

A large field of red poppies in full bloom, with green stems and leaves visible. The flowers are densely packed and stretch towards the horizon.

# November 2023

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## Killaney & Carryduff Parishes

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## Dear Friends

As I reflect on the sacrifice made by people, with greater courage than I could ever begin to muster, I am reminded of the values and principles they have been fighting for in two world wars and in conflicts ever since.

Freedom of thought and speech do not normally pop up as battle cries, rather it is security, peace and overcoming aggression that they are thought to have espoused.

Today the whole world is engaged in a quiet battle either to preserve the freedom to speak what individuals rightly or wrongly believe or, on the other side, to suppress the freedom, gained at great cost, to speak words which do not conform to the current standards accepted by approved pressure groups.

It seems to me that the pursuit of the protection of minority groups has gone beyond what was initially envisaged by most reasonable people. In its place is a demand that all people must celebrate every minority group's take on their particular view and behaviour.

The experience of racial prejudice is unimaginable for many who have not experienced it, and needs to be recognised as the insult and injury that it causes to its victims.

The experience of prejudice against old-fashioned or traditional-thinking people is of much less pain to its victims, but when people begin to face criminal courts for daring to voice values they, and virtually everybody else in the world, have held, then the sacrifice of those who fought in wars begins to lose some of its value.

As we gather in silent respect, remembering the price paid in life and death in times of war, let us recall their courage, their dignity and their love for their country. Let us also seek to maintain the freedoms they fought to preserve.



**Stephen**

## Systems

The processes of recording and reporting income, and maintaining parish records, is constantly under review. We value your patient support if, in the process of changing from one system to another, we make occasional mistakes. Please get in touch with the wardens, or the ministry team to correct us, if necessary.  
Thank you.



## Christmas Wreath Making

We thank the 20 plus people who have already signed up for this year's Christmas wreath making event on Wednesday 29th November.

There are still spaces at the 11:00 am session but numbers are tight at the evening as we wish to give participants the personal attention they deserve. Sign up soon.

To sign up, please use the form in the Jeremy Taylor Chapel, or by phoning Deirdre, Vera or Elizabeth: Elizabeth's number is 07587709561

... And it is only £25, materials etc included.

## Mothers' Union & Friends



**Our November meeting is on Thursday 2nd at our usual time of 8pm.**

Our speaker this month is Lisa-Marie Pusch from Flourish NI. The vision of Flourish is to provide a brighter future for any individual affected by human trafficking. They support survivors of modern slavery and their immediate family.

This promises to be an eye opening evening and everyone is very welcome to join us.



We were richly blessed to be joined by David Barber at our October meeting. David told us about his faith journey and how he became Senior Chaplain with City Centre Chaplaincy. They offer pastoral support in Belfast City Centre. If you're interested in becoming a Christian volunteer or supporting this organisation financially, please contact David at [chaplains@belfastcitychaplaincy.com](mailto:chaplains@belfastcitychaplaincy.com)

**This year's 16 Days of Activism event will take place on Saturday 25th November 2023 in Temple Golf Club. The speaker will be Detective Chief Inspector Heather Campbell of the Rape Crime Unit in the PSNI and also Head of the MARAC team, a Multi-Agency Risk Assessment organisation, relating to Domestic Abuse.**

The event will commence at 9.45am with breakfast (a small fresh fruit salad, bacon or egg bap with tea or coffee) being served on arrival followed by the meeting which is expected to finish by 12 noon. To cover costs and breakfast each attendee is asked to pay £15 and to please have payment available on the morning. If you are interested in going please let Vera or Jenny know.

## LIFE'S WINDING ROAD

The road of Life's a winding road that twists and turns its way  
Through Joy and Jubilation, Disappointment and Dismay.  
Many signposts scattered here and there,  
Some can lead to Happiness, others to Despair.  
Whatever paths we may pursue, this code can aid all men -  
Lend a helping hand to those who stumble now and then;  
Turn off the avenue to Gloom, and make instead for Smile;  
Let Reason walk beside you, and guide you all the while.  
Look yonder! Though the road may seem uncertain -  
if we tread with Hope and Courage in our hearts, Contentment lies ahead.

## Killaney Notes

Flowers:        Gunnell Rainey  
Cleaning:       Jane Todd and Carol McClintock



## Killaney Church Organ

Those who have played the church organ or worked to maintain it in the past agree that it has reached the end of its useful life. The Vestry agreed that the time had come to replace it, and following extensive research and costing by our organist, Mr Brian Mulholland, we have been able to secure a new instrument and it was installed in mid October.

Generous parishioners and friends have made contributions towards its cost and so the new organ will be installed free of debt, and for this we are thankful to God and his people. We will shortly hold an act of dedication to celebrate this new era in our church's life.

The instrument is called a [Viscount Ensign Compact 35](#), and was built in Rimini in Italy and supplied by David Martin of Keynote Organs in Bangor. It replaces an instrument which was installed second-hand in St Andrew's around 1995. The new sounds available with this brand new instrument (this is one of the first to be made in a newly released range in summer 2023) will hopefully inspire our singing and worship of Almighty God for years to come.

## Thanks

*...for making the Harvest so special in Killaney and Carryduff*

Thank you to all who decorated the Church for the Harvest Service, it was lovely, as usual. To all who provided food and helped with the tea a sincere thank you.

We also thank all who donated goods for the Larder and Foodbank which were part of the displays at our churches. Continued generosity in these difficult times of inflation is particularly worthy of praise. We realise that not everyone is able to do so and encourage you to look after your loved ones as you care for others.

Flowers and foliage aplenty were donated and displayed, and while our teams were a little smaller than of late, they did a magnificent job! Everyone present seemed to appreciate both the rich aromas and delightful arrangements.

We acknowledge our indebtedness to God for his gifts of life in the Harvest, and we were privileged to play our small part in sharing the glory of the season.

The food afterwards was the cream on the cake, literally, and enabled us to meet our visiting preachers person to person. The following articles are a synopsis of their sermons and their work.



Food Donations from the harvests went to our local foodbanks. We received the following from Ballynahinch for the donations from Killaney:

*Dear Stephen: Please thank your congregation for the huge donation of food from your recent Harvest Service, we really appreciate their generosity and many families will be blessed by their kindness. We are always amazed at the size of the donations from your members but the Harvest donation was outstanding.*

**Blessings: Rosemary Logan Co-ordinator [Ballynahinch Foodbank](#)**

## Olo Project

Linda Abwa shone a light on life for our connected partners in Olo, South Sudan, as she spoke at our Harvest Thanksgiving at Killaney last month.

She showed us the many fruits that are plentiful in South Sudan as she explained what harvest was like there, when the climate was good. A particular concern was that people needed grain as well as fruit, and grain needed replanting every year, and the grain needed milled to make it useful for food. After years in exile because of the effects of civil violence, many people would return to find the fruit trees growing but the grain fields empty. It was a helpful reminder of how God works with people to create a healthy balance in foodstuffs.



A small mill, like the one our two parishes are financing, was shown. The mill enables women (whose responsibility in that society it is) to travel much shorter and therefore safer distances to mill their corn. This mill, in turn, allows the church to generate a small amount of money to be used to resource MU work in the diocese.

We thank Linda for her inspiring and informative presentation of the challenge of harvest, and her call to rededicate ourselves to be used by God as his hands and feet to serve a world in need.

Linda ended her sermon by reading a prayer of St Teresa of Avila:

Christ has no body but yours,  
 No hands, no feet on earth but yours,  
 Yours are the eyes with which He looks  
 Compassion on this world,  
 Yours are the feet with which He walks to do good,  
 Yours are the hands, with which He blesses all the world.  
 Yours are the hands, yours are the feet,  
 Yours are the eyes, you are His body.  
 Christ has no body now but yours,  
 No hands, no feet on earth but yours,  
 Yours are the eyes with which he looks  
 Compassion on this world.  
 Christ has no body now on earth but yours.

## CMSI writes:

At the start of September, CMSI launched its 2023-24 annual theme, 'God on the Ground'.

The purpose of having an annual theme is to help shape CMSI's focus for events, the literature they produce in print and online, as well as directing how they engage with the wider church across the year. They hope that, through the annual theme, they can participate in growing and nurturing mission and the church, aiding each of us in our understanding of and engagement with God's mission here on earth.



This year's theme of 'God on the ground' is set to help all of us think through a number of questions:

- God became a human being – in what ways does this change how we see humanity and how does it change our relationship with God?
- Creation was made for the glory of God – how does this influence the way we treasure and tend this planet?
- If the church is God's hands and feet, how can we be with God on the ground today?

May these words become our prayer this year:

God of the poor, friend of the weak, give us compassion we pray.  
Melt our cold hearts, let tears fall like rain.  
Come, change our love from a spark to a flame.

## Gift Aid

Members who have previously signed Gift Aid forms while paying income tax must inform the honorary treasurer if they are no longer paying any income tax.

A note on the collection plate to this effect will be sufficient: please mark it "Gift Aid Notice."

Members who are now paying income tax are encouraged to sign up for Gift Aid as our understanding is that every contribution they make to church funds has the potential to be increased by around 20%, simply by signing such a form. Where a project has been agreed by the vestry, and launched to the parish, such contributions can be considered for Gift Aid. This does not include the allocations of grave spaces, nor income through legacies.

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## Bible Society NI



Mark Wells, newly appointed to the team at Bible Society Northern Ireland, visited St Ignatius' Church on Harvest Sunday last month. Mark told us about the experience of local farmers, of which his family is an example, who realise that they must wait for the growth of the seed they sow, and await God to give the increase. There is no amount of worry that makes any difference to the amount of produce that appears.

He spoke about the parable of the seed where God alone gives the increase. We were encouraged to trust in God and to invest our time and efforts in preparing for the word of life to be scattered abroad, through the Bible Society, so that he can work a miracle in people through his word.

We wish Mark well as he develops his role as partnership coordinator for BSNI in our country.

### Bible Society NI: Annual Gathering



[‘The Gathering’ is a great chance to share what we have been doing, to bring some stories from around our global United Bible Societies fellowship and to say thank you to you our supporters for all of your encouragement and commitment to what we do. We will be back at the House of Vic Ryn T3 centre in Lisburn for our annual supporters’ event on the 17th of November.](#)

[Search for Vic-Ryn Lisburn on Moira Road Lisburn BT28 2RF](#)

Doors open 7:00 pm with refreshments

This year we have invited Lúcia Fletcher, the General Secretary from the Bible Society of Portugal, to share with us. Through support from World Mission Partnership in the Methodist Church in Ireland, we have been funding work to revise the Almeida Version of the Bible – this is the most loved version of the Bible in Portugal, and it hasn’t had a revision since 1898. We will hear about the work they are doing to help new generations connect with the Bible.

James (our Board Chair) and Catherine will share an update from the UBS World Assembly, which is taking place in October in the Netherlands.

This looks like a night not to be missed as we celebrate the part that Northern Ireland plays in Bible mission here and all over the world. Starting from 7:00 pm.

## Brownies

On Sunday 15th October a new Brownie flag was dedicated. We had our previous flag for over 50 years and, with new Guiding branding, we thought we should purchase a new one. Thank you to Stephen Lowry for creating some lovely prayers for the service and to all the girls who were able to attend. It was great to see them out looking well in their uniforms. Thank you also to the parents and grandparents who attended the service to see their girls take part.

Fiona Ellis Brownie leader



## Bible Reading and William Tyndale

In 1524, William Tyndale began the task of bringing the word of God into his native tongue, and in the process changed the world. Good missions have always been rooted in the Scriptures no matter the day and age. For English speakers, this achievement is worth remembering, pondering, and celebrating.



In our next magazine each copy will contain a day by day reading guide to the bible. Perhaps, as you suggest to friends what they may like to buy you for Christmas, you could suggest a Bible that is easy to understand and read, in modern English (or Irish, French, Swedish, Afrikaans, Polish, or whatever is your native tongue) so that you can enjoy a short selection of verses each day. Please don't buy a fancy one with shiny edges and a stiff cover with very thin pages. I fear that such a type of Bible is more likely to look well on your shelf rather than it is to be read well in your hands!

**Stephen**



## Parishes' Bible Study

We are going to try to dig into one of Paul's letters in our bible study group over the next months.

After several weeks of discussion (during October) we will revert to beginning and ending our study with the bible and see what God may be saying to us, in our lives today, from this letter to Christians at Colossae.

If you would like to be part of this study you can begin by reading the book, just four short chapters in length, and coming to some or all of the sessions in the rectory. We meet on Tuesdays at ten to eight for a quick coffee and chat, then start shortly after eight to read, study and pray. We aim to end at 9:15 or shortly after.

You will be made very welcome. Bring a bible if you can.

<b>7 November</b>	<b>Introduction Colossians 1:1-8</b>
<b>14 November</b>	<b>Prayer and Thanksgiving Colossians 1:9-12</b>
<b>21 November</b>	<b>God's Work in Christ Colossians 1:13-19</b>
<b>28 November</b>	<b>Reconciliation Colossians 1:20-23</b>
<b>5 December</b>	<b>Paul, a minister suffering for the Gospel Colossians 1:24-2:3</b>

## Death of Bishop Gordon McMullan

*Our bishop released the following sad news on Monday 23 October.*

Bishop Gordon McMullan served as bishop in the Dioceses of Down and Dromore from 1986 to 1997. Prior to his election as Bishop of Clogher in 1980, Bishop Gordon served all of his ministry in the Diocese of Down having grown up in the Parish of Willowfield. To this day he is remembered in Willowfield for his skills as a footballer and indeed might well have had a career in football had he not chosen the path of ordination.

Bishop Gordon led the diocese during what was then known as the 'Decade of Evangelism', and his leadership in this laid very good foundations in many parishes. Along with his wife Kathleen Bishop Gordon ensured that the See House was always a place of welcome, warmth, care and generosity.

*I am the resurrection and the life saith the Lord: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. John 11:25,26*

**+David Down and Dromore  
23 October 2023**

We sympathise with his sons Philip and Stephen and the entire family circle. The funeral was conducted prior to the announcement being released widely.

## Calendar for November

<b>29 October</b>	<b>5th Sunday before Advent</b>	<b>(Green)</b>
8:30	Early Communion 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8 Matthew 22:34-46	in Carryduff
10:00	Sunday Worship 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8 Matthew 22:34-46 Share the gospel, share your life!	in Carryduff
11:00	Craft Stall for HOPE HOUSE Organised by Jill McPeak. After church at Carryduff	
12:00	Sunday Morning Worship 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8 Matthew 22:34-46 Share the gospel, share your life!	in Killaney
<b>30 October</b>	<b>Monday</b> 'Eat Well, Spend Less' Showcase with chef Paula McIntyre in Island Hall at Lagan Valley Island, Lisburn	
<b>1 November</b>	<b>All Saints</b>	
10:00	Midweek Communion Jeremiah 31:31-34 1 John 3:1-3 Matthew 5:1-12	in Carryduff
<b>2 November</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	
8:00	Mothers' Union Human Trafficking with Lisa-Marie Pusch of Flourish NI	in Mitchell Room
<b>5 November</b>	<b>4th Sunday before Advent</b>	<b>(Green)</b>
8:30	Early Communion ONE 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13 Matthew 23:1-12	in Carryduff
10:00	Parish Communion 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13 Matthew 23:1-12 A Life Worth Living	in Carryduff
12:00	Parish Communion 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13 Matthew 23:1-12 A Life Worth Living	in Killaney
<b>6 November</b>	<b>Monday</b>	
7:30	Select Vestry	in Carryduff
<b>7 November</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	
7:50	Parish Bible Study	in Carryduff Rectory
<b>8 November</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	
10:00	Midweek Communion Romans 13:8-10 Luke 14:25-33 The debt we all owe	in Carryduff
<b>12 November</b>	<b>Remembrance Sunday 3rd before Advent</b>	<b>(Red)</b>
	With parade of Uniformed Organisations at 10:00	
8:30	Early Communion A Romans 8:31-39 Matthew 5:1-12	in Carryduff
10:00	Remembrance Day Worship Isaiah 2:1-5 Matthew 5:1-12 Christ, our Shelter	in Carryduff
12:00	Remembrance Day Worship Isaiah 2:1-5 Matthew 5:1-12 Christ, our Shelter	in Killaney
<b>14 November</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	
7:30	Select Vestry	in Killaney
7:50	Parish Bible Study	in Carryduff Rectory



<b>15 November</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	
10:00	Midweek Communion Titus 3:1-7 Luke 17:11-19 The duty and joy of Thanksgiving	in Carryduff
<b>19 November</b>	<b>2nd Sunday before Advent</b>	<b>(Green)</b>
8:30	Early Communion B Thessalonians 5:1-11 Matthew 25:14-30	in Carryduff
10:00	Sunday Worship Judges 4:1-7 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 Matthew 25:14-30	in Carryduff
12:00	Sunday Worship Judges 4:1-7 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 Matthew 25:14-30	in Killaney
<b>21 November</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	
7:50	Parish Bible Study	in Carryduff Rectory
<b>22 November</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	
11:30	Midweek Communion <i>and</i> lunch Revelation 4:1-11 Luke 19:11-28 Making the most of God's gifts	in Carryduff
<b>26 November</b>	<b>Christ is King: The Sunday before Advent</b>	<b>(White)</b>
8:30	Early Communion C Ephesians 1:15-23 Matthew 25:31-46	in Carryduff
10:00	Celebrate at Ten Matthew 25:31-46	in Carryduff
12:00	Sunday Morning Worship Matthew 25:31-46	in Killaney
<b>28 November</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	
7:50	Parish Bible Study	in Carryduff Rectory
<b>29 November</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	
10:00	Midweek Communion Daniel 5:1-6,13-14,16-17,23-28 Luke 21:12-19 Writing on the Walls	in Carryduff
11:00	Christmas Wreath making	in Carryduff church hall
7:00	Christmas Wreath making	in Carryduff church hall

## Remembrance Day Services

With the rise in international incidents of conflict in the last two years, and the continuing need to support personnel on peace duties and in areas of active service, we come together on Remembrance Sunday, not just to recall distant memories, but to renew our prayers for peace and security for those still suffering as a result of combat.



**On 12 November at 10:00 am in St. Ignatius', Carryduff** the congregation will be swollen with representatives of our uniformed organisations, and the members of the parish and community who make sure this day is one for coming to the House of God.

**At 12:00 pm the community at St. Andrew's, Killaney** will come to pay their respects as they lay a wreath and stand in silence together.

## Macmillan Cancer Support

Wow, the generosity of the people of Carryduff never ceases to amaze me! On Friday, 29th September, the annual World Macmillan Coffee Morning was held, and the event was hosted in our church hall in the afternoon, where, as Macmillan put it, “every slice of cake changed lives”, and people dug deep into their pockets for a very worthy cause.



Macmillan Cancer Support was founded in 1911 by a young boy, Douglas Macmillan, with £10. After watching his father suffer and die of cancer, Douglas was so moved by this experience that he founded the Society for the Prevention and Relief of Cancer. Many changes have taken place over the years, some notably in 2006 when the name was changed to Macmillan Cancer Support, to help people better understand what Macmillan does. In 1990 the first Macmillan Coffee Morning was held, but it was a rather small affair. However, by 2014 the Coffee Morning, now a nationwide event, had raised £25 million to support people living with cancer in the UK.

Today, Macmillan Cancer Support does receive funding through the NHS but still relies a lot on charitable donations.

It has been my privilege to be involved with Macmillan Cancer Support since 2016 and over £5000 has been raised. This year we were supported by Mulgrew's Eurospar, our church's next door neighbour, and a very much appreciated hamper of goodies was delivered for the coffee afternoon.

The final figure raised for this year's event was £750!

**Tanya Adams**





## An Evening with Belfast Community Gospel Choir



There was a buzz in Carryduff Parish Church on Sunday 8 October before around 200 parishioners and friends of all ages settled into their seats to enjoy an evening of lively music, with a return visit from the Belfast Community Gospel Choir. While some had seen the choir perform before, many had not and they did not disappoint!

Prior to the concert, we enjoyed the hot and cold buffet set out in the hall; this had been willingly provided by a band of volunteers, with many commenting on just how much they had appreciated the spread.

While this was a vestry initiative to boost our Fabric Fund, it was also much more - bringing the community together, bringing friends and family together and praising God in song!

At the time of writing, the amount raised has not been finalised, but this will be announced when it is available. Vestry members are continuing to make plans for more fundraising events over the coming months, so keep an eye out for these in the magazine.

Finally, to those who supported the evening in any way - setting up the hall; car parking; selling and buying tickets; publicity; preparing food; providing extra crockery; serving food and clearing up afterwards – thank you so much for every contribution to a very memorable evening!

**Victoria Frazer**

## God in the Sciences

*This series is written by Dr Ruth M Bancewicz, who is Church Engagement Director at The Faraday Institute for Science and Religion in Cambridge. Ruth writes on the positive relationship between Science and Christian faith.*

### God of the mountains, God of the valleys

*Where were you when I laid the earth's foundation? Tell me, if you understand. Who marked off its dimensions? Surely you know! Who stretched a measuring line across it? On what were its footings set, or who laid its cornerstone ... The earth takes shape like clay under a seal; its features stand out like those of a garment... Have you journeyed to the springs of the sea or walked in the recesses of the deep? (Job 38:4–7, 14, 16)*



These verses from the biblical book of Job focus on the Earth, from the top of the highest mountains to the deepest valleys of the sea floor. Job used to have a very comfortable life, but lost everything: health, children, and much of his property. He can see no obvious reason for this terrible turn of events, so he demands an answer from God, asking “What have I done to You...? Why have You made me your target?”

There is no direct reply to Job’s question, but instead a long conversation with his friends who assume (wrongly) that he must be being punished for doing something very bad. When God finally speaks, He draws Job’s attention to his surroundings. The sun, moon and stars, the immensity of land and sea, the creatures that inhabit them, and the processes that produce weather are a wonderful display of God’s creative power. God is the origin and sustainer of all these things, and they are far beyond anything humankind could produce, fully understand or imagine – even today.

The things we do know about the processes described in Job can help us appreciate how marvellous they are. Mountains are produced by the movement of the Earth’s rocky crust over great periods of time. Erosion by weathering or glaciers then grinds down those rocks to produce the mineral component of soil.

Considering the wider perspective of creation can help restore our sense of who we are, who God is, and where we fit into His purposes. God speaks to Job in the midst of his suffering, lifting his eyes to the power and creativity of his Maker. Only after this theology lesson are Job’s practical needs addressed. What will life be like for us over the coming months? A constant check on our own thinking – reminding ourselves of the bigger picture of God’s plans and purposes – might be just what we need to help us keep going.

*This article drew very directly on the writing of Prof Bob White in [New Daylight](#) (BRF, Sept-Dec 2020), and the input of a Bible study group based in Cambridge.*



## To take care of it

“All is safely gathered in.” These are reassuring, well known words from a traditional harvest hymn. Somehow we take it all for granted. Our annual harvest has always been reliable. However, we have become increasingly aware in recent years that significant climate changes have, in various parts of the world, disrupted the natural cycle of the seasons. In several places harvests have failed.

We really cannot continue to turn a blind eye to all this. To come straight to the point, human activity – human interference in the natural world – is the primary cause of these disturbing developments.

One issue in particular has caught my attention. I have in mind here the enormous amount of deforestation that has taken place in many parts of the world within my lifetime. Not only does this have substantial implications for the survival of countless wildlife species, it has also depleted the landscape of unbelievable amounts of rich green leaves.

Green leaves – mostly the attractive green leaves of deciduous trees (e.g. oak, sycamore, chestnut, beech etc.) – are disappearing from the landscape. To be technical for a moment, leaves develop their green colour by means of a process called photosynthesis. In this process they use up substantial amounts of carbon dioxide and – crucially – discharge similarly large amounts of oxygen into the atmosphere. This process has considerable implications not only for the air we breathe but for the climate as a whole.

In simple terms, if whole forests of trees disappear, this means that there is a lot more carbon dioxide in the atmosphere and a lot less oxygen. All of this has a substantial and widespread impact. In effect the global temperature rises and the amount of available oxygen (which we breathe) decreases.

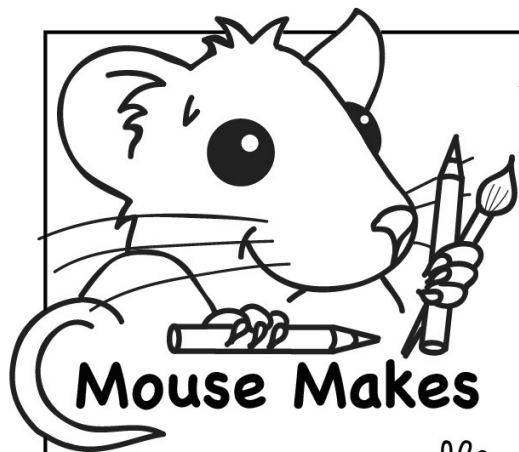
The rising temperature has already caused considerable melting of glaciers and that, in turn, has caused sea levels to rise. There has also been heavy rainfall and widespread flooding in various parts of the world. And, of course, the amount of oxygen in the atmosphere is decreasing. There could come a point sometime in the future when our descendants might find it difficult to breathe.

We, in our generation, need to take this seriously. One thing that is absolutely necessary is that we must regenerate hardwood forests. We need to plant trees – millions of them – to repair the damage we (and our predecessors) have done. In short, we need to take care of the earth. Future harvests – even future human life – depends on it.

The author of the book of Genesis got it absolutely right. He wrote: “The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and TAKE CARE OF IT (Genesis 2 v.15).” The earth is not ours to plunder. We are not owners but stewards, and we now need, with some urgency, to look after the earth. Future generations depend on our careful stewardship. Besides, we need to acknowledge that “the earth is the Lord’s, and everything that is in it.....(Psalms 24 v.1).”

**Denis Carson**





"Do not be anxious about anything,  
but in every situation, by  
\_\_\_\_\_ and  
\_\_\_\_\_

with thanksgiving, present your  
\_\_\_\_\_ to God."

Philippians 4:6-7 NIV

"The

is

to all who

on him in

\_\_\_\_\_."

Psalms 145:18

"For where two or three

in my name, there  
I am with them."

Matthew 18:20

SAY SORRY

PRAY FOR OTHERS

PRAY FOR YOURSELF

THANK GOD

FOR MY FAMILY

PRAY FOR FRIENDS

PRAY FOR THE NEEDY

PRAY FOR THE SICK

PRAISE GOD

PRAY FOR THE CHURCH

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in all circumstances."

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

"Therefore,

your sins to one another and

for one another,

that you may be healed."

James 5:16

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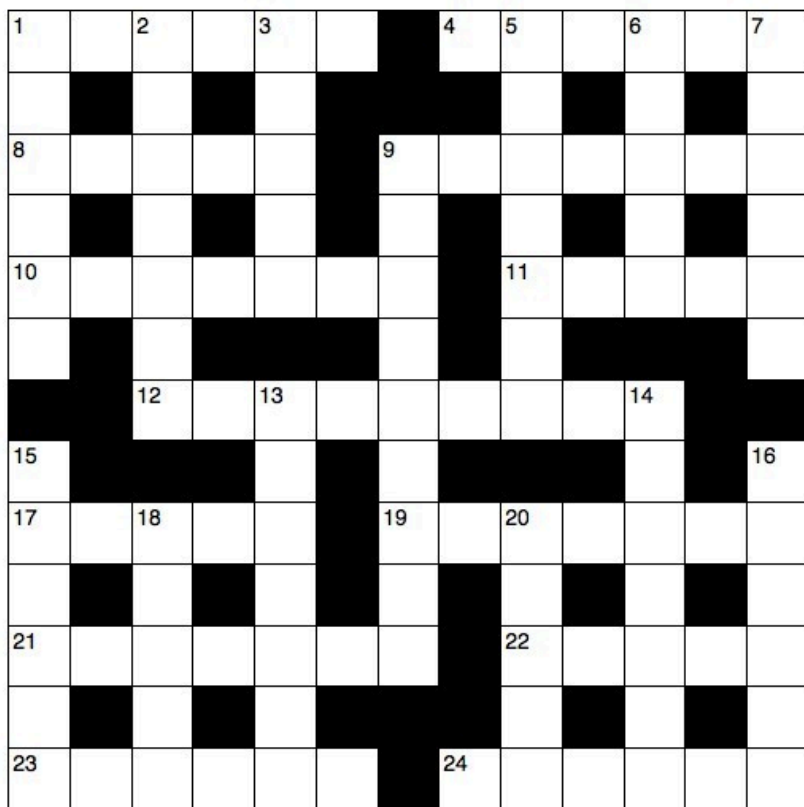
yourselves

to prayer, being

watchful and

thankful."

Colossians 4:2



### Across

- 1 'The Lord Jesus... took bread, and when he had given — , he broke it' (1 Corinthians 11:24) (6)  
 4 'He has taken me to the banquet hall, and his — over me is love' (Song of Songs 2:4) (6)  
 8 Surrey town that hosts the National Christian Resources Exhibition (5)  
 9 Also known as Abednego (Daniel 1:7) (7)  
 10 Liken (Isaiah 40:18) (7)  
 11 A son of Etam, descendant of Judah (1 Chronicles 4:3) (5)  
 12 A part of the temple where the blood of a young bull was to be smeared (Ezekiel 45:19) (9)  
 17 'They make many promises, take false — and make agreements' (Hosea 10:4) (5)  
 19 Roman province to which Paul returned after evangelizing it on his first missionary journey (Acts 16:6) (7)  
 21 Material used to make baby Moses' basket (Exodus 2:3) (7)  
 22 'And feeble as — , in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail' (5)  
 23 'The watchman opens the gate for him, and the sheep — to his voice' (John 10:3) (6)  
 24 Stalk carrying the sponge of wine vinegar given to Christ on the cross (John 19:29) (6)

### Down

- 1 Elijah dug one round the altar he built on Mount Carmel and filled it with water (1 Kings 18:32) (6)  
 2 'I am not — of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes' (Romans 1:16) (7)  
 3 Buddhist term relating to belief in reincarnation (5)  
 5 Damascus disciple who, at God's command, restored the sight of the blinded Saul of Tarsus (Acts 9:12) (7)  
 6 and 16 Horses: their sound (Jeremiah 50:11) (5) and their gait (Joel 2:4) (6)  
 7 A three (anag.) (6)  
 9 Athenian council addressed memorably by Paul (Acts 17:22) (9)  
 13 Abide by (Galatians 3:5) (7)  
 14 Persian princes (Daniel 3:2) (7)  
 15 Force (Galatians 6:12) (6)  
 16 See 6 Down (6)  
 18 Paste (anag.) (5)  
 20 How the cedars of Lebanon are described (Isaiah 2:13) (5)

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## Parish Registers

### Holy Baptism

*Let the children come to me . . for of such is the kingdom of God*  
22 October Charlotte Avril Graham, Church Road, Moneyreagh  
*As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord*

### Funeral Service

*The Lord is my Shepherd I shall not want*  
21 September Ivan James Duffey, Blenheim Park. Carryduff  
*Blessed are those who die in the Lord. They rest from their labours.*

## Remembering

**Mr Ivan Duffey**, originally from Co Tyrone, passed away peacefully in September. Recent years of poor health marked the end of a long and productive life, as he contributed much to his family and community.

He was an able artist and this skill and interest helped him as he engaged in painting, woodworking, building, gardening, joinery and as an electrician. His actual work brought him from his engineering degrees at Queen's through Shorts to a long teaching career in Computer Aided Design at Castlereagh College.

His creative vision and desire to do things to the best of his ability in every aspect of life leave a fine legacy for others to follow.

We sympathise with his dear wife, Sandra, with whom they shared their entire married life at their home in Carryduff, along with their three daughters, Suzanne, Gillian and Deanne, his grandchildren and great-grandson.

His funeral at St Ignatius' Church was well supported by his friends and family circle, and, as a more frequent attender at St Andrew's in his latter years, it was appropriate that his burial took place there shortly after.

#### When darkness comes

When darkness comes upon our lives	For He, like us, wept tears of woe;
And death's black shadow clouds our eyes –	He cried 'My God, where are you now?'
Our Lord helps us, when news is grim,	We only tread where He has been –
To fear not, and believe in Him.	So fear not, and believe in Him

Yet sometimes, though we try to pray	In grief, in tears, or in despair
It seems He tarries on the way,	Recall that Jesus is still there.
Though faith grows weak, and vision dim,	O strive not to find faith within,
Still fear not, and believe in Him.	But fear not, and believe in Him.

He's Lord of Lords and King of Kings, Ruler of all things –  
He's triumphed over death and sin, We'll fear not, and believe in Him!



## Rosters November

Readers	8:30 am Epistle	10:00 am Lessons	12:00 pm Lessons
5	Mary Hewitt	Jim Gibb	Gary Crothers
12	Edward Darling	Organisations	Bill Connor
19	Jonathan Wright	Marlene Moore	Annie Kirkpatrick
26	Ken Fletcher	J Club	Brian McNeill
	Flowers	Refreshments at Carryduff	Screens
5	Jennifer Carson	Beatrice & Helen Burke	Andrew
12		Karen McC, Liz Maginn, Iris W	Maureen
19	Ann Stewart	Elizabeth Johnston & Vera	Jenny
26	J Clayton	Norah Brown & Ryan Clarke	Fiona

### SMILE LINES:

#### Church Signs

Trespassers will be baptised.

No God – No Peace. Know God – Know Peace.

Free Trip to heaven. Details Inside!

Searching for a new look? Have your faith lifted here!

Outside one church is a picture of two hands holding stone tablets on which the Ten Commandments are inscribed. A headline reads: 'For fast relief, take two tablets.'

When the restaurant next to a church put out a big sign with red letters that said, 'Open Sundays', the church reciprocated with its own message: 'We are open on Sundays, too.'

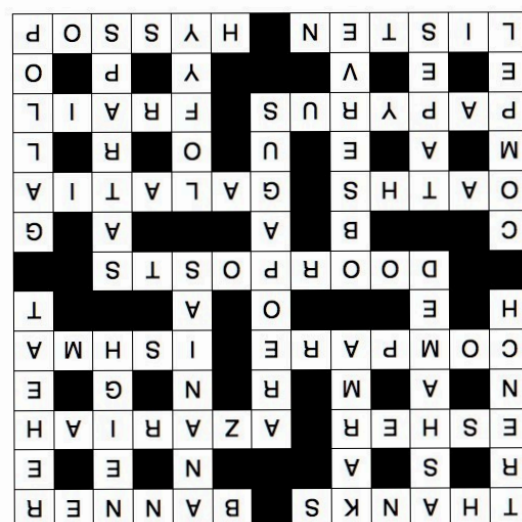
Come in and pray today. Beat the Christmas rush!

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### Next month: December/January Edition.

Please submit closing and opening dates for organisations to keep your members informed. Submit by Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November to be Published 24<sup>th</sup> November

## Christmas Tree Lighting

The Lighting of the Christmas Tree at St. Andrew's, Killaney is becoming a bit of a 'thing' in our community life with good numbers of parishioners, neighbours and local people joining in to make a crowd.

We are unable to give precise notice of the date, at the time of going to press, but we hope it will be on 26 November or 3 December at dusk. We are negotiating with the various parties involved and will put the time on our church website <https://carryduff-killaney.down.anglican.org> when the timing is finally decided.



## Pumpkin Patch

At worship in Carryduff on **Sunday 22 October** the J CLUB and Sunday Club Members enjoyed playing with pumpkins. After the leaders had cut through to the cores, the kids carefully spooned out the inside to make decorative pieces.

All this took place when the children had all attended worship to celebrate the baptism of Charlotte.

We thank God for our J Club leaders who organised the fun day in the hall, all who made it so special, and the great congregation.

**J Club** meets on either Fridays or Sundays  
**Sunday Club** meets most term-time Sunday

