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Dear Friends

Two things: Why I don't have a stone "Buddha" as a garden ornament, but first this:



It has become the experience of nations the world over to lurch from one crisis to the next

- as presidents come and, with a bit of encouragement, go,
- as health scares dominate the headlines to the exclusion of all else,
- as political intrigue and change undermines our confidence in the way forward for our own land, and
- as limits of freedoms, especially the freedom to express opinion and belief in the public space are first of all asserted then diminished at lightning speed.

We can choose how to deal with these ongoing crises: some of you will have already stopped reading this letter as you simply do not want to think about them! Many of you will feel the dark cloud of despair overwhelming you with every avidly watched news report. Most of us are somewhere in between, perhaps fluctuating between having TV news channels on for a few hours, then turning to soap-land for some respite, or, maybe, simply taking regular breaks from news and media altogether.

One thing is sure, it is not good for our health or the health *of the nation*, for us to ignore world events completely, nor good for *our health* to be consumed by them.

I have been "sucked in" to the news cycle more in the last year than is usual for me. The crazy world of American politics is partially to blame, but the tendency began with the daily updates from No 10 last spring. Did you find that terrifyingly addictive too?

My own reading, listening and viewing tastes change routinely, but usually, it is as a result of some level of choice.

- As I write I have just cancelled a subscription to one newspaper, not because it is bad or worthless or tawdry (it is none of those things) but because it is one outlet too much!
- I used to routinely listen to the BBC's 24-hour news radio channel, and have now learnt to listen for part of e.g. the car journey and then stop. Again I still enjoy it but I do not need to hear the same headlines more than once.
- Two new news channels are appearing on screens of late. Both claim to be less left-wing than the others, though not, I think describing themselves as right-wing, more as "people who see things the way" viewers do, letting "their voices be heard" (between the advertising).

Some careful selection of media will need to be made in this regard.

Every media outlet seems to have an outlook that, though we are unaware of it, can subtly change our understanding of the world. Whether it is a government-sponsored channel from a major world power or a front for a company that wants to sell us stuff we do not really need, they push a view of materialism, or capitalism, or even religious views, which quietly enter our consciousness.

The world of media entertainment too can corrupt our views of morality, and often deliberately does this, to the point that it can be difficult to watch any programmes without having long-held views blatantly challenged as being out of date and wrong.

We need to be careful to place some distance between ourselves with our Christian outlook, and the media which wants to suggest there is no moral code beyond "it feels good".

So what has all that to do with a garden ornament? Here is how our (inner) conversation might go:

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That wee Buddha would look well in our garden, why don't we get one?

Oh yes; and since he likes it out there, I will maybe buy a golden one for the living room.

Maybe we could get a nice table for our 'golden man' and put some of those nice prayer chimes they use in Malaysia to create a nice atmosphere when the windows are open.

Let's put your grandfather's ashes on the table and we can pray for him along with our wind chimes and the plump golden man: it would be like a Shinto shrine!

”

We will put some of his favourite sweets there on his birthday . . sure it does no harm.

Creeping syncretism (the absorbing of a mixture of religious ideas) which abandons pure Christianity is only a purchase away, or a media choice away. It is so easy. But **not** so harmless.

Let us reflect daily on the ways that our Christian perspective is being challenged or misdirected by the media we consume (and love!), so that we are more consistent witnesses and more loving people, as Christ would have us be.

Stephen

To belittle is to be little. - Anon

Life has many choices. Eternity has two. What's yours? - Anon

Can't sleep? Count your blessings. - Anon

Forbidden fruit creates many jams. - Anon

Summer Services

Safety

It has been wonderful to see numbers at worship on “ordinary” Sundays reach our safe capacities during June. As the quiet summer season starts and regular attendances routinely drop a little, we will probably be able to keep services open to whoever comes. Your safety is a great concern so we will continue to direct you to seats in the church that are a suitable distance from the nearest neighbours. We have found it very helpful to seat people together who have already established a close bubble, as this releases space for others. Please arrive with your bubble (or wait in the cars) to enter together, as this helps to maximise safe space.

The provision in June of an occasional early communion at 8:30 am in St Ignatius’ has also helped our attendances.

As the ability to enjoy the holiday season remains a little uncertain please refer to the online service calendar to confirm what is happening “this” Sunday. The printed version forms a secure basis for your plans but an early communion may become said morning prayer, if holiday opportunities change.

Holy Communion

Holy Communion services since March have changed in terms both of movement and participation. At midweek services the minister delivers the bread (in the form of a wafer) into the hands of the congregations who remain seated. congregations’ hands in their seats.

During Sunday Services, the congregation, maintaining a safe distance from one another, comes to the front to receive the bread, before carefully returning to their seats, under the direction of the wardens.

The elements

A wafer involves much less handling than soft bread - which needs slicing and separating by hand - and although not everyone is equally happy with this, it seems like a suitable way forward for now. Other parishes appear to have been using various means of distributing wine in separate plastic cups or distributing juice in prepacked portions, but we await guidance on the way forward before possibly utilising either of these means. Current guidance says not to share the cup.

Music

With our return to worship last summer we began experimenting with listening to and quietly singing hymns during worship. The familiarity of the hymns has been an aid to worship and helped create a sense of collective worship, which is more effective than the drive-in services were able to provide. We thank all who provided music during lockdown months and, more recently, during in-church services. We hope to continue this.

Broadcast

A committee of the vestry in Carryduff is looking at ways in which we can continue to make suitable services available for online participation. We will try to continue the FaceBook live Sunday broadcasts, where the volunteers, facility and equipment are available.

Daily Online Worship

Stephen's daily post on Facebook and, occasionally, YouTube, will have come to a close at the end of June, although occasional posts will still be made available. This will enable him to have some sort of break from this daily task over the summer as he prepares for a busy autumn.

Sunday School - Carryduff

We welcomed back our children to Sunday School at the start of June and thank parents and children alike for responding so willingly to the invitation to return. As the children were sitting in the choir stalls, this gave the rest of the congregation great encouragement. We thank our helpers and teachers who offered their help so willingly. We didn't need to ask!

Some possible summer activities will be announced online, including one or two Sunday morning walks after the children's spot at worship!

Confirmation

A number of young people expressed interest in being confirmed when asked earlier in the year. We propose to hold classes **on line** from Monday 28 June at 7.00 pm. For more information [click here](#). Details will be discussed.

Smile Lines:

Holiday:

1 an all-expense tour.

2 something you take when you can't take what you've been taking any longer.

The older you get, the tougher it is to lose weight before you appear in a swimsuit, because by then your body and your fat are really good friends.

The real art of conversation is not only to say the right thing at the right time, but also to leave unsaid the wrong thing at the tempting moment.

Ever notice that the people who are late are often much jollier than the people who have had to wait for them?

How long a minute is depends on what side of the bathroom door you're on

Killaney News

Rosters

Flowers:

JULY

Jennifer Knox

AUGUST

Lynn McNeill

Cleaning:

JULY

Anne Mannis, Alison Gray

AUGUST

Betty Green, Eileen Earney



News

- Welcome home to Johnny Gray. Johnny has been in hospital for over six months and it is great news he is back home to Alison. We pray he will soon make a full recovery and look forward to seeing him at St Andrew's. Wishing Johnny God's Blessing.
- We look forward to normality returning to St Andrew's. Who knows when we will be back to normality? Will it be in September? Imagine . . . Church services, a cup of tea in the hall and chatting to each other without a mask! Here's hoping.
- Enjoy the summer sunshine.
- Please remember the Food Larder on the first Sunday of each month.

Sunday School - Killaney

We hope to begin our Sunday School at Killaney in September. Volunteers to assist on a rota, with one or two to take a more leading role would be much appreciated. One of the advantages of services being online is that teachers - who must miss out on part of the service - are able to catch up at home afterwards.

Please speak to Stephen or the churchwardens to begin the process of assembling a team, with you as an important part.

SMILE AND THE WORLD'S A HAPPIER PLACE

SPORTSMANLIKE

During a game, the coach asked one of his young players: "Do you understand what co-operation is? What a team is?" The little boy nodded yes.

"Do you understand that what matters is winning together as a team?" The little boy nodded yes. "So," the coach continued, "when a foul is called, or you are sent off, you don't argue or curse or attack the referee. Do you understand all that?" Again, the boy nodded yes.

"Good," said the coach. "Now go over there and explain it to your mother."



Mothers' Union

Our branch members have been serving with sacrifice and kindness over the long months of COVID and we thank you all for your support. While most of our service has been in the confines of our own homes and families, it is just one part of God's call on each of our lives.

Wouldn't it be wonderful to get together again!

Vera and I would like to invite you to join us for a socially distanced **picnic** in the grounds of the Church (followed by a walk for those feeling energetic) on **Wednesday 7th July at 7pm**. In order to keep us all as safe as possible we would ask you to bring your own picnic. Weather permitting we will sit outside- if not we can use the Church Hall (please bring and wear a mask).



Please let me know if you plan to attend. My mobile number is 07850933365
Blessings to you all. Jenny



Guiding

Girlguiding in St Ignatius'

What a 14 months in Guiding it has been! The girls in Rainbows, Brownies and Guides last met in March 2020 and have not seen each other in person since. However, Guiding has kept going in a variety of ways – through the delivery of activity packs, regular emails and Zoom meetings – it's amazing how fun a Scavenger hunt can be in the house! We thank all the girls who have been involved over the last year and we thank the parents for working with us – be it working through the activity packs with the girls or setting up Zoom meetings on laptops and iPads. We have even seen some former Brownies on-screen getting involved now as mums!

We really hope we will be able to meet up in person in September. We will be in touch to let the girls know what is happening as soon as we can.

If you are interested in your child getting involved in Rainbows (4-6 year-olds), Brownies (7-10 year-olds) or Guides (11-14 year-olds) for the first time, please get in touch with Fiona Ellis on 07852334049 and your name and number will be passed on to the relevant leader.

Have a lovely summer. Hope to see the girls back very soon.

Joyce, Fiona, Mary and Jen.

Golf Society Anniversary

Former rector John Auchmuty and the Society's founding rector Raymond Fox joined with the current president in a celebration at Balmoral Golf Club to mark the 25th Anniversary of St Ignatius' Golf Society.

The event was held on Thursday 17th June following our Captain's Day outing at Balmoral. An anniversary meal and greetings from former members and clergy were received with thanks by the current crop of members under their Captain, Billy Clarke and Secretary, Ray Thompson. As regulations about the use of restaurants have recently been relaxed it was good to share time and companionship with one another after a good day's golf on the excellently manicured course. It was 25 years since the first outing of St Ignatius' Golf Society took place. The Society was a spin-off of the Men's Forum which existed at that time.

A cake in honour of the occasion was cut by the current captain, Billy Clarke and the founding captain Joe O'Connor, who both addressed the well-fed golfers after the meal.



Following

A young mother writes: It is always busy in our home, as we have four young children running about. But one particular Sunday afternoon, James, my four-year-old kept following me about very closely. He was on my heels every time I turned around, and after nearly falling over him several times, I lost patience. 'Whatever is the matter with you?' I demanded. 'Why don't you go and play?'

He looked up at me and said: 'This morning at church the teacher told us that we should walk in Jesus' footsteps. But I can't see Him, so I am walking in yours instead.' I gathered up my young son and felt tears in my eyes. I thanked God for this lesson I will never forget – about the value of being a living example to our young ones."

Wise words...

If you have half a mind to turn on television, it is all you will need for many programmes. - M De Haan

A closed mouth gathers no foot. - Anon

It is what you do when you have nothing to do that reveals what you are.

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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 August 4th for our September Edition

2021 Summer National Events

Summer Madness

The SM Board has recently taken the decision to plan for a DAY EVENT style of Summer Madness this year. We are excited and hopeful that we will be able to host a non-residential programme on July 2nd / 3rd / 4th at the Ulster University in Coleraine!

It may be a slightly stripped back programme, it may be mostly outdoors – and it may seem a little bit crazy! BUT we are determined to offer young people opportunities to celebrate God's goodness and share His love and compassion for each of us. To get this organised we are travelling light and fast! So go to the SM App for more details and regular updates: www.madapps.uk/sm/app (then save it to your homescreen) or better still, download the App from your App store!

For elderly people (and anyone over 40) the youngsters know what all the above stuff means: let's leave them to it and wish them God's blessing. <https://www.summermadness.co.uk>

Keswick at Portstewart

Like many summer events, Keswick at Portstewart is a virtual event this year with evening talks available online.

The speaker is Ray Ortland from the USA, who is President of Renewal Ministries. His theme is Rebuilding Healthy Churches. Worship will be led by Ian Hannah.

You can watch live at 7:30 each evening from Sunday 11th to 15th July. Visit keswickatportstewart.org to find out more, or search for "Keswick Portstewart" on YouTube.

New Horizon: People of Peace

SEEKING IT | KNOWING IT | MAKING IT

If you can visit <https://newhorizon.org.uk/> then you will be able to find out details of this year's online New Horizon event. It runs from 9-13 August 2021 and is entitled: People of Peace

Chris Wright, Amy Summerfield and Malcolm Duncan are the speakers, each well known and respected in their ministries. Although we cannot meet in the Big Blue Tent, and so our very own local coffee maker cannot serve you coffee during the breaks, this event often contains moments of inspiration and insight which can help our spiritual journeys fathom new depths and rise to new heights.

Events will be streamed, we think, on YouTube at www.youtube.com/user/newhorizonNI



Greetings

When, by chance, you see someone you know it's quite likely that you might offer some simple greeting like "hello" or "hi there, how are you?" It's all very chatty and friendly, and often you might include some gentle expression of just how much you value such relationships and close friendships.

In everyday life people tend to talk a great deal about relationships. It is also a constant feature of much that we see on television and through our ever increasing use of modern technology. This, of course, is rather more remote than meeting someone face to face. It often may even involve contact with people we do not know or rarely see. I sometimes wonder just how much we care or how sincere we really are in these more casual contacts with other people.

All this brings to mind the nature of the greetings with which the apostle Paul begins all his letters. The opening verses of his letter to the Galatians, for example, includes the thoughtful greeting "Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ." He uses the same or very similar words at the start of all his letters to the emerging church communities and in his more personal letters to Timothy, Titus and Philemon.

It seems to me that these gracious words suggest a genuine level of interest in the well being of those to whom he is writing. There is much more to it than merely saying "hello". Somehow I envisage a greater level of concern. He cares deeply about these people.

All this, in turn, prompts me to recall a long standing Celtic tradition of close concern for the people you meet. In that tradition, and especially in the Gaelic language, there is an element of the sacred in the way you might approach another person. There is no equivalent in the Gaelic language to the word "hello". In effect the way you might encounter another person – even someone you don't know – is through blessing. Instead of "hello" you might say "Dia dhuit" i.e. God be with you. Then, on parting, instead of simply saying "goodbye" you might say something like "go gcoinne Dia thu" i.e. May God keep you.

In other words the whole encounter is framed at beginning and end with blessing. This, I would suggest, represents a recognition that the divine is present in the person you have just met – maybe even that the hand of that person is in the hand of God. That, in turn, is not unlike the concluding words of, for example, Paul's letter to the Ephesians, where he writes "Grace to all who love our Lord Jesus Christ with an undying love." (Ephesians 6. v 24).

Denis Carson

Summer Promenades

The long summer evenings are upon us and things begin to get quiet with parishioners taking well earned holidays. There are still plenty of us at home and as Church activities are curtailed we felt it might be a good idea if those of us who are around over the summer got together occasionally to go for a walk. Some of us might be less fit than others so we think we should start off gently and meet once a fortnight to walk for around an hour. The important thing is to keep in touch and have plenty of chat.



We'll meet at 7.00 pm and each of us can walk as far as it suits: don't be put off by thinking it will be too challenging for you, and remember, there's no such a thing as poor weather, only the wrong clothes!

Preliminary proposals for the walks are shown below but these can change if anyone has a better idea. Come when and if you can. We hope many of you will think this is a good idea and will join us.

To get things going we suggest that we should meet in the **carpark at the bottom of Newforge Lane beside the Lagan at 7.00pm on Tuesday 6th July** and we can walk through the Park and down the towpath so far as we are inclined!

Ideas to: johnandjackiemulholland@gmail.com

6 July 2021

Through Clement Wilson Park to Lagan

Meet at Towpath Carpark at bottom of Newforge Lane 7 pm

20 July 2021

Lady Dixon Park. Meet at Lower carpark, Lady Dixon 7 pm

03 August 2021

Stranmillis towards Shaw's Bridge Meet at Carpark at Belfast Boat Club 7 pm

17 August 2021

Stormont Estate Adventure Trail.

Meet at Carpark on the left after the main entrance by play area 7 pm

24 August 2021

Billy Neil MBE Country Park.

Meet at Carpark at entrance to park (closes at 8.30 pm) 7 pm

31 August 2021

Drumbeg towards Shaw's Bridge.

Meet at Carpark opposite Drumbeg Church 7.00 pm

Education: Chaos or Crisis?

Stephen writes

It is a long time since my children were facing the huge mountain of uncertainty which P6 and P7 brought to their lives. The focus on one style of education to satisfy the various demands of 11-plus exams, to the detriment of a joyful, rich and varied educational experience for children at that age, has been a necessary but unfortunate experience of virtually all who are reading this.

The débâcle this year of whether the various tests were, or were not, going to take place, followed by the removal of any reference to attainment in the admissions criteria of secondary schools, has left families and 11-year-old children bewildered. After two years of a very challenging educational experience, both at home and in school bubbles, this was chaos dissolving into crisis.

Throughout the pandemic, most parents have spoken to me of their admiration of the class teachers and schools management during the crisis. I have no complaints. However, a system that gives children of 11, with just a few weeks (if that) of P7 left to sort out which friends will be going to their new school with them, seems cruel. I hope and pray that the powers that be will get over themselves and make decisions that will give next year's P7 confidence, plenty of warning, and adequate provision for their secondary school experience.

We all stand amazed at how wonderfully these young people have been able to adapt to these difficult years, but we pray their successors will not, ever again, have such added burdens placed upon their young shoulders. ever again.

Help our children cope

Research has found that **one in six** children aged 5 to 16 in England reported a probable mental health disorder last year – up from **one in nine** in 2017.

Anxiety and depression have escalated beyond anything seen before in the NHS. And so, the NHS plans to have 400 mental health support teams working across 3,000 schools in England, offering support to almost three million pupils by 2023.

Sir Simon Stevens, chief executive of the NHS, said: "Coronavirus has taken its toll on us all, not least children who have been stuck at home unable to see their friends and without the routine of school life." It had been for many, he said, "a year of turmoil."

What about NI?



Christian Aid Week- A Big Thank You

A total of over £3000 was collected in the Carryduff area in Christian Aid Week. This was a very generous response considering that a door-to-door collection was not possible this year because of the Covid-19 pandemic. We would like to say a "Big Thank You" to all who made donations and returned their envelopes to our churches and to the Carryduff Pharmacy. As always, your donations will be used by Christian Aid to help families facing poverty and injustice around the world. A major focus of the funds raised this year is to alleviate problems caused by drought and the climate crisis.

Over £700 was raised for Christian Aid by Carryduff and Killaney churches, when they held Bread and Soup lunches in the various homes of parishioners to mark Christian Aid Week.

Danny Todd



Road Works continue

The widening of the roads adjacent to St Ignatius' Church continues apace. Increasing the southbound route to three lanes is designed to prevent the build up of the long queue which stretches back to the roundabout each evening. The proposed middle lane is purely dedicated to traffic heading to Downpatrick, while the left lane includes an option to go left, onto the Comber Road, and the right lane for right turns only, onto Church Road. The southbound side of the A7 beyond the traffic lights will have two lanes at first before merging into one.

Complete junction closures will happen occasionally at weekends. We will try to notify you on the church website when this is so, but the company is attempting to suspend works during the times of service, if possible.

The church boundary wall will be replaced in the coming months when adequate supporting works have been done to allow the left lane to bear traffic. This is all due to the size of the wonderful new development at Baronsgrange. We look forward to welcoming new residents to our church, our halls, and local schools, as they continue to arrive. Make them welcome, please.



Saints Day: 30 July

William Wilberforce, Olaudah Equiano & Thomas Clarkson

During the 18th century many people in these islands were involved in the campaign to abolish the slave trade. **Thomas Clarkson** (1760-1846) was an Anglican clergyman and one of the most prominent of the anti-slavery campaigners. In 1787 he helped form the first Abolitionist Committee, and his energy and hatred of injustice made him a 'moral steam-engine'. He travelled hundreds of miles, gathering evidence from people caught up in the slave trade, from ship captains to doctors.

Olaudah Equiano (1745 – 1797) had been kidnapped in Nigeria, sold into slavery and sent to the West Indies. When he finally escaped, he made his way to London and became one of the most prominent black campaigners.

William Wilberforce (1759 – 1833), of course, became the main figurehead in Parliament. He was recruited by Thomas Clarkson, who saw the need for a brilliant advocate within Parliament. Wilberforce was an inspired choice: not only wealthy and well- connected, but a gifted orator with a social conscience, especially after his conversion in 1785. He made his first speech in Parliament against slavery in 1789, but it was not until 1807, after a debate that raged for many years, that the Abolition Act was finally passed.

Gift Aid: Yes and No!

Have you checked your status as a gift aid donor lately?

- Perhaps you have retired or lost a source of income and are no longer paying income tax.
- Maybe you or your spouse used to pay income tax but, following a bereavement, your donations come from income that has not been taxed.



You need to tell charities, including, please, the parish, that your gifts are no longer eligible for the charities to claim Gift Aid.

The HMRC is entitled to reclaim that Gift Aid, and would probably do so. It can get very unpleasant if you leave this issue unresolved. Either you, as the donor who has accidentally misled HMRC, or the parish itself may be deemed liable to repay it.

If your situation has changed, and you no longer pay income tax, please let the parish Gift Aid Secretary or Treasurer know. Please speak to Fiona or Viona, Stephen or Ruth. You do not need to give a reason for your request.

On a more positive note, those of you who do pay tax can ask the parish to claim Gift Aid, resulting in an upsurge in your £100 gift to £125!

J Club Kids

It was wonderful news that restrictions were eased at the beginning of June, which resulted in a risk assessment being completed and approved by members of the vestry to allow J Club Kids to reopen for the month of June. This brought much excitement to the members and leaders. The number of children attending each week has been steadily growing.

We enjoyed table-top games, fun crafts and baking, and, of course, lots of treats from the tuck shop trolley.

Our bible topics included the Trinity and the Creed, and children were reminded that although it has been a difficult year and we were not able to meet in person, we are still part of God's family. We are brothers and sisters in Jesus. What a gift from God!

We planned to hold a J Club & Sunday School combined evening on Friday 25th June when we officially end the term with some special activities, including Jurassic Ark Encounters. Everyone will enjoy a 99 ice cream cone from an ice cream van in the car park, and Tanya will give out to every child an animal-shaped balloon, to conclude a fantastic evening.

Further info / details will be on the Carryduff Parish J Club Groups FB page.

Summer activities

The team is still in discussion regarding having a few summer activities. Look out for information.

We want to express our thanks to everyone for your encouragement, support and prayers.

Keith

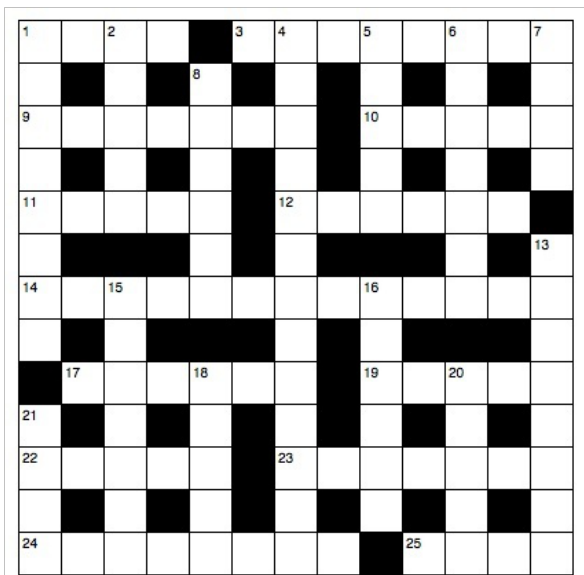
The Larder at St Christopher's

For the summer we are continuing to support the Larder at St Christopher's so please bring your non-perishable goods to the churches on the first Sunday of July (4th) and August (2nd) Thank you.

We suggest you buy an extra jar or packet as you do your weekly shop and put them in a bag for the start of the next month.

If you are 'short' this month, please leave it until next time.





Across

- 1 Sent out three times on a reconnaissance mission from Noah's ark (Genesis 8:8-12) (4)
- 3 'The vilest — who truly believes, that moment from Jesus a pardon receives' (8)
- 9 Described by the 19th-century MP Sir Wilfred Lawson as 'the Devil in solution' (7)
- 10 'Whoever — his life for my sake will find it' (Matthew 10:39) (5)
- 11 King of Gezer (Joshua 10:33) (5)
- 12 Gideon's home town (Judges 6:11) (6)
- 14 The area under the jurisdiction of a primate, for example, Canterbury, York (13)
- 17 To him God promised that David would be king (1 Chronicles 11:3) (6)
- 19 A descendant of Aaron who was not allowed to offer food to God (Leviticus 21:20) (5)
- 22 'If any of you — wisdom, he should ask God' (James 1:5) (5)
- 23 I gain me (anag.) (7)
- 24 Relating to the armed forces (1 Chronicles 5:18) (8)
- 25 Title given to 2 Down (abbrev.) (4)

DOWN

- 1 Greek coins (Acts 19:19) (8)
- 2 Church of England incumbent (5)
- 4 What Epaphroditus was to Paul (Philippians 2:25) (6-7)
- 5 Mother of David's sixth son (2 Samuel 3:5) (5)
- 6 'We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in — ' (2 Corinthians 4:8) (7)
- 7 It destroys treasures on earth (Matthew 6:19) (4)
- 8 It threatened Paul in Jerusalem (Acts 21:35) (3,3)
- 13 Well-known Reference Bible that espoused dispensationalism (8)
- 15 Where the choir sits in a parish church (7)
- 16 Real do (anag.) (6)
- 18 'Martha, Martha... you are worried and — about many things' (Luke 10:41) (5)
- 20 'One man considers one day more sacred than another; another man considers every day — ' (Romans 14:5) (5)
- 21 A place with twelve springs and 70 palm trees where the Israelites camped (Exodus 15:27) (4)

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God in the Sciences

by Dr Ruth M Bancewicz,

Exploring the Big Questions: scientists and theologians share their views



It's important to have debates about science and Christian faith and to dig into the hot topics, but we can't exist solely on a diet of controversy. I find it helpful, at times, to simply enjoy the wonders revealed by science and the big questions they raise about meaning and purpose. What's the universe for? What do you do with your feelings of awe and wonder? Where do we get our sense of the value of the living world from? I had the privilege of meeting a group of Christian scientists and theologians who shared thoughts about these big questions, and will share some of their thoughts here.

The Oxford-based theologian Alister McGrath shared that "science is wonderful at asking questions. Some of those questions can be answered, but very often when you do answer them, they simply open up yet more questions. But of course, there are some more fundamental questions I think science simply cannot answer...questions like, 'Why am I here?'"

Rhoda Hawkins, a physicist at Sheffield University, has had a similar experience. "I never cease to be amazed at quite how impressive the world is, and how impressive the mechanisms are for how things work...It really is beautiful in many ways, and it leads me to think about God. I'm not saying that I have any proof, but I'm saying that by looking at the world around me it tells me more about God and it leads me to worship Him."

Another scientist who appreciates beauty is Jeff Hardin, who explained that "studying the wonders of the living world is an exercise in art appreciation. For me, God is the creator of everything... so the joy of discovery is also the joy of appreciating the world that God has made...and leads me to thank God for the amazing world that we have to enjoy and to explore."

I will close with some words from Jeff Schloss, who – like the others quoted above – finds that Christian faith makes science more satisfying for him. "Once I became a Christian...I had the sense that I was studying the marvels of the natural world, which are marvellous in their own right but become more profoundly engaging and enticing when one thinks that you're studying the works of God." Perhaps if we can spend more time listening to people like this, our discussions about science and faith will also be richer and deeper. See wondersofthelivingworld.org

Heaven

People sometimes say: "Everybody wants to go to heaven" but what they *probably* mean is "Nobody wants to die!" To put it another way everybody wants to go to heaven but *they don't want to think about that yet*. Most of us put more thought into our next holiday than we do heaven, a couple of weeks rather than an eternity.

As a child in Sunday school we would sing a chorus and the words still go through my head:-

"This world is not my home I'm just a passing through ...
and I can't feel at home in this world anymore"

I reckon that children of God should not totally feel at home in this world, and if we build up both treasures and possessions, and so make ourselves feel at home here on earth, we have gone astray.

Jesus tells us in Matthew 6 about treasures in heaven: "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth . . . store up treasures in heaven . . . for where your treasure is there your heart will be also."

I think that these treasures of heaven include having a relationship with God, and learning to imitate Christ - loving as he loved, putting others before ourselves and being kind.

So where do we start? At the beginning of course! We were created by God for a relationship with God. But, because of sin, that relationship has been broken. Christ came from heaven to earth to bring us back into that relationship with God through his death, taking the punishment for our sin. Through faith in Jesus we can have that relationship repaired.

When we accept Christ as our Lord, that relationship truly begins. But we do not just go straight to heaven. Why? Jesus has work for us to do. We remember the great commission in Matthew 28:19 "Go and make disciples of all nations!" That commission is for us all! We are here for a purpose for now, but our eternal home is in heaven and for that reason we should long for our heavenly home.

All of us will have been at a funeral service where the words of John 14 have been read. The chapter is entitled "Jesus comforts his disciples" and helps bring comfort to those who mourn. But there is more in the chapter. Jesus promises that though he is leaving the disciples, he is going to prepare a place for them in his Father's house with many rooms (heaven), and will return to bring us there.. So if Christ is preparing a room, or a mansion, for you and me, **we should long to go there!**

Joni Eareckson Tada sings a song simply called "Heaven" ([click to listen](#)) and in one of the lines she says of heaven "I am going there". I leave you with the question: "Are you going there?"

Tanya

Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in
2 Samuel 11:1-12:25

Kings normally led their armies to battles but David had sent his army with his commander, Joab, to fight the Ammonites.

David was strolling on his palace roof when he saw a beautiful woman.



She is Bathsheba, the wife of Uriah.



Later, Bathsheba sent a message to King David.

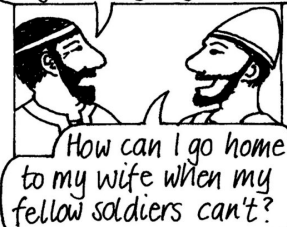
I'm pregnant!
B x

David tried to cover up what he had done. He sent a note to Joab.

Send Uriah to me now.
D

When Uriah came, David sent him to his home, but he didn't go.

Why didn't you go home?



David had Uriah stay to dinner and got him drunk.



So David wrote a letter to Joab

Put Uriah at the front of the fighting where he will be killed.
D

He gave it to Uriah to give to Joab.



Bathsheba was now a widow and David married her.



But God was angry and He sent Nathan the prophet to David.



You took Uriah's wife and then you murdered him by having him killed.



Saints Days:

1st July

Henry Venn of the CMS

Most Christians in the UK have heard of the Church Mission Society or CMS. Far fewer have heard of the Revd Henry Venn (1796-1873), whose father, the rector of Clapham, founded CMS in 1799, and who himself became the greatest missionary strategist of the 19th century.

Not that Henry Venn ever became a missionary himself; after Cambridge he served his curacy at St Dunstan's in Fleet Street, and then an incumbency at Drypool in Hull, before becoming vicar of St Johns, Holloway in 1834. But Henry Venn's parish-based ministry did not obscure his passionate interest in overseas evangelism, and in 1841 he accepted an invitation to become the honorary secretary of the Church Mission Society. That decision was to shape the history of overseas missions, and to make CMS into the most effective force in Britain for delivering effective overseas mission.

For Henry was an outstanding administrator, and his wisdom and management of the missionaries enabled CMS to grow and flourish. When Henry first began work on CMS, it employed 107 European clergy and nine local indigenous people. When he died in 1873, there were 230 European clergy and 148 local people in service.

After his resignation from St Johns Holloway in 1846, Henry devoted himself almost exclusively to the work of CMS. He was directly responsible for sending out 498 clergymen, all of them chosen by him, and with most of whom he continued in regular correspondence. He also established eight or nine bishoprics for the supervision of CMS missionary clergy and was usually involved in the appointments made.

Henry and a missions colleague in America were the first to use the term 'indigenous church', and they were way ahead of their time in seeing the necessity for creating churches on the mission fields that in time would become not only self-supporting, but also self-governing and self-propagating. In fact, Venn wrote with enthusiasm on this "euthanasia of missions," meaning that missionaries were only ever meant to be temporary, and not permanent.

All in all, Henry Venn's exposition on the basic principles of indigenous Christian missions was so powerful that much of it was later adopted by the Lausanne Congress of 1974.

But alongside Venn's passion for evangelism was his concern for social justice, and he frequently lobbied the British Parliament, especially the closure of the Atlantic slave trade.

In 1873, when he was 76, Venn died at his home in Mortlake, Surrey. He is buried in the churchyard.

Lesson Readers: July and August

Day	8:30 Carryduff	10:00 Carryduff	12:00 Killaney
4 July	-	Caroline Taylor	Gary Crothers
11 July	Joan Clayton	Joan Clayton	Viona Crothers
18 July	-	Joan Nevin	Margaret Harrison
25 July	Jenny Montgomery	Denis Carson	Bill Connor
1 Aug	-	Trevor Dunlop	Betty Green
8 Aug	David Patterson	Raymond Scott	David Gill
15 Aug	-	Sandra Thomas	Florence Coulter
22 Aug	-	Fiona Ellis	Norman May
29 Aug	Caroline Taylor	Karen McConnell	Vera Lowry

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd = RELATIONSHIP
I shall not want = SUPPLY
He makes me lie down in green pastures = REST
He leads me beside the quiet waters = REFRESHMENT
He restores my soul = HEALING
He guides me in the paths of righteousness = GUIDANCE
For His name's sake = PURPOSE
Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death = TESTING
I will fear no evil = PROTECTION
For You are with me = FAITHFULNESS
Your rod and your staff they comfort me = DISCIPLINE
You prepare a table before me in the presence of mine enemies = HOPE
You anoint my head with oil = CONSECRATION
My cup runneth over = ABUNDANCE
Surely goodness and mercy will follow me all the days of my life = BLESSING
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord = SECURITY
Forever = ETERNITY

Coach Muller on mygoodtimestories

Crossword Solutions:

ACROSS: 1, Dove, 3, Offender, 9, Alcohol, 10, Loses, 11, Horam, 12, Ophrah, 14, Archbishop, 17, Samuel, 19, Dwarf, 22, Lacks, 23, Imagine, 24, Military, 25, Revd. DOWN: 1, Drachmas, 2, Vicar, 4, Fellow-soldier, 5, Eglah, 6, Despair, 7, Rust, 8, The mob, 13, Scofield, 15, Chancel, 16, Ordeal, 18, Upset, 20, Alike, 21, Elim.

Sunday Services July & August

8.30 & 10:00 services will DV be held in Carryduff, 12:00 services in Killaney.

4 July	Trinity 5	(Green)
10 + 12	Parish Communion 2 Corinthians 12:2-10 Mark 6:1-6	
11 July	Trinity 6	(Green)
8:30	Holy Communion	in Carryduff
10 + 12	Morning Worship Ephesians 1:3-10 Mark 6:14-29	
18 July	Trinity 7	(Green)
10 + 12	Morning Worship Ephesians 2:13-22	
25 July	Trinity 8	(Green)
8:30	Holy Communion	in Carryduff
10 + 12	Morning Worship Ephesians 3:14-21 Mark 6:30-44	
1 August	Trinity 9	(Green)
10 + 12	Morning Worship Ephesians 4:1-6 John 6:24-35	
8 August	Trinity 10	(Green)
8:30	Holy Communion	in Carryduff
10 + 12	Morning Worship Ephesians 4:25-5:2 Mark 6:45-52	
15 August	Trinity 11	(Green)
10 + 12	Morning Worship Ephesians 5:15-20	
22 August	Trinity 12	(Green)
10 + 12	Morning Worship Ephesians 6:10-20	
29 August	Trinity 13	(Green)
8:30	Holy Communion	in Carryduff
10 + 12	Morning Worship James 1:17-27 Mark 7:1-8	

Midweek Services continue

These happen at 10:00 each Wednesday, but will pause when necessary due to holidays. Notice will be given on news-sheets (and on this page online) of details of any changes, including Sunday orders.

Killaney Drive-In and Picnic Sunday

Despite weather warning of rain and cold temperatures in the days prior to the event, the parishioners and some (new!) friends gathered in St Andrew's Carpark and Lawn to have a summer service and picnic.

It was lovely to see how many people came and to thank members from the parishes who invited lots of their neighbours to come and be part of the event. As the morning ended and the afternoon began, so the heat of the sun grew stronger, and the gentle breeze gave way to a hot calm summer afternoon.

Two hours later many of the original picnickers were finally preparing to leave.

A good day was had by all and we thank our six guests and the wardens who greeted us, for making such a good idea a wonderful reality.

We may do something similar again. Don't you think?

