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Dear Friends

It has been very exciting to see people's faces again as we gather in church. The mouth and nose may still be covered, but the eyes are alight with joy and pleasure to be back in one another's company at worship.

How easy it would be to let the opportunity to come together pass and allow the separation of our congregation into little bubbles, of one or two in homes scattered around the parishes, to be the norm! Let us ensure we take our place week by week in God's house to offer him our praise and thanksgiving. If you lack the confidence to do so then please say to the wardens and they will try to ensure you are seated near an escape route (!) via the front or back door. Most worshippers felt nervous the first week they came back too.

Living the Christian life involves various patterns of behaviour. As one of my favourite podcasters says: **Disciplines are for disciples**. If we are followers of Jesus then we need to follow in his ways. Here are some ways to help recover your sense of God's grace in your life. They come from Richard Foster's book: "A Celebration of Discipline"

1. The inward disciplines

Meditation Prayer Fasting Study

2. The outward disciplines (inward realities resulting in outward lifestyles)

Simplicity Solitude Submission Service

3. The corporate disciplines

Confession Worship Guidance Celebration

If I can confess it here, I am not a very good model of disciplined behaviour, but I do recognise each of these as being valuable in themselves. We complain at times about how we cannot sense God's presence or purpose for us, yet we neglect to meditate, pray, fast or study. We lament that our lives are out of control yet we leave no room in our complex weeks for simple quiet humble serving. We feel far apart from other believers, yet we do not gather to confess our sin and seek his Word, offer him praise or share in celebration.

You would almost think we do not want to be disciples. Yet We Do!

As May arrives let us make a determination that every week in May we will meet with one another for worship and teaching, seeking forgiveness from God and celebrating all we share as a church family.

Yours in Christ

Stephen

Magazine delivery

Do you like your Magazine - Emailed, Printed, or BOTH?

As the risks of distributing magazines reduce for distributors and readers, we hope to make more printed copies available. However, over 100 of our parishioner households receive a digital link each time magazines are printed to enable you/them to download them to your/their devices. We may **lose our magazine**, but we will probably **not lose our phones!**

This edition, MAY, will repeat the lockdown routine followed since February, but if you would like to change how you get the magazine, please let us know.

You can receive a **link free of charge** and with no (small) printing cost to us. You can receive a **posted copy** direct to your letter box, at extra cost to the parish, but free of charge to subscribers.

You can receive a **hand-delivered copy** to your door, at no cost to you. Or a **combination of email and printed version**.

The value of the email sign-up form is so that sudden changes in plans, such as if the church grounds are closed during road widening at Carryduff, or a cycle race taking place through Boardmills, we can rapidly give you notice.

There is no charge for the magazine. New local distributors may be needed; please let Stephen know if you would like to deliver a bundle of issues each month to your local area.

Please let us know if you would like to adapt your current means of reading this.

Golf Club Tribute

The Golf Society was greatly saddened by the news of the passing of their long-standing member and Past Captain, **Cecil Rutledge**. Cecil enjoyed his golf and the fellowship of the Society, and his cheery disposition and good humour will be greatly missed. His exploits with his putter were legendary and this helped him to win monthly outings at Downpatrick and Carnalea and numerous other prizes. He always treated his playing partners to a picnic at the 9th hole with shortbread and other goodies baked by his wife, Sadie, together with some liquid refreshment.

The members of the Society extend their deepest sympathy to Sadie and the family. A true gentleman has been called to higher service. If you would like to see some more photos of Cecil and his funeral service please go to i21.co/crutledge

Billy Clarke (Captain) Raymond Thompson (Secretary)

Mothers' Union

As many of you will have seen in the recent MU newsletter, June Butler is raising money for "Mums in May" by doing sponsored walks around Ireland. We, in Carryduff, would very much like to support this wonderful fundraiser by doing our own sponsored walk. Vera and I are planning a 10k walk for the evening of **Wednesday 12th May** leaving **Mothers UNION** St Ignatius' Church car park at 7pm sharp. We would love



to have some company so feel free to join us. The route is still to be confirmed - but I promise we'll try to avoid too many hills and we will make sure we adhere to all social distancing rules. We would appreciate any sponsorship / donations towards this very worthwhile cause.

We also thank those of you who have knitted tiny hats and coats for premature babies. We have had a great response and these items (pictured) will be delivered to the Ulster Hospital shortly. We will let you know when more are needed.

God bless and many thanks for your support.

Vera and Jenny



Resuming Activities

By the end of May we anticipate announcements being made, by government, that an increasing range of outdoor activities will be able to resume. The time between these announcements and their enactment makes a monthly magazine a poor place for detailed implications to be explored or mentioned.

Please use the various online news, using the Parish Website. Facebook and Twitter pages to stay up to date. By way of example, the midweek services had only 24 hours notice of resumption, but we had a decent attendance, as people attending managed to stay in touch from phones etc. in their own homes. It was also helped by those 'online' calling those who are 'not online', to let them know. Well done everyone!

Flower Festival 2022

We now hope to hold our postponed Carryduff Church Flower Festival in 2022.

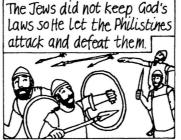
Many of the activities we have resumed during the last year have been tinged with uncertainty both due to scheduling and the lack of confidence as to the state of the nation's health when the day arrives. We want our Flower Festival to be filled with joy and excitement so we plan to put it on the calendar for late September 2022. While this may be a disappointment now, it should help the event itself to be all the more enjoyable.

It can be read in the Bible in Isamuel 4:1-10, 5:1-7:1

A short story from the Bible

God gave Moses two stone slabs with His laws for the Jews on them. They were kept in a special chest, the Ark, and carried with them





The Jews took the Ark into battle with them to make God help them win.

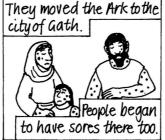
But the Philistines won. They took the Ark to their city of Ashdod and put it in the temple of their god Dagon.



They put it back up.















Scamwise

PSNI warn of fraudsters impersonating police officers

Detectives from PSNI's Economic Crime Unit are warning the public to be extremely vigilant, following multiple reports of criminals posing as police officers.

Police have recently received numerous reports from residents across Northern Ireland, stating that they have been contacted by people claiming to be officers asking them to withdraw money from their accounts and hand over bank cards, jewellery and other valuables.

Detective Inspector Joanne Harris, from the Economic Crime Unit, says: "Over recent days, we have seen an increase in the number of scams reported to us where fraudsters pose as police officers. Unfortunately, this has resulted in people losing large sums of money and valuables, with some people being told they need to leave money in an envelope outside their house to be collected.

"Victims have been asked about how much money they keep in their house, and are told not to let family members know that they had been contacted. One older person was accused of owing money, whilst another person was enticed to leave their house with a sum of money to meet a fraudster. Luckily, this person's suspicions were raised and she did not lose any money.

"I am urgently advising the public to be vigilant at all times and to be aware that police officers will never call you and ask for cash, bank details or questions about valuable possessions. Criminals are continuously coming up with advanced and sophisticated ways of targeting people, especially those who are more vulnerable or older.

"If you have older relatives or family members, please take time to share this information with them so they can be fully aware of this type of scam.

"Our message is simple, never ever disclose any personal or banking details to anyone over the phone or online, no matter where they say they are calling from or how convincing they may seem."

Protecting your personal information and banking details is extremely important. If you have received a call of this kind or if you are concerned by the intent of unsolicited calls, emails or letters, then please call police on the non-emergency number 101, make a report to Action Fraud via their website www.actionfraud.police.uk or by phoning 0300 123 2040.

For further advice and information visit www.nidirect.gov.uk/scamwiseni or the ScamwiseNI Facebook page @scamwiseni

The Church of Ireland, alongside other Churches, is supporting the Scamwise NI campaign and other initiatives to prevent and encourage the reporting of scams.

Easter Vestry Reports

For those unfamiliar with Church of Ireland life, our management structure in each parish consists of a pastoral leader, the rector, a governing body, the General (or Easter) Vestry, and an executive body, the Select Vestry.

The Select Vestry's responsibility includes acting as Trustees, for the time being, of parish property, and handling the finance of the parish for the good of the church, local and in the world.

Carryduff

Membership of the **Select Vestry at Carryduff** includes wardens and elected members. Those elected on 18th April were:

Church Wardens:

Rector's: Joan Clayton People's: Jennifer Montgomery

Glebewardens:

Rector's: Mark Rourke People's: David Nevin

Select Vestry Members

Francis Buchanan David Johnson George Buchanan Fiona Moore

Susan Creber Helen Montgomery Fiona Ellis Sandra Thomas Victoria Frazer Stephen Thompson

We congratulate those nominated and elected, wishing them God's guidance as they seek to serve our parish community.

Killaney

The Easter Vestry at Killaney took place on Sunday 18 April 2021 after a short morning service.

The following were nominated and elected to serve on the Select Vestry.

Church Wardens:

Rector's: David Gill People's: Florence Coulter

Glebewardens:

Rector's: Gary Crothers People's: Norman May

Select Vestry Members

Regis Calard Betty Green

Bill Connor Margaret Harrison
Raymond Coulter Colin McClintock
Lila Earney Brian McNeill
Johnny Gray Marie Mack

We thank all those who attended and supported the Easter Vestry this year, and wish their appointees well as they serve the parish.

Christian Aid Week

75 years



Climate change means climate catastrophe

For many of our fellow human beings on our planet, variations in climate doesn't mean slight changes in seasonal weather, but wholesale change in the ability of the environment to sustain human life. As stewards of God's earth, humanity is called to care for both the living creatures and the living environment. As supporters of Christian Aid, as many of us have been for some (if not most) of the 75 years in which CA has existed, we recognise the value of working with the environment to help sustain life.

Water Storage

In NI we can put a water butt against a wall and collect rain water which falls so regularly here; but such an option is unavailable for countries which have short sudden wet seasons and many months of dry weather. Hence the need for water storage which reflects a short rainy season.

This year some of our donations will, as always, be used for emergency relief, but much of them will be assigned to create more sustainable habitats for communities, as small locally based dams are built to capture water.

Visit www.christianaid.ie to find out how your gifts and prayers can help.

Envelopes will be available in our churches during May to help us donate.

Plan your own Bread & Soup Lunch

Perhaps you will do some personal fundraising, like having a Bread and Soup Lunch at home on Sunday $16^{\rm th}$ May.

Maybe you will get a Squash and Spend time on Saturday getting it ready?

Or perhaps you love tomato soup and noone makes it better than Heinz, or Lidl, or Covent Garden? Buy some in and make a taste of soda bread or a wheaten to eat with it. Whatever you do, take a picture of your home -based Bread and Soup Lunch and share it to our Facebook page!



Whatever money you saved on your Sunday Dinner, share that with Christian Aid using the envelopes available at church

We thank Danny Todd from Carryduff Presbyterian Church for his role in making Christian Aid week happen in our areas each year.

Website & Contacts

See service times, current news sheets, all magazines and recent news at:

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

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Next Edition

Please have content with the team by May 17th for our June Edition



The Impact of Bede

In the world of our present 21st.Century it is quite unlikely that an 8th.Century Anglo-Saxon monk would be a subject of everyday conversation. I am thinking here of St. Bede, frequently referred to as The Venerable Bede (673-735 AD), whose feast day falls on 27 May. Why, you might wonder, should we celebrate this apparently obscure medieval figure?

In brief, Bede was an extremely gifted scholar who began a cloistered life in boyhood at the monastery of St. Peter in Wearmouth (in Northumbria), later moving to the nearby monastery of St. Paul in Jarrow where he remained for the rest of his life.

He became the most enlightened scholar of his time, both writing and translating over forty books - several of them about nature, astronomy and poetry- but also including a wealth of biblical commentaries. In fact his most distinguished writings were on theology, and he thus contributed much to the spread of the message of the Christian faith in the English language.

It is most significant that he translated many Greek and Latin texts into the (Anglo Saxon) English language of his time, thereby making them widely accessible, both throughout England and in several centres across Europe where Anglo Saxon monks had established monastic settlements. Even at the time of his death he was working on an English translation of St. John's version of the gospel.

His most famous work, however, was his "Ecclesiastical History of the English People" which he completed in 731 AD and which became widely distributed across Western Europe. The popularity of this text had a significant impact on the means to best record the dates of local historical events including the reigns of English kings – and there was much more to come.

The dating system in general use in Europe in Bede's time related to the calendar of the Roman Empire. How about this, taken from a letter: "....given on the Ides of May in the third year of our most august Lord, Leo (i.e. Pope Leo)"? – not very helpful if you are writing about local English history.

Bede was to change all that. In effect, a 6th. Century church scholar (Dionysius Exiguus) had quietly proposed a concept of calculation of dates derived from an assumed time of the birth and crucifixion of Christ. Bede

seized on this idea and decided to give all dates in his "Ecclesiastical History......" as from "the year of our Lord" i.e. Anno Domini (AD).

It was the subsequent widespread distribution of his "Ecclesiastical History......" that popularised this view, which then became firmly established across Western Europe within a century of Bede's death.

Recently the contemporary medieval historian Geoffrey Hindley wrote: "The fact that today's international dating system, the Common Era, is the Christian era calculated from the supposed date of Christ's birth, is largely due to Bede." This is Bede's lasting memorial.

On a lighter note, however, the "Bede Metro Station" on the Tyne and Weir light rail network is named in local recognition of Bede's creative genius.

Denis Carson

Pentecost

The celebration of Pentecost this month could be described as a birthday party for the Church, as we remember the gift of the Holy Spirit to the first disciples (Acts 2:1-13). What are we celebrating?

God's Promise: The disciples obeyed Jesus' instructions as they gathered in the Upper Room: 'Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised' (1:4). They met expectantly in prayer for God's promised gift. Just as we look forward to birthday presents, how eager are we to receive more of the Spirit in our lives?

God's Power: 'All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit' (4). The disciples needed the power of the Spirit to be different: not fearfully gathered behind locked doors, but energised to make Christ known. The Spirit can transform our lives into the likeness of Jesus and give gifts to equip our witness. Although the disciples' experience of this power was overwhelming, it was essentially an encounter with God's love. For us, this can be equally emotional or quiet, but all are included, and nobody is excluded from this experience.

God's Purpose: The disciples 'began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.' (4). The Spirit empowered their witness, so that everyone heard them speaking in their own 'native language' (lit: dialect, v8). We all have a story to tell of God's activity in our lives and it's the Spirit who translates our words and actions into a language that those around can understand! At Pentecost, 3,000 people were added to the church in one day! What do we expect of the Spirit in our day?

'Let the Church return to Pentecost, and Pentecost will return to her. The Spirit of God cannot take possession of believers beyond their capacity of receiving Him' (Andrew Murray).

Joy

It is true: Everyone wants to be happy!

The dictionary says happy is "a feeling or showing of pleasure" and who wouldn't want that? But happiness depends on circumstances or events. People look for happiness in all sorts of things and all sorts of ways.

Some seek "more money" to make them happy, or say "If I had a new house, or a new car, I'd be happy". For others happiness is found in going out and getting tipsy. But this sort of happiness **does not last!** It is **Joy** that everyone really needs!

Now, I hear you all say, "What's the difference?" Well, while the dictionary says that joy too is pleasure, the same way happiness is, the joy I am referring to is the joy which does not depend on circumstances or what's happening within us or around us. It is from within and it lasts for ever.

The joy I am talking about is the **Joy of the Lord**.

I want to share some songs and verses to help us understand the meaning of joy: I have many more to share than space allows.

Joy, joy, joy with joy my heart is ringing.
Joy, joy, joy his love to me is known.
My sins are all forgiven, I'm on my way to heaven.
My heart is bubbling over with that joy, joy, joy.
It's the joy of salvation. It's the joy of sins forgiven.
There is strength and power in the joy of the Lord.

There's another old chorus with the following words, still sung today:-

I've got the joy, joy, joy - down in my heart
I've got the peace that passes understanding - down in my heart.

Nehemiah 8:10 says

"Go and enjoy choice food and sweet drinks and send to those who have nothing. This day is sacred to our Lord, do not grieve for the joy of the Lord is your strength".

Isaiah 40:29 reminds the weary

"He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak".

Romans 15:13 tells us there is peace in the joy of the Lord.

"May the God of hope fill you with joy and peace as you trust in Him."

Isaiah 55:12 promises God's people

"You shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace...."

In Philippians 4: 7 we read of "the peace which passes all understanding", an inner calmness promised to believers based on the confidence that God is able to do whatever is best for us - a peace which guards our hearts & minds.

Philippians 1:21 promises us there is the promise of eternal life in the joy of the Lord.

"For me to live is Christ, to die is gain"

And the best is yet to be! A home in heaven for all eternity: in Revelation 21:1-4 John describes heaven:

"Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the Holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and God himself will be with them and be their God". He will wipe away every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away".

Read it again for yourself.

What a wonderful picture, "a home with almighty God for all eternity!" That should make our hearts leap with joy.

Spending time in God's presence - reading His word, and praising God - will give us strength in the Joy of the Lord. Rest in God's promise of peace in the joy of the Lord.

The joy of the Lord will make you happy but happiness will not give you the joy of the Lord! Only trusting Jesus can do that.

Tanya

J Club Kids & J Club Plus

Once again the J Club team took to the roads to deliver over 100 Easter Eggs to all our J Club households. While doing so they handed out a number of Easter Eggs to some members of both our amazing congregations.

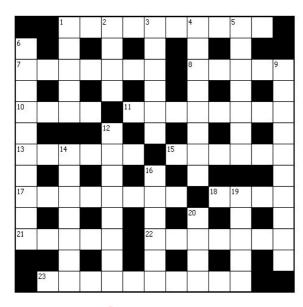


We simply wanted to remind EVERYONE of Christ's resurrection, love and hope as we look forward together to better times ahead.

Let's be kind to one another and rejoice in having Jesus in our lives. Let's celebrate the risen Jesus!!!

We are still waiting for word from the Diocese confirming when we can reopen our organisation for meeting in person. Subject to regulations and guidance, we hope to return in late May or, perhaps, early June.

Updates will be sent to each family by text and the J Club Facebook page.



Crossword

Across

1 Sense of right and wrong (1 Corinthians 8:7) (10)

7 Coming (John 11:17) (7)

8 'All I have is — , and all you have is mine' (John 17:10) (5)

10 Smarten (Acts 9:34) (4)

11 Hold back (Job 9:13) (8)

13 Member of the Society of Friends (6)

15 At ague (anag.) (6)

17 Citizen of the Greek capital (8)

18 So be it (Galatians 6:18) (4)

21 Twentieth-century poet and dramatist who wrote *Murder in the Cathedral*, T.S. — (5)

22 Empowers (Philippians 3:21) (7)

23 Imposing (1 Samuel 9:2) (10)

Down

1 Healed (Luke 7:21) (5)

2 Central space in a church (4)

3 Co-founder of Spring Harvest and General Secretary of the Evangelical Alliance 1983-97, Clive — (6) 4 Moses killed one when he saw him beating a Hebrew labourer (Exodus 2:12) (8) **5** Bravery (Acts 4:13) (7) 6 It interrupted Paul and Silas singing hymns in a Philippian jail (Acts 16:26) (10) 9 Transgression (Psalm 36:1) (10) 12 Irish province in which Dublin is situated (8) **14** Same hit (anag.) (7) 16 'The Spirit of God was hovering over the -' (Genesis 1:2) (6) **19** Author of the immortal stories of Winnie the Pooh, A.A. -(5)**20** Cab (4)

Answers on page 19

Finding

The shin bone is a device for finding furniture in the dark.

The puppies

A client brought a litter of Golden Retriever puppies to the local veterinary clinic for inoculations and worming. As the look-alike pups tumbled over and under one another in their box, the experienced vet realised it would be difficult to tell which had been treated and which hadn't. So, the vet turned on the water tap, wet her fingers and gently moistened each dog's head as she finished giving it the necessary shots.

After the fourth puppy, the vet noticed her hitherto talkative client had grown silent and was looking rather reverent. As the animal doctor sprinkled the last pup's head, the owner leaned forward and whispered, "Thank you so much. I hadn't realised you baptised them, too."

True love?

I was officiating at a wedding and during the preparations the bride and groom wanted to have two turtledoves on the altar as a symbol of their forever love. I politely said no birds or animals.

They hid the birds in a back room, anyway. Immediately after the service they went outside, each of them with a bird in its cage. They opened the cages in unison. One bird flew out and made a hard right turn. The other flew out and made a hard left turn.

We all stood there watching the symbols of their forever love fly off in opposite directions.

A true story from the Revd Mark Martin



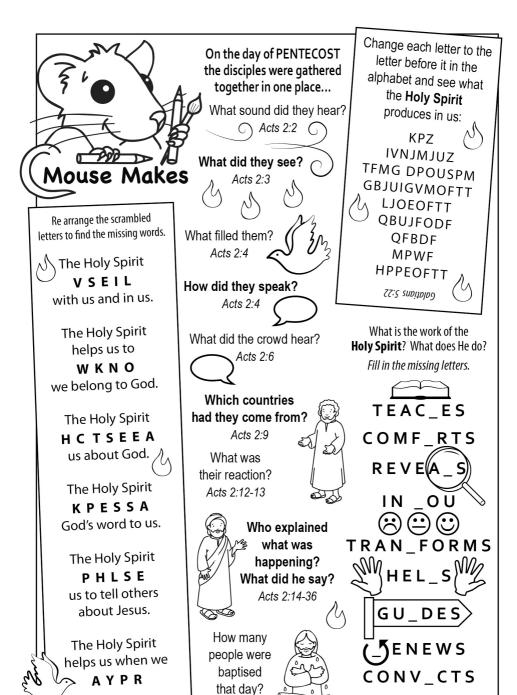
"After a year of working from home, Anthony will seize any opportunity to put on a suit"

Gift?

I asked my mother if I was a gifted child. She said I must be, because they certainly wouldn't have paid for me.

Chicken run

Idealistic politician: "I dream of a better tomorrow where chickens can cross the road and not have their motives questioned."



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Acts 2:41

SANC IFIES

Registers

Holy Matrimony

26th March Fiona Anne Jewhurst and Bryan James Chew

God is love, and those who live in love, live in God

Christian Funerals

27th March Frederick William May, Saintfield Road, Ballynahinch

2nd April Ronald James Knox, Drennan Road, Boardmills9th April Herbert Cecil Rutledge, Manse Road, Carryduff

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

In Memoriam

Frederick William May

Family and friends in the limited permitted numbers joined in thanking God for the life of Fred May on 27th March. Fred is survived by his brother Jack, his wife Betty, sons Ronald, John and Norman, and 7 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren, to whom we extend our sympathies.

We recalled how he had worked as an engineer at Short Brothers, and served in the army as a Technical Instructor, and later as Range Officer at Ballykinler.

His was a life of hard work and faithful service for the good of his family and community. He remained a faithful supporter, with his wife, of the Poppy Appeal. He loved sport, especially rugby, and motorsports in whatever format. To see the excitement and pleasure of a man, while in his eighties, who was still interested in flight and aircraft as he spoke of his career, was a blessing and inspiration.

Fred first took a deep interest in church life as an adult when he moved to his home near St. Andrew's, Killaney, and it was our privilege to have him as a friend and parishioner as he shared his smile with all of us.

Ronald James Knox

The death of Ronnie Knox brought all who knew him great sorrow. His funeral service took place on Good Friday in St. Andrew's, Killaney and was attended by the numbers permitted under current regulations.

Ronnie worked in shop management in Saintfield and Bangor, and later with insurance companies before becoming an advanced driving instructor in the last twenty years. His love of reading, the natural environment and his family brought him great joy in his life. He became a very regular member of the congregation at St Andrew's in recent years and was in attendance, as usual, the day before his untimely death.

Whether we think of him as a genial and polite gentleman, an Irish Gearbox Cart-racing Champion, a skilled DJ in his youth, or as a wonderful husband and friend, the world we share will be the poorer for his absence from us. We extend our sympathy to Jennifer and Ruth and his family circle.

Herbert Cecil Rutledge

The limited numbers able to attend Cecil Rutledge's funeral service belied the high esteem in which this founder member of the parish was held. He was the most welcoming and encouraging of people and lived over 90 years in good health and active living which inspired all who knew him. His energy and vitality were a joy to experience, and all accompanied and motivated by a lively and dedicated faith in Jesus Christ.

Cecil went to Rosetta Primary School and later to Belfast Tech, but his real love was horses and he took every opportunity to follow his passion by visiting and living with his grandfather in Glengormley. He married Sadie Lovell in March 1954 and they lived all their married life in Carryduff. They marked their 67th wedding anniversary just a few weeks ago.

Cecil was a capable horse rider and was very proud of having won one race, in particular, at the Royal, the racecourse at the Maze, where his much younger fellow competitors had dismissed the 'old man' as they chose, foolishly, to call him!

Cecil trained and bred horses for many years and then established Carryduff Sawmill as the opportunity arose.

A serious injury last year led to paralysis and he moved from hospital, to his Mournes homestead, to Seapatrick Nursing Home as he faced his setback with courage. The family supported him and, as always, pulled together. This was to follow the example Cecil set, all in obedience to his God whom he sought to serve with humility and trust.

Cecil's faith was expressed in his love of his dear wife and family, his love of worship at church every week, and his devotion to the ten commandments which guided his life.



Lesson Readers

Sunday	Carryduff	Killaney
2 May	Marlene Moore	Betty Green
9 May	Sandra Thomas	Jane Todd
16 May	George Buchanan	David Gill
23 May	David Patterson	Florence Coulter
30 May	Fiona Ellis	Norman May

Vestry Meetings

Carryduff Vestry is scheduled to meet on Monday 10th May at 7:30 pm Killaney Vestry is scheduled to meet on Tuesday 11th May at 7:30 pm

Have you ever laughed at a joke you did not understand?

Then you are not alone. It seems that two thirds of us have laughed at jokes we did not 'get', simply because we wanted to fit in with our friends at the time.

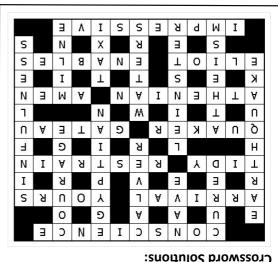
And more than half of us have actually gone on to repeat jokes with punchlines which we don't ourselves understand. More than half of us have even researched a joke in order to try and figure out what was supposed to be so funny about it.

In research done by a British neuroscientist, it was found that humour that relies on puns or more obscure concepts is the most likely to confuse audiences. While laughter is universal, humour is very subjective. People all over the world laugh, but what they find to be funny varies widely, depending on culture, context and language.

During the research, it was found that two of the most misunderstood jokes are:

Some Omega-3 vitamins fell on my head when I opened the cupboard. I got super fish oil injuries.

What does a dyslexic, agnostic insomniac do at night? He stays up wondering if there really is a doa.



Service Calendar for May

The following calendar assumes that churches will be continue to be open for in-person worship in the coming months.

Any changes to the pattern below will be indicated on the church website. This will also be announced by email and on Facebook.

10:00 services will DV be held in Carryduff, 12:00 services in Killaney.

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28 April	Wednesday	
10:00	Midweek Communion	
8:00	Prayer Zoom	
2 May	The Fifth Sunday of Easter	(White)
10 + 12	Parish Communion	
	1 John 4:7-21 John 15:1-8	
5th May	Wednesday	
10:00	Midweek Communion	
	Acts 15:1-6 John 15:1-8	
9th May	The Sixth Sunday of Easter	(White)
10 + 12	Morning Worship	
	1 John 5:1-6 John 15:9-17	
12th May	Wednesday (Eve of the Ascension Day)	
10:00	Midweek Communion	
	Acts 1:1-11 Luke 24:44-53	
8:00	Prayer Zoom	
16th May	The Sunday after the Ascension Day	(White)
10 + 12	Morning Worship followed by Bread & Soup at yo	<i>ur</i> home!
	1 John 5:9-13 John 17:6-19	
19th May	Wednesday	
10:00	Midweek Communion	
	Acts 20:28-38 John 17:11-19	
23rd May	The Day of Pentecost	(Red)
10 + 12	Parish Communion	
	Acts 2:1-7,14-21 John 20:19-23	
26th May	Wednesday	
10:00	Midweek Communion	
	James 4:13-17 Mark 10:32-45	
8:00	Prayer Zoom	
30th May	Trinity Sunday	(White)
10 + 12	Morning Worship	
	Romans 8:12-17 John 3:1-17	