



CROSSROADS

September 2021



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A Damp Squib.



I never, repeat, never, called a firework a squib. There were Bangers, Catherine Wheels, Roman Candles, and, of course, Rockets, but never Squibs. But I know a damp squib whenever I see one.

We had booked the main assembly hall at Lisburn Tech for a community event to celebrate something or other. We had advertised the event on posters and in letters to various groups. We had even arranged for chairs to be set out to accommodate the 100-200 people we expected to attend. I will not say no-one came, but almost nobody was there, apart from the organising committee. That was definitely a damp squib. (BTW it was 40+ years ago!)

Talking of fireworks. . . Before the days of health and safety, when we all took enormous risks with matches and “squibs”, it often happened that a firework was lit, it was called lighting the touch paper, and, after a few moments, nothing happened, no flame, no bang, no sparks. The wise people (all older) told us to stand back, and we waited sometimes for several minutes until we could be absolutely sure the touch paper had gone out. Then the match was struck again and before we had a chance to escape the rocket or whatever had exploded into life.

A little bit of dampness had spoiled the effect, reduced the enjoyment and exposed us to a risk we had not anticipated. Disappointment followed by a threatened disaster!

As the church seeks to awaken after the months of reviving hibernation, we can be threatened by damp squibs among us; the people who are so overwhelmed with fear or anxiety that they can see no light at the end of the long tunnel. I hope you and I will be spared from becoming those people, or being surrounded by such people. Managed risk is what life has always been about, and we need to face up to a level of uncertainty with a bit of hope within.

We have tried as a parish to be “ahead of the game”, as our parishes were the first to hold a drive-in service in the diocese, as we opened both churches for services within weeks of permission being given, as we began soft singing behind masks as soon as it was possible, and as we ventured to celebrate communion “in both kinds” in preparation for a long term change in communion etiquette, which we anticipate.

Is it perfect? No. Is it completely safe? No. Is it the best we can do? Probably not.

But the damp squib would have put off drive-ins for a few months, held back on in-person services until now, and certainly would have had no thought of holding any sort of communion service. Let us be wise and brave, loving and bold, trusting and trying, as we emerge from hibernation in September and onwards. Let us give God glory.

Be strong, and let your heart take courage, all you who wait for the LORD!

Psalms 31:4

Stephen

September Services and Teaching

Until select vestry meetings can be held to discuss any changes in the timing of services, we will continue in September, at least, with the current pattern of 8:30 am and 10:00 am in Carryduff and 12:00 in Killaney.

Communions:

The Early Communion (8:30) and Wednesday Communion (10:00) will, DV, take place every week from September. Parish Communion is scheduled to take place on 1st Sunday of the month at 10:00 or 12:00

SNATCH: Sunday Night At The Church

Our bishop is very keen that we should seek to hold Sunday evening events with an emphasis on teaching, for young adults in particular, and for all ages in general. In the absence of any small group study or prayer meeting, Stephen has decided to begin a short series of events - while restrictions remain in place - including contributions from other members of the parish.

It will take the form of a talk on a theme from the bible, including some major topics that a short Sunday morning service cannot handle. Please bring a bible with you, a notebook or tablet for notes, and an open heart as to what God may wish to say to you.

The first series will take place in St Ignatius' Church, which is well served by media, and will start at 7:00 pm and end before 8:00 pm.

Sunday School - Carryduff

Following the successful relaunch of activities in June, we hope to resume weekly Sunday School from 5 September. We thank those who have undertaken to create a roster of leaders so that we get a good start to the season. An outline programme has been formed and teachers will guide the children through materials, designed and produced in our own diocese by Julie in the Diocesan Office.

Sunday School - Killaney

A similar programme to that organized for Carryduff will resume in Killaney on Sundays when our weekly activity gets started. We do not yet have a date for this, but hope to announce it soon. We have been looking for volunteers who are fit and willing to lead the programme. Please get in touch with Stephen or the church wardens to express your interest.

STOP PRESS

Operation Christmas Child

This brief note is to give advance notice that we hope to have our usual flat pack shoe boxes available at both churches by the end of September.

Now might be a good time to start collecting some toys, writing materials and woolly hats.



Climate Sunday 5th September

Sunday 5th September is being designated Climate Sunday, ahead of the UN's climate change conference, COP26, in Glasgow during November. How should we approach the challenge of climate change?

We have damaged God's creation: God delights in His creation: 'God saw all that He had made, and it was very good.' (Genesis 1:31). However, we have damaged this world and impacted people, created in His image. The burning of oil or gas and cutting down forests is increasing the concentration of greenhouse gases like carbon dioxide that trap heat in the Earth's atmosphere. The global average temperature could increase by 1.5°C in 2030, resulting in significant damage to our planet. Already, increasing temperatures are melting ice caps, raising sea-levels, changing rainfall patterns and creating extreme climate events. It's the 70% of the world's poorest population who are being impacted most!

Hope is found in Jesus: He has an intimate knowledge of the workings of creation.

'For in Him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through Him and for Him. He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.' (Colossians 1:16,17).

Our hope for the future lies in what Jesus has done and continues to do in the world. He is the one who sustains creation and will bring everything to completion.

An invitation to respond: Simple everyday actions can help to sustain our planet, including recycling of waste, energy saving and changes in our lifestyle and diet to help the planet. We can fix our eyes on Jesus, as we pray for our world, for our world leaders, gathering in Glasgow, asking that they may reach a good agreement for the future of our world.

Parishes and congregations all over our nation are marking this day in an effort to encourage prayerful reflection on the state of our planet and the need for people in all walks of life to take a fresh look at how we are treating God's world.

Services in Killaney and Carryduff are marking the day.

IJM Sunday 12th September

FREEDOM SUNDAY

International Justice Mission: Freedom Sunday is being celebrated here on 12 September. We welcome Ben McMechan from IJM to speak to us and share some of the insights he has gained as NI Manager of IJM UK.

International Justice Mission is a global team of lawyers, social workers, community activists and other professionals working to protect people in poverty from violence. Their teams combat slavery, trafficking and violence against women and children, and other forms of abuse. Together, with support from people like ourselves, they are fighting for a world where all are free.



Bring Victims to Safety

We partner with local authorities to bring to safety individual victims of violence and provide trauma-informed support to survivors. Over 66,000 people have been brought to safety from slavery and violence. Read stories of hope here.

Strengthen Justice Systems

Slavery still exists because traffickers and abusers can freely exploit people living in poverty. This is possible when police, judges and other officials are not equipped to enforce the laws. We provide training, mentoring and support to local law enforcement and other community leaders to slow down and stop the cycle of violence.

Bring Criminals to Justice

We work alongside justice system officials to ensure that criminals are held accountable, stopping the cycle of violence and deterring others from abusing vulnerable people.

Scale Demand for Protection

We convene and equip champions to advocate for protection as an essential and tangible future for everyone.

Please come to worship on 12 September and find out how YOU could be a valued and essential part of the worldwide fight for justice and freedom from all sorts of slavery. For more information about IJM visit ijmuk.org

Killaney News

Brochures

Newly created Church Brochures aim to help us introduce our church to our neighbours. How often has someone moved in near to you, and you would love to invite them to be part of your church community, but you haven't had a resource to help you?

Thanks to Linnea and Regis, a resource will shortly be available.



Rosters

Flowers: Henry McMaster

Cleaning: Sandra Cousins, Adrian Cousins

DON'T RESIST

Accept the things that come your way,
Don't fight them or you'll find
That they'll get worse and out of hand
As tension fills your mind.

Accept but first ask God's advice,
Ask him to share your task,
You'll find support, right answers, strength,
The moment that you ask.

Accept, don't ask, "Why should this be?"
Each happening is a test,
For life on earth's a place to learn
The way to live the best.

Accept the sorrows and the pain,
For through them we progress,
They'll lead to patience, courage, trust,
And inner happiness.

Thankful

A minister said to a precocious six-year-old boy, "So your mother says a prayer over you each night? That's very commendable. What does she say?"
The little boy replied, "Thank God he's in bed!"



Mothers' Union

Thank you to all our members and friends who joined us for our Mothers' Union picnic in the Church grounds on a beautiful, sunny evening in early July.



It was wonderful spending time chatting to friends rather than just being able to say a fleeting "hello", and there was some amazing food being consumed as well!

As yet, we've been unable to make any firm bookings with speakers for our 2021/22 season. However we do plan to have a **Mothers' Union Church Service on Thursday 9th September at 7.30 in St Ignatius'.**

We look forward to seeing you all then. Blessings, Vera and Jenny

Picnic Sundaes

Following some great ideas in neighbouring parishes we decided to have another picnic in Killaney and some free ice cream for worshippers at both Carryduff and Killaney on 25th July. What a beautiful day it was for some very tasty cones and lollies!

Thanks to those who donated the ices and to everyone who came along to enjoy a beautiful treat before or after meeting with the Saviour and his people at worship!



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Next Edition

Please have content with the team by September 15th for our Harvest Edition



Woke and Welcome

A strange new word has come in to common use recently. Lots of people and, in particular, media pundits are taking about being woke. It also seems that many younger people have adopted this word. So what does it mean?

In simple terms it is a new slang expression that has become a byword for social awareness, injustice and racial equality. As such, its emergence into mainstream language is closely associated with the Black Lives Matter (BLM) issue. It urges us to develop a greater sense of welcome and fairness towards people with whom we are not entirely familiar.

The word “woke” was officially added to the Oxford Dictionary in June 2017. It literally means “to be awake.” The BLM movement has brought to our attention a need to wake up to social inequalities. We are urged to stay woke.

It is, indeed, a wake up call and, even more tellingly, a prompt to do and be as the Christian faith clearly proclaims. We have always been directed to reach out to our neighbours both near and far; to be kindly and fairly disposed towards all people irrespective of race, colour, background or social standing.

When viewed in this way it is entirely clear that this is what Jesus urged us all to do. The gospel record of John quotes Jesus as saying “My command is this. Love each other as I have loved you.....(John 15 v.12).” Then He goes on to say “This is my command. Love each other (John 15 v.17).”

There are a great many further references in the New Testament to this crucial and inescapable element of our faith. Among them three that come readily to mind are:

1. “If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal (1 Corinthians 13 v.1).”
2. “Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you (Ephesians 4 v.32).”
3. “Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: To look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world (James 1 v. 27).”

All these texts point us unarguably in a very definite direction. The word “woke” may not have been in vogue in New Testament times. However, it is perfectly clear that we, who claim the Christian faith, need to wake up – to be woke – to the racial and social inequalities that are everywhere around us. It is merely a new word breathing fresh life into an important issue which has always been there.

The Church urges us to be welcoming and to stay woke.

Denis Carson

Registers

Holy Matrimony

3 July Rebecca Andrews & Matthew Moran in St Andrew's
Those whom God has joined together, let no-one put asunder.

Christian Funerals

29 June Ronald Samuel Hanlon, Lough Swilly Park
Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord

In Sympathy

We express our shared sense of loss to Ronnie Hanlon's wife Helen, and their children and grandchildren. We thank all who were able to attend the funeral for their expressions of sympathy, and will long remember Ronnie's warmth, his courage, his love and his dignity.

Summer Promenades

Put one more to go as we go to press!

We hope you have enjoyed the opportunity presented to you to participate in summer walks this year.

31 August 2021

Drumbeg towards Shaw's Bridge.
Meet at car park opposite Drumbeg Church 7.00 pm



Church Cleaning

We are grateful to members of the vestry and organisations at Carryduff who, recently, have been assisting in keeping church and halls clean in line with Covid Guidelines, which are in effect at the moment.

The Select Vestry is seeking to regularise the process of cleaning the church and hall buildings by employing a "service" to do so. If any member of the parish, or the community, wishes to volunteer to serve in this way, with an allowance, please contact the churchwardens in the first instance.

When suitable options are available, a decision making process will take place. Key to the role is Saturday work, as the church and halls are used extensively on a Friday Night, and need to be ready for Sunday Worship, Sunday School, and activities starting on Monday. We have been seeking commercial firms to manage this process but are open to other suggestions.

Road Works

We thank the team from Frazer Homes and their contractors for the mannerly and careful way in which they have sought to develop the road scheme around the church grounds in Carryduff. Among the tasks they have undertaken and plan to accomplish, affecting us, have been:



1. The removal of two trees at the Traffic Lights on the Comber Road as their roots would have been compromised by the necessary preparations for the road widening.
2. The replacement of the fifty(?) year old surrounding wall with a new brick wall and some fencing for both the rectory and church surrounds.
3. The provision of new (improved) water main connections to enhance the supply to both the church and the rectory, which were previously supplied by a much slower connection.
4. The resurfacing of part of the driveway to the rectory, which has been damaged by the heavy vehicles involved in the work.
5. The provision of new ground cover and trees on banking between the new wall and the church grounds.
6. Partial re-alignment of the Comber Road entrance to the car park.

Farewell: The Big Tree

Looking at the rings on the large pine which commanded the corner of Comber Road and Saintfield Road revealed its relatively young age. 64-70 rings indicate that it was probably growing from the time the church hall was built in 1954. For most of us it has “always been there” but actually, its size was due to a fast growing tree, not its mature age.

We hope that the sadness we feel for its departure is compensated for a little by the security its absence brings to the church building, and the much more open look to the external East Wall of the Church.



J CLUB FRIDAY NIGHT KIDS CLUB

We had a wonderful children's summer evening together in August.

To help the children understand our bible verse from Deuteronomy 6:5 -

**Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with
all your soul and with all your strength**

- they took part in table games, painting 3D hearts; then they enjoyed treats and ice cream from the ice cream van. After a break, Tanya delivered a short children's talk before the children baked and decorated heart biscuits. This was followed by a heart balloon demonstration.

It was wonderful to see the children engaging with all the activities.

A Leaders' meeting will take place shortly.

Our organisation will reopen its doors for the new and exciting term on Friday, 10th September 2021. Themes for September are:

Friday 10th - God made the world

Friday 17th - Adam & Eve

Friday 24th - Noah

We expect J Club Sundays will not take place during the next few months - until restrictions are lifted.

Our membership is open to all primary age children but places on any given week may well be limited, because of the current restrictions. To confirm a place **please contact Keith Shaw** 07901935205.

There is a one-off membership fee of £10 per family; thereafter it is £3 pp per night.

Flying bishop

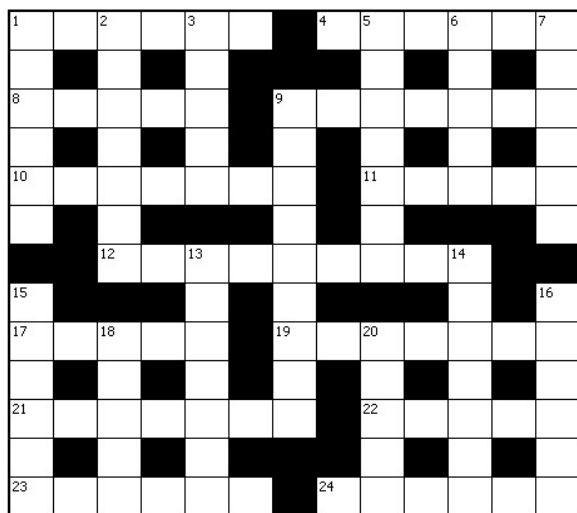
The new Bishop wanted a bird's eye view of his new diocese, so he had an idea. He rang his local airfield to charter a flight, and was told that a twin-engine plane would be waiting for him. Arriving at the airfield, the bishop spotted a plane warming up outside a hangar. He jumped in, slammed the door shut, and shouted, "Let's go!"

At once the pilot taxied out, swung the plane into the wind and took off. Once in the air, the bishop spent several minutes enjoying the views, and looking for local landmarks. Finally, he instructed the pilot, "Fly down the valley now and make low passes so I can take pictures of some of the best of the old parish churches."

"Why?" asked the pilot.

"Because I'm the new bishop," he replied happily, adjusting his camera, "and I want some good aerial views of my diocese."

The pilot was silent for a moment. Finally he stammered, "So, what you're telling me, is, you're NOT my flight instructor?"



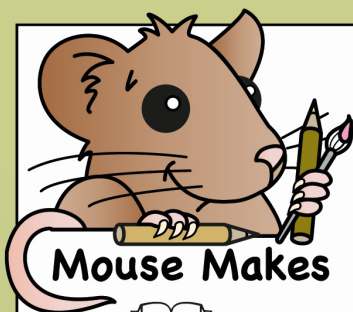
Across

- 1 'Through [Christ] we have gained by faith into this grace' (Romans 5:2) (6)
- 4 Deprives of sight (Deuteronomy 16:19) (6)
- 8 The words of a hymn do this (mostly) (5)
- 9 Faithful allegiance (1 Chronicles 12:33) (7)
- 10 Belgium's chief port (7)
- 11 Where John was baptizing 'because there was plenty of water' (John 3:23) (5)
- 12 Imposing height (Psalm 48:2) (9)
- 17 Jesus' tempter in the wilderness (Mark 1:13) (5)
- 19 Comes between Amos and Jonah (7)
- 21 'Your will be done' ... as it is in heaven' (Matthew 6:10) (2,5)
- 22 Gale (Matthew 8:24) (5)
- 23 Axle, eh? (anag.) (6)
- 24 'Out of the... I cry to you, O Lord' (Psalm 130:1) (6)

Down

- 1 Popular Christian author and humorist, Plass (6)
- 2 Transparent ice-like mineral (Revelation 4:6) (7)
- 3 Method of compelling surrender by surrounding target of attack (2 Chronicles 32:1) (5)
- 5 Expose (Isaiah 52:10) (3,4)
- 6 Lonny (anag.) (5)
- 7 Utterance (1 Timothy 1:15) (6)
- 9 Husband of Deborah, the prophetess (Judges 4:4) (9)
- 13 Burial service (Jeremiah 34:5) (7)
- 14 What Christ threatened to do to the lukewarm church in Laodicea (Revelation 3:16) (4,3)
- 15 Simon Peter climbed aboard and dragged the net (John 21:11) (6)
- 16 His response to Jesus' decision to return to Judea was 'Let us also go, that we may die with him' (John 11:16) (6)
- 18 There will be weeping and gnashing of ... (Matthew 8:12) (5)
- 20 Walkway between rows of pews in a church (5)

Answers page 15



Mouse Makes



The bowl of flour and the jar of oil

It had not rained for months and months, there was a drought in the land.

God sent His prophet **Elijah** to the town of Zarephath. At the town gate he saw a widow gathering firewood.

"Please bring me a drink of water and some bread." he asked her.



She answered "All I have is a handful of flour and a drop of oil in a jar, it is our last meal."

"Do not worry." Elijah said,

"Make the meal and make a small loaf for me."

The woman did what Elijah had asked and God blessed her ...

... The bowl never ran out of flour and the jar never ran out of oil until it rained again!



Find these words from the story in the word search:

WORD • LORD • GOD • ELIJAH • SENT • ZAREPHATH • GATE • CITY • WIDOW
STICKS • WATER • DRINK • BREAD • FEED • HANDFUL • FLOUR • LITTLE
OIL • SON • EAT • DIE • FULL • WENT • MAKE • BAKED • ATE • JAR • JUG • MANY
DAYS • LIVE • NEVER • EMPTY

Lesson Readers: Carryduff September

Day	8:30 am Epistle	10:00 am Lessons
5 Sept	Edward Darling	Liz Fleming
12 Sept	David Patterson	Maureen Kealey
19 Sept	Raymond Scott	Cedric Adams
26 Sept	Caroline Taylor	Marlene Moore

Listen

My three-year-old was saying his nightly prayers in a very low voice. "I can't hear you," I finally whispered. He said firmly, "Wasn't talking to you."

Remember

- Why is it that everyone can remember their childhood phone number, but can't remember the password they set up yesterday?
- The sentence, 'Are you as bored as I am?', can be read backwards and still make sense.
- It was our Harvest Festival Sunday. My husband had cut his ear while shaving. We arrived at the church just in time to sing: 'First the blade and then the ear'.
- From a church report on renovations at a Youth Centre in Northants: 'The lift and the new windows are installed and the non-alcoholic bar is already plastered.'

Gym?

Before setting off on a business trip to Birmingham, I called the hotel where I'd be staying to see if they had a gym. The hotel receptionist's sigh had a tinge of exasperation in it when she answered.

"We have over 100 guests at this facility," she said. "Does this 'Jim' have a last name?"

Answers

ACROSS

DOWN

1 access; 4 blinds; 8 rhyme; 9 loyalty; 10 Antwerp; 11 Aeon; 12 loftiness; 17 Satan; 19 Obadiah; 21 on earth; 22 storm; 23 exhale; 24 depths

1 Adrian; 2 crystal; 3 siege; 5 lay bare; 6 nylon; 7 saying; 9 Lappidoth; 13 funeral; 14 spit out; 15 ashore; 16 Thomas; 18 teeth; 20 aisle

Sunday Services September

8.30 & 10:00 services will DV be held in Carryduff, 12:00 services in Killaney.
At 7:00 pm SUNDAY NIGHT AT THE CHURCH is planned for St. Ignatius'.

Wednesday 1 September

- 10:00 Midweek Communion in St. Ignatius', Carryduff
- 8:00 Bible Week in Shankill Parish Lurgan (also 2nd and 3rd)

5 September Climate Sunday Trinity 14 (Green)

- 8:30 Early Communion in St. Ignatius', Carryduff
- 10:00 Parish Communion in St. Ignatius', Carryduff
- 12:00 Parish Communion in St. Andrew's, Killaney
- 7:00 SNATCH (see page 3)

Wednesday 8 September

- 10:00 Midweek Communion in St. Ignatius', Carryduff

Thursday 9 September

- 8:00 Mothers' Union Opening Service in St. Ignatius', Carryduff

12 September Freedom Sunday (Green)

- 8:30 Early Communion in St. Ignatius', Carryduff
- 10:00 Ben McMechan at St. Ignatius', Carryduff
- 12:00 Ben McMechan at St. Andrew's, Killaney
- 7:00 SNATCH

Wednesday 15 September

- 10:00 Midweek Communion in St. Ignatius', Carryduff

19 September Vocation Sunday Trinity 16 (Green)

- 8:30 Early Communion in St. Ignatius', Carryduff
- 10:00 Morning Worship in St. Ignatius', Carryduff
- 12:00 Morning Worship in St. Andrew's, Killaney
- 7:00 SNATCH

Wednesday 22 September

- 10:00 Midweek Communion in St. Ignatius', Carryduff

26 September Trinity 17 (Green)

- 8:30 Early Communion in St. Ignatius', Carryduff
- 10:00 All Age Worship in St. Ignatius', Carryduff
- 12:00 All Age Worship in St. Andrew's, Killaney
- 7:00 SNATCH

Wednesday 29 September

- 10:00 Midweek Communion in St. Ignatius', Carryduff

LESSONS WILL BE ADDED HERE SHORTLY