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St Andrew's Killaney | St Ignatius' Carryduff

Dear Friends

I read somewhere how a local person, faced with the increasing cost of fuel - in our mostly oil-heated homes - commented that local people will "know what to do"!

She was right, for the most part, but the canny creative and long-suffering residents of this land will nevertheless be facing a much colder winter at home than many of us have experienced since childhood.

Like many of you, the central heating has been switched from 'automatic' to 'on demand', and, despite the cool weather, it has been off more than ever before. This is before the bills have risen as steeply as they still might, and most of us are in the same boat.

One of the chief reasons for the rising costs and return of significant inflation has been the reaction of the west to the invasion of the independent nation, Ukraine, by troops given orders by the Russian President. The claim has been that a Nazi menace must be destroyed but no one with any international awareness, except that leader, has seen any sign of Nazism in the invaded nation.

The true danger is that the western governments begin to cosy up to a megalomaniac, in order to keep fuel prices down, and thereby invite the marauding monster to continue its pursuit of further nations to annex. I would rather be cold than see such behaviour rewarded. I would rather see people continue their struggle



against the true enemy than capitulate. But, above all, I would love the followers of misguided leaders to set the record straight about their desires for their national life. Truth must prevail, Life must be sacred, coercion must not succeed.

In these dark days, I pray that God in his mercy would open the eyes of the blind to justice and truth, and bring about a new desire in all the nations to strengthen fairness, good neighbourliness, and gentleness in their dealings with one another.

Heavenly Father, in the midst of the threats of nuclear attack and widespread hunger and poverty, we beg you to change the hearts of those in power, and those who keep them in power, who would exercise domination over the nations of the earth. Raise up godly counsellors to reveal the truth, and set on the road to peace those who have the earthly power to wage continuous war, that the world may live in peace and the hungry and poor be given opportunities to live well. For Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

Stephen

Next Magazine

Our next magazine is our Christmas New Year combined edition. We ask our contributors to include January dates of events along with their December programme and rosters. Thank you.

Mothers' Union

The Mothers' Union Diocesan Overseas Evening is planned for Monday 7th November 2022 at 7.30 pm in St Ignatius' Carryduff. This will replace our normal monthly meeting. The guest speaker will be the Worldwide President of the Mothers' Union, Sheran Harper. This will be a wonderful opportunity to hear Sheran speak and we look forward to seeing you there.



Our Christmas meeting will be on **Thursday 1st December in the Mitchell Room** at the normal time of 8pm. Please come along and join us for some supper. As it's our Christmas meeting; please bring a small, wrapped gift to the value of no more than £5 to be used as a secret Santa.

Our dear friend **Marina, from Ukraine**, came to our October meeting to tell us how her countrymen are coping with the war. It's just impossible to imagine the hardship which Ukrainians are experiencing. We all know that food and medicines are in short supply and that living conditions are challenging and dangerous, but the infrastructure is so badly damaged that, in some areas, there is no running water and communication with the outside world is difficult. Marina and her team are not only sending food, toiletries and medicines to the suffering but also distributing water pumps and purification tablets. Marina's cousin, Sergey, is a Pastor in Dunesk and he is helping to coordinate the deliveries and distribute the goods to the needy. Even if the war were to end tomorrow, it will take years before the situation returns to something like normality, and the psychological scars will last for generations. Marina was delighted with all of our donations and asked us to pass on her thanks to all involved. She has also asked that we remember Ukraine and its people in our prayers on a regular basis. Marina raises money for many charities by running Zumbathons- she even taught us a few steps so watch this space for the St Ignatius' Zumbathon!!



Many congratulations to Joan for celebrating over 40 years as a member of The Mothers' Union

Fabric Fund Harvest Appeal

Thank you to all members who contributed gifts to the Harvest Appeal at St Ignatius' this year. We are also in the process of applying for various grants to help us plan, and eventually, effect necessary repairs to the roof of the Church and the Church Hall, both of which are showing their age.

The money donated online and via envelopes during October amounted to £3,627.50 at the time of going to press. If you intended to give online, but have forgotten to do so, the correct details are:

Bank Account: Carryduff Parish Church

Acc No: 40070068.

Bank Sort Code: 950679

Store House

The Storehouse Food Bank is a Christian organisation situated in the Killynure Community Hub, beside the library in Carryduff. It is open to anyone who finds themselves in need. Just feel free to drop by and take whatever you are short of- no questions asked. Tony and Robert will be glad to help. Opening hours – Tuesday 9:30-11:30 am & Friday 2:00 - 4:00 pm. Please share this with anyone you know who could make use of this facility.



Carryduff Car Park

We are delighted to see the church car park well filled on a Sunday morning and we appreciate the efforts everyone makes to park safely while using the space well.

On many occasions, cars need to be parked in the middle of the car park, and we are happy that they do so. However, if you are staying after church for a conversation or a chat, we would ask you to check that your car is not likely to block anyone else from leaving more promptly. It only takes a moment but your attention to this will make church-going much more pleasurable for others. If you have parked your car in the middle of the car park, and may be blocking someone else's car, please be ready to move it when the service is over to a newly vacated space. Thank you.

Christmas Lunch

by/for Wednesday Fellowship

We look forward to the Christmas lunch which will take place during the first week of December on Wednesday, 7th of December, after a midweek service, focusing on the Christmas message.

We extend an invitation to anyone who would like to come, but please let us know by adding your name to the form in the Jeremy Taylor Chapel, during November, or phone/text mobile 078 345 84932 with info.

From St. Andrew's

Rosters **Flowers:** Gunnell Rainey

Cleaning: Jane Todd, Carol McClintock

Thank you to all who gave so generously to the Food bank and to Florence and her helpers for decorating the Church for the Harvest - it was lovely as usual, and to Anne and her team for providing food and helping to serve it at our Harvest Tea.

It is good to have the Art Class started again on a Thursday afternoon and in the morning a Ladies' Fellowship group is taking place. You will be very welcome to come to either or both! Anyone interested please speak to the Rector, Stephen.

Our weekly Thursday mornings have been great! Week by week new faces have dropped in for coffee and a chat; to help make the morning complete we have had a short reading and prayer from a member. Why not come along; you do not need to be a member of the church, and there is no charge.

St Andrew's Sunday School

We are delighted that this group has reopened after a period of closure. This is continuing the work started by Viona and Lila, who gave of their time and resources for a number of years.

There is a group of 8 leaders, two of whom assist each week; they are using the Down and Dromore Jigsaw Programme. Thank you to Viona, Lisa, Rosemary, Gillian, Linnea, Raine, Pamela and Amanda who are making possible this important ministry to children in Killaney. Please encourage your children to come and join us each Sunday at 12.00 noon.

Keith Shaw

MOUNTAINS OF PRAYER

In the mists of the slumbering dawn,
White mantles of lace hung to air,
I rise from my sleep and begin my ascent
To the Beautiful Mountains of Prayer.

It's a road called Devotion that leads me
Through the field of Confusion and Cares,
But I will not retreat for I clearly see
The Beautiful Mountains of Prayer.

I will stop for a moment of rest
By the waters I find flowing there,
And I stoop to drink from the Lake of Faith
That mirrors the Mountains of Prayer.

Thus refreshed I press onward once more
Through the cool of the Alpine air,
Led on by the whisper of Someone who calls
My heart to His own in prayer.

And as ever I find Him there waiting
To His welcoming arms I repair,
And together we climb the hallowed heights
Of the Beautiful Mountains of Prayer.



Honorary Treasurer

Stephen Thompson

At a recent vestry meeting we heard the news that, after some 18 years as Honorary Treasurer, Mr Stephen Thompson has decided to step down from the role at the end of the current financial year. The monthly process of recording and reporting the income and expenditure of the parish has been well managed, as has Stephen's willingness to develop the processes used in line with the requirements of the NI Charities Commission.

We are indebted to Stephen as he has ensured that the staff of the church have been remunerated in a timely fashion throughout these years.

The select vestry will be beginning to seek a suitable person to take over the role after the Easter Vestry. We expect the new treasurer will want to use even more online resources to handle the accounts, and measures are already being put in place to make the transition as easy as possible for them.

Please continue to pray that women and men of good character and strong faith will be willing to serve in important roles as members of the select vestry at St. Ignatius', Carryduff. Thank you.

The Gathering

Bible Society Supporters Evening Friday 4/11/2022

Northern Ireland's Bible Society is engaged with similar organisations all over the world in assisting in the translation, printing and distribution of God's word in the heart language of every people-group.

As part of their programme to encourage us, they hold an annual gathering to share news from some particular part of the world.

This year the event is in Lisburn on Friday 4th November and you are encouraged to find out more by visiting the BSNI website here: <https://biblesocietyni.co.uk/the-gathering/>

Details for The Gathering:

This year's event will be held on Friday, 4th November, at 7.30pm, in the T3 Conference Centre in Lisburn. Please register your interest on Eventbrite - See link above. While this is *not necessary* for you to attend, *it assists* Bible Society NI to estimate numbers for supper.

T3 is an event space in Vic-Ryn Lisburn, Moira Road, Lisburn BT28 2RF

Smile Lines - Great invention

The boys had been up in the attic together helping with some cleaning. They uncovered an old manual typewriter and asked their mother what it was. She briefly explained, but they were still puzzled as to how it worked.

So the mother rolled some paper into the typewriter and began striking the keys, leaving black letters of print on the page. "WOW!" they exclaimed, "That's really cool...but where do you plug it in?"

"There is no plug," she answered. "Then where do you put the batteries?" they persisted. "It doesn't need batteries either," she continued.

"Wow! This is so cool!" they exclaimed. "Someone should have invented this a long time ago!"

Ballynahinch Food bank

'For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink. I was a stranger and you invited me in.' Matthew 25 v 35

Ballynahinch Food bank is managed by First Presbyterian Church and supported by the local community.

It aims to help those experiencing short-term financial hardship, regardless of background. It is not meant to offer long-term assistance or financial support. We provide non-perishable food parcels, enough to feed a family for 3 days, on production of a voucher. Vouchers can be obtained from CAP, Homestart, St Vincent de Paul, NIHE, The Hub and Social Services. Up to a maximum of 4 vouchers per family may be issued during a period of need.

This is a confidential service run by volunteers.

We would appreciate your support by leaving non-perishable food at the church or by donating money.

Food bank is open Tuesday 9.30am to 12.30pm.

Local Handmade Crafts

Supporting Local Ukrainian Families at Christmas Time

Jill McPeak lives locally and has just started attending St Ignatius'



She has been making handmade crafts to support Ukrainian families and will be bringing some items to the church hall this month for you to buy.

She will be here on Sunday 27th Nov at 10.00 am service. If folks in Killaney would like a visit she will be happy to bring the items there too! Watch this space.

Many thanks for your support.

Used Stamps

Both churches are collecting used stamps for use by charities to raise funds. From the start of November, all donated stamps in both churches will go for the benefit of The Leprosy Mission.

Please leave a minimum of 1 cm margin of paper around the stamps and leave your collection in the boxes near the wardens' tables in each church.

Thank you.



J-Club News

November

Our group of approximately 40 children of primary school age meets every Friday evening to enjoy a range of activities, including drumming, inflatables and simple crafts.

Along with both our Sunday Schools, we are following the Church of Ireland Jigsaw programme material, which was prepared by Julie Currie and her team.

It is hoped to have a group of part-time helpers who will assist with the running of the group.

We are looking forward to the rest of the year's events and would encourage other children to join us. You can follow us on Facebook.

J Club Special For some time we have been concerned that some children with special needs or a disability may be missing out on the opportunity to be part of J Club. While we have lots of fun activities, we realise that Friday evenings tend to be noisy and busy, and they are not suitable for every child. We would like to address this so we are proposing to form another group for primary age children with additional needs, who have mild to moderate learning difficulties. We intend to organise similar activities and a teaching programme to that of the other groups, but in a quieter and less frenetic environment. The group would meet from 5.45 to 6.45 every Friday evening. To facilitate the above we are looking for 4 or 5 helpers who would be available for one Friday each month.

Please contact Keith if you would like to assist with this project.

J Club Plus has been up and running again since September and we are averaging about 15/18 young people each week. This is very encouraging, given the enforced break of nearly three years.

The group has enjoyed a range of activities, including pizza-making and a trip to McDonalds. We seem to gravitate towards food!!

During November we plan to go to see the Giants playing at the SSE arena, having managed to secure free tickets.

We are hoping that more young people will join this group, and we have invited Josh, the Down and Dromore youth worker, to come and share some discipleship programmes with us.

Plans are afoot for an overnight stay away in the new year. This would be an opportunity to pursue activities outdoors, and to learn more of what it means to be a follower of Jesus.

Young people from P7 and upwards are always welcome to join the group.

We value prayer for them and for the leaders, Liz and Philip.

We are delighted that Liz has agreed to take on the responsibility for running J Club Plus.

Celebrate at 10

On the fourth Sunday of the month J Club and Sunday Club come together for All Age Worship after which everyone is invited to refreshments in the hall, and children enjoy their own special activity. There is a great atmosphere and older parishioners appreciate the young people's participation in the service, and love joining in the 'fun'.

Our next Celebrate at 10 is on Sunday, 27th November at 10.00am. We look forward to seeing you, your children and grandchildren there.

Hymn Story

O God, our help in ages past

O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home!

Under the shadow of Thy throne
Still may we dwell secure;
Sufficient is Thine arm alone,
And our defence is sure.

A thousand ages in Thy sight
Are like an evening gone;
Short as the watch that ends the night,
Before the rising sun.

Isaac Watts (1674 – 1748) is often called the 'Father of English hymnody'. Certainly, before his hymns came along, congregational singing was a tedious business.

Watts was born in July 1674 in Southampton. (At the time of his birth, his father, an educated deacon in a dissenting Congregational church, was briefly in prison for his non-conformist beliefs.) As a boy, Watts showed outstanding ability with language (learning Greek, Hebrew, Latin and French). He also had an unusual ability for easy rhyming in English. (At the age of five, when scolded for giggling in family prayers, it was because he had seen a mouse on the bell-rope, and instantly composed the line: *'There was a mouse, for want of stairs, ran up a rope to say his prayers!'*)

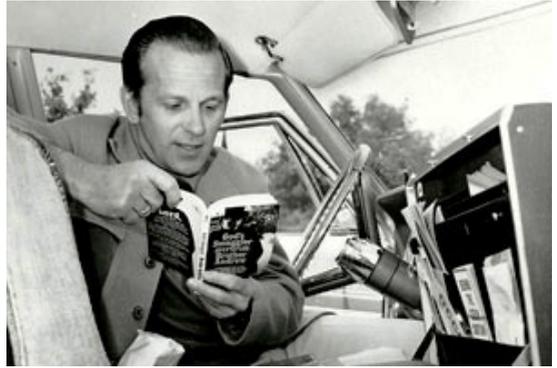
Watts' literary ability, combined with his interest in theology, made him very unhappy with the congregational singing of the day, which focused almost entirely on strict metrical versions of the psalms. One Sunday after church, Isaac complained to his father about this. His father challenged him to write something better. Though only 18, Watts accepted the challenge, and produced his first hymn – which was duly sung the following Sunday.

It was such a success that he wrote new hymn texts every Sunday for the next two years. In all, he went on to write more than 600 hymns. Some of them are still well-loved today: from this one, 'O God, Our Help in Ages Past', which is a paraphrase of Psalm 90, to 'When I Survey the Wondrous Cross', and the Christmas carol, 'Joy to the World'.

Brother Andrew Celebrating a Life (1928-2022)

Brother Andrew, the founder of Open Doors, died on 27 September, aged 94.

Famous around the world as 'God's Smuggler', he began his ministry in 1957 by smuggling Bibles across the Iron Curtain in a blue Volkswagen Beetle. That trip was the beginning of Open Doors which, more than 65 years later, is now supporting persecuted Christians around the world.



The remarkable story of his Bible 'smuggling' was told in his best-selling autobiography 'God's Smuggler'.

After the fall of the Iron Curtain, Brother Andrew turned his attention to the Islamic World, saying that the rapid spread of Islam posed the greatest challenge yet to the Christian church worldwide. He travelled to the Middle East and South Asia and had private meetings with leaders of several Islamic fundamentalist groups. However, Brother Andrew preached against retaliation – repeatedly declaring “I sincerely love all Muslims” as a counter to the rising Islamophobia in the west.

Queen Beatrix of the Netherlands knighted Brother Andrew in 1993. In 1997, he received the World Evangelical Alliance's Religious Liberty Award, recognising his lifetime of service to suffering Christians.

But Open Doors UK reveals that “perhaps the recognition that pleased him most was the copies of KGB reports, which he obtained after the fall of the Iron Curtain. There were more than 150 pages about him, detailing his work in the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe. Despite this, they were still unable to stop his work.” More details at www.opendoorsuk.org.

Smile Lines

Where?

A rather long-winded preacher was dealing with the Old Testament prophets, one by one. “And now,” he propounded, “we reach Isaiah. Where shall I put Isaiah?” At that, a man in the front row stood up. “He can have my seat. I am going home!”

Life and death

The vicar was preaching a powerful sermon concerning death and judgment. In the course of the sermon, he said: “Just think – all of you living in this parish will one day die.” At this, a man in the front pew began to laugh quietly. After the service the vicar demanded sternly what he had found so funny about his sermon. The man replied: “I was just happy that I don't live in this parish!”

Cost-of-living

44 million struggling with cost-of-living crisis

In what has been described as 'a landmark poll', CAP (Christians Against Poverty) has found that nearly half of us living in the UK are being impacted by rising costs. The poll, carried out for CAP by YouGov, found:

Impacted – 84% (about 44 million) of us have been financially affected by the cost-of-living crisis.

Rising prices – 49% of us (about 25.9 million) have seen our bills rise by between £101 and £500 a month.

Struggling financially – 15% of us (about 7.9 million) admit we were already struggling financially. But this has risen quickly, until by now it seems that just under half of us, or 48% (about 25 million) are struggling to some extent.

Cutting back – an estimated 61% of us (more than 32 million) of us have reduced our energy use to save money. More than 46% of us (about 24 million) are shopping around more and using cheaper supermarkets.

Desperation — Sadly, about 15% of us, (almost 8 million) people are now thought to be going without heating or electricity completely. A similar amount of us are even skipping some meals. About 37% of us (or 19 million) have cut out socialising and leisure altogether.

Debt & borrowing — About 6.9 million people (13%) are behind on their bills, and more than 42% of us (about 22 million) have borrowed money to cope with rising costs. Of those who have borrowed money this year, 40% have borrowed £1000 or more, with 15% borrowing more than £3000 during 2022.

Long term impact — Over a third of us who owe money expect that it will take us more than a year to pay it back.

As one spokesman for CAP says: "Living shouldn't cost everything. But for millions, it does."

"We need more targeted help for people living in poverty who have less money coming in than they need, just to stay alive and out of serious debt. This could be delivered in discounts of household bills, more one-off grants and increased benefit payments to help people survive winter." CAP is helping thousands of people become debt free across the UK.

Macmillan Coffee Morning and Afternoon

Not one but TWO Macmillan Coffee events were held in the church hall at Carryduff this year.

The first, after the midweek communion, was organised by the Wednesday Fellowship and raised almost £300.

The second, organised by Tanya Adams as an outdoors event at the Hub, was moved to the hall at short notice - because of the poor weather - and garnered almost £600!

This good cause had great support and we are grateful to the workers and those who enjoyed the fare on offer.

November Services

2 November	Wednesday for All Saints	(White)
11:30 am	Midweek Communion Fellowship Ephesians 1:11-23 Luke 6:20-31	in Carryduff
12:15 pm	Monthly Lunch in Church Hall	

6 November	3 before Advent	(Green)
	<i>God chose you as firstfruits to be saved through the sanctifying work of the Spirit and through belief in the truth 2 Thess 2:13</i>	
8:30 am	Early Communion 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5,13-17 Luke 20:27-38	in Carryduff
10:00 am	Parish Communion with Sunday Club 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5,13-17 Luke 20:27-38	in Carryduff
12:00 pm	Parish Communion with Sunday Club 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5,13-17 Luke 20:27-38	in Killaney
7:00 pm	Daring to Hope 1 Turning to God	Mitchell Room

9 November	Wednesday	
10:00 am	Midweek Communion Fellowship Titus 3:1-7 Luke 17:11-19	in Carryduff

13 November	Remembrance Sunday	(Red)
	<i>My command is this: love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. John 15:12-13</i>	
8:30 am	Early Communion 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13 Luke 21:5-19	in Carryduff
10:00 am	Remembrance Service with Uniformed Youth Isaiah 2:1-5 John 15:9-17	in Carryduff
12:00 pm	Remembrance Service Isaiah 2:1-5 John 15:9-17	in Killaney
7:00 pm	Daring to Hope 2 Bringing our complaint	Mitchell Room

14 November Monday
Information for Double January and December Magazine to office, please

16 November	Wednesday	
10:00 am	Midweek Communion Fellowship Revelation 4:1-11 Luke 19:11-28	in Carryduff

20 November	Christ the King	(White)
	<i>The Son is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. Col 1:17-18</i>	
8:30 am	Early Communion Colossians 1:9-20 Luke 23:33-43	in Carryduff
10:00 am	Sunday Morning Prayer with Sunday Club Jeremiah 23:1-6 Luke 23:33-43	in Carryduff
12:00 pm	Sunday Morning Prayer with Sunday Club Jeremiah 23:1-6 Luke 23:33-43	in Killaney
7:00 pm	Daring to Hope 3 Asking boldly for help	Mitchell Room

23 November	Wednesday	
10:00 am	Midweek Communion Fellowship Revelation 15:1-4 Luke 21:12-19	in Carryduff

27 November Advent Sunday

(Purple)

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ: Though he was rich, for your sake he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. 2 Cor 8:9

8:30 am	Early Communion Romans 13:11-14 Matthew 24:36-44	in Carryduff
10:00 am	Celebrate at Ten 2 Corinthians 8:1-9	in Carryduff
12:00 pm	All age focus worship with Sunday Club 2 Corinthians 8:1-9	in Killaney
4:00 pm	Community Carols	in Lough Moss Centre
7:00 pm	Daring to Hope 4 Daring to hope (trust) in God	Mitchell Room

30 November Wednesday St Andrew the Apostle

(Red)

10:00 am	Midweek Communion Fellowship	in Carryduff
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Daring to Hope November Sundays at 7:00 pm in the Mitchell Room

Bible Society has produced a widely acclaimed programme to help us deal with the stresses and disappointments of life, whatever their source. It sounds like it may be helpful for people like you, yes, whoever you are, as it enables us all to engage with those experienced using the biblical language of lament. Intrigued?

Come along to the Mitchell Room, each Sunday in November, at 7:00 pm, and help yourself and others to address the unuttered feelings which lurk beneath the surface when we are bereaved or abandoned, defeated or dismayed, insulted or ignored, or simply broken.

I realise that is a high bar to reach in a group of people, some of whom do not know each other yet, but a willingness on your part to be part of it, whether to listen or to actively participate, is all that I need from you to begin this journey.

By the end of the short course, I hope you will have a new tool in your spiritual tool-belt.

To find out more about the course we will use, visit: <https://biblesocietyni.co.uk/resources/daring-to-hope/>

Daring to Hope: *Experiencing the Grace of Lament*

will take participants on a journey through Scripture, to encounter, practically explore, and own in our lives, the four elements of lament so often present:

- 1. Turning to God**
- 2. Bringing our complaint**
- 3. Asking boldly for help**
- 4. Daring to hope (trust) in God**



To Be a King

Just over ten years ago, and a few days before the diamond jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II, I wrote a short poem under the title “Jewels and Thorns.” In referring to her coronation in Westminster Abbey I noted that there she :

“.....Made her vows and knelt before the throne
Of Him whose crown of thorns she vowed to own.....”

There can be no doubting the late queen’s quiet and humble acceptance of Christian faith. Beyond question, it was a guiding principle of her life – and that life surely represented a model of unassuming yet purposeful leadership. Indeed we should recognise that, in her gentle yet firm obedience to her vows, she attended diligently to all the leadership issues that a constitutional monarchy demands.

That principle of the godly example of a ruling monarch dates back to Old Testament times some three thousand years ago. When the Israelites – the Chosen People – first came to the promised land, after release from captivity in Egypt (probably about 1240 BC) they did not have any king-like figure to rule and, specifically, to govern by any godly standards to which the public should adhere. The concluding verse of the book of Judges makes this very clear. It states: “In those days Israel had no king; everyone did as he saw fit (Judges 21 v.25).”

It was not until 1050 BC that Saul became the first king of Israel. From that time onwards, until Jerusalem was overrun by Nebuchadnezzar (king of Babylon) in 587 BC, there had been an unbroken succession of kings. However, many of them did not uphold the principles of Godliness – as set out so clearly in the ten commandments (Exodus 20. v.1-17).

The record of the history books in the Old Testament clearly implies that all the savage misfortune of the Israelite people over many generations was the result of indifferent leadership and the failures of successive kings to uphold and respect the law of the Lord. To put it bluntly, they followed false gods.

In simple terms, if the king gets it right, serves the Lord and requires the people to do likewise, all should be well. This is clearly set out

by the psalmist who wrote: “Therefore, you kings, be wise; be warned, you rulers of the earth. Serve the Lord with fear and rejoice with trembling (Psalm 2. v. 10-11).”

This is an observation of pertinent significance for our time. We have a new king – Charles III – who has ascended the throne at a time when there are innumerable false gods all around us. Indeed, we are almost overwhelmed by the mindless hero worship of pop performers and opinionated chattering celebrities, and by the public posturing of egoistic political figures both at home and overseas.

Much of this is alarmingly decadent. Could a new king play an effective role in changing the present public mindset? Certainly, his coronation vows would present to him a challenge to set an example and to point us towards a renewed vision of godliness. I, for my part, hope most sincerely that the public mood can be redirected towards more wholesome godly values.

Of course, I recognise that there may be some issues concerning Charles’ personal background. Be that as it may, we should recall the words of Jesus on a particular occasion when a self-righteous crowd gathered to throw stones at an offender. He said: “If any one of you is without sin, let him be the first to throw a stone....(John 8. v.3-7).”

None of us is without sin, and it would be most welcome if the coronation of a new king could contribute to turning the mind of the public towards the things that really matter. **Denis**

Sermon Themes

Ann Coomes writes

The four traditional ‘special’ days of November pick up on the current issues facing us all.

Bonfire Night has its origins in political struggles for power and turmoil in Parliament, both of which seem likely to continue this autumn.

Remembrance Day reminds us of the slaughter and pain and unbearable cost of war.

But **Advent** assures us that God has not left us in this world on our own. He has come to live among us, to die in our place, and to be the Way, the Truth and the Life, for us, if we but turn to Him.

And the **Sunday of Christ the King** reminds us that this world with its evil and unfairness will not be allowed to go on forever. Jesus Christ has overcome death and will return to us one day. And HIS Kingdom will be one of justice and righteousness, with no more tears, and He will reign forever. Amen!

In St Andrew’s and St Ignatius’ we will reflect some of these themes in our Sunday Worship each week of November. . . .

Book Reviews

Fixated – Advent Meditations from the Book of Hebrews

By Tim Chester, 10Publishing, £3.99

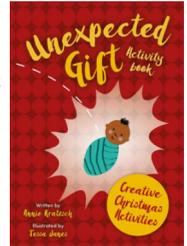
In these 24 Advent devotions, Tim Chester encourages us to look away from the Christmas distractions of our culture and instead, be engrossed by Jesus. This might not sound very practical, but it is life changing. Using the opening chapters of Hebrews as a tour guide, these devotions show us the key sights of the Lord's glory and invite us to fix our eyes on Jesus this Christmas.



The Unexpected Gift Activity Book – Creative Christmas Activities

By Annie Kratzsch and Tessa Janes, 10Publishing, £6.99

The activity book for youngsters aged 4 to 7 helps to make the Christmas story hands-on and tangible. It contains 25 activities to make, as well as 25 Bible verse ornaments to decorate. Templates to create a nativity scene, plus other crafts, can be torn directly out of the book, making it much easier to get creative with decorating and assembling the crafts.

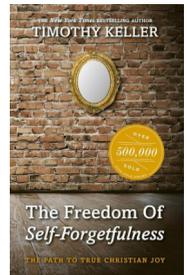


Each activity pairs up with a corresponding page from the storybook, so they can be used together to explore the Christmas story with your family.

The Freedom of Self-Forgetfulness – the path to true Christian joy

By Timothy Keller, 10Publishing, £2.99

This is one of the questions the Apostle Paul addresses as he writes to the church in Corinth. He's not after some superficial outward tinkering, but instead a deep-rooted, life-altering change that takes place on the inside. In an age where pleasing people, puffing up your ego and building your résumé are seen as the methods to 'make it', the Apostle Paul calls us to find true rest in blessed self-forgetfulness.



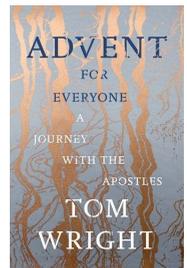
In this short and punchy book, best-selling author Timothy Keller, shows that gospel-humility means we can stop connecting every experience, every conversation with ourselves and can thus be free from self-condemnation. A truly gospel-humble person is not a self-hating person or a self-loving person, but a self-forgetful person.

Advent for Everyone – a journey with the apostles

By Tom Wright, SPCK, £9.99

Join Tom Wright on a journey with the Apostles Peter, Paul and John, exploring the New Testament themes of thankfulness, patience, humility and joy.

Within each of these themes, Wright offers a week of daily readings and meditations. These sparkling reflections take you on a journey of spiritual enlightenment, guiding you towards the wonder and joy of Christmas.



Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

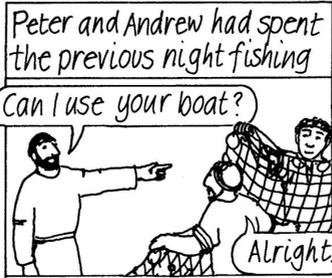
It can be read in the Bible in
Lk 5:1-11, Mt. 4:18-22, Mk 1:16-20

On the shore of Lake Galilee, Jesus was trying to teach people but there were so many that he couldn't be heard.

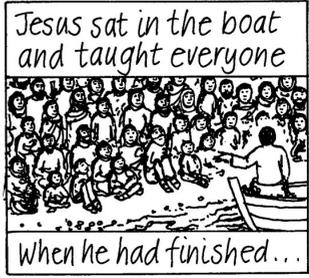
What did he say?
I can't hear him!
I can't even see him!



Peter and Andrew had spent the previous night fishing
Can I use your boat?
Alright.



Jesus sat in the boat and taught everyone
When he had finished...



Now let's go fishing!
What an idiot! The fish don't come near the surface in the daytime.



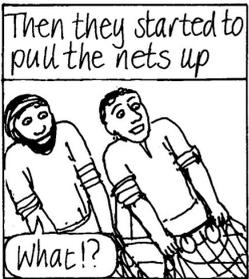
We fished all last night and caught nothing, but I'll do what you say.



So they threw their nets out



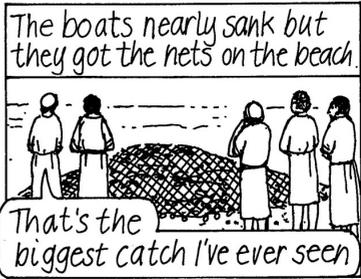
Then they started to pull the nets up
What!?



The nets are breaking!
James, John, come and help!



The boats nearly sank but they got the nets on the beach.
That's the biggest catch I've ever seen



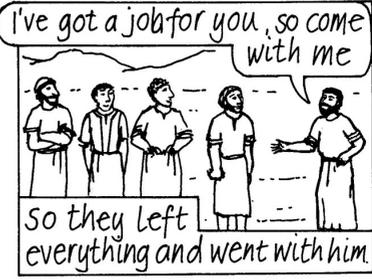
Only God could do something that amazing.

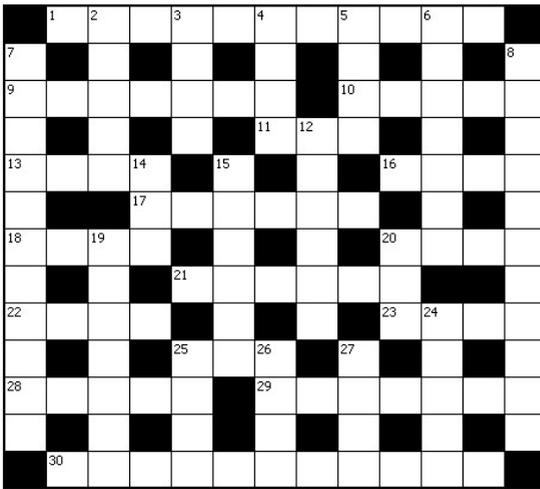


I was an idiot to talk to you like that, Lord, just leave me alone.



I've got a job for you, so come with me
So they left everything and went with him.





Across

1 and 20 Down 'Lord of all _ Lord of all _ whose trust, ever child-like, no cares could destroy'(11,3)

9 Moses' question to a fighting Hebrew labourer: 'Why are you _ your fellow Hebrew?' (Exodus 2:13) (7)

10 Acclaimed cellist who contracted multiple sclerosis at the height of her fame, Jacqueline _ (2,3)

11 'At even _ the sun was set, the sick, O Lord, around thee lay'(3)

13 A descendant of Gad (Numbers 26:16) (4)

16 'Do not leave Jerusalem, but _ for the gift my Father promised' (Acts 1:4) (4)

17 Clambers (Jeremiah 48:44) (6)

18 Peter's response to questioning by the Sanhedrin: 'We must _God rather than men!'(Acts 5:29) (4)

20 Christian paraplegic author, artist and campaigner, _ Eareckson Tada (4)

21 Bird partial to the nests of other birds (6)

22 'Such large crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat _ _ '(Matthew 13:2) (2,2)

23 Infectious tropical disease (4)

25 Tree (3)

28 'No fear of me should _ you, nor should my hand be heavy upon you'(Job 33:7) (5)

29 For example, to Titus, Timothy or Philemon (7)

30 Week beginning with Pentecost Sunday, according to the Church's calendar (11)

Down

2 'O Jerusalem _ how _I have longed to gather your children together' Matthew 23:37) (5)

3 Way out (4)

4 Exhort (Romans 12:1) (4)

5 Done (anag.) (4)

6 Highest of the four voice-parts in a choir (7)

7 Concerning the study of God (11)

8 Uniquely, it has Abbey, Cathedral and Chapel (11)

12 Admonish (Matthew 16:22) (6)

14 Frozen (3)

15 Established form of religious ceremony (6)

19 Inscription often found on gravestones (7)

20 See 1 Across

24 Behaved (Joshua 7:1) (5)

25 Time (anag.) (4)

26 Lists choice of meals (4)

27 'For the wages of sin is death, but the _ of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord'(Romans 6:23) (4)

Answers on page 21

Parishes' Registers

Holy Matrimony

3 October India Dinsmore and Haydn Strong
in Killaney Parish Church

Those whom God has joined together, let no-one put asunder.

Christian Funerals

I am the Resurrection and the Life

11 October Sarah Elizabeth Bridges, Comber Road
26 October Evelyn Margaret Jamison, Cherryhill Road

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

Remembering

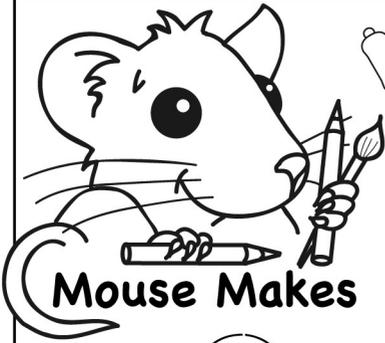
Sarah Elizabeth (Elsie) Bridges was born at the family home in Braeside in 1929, the only child of her parents, David and Isabella Dobbin. After attending Clontonacally Primary School, she gained a place at Methodist College where she studied hard in preparation for a career in nursing. She began what was to become a successful nursing career at the Royal Victoria Hospital, Belfast. As a qualified nurse, she married her long term school friend, Barry Bridges, whom she had first met when they were about 15. Most of their married life was spent at Osborne Park and in Braeside, Carryduff. Her husband, Barry, went on to be a university professor with a career which took him to far-off places at times, and which was made possible by Elsie's constant devotion to him and their four children. She was content to do everything in the home and to look after the family. Elsie managed all this very well, but she was pleased when life allowed her to resume nursing, later in life.

At the cremation service, her grandson paid tribute to the immaculately turned-out woman of humour and dry wit, who was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother, who loved the thrill of a rugby match and enjoyed travelling to see the Irish Team play in Dublin and Edinburgh, and who made some very deep life- long friendships.

We extend our sympathies to Fiona, Barry, Jane and Andy, her seven grandchildren and her whole family circle at this time of loss.

Evelyn Margaret Jamison, from Cherryhill Road in Donegore, was remembered during a thanksgiving service in St. Ignatius', Carryduff after a Committal Service at Roselawn Crematorium recently.

Evelyn has been an important member of her family circle, and was often in Carryduff with the life events of the Johnston and Montgomery Families here. A farmer by devotion and a much valued member of the Health Service Finance Team based in Ballymena, her death came after a valiant fight against aggressive cancer diagnosed last year. We sympathise with Elizabeth and John, Meta and Jim, and the whole family circle.



THE COMING OF A KING

The birth of Jesus is fortold



God sent a messenger to Mary
What was the angel's name?

Luke 1:26-28

Mary was frightened,
what did the angel say?

Luke 1:30



What was Mary to
name her child?

Luke 1:31

What is her son
going to be?

Luke 1:32-33



READ
the story
in *Luke*
1:26-55

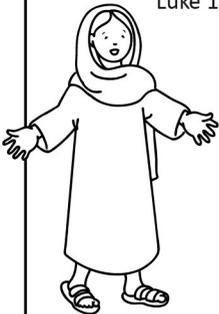


What does the angel
say about God?

Luke 1:37
(LEARN this verse)

Mary praises God, what does
she say God has done?

Luke 1:46-55



Find the words
in the word
search and
the ___
words too.

What happened
to Elizabeth
when Mary
went to
visit her?

Luke 1:41



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November Rotas

Reader	8:30 am Epistle	10:00 am Lessons	12:00 pm Lessons
6	Mary Hewitt	Sandra Thomas	Betty Green
13	Edward Darling	Cedric Adams	Regis Calard
20	Raymond Scott	Vera Lowry	Viona Crothers
27	David Patterson	Olivia Hanlon	Raine Calard

	Flowers	Refreshments	Screens
6	Jennifer Carson	Stephen, Susan, Karen	Jenny
13	Norah Brown	David & Joan	Maureen
20	Ann Stewart	Jenny & Beatrice	Fiona
27	Joan Clayton	Iris W & Vera	Dave

A Mind of Their Own? Reminder for Parents and Carers

If reading your magazine on a phone or computer [click here to watch an introductory video..](#)

Here we hear of the programme Katharine Hill has created to help us build our children's emotional resilience.

This is an event to encourage and enjoy, while helping us get an idea of how to support younger people with some of the many challenges they face today.

For more details visit cff.org.uk/moto where you can also sign up to attend. You can also phone 029 2081 0800 to make your booking. (Please dial carefully, as this is not a local number)

It is on Wednesday 30 November at 7:30 pm at [Holywood Baptist](#).

You MUST book.



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	Bill Connor	028 9263 9873

Next Edition is the Christmas and New Year Edition.

Please submit copy by Monday 14 November to killaneyandcarryduff@icloud.com for publishing on Friday 25 November at 2.00 pm

Harvest in town and country

St Ignatius' Church was decorated in time for the Harvest and featured over thirty jam jar posies, and some larger floral arrangements, with fruit and vegetables also on display. We are indebted to the donors of the flowers and posies, the arrangers, the catering team and those who completed the event by distributing the little arrangements to various parishioners, as a token of our thoughts and prayers.



The Rev Clive Atkinson, the rector of Willowfield, was our guest preacher and he encouraged us all to follow the example of Christ in becoming generous people. Focusing on Paul's sermon in Acts 20, Clive reminded us that "It is more blessed to give than to receive." Clive encouraged us to look for opportunities to be generous as we model our lives on God's loving generosity to us in Christ.

The weekly refreshment team, led by Keith Shaw, put on a beautiful Harvest Tea afterwards and all who stayed enjoyed the fine fare.

St Andrew's Church focused on the products we are able to create from God's good earth as we used foodstuffs for Ballynahinch Food bank to appear alongside the traditional Harvest decorations.

It takes imagination to use the same basic elements to produce a seasonal look in the Church and we thank everyone who made the effort and contributed their gifts to make it possible. This year's display was enriched with beautifully coloured foliage and a series of items like a model rowing



boat with fish, and a butter-making bowl, with paddles.

We love to invite our neighbours for a fine Harvest Spread in the church hall, and now that our hall has new carpets, doors, insulation, kitchen equipment and windows, it was a great opportunity to show the hall at its best,

while enjoying the lovely food.

Mrs Helen Newell, who works for Christian Aid, kindly agreed to come and share the hope that comes when people like ourselves invest our time and effort in helping people around the world to enjoy their local harvest and to be well rewarded for the products they sell in the world markets. She reminded us that the smallest seeds of hope can generate an unexpectedly rich harvest. This was her last preaching engagement with Christian Aid before beginning work with the Trussell Trust.

Make a Christmas Wreath



For £25 on Monday 5th December at
10.00 am or 7.00 pm in
St Ignatius' Church Hall.

Each session should last approx. 2 hours

Price includes all items for the
Christmas Wreath & refreshments.

Spaces are limited so must be booked:

Email: carryduff@down.anglican.org

Speak to Deirdre Shaw, Elizabeth Johnston or Vera Lowry.