

CROSSROADS



September 2022



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St Andrew's Killaney | St Ignatius' Carryduff

Dear Friends

"What has that to do with me?" That is a question we ought to ponder when news items appear on TV or in other media. Quite often what we need to say is "Nothing!" If we dare to presume to take personal responsibility for reacting to every issue we will soon be exhausted, frustrated and - most likely - ill!



As with many areas of life we need to spend a moment considering the information given to us, perhaps say a prayer for those suffering or for those managing the crisis, and only then take up or dismiss the cause from our concern.

While the 24 hour news cycle helps to exaggerate the importance of a particular story for which the media have pictures, especially fresh pictures, it is **our responsibility** to set the matter in its proper context.

Many parents have experienced the sadness of seeing their precious child fade from health to illness and even to death. Every such parent is important to God, as is every such child, but focusing on the one or two whose sickness or situation is public knowledge risks diminishing the pain of those who have remained private in their grief. Recent weeks have highlighted several such tragic moments. Often the full story is not revealed: the desire, often expressed, for a full revelation of "all the facts" casts into doubt our confidence in the knowledge we already possess.

I recall that dreadful Sunday morning 25 years ago when the much loved Princess of Wales was tragically killed in a motoring accident in Paris. I also recall the endless repeated and re-hashed rumours of causes beyond the ill-choice of a drunken driver to drive her. We were unable to grieve properly because of suspicions raised by speculation and rumour.

I also recall having to conduct the service in the Church of the Holy Name in Greenisland later that morning as the details of her death were emerging, but not, I think, finally confirmed. The deeply held grief we were beginning to feel was suspended and tarnished by the words emerging from countless sources which painted other grieving people as contributors to the accident.

I don't think anyone really claims to have a unique sense of suffering when they experience loss or injury. I imagine they each have true pain, sometimes debilitating pain, but facing it - rather than postponing it by placing blame or responsibility on others - to me seems a healthier option. Dwelling on the matter day and night, or having your pain revisited by frequent reminders in your daily routine, can make your suffering more intense and prolonged. Of course, the pain of losing a loved one never really goes away; time doesn't heal but it does smooth away the sharp edges.

"Come to me, all you are weary from carrying your heavy loads and I will give you rest", said Jesus. "Today you will be with me in paradise", said the dying Lord. My help comes from the Lord. He will never leave you or forsake you. Think on these things, and, sometimes learn to "let it go!"

Stephen Lowry

Mothers' Union

September is a busy month for MU this year. We begin our autumn programme on Thursday 1st September at 8 pm with our usual monthly meeting. This will be an opportunity to catch up after the summer and we have a surprise for some of the ladies who will be attending. Come along to find out what it is!!



Our Area Service will take place on 15th September at 7:30pm in Knockbreda Parish Church. The speaker will be Rev. Canon Jonathon Pierce from St. Finnian's Parish Church. Please let Jenny know if you would like to attend so we can share lifts.

The Annual Gathering of Mothers' Union worldwide is being held in Belfast on the weekend of 23rd and 24th of September 2022. We have some tickets for a Service of Celebration being held in St. Anne's Cathedral on Friday 23rd at 4:30pm. Please speak to Jenny if you would like to join us for this special occasion.

August Sponsored Walk

An unexpected walker arrived to make up the numbers as we met for a Sponsored Walk at Billy Neill Sports Grounds on the Comber Greenway. The four legs put Jess at an advantage, but its 13 companions strode out with confidence to complete the journey in fine form. Thanks to those who provided the refreshments to bring the walk to a satisfying conclusion. It is too early to state the financial result of the event which was designed to raise funds to support the J Club as they seek to provide a Bible for each of their members.

Jenny, Vera and Stephen

Mrs Audrey Good

It was with great sadness that Mothers' Union members learnt of the death of Mrs Audrey Good in June. Audrey started the first M.U branch in Carryduff in 1962. This grew out of another ladies' group in the fairly new Parish of Carryduff. Sadie Rutledge and Margaret Irvine can recall these very early days. Apparently, Audrey was known for her very flamboyant hats! Meetings were held in the Rectory living room, as most of us present members fondly recall. Twenty to twenty five ladies sat very closely together and the invited speaker crouched by the fireplace. The Rev. Good and Mrs Hughes looked after the teapot in the kitchen.

As we were in the 1970's supposed to be the youngest group(in terms of our ages) in the diocese, Audrey said she would manage the group (as Enrolling Member), to suit our age range and the Christian Aims of the Mothers' Union. We had excellent speakers reflecting this. Audrey was direct, friendly and welcoming to everyone and always interested in our young families. Her legacy has been that her once "young members" are still active in a friendly Branch and still enjoy good leadership.

Joan

From St. Andrew's Rosters

Flowers: Henry McMaster
Cleaning: Sandra Cousins
Adrian Cousins



Art Class

It is nice to share good news - the Art Class is reopening on Thursday, 1st September at 2.00 pm in the Church Hall. Roy Irwin will be taking the class and is looking forward to welcoming everyone.

Weekly Teas

The weekly cup of tea before Church will be starting again in September, with a special one monthly on the fourth Sunday, *after* worship. You are very welcome, to enjoy a cuppa, or be part of the team to help!

Stamps

Please remember to put your used stamps in the box at the back of the church. Thank you.

WHAT REALLY MATTERS
CAN'T BE BOUGHT,
GOOD FRIENDS,
WARM MEMORIES,
AND LOTS OF LOVE.

The year is passing quickly by,
The days all come and go,
And what the months ahead will bring,
Lord, only You can know.
We thank You for companionship,
The laughter and the joy,
The gift of knowledge and of faith
Which nothing can destroy.

We ask for peace across the world,
With hope to light each day,
New tolerance for all mankind,
Lord, help us find the way.
We count our blessings many times
And all Your gifts we see,
Remind us, Lord, throughout the year,
The best is yet to be.

Foodbank

Thank you for supporting the Foodbank.

We have been thanked several times by the team at Ballynahinch Food Bank. With the difficult times in which we live, the number of people needing help from a foodbank is sadly increasing, so the monthly help is more valuable than ever. On the **first Sunday of each month** please bring or send your goods to St Andrew's Church and Brian will deliver them on the following day or so.



CHILDREN'S SUNDAY CLUBS REOPEN

St Andrew's Killaney

St. Ignatius', Carryduff

ON SUNDAY 4th SEPTEMBER

at 12:00 pm

at 10:00 am

This is for all primary school age children.

There will be special reopening activities.

Each week the children will engage in craft work and games, and there will be an emphasis on Bible teaching.

Please encourage your children to come.

We are launching a St Andrew's FB page giving details of the new season's programme at Killaney, and other relevant information.

Keith Shaw

Operation Christmas Child

Our annual support for children in far off places, in reflection of God's gift to the world of the Saviour, at Christmas, is due to take place in October as usual. As you start preparing small gifts for use in Christmas Boxes we encourage you to visit <https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child>



Thank you
for your
continuing
support.
More news
next month

Bowling Club

We are looking forward to returning to bowling on Wednesday 14th September at 7.30pm.

Everyone is welcome to join in the relaxing and competitive indoor sport.

Just so you know, basic equipment is available (Bowls etc), but we ask you to remember to wear/bring soft-soled shoes.

Ray Scott.



J-Club Kids

September

FRIDAY 9th SEPTEMBER

J Club reopens for children of primary school age - P1 - P6.

Details are yet to be confirmed and will be posted on fb.

Our ministry to children is to help them understand the Christian faith and to come to know Jesus as their Saviour, their friend and their guide. We encourage them to read the Bible and to pray age-related prayers.

The new season's programme will be packed with fun activities and interesting things to do and experience.

J CLUB KIDS for P6/7 children is reopening after an absence of 3 years because of the pandemic.

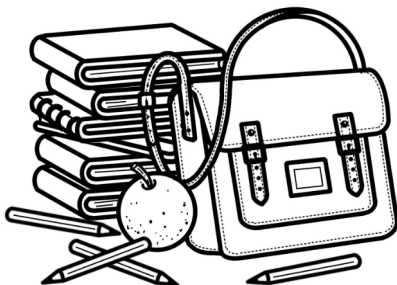
J CLUB PLUS is also reopening and will run concurrently with J Club Plus.

Please sign up to Carryduff Parish J Club Groups FB for details of dates, times, and other information, or go to the church's website.

Children's Day

Millie Bellew, newly appointed to the diocesan children's team, enjoyed her first visit to worship at our churches on Children's Day, 26 June. Millie encouraged us, young and old alike, to be fruitful believers. Using a healthy strawberry plant as her model, the children helped her explain to the congregation our need to be watered, fed and well planted if we are to produce spiritual fruit. Our local church community is where we are planted, our personal relationship with Jesus is what gives us life, and our daily practices of prayer and bible reading help us grow.

We enjoyed refreshments afterwards in both halls, thanks to the volunteers from the churches. In addition, at Carryduff, Phil's Farm provided the opportunity for the children to touch and enjoy handling some large and small animals.



Carryduff Parish Church

BABIES & TODDLERS

All welcome



EVERY FRIDAY 10.00-11.30am

(From first Friday in September)

Smile Lines

I know what you meant, but it's not what you said....

Some real life extracts from church announcements that didn't come out quite right...

* Announcement in the church bulletin for a National PRAYER & FASTING Conference: The cost for attending the Prayer & Fasting conference includes meals.

* Report in a church magazine: Miss Charlene Mason sang 'I will not pass this way again', giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.

* From a pew-sheet: Ladies, don't forget the jumble sale. Now's your chance to get rid of all those things not worth keeping around the house. Don't forget your husbands.

* From a pew-sheet: The sermon this morning is entitled 'Jesus Walks on the Water'. The sermon tonight will be: 'Searching for Jesus'.

* From a pew-sheet: Next Thursday there will be try-outs for the choir. Do go along if you can sing at all. They need all the help they can get.

* From an announcement: Sadly, Barbara remains in the hospital. She is having trouble sleeping, and so has requested tapes of the minister's sermons.

barnabasaid

Barnabas Aid

... seeks to bring hope and aid to suffering Christians. Their director writes in their bimonthly magazine barnabasaid how suffering for being a Christian is going to increase as a result of the increasing influence of secular humanism on society.

The story of the courage and continuing commitment to Christ of his fellow-converts from Islam to Christianity gives a sense of hope in the midst of the sad stories told. We encourage you to read of the kindness of those who support the various projects Barnabas Aid supports.

To read more in preparation for a visit to our churches on October 23rd, please see their magazine website <https://www.barnabasfund.org/gb/magazine/>

One article tells of how this support sent specifically to Christians had an impact on people of different backgrounds:

The group of Christians shared some of their Barnabas food with Muslim relatives. Thirty of the Muslims, mainly women and children, were so impressed with what they saw of Christian love that they, too, decided to follow Christ. One of the new converts explained that Christianity "looks more interesting and real", and continued, "when they [Christians] love you they really love you and show it. These people came into the bushes to look for their fellow Christians and brought them here and they gave them food and we are all benefiting from their love. If I have a choice, I will only be a Christian."

Smile Lines

Hearing is not believing

A wise schoolteacher sent this note to all parents on the first day of school: "If you promise not to believe everything your child says happens at school, I'll promise not to believe everything he or she says happens at home."

Deliver us

I had been teaching my four-year-old daughter the Lord's Prayer. Then one evening at bedtime she attempted it solo. I listened with pride as she carefully enunciated each word, right up to the end of the prayer. "And lead us not into temptation," she prayed, "but deliver us some e-mail. Amen"

Back to school

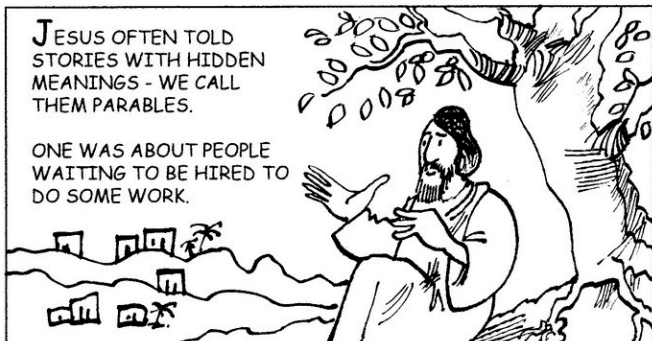
Young James finished his summer holidays and went back to school. Two days later his teacher phoned his mother to tell her that James was misbehaving. "Wait a minute!" protested his mum. "I had him here for weeks and I never once called YOU when he misbehaved!"

The Hired Workers



JESUS OFTEN TOLD STORIES WITH HIDDEN MEANINGS - WE CALL THEM PARABLES.

ONE WAS ABOUT PEOPLE WAITING TO BE HIRED TO DO SOME WORK.



A HOUSEHOLDER HIRED A GROUP OF WORKERS FROM THE MARKET PLACE, FIRST THING IN THE MORNING. HE AGREED UPON A FAIR WAGE.



A BIT LATER ON THE HOUSEHOLDER RETURNED TO THE MARKET PLACE AND HIRED SOME MORE WORKERS.



HE RETURNED SEVERAL TIMES DURING THE DAY, EACH TIME HIRING MORE WORKERS. HE EVEN HIRED SOME PEOPLE JUST AS THE SUN WAS SETTING!



WHEN THE DAY WAS OVER THE HOUSEHOLDER BEGAN TO PAY THE WORKERS, STARTING WITH THOSE WHO HAD ONLY JUST ARRIVED. HE PAID EVERYONE THE SAME.

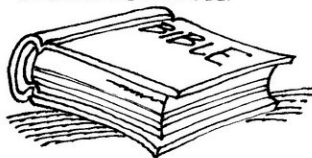


THIS UPSET THOSE WHO HAD WORKED ALL DAY. THEY THOUGHT THEY SHOULD GET MORE.



BUT THEY WERE BEING PAID WHAT THEY HAD AGREED AT THE START OF THE DAY.

JESUS CONCLUDED "SO THOSE WHO ARE LAST WILL BE FIRST, AND THOSE WHO ARE FIRST WILL BE LAST" - IT'S A HARD PARABLE!



see Matthew 20:1-16

God in the Arts

The Rev Michael Burgess continues his series on God in the Arts with a look at 'Dust Motes Dancing in Sunbeams' by Vilhelm Hammershøi. It is found in Ordrupgaard, Copenhagen, photo by Pernille Klemp.

'Tis the gift to be simple

Have you ever read a book by Robin Meyers, 'Morning Sun on a White Piano'? It is subtitled 'simple pleasures and the sacramental life.' Its theme is that we can easily pass life by, as we search for it. We shun the 'ordinary' and the simple in pursuit of more worthwhile endeavours because we equate the 'ordinary' with the mundane and unrewarding.

The Shaker melody 'Tis the gift to be simple, 'tis the gift to be free' is the origin of the popular hymn 'The Lord of the Dance.' It says: Look closely at the simple things of life and find in them depth and divinity. The 17th century Dutch artist Vermeer created masterpieces out of the ordinary – a woman reading a letter or pouring water into a basin. Critics have described his work as 'the timeless contemplation of the ordinary.'

Over 200 years later, a Danish artist found his inspiration in that same world of the simple and the ordinary: Vilhelm Hammershøi. He lived a reclusive life in Copenhagen with his wife, painting only a few pictures a year. Hammershøi died of throat cancer in 1916 at only 52 years. The theme of most of his paintings is limited to the world of his apartment at different times of the day and night.

His painting, 'Dust Motes Dancing in Sunbeams,' was painted in 1900. We are shown quite simply an empty room with a wall, a window, a floor and a door. There is no handle on the door. All is stillness and peace. And all is shadow until the winter sun streams into the room, catching in its rays the dust and lighting up the floor. It is the miracle of sunlight bringing life into the stillness. An ordinary aspect of creation, but lighting up a room and bringing wonder in its wake. One critic has called it 'a hymn to an everyday marvel.'

In this and in all of his paintings, Hammershøi seems to be saying: Accept the simplicity of the present, find beauty there and live in that beauty. For him the grass is never greener in the next field – it is here and now in the world we have that we find beauty and meaning.



John Keble's hymn 'New ev'ry morning is the love' says that 'the trivial round, the common task will furnish all we need to ask.' The artist is echoing that truth on canvas, telling us that the ordinary and common things of everyday life can provide the backcloth against which we can live and act.

When we are young, that backcloth stretches out to embrace the wider world and time: it is full of potential and promise. As we grow older, that world shrinks to our home, our church, our town. If illness comes, our world may be bedroom or the hospital ward. In that smaller world life can seem trivial and ordinary. But wherever we are, Hammershøi invites us to pause, to ponder and to find there beauty and light which will bring us 'daily nearer God.'

God in the Sciences: Big perspective, big questions

This regular series, 'God in the Sciences', is written by Dr Ruth Bancewicz, who writes on the positive relationship between Science and Christian faith.

This summer the first operational images from the James Webb Space Telescope astonished and delighted astronomers, as well as the rest of us.

Those of us who have grown up in an age when 'astronaut' is a career option (albeit a pretty specialist one) might struggle to identify with the wonder of these events, and the true scale of the challenge. Human beings developed the technology to send first a probe, then living people, out of Earth's atmosphere, and cross the 252,000-mile gap to the moon. It was in 1959 that the Luna 3 probe managed to send back grainy images of the far side of the Moon, and in 1969 Apollo 11 managed to actually land on it, take off again, and arrive back in one piece. It's the safe arrival home that gets me – like hitting the bullseye twice in a row.

For some space-travellers, seeing Earth from a distance is a life-changing experience; a shift in thinking dubbed 'the overview effect'. The observer feels a sense of awe at seeing the whole planet as a single entity rather than a fragmented collection of countries, and at getting a sense of the fragility of the whole system. It brings people out of themselves – something psychologists call a 'self-transcendent experience'.

Some people claim to have a 'nothing but science' approach to life that trusts only in things for which we can produce very concrete, measurable, evidence. Is it perhaps ironic, then, that this overview of the whole globe – which is made possible by science – can trigger such a deep sense of meaning?

Science can bring us to the big questions of meaning and purpose, but it doesn't answer them. It's important to recognise that science, wonderful though it is, has limits. Beyond those boundaries we step into other ways of knowing, such as philosophy or theology. At the interface between science and theology we can have some fascinating conversations. The discussions about science and religion that I enjoy most happen when people share what really matters to them. What do you find beautiful? Which scientific discoveries changed the course of your life? How do you see yourself in relation to the cosmos?

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Services September

28 August	Sunday Trinity 11	(Green)
8:30 am	Early Communion Jeremiah 2:4-13 Luke 14:1,7-14	in Carryduff
10:00 am	Sunday Morning Worship 2 Corinthians 6:11-13 and 7:2-4	in Carryduff
12:00 pm	Sunday Morning Worship 2 Corinthians 6:11-13 and 7:2-4	in Killaney
31 August	Wednesday	
10:00 am	Midweek Communion Fellowship 1 Corinthians 3:1-9 Luke 4:38-44	in Carryduff
1 Sept	Thursday	
2:00 pm	Killaney Art Club Re-opens	in Killaney Church Hall
8:00 pm	Mothers' Union Opening Service	in Carryduff
2 Sept	Friday	
10:30 am	Babies and Toddlers re-opens	in Carryduff Church Hall
4 Sept	Sunday Trinity 12	(Green)
8:30 am	Early Communion Jeremiah 18:1-11 Luke 14: 25-33	in Carryduff
10:00 am	Parish Communion Psalm 139:1,12-18 Luke 14:25-33	in Carryduff
12:00 pm	Parish Communion Psalm 139:1,12-18 Luke 14:25-33	in Killaney
5 Sept	Monday	
7:30 pm	Carryduff Select Vestry	Quin Room
7 Sept	Wednesday	
10:00 am	Midweek Communion Fellowship 1 Corinthians 7:25-31 Luke 6:20-26	in Carryduff
11 Sept	Sunday Trinity 13	(Green)
8:30 am	Early Communion Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28 Luke 15:1-10	in Carryduff
10:00 am	Sunday Morning Worship 1 Timothy 1: 12-17 Luke 15: 1-10	in Carryduff
12:00 pm	Sunday Morning Worship 1 Timothy 1: 12-17 Luke 15: 1-10	in Killaney
12 Sept	Monday	
7.15 pm	Cubs Re-open for season	in Carryduff Church Hall
14 Sept	Wednesday	
10:00 am	Midweek Communion Fellowship 1 Corinthians 12:31 -13:13 Luke 7:31-35	in Carryduff
7:30 pm	Bowling Club re-opens	Carryduff Church Hall
18 Sept	Sunday Trinity 14 Freedom Sunday	(Green)
8:30 am	Early Communion 1 Timothy 2: 1-7 Luke 16:1-13	in Carryduff
10:00 am	Sunday Morning Worship with Ben McMechan (IJM) Lessons Chosen by Preacher	in Carryduff
12:00 pm	Sunday Morning Worship with Ben McMechan (IJM) Lessons Chosen by Preacher	in Killaney
21 Sept	St Matthew's Day	
10:00 am	Midweek Communion Fellowship 2 Corinthians 4: 1-6 Matthew 9:9-13	in Carryduff

25 Sept	Sunday Trinity 15	(Green)
8:30 am	Early Communion 1 Timothy 6: 6-19 Luke 16: 19-31	in Carryduff
10:00 am	Celebrate at Ten Luke 16: 19-31	in Carryduff
12:00 pm	Sunday Morning Worship Luke 16: 19-31	in Killaney
28 Sept	Wednesday	
10:00 am	Midweek Communion Fellowship Job 9:1-12, 14-16 Luke 9:57-62	in Carryduff
10:30 am	Macmillan Coffee Morning (invite your friends)	in Carryduff Hall

COMING SOON

2 October	Harvest Thanksgiving at 10:00 am	in Carryduff
	with Rev Clive Atkinson and Festive Teas	
16 October	Harvest Thanksgiving at 3:00 pm	in Killaney
	with Helen Newell and Harvest Tea in the Hall	

MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT

WEDNESDAY 28
10:30-11:30

The Midweek Fellowship wants to do their bit for Cancer Charity Macmillan Cancer and so are holding a Macmillan Coffee Morning to raise funds.

It is open to all. Please bring your friends too, and make this an enjoyable fundraiser for all. If donating elsewhere for this charity, go ahead, but you would be very welcome to give us your support simply by attending here too.

It is in Carryduff Church Hall from 10:30 on Wednesday 28th September until everyone goes home!

Freedom Sunday

In September we recall the wonderful work of IJM (International Justice Mission) as they spare no effort in seeking to release people, young and old, who are effectively slaves because of illegal activity, unfair employment practices, and even unthinking behaviour by consumers - people like ourselves!

Ben McMechan from IJM will share updates at worship on 18th September in our churches. We look forward to welcoming him and hearing more good news of successes and challenges in this vital work.



IJM



Red Squirrels

The first day of August this year is surely a memorable date. That was the day when the priceless ancient woodland of Mourne Park (near Kilkeel) became open to the public for the first time.

Why is this so special? Quite simply, Mourne Park is a gloriously restored ancient wood and one of the few local places where you could now see red squirrels - although you just might catch a glimpse of one in Tollymore Park or in a few sparse wooded areas in Co. Fermanagh - but they are scarce.

There are two significant factors at stake here, both resulting from earlier human disregard for the natural environment. Our predecessors introduced the larger and more voracious grey squirrel from North America. They thrived at the expense of the local red species. The red squirrels became dispossessed of their natural habitat, and almost driven towards extinction.

The other crunch issue is our substantial loss of trees. All of Ireland has been savagely stripped of much of its native woodland. Most of this happened in the 17th Century, and much of it was for the building of ships for the British (largely English) navy and for aggressive colonial exploration. Just like the red squirrels, the local people had no defence against a more powerful influence.

I don't think it too far fetched to imagine that in both cases there was a careless disregard for the natural environment. Those on the receiving end - whether red squirrels or the indigenous human population - simply had to take what came their way. They - the poor and meek of the earth - had no defence.

Is this not a significant moral issue? On that front I say three cheers for the Woodland Trust. The Trust is currently raising £5 Million to fund an extensive restoration of Mourne Park. I gather that they intend to acquire an extensive area of neighbouring land to create a new native woodland haven for the benefit of wildlife and the general public.

In that very real and practical sense, to quote the Psalmist:

"The meek shall inherit the land,

And delight in abundant prosperity (Psalm 37 v.11)"

The red squirrels, not to mention otters, pine martens and buzzards, can again enjoy a newly restored natural environment; and we, the descendants of those whose land was exploited, can also take pleasure in its natural beauty.

The natural environment, which we were always commanded to cherish (see, for example, Genesis 2 v.15) is being returned to its humble natural

inhabitants. Here it is worth noting, at this harvest season, that God blesses those who are humble. As we read in The Beatitudes: "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth (Matthew 5 v.5)."

I see in all this a strong link between creation and redemption. God is emphatically there from beginning to end. In the words of Hugh Montefiore (former Bishop of Birmingham) "the environment..... must be respected and celebrated. It is the outward expression of divine glory and divine purpose." We, as Christian people, must take the physical world seriously. It is our pleasant duty to care for the red squirrels and the native woodland which sustains them.

It might be worth noting that access to the Woodland Trust-owned parts of Mourn Park will always be free.

Denis Carson

Mission Spot:

A message from ICS in Izmir

There has been an Anglican church and chaplain in Izmir (formerly known as Smyrna) since 1626. For centuries our churches served members of the British community who came to the city originally for trade, industry and to build the railways.

The congregation today includes long-term residents of the city, local people, refugees, students and visitors. We come from many different parts of the world and a great variety of backgrounds. It makes it a very special place to worship, and a very welcoming one too. There are two beautiful Anglican Churches in Izmir, one at Alsancak, the other at Bornova. Our principal place of worship is St. John's, Alsancak, where we have a church hall and other facilities.

In addition to our services, we also hold social events and regular Bible study. There is the opportunity to prepare for Baptism and Confirmation. Our Chaplain is the Revd James Buxton. St. John's Izmir is an ICS Associate Mission Partner.

Ministry in Izmir has always been reliant on the prayers and practical support of our friends in Turkey, in the UK and around the world. We greatly appreciate this support, which enables us to maintain and develop our life of worship, prayer and service, and to keep our buildings in good condition. We invite you to help us to continue to witness to Christ in this great Turkish city, in which Christians have witnessed since the Biblical period.

For details of our most ambitious project to date - The restoration of the Bishop Collins Hall - please visit our page on the ICS website. The total cost for this work is around £20,000 which we hope to raise. Page address: <https://www.ics-uk.org/izmir>

Bishop David's Ten Year Vision

At his second Diocesan synod, and the first to be held in person, Bishop David McClay reiterated his ten year vision for the diocese as a means of stirring all of those attending into focused faithful action. To be honest, this straightforward setting out of these objectives continues to be a bit overwhelming, but it does enable local churches, both as vestries and leaders, to focus on what God can do through us rather than what we cannot do without him.

Let us imagine which of these elements of the vision we can embrace first, and ask God to equip us with the hearts and resources to accomplish these first tasks.

Here is a summary:

DISCIPLESHIP We make new disciples and enable all to grow in faith.

My vision is that... our churches will be:

Points of entry on a journey of belief (eg. Alpha)

Places of spiritual growth (eg. Home Groups)

My vision is that... our people will:

Read the Bible for themselves

Pray for infilling with the Holy Spirit

Be generous with their time, talents and treasure

LEADERSHIP We raise up new leaders from every background.

My vision is that... every church will have:

A Diocesan Lay Reader

A Diocesan Evangelist

Sunday School teachers

A Wellbeing Volunteer

My vision is that... over the next 10 years we:

Send 10 people for Ordination training each year

Release a new Church Plant Leader each year

Double the Children's and Youth Staff in our churches

Train 8 Ministry Apprentices each year

Appoint a Volunteer Visitor for every 50 families

Commission 50 Family Support Workers

Provide regular training for Select Vestries

APOSTLESHIP We speak biblical truth and show Christ's love in our communities.

My vision is that... every church will have:
At least one Community Engagement Project
An active weekly Sunday School in each church
A healthy weekly Youth Fellowship in each group

My vision is that... over the next 10 years:
At least one new Church is planted each year
10 churches will resource rejuvenation in churches experiencing decline

Visit <https://www.downanddromore.org/about-us/bishop-davids-10-year-vision-for-2021>.

When the Church first agreed that the Earth went around the Sun

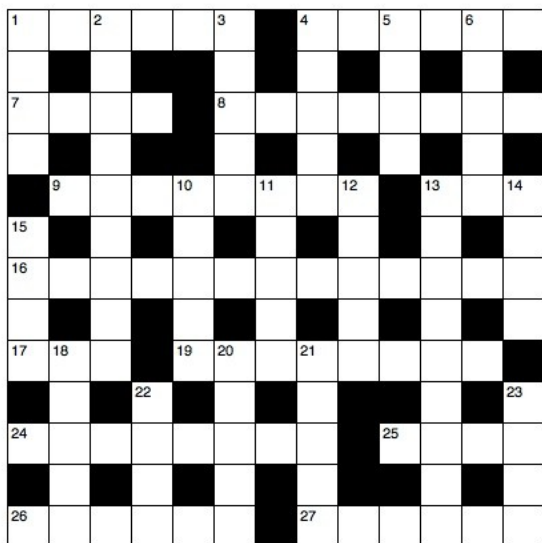
It was only 200 years ago, on 11th September 1822, that the Roman Catholic Church admitted that the 16th century astronomer Galileo Galilei might have been right about the Earth orbiting the Sun. The College of Cardinals reversed the Church's condemnation of his ideas. Galileo had spent the last nine years of his life under house arrest for publishing his work on the subject.

Galileo (1564 –1642) was a brilliant scientist and a pious Catholic. Albert Einstein called him the father of modern science, and he was one of the first to state that the laws of nature were mathematical. He was not infallible, however: his theories on tides were quite wrong: he described the idea that the moon influenced them as “childish” and “occult”.

His support for heliocentrism, a theory that had existed since the Ancient Greeks, however, was spot on, but the consensus at the time – political, scientific and religious – held that the Earth was the centre of the universe, and that any other view was “foolish, absurd and heretical”. That was the conclusion of the Inquisition in 1615.

Some 17 years later, Galileo published his theories, but unfortunately in a way that alienated the Pope, who until then had given him support as a scientist. He was tried by the Inquisition, who found him “vehemently suspect of heresy”, forced him to recant, and subjected him to house arrest. It could have been worse.

The Cardinals' decision in 1822 was a bit late to help Galileo, but it represented a big shift for the Roman Catholic Church – though it was not until 1835 that his work was removed from the Vatican's list of banned books. And it was only in 1992 that Pope John Paul II conceded officially that the Earth was not stationary in the heavens. Eight years after that he apologised to Galileo for the way he had been treated.



CROSSWORD

Across

1 'Unless the Lord builds the house, its builders - in vain' (Psalm 127:1) (6)

4 Season of the year (Psalm 84:6) (6)

2 'My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. - here and keep watch with me' (Matthew 26:38) (4)

8 It came over the whole land from the sixth to the ninth hour on the first Good Friday (Luke 23:44) (8)

9 Paul invariably did this in the synagogues he visited on his missionary journeys (Acts 17:2) (8)

13 'It is God who works in you to will and to - according to his good purpose' (Philippians 2:13) (3)

16 Members of the Church of Scotland (13)

17 'Now when he saw the crowds, he went up on a mountain side and - down' (Matthew 5:1) (3)

19 Mock (Luke 14:29) (8)

24 Disgrace (Psalm 44:13/8)

25 First month of the Hebrew calendar (Exodus 13:4) (4)

26 Christianity of the Britons before Augustine arrived from Rome (6)

27 Mean (Numbers 35:23) (6)

Down

1 Whoever finds his life will

2 'My lord the king, let the - it' (Matthew 10:39) (4)

- on me and on my father's family, and let the king and his throne be without guilt' (2 Samuel 14:9) (5,4)

3 0 raid (anag.) (5)

4 'If two of you on earth - about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven'

(Matthew 18:19) (5)

5 Take care of (1 Samuel 17:15) (4)

6 What the older son heard as he came near the house the day his prodigal brother came home (Luke

15:25) (5)

10 'Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought but rather think of yourself with - judgment'

(Romans 12:3) (5)

11 Do ten (anag.) (5)

12 Architectural style first used in Greek temples in the sixth century BC (5)

13 Capable of being used (1 Kings 7:36) (9)

14 'Each one should - his own actions' (Galatians 6:4) (4)

15 Among the items imported by Solomon's fleet of trading ships (1 Kings 10:22) (4)

18 'But I am afraid that just was deceived by the serpent's cunning, your minds may somehow be

led astray' (2 Corinthians 11:3) (2,3)

20 Outstanding 18th-century hymn writer, - Watts (5)

21 One of the four sons of Asher (Genesis 46:17) (5)

22 Be distressed (Proverbs 24:19) (4)

23 He was the father of Gal who threatened rebellion against Abimelech (Judges 9:28) (4)

Answers on page 22

Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in
Mt. 13: 3-8, Mk 4: 1-9, Lk 8: 4-8

crowds of people now came to hear Jesus, so he used stories to teach them; those who really wanted to learn would work out the meaning.

A farmer went out to sow a field of corn.



Some seed fell on the path

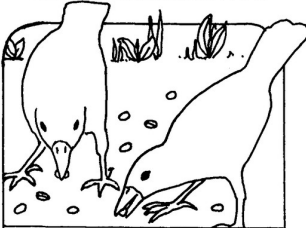


Some fell among thorn plants and



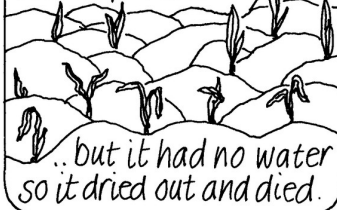
and some on to rocks.

some fell on good soil.



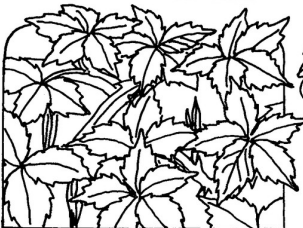
The seed on the path was eaten by birds

The seed that fell on the rocks sprouted...



...but it had no water so it dried out and died.

The seed that fell among the thorns grew well to start with,



then it was outgrown by the thorn plants.



But in the good soil the seed grew well and gave a fantastic harvest!

Jesus explained to his disciples what it meant.



Some people don't even listen to what he says.

For some it is the best thing ever!



But soon they move on to another 'best thing.'

Some listen gladly...



but then worries and busyness take over.

But some hear what Jesus says and learn from it,



and that makes all the difference!

Parish Register

Christian Funerals

I am the Resurrection and the Life

11 July Mary Elizabeth Dora Frizell, *fmrly* Mourneview Park, Carryduff

15 July Claire Mary Wray, Tullyhubbert Road, Moneyreagh

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

In Remembrance

Parishioners were saddened to hear of the death of **Mrs Audrey Good** at the end of June. Dean Rosmund and Mrs Audrey Good were residents of the rectory from 1960 to 1987 and their shared ministry saw the building of St Ignatius' Church to replace the dual purpose use of the Church Hall, which predated it by 10 years.

Mrs Good initiated the local Mothers' Union branch, which held its first meeting sixty years ago. Her gentle and compassionate heart was a model of Christian ministry. She had many friends among us with whom she continued to share her love over the decades since.

We extend our sympathy and prayers to her family, Susan and Patrick, as they and their loved ones remember her with thanksgiving.

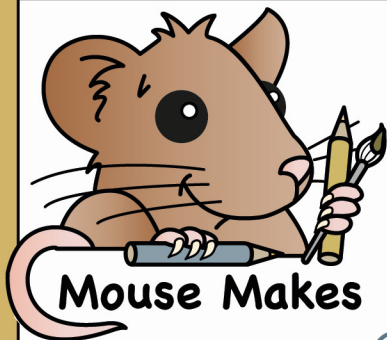
Her funeral took place in St Columba's Knock where she was a worshipper.

We extend our sympathy to **Mrs Molly Frizell's** family circle who gathered at a service in St Ignatius' Church on Monday 11th July 2022. Molly worked for the health service as a personal secretary in Musgrave Park Hospital before her retirement. Previously, she had been an audio typist in the Royal Victoria Hospital, and, before that, a clerical officer in Belfast City Hospital.

Molly was married to the late Noel Frizell who had passed away in 2019. She was a caring mother and grandmother, and we extend our sympathies as a parish to Tanya, her husband Derek, and their son Aaron, as they mourn Molly's passing. She was buried at Killaney following the thanksgiving service.

After a long illness which she bore with quiet dignity, **Mrs Claire Wray** passed away peacefully at home in early July. During her Funeral Service in Carryduff, two of her grandchildren, Laura and Rebecca, paid tribute to their beloved grandmother. Claire had been a committed member of the Christian Church family from an early age and had grown up in Portstewart, and served as a nurse at Alderhey hospital in Liverpool. Through a mutual nursing colleague and friend she met Mr Harold Wray from Strabane. They were married in Portstewart and lived in Strabane until they moved to live in Moneyreagh. Their home, designed by their late son Don, became a place where Claire could create her own beautiful garden, a joy she shared with Harold. She enjoyed catering for her growing family of grandchildren, teaching them baking, knitting and the joy of a garden.

We sympathise with Harold, their children, Fiona, Hazel, Dawson and Leslie, and with their and Don's families.



Mouse Makes



Everyone who
hears Jesus'
words and **does**
them will
be like a



Everyone who
hears Jesus'
words and does
not do them will
be like a

The _____ fell,
The floods came and the
_____ blew.

Matthew 7:25



_____ man.
On what did he build
his house?

Matthew 7:24

_____ man.
On what did he build
his house?

Matthew 7:26



Matthew 7:24-27
and
Luke 6:46-49

What
happened
to the
houses?

Read
Matthew
7:25 and 27

R J E S U S W I N D S D
O O W R H T O R R E N T
C R I V E R F E F S I L
K A S T A E O O L T S G
R I E D R A U W O R D S
U N A F I M N U O O U O
I G R O U N D G D Y G L
N S C O L L A P S E D I
F E L L I S T E N D E D
V B U I L T I W K O E E
B U R S T H O U S E P B
M A N H S A N D W S J I



What was
the reaction
of the crowd
to Jesus'
teaching?

Read
Matthew
7:28-29



Look up the Bible references to find the missing
words then look for them and the words
below in the word search

JESUS • HEAR • LISTEN • WORDS
DOES • BUILT • FOUNDATION • MAN
DUG • DEEP • SOLID • GROUND
STREAM • RIVER • BURST • FLOODS
TORRENT • HOUSE • FELL • COLLAPSED
RUIN • DESTROYED

How many other words can you make from the word

FOUNDATIONS



September Rotas

Day	8:30 am Epistle	10:00 am Lessons	12:00 pm Lessons
4 th	David	Fiona Ellis	Adrian
11 th	Raymond	Denis Carson	Terry
18 th	Joan	Maureen Kealey	Marie
25 th	Patricia	J Club	Amanda

Flowers in Carryduff

4th Ella Ferguson
25th Helen Burke

Climate Justice

Dear Prime Minister,

As the climate crisis worsens, extreme weather will continue to devastate communities and destroy lives. The losses that occur during such events cannot be recovered and the damages are huge.

We believe that those most responsible for the climate crisis - including wealthy countries and fossil fuel companies - need to pay for the loss and damage being caused in Zimbabwe and across the world.

We urge you to:

- a) **Push for a new global fund to pay for the loss and damage caused by the climate crisis.**
- b) **Introduce a new climate damages' tax on fossil fuel companies.**

Make your voice heard:

Sign the petition to be sent to the new UK Prime Minister - available in churches this month.

Magazine Distribution

We hope you enjoy receiving the churches' magazine in the way you do. If you would like to receive it in a different way, or even stop receiving it altogether, we will follow your instructions. Emailed online links cost nothing to add, and can be requested in addition to your 'paper' copy. Contact details on page 23.

ACROSS:
1, Labour.
4, Autumn.
7, Stay.
8, Darkness.
9, Reasoned.
13, Act.
16,
Presbyterians.
17, Sat.
19, Ridicule.
24, Reproach.
25, Abib.
26, Celtic.
27, Intend.
DOWN:
1 Lose
2, Blamest.
3, Radio.
4, Agree.
5, Tend.
6, Music.
10, Sober.
11, Noted.
12, Doric.
13, Available.
14, Test.
15, Apes.
18, As Eve.
20, Isaac.
21, (shv).
22, Fret.
23, Ebed.

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Carryduff

