

# CROSSROADS



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## A fond farewell to Her Majesty

The joys of our celebrations of her seventieth anniversary as Queen could only be eclipsed by our sorrows upon news of her death on Thursday 8th September 2022.

Several generations have spent their whole lives respecting and admiring this impressive monarch and outstanding person. While her death cannot have come as a true surprise, the suddenness of it, just a few days after the process of appointing a new prime-minister, was, indeed, a shock.

Much has been made in the usually cynical and secular media of Her Majesty's deeply held Christian Faith. In virtually every quarter, that faith has been acknowledged as a strength and support for her lifetime of service. When Christian spirituality is often deemed worthy of mockery by so many people, Queen Elizabeth's witness has been a rich blessing.

Wherever we were on hearing the news or watching the unfolding state occasion during the days that followed it, we were all probably deeply proud of the manner in which her passing was respected and honoured the world over, and of our own local political leaders, who rose well above themselves to pay their respects.

It is with sadness, yet in hope, that we say, "Thank you, Lord, for Her Majesty the Queen", and learn to say in years to come, "God save the King!"



# Dear Friends

## Harvest Thoughts

Ruth was a foreigner, living in Israel, at a time when famine and crisis had been experienced by her family. Despite the risks that it involved, she had aligned herself to her Jewish mother-in-law and abandoned her Moabite roots to live in this strange land.



A “kinsman” called Boaz obeyed God’s command that his fields and crops would be gathered in such a way that the poorest members of the community could gather from the edges of the fields, without fear of repercussions. This law of God has long since passed from any statute book, but the principle of caring for those at the fringes of our lives remains strong in the Christian community.

We often focus on the beautiful moments in the book about Ruth, as the beautiful young foreigner is embraced as the new wife of Boaz. Romance, even in its strange form in Ruth’s story, always gives us a lift.

But the lesson of God’s care for the vulnerable is even meatier than the romance. It is a principle that we should seek to apply in our dealings with a troubled world.

We have been aware in recent months of the delicacy of our international dependence upon one another, as events in Ukraine have impacted all our lives. The huge productivity of that nation has been quietly relied upon in the past, without our realising the extent of one nation’s contribution to the world’s grain harvest. The price of grain has increased exponentially since the invasion of Ukraine by a power-hungry Russian President, as he sent his forces there to destroy an independent nation unlawfully. The cost of fuel has likewise been rising to the point that all our costs seem to be rising. The arrival of a new prime minister has not suddenly turned on the Russian gas supplies which have been cut off, nor reduced the cost of a barrel of crude oil, nor made delivery vans cross our country drive on fresh air, nor have price caps taken a nose dive. This new leader is doing what she can, but, essentially, we are re-living the sort of inflationary shopping experience that the younger generation has never known before.

As we gather for Harvest Thanksgiving, we recall God’s promise that seedtime and harvest shall not fail. Yet we know that he has always instructed those who produce the food to share it with those who have little. So, at a time when we are feeling the profound pain of rising costs, do we have room for generosity? Yes. I know we do.

Our visit at Harvest from Clive, who works in the heart of the city with all its needs, and Helen, who has experience of the work of Christian Aid in deprived parts of the world, will help us think of others this year.

May you and your family circle have enough resources to look after your needs, and may God give us each a heart for those who have less than we have.

**Stephen**

# Carryduff Vestry News

## **Fabric Fund: HARVEST APPEAL**

Our Harvest offering at Carryduff Parish this year will go to build our Fabric Fund, designed to help some prospective major work to be undertaken on the roofs of the church and halls. The vestry is currently planning a detailed inspection of the roofs to see what the problems are and how they may best be handled.

With paper copies of the magazine this month, you may have received an envelope for your much-valued donation. If you have not received an envelope, please mark your donation with your FWO number or name so we can claim gift aid back on your donation (if relevant). Spare envelopes are available in church on the day.

Many of us donate directly online: if you wish to do this, please make payment through your own bank, **including your name or FWO number** to the following account:

Danske Bank Forestside: **Carryduff Parish Church**

Sort code: 950679 Acc No: 40070068.

Thank you.

## **Welcome Team**

During lockdown, we established a new team of helpers to assist with the welcome at church. Many former members were isolating or cautious and so were unable to serve at that time. We would like to rebuild the team and invite anyone who would like to assist - with handing out sheets and greeting people with a smile as they arrive at worship - should let the wardens know.

## **Relaxing Restrictions: Carryduff**

We have now reached an era in church life where virtually every aspect of behaviour in church gatherings is guided by good manners rather than government guidance! It has been interesting to see how people have gradually adopted more relaxed attitudes after prolonged periods of keeping their distance.

You will see pew bibles appearing on the pews, and the occasional use of collection plates (e.g. at the harvest) when visitors are present. You are welcome to keep using masks if you prefer but there is no guidance to do so. Politeness means we leave space around those who still want to wear masks. We will continue to use individual cups to receive wine at communion, but the visor will not be used by the officiating clergy.

## **Energy Costs**

We anticipate oil and electricity bills paid by the church will increase significantly for the next year or two. Hopefully, along with this change, we will see our awareness of potential waste rise too. The greatest waste is when organisations which are due to meet do not turn up at all, and preset systems turn on the heat automatically. We will be advising hall users on how to put

on the heat for the duration of their meetings, which may mean that leaders need to arrive a few minutes earlier to handle this.

We want people using the hall to be warm as they do so, and we hope hall users will switch the heat off some minutes BEFORE they are finished their programme to economise with everyone else. Closing curtains and blinds may help to reduce costs as well.

Please speak to the wardens or ministry team for guidance. Thank you.

## **Church Brochures**

Thanks to those who responded to requests made in early August to distribute brochures to people living in new developments in Carryduff. Your support and help have made people in the town sense they would be made welcome at worship. The warm welcome by churchgoers to the new members among us has proved the promises in the brochure are right.

## **Harvest Decorations in Carryduff and Killaney**

We look forward to traditionally decorated churches this year for Harvest, but we have learnt in recent years how much more value is made of the occasion when we use it as an opportunity to share our resources with others who have less.

I wonder if we could ensure that this month we give an extra amount of food for the larder and the food bank, and to do so in a way which can be used as part of the decorations of the church.

- Amongst the branches and sheaves, to see a mountain of tinned food.
- Along with the toy tractors on display, to see bags of porridge and cereals.
- Along with the ornate arrangements of flowers around the front, to have piles of shampoos and detergents for our neighbours.

It is, I think, a noble idea. If you are able to bring your goods to the churches on the Friday before the Harvests then the decorators can make a nice display of your private generosity. Why not join them?

## **Harvest at Carryduff: 2 October 10:00**

Recently back after almost 20 years spent working in All Saints', Vevey, in Switzerland as their pastor; working with the support of Intercontinental Church Society, supported in part by funds given to ICS by the parish, we are pleased to welcome the rector of Willowfield Parish, **Rev Clive Atkinson**, to preach at our Harvest in Carryduff on 2 October.

Clive is married to Yvonne from Coleraine and they have two adult children, Jacob and Rebekah. He is a gifted teacher and gentle pastor. We look forward to his presence in the pulpit at St. Ignatius', Carryduff. The service will be followed by extra special refreshments in the church hall. We thank all the volunteers who have signed up to help with food.





## Mothers' Union



Our Ukrainian friend, Marina, will be joining us for our meeting on October 6th at 8pm.

She will be chatting to us about her life in Ukraine, what brought her to Northern Ireland, explain how the people of Ukraine are dealing with war, and update us on her efforts to fund raise for her countrymen and women.

She is also a Zumba teacher and may even teach us a few Zumba moves!!

As I'm sure you are aware, the people of Ukraine are still struggling to care for themselves and their families. I understand that times are tough for all of us but, if you could buy just one thing from this list and bring it to the meeting, that would be much appreciated.

Rice  
Pasta  
Tea Bags  
Sweets  
Biscuits  
Gluten Free Food  
UHT milk  
Canned Food  
Canned meat  
Canned Fish

Canned Veg  
Cereal  
Porridge  
Pot Noodles  
Energy Drinks  
Coffee  
Shower Gel  
Shampoo  
Hair Conditioners  
Toothpaste/ brushes

Toilet Rolls  
Nappies- esp size 5 & 6  
Wet Wipes  
Sudocrem  
Washing Powder  
Dressings, wound remedies  
Bath towels  
Nappies for adults  
Note pads

## Celebrating

At our September meeting we celebrated several anniversaries. Mary, Marlene, Elizabeth and Evelyn all celebrated 40+ years in the Mothers' Union with Eileen and Patricia celebrating over 60 years.

We thank you all for your service to Mothers' Union. What an amazing achievement!



## **From St. Andrew's Rosters**

Flowers: Anne Mannis  
Cleaning: Michelle Turkington  
Marie Mack



## **Killaney Sunday Club**

We are delighted that the Sunday Club is open again and that eight parishioners have offered to help with teaching and organising weekly activities. We are using the Jigsaw programme, which is recommended by the diocese. All children of primary school age are welcome to join us.

For more information contact Keith 07901935205.

## **Women's Morning Fellowship**

The Hempton Hall is an ideal venue for people to meet together, Starting on Thursday 6th October at 10 o'clock in Killaney's Church Hall, women from the area are invited to come together to meet and have a chat. With conversations, morning tea and coffee, we will spend a few moments hearing about some inspiring women whose lives have something to teach us.

After a month or more of weekly events, we will make a plan together for future women's fellowship times.

## **A HUG**

It's funny how a little hug  
Makes everyone feel good  
In every place and language,  
It's always understood.  
Hugs don't need new equipment,  
Special batteries, or parts  
Just open up your arms  
And open up your hearts!

The precious moments of living get significance when we add hugs to them.

God didn't promise days without pain,  
Laughter without sorrow,  
Sun without rain,  
But He did promise you  
Strength for the day,  
Comfort for the tears,  
And light for the way!

## Killaney Graveyard

We often hear questions about the graveyard at Saint Andrew's. As often as not it is a question along the lines of "How do you keep that graveyard looking so well?"

We thank Raymond for looking after the ground so diligently and we appreciate the care with which users of the graveyard look after their family plots.

We try to keep the gardens free from anything which would undermine the graves nearby and so, we have a policy limiting floral tributes on the ground to a few weeks after the funeral, and further fresh flowers to be located on the foot of the gravestone.

Parishioners of Killaney who subscribe to the funds of the church have an area assigned for their family's use near the church, while everyone else who is assigned a space is allocated a location upon the need arising,

There are fees for the allocation and first use of graves, and further fees for subsequent use. The Graveyard Registrar is the person who deals with those wishing to have a grave space allocated, and whom the undertakers contact when the space is needed. Currently, our acting Graveyard Registrar is Mrs Florence Coulter.

## Younger people more likely to pray than older generations, survey finds

Younger adults are more likely to pray than older generations, according to a recent survey for the Church of England which shows that nearly half of UK adults report having ever offered up some form of prayer.

A third of 18-to-34-year-olds - 32% - say they have prayed in the last month. By contrast, a minority in the 55+ age group - 25% - said they had prayed in the last month.

Among those who had ever prayed, the most common topics prayed about were for friends and family (69%), people they know who are sick (54%) and to give thanks (51%).

The Revd Dr Stephen Hance, National Lead for Evangelism and Witness for the Church of England, said: "These findings really challenge the all-too-common assumption that young people are not interested in faith or spiritual things."

"In an age when mindfulness and meditation are more popular than ever, prayer makes sense to people. And with pressures mounting and people of every generation facing huge uncertainty, many people of all ages are drawing strength from God in prayer."

"This also confirms what other research has told us, that while younger people may be under-represented in church, this isn't indicative of a lack of interest in faith. That's why the Church of England has made engaging young people one of our top priorities for the decade."



## Sunday Tea/Coffee Donations

From June to August a voluntary collection was made at the refreshments in Carryduff hall as a way of supporting the visit of our South Sudanese Partners on their travel from London to Belfast to visit us. As a result of this, £300 has been sent to CMSI, above and beyond our regular support from the Mission account, to defray the costs. We thank parishioners who have made these donations to help our visitors feel welcome.

A voluntary donation jar will continue in place to help defray the cost of tea and coffee which comes from parish funds.

## Sunday Refreshments at Carryduff

October

- 2 Harvest Teas
- 9 Sammy and Liz
- 16 Jackie and John
- 23 Andrew and Sandra
- 30 Norah and Helen

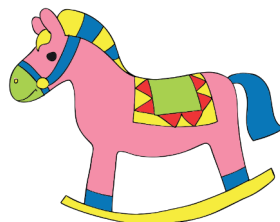
November

- 6 David and Joan
- 13 Stephen, Susan and Karen
- 20 Jenny and Beatrice
- 27 Iris and Vera

Thank you to those who are willing to help make our church more welcoming to everyone.

## Babies and Toddlers

First-time visitors to the church hall were part of a group of 69, yes 69, at Babies and Toddlers on our opening day. Forty of these were under four so they made a great buzz of fun and laughter as the little ones played together under the care of their mums, grannies and carers. There was a wonderfully warm atmosphere and we are keen to get an extra helper each week to assist in providing the refreshments etc. Helpers have no direct involvement with the children present. Let Jenny Montgomery know if you would like to help. There is a five-week roster of names, so you will not need to help too often on a Friday morning.



# J-Club Kids October

## **J CLUB PLUS**

J Club Plus returned on Friday, 19th September, after a gap of over 2 years because of the pandemic. We welcomed 15 young people from P7 upwards. New members are always welcome.

The season's programme consists of challenge games, pizza nights, sleepovers, outings and, hopefully, a weekend away next year - and more!

We are considering running a youth Alpha course soon. Liz Maginn has agreed to organise and lead it. Her mobile number is 07745581602.

We delayed opening J Club by one week until Friday, 16th September, as a mark of respect following the Queen's death.

J Club is for children in P1-P6

It meets from 7pm to 8.30pm.

Cost: £3.00 per week and this includes the tuck shop.

Annual Membership fee: £10 for one child or £20 for two or more children.

This can be paid anytime up until Friday 14th October.

The membership fee pays for inflatables, special evenings & J Club activities.

Membership forms are available from J Club leaders.

All children must be pre-booked online every week by Ticket Source, following the link, 'Carryduff Parish J Club'.

Once the maximum number of 60 children who can be accommodated is reached, the list will be closed.

## **Fundraiser**

Our annual Christmas trip to Dublin is booked for Saturday 26th November.

The coach will leave from Carryduff church car park at 8.30am; estimated time of return is 8.00pm. Homemade morning refreshments will be served on the coach.

Cost of the trip is £25 per person. Proceeds are for J Club funds.

At the time of going to print there are 6 seats left on the coach which holds 60.

For more information or to book a place, please contact Keith Shaw 07901935205 or Liz Maginn 07745581602.

Neville McCormack from barnabas fund has some special material for the younger members of the church when they come to Celebrate at Ten on 23 October in Carryduff, and at morning worship in Killaney at 12:00.

The puppets make a visit to worship and we hear how we can help fellow believers around the world to survive and thrive in Christ.

### IJM



Last month we had another visit from Ben McMechan, who works for International Justice Mission. With his easy and winsome style he held our attention. We were reminded that IJM has been operating for 25 years and, since then, 76,000 people have been rescued from slavery.

IJM comprises a global team of Christians - undercover investigators, social workers, lawyers and more - all working together to end slavery and violence. Last year alone 10,000 people were brought out of slavery and into freedom.

Ben based his thoughts on the parable of the Good Samaritan in which Jesus challenges us to be people who see injustice and act on it, to be people who 'do justice'. Micah 6:8 says, "What does the Lord require of you? To do justice, to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God".

You can support IJM by becoming a Freedom Partner; this is someone who will pray and give regularly to stop the trafficking of women and children.

If you wish to become a Freedom Partner, you can do so by visiting [IJMUK.org/give](http://IJMUK.org/give)

**Marlene Moore**

### Just for Fun!

#### Late

Warden to timid parishioner: Why are you late?

Timid parishioner: Church started before I got here.

#### Sunday school lesson

Very lively little Dora had returned from Sunday school, where she had been for the first time. "And what did my little girl learn this morning?" asked her father indulgently.

"That I am a child of the devil," was the beaming reply.

#### What?!

I get most of my exercise these days from shaking my head in disbelief.



## October Services

<b>2 October</b>	<b>Trinity 16 Carryduff Harvest Thanksgiving Sunday (Green)</b>	
8:30 am	Early Communion	in Carryduff
	2 Timothy 1:1-14 Luke 17:5-10	
10:00 am	Harvest Thanksgiving and Refreshments	in Carryduff
	Readings chosen by Rev Clive Atkinson (Willowfield)	
12:00 pm	Sunday Morning Worship with Sunday Club	in Killaney
	2 Timothy 1:1-14	
<b>5 October</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	
10:00 am	Midweek Communion Fellowship	in Carryduff
	Galatians 2:1-2,7-14 Luke 11:1-4	
<b>9 October</b>	<b>Trinity 17</b>	<b>(Green)</b>
8:30 am	Early Communion	in Carryduff
	2 Timothy 2:8-15 Luke 17:11-19	
10:00 am	Sunday Morning Worship with Sunday Club	in Carryduff
	2 Timothy 2:8-15	
12:00 pm	Sunday Morning Worship with Sunday Club	in Killaney
	2 Timothy 2:8-15	
<b>12 October</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	
10:00 am	Midweek Communion Fellowship	in Carryduff
	Galatians 5:18-25 Luke 11:42-46	
<b>16 October</b>	<b>Trinity 18 Killaney Harvest Thanksgiving Sunday (Green)</b>	
8:30 am	Early Communion	in Carryduff
	2 Timothy 3:14 - 4:5 Luke 18:1-8	
10:00 am	Sunday Morning Worship with Sunday Club	in Carryduff
	2 Timothy 3:14 - 4:5	
3:00 pm	Harvest Thanksgiving and Harvest Tea	in Killaney
	Readings chosen by Helen Newell (Christian Aid)	
<b>17 October</b>	<b>Monday</b>	November magazine articles to office this week please
<b>19 October</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	
10:00 am	Midweek Communion Fellowship	in Carryduff
	Ephesians 3:2-12 Luke 12:39-48	
<b>23 October</b>	<b>Trinity 19 Barnabas Aid Sunday</b>	<b>(Green)</b>
8:30 am	Early Communion	in Carryduff
	2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18 Luke 18:9-14	
10:00 am	Celebrate at Ten	in Carryduff
	Readings chosen by Neville McCormack barnabasfund	
12:00 pm	Sunday Morning Worship with Sunday Club	in Killaney
	Readings chosen by Neville McCormack barnabasfund	
<b>26 October</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	
<b>11:30 am</b>	<b>Midweek Communion Fellowship and LUNCH</b>	<b>in Carryduff</b>
	Ephesians 6:1-9 Luke 13:22-30	
<b>28 October</b>	<b>Friday</b>	
	Magazines assembled 2:00 pm Jeremy Taylor Chapel	
<b>30 October</b>	<b>Trinity 20 Bible Sunday</b>	<b>(Green)</b>
8:30 am	Early Communion	in Carryduff
	Romans 15:1-6 Luke 4:16-24	
10:00 am	Sunday Morning Worship	in Carryduff
	Luke 4:16-24	
12:00 pm	Sunday Morning Worship	in Killaney
	Luke 4:16-24	



## Love in Action

A postman came to our door one morning last week. He was carrying a large, heavy parcel. Indeed he was almost hidden behind it – but, as soon as I saw him, I knew what it was. I was pleased to see him.

It took me quite a few minutes to manhandle the parcel into the garage, and it was several more days before I managed to bring it round to the church. Having said all this I imagine that, by now, many of you may have guessed what this is all about.

Yes. It was a package from Samaritan's Purse containing one hundred flat pack shoe boxes. Operation Christmas Child is now under way in Killaney and Carryduff.

It has been both our privilege and delight over the past twenty years to contribute to this global initiative which has once been called "The biggest Sunday School in the world."

The annual shoe box campaign continues to bring joy and delight – and the message of Christmas – to many of the most underprivileged children across the world. Every year our gift filled shoe boxes find their way to children in orphanages and refugee camps; and to children who have become the innocent victims of poverty, human conflict and natural disasters. They are, in many ways, among the most underprivileged people on earth.

Our Christian calling prompts us to reach out to them; to offer an element of real, tangible joy – particularly at Christmas time. Every shoe box filled with simple gifts becomes an expression of Christian love. Besides, it is worth noting that in situations where it is possible to do so, the children receiving the shoe boxes are also told the Christmas story and introduced to yesterday the Christian faith. Overall, it is a truly marvellous outreach.

All this represents a form of natural justice. What I mean here is that it serves to bring together real humanity and a sense of community – both much damaged in our unsettled time.

These thoughts bring to mind the spirit of true Christian love and generosity as expressed by St. Paul when he said to the people of Ephesus ".....we must support the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, for He himself said 'It is more blessed to give than to receive' (Acts 20 v.35)."

We are called, by our faith, to reach out to these suffering children, to offer practical, active Christian love. As we read in the first letter of John: "Let us not love with words or tongue but with action and in truth (1 John 3 v.18)."



The shoe boxes should be available in both churches from Sunday 2 October, and it would be very helpful if gift filled boxes could be returned by Sunday 30 October (or 6 November at the latest).

Love in a shoe box can do so much. As Paul writes “.....love always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres (1 Corinthians 13 v.7).” What a privilege it is to be a part of this active global initiative.

**Denis**



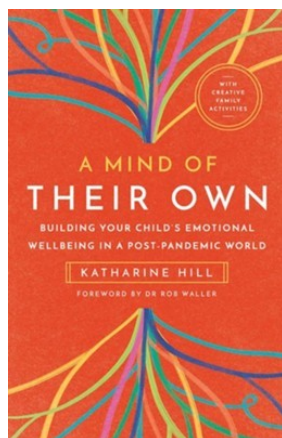
## **Parents: Do your children have A Mind of Their Own?**

Building our children's emotional well-being is a priority for us all.

Anxiety levels and struggles with mental health are on the rise in children and young people, and as mums and dads, this can feel overwhelming ... even at times debilitating. But there's good news! You, as parents, have incredible power to help your children build strong emotional resilience and a healthy mental wellbeing.

Katharine Hill is bringing **A Mind of Their Own to Northern Ireland**. She'll be joined by Mark Chester, and together they'll update and expand our understanding of the unique opportunities and pressures facing young people today.

This event is packed with practical and preventative tools for you to use at home, and will also explore the science of the mind, and why children act and react the way they do. Plus, there will be brand-new interviews with mental-health professionals, Dr Rob Waller and Dr Kate Middleton, that will help you see your children through the difficult times.



For more details click [this link](https://www.cff.org.uk/moto) or visit [cff.org.uk/moto](https://www.cff.org.uk/moto) and find out how this event could help you raise strong emotionally secure children and young people. You can also book your place at the Hollywood Baptist Venue where our local event is being held.

You can also phone 029 2081 0800 to make your booking. Please dial this number carefully (it is NOT a NI number)

**Wednesday 30 November  
at 7:30 pm in  
Hollywood Baptist.**

## God in the Arts

*The Rev Michael Burgess continues his series with a look at 'Morning in the Riesengebirge'. It now hangs in the Schloß Charlottenburg, Berlin.*

### I WILL LIFT UP MINE EYES UNTO THE HILLS

"The artist should not only paint what he sees before him, but also what he sees within him." These are the words of a German romantic painter, Caspar David Friedrich, who lived from 1774-1840.

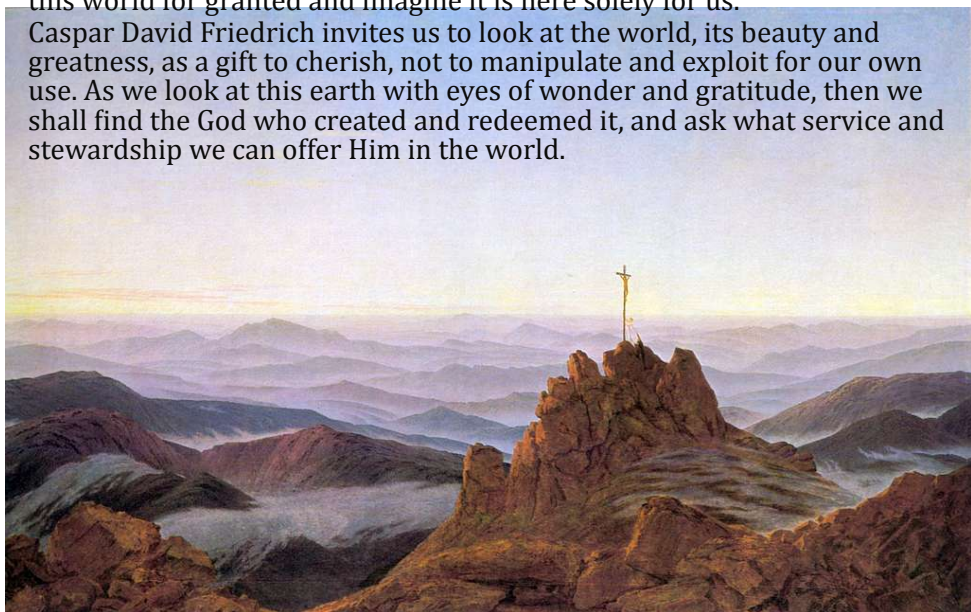
The inspiration for most of his paintings was the countryside and the world of nature around. As he looked at its beauty and grandeur, it awoke in him feelings of wonder and awe, which he expressed through his art.

At the age of 34 he painted a cross in the mountains as an altarpiece for a church in Dresden: the first time a pure landscape had been used for an altar. Later in 1811 he painted a similar, but more profound and more moving work: 'Morning in the Riesengebirge.'

Friedrich was a great walker and climber, and he loved the mountains of East Saxony depicted here. The first rays of the sun are coming over the horizon to illuminate both the beauty of the hills, and the tall crucifix placed on the mountain top. Friedrich looked at the glory of nature at sunrise and saw there a sign of God the Creator, and God the one who sent His Son to redeem that Creation.

Like Caspar David Friedrich, and like the psalmist, we can look to the hills and see the glory and greatness of God. This will be the theme for many of us this month with Harvest celebrations. But we give thanks for creation and the bounty of the world at a time when we hear reports of glaciers melting, water levels rising, greenhouse gases warming up our planet, and resources of food and fuel wasted and depleted. It is too easy to take this world for granted and imagine it is here solely for us.

Caspar David Friedrich invites us to look at the world, its beauty and greatness, as a gift to cherish, not to manipulate and exploit for our own use. As we look at this earth with eyes of wonder and gratitude, then we shall find the God who created and redeemed it, and ask what service and stewardship we can offer Him in the world.



# The parable of the Shrewd Manager



JESUS OFTEN TOLD STORIES WITH HIDDEN MEANINGS



ONCE JESUS TOLD A STORY ABOUT A RICH MAN...

...AND HIS SERVANT, WHO MANAGED THE RICH MAN'S PROPERTY.

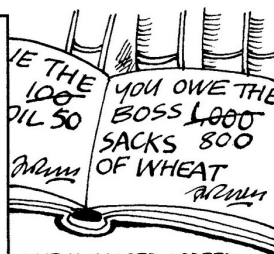


THE RICH MAN HAD HEARD THAT THE MANAGER HAS BEEN WASTING MONEY.

SO HE CALLED THE MANGER TO ACCOUNT FOR HIMSELF!



OH NO! I AM GOING TO GET THE SACK!!

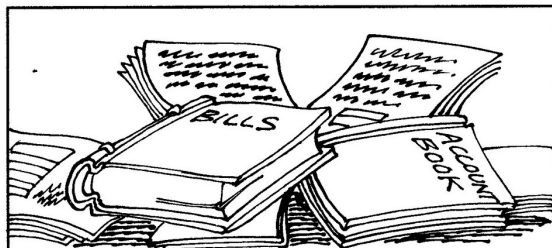
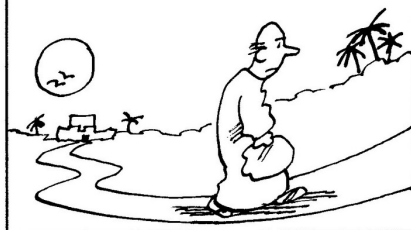


THE MANAGER AGREED TO LET THE RICH MAN'S TRADERS FIDDLE THEIR BOOKS!



SO THEY ALTERED THEIR DEBTS - AND STAYED FRIENDS WITH THE MANAGER.

JESUS EXPLAINED THAT THE MANAGER HAD BEEN WISE IN MANAGING HIS FUTURE... EVEN THOUGH HE WAS BEING DISHONEST.



JESUS WAS TRYING TO ENCOURAGE THE PEOPLE TO THINK ABOUT THEIR OWN FUTURES TOO. BUT IT'S A HARD PARABLE TO UNDERSTAND!

## Word-search

(John 1:1, Genesis 1:1, Isaiah 55:11, Hebrews 4:12)

Life is a Word-search.  
Think John, chapter one.  
There will be distractions  
In the search,  
Interesting groups of letters,  
Many in the wrong order.  
Some even making sense,  
In their own way.

Sometimes all is confusion,  
A jumble.  
The temptation is to give up.  
It's all too much of a puzzle.  
But those who search will find,  
And once found,  
The Word  
Makes sense of the search.

Even if some round-the-edge words  
Remain a mystery,  
Once found,  
The main Word, the central Word  
Is the key that opens hearts.

And the Word is,  
And will be,  
And even in the beginning, was.

It has gone out and will not return  
empty,  
But living and active  
Will accomplish the purpose for which It  
was sent.

The Word itself searches.

So let us search,  
Oh, search the Word.

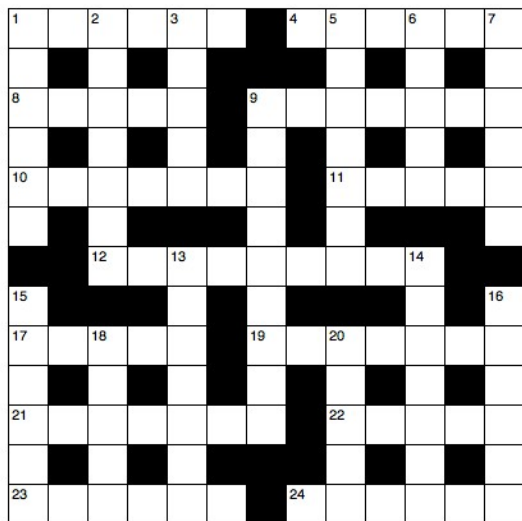
*By Daphne Kitching*

## Smile Lines

### **Did you mean what you just said?**

*The following are genuine notes left for milkmen.*

- ~ Dear Milkman: I've just had a baby, please leave another one.
- ~ Cancel one pint after the day after today.
- ~ Please don't leave any more milk. All they do is drink it.
- ~ Please close the gate behind you because the birds keep pecking the tops of the milk.
- ~ Please cancel the milk. I have nothing coming into the house except two sons on the dole.
- ~ Please bring me a form about cheap milk, as my boyfriend has made me stagnant.
- ~ Please do not leave milk at no.14 as he is dead until further notice.



### Across

- 1 Tertullus, who presented the high priest's case against Paul in his trial before Felix, was one (Acts 24:1) (6)  
 4 As balm (anag.) (6)  
 8 Having explored Canaan, he and Joshua urged the Israelites to take possession of it (Numbers 13:30) (5)  
 9 On becoming king of Judah, he had all six of his brothers killed (2 Chronicles 21:4) (7)  
 10 'Even the — has found a home, and the swallow a nest for herself' (Psalm 84:3) (7)  
 11 Banishment (Jeremiah 29:1) (5)  
 12 'And now I will show you the most — way' (1 Corinthians 12:31) (9)  
 17 'Titus did not exploit you, did he? Did we not — the same spirit and follow the same course?' (2 Corinthians 12:18) (3,2)  
 19 Mice den (anag.) (7)  
 21 How Egypt is often described in the Old Testament: 'the land of —' (Exodus 13:3) (7)  
 22 One of the first Levites to resettle in Jerusalem after the exile in Babylon (1 Chronicles 9:15) (5)  
 23 'As a sheep before her shearers is —, so he did not open his mouth' (Isaiah 53:7) (6)  
 24 Paul's birthplace (Acts 22:3) (6)

### Down

- 1 Ravenous insect inflicted on Egypt in vast numbers as the eighth plague (Exodus 10:14) (6)  
 2 Well-being (Philippians 2:20) (7)  
 3 Small piece of live coal or wood in a dying fire (Psalm 102:3) (5)  
 5 Sportsman or woman (2 Timothy 2:5) (7)  
 6 The original name of Abraham's wife (Genesis 17:15) (5)  
 7 'So in Christ we who are many form one body, and each — belongs to all the others' (Romans 12:5) (6)  
 9 According to Peter, a wife's beauty should not come from wearing this (1 Peter 3:3) (9)  
 13 'For God did not send his Son into the world to — the world' (John 3:17) (7)  
 14 'The Lord of heaven and earth...does not live in — built by hands' (Acts 17:24) (7)  
 15 'If your hand — you to sin, cut it off' (Mark 9:43) (6)  
 16 Something like these fell from Saul's eyes as soon as Ananias placed his hands on him (Acts 9:18) (6)  
 18 Track (Job 41:30) (5)  
 20 Religious doctrine (5)

*Answers on page 22*



## Parishes Register

### Christian Funerals

*I am the Resurrection and the Life*

9 September Mary Vennard, Marlborough Crescent

15 September Henry A McMaster, Creevy Road

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

## Remembering

**Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Vennard**, née Hazlett, died recently, aged 84 years, after a short illness. She grew up in Ballyroney where she was a member of Ballyroney Presbyterian Church. As a young woman she trained as a hairdresser and bought and ran her own salon, first in Castlewellsan, and then, following her marriage to Ken Vennard, in Belfast where she worked. She and Ken attended the Church of Ireland here in Carryduff. She lived in her home for about thirty years. Her husband died approximately twenty years ago.

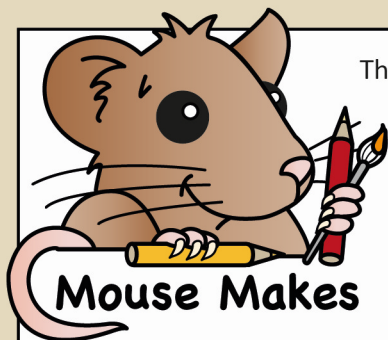
Mary loved her garden, especially the roses which she cared for with expertise and delight. Living within the limits placed on life during the recent crisis, she was helped by caring members of her family circle and some really good neighbours. We extend our sympathies to all of them and, in particular, to her sister Melba, her nephew William and her great nieces.

We appreciate the kind assistance of the Revd. Ian Linton, rector of Rathfriland, who conducted her funeral service on behalf of our parish.

**Mr. Henry A McMaster** died after a brief stay in hospital, surrounded by the care of his loving family. Henry came from the townland of Kilmactranny outside Boyle on the Sligo Roscommon border. He arrived in Creevy Road in the late 1950's, along with his herd of cattle, and it was there that he and his wife Madeline made their home. They became members of St Andrew's and he served his new parish in many aspects of its mission. Both as a farmer and a church member, he was hardworking, diligent and enthusiastic. He served in virtually every available role in St. Andrew's, Killaney (except as Treasurer). He looked after both the allocation of graves and the digging of graves for many years, and knew the property well.

His committed faith in Jesus Christ, as witnessed by his lifetime of service in worship and in his confidence in God as he approached his death, was an inspiration. When only a handful of people attended St Andrew's in the 1960's, Henry was there with his family and he continued to be a frequent worshipper, even as his health declined. His faith in God guided him in life, moulded the character of his dealings, and proved a great consolation as he prepared for death.

We extend our sympathy to Henry's family, especially his son Stephen and daughter Sandra, grandsons Adrian and Richard, and his whole family circle. We are grateful to the Revd. Chris Pollock who ministered to Henry in his last days, and who conducted his funeral in a most sensitive manner. It came as no surprise to find the church filled at his service, as his family was supported by many friends and acquaintances.



The New Testament has **four gospels**, **twenty one epistles** and the book of *Revelation*.

The **epistles** are a collection of **letters** that were written by the apostles to the early Christians, they contain teaching, instruction, advice and encouragement.

The Apostle **Paul** is thought to have written **thirteen** of the *epistles*...



Look in your Bible to see who wrote the other eight and who they were written to.

How many people does Paul send greetings to at the end of his letter to the Romans?

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The word **epistle** comes from the Greek word **epistolé** which means *letter* or *message*

Which is the shortest epistle?

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How many chapters does it have?

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Which are the longest epistles?

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How many chapters do they have?

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DID YOU KNOW...?

At the time of the New Testament letters were written on scrolls

G A L A T I A N S J A M E S E J S  
W A E D I S P E T E R A P T L O C  
R O T E T B A W R I T E H I R H R  
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T H E S S A L O N I A N S O M D L  
C O R I N T H I A N S N I T A J L  
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EPISTLE • LETTER • ROMANS • CORINTHIANS • GALATIANS • EPHESIANS  
PHILIPPIANS • COLOSSIANS • THESSALONIANS • TIMOTHY • TITUS • PHILEMON  
HEBREWS • JAMES • PETER • JOHN • JUDE • PAUL • SCROLL • WRITE

# October Rotas

Day	8:30 am Epistle	10:00 am Lessons	12:00 pm Lessons
2	Mary Hewitt	Karen McConnell	Fiona CHew
9	Joan Clayton	Joan Clayton	Colin McClintock
16	Raymond Scott	Susan Creber	3pm Bill Connor
23	Edward Darling	J Club	Florence Coulter
30	Caroline Taylor	Trevor Dunlop	Brian McNeill

## Flowers in Carryduff

- 2 Elizabeth Johnston
- 16 Joan Clayton
- 23 Tanya Adams

## Smile Lines

### Love letter

An advert appeared in the student newspaper of the university:  
 Sweet little old lady wishes to correspond with university student – seeks six-footer with brown eyes answering to initials J.A.D.  
 Signed,  
 His mother

### Henry Ford’s secret

When the late Mr and Mrs Henry Ford celebrated their golden wedding anniversary, a reporter asked them: “To what do you attribute your fifty years of successful married life?”  
 “The formula,” said Ford, “is the same formula I have always used in making cars – just stick to one model.”

### Hymn or maths?

A father had taken his small son to church. The boy listened attentively without saying a word until the clergyman announced: “We will now sing hymn two hundred and twenty-two: ‘Ten Thousand Times Ten Thousand’, two hundred and twenty-two.”  
 Alarmed, the little boy nudged his father. “Do we have to work this one out?”

ACROSS:  
 1, Lawyer.  
 4, Balsam.  
 8, Caleb.  
 9, Jehoram.  
 10, Sparrow.  
 11, Exile.  
 12, Excellent.  
 17, Act in.  
 19, Endemic.  
 21, Slavery.  
 22, Galat.  
 23, Silent.  
 24, Tarsus.  
 DOWN:  
 1, Locust.  
 2, Welfare.  
 3, Ember.  
 5, Athlete.  
 6, Sarai.  
 7, Member.  
 9, Jewellery.  
 13, Condemn.  
 14, Temples.  
 15, Causes.  
 16, Scales.  
 18, Trail.  
 20, Dogma.

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## Harvest at Killaney: 16 October 3:00 pm

### No morning Service

We are pleased to have as our guest speaker this year a member of the local Christian Aid team. Each year some of the displays and goods are offered for a fun auction after worship, and Christian Aid has often been the recipient of the amount raised.

*I asked Helen to introduce herself*

My name is Helen Newell and I live in East Belfast with my husband and two young daughters. My work role takes me all over Northern Ireland, engaging churches to support Christian Aid Ireland through prayer, campaigning and giving so that together we can help end poverty in some of the poorest countries across the world.

I'm looking forward to coming to celebrate this Harvest season with you on 16 October. From droughts in East Africa to floods across Pakistan, the climate crisis is having a devastating impact, particularly on the world's poorest people. Like me, I'm sure that you are concerned about this – I can feel overwhelmed and at a loss of what to do. As we meet to give thanks to God for his provision, I'll be sharing stories of hope and more about how we can respond together, considering the needs of the world around us.

We hope you can all come and enjoy the harvest in our beautiful country church.





## Anniversaries Service



“Edward” is how our parishioners and his friends in Carryduff know him. But he is also known as Bishop Edward Darling in the Church of Ireland at large. Since his retirement as Bishop of Limerick, he has lived in the diocese of Down and Dromore, and, for the last four years, in the Parish of Carryduff. He and his wife Mrs Patricia Darling have become very familiar worshippers at St Ignatius’ on Sundays and Wednesdays at our two weekly communion services.

It was a particularly significant Wednesday - St Matthew’s Day 21 September 2022 - when Edward conducted what he had determined would be his final leading of a service. It was some 65 years since his ordination to the priesthood, and it was our privilege as a parish to join with him and some members of his family at St Ignatius’ for the occasion.

Typical of his modesty, Edward made sure that Keith Shaw, who also marked the fourth anniversary of his being made a Diocesan Reader on the same day, would be present as well.

We thank Bishop Edward for his continuing support of the parish, and his service to Almighty God, as he joins with us in worship week by week.