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# Coronation Tea Parties 7 May

## Olo Mill Project



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**Killaney and Carryduff Parishes' Magazine May/June 2023**

## Dear Friends

The Coronation of the Monarch of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland is steeped in history. It reflects the relationship the reigning king or queen is deemed to have with Almighty God, the Parliaments of our nation, the Commonwealth and the peoples he or she serves. I am looking forward to the two-hour service at Westminster Abbey.



As we watch the event on television, a medium which we can virtually all enjoy compared to the minuscule numbers who observed the last coronation, we are now all able to watch out for the implications of the rites performed on the day. It is planned that the King will be presented with several items which draw on biblical motifs as part of the ceremony. It is almost as if he is being ordained to a sacred ministry. Indeed in many senses, he is!

**The Gospel:** a connection to the diaconate. As King Charles makes his vows of service he makes them with his hand on a Book of the Gospels, Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. When I was admitted to the office of deacon in 1985, I was presented with a New Testament, and given the commission to read the Gospel at Holy Communion Services, as well as building my life upon its teaching.

In addition, as His Majesty is declared to be the Supreme Governor of the Church of England, he is essentially made subject to the doctrine contained in the Book of Common Prayer. Lay people entering the 'ministry' as deacons, similarly must subscribe to the tenets of that book.

**When the Anointing** takes place, possibly behind a screen as it involves pouring oil on the King's exposed breast as well as his head and hands, the symbolism of the Holy Spirit's anointing is not far away. The laying on of hands in the service of ordination to the presbyterate is accompanied by prayer that the Holy Spirit will equip and lead his servants as they begin their ministry.

**The Investiture** is the period when the King is given his regalia of office, the Orb and Sceptre, and ultimately the St Edward's Crown. This is the only day in his reign when he wears that crown. You will recall how some of these symbols were placed on the Table in the Abbey when HM the late Queen's funeral was taking place. Giving them to the King suggests that the work of all his predecessors now continues in safe hands, and yet their absence from his daily work implies that his reign is not to be one of glory, but one of service.

Clergy don't expect to receive crowns, you will be glad to know, but those serving God as members of the Church, in whatever role God assigns to us, can expect, by faith in Christ, to receive a crown of glory one day. Meantime, God calls us to serve.

**The Enthronement** reminds me of the act in a local institution service (where a new rector is welcomed into a new parish to help its members in their ministries) as, at the end of the promises and introductions, she or he is placed in the prayer desk or equivalent, and sits down in 'his' or 'her' seat! I hope every member at worship would appreciate the privilege of gathering in God's house and the immense responsibility God entrusts to all of us to serve him in the world.

As the gathered crowds inside and outside the abbey will echo 'God save the King' many times during the event, may we add our prayers that God will indeed give King Charles the Third, and Her Majesty Queen Camilla, his blessing and strength to serve this nation and all the nations of the world. God save the King!

[Click Here for BBC guide](#)

Stephen



## SHARING OF MINISTRIES ABROAD

### SOMA Events

In June we will be welcoming visitors from SOMA, Sharing of Ministries Abroad, to attend some events organised in our churches on 2-4 June. SOMA seeks to help ordinary members of churches to share their ministries in different countries from their homes, both to help and to learn in a new situation.

Several of those participating in events, in parishes all over the Diocese of Down and Dromore, are making their first visit to Ireland and we look forward to meeting with them and sharing their stories and ours.

The ministry they seek to share will possibly focus on prayer among us, and encouraging us to take up the Christian life, living it in the power of God.

Both parishes are involved and you can attend either or both events in either parish, but please prioritise your own event first. There is a walk and buffet refreshments **in Carryduff** on Friday 2nd Evening and a Light Breakfast (A bacon buttie or similar with tea) **in Killaney** on Saturday 3rd Morning.

In each case, one or more of the visitors will tell us about their hopes for SOMA's visit.

We do not have precise details of what number will be attending, probably two or three, but as the weeks progress we will have more details.

If you would like to offer one of the visitors a bed for their short stay (Friday night - Sunday morning), or a meal on Saturday lunchtime or Sunday lunchtime after church at Killaney, please get in touch with Mrs Marlene Moore

*Details of times are in the Calendar section.*

### SOMA Team Prayer Time

Please pray. A third online ZOOM prayer time has been arranged for Wednesday 10th May at 8 pm. Please ask Stephen to send you the links to these if you would like to participate. The link will be on the website when this magazine is issued.

### The Big Tea Party

Coronation Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> June, at Carryduff will feature a Royal Tea Party in the Church Hall after 10:00 worship. Everyone is welcome to stay and enjoy the special tea and goodies provided. Donations to the Church Fabric Fund.



# Olo Mill Project



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equipping the church **in mission**

Linda Abwa from CMSI recently shared a number of projects from Olo Diocese in order, the first of which she was keen we would support. I, Stephen, indicated to her that I thought we would do so, and after consulting with Carryduff Vestry they have agreed to do so with several fundraising efforts to be planned. Killaney Vestry will discuss the matter shortly, and may adapt a recent proposal in order to focus on the mill project.

*To give you, our readers, a sense of the project I will share her words here:*

## **Olo Mill Project: Grain Mill: £3600**

Women and girls presently either grind their grains on local stones or walk up to 18 miles per day to the closest grinding mill. The Diocese plans to purchase a grinding mill, transport it to Olo, and build a small shelter to house the machine. This will be a double resource for the Mothers' Union of Olo Diocese. Firstly it enables individual women and their daughters to have local access to this machine, which not only saves time and energy, but decreases the risks of walking alone on rural pathways. Secondly, as this is a prized resource for the community, many people will come to use the machine and this will bring a small income for the MU and their ministries.

The visit from Bishop Tandema and Mama Nora a few months ago touched us all, as they shared the simple circumstances of life in Olo, and the reaction of many of us was "How can we help?"

The bishop had several ideas which were discussed at Killaney Vestry first and there was a great enthusiasm to follow up our feelings with practical help. The same response came from Carryduff's first new vestry meeting and this project is the one they have considered supporting first.





I appeal to members in the parishes to come up with some ideas to help raise funds - here are some examples:

- walking: as we want to save women in Olo having to do a regular 18 mile walk to have their grain milled in other locations, how about engaging in a sponsored walk, or as individuals donating money per mile we walk in one week?
- grain: as we want to help them mill their crops to help them feed their families economically, how about holding a cake or bread sale, using locally ground NI grains? Or bake something for a neighbour who gives to Olo in return?
- fuel: the mill needs fuel and secure housing, so how about donating the cost of, say, one week's fuel, or one fill of diesel to the cause? Got something new in your home? How about donating a thank offering to God for the benefit of Olo?
- MU: Mothers' Union in South Sudan is virtually equivalent to social services here, but without government funding. The mill will help generate a small income for the MU in Olo, which will help their work. Next time you make use of Social Services here, say thanks by helping people in Olo get MU help too?

All monies should go in the first place to our parishes' general accounts via the offering plate, marking the envelope "Old Mill Project". Thank you.

## Olo Focus Evening

CMIS are holding a gathering at Killaney Church Hall on **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May at 7:30 pm** to bring news of recent developments in Olo following visits there. The evening will be addressed by Jenny Smyth (below right) and Linda Abwa (below left).

The evening will feature light food snacks reflecting the culture of Olo, seeing recent pictures displayed on the screen, and personal stories.

As we are hoping to be able to continue our support for Olo, and the Mill Project in particular ourselves, it is a great opportunity to welcome other parishes who also support Olo to share in hearing about this great work.



The joy of seeing God at work all over the world, and the privilege of sharing in that work, should help to keep us all motivated to serve.

## Killaney News

**May** Flowers: Lisa & Maureen Givan  
Cleaning: Jane Todd  
Carol McClintock

**June** Flowers: Marie Mack  
Cleaning: Brian McNeill  
Lyn McNeill



## Coronation Sunday Refreshments

Along with many in our community, we will be marking the Coronation of King Charles with special prayers and music at worship at 12:00 midday on 7th May, and with refreshments in the Hempton Hall thereafter. You are all very welcome to come and join us.

## Coffee Morning

A coffee morning is being organised for the ladies of both parishes at Rockmount Golf Club on Saturday, 20th May at 10.30 am. Please sign your name in the book at the back of the Church if you are going. Louise from the Larder is coming to speak to us. Cost is £6.00 for coffee/ tea and a scone. Everyone is very welcome to join us.

## LOOKING before us

We see only the road ahead,  
Looking behind us  
We see only the shadows of the past.  
But looking around us  
We see beauty, friendship, love and laughter.  
Enjoy the present  
And the wonderful world around us!

## Children's Day Picnic

### Outdoor Worship and a Parish Picnic at Killaney on Sunday 25 June

To mark the end of our Sunday Club season at Killaney we hope to have a short outdoor act of worship in the warm sunshine at 12.00, followed by a picnic in the church grounds. We will supply some treats, possibly hot, but we encourage those who want a good feast to come prepared with blankets for the ground, or picnic chairs.

We will be planning the details at a future vestry meeting, but for now keep an eye on the news sheets, get yourself on your knees to pray for good weather on the day, and invite your friends in the community to come.

Summer picnics have been a feature of parish life in recent years and we look forward to building our community as we hold another one in 2023.

## Christian Aid Week

**14-20 May 2023**

Please support this week's collections for the good of those who are worse off than ourselves. Christian Aid seeks to help in times of crisis and to work all year round to make such crises less frequent and less severe.

The challenges - of climate change, the unfair treatment of women which affects the livelihoods of whole communities, and the inactivity of governments to address issues of inequality across the world - all come under CA's scrutiny. Please help however you can.

*Here is a prayer from the Dominican Republic to reflect the thoughts behind Christian Aid Week:*

The sun offers its gift of warmth,  
The sea offers its gift of water,  
The mountains give their coolness and their beauty,  
The breeze refreshes creation.  
And we, too, bring our gifts so that all may have life.  
Lord, use them to fill the world with peace and justice,  
So that every home can have its daily bread.  
Amen.

## Ballynahinch Foodbank Report 1 JAN - 31 MAR 2023

Ballynahinch Foodbank continues to experience an increased demand on its services. The kindness and generosity of the local community and the greater Ballynahinch community are greatly appreciated, ensuring support to those families and individuals who are finding it difficult to feed themselves or their families.

This report covers the three-month period from January to March 2023.

- 34% increase in the number of parcels distributed  
(2022: 289 parcels)(2023: 345 parcels)
- 35% increase in the number of people seeking our help  
(2022: 754 people)(2023: 1161 people)
- 21% increase in the number of meals provided  
(2022: 8,280 meals)(2023: 10,449 meals)

The retail value of food, toiletries and household items distributed in this period is estimated at £22,260, an increase of 33% on the same period in 2022.

The increases experienced are due to the continuation of higher living costs caused by increasing world food prices, and to the increasing number of families seeking help in these difficult times



# J Club and Sunday Club Spot

Our older members are very welcome at

## Saturday Night Live

on Saturday 13 May  
in Saintfield Hall.

Doors open at 7:00 pm

There will be food, games,  
praise and teaching

From 7:00 pm food and  
goodies will be available.

Be sure to be there by 7:30  
pm (finishes 9/9:15 pm)

Guest Speaker: Danny Fahy



## J Club Plus Overnight

It is a great encouragement to have this group reformed; it comprises approximately 20 young people from aged 12 and upwards.



Liz and Philip have plans in place to take them for an overnight stay at Ganaway Activity Centre in Millisle on Saturday 27th - Sunday 28th May. Outdoor activities include an assault course, canoeing, caving and orienteering, all overseen by qualified instructors. On Sunday we shall meet for worship in the church on the Ganaway site, led by Keith and the young people.

Please remember in your prayers this event, and pray that those who take part will experience the presence of Jesus in their lives.

Information regarding other J Club activities and Children's Day will be displayed on the Carryduff Parish J Club Groups Facebook page.

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## Easter Vestry Reports

### Killaney

The Easter Vestry gathered after worship on Sunday 26th March to elect a new select vestry and various representatives of the parish for roles in the diocese. It was a well-attended meeting and seemed to reflect the very happy and united congregation as those present made nominations for the future.

Among those nominated, two former members stepped down from their roles on the vestry. Both Margaret Harrison and Betty Green were thanked by the members with a warm round of applause.

The results of the election were as follows

#### Killaney Vestry Team

Wardens:	Adrian Cousins	Ann McKeown
Glebe wardens:	Gary Crothers	Norman May

#### Other Vestry Members:

Regis Calard  
Fiona Chew  
James Chew  
Bill Connor  
Florence Coulter  
Pamela Foreman  
David Gill  
Johnny Gray  
Colin McClintock  
Marie Mack

#### Other appointments

Diocesan Synodsperson:	Bill Connor
Supplemental:	David Gill
Parochial Nominator:	Norman May
Supplemental:	Bill Connor
Honorary Auditor:	Francis Buchanan

#### Votes of Thanks

The Honorary Secretary was singled out for thanks, and continued appreciation of our outgoing churchwardens brought to an end the votes of thanks. The meeting was about 30 minutes long.

The event was followed by a cup of tea in the Hempton Hall and we thank those who provided lovely refreshments.



## Carryduff

Following worship on Palm Sunday, the Easter Vestry met to hear reports on the year past and elect office bearers for the year ahead.

With the conclusion of over twenty years of service to the parish first as auditor, then as Honorary Treasurer, Stephen Thompson was thanked in his absence by the appreciative members of the parish.

### Carryduff Vestry Team

Wardens:	Cedric Adams	Sammy Barratt
Glebe wardens:	Mark Rourke	Dave Nevin

### Other Vestry Members

George Buchanan  
Joan Clayton  
Susan Creber  
Fiona Ellis  
Jan Erwin  
Victoria Frazer  
Karen McConnell  
Jenny Montgomery  
Raymond Scott  
Deirdre Shaw  
Keith Shaw  
|Sandra Thomas

### Other appointments

Diocesan Synodspersons:  
Marlene Moore   Jennifer Montgomery   Keith Shaw  
Supplementals:  
Denis Carson   Victoria Frazer   Tanya Adams  
Parochial Nominators:  
Keith Shaw   Jenny Montgomery   Victoria Frazer  
Supplemental Parochial Nominators (in order):  
Fiona Ellis   Stephen Creber   Sandra Thomas

### Auditors: P Rice & Co.

### Votes of Thanks

All present expressed appreciation for the ministry team and all involved in the life of the parish for their service to God through the year past. Refreshments were served while awaiting the results of the elections.

### Afterword:

At the subsequent meeting of Carryduff Vestry major appointments were Hon Sec Sandra Thomas, and Co-Hon Treasurers Deirdre Shaw and Sandra Thomas.

## May & June Calendar

<b>30 April</b>	<b>Easter 4</b>	<b>(White)</b>
8:30	Early Communion 1 Peter 2:19-25 John 10:1-10	in Carryduff
10:00	Sunday Morning Worship Acts 2:42-47 1 Peter 2:19-25 (both churches) The church enlarged through life-affirming fellowship	in Carryduff
12:00	Sunday Morning Worship	in Killaney
<b>1 May</b>	<b>Monday</b>	
7:30	Select Vestry	in Quin Room
<b>3 May</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	
10:00	Midweek Communion Acts 8:1b-8 John 6:35-40	in Carryduff
<b>7 May</b>	<b>Easter 5 The Coronation</b>	<b>(White)</b>
	The privilege of being chosen to be living stones	
8:30	Early Communion 1 Peter 2:2-10 John 14:1-14 (all services)	in Carryduff
10:00	Parish Communion A Royal Tea Party in the Church Hall	in Carryduff
12:00	Parish Communion	in Killaney
<b>10 May</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	
10:00	Midweek Communion Acts 15:1-21 John 15:1-4	in Carryduff
8:00	Soma Online Prayer Zoom. Speak to Stephen for link	
<b>13 May</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	
7:30	Saturday Night Live: (for J Club Plus) Pizza (etc.) from 7:00 pm	in Saintfield
<b>14 May</b>	<b>Easter 6 Rogation</b>	<b>(White)</b>
	The privilege of suffering for Christ 1 Peter 3:13-22 John 14:15-21 (all services)	
8:30	Early Communion	in Carryduff
10:00	Morning Worship	in Carryduff
12:00	Sunday Morning Worship	in Killaney
<b>17 May</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	
10:00	Midweek Communion for the Ascension Acts 1:1-11 Luke 24:44-53	in Carryduff
<b>18 May</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	
1:00	Golf Society	in Dunmurry Golf Club
<b>20 May</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	
10:30	Ladies Coffee Morning with Louise Ferguson of The Larder	in Rockmount GC
<b>21 May</b>	<b>Easter 7 Sunday after Ascension Day</b>	<b>(White)</b>
	The privilege of serving one another 1 Peter 5:1-11 John 17:1-11 (all services)	
8:30	Early Communion	in Carryduff
10:00	Morning Worship	in Carryduff
12:00	Sunday Morning Worship	in Killaney

<b>24 May</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	
10:00	Midweek Communion Acts 20:28-38 John 17:11-19	in Carryduff
7:30	CMS Olo Focus Evening <i>with refreshments</i>	in Killaney
<b>25 May</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	
7:00	Area Deanery Vestries Evening (Carryduff and Killaney)	in Carryduff
<b>28 May</b>	<b>Pentecost</b>	<b>(Red)</b>
	The Spirit Acts 2:1-21 John 7:37-39 (all services)	
08:30	Early Communion	in Carryduff
10:00	Celebrate at Ten	in Carryduff
12:00	All-Age Sunday Worship followed by refreshments	in Killaney
<b>31 May</b>	<b>Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>	<b>(White)</b>
10:00	Midweek Communion Romans 12:9-16 Luke 1:39-56	in Carryduff
<b>2 June</b>	<b>Friday</b>	
7:00	meet at Carryduff Church for walk through the town until about 8.00	
8:00	Assemble at Carryduff Church Hall for refreshments and to meet the SOMA team	
<b>3 June</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	
9:30	Light breakfast at Killaney Hall followed by introductions and encouragement from SOMA team	
<b>4 June</b>	<b>Trinity Sunday</b>	<b>(White)</b>
8:30	Early Communion	in Carryduff
	2 Corinthians 13:11-14 Matthew 28:16-20 (all services)	
10:00	Parish Communion	in Carryduff
	Sermon by SOMA Team member and Healing Prayer afterwards.	
12:00	Parish Communion	in Killaney
	Sermon by SOMA Team member and Healing Prayer afterwards.	
<b>7 June</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	
10:00	Midweek Communion 1 Peter 1:18-25 Mark 12:18-27	in Carryduff
<b>11 June</b>	<b>Saint Barnabas</b>	<b>(Red)</b>
	<i>Please note there is no 8:30 service this week</i> Acts 11:19-30 John 15:12-17 (all services)	
10:00	Morning Worship	in Carryduff
12:00	Sunday Morning Worship	in Killaney
<b>14 June</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	
10:00	Midweek Communion 2 Corinthians 3:4-11 Matthew 5:17-19	in Carryduff
<b>15 June</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	
12:00	Golf Society	in Shandon Golf Club
<b>18 June</b>	<b>Trinity 2</b>	<b>(Green)</b>
8:30	Early Communion Romans 5:1-8 Matthew 9:35 to 10:8	in Carryduff
10:00	Morning Worship	in Carryduff
12:00	Sunday Morning Worship	in Killaney
<b>21 June</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	



10:00 Midweek Communion in Carryduff  
2 Corinthians 9:6-11 Matthew 6:1-6,16-18

**23 June**

11:00 Magazine Team in Jeremy Taylor Chapel

**25 June**

**Trinity 3 Children's Day (Green)**

8:30 Early Communion in Carryduff  
Romans 6:1b-11 Luke 14:12-24

10:00 Morning Worship in Carryduff  
Luke 14:12-24 (both churches)

12:00 Sunday Morning Worship in Killaney

**28 June**

**Wednesday**

10:00 Midweek Communion in Carryduff  
Genesis 15:1-6 Matthew 7:15-20

## Reflection:

### Supreme Governor

The supreme governor of the church is not a person like a king, archbishop, senior pastor, or whatever. The supreme governor of the Church is the Lord Jesus Christ.

I am not seeking to challenge the names used by the state as they assign - to the new King - the title supreme governor, because, whatever someone in history has intended this to mean, no person, even on whom much responsibility is laid, can ever be the Head of the Church!

As we watch the anointing, enthronement and coronation of King Charles, we wish him and all who serve under him well as they seek to model a life of dignity and, possibly, faith, to all who are watching on. We were indeed indebted to his late mother for the example of service that she lived in her long reign.

The risk inherent in attributing to any human being the role of governor of the church, or even a \*part\* of the church such as the Church of England, is that this assignment may subvert God's purpose for the Church which is that Jesus Christ is Head of the whole Church

I am sure you are familiar with the different leaders which the early church in Corinth were seeking to follow as they divided themselves into following Peter, or following Paul, or following Apollos. The Church is not intended to be like a business or company led from the top by human leaders - who steer it to suit their will - but rather, it is to be a united community seeking to honour the Lord Jesus Christ.

As we pray for his Majesty, I pray that he will understand his role as, with each of us, a fellow servant of Jesus Christ. May he know the Lord as his master and guide in daily life, and may the comforting word of the Holy Spirit guide him in his role as our king.

The often repeated words "God save the King" are a reminder that he needs, as all of us need, to rely on the Supreme Governor and Head of the Church, Christ Jesus, as both our Saviour and King.



## Strangers in the world

In the opening statement of Peter's first letter he addresses his readers as "strangers in the world." What he has in mind here is that his audience of new believers in the risen Lord have left – or at least should have left – the secular preoccupations of the world behind them. He is, in essence, seeking to encourage everyone to "be glad about Christ" and to put behind them the distractions and the difficulties of everyday secular life.

All of this poses a significant question for us in our time. Are we strangers in the world? It's a challenging issue and invites a thoughtful response. Our contemporary world is overloaded with distractions, and many of them are very tempting. The mere fact that I dislike the bulk of modern pop culture and the much publicised extravagance in the life styles of wealthy popular figures from professional sport and entertainment is, perhaps, slightly – but only slightly – to my credit. I am also relatively immune to the influence of "Tik-Tokery" and the ramblings of the "Twitterati." However, in a wider sense, these things don't really stand that much to my credit.

The real crunch issue is whether or not your (or my) everyday life is directed by a Godly or a selfish earthly influence. The writer of Ecclesiastes is very definite in his view that, without God, life is absolutely meaningless – it has no purpose; it is a delusion.

That may be a tough message to digest. However, the apostolic (i.e. New Testament) view is rather more gently persuasive. I am thinking here, for example, of some words from the first letter of John. He writes "Do not love the world or anything in the world..." and then goes on to state "...The world and its desires pass away, but the man who does the will of God lives for ever (1 John 2 v.15, 17)."

These thoughts have brought to my mind the example of a man named Joseph who was an early convert to Christian faith. His story is relatively unfamiliar to us. He was a Levite who came from Cyprus. After he heard the message of the apostles (mostly Peter and John) he proceeded to sell a field which he owned and "brought the money and put it at the apostles' feet (Acts 4 v. 36-37)." At that stage the apostles gave him a new name – they called him Barnabas. He became one with them and was actively involved in missionary outreach, mostly with Paul.

Here we have a man who quite clearly turned away from the lures and temptations of the everyday world. In that way he became an example to all who might seek to follow the life of faith - and to the many who, ever since, decided to become "strangers in the world."

It is not without significance that Peter ends his first letter to the "strangers" with the greeting: "Peace to all of you who are in Christ (1 Peter 5 v.14)."

**Denis Carson**

## Standing out at Work

*An article written some years ago passed my eyes this week and it helps draw the connection between our worship on Sundays and our witness on Mondays. It is from The Gospel Coalition and was written by Bethany Jenkins.*

In Every Good Endeavour, Tim Keller says Christians should be different from nonbelievers at work. This is often easier said than done, of course. But cultivating such “attractively distinct” lives is essential to our public witness. Driven by a unique view of humanity and a love rooted in the wisdom of the cross, we can stand out at work in at least four ways.

### **1. Be known as fair, caring, and committed to others.**

Driven by the Father’s love and his acceptance of us through Jesus, we can be known as fair, caring, and committed to others. Since we know the depths of our own sin and the magnitude of God’s grace to us, we can be ready to forgive and reconcile with others (Matt 6:12; Eph. 4:32).

We may even have opportunities take risks for the benefit of others. Keller tells the story of a young woman who was visiting his church. She didn’t yet embrace Christianity, but she was interested in learning more because of an interaction she had with her boss. Keller recalls:

She worked for a company in Manhattan, and not long after starting there she made a big mistake that she thought would cost her the job, but her boss went to his superior and took complete responsibility for what she had done. As a result, he lost some of his reputation and ability to manoeuvre within the organisation. She was amazed at what he had done and went to thank him. She told him that she had often seen supervisors take credit for what she had accomplished, but she had never seen a supervisor take the blame for something she had done wrong. She wanted to know what made him different. He was very modest and deflected her questions, but she was insistent. Finally, he told her, “I am a Christian. That means among other things that God accepts me because Jesus Christ took the blame for things that I have done wrong. He did that on the cross. That is why I have the desire and sometimes the ability to take the blame for others.” She stared at him for a moment and asked, “Where do you go to church?”

### **2. Be known as generous.**

Depending on context and opportunity, generosity at work can be expressed in different ways. Managers can be generous with their advice, access, and investment in people. All of us can be generous with our time and money, sharing our resources sacrificially. Small business owners can take less personal profit to benefit their neighbours, customers, and employees. Tegu, for example, is a wooden toy company founded by Will and Chris Haughey. Driven by their Christian faith, they intentionally take smaller profit margins to benefit the people of Honduras, where their wood is harvested, and to create an employee savings programme.



We can also show generosity to our colleagues by loving them outside of work—cooking a meal for them if they have a baby, attending a funeral if they lose a loved one, grabbing dinner with them if they're struggling, joining their club sports team, or attending their wedding. Generosity during after-work hours is a testimony of love—showing them that you see them as a whole person, not merely a productive colleague.

### **3. Be known as calm and poised in the face of difficulty or failure.**

“This may be the most telling way to judge if a person is drawing on the resources of the gospel in the development of personal character,” Keller says. If our boss passes us over for a promotion or we fail to get the bonus we expected or a colleague is placed on the team we want to be on, how we respond reveals where we've placed our hope and identity. Keller writes:

For so many people the prospect of career reversal or business failure is such a struggle. When our meaning in life and identity is at stake, we panic, often acting impulsively, sometimes finding ourselves able to lie and betray others in order to save ourselves, or we simply plunge into despair. But Jesus says, rather, “store up for yourselves treasures in heaven” (Matt. 6:20). What does that mean? Paul tells us that in Christ all treasures are hid (Col. 2:3), and Peter says that Jesus was rejected for us, dying to take what we deserved, and therefore “to you who believe, [he] is precious” (1 Pet. 2:7). . . . This is not simply rhetoric or even abstract theology. The Bible is saying: Only if Jesus is your treasure are you truly rich, for he is the only currency that cannot be devalued. And only if he is your Saviour are you truly successful, for status with him is the only status that can't be lost.

As Christians we mourn, but not as those who have no hope (1 Thess. 4:13). We can laugh at the days to come (Prov. 31:25) because we know that, no matter how bleak things may seem, God does not abandon his people. He has tomorrow planned (Matt. 6:34).

### **4. Be known as authentic and integrated.**

Some Christians aren't open about their faith at work. Others talk about it all the time, but act and speak in ways that marginalise nonbelievers.

We should, of course, be wise about how we share the reason for our hope when we're at work. But staying silent isn't an option. If we want to be authentic people, we must bring our whole selves to work. Keller offers an example:

I know a man who began a business some years ago based on the idea that in a particular sector of financial services the existing providers of a particular product were using the complexity of the instruments and the ignorance of customers to keep prices high. He believed that a new company, being more transparent with clients, could offer lower prices and better service, not only resulting in healthy profits, but also help bring reform and integrity to a field that sorely needed them. When he presented his idea to prospective partners and employees, he struck a remarkable balance. He said that the new company was going to be values-driven, and he laid out those values. He stressed that he was committed to these values not merely because they would attract clients and drive revenue, but also because they

were the right things to do. He said that these values grew out of his own Christian faith, but he quickly added, regardless of the basis for anyone else's beliefs, if they were committed to the same values, they were equal partners. This is an excellent example of being both open about one's faith and yet nonexclusive or sectarian about it.

As Christians, may we take every opportunity to testify to the compassion, generosity, steadfastness, and authenticity of Jesus. And when we—as sinners—inevitably fail at displaying his fullness, may we also be people who are quick to seek forgiveness from others and God, knowing that our righteousness is found in Christ alone.

# ZUMBATHON

Marina came with several fellow Ukrainians to help us enjoy an energy-sapping, life-enhancing couple of hours in Carryduff Church Hall in aid of Ukraine. Over £800 was raised and Marina expressed her appreciation for all the good that this gift could do for her fellow countrymen.

Marina showed a helpful video to bring us all up to date with what life is like in contemporary Ukraine during the ongoing invasion by Russia.

We thank Norah and all who helped provide refreshments, which was a welcome break halfway through the ordeal, sorry, enjoyable afternoon!

Photos give you a sense of the gathering but not the exciting music which filled the hall.



## Smile Lines

### The Confessional

A Roman Catholic priest was called away on an emergency. Not wanting to leave the confessional booth unattended, he asked his vicar friend to cover for him. The vicar protested that he wouldn't know what to say, but the priest promised to show him. So, the vicar came over and joined the priest in the confessional booth.

In a few minutes a woman came in and said, "Father, forgive me for I have sinned." The priest asked what she had done. "I stole some clothes from the local boutique." The priest asked how many times she had done this. "Three times."

The priest thought a moment, then said: "Say two Hail Mary's, put £5 in the box and go and sin no more."

A few minutes later a man entered the confessional. "Father, forgive me for I have sinned." The priest asked what he had done. "I stole some stuff from the garage where I work." The priest asked how many times he had done this. "Three times." The priest thought a moment, then said: "Say two Hail Mary's, put £5 in the box and go and sin no more."

The vicar told the priest that he thought that he got the hang of it, so the priest left.

A few minutes later, another woman entered the confessional booth and said, "Father, forgive me for I have sinned." The vicar asked what she had done. "I stole some make-up from the pharmacist." The vicar asked how many times she had done this. "One time."

The vicar thought a moment, then said: "Go do it twice more. We have a special offer this week - three for £5."

### Life abundant

Two students from a theological training college decided to spend part of their holiday in the countryside doing outreach. They stopped at an old farm house and proceeded up the path through a group of screaming children and a washing line heavy with wet clothes. When they got near the door, the woman of the house stopped scrubbing the steps, brushed her hair and perspiration from her brow, and asked them what they wanted. "We'd like to tell you how you can live forever," they answered.

The exhausted woman hesitated for a moment, and then replied, "Thank you, but I don't think I could stand it!"

### Lesson

A nervous Head boy was reading the New Testament Lesson in School Assembly for Pentecost: "Here beginneth the first Actor of the Chaps."

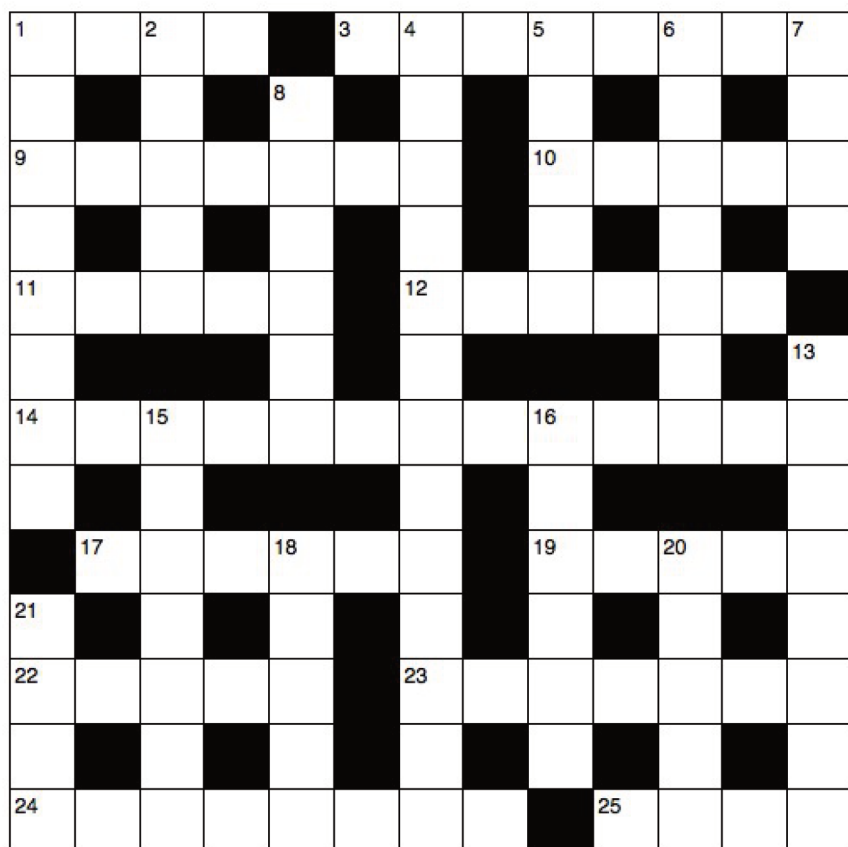
### Blessing

It was the five-year-old boy's first trip down to the Communion rail at church. Fascinated, he watched the vicar place a wafer in the palm of each person kneeling before him. When the vicar reached the little boy, he ignored the child's outstretched palm, and laid his hand on the child's head in a gentle blessing instead. The boy, utterly bewildered, whispered to his father in a piercing voice; "He's put it on my head!"

### Mark

When the late Dean of York was asked why he called his stumpy-tailed fox terrier 'Mark', he explained: "The New Testament contains the life-stories of our Lord by Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. Mark's is the shortest tale!"





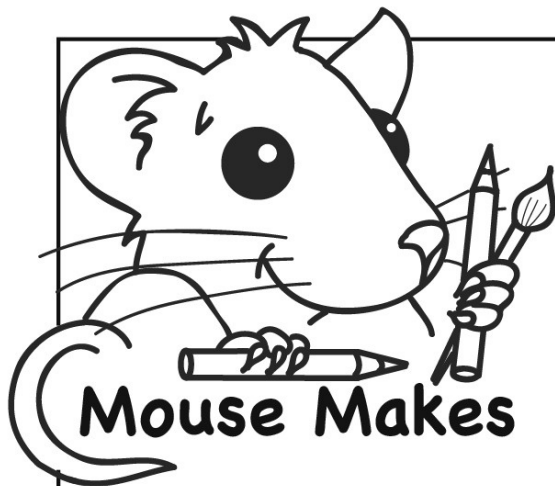
### Across

- 1 'Therefore let us — passing judgment on one another' (Romans 14:13) (4)  
 3 'I — — these persons here present' (Marriage service) (4,4)  
 9 According to a prearranged timetable (Numbers 28:3) (7)  
 10 Group of eight (5)  
 11 The cell into which the Philippian jailer put Paul and Silas (Acts 16:24) (5)  
 12 — Taylor, pioneer missionary to China (6)  
 14 Otherwise known as the Eucharist, Breaking of Bread, the Lord's Table (4,9)  
 17 'So that after I have preached to others, I — will not be disqualified for the prize' (1 Corinthians 9:27) (6)  
 19 Attend to (3,2)  
 22 Approximately (Acts 4:4) (5)  
 23 Tea rite (anag.) (7)  
 24 Rule of sovereign (8)  
 25 Test (anag.) (4)

### Down

- 1 The name of the street where Judas lived in Damascus and where Saul of Tarsus stayed (Acts 9:11) (8)  
 2 'The playing of the merry — , sweet singing in the choir' (5)  
 4 'We have been saying that — — was credited to him as righteous' (Romans 4:9) (8,5)  
 5 Dr Martyn — Jones, famous for his ministry at Westminster Chapel (5)  
 6 Port at which Paul landed on his way to Rome (Acts 28:13) (7)  
 7 Observe (Ruth 3:4) (4)  
 8 Minister of religion (6)  
 13 'I am — of this man's blood. It is your responsibility' (Matthew 27:24) (8)  
 15 'Greater love has no one than this, that he — — his life for his friends' (John 15:13) (3,4)  
 16 Archbishop who calculated that the world began in 4004BC (6)  
 18 'No one can — the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit' (John 3:5) (5)  
 20 Establish by law (5)  
 21 Product of Gilead noted for its healing properties (Jeremiah 46:11) (4)

**Answers on page 22**



Forty days after His resurrection Jesus appeared to the Apostles one last time. He told them that the Holy Spirit would come, then He blessed them and **ascended** into heaven.

What did Jesus say that the Holy Spirit would give the Apostles?

Find the answers in the word search



to be Jesus' witnesses.  
Acts 1:8

What did Jesus say from the Apostles?

a \_\_\_\_\_  
Acts 1:9

Who appeared to the Apostles?

Two \_\_\_\_\_ and what were they dressed in? \_\_\_\_\_  
Acts 1:10

Where was Jesus taken up to? \_\_\_\_\_  
Luke 24:51

Where is Jesus seated?

At the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.  
Mark 16:19

Where did the Apostles return to?

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Acts 1:12

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**ACROSS:** 1, Stop. 3, Call upon. 9, Regular. 10, Octet. 11, Inner. 12, Hudson. 14, Holy Communion. 17, Myself. 19, See to. 22, About. 23, Iterate. 24, Monarchy. 25, Stet. **DOWN:** 1, Straight. 2, Organ. 4, Abraham's faith. 5, Lloyd. 6, Puteoli. 7, Note. 8, Cleric. 13, Innocent. 15, Lay down. 16, Ussher. 18, Enter. 20, Enact. 21, Balm.

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