentine's Day !!!!!

Bible references: Jeremiah 31 v 3, Psalm 139 v 13 & 14, Romans 8 v 38 & 39, Revelation 3 v 20 and 1 Corinthians 13.

Thanks to Tanya Adams for her challenging thoughts this month.

Register Christian Funeral

14 January Edmund Graham Ralph King, Oxford

Blessed are the dead who died in the Lord;
they are blessed indeed for they rest from their labours

In Memory

Edmund King from Oxford was buried at Killaney, following a short service with immediate family and friends in attendance.

During the carefully managed service, his wife Louise gave a tribute to him, and his brothers and children read lessons. Psalm 121 was read by a colleague.

In paying tribute, mention was made of some of his many skills which saw him serve his legal clients well, even when they appeared to have fairly hopeless cases.

His parents had exemplified their support for him as they moved house to facilitate his attendance at a good school, a model he followed for his own children.

His notable service for his chambers was reflected both in his elevation to QC, and the many demands made upon him to use his skills in law.

He chose to be buried at Killaney after attending a family funeral there last year, and it was a privilege to give thanks to God for his life and faith as our small numbers gathered in the beautiful setting of St Andrew's. He was a good friend to have, and to those who knew him, he was a true gentleman of the utmost integrity and grace.

We extend our sympathy to his wife Louise, their children Arthur and Emma, his father and brothers, and the entire King and Hutton family circles, both here and in England.

Bishop David's Lent Series

Hand me a trowel This Lent, please join Bishop David for a series of daily reflections in Nehemiah. The diocese will be sharing a short film online every day from Ash Wednesday, 17 February to Palm Sunday, 28 March.

Bishop David explains why he has named the series, "Hand me a trowel".

"My father was a farmer and not a builder, but as a young boy I remember him rolling up his sleeves and doing a lot of building around the farm. I would be hanging around at the foot of a ladder as my Dad was building, and he would shout down the ladder to me, 'Hand me a trowel.'"

"That's the sort of picture we have in the Book of Nehemiah. Everybody's involved in the work of building. They may not actually be builders, but they roll up their sleeves and they're involved in this important work of building a people for God."

"Hand me a trowel! I think God is saying this to us in the Church today. God wants us to be those who have an open hand and open hearts to work for his kingdom and to build a Church that is strong and healthy for these days."

"We need to be getting ready for a season of building and rebuilding. As we all get vaccinated and, hopefully, emerge back out into our churches and into the world to live for Christ, our prayer to God should be, 'Lord, hand me a trowel. I want to be one of your workers, help me to be one of your builders.'"

Lesson Readers

We invite lesson readers - who are able to do so - to record the readings into a smartphone or tablet device and forward them to Stephen at stephenlowry@me.com You can do this by voice only using the "Voice Memo" app, or, preferably, take a video of you reading on a phone video camera. Please let Joan or Marie know if you are unable to assist just now.

Lesson Recording Carryduff 1st Lesson Killaney 2nd Lesson

7 February Joan Nevin

Marie Mack

14 February Tanya Adams

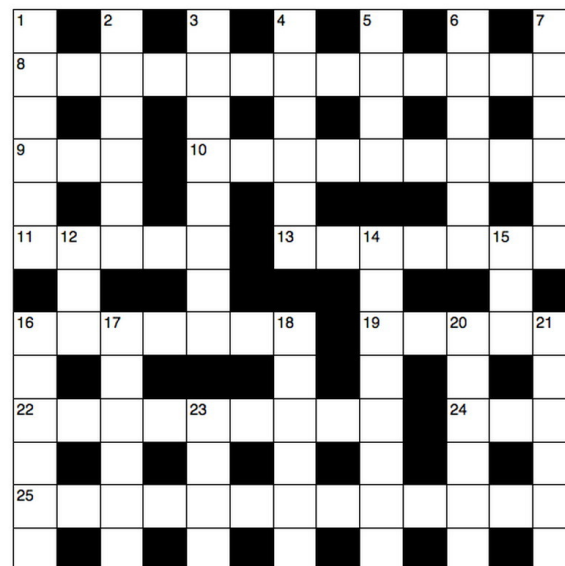
John Kirkpatrick

21 February Stephen Creber

Peggy Barbour

28 February Elizabeth Sweetnam

Richard Turkington



Crossword

Across

- 8 Interrogated (Acts 12:19) (5-8)
 9 'Burn it in a wood fire on the — heap' (Leviticus 4:12) (3)
 10 Tobit, Judith, Baruch and the books of Esdras and the Maccabees are part of it (9)
 11 Science fiction (abbrev.) (3-2)
 13 Clay pit (anag.) (7)
 16 Went to (John 4:46) (7)
 19 'Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to — your bodies as living sacrifices' (Romans 12:1) (5)
 22 David's plea to God concerning those referred to in 14 Down: 'On — — let them escape' (Psalm 56:7) (2,7)
 24 Royal Automobile Club (1,1,1) 25 How the book of Ezekiel refers to God more than 200 times (Ezekiel 2:4) (9,4)

Down

- 1 Seas (Proverbs 8:24) (6)
 2 One of the sons of Eli the priest, killed in battle by the Philistines (1 Samuel 4:11) (6)
 3 Specialist in the study of the Muslim religion (8)
 4 'Do not rebuke an older man harshly, but — him as if he were your father' (1 Timothy 5:1) (6)

- 5 One of Esau's grandsons (Genesis 36:11) (4)
 6 Taking a chance (colloq.) (2,4)
 7 God's instructions to the Israelites concerning grain offerings: ' — salt to — your offerings' (Leviticus 2:13) (3,3)
 12 Confederation of British Industry (1,1,1)
 14 'All day long they twist my words; they are always — to harm me' (Psalm 56:5) (8)
 15 The crowd's reaction to Jesus bringing back to life a widow's son in Nain (Luke 7:16) (3)
 16 Disappear (Psalm 104:35) (6)
 17 How Jeremiah was likely to die if he wasn't rescued from the cistern where he was imprisoned (Jeremiah 38:9) (6)
 18 What the prophets do to a wall, with whitewash (Ezekiel 13:10, RSV) (4,2)
 20 Made by a plough (Job 39:10) (6)
 21 Noah was relieved when the flood waters continued to — (Genesis 8:5) (6)
 23 Jesus gave the Twelve the power and authority to do this to diseases (Luke 9:1) (4)

Answers on page 18

Giving During Lockdown

We are deeply grateful in both parishes for those who have continued to give to church funds during months when we have been unable to meet. You have done this by storing up your weekly donations, writing a cheque to cover weeks you have missed church, and by donating using standing orders to parish funds.

However, there has been a shortfall in income. By way of example, in Carryduff our FWO was down £6000, loose collection by about £1100 and Mission fund giving by £800. A similar proportional shortfall could be reported for Killaney.

The Select Vestry at Carryduff have asked us to reproduce the bank account details to help you give to either or both funds. We use this opportunity to give Killaney details too though no request has come from the Killaney Vestry at this time.

St Ignatius':

Payable to: Carryduff Parish Church

Bank Sort Code: 95-02-58

Account Number: 41000675

Payee Details: Please add your Surname and Initials, or your FWO Number

Payable to: Carryduff Parish Mission Account

Bank Sort Code: 95-02-58

Account Number: 81050192

Payee Details: Please add your Surname and Initials, or your FWO Number

St Andrew's:

Payable to: Killaney Parish Church

Bank Sort Code: 95-03-61

Account Number: 92760452

Payee Details: Please add your Surname and Initials, or your FWO Number

CAUTION: Do not set up a new standing order without first cancelling the one it is designed to replace.

World Day of Prayer

Friday 5 March



The familiar service booklets for the annual World Day of Prayer service have been shared with us in KandCd. The reason? The service is not taking place locally this year because of the current pandemic, but, rather, it can be watched online as it takes place in a number of venues which can safely host them. For those unable to take part remotely, the order of service will be able to give them a taste of the theme developed by the people of Vanuatu.

"Building a Strong Foundation" is the theme, and the idea is drawn from the need in this South Pacific island group to protect buildings and agriculture from the repeated storms which continue to over-run these islands. Situated 1100 miles to the East of Australia they have suffered from major Cyclone events, "Pam" in 2015 and, the latest in 2020, another called "Cyclone Harold".

Hymns like "My hope is built on nothing less" focus on the foundation, while "The day thou gavest" reminds us that Vanuatu is one of the first countries to enter each new day and each new year. "The sun that bids us rest is waking our friends beneath the western sky"

Each year offerings are received at the services. The monies go to support the WDP Movement internationally, the Office and its staff in Tunbridge Wells, the production of the following year's service materials and the organisation of conferences during the year. In addition, generous grants are allocated to support Christian Literature Societies, eg. Bible Society, Christian Educational Projects and global projects which come within the Charity Commission's guidelines.

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ACROSS: 8, Cross-examined. 9, Ash. 10, Apocrypha. 11, Sci-fi. 13, Typical. 16, Visited. 19, Offer. 22, No account. 24, RAC. 25, Sovereign Lord. **DOWN:** 1, Oceans. 2, Hopini. 3, Islamist. 4, Exhort. 5, Omar. 6, On spec. 7, Add all. 12, CBI. 14, Plotting. 15, Awe. 16, Vanish. 17, Starve. 18, Daub it. 20, Furrow. 21, Recede. 23, Cure.

Calendar for February

The February Service calendar merely reflects the intended readings for use at services but no indication of where they will take place. For the most part one service will be broadcast on Sundays and Wednesdays, and daily prayers will be on Facebook between 8 and 9 in the morning. If on-site services do become possible, be they drive-in or walk-in, this will be announced by email, and on website and Facebook pages.

1 February: Revision of General Vestry Lists begins

3 February Wednesday

10:00 am Midweek Communion Broadcast
Hebrews 12:4-7; Mark 6:1-6a

7 February 2nd Sunday before Lent

10:00 am Morning Worship Broadcast
2 Corinthians 3:1-6; Mark 2:13-22

10 February Wednesday

10:00 am Midweek Communion Broadcast
Genesis 2:4b-9,15-17; Mark 7:14-23

14 February The Sunday before Lent*

10:00 am Morning Worship Broadcast
2 Corinthians 4:5-12; Mark 2:23-3:6
6:00 pm A Late Evening Office *with Keith Shaw*

17 February Ash Wednesday (Purple)

10:00 am Midweek Communion Broadcast
2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10; Matthew 6:1-6,16-21
9:00 am Bishop David's Lenten Series begins Online (each day)

21 February The First Sunday in Lent

10:00 am Morning Worship Broadcast
1 Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:9-15

24 February Wednesday

10:00 am Midweek Communion Broadcast
Jonah 3:1-10; Luke 11:29-32

28 February The Second Sunday in Lent*

10:00 am Morning Worship Broadcast
Romans 4:13-25; Mark 8:31-38
6:00 pm Compline *with Keith Shaw*

1 March: Revision of General Vestry Lists ends