



CROSSROADS

March 2025



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Dear Friends

Have you ever gone into the hills for a night with very little equipment? Or just taken off on a bus trip with no clear idea what and where you are going to eat? Maybe your 'beloved' kept the plans for a trip secret . . . and it turned out to be a very uncomfortable experience.



Answer me this: are those 'holiday' experiences not the most memorable and the easiest to recall, compared to 'another trip to the sun'?

When Lent comes around each year most people, even those who are active in churches, pay hardly any heed to a pattern of self-denial.

- 'Going without' particular foods or drinks or luxuries makes us stand out a bit, and even *makes us feel a little bit self-conscious!*
- 'Starting a daily prayer habit' for the 40+ days from Ash Wednesday to Good Friday *can seem a bit much!*

The result? Let's just keep things the way they are normally. And so, as we could so easily predict, Lent becomes nothing to us and we do not benefit from the possibility of 'roughing it' for a few weeks.

I know, when I make Lent tricky for myself, that I enjoy both the personal challenge and the satisfaction of completion at the end of it! The fact that I do not have to do it makes my participation all the more meaningful.

If anyone asks how I observe Lent, I will tell them. But it is not to make people feel good about me, it is for me, to remind me that following Jesus means saying 'no' sometimes.

Ash Wednesday is on 5th March. 40 days later (if we treat Sundays as Feast days) is Good Friday. Do whatever you want to do as long as it will help give you an extra reminder that you follow Jesus.

Your friend and rector

Stephen

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Easter Vestry 23rd March 2025

The Easter Vestries in the two parishes are due to take place on Sunday 23rd March at 10:30 and 12:00. The tight schedule means the meetings after the opening worship, will be short, and we hope to have a good number attending so that good and fair elections can take place with plenty of participants.

Only those who have signed the General Vestry papers sometime in the past will be eligible to vote or stand for election. When names are proposed for the 12 vacant vestry places those nominated will be given the opportunity to accept the proposal or not.

Elections are for People's Warden and People's Glebe Warden, and for up to 12 vestry members. Whoever is elected will form with the rector's wardens, the new Select Vestry. The new vestry then appoints its own office bearers.

Programme:

Opening Worship: Hymns, Reading and Prayers

Receiving of the Trustees' Report

Questions on the Financial Statement

Declaration of all positions vacant

Nomination and Election of Wardens

Election of Vestry Members

Notice of Results (when available)

Closing Remarks by Chairman

Refreshments.

The first part of the Trustees' Report, combining the activities of both parishes, is in this edition. More complete reports, including the full Financial Statements, will be available in the church porches as soon as they are ready.

New National Director For Leprosy Mission

Joy Fleming has been appointed as the new National Director for the Leprosy Mission Northern Ireland. Her last role was as Deputy Head of Programmes at TLM Great Britain. Prior to that she was working in East Asia, engaged in research on tuberculosis. Joy holds a PhD in Genetics from Cambridge University, and also has a postgraduate Certificate in Biblical Studies from Belfast Bible College. She will take up her new role in April.



Summary of ANNUAL REPORT

The full reports will be presented at the Easter Vestries on 23rd March 2025

Worship

The public acts of worship which take place in St Andrew's and St Ignatius' Churches are the front window of the spiritual life of our parishes. As such, they warrant the best preparation, participation and delivery. Yet the nature of all of us as people is that we are not always at our best, we make mistakes, and, sometimes, we do not feel in the mood to worship.

Thankfully, by God's mercy, he accepts even our imperfect worship, provided it is offered in faith, even when given by far-from-perfect people. As we worship our Lord, we mix formal and informal praise, gather to chat before and after worship, and strive to make our parishes welcoming to all.

To that end, we want to thank all who assist with offering a welcome at times of worship and recreation. The initial friendly atmosphere of church depends largely on you. Wardens and vestry members, musicians and service leaders, lesson readers and preachers are a much-valued part of the church, and all who attend worship are appreciative of your ministry.

Churchwardens are the face of the church for many who worship, and we deeply value the work of David Gill and Adrian Cousins (in St Andrew's), and Sammy Barratt and Cedric Adams (in St Ignatius'). Their care for people is very obvious to our fellow parishioners and, whether they are re-elected or not for these roles, their work is worthy of praise. Our glebe wardens focus on the property, and continue to support the vestry in identifying and rectifying faults or repairs which come to their notice. Mr Gary Crothers and Mr Norman May (in Killaney) and Mr Mark Rourke and Mr Dave Nevin (in Carryduff) are hereby thanked for their tireless efforts on behalf of all of us.

We thank our two Lay Readers, Mrs Marlene Moore and Mr Keith Shaw, for their leading and preaching ministries. The beauty of Marlene's prayers and Keith's passion for leading worship and straightforward preaching, together add to their overall ministry among us. The regular contributions to worship by Stephen's Parish Readers - Mrs Jenny Montgomery, Mr Raymond Scott and Mrs Gillian Grant - also bear witness to the priesthood of all believers. The music of worship has been the gift of Brian and Helen Mulholland, and we thank God for them and all who lead worship.

Achievements, Performance & Public Benefit

St Ignatius' Church was built in 1965 as a worship centre with brilliant stained glass windows surrounding a bright, open and airy arena. With seating for over 200 people when extended for bigger services, it provides the location for weekly and occasional services for the community.

Services took place twice every Sunday and once every Wednesday, with additional midweek services during Lent.

St Andrew's Church is a nineteenth century listed (B2) building with simple plain and coloured glass windows surrounding a traditional worship place. With seating for up to 120 people it provides the location for a weekly service for the community, as well as the location of weddings and funerals for people with and without pre-existing connections to the parish.

The main service in Killaney each week followed a monthly cycle, which included a Parish Communion service, services of Sunday Morning Prayer and all age worship. Occasional Midweek services took place through the year.

The parishes follow different patterns of donations to local and external causes, seeking to support the international Christian community in its mission wherever it serves. This year we began supporting BarnabasAid, a worldwide programme to support believers who face trials where they live. We also support local charities, and continue to donate funds to Olo Diocese, and other overseas partners.

The parishes continue to donate food and essentials to support local people in need: Carryduff donates to The Larder in Mersey Street while Killaney supports the Ballynahinch Foodbank. Both parishes joined to fill over 80 shoe boxes with Christmas gifts for children overseas, as organised by Samaritan's Purse.

The Fundraising Team in Carryduff organised a number of events. There were special teas after worship at Harvest and Christmas. Ballyclare Male Voice Choir entertained in March, and Cadenza Choir performed in October. The Teddy Bear Nativity in December provided a further opportunity for the community to come into the building to experience the message of Christmas in a unique way. We invite Mr Keith Shaw, who spearheads the fund raising group, to pass on the Trustees' thanks to members of his team, inside and outside the vestry. The Trustees express appreciation to all parishioners who came with their friends to support these events, and so the parish.

It has been our intention to awaken in one another our sense of the importance of a spiritual life for people, providing teaching, preaching, encouragements to study the bible and enabling fresh experiences of worship to enliven the heart.

Office bearers

Mr Colin McClintock has been Honorary Secretary of St. Andrew's for 10 years. He came to the role at a time when the parish was facing several major projects, and has played a major part in the repair of the internal windows, the refurbishment of the Church Hall, the creation of the new graveyard paths, the careful management of vestry business and the distribution of invitations to Christmas and Easter Services. He would be the first to say that he was only able to do this with the assistance of others, but his role has been pivotal, and the trustees of St Andrew's hereby express their appreciation. He has indicated his intention to step down from the secretary's role at the Easter Vestry meeting.

Mrs Ruth Watson has been St Andrew's Honorary Treasurer for almost 10 years. She has brought her care and attention to ensure our books are well-kept, and has faithfully presented her report to the Easter Vestry. With its clarity and explanation it has been a valued part of our church management programme. She has indicated that her current report (for 2024) is her final one. We thank her for her generous support, and we express here her appreciation for Mr Francis Buchanan who has been auditing the accounts for several years.

Mrs Sandra Thomas serves as Honorary Secretary of St Ignatius' and, with Mrs Deirdre Shaw, is also Co-Treasurer of the parish. The trustees appreciate both of them for their diligence and care as they administer the affairs of the parish.

We do not name those involved with handling cash week by week - certainly not in a public space such as this report - but they too are deeply valued by the trustees.

For the protection of children, the Church of Ireland Safeguarding Trust regulations are applied for every instance where children or vulnerable adults are part of the church's life. This is part of the agenda of every vestry meeting. The Panel was restructured and enlarged during the year to serve both parishes.

Care of Property

The Graveyard at Killaney was improved with the addition of two extra paths, the removal of a rocky outcrop, and the re-sowing of the topsoil. It has drawn praise from those using the graveyard for burials and for visiting. The internal and external lighting is now more energy efficient and brighter. The weekly volunteer cleaning has enabled the building to be fit for use in worship and to make it ready for times of joy or sorrow. We are indebted to our wardens, glebe wardens and honorary secretary for managing these important projects.

In Carryduff the Fabric Fund is supported monthly by individual envelope donations, allowing a significant start to be made on anticipated roof repairs. This will be a major item throughout 2025 and further ahead. The diligence of both the vestry Property Committee and the Health and Safety group has ensured that any potential hazards are removed. The Fabric Fund is growing so as to provide the base funding for the re-roofing of the church in 2025.

KILLANEY PARISH CHURCH
FINANCIAL REPORT 2024
NO. 1 ACCOUNT

Income				Salaries		
Balance in Bank at 1 January 2024			30164.87	Rector's Stipend	9159.24	
				Pension Fund	<u>5121.00</u>	14280.24
Donations and Plate Collections				Diocesan Costs/Assessment		
Free Will Offering	23978.60			Diocese Payment	2616.00	
Collection	762.35			Safeguarding Trust	<u>58.10</u>	2674.10
Gifts and Donations	1647.00			Church Running Costs		
Gifts - Weddings/Funerals/Baptisms	<u>0.00</u>	26387.95		Power NI	1794.00	
Other Receipts				Organists	0.00	
RCB Trust	363.84			Fire extinguishers	0.00	
Church Of Ireland Trustees	350.37			Electrical PAT Testing / Electrician	1275.00	
Scheme Income	69.96			Misc (christmas supplies)	0.00	
Sale of Table	60.00			NI Water	155.47	
Bible Reading Notes	<u>6.00</u>	850.17		Piano Repairs	319.56	
Rent				Church Insurance	1929.94	
Rent for Hall	<u>44.00</u>	44.00		Audio Promotions	480.00	
Proceeds of Fund Raising Events				Lightning Protection	180.00	
Earthquake Appeal	0.00			Kettles	73.98	
Olo Mill Project	0.00			Christmas Trees	120.00	
Bishops Appeal	0.00			Painting	1450.00	
Harvest Appeal & Sale of Fruit / Flowers	0.00			Chair	95.00	
Organ Appeal	<u>0.00</u>	0.00		Bank Fee	<u>0.00</u>	7872.95
				Gift		
				Baby Gifts	<u>0.00</u>	0.00
				Charitable Donations		
				CMS Ireland	200.00	
				Community First Responders	100.00	
				The Leprosy Mission	200.00	500.00
Income not yet lodged	<u>0.00</u>	0.00		Ch 201264/266/267/268 not cashed 2024	<u>(680.00)</u>	(680.00)
Income lodged in relation to 2023	<u>737.77</u>	737.77		Cheques cashed in relation to 2023	<u>22.99</u>	22.99
				Bank Balance at 31 December 2024		33514.48
Total		58184.76		Total		58184.76

KILLANEY PARISH CHURCH
FINANCIAL REPORT 2024
NO. 2 ACCOUNT

Income			Expenditure	
Balance in Bank at 1 January 2024	58340.04		Grass cutting	1690.00
Allocation of Graves etc	22675.00		Bank Fees	154.74
Interest	<u>228.97</u>		Grave Repair & Outside Works	13800.00
			Bank Balance at 31 December 2024	<u>65599.27</u>
Total	81244.01		Total	81244.01

KILLANEY PARISH CHURCH
FINANCIAL REPORT 2024
NO. 3 ACCOUNT

Income			Expenditure	
Balance in Bank at 1 January 2024	2076.97		Hall Purchases	0.00
			Internet	259.26
			Bank Balance at 31 December 2024	<u>1817.71</u>
Total	2076.97		Total	2076.97

Carryduff Parish Church Initial Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2024

	UNRESTRICTED		RESTRICTED		ENDOWMENT		
	FUNDS		FUNDS		FUNDS	TOTAL	TOTAL
	2024		2024		2024	2024	2023
RECEIPTS	£	£	£	£	£	£	
FWO/Plate	67616.51					67616.51	66287.16
Mission			9968.00			9968.00	9272.96
Gift Aid	24721.25					24721.25	11505.61
Fund Raising	7930.80					7930.80	4199.20
Use of Hall	8147.00					8147.00	5616.00
Special Collections			3431.00			3431.00	3363.00
Gifts & Subs	15881.00					15881.00	8940.00
Killaney contribution	9159.24					9159.24	9591.27
P News/BRN/Gazet	393.00					393.00	452.50
Bank Interest	949.68					949.68	166.77
Sundries	5696.67					5696.67	1235.37
Fabric Fund			6379.00			6379.00	5933.45
Parish Organisations Receipts						15677.29	15014.23
Total Receipts	140495.15	19778.00					141577.52

Notes**Fund Raising**

Ballyclare Male Voice Choir £1957.50, Cadenza Choir £1236.98, Wreath Making £960 Teddy Bear/Crafts £3776.32

Use of Hall

Belvoir Group £648 Cadenza Choir £900 Baby Sensory £1516 Retirement Group £370 Bowling Club £120 Bloom Baby £982 Scouts £1100 Down & Dromore Diocese £320 Mums & Tots £200 Repair Café £216 Brownies £300 OIJ Coaching £80 Killynure Community Ass £160 Birthday/Family parties £1235.

Special Collections

Bicycles Maridi £350 Bicycles Olo £830 Bishops Ministry £261 The Suitcase Project £1990

Gifts & Subs

Funeral donations £2200 Private Swims £2000 Legacy £1000 General donations £10681

Killaney Contribution

Rectors Salary/NIC/PAYE £9159.24

Sundries

NIE refund £1996.86 NIE wayleave £5.46 National Churches Trust £2000 Refund Data Developments £210 Misc £10 Teas Olo/Pakistan £1474.35

Parish Organisations:

See summary next page.

	UNRESTRICTED		RESTRICTED		ENDOWMENT		
	FUNDS		FUNDS		FUNDS	TOTAL	TOTAL
	2024		2024		2024	2024	2023
PAYMENTS	£	£	£	£	£	£	
Salaries	44707.40				44707.40		47961.36
Diocesan Exps	11623.10				11623.10		12358.10
Church Running Costs	18316.17				18316.17		16898.44
Church Maintenance & Repairs	4408.96				4408.96		7437.25
Rectory Costs	1643.78				1643.78		1320.05
Charitable Donations		24245.63			24245.63		14572.50
Admin Costs	3074.36				3074.36		3736.36
Sundries	7470.66				7470.66		3163.87
Parish Organisations					16338.12		14947.99
Total Payments	91244.43	24245.63					122395.92

NOTES: Salaries

Rectors salary/Locomotory expenses/NIC/PAYE - £41721.32 Other salaries - £2986.08

Total £44707.40**Church Running Costs**

Oil £5091.34- Cleaner Costs £3223.10- Electric £3403.00 - Insurance £3572.78- Alarm Maintenance £540.29- Vestry phone £469.89 Water rates £81.37 KM Hygiene £840.00 EICR Inspection £1094.40 **Total £18316.17**

Maintenance & Repairs

Storm repairs £260 Audio Sound System £240 Alarm £342.60 Piano Tuner £90.00 Building repairs £373.67 Photocopier £954 Ground Maintenance £1050 PAT Testing £676.80 Electrical Testing £380.90 Misc £40.99 **Total £4408.96**

Rectory costs

Rates £814.32 Rectory repairs £829.46 **Total £1643.78**

Charitable donations

CMSI Olo £5122 CMSI Olo Bicycles £830 Christian Aid £175.58 SAMS £1404.50 ICS £1404.50 Bible Society NI £1076 HFHNI £1076 IJM £857 Scripture Union NI £497 Scripture Union St Petersburg £497 Christian Blind Mission £497 The Larder £360 Friend of the Cancer Centre £360 Love for Life £360.00 J Club £500 Music for Life £360 Earl Haig Fund £250 Bicycles Maridi £350 Bishops Ministry Fund £261 Bishops Appeal £415 Magherally Parish £650 The Suitcase Project £1990 Pakistan Multan £675.05 Barnabas Aid £4278 **Total £24245.63**

Administration Costs

Office supplies £789.34 CCLI £714.37 Gazette £332.50 BRN £160.04 Data Developments £519 Bank Fees £259.34 Licences £82.74 Software £47.04 Card Reader £69.99 Temporary Duty Exps £100.00 **Total £3074.36**

Sundries

RBL wreath £22 stamps £90.55 Funeral Catering £ 259.67 Donation envelopes £685 Christmas Trees £580 Kitchen Equipment £477.84 Hoover £130 Teddy Bear Advertising £307.20 Refund craft stalls £60.00 Refund Repair Café £108.00 Wine £179.94 J Club prizes £132.63 Bookwell £142.01 TV Licence £169.50 Kitchen Supplies £156.32 Povall Worthington £3960 Misc £10 **Total £7470.66**

Parish Organisations: Receipts and Payments

1 J Club	£ 8413.00	£8867.06
2 Golf Society	£5119.54	£5377.00
3 Babies & Toddlers	£ 546.65	£ 474.91
4 Wednesday Fellowship	£ 672.10	£ 702.12
5 Bowling Club	£ 225.00	£ 200.00
6 Mothers Union	£ 701.00	£ 717.03

Mothers' Union and Friends



We will be meeting in the Mitchell Room on Thursday 6th at 8pm when Brenda Duncan, a chaplain from the [Belfast Hospitals Trust](#) will be joining us.

The **chaplaincy service** is available to offer confidential pastoral, religious and spiritual care to all those in hospital and their families. During times of illness and crisis, people often find their spiritual needs increase and they may need someone to talk to and confide in. Chaplains are available to discuss any issue; they will listen without judgement and can offer prayer and the sacraments. They can also make contact with patients' own Church family and belief groups. It is open to everyone and can cover a number of different faiths.

Why not come along and hear what Brenda has to say?

We welcomed David and Neil from [Carryduff Fire Station](#) to our February meeting. They spoke to us about fire safety in the home. They encouraged us all to make sure our smoke alarms were working and to remember 'Thumbs up Tuesday' to check them regularly. They also encouraged us to get the fire service to visit our homes for advice on safety, especially anyone who suffers from hearing loss, who may not hear a smoke alarm if it were to go off at night. This service is free as they believe that fire prevention is a very important part of their work. If you would like some advice, please contact them on 028 9266 4221.

In the past we have sent money to support the work of Mothers' Union overseas. If you would like to contribute this year, please bring your donations to our March meeting. Thank you.

The [MU Festival Service](#) will be on Wednesday, 2nd April at 7:30 pm in Seapatrick Parish Church, Banbridge. Knockbreda MU is organising a bus, cost £8. If you are interested in going, please let Vera or Jenny know.

Sunday Refreshments

Every Sunday we enjoy meeting together in the church hall for refreshments after the Morning Service. If you notice that someone doesn't come in for a cuppa, do invite them to join us.

Everyone is very welcome and there is a great sense of fellowship. It is also a relaxed way of getting to know each other better.

I wish to thank all our volunteers who cheerfully serve the tea and coffee. Every year I draw up the rota and each person kindly agrees to serve in this capacity. As they say, 'it runs like clockwork'! Your support is greatly appreciated.

Thank you to the J Club and leaders for providing the biscuits and special monthly treats. This is a very generous gesture.

If someone reading this would like to help with serving the refreshments, please speak to Keith.

Keith Shaw

Killaney News

Flowers: Viona Crothers
Cleaning: Jane Todd
Carol McClintock



Stepping Stones

No one likes to make mistakes
Or feel they've been a fool,
But those who never make mistakes
May never learn at all.
So don't get too discouraged or
Dwell harshly or too long
On bygone slips or blunders,
Or the times you got it wrong.
Just think of them as stepping stones,
You've passed and left behind,
They've paved your path to wisdom, so
Move on with peace in mind.

Friendship

Here are a few thought-provoking quotes about friendship to keep in mind today:

"Life is nothing without friendship."

"True friendship is seen through the heart, not through the eyes."

"The language of friendship is not words but meanings."

A Mother's Day Prayer

I said a Mothers' Day prayer for you
To thank the Lord above
For blessing me with a lifetime
Of your tender love and care.
I thanked God for the caring shown me
throughout the years
For the closeness we've enjoyed
in times of laughter and tears.
So I thank you from the heart
for all you've done for me
And I bless the Lord for giving me
The best Mother there could be.



Calendar for March

Sunday 2 March

Sunday before Lent (Green)

The Search for Happiness! 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2 Luke 9:28-36

8:30	Holy Communion	in Carryduff
10:30	Parish Communion	in Carryduff
12:00	Parish Communion	in Killaney

Monday 3 March

7:30	Select Vestry Carryduff	in Quin Room
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Wednesday 5 March

Ash Wednesday (Purple)

10:00	Ash Wednesday Communion	in Carryduff
	Psalm 51:1-18 Luke 18:9-14 with refreshments	
7:30	Lenten Midweek Worship	in Carryduff

Thursday 6 March

8:00	Mothers' Union & Friends	in Mitchell Room
	Brenda Duncan: Hospital Chaplain at work	

Friday 7 March

7:00	World Day of Prayer Service	in Carryduff Presbyterian
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Sunday 9 March

1st Sunday of Lent (Purple)

Happy are the Hurting. Jeremiah 31:7-14 Luke 4:1-13

8:30	Holy Communion	in Carryduff
10:30	Sunday Worship	in Carryduff
12:00	Sunday Worship	in Killaney

Tuesday 11 March

7:30	Killaney Vestry	in Killaney
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Wednesday 12 March

10:00	Midweek Communion	in Carryduff
	Genesis 42:6-17 Galatians 4:21-5:1 with refreshments	
7:30	Lenten Midweek Worship	in Carryduff

Sunday 16 March

2nd Sunday of Lent (Purple)

Happy are the Harnessed. Psalm 37:7-11, 32-34 Matthew 11:25-30 KJV

8:30	Holy Communion	in Carryduff
10:30	Sunday Worship	in Carryduff
12:00	Sunday Worship	in Killaney

Monday 17 March

Down Cathedral St Patrick's Day Festival

9:15	Holy Communion <i>followed by Pilgimage at 10:15</i>	at Saul Church
11:45	Festival Service <i>followd by free Picnic in the Pews</i>	at Down Cathedral

Wednesday 19 March

- 10:00 Midweek Communion (St. Patrick) in Carryduff
2 Corinthians 4:1-12 John 4:31-38 with refreshments
- 7:30 Lenten Midweek Worship in Carryduff

Sunday 23 March

3rd Sunday of Lent (Purple)

- Happy are the Helpers.** James 2:5-13 Luke 10:25-37
- 8:30 Holy Communion in Carryduff
- 10:30 Easter Vestry starting with worship in Carryduff
- 12:00 Easter Vestry starting with worship in Killaney

Wednesday 26 March

- 11:30 Midweek Communion and Lunch in Carryduff
Jeremiah 13:1-11 John 8:12-30
Please let us know you are coming for lunch
- 7:30 Lenten Midweek Worship in Carryduff

Sunday 30 March

Mothering Sunday (Purple)

- Happy are the Holy.** Philippians 4:14-18 Luke 10:38-42
- 8:30 Holy Communion in Carryduff
- 10:30 Parish Communion in Carryduff
- 12:00 Parish Communion in Killaney

Wednesday 2nd April at 7:30 pm MU Festival Service in Banbridge *see MU notes*

Sunday 6th April features a special fundraising effort: for Olo Diocese.

Possibly Coffee Deluxe @ Carryduff and Bread & Soup @ Killaney, Put it in your diary!

Smile Lines

Beware of these contagious diseases in church

Frontophobia: A morbid fear of the front seats in church. The sufferer is struck by an attack just inside the church door, and so collapses in the nearest back seat.

Sermonic Throat: A dreaded choking caused by the start of the sermon. The sufferer unwraps a sweet very slowly and noisily, which seems to effect a complete cure.

Double Auricular Clearance: A condition due to the simultaneous opening of both ear ducts, which allows sound to enter one ear and leave the other without any absorption thereof. Condition is acute during Bible reading and sermon.

Accelerated Vocal Response: A condition which causes the sufferer to try to sing faster than the organ.

Retarded Vocal Response: A condition which causes the sufferer to try to sing slower than the organ.

Church Meeting Paralysis: This can strike suddenly, when a post in the church needs filling. A good dose of enthusiasm works wonders with this sad affliction.

St Patrick's Day at Down

An invitation to the Diocesan St Patrick's Day Celebrations 2025

Our annual St Patrick's Day celebrations gather visitors of all denominations from Ireland and abroad. The theme for 2025 is *Godly Leadership* and you are warmly invited to join Bishop David for worship and a complimentary 'Picnic in the Pews' on Monday 17 March.

We look forward to welcoming **His Honour David Turner KC** as our preacher at the Festival Service in Down Cathedral and the **Revd Canon Maurice Elliott** as the preacher at Saul.

The calling, training, and releasing of new leaders is a vital strand in Bishop David's vision for the diocese and both our speakers are leaders of note.

Originally from Derry/Londonderry, David Turner is a recently retired Circuit Judge who sat in Essex and London. An Anglican all his adult life, David is, among other things, Chancellor of the Diocese of Chester, Deputy President of the Clergy Discipline Commission and a Reader and regular preacher at All Souls' Church, Langham Place.

Maurice Elliott is Director of the Church of Ireland Theological Institute, prior to which he spent fifteen years in parochial ministry, including as rector of Shankill Parish Lurgan. In terms of training and ministerial formation, his passion is for mission and church growth, leadership and team ministry, biblical preaching, and personal spiritual development.

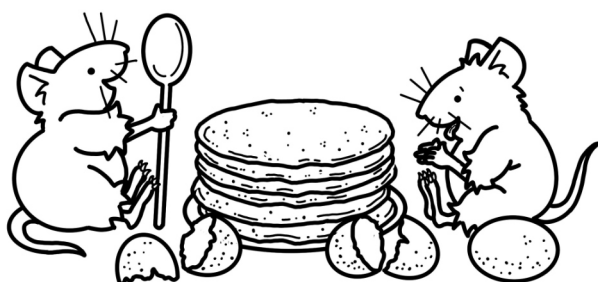
PROGRAMME

- 9.15am Holy Communion at Saul
- 10.15am Prayer Pilgrimage from Saul to Downpatrick
- 11.45am Festival Service in Down Cathedral
- Wreath laying ceremony at St Patrick's Grave
- 1.00pm Free 'Picnic in the Pews'

Details of transport to Saul can be found on the diocesan website (downanddromore.org) or via the QR code.



We look forward to seeing you!



Ballynahinch Foodbank

REPORT FOR THE YEAR TO 31 DECEMBER 2024

Ballynahinch Foodbank continues to meet the call on its services. The support and generosity of individuals, churches, schools, local businesses, sports clubs and associations enabled the Foodbank to provide food help to all those seeking our assistance.

The figures on our activity are as follows:-

The number of people seeking help: 2023, 3,862 persons -2024, 2,622 persons

The number of parcels distributed: 2023, 1,181 parcels - 2024, 921 parcels

The number of meals provided: 2023, 34,958 meals - 2024, 22,872 meals

The value of food distributed in 2024, including Poole's Butchers Vouchers, Lidl Gift Cards, Christmas hampers, toiletries and household cleaning items is estimated at £67,720 when costed at retail prices in the shops.

It has been reported that in 2024 there was a decrease in foodbank footfall across the United Kingdom, and this trend is mirrored at our own Foodbank.

We thank everyone who donated food or money to the Foodbank; your support is really appreciated.

The work of the Foodbank is carried out by a large number of people on a voluntary basis and I thank them for giving of their time to the Foodbank.

Rosemary Logan Foodbank Co-Ordinator 10 February 2025

J Club/J Club Plus

Our busy programme continues with special outings, lots of activities and sport, Bible teaching and the J Club Sundays.

A trip to the Giants' Match will be extra special.

We are delighted to have managed once again to book a weekend at the Ganaway Activity Centre, Millisle. It will take place on 16th-18th May. This is a splendid opportunity for young people to experience outdoor activities, including a pit fire on the beach, group sessions for Bible teaching and worship, all within a safe and well supervised, Christian environment.

Because of rising prices, the cost this year has increased, and this is a significant outlay for parents and families.

A small donation from some parishioners to help meet the cost would be much appreciated.

For all events and dates until the end of the season, please follow us on Facebook. To sign up, please go to Fb page: Carryduff Parish J Club Groups. I will approve your friend request once I clarify who you are. To date, we have 400 parents and parishioners who have done so.

Please continue to pray for our youth and children's ministry.

Thank you.

Keith

Bishop David's Lent series for 2025

Bishop David has recorded a series of devotions in The Book of Revelation to take us through the 40 days of Lent from Ash Wednesday to Palm Sunday (5 March-13 April).

The short videos will be released on the diocesan website, Facebook and Instagram at 6.00am each day.

Then & Now, God Speaks To His Church will focus on Revelation 1-3 and the seven letters to the churches, applying them to our own time and place.

With Rev 1:3 in mind, we will also hear the remainder of the book read aloud by some of our youth and children's workers.

"Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear, and who keep what is written in it, for the time is near."

We pray that you will be both blessed and challenged by The Book of Revelation this Lent.

World Day of Prayer

Every year on the first Friday in March people all over the world gather for a World Day of Prayer.

The World Day of Prayer unites people across the globe in a spirit of worship, solidarity, and shared faith. This year our focus is the Cook Islands. The theme, "I Made You Wonderful" from Psalm 139:14, serves as a beautiful reminder of God's creative work in each of us and His love of diversity.

This year the World Day of Prayer service will be held in Carryduff Presbyterian Church on Friday 7th March at 7:00 pm. Everyone is warmly invited to attend.





Abba Father

It's not always easy to get into the right frame of mind to pray. However, recently I came across an interesting idea based on the phrase "Abba, Father." Quite simply try repeating this phrase several times, breathing in as you say "Abba" and breathing out on the word "Father."

Although at first you might think that this seems a bit childlike, in practice it does help to encourage, and even create, a quietly thoughtful frame of mind.

Quietly thoughtful! Isn't that a mindset through which deeper and more disciplined ideas about prayer might emerge? They don't need to be extensive – there is a crucial example of a very sincere and effective short prayer recorded in the gospel text of Luke. Quite simply he states how, in his description of the parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector, a man (the tax collector) well aware of his fallen nature came to the back of the temple and said "God have mercy on me, a sinner (Luke 18 v.13)" – simple, humble and genuinely sincere.

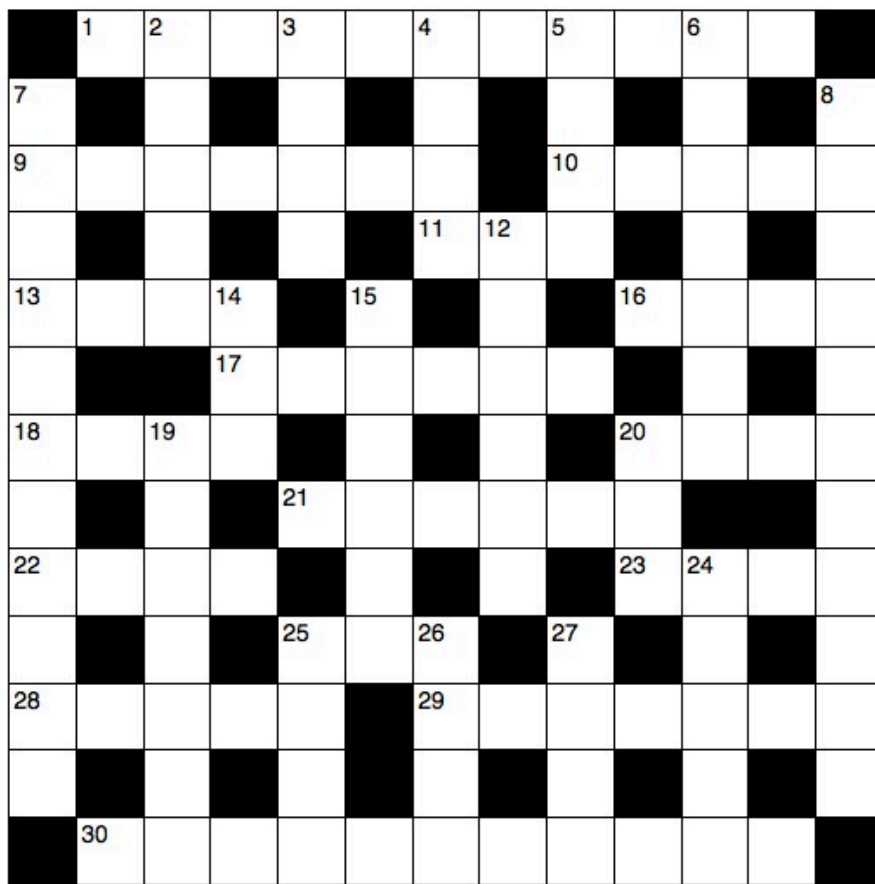
There is also, of course, the straightforward, comprehensive effectiveness of the "Lord's Prayer", again recorded in Luke's gospel narrative (Luke 11 v.1-4).

Besides all this, I recall a note I made in the church magazine (in September '23) about a short and simple prayer which I had learned many years ago. It begins with the words: "Day by day dear Lord, of these three things I pray....." That may sound like a very simple prayer intended for use by children in Sunday School. However the full – but still short – text is several hundred years old, and from a distinguished source. Here it is:

"O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother, of you three things I pray: to see you more clearly, love you more dearly, follow you more nearly day by day" - the text is by Richard of Chichester, 1197 – 1253.

There is a great deal of both humility and deep thought in these words. Is the text also childlike? Yes, in one sense i.e. that it recognises, and helps us to recognise, that we are children of God "and if a child, then also an heir, through God (Galatians 4 v.6-7)." On that premise there is every reason to whisper "Abba, Father" as a preparatory step towards a wholesome experience of prayer.

Denis



Across

- 1 These letters come between Romans and Galatians (11)
 9 'You will not — me to the grave' (Psalm 16:10) (7)
 10 King of Moab to whom the Israelites were subject for 18 years (Judges 3:14) (5)
 11 Town possessing mineral spring (3)
 13 Mede (anag.) (4)
 16 High-fidelity (abbrev.) (4)
 17 He succeeded his father Rehoboam as king of Judah (1 Kings 14:31) (6)
 18 A son of Simeon (Genesis 46:10) (4)
 20 Controversial religious book of the 1970s, The — of God Incarnate (4)
 21 'He has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you — — and hear' (Acts 2:33) (3,3)
 22 'You — me together in my mother's womb' (Psalm 139:13) (4)
 23 Edit (anag.) (4)
 25 'Who has believed our message and to whom has the — of the Lord been revealed?' (Isaiah 53:1) (3)
 28 Abraham's brother (Genesis 22:23) (5)
 29 'When Mordecai learned of — that had been — , he tore his clothes' (Esther 4:1) (3,4)
 30 Sympathetic (Proverbs 11:16) (4-7)

Down

- 2 'That was why his parents said, "He is — —; ask him"' (John 9:23) (2,3)
 3 Integrated Services Digital Network (1,1,1,1) 4
 4 'Saul has slain his thousands, and David his — of thousands' (1 Samuel 18:7) (4)
 5 Concept (John 8:14) (4)
 6 'Do we, then, — the law by this faith? Not at all! Rather, we uphold the law' (Romans 3:31) (7)
 7 Industrious (2 Timothy 2:6) (11)
 8 'I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be — in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you' (Ephesians 1:18) (11)
 12 'Out of the same mouth come — and cursing' (James 3:10) (6)
 14 This was how many of the Jewish leaders described Jesus (John 10:20) (3)
 15 Vitality (Job 20:11) (6)
 19 He urged David to kill Saul at Hakilah (1 Samuel 26:8) (7)
 20 'So for a whole year Barnabas and Saul — with the church and taught great numbers of people' (Acts 11:26) (3)
 24 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord — — ' (Deuteronomy 6:4) (2,3)
 25 Parched (Matthew 12:43) (4)
 26 'In the image of God he created him; — and female he created them' (Genesis 1:27) (4)
 27 Disparagement (Psalm 15:3) (4)



500th anniversary of Tyndale's English Bible

2025 marks the 500th anniversary of Tyndale's English translation of the New Testament - the first such translation into early modern English. The translation is based on Martin Luther's German translation published in 1522 and Erasmus's annotated Latin/Greek Novum Instrumentum omne. Tyndale's first complete edition of the New Testament would be published in 1526, with translations of the Pentateuch and the Book of Genesis in the 1530's.

Tyndale's translations include a number of new words and turns of phrase which would come to have a lasting legacy in later translations, including the first use of the phrase "let there be light"

Friday Night Live

Three of us set off for Annaghmore Church Hall on 31st January to attend the annual SAMS gathering of supporters, an event which has come to be known as Friday Night Live. There was a great 'buzz' in the room as 'old' friends met and caught up on each other's stories.

The theme 'What's the Difference?' was enlarged upon by each participant whose experience of following God's call had reflected the difference that the presence of Jesus Christ makes in a life.

Melissa Newell, a local girl from Richhill, told us about her faith journey from teaching French and Spanish in Northern Ireland to going to Ecuador where she is working as a SAMS mission partner with the United Evangelical Methodist Church. Melissa is 'full of beans', vibrant and exudes joy, the joy of knowing Christ in her life.

In January, Bishop David and Revd. Mark Lennox, who is the diocesan link person between Down and Dromore and Santiago, travelled to Santiago for the consecration of the new diocesan bishop. While there, they visited a number of churches and met with leaders who struggle with lack of finance and the problems associated with poverty.

SAMS Fusion programme is a project which enables Latin American Christians to serve in Irish parishes for a year. Two Fusion volunteers, Ricardo and Hugo arrived from Chile in October. Both speak excellent English! Ricardo, who has a psychology degree and a teaching qualification, is working in Derryvolgie Parish; while Hugo is serving as a ministry trainee at the 'Hub', which is jointly managed by the Church of Ireland and Methodist Church at Queen's.

The evening concluded with the sermon, given by the rector of Bangor Parish, Nigel Parker. He preached on Ezekiel 47 where the prophet has a vision of a river in which the water level keeps rising until he can no longer stand in it. It is a picture of the gospel spreading and the Holy Spirit filling our lives.

It was a long, informative evening and we were given much on which to reflect.

Parish Registers

Funerals

25 January

15 February

20 February

May McKinley, *formerly* Queensfort Court

William Irvine, Saintfield Road

Walter Stewart, Killynure Park

Mrs May McKinley passed away recently in Carryduff Nursing Home. She was supported throughout her illness by her much loved family. They gathered with members of the community from Carryduff and Dunmurry, and with their many friends and colleagues, to give thanks for her life, in St Ignatius' Church. During the service her son Stuart paid tribute to his mum on behalf of his sister Deborah and brother David.

May was the eldest of the three girls, May, Norma and Dorothy, born to their beloved parents Thomas and Emily Napier from Sandy Row.

Her working career started with linen packing, first in Lamonts and then in the Bank Buildings. After her family were at school she took up a job driving a small delivery van for a butcher in Dunmurry. She later worked in a hospital laundry, in some restaurants, and in a chemist's shop. She finally gave up work to take on the care of her first granddaughter.

May and Derek McKinley married in 1964. They first lived in Dunmurry and, thanks to May, their homes were always well cared for as she followed a strict weekly routine which kept the home tidy and spotless. Some years after she and Derek moved to Carryduff, they became active and dedicated members of the parish, as they had been in St Colman's Dunmurry since their marriage. We extend our sympathy to her sisters, children, eight grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Mr Billy Irvine was born in Ballynahinch and, following the tragic loss of his father when he was only two years old, was helped by his much respected mother to make it through school, and later night-school, to achieve his goals. Billy gradually worked his way up in Edgar Lowe Ltd, the business where he met his wife Margaret. Ultimately, he became Managing Director. The company at that time specialised in supplying the motor trade for the Lucas group of companies.

In 1959 Billy married Margaret Lowe in Carryduff Presbyterian Church. He was both a founder member of our church at Carryduff, and also a long term servant of the parish. He offered his skills and wisdom to the select vestry, serving in various roles as Warden, Treasurer, Auditor and Synodsmen. He and his late wife Margaret had polished the Brass Offertory Plate week by week, displaying a loyalty to both the church they attended, and the role of dignified worship as a response to God's love. He was the proud father of Edgar, Bobby and Richard, and a devoted father in law to Sharon, Nicola, and Rebecca, and grandfather to his five grandchildren, Gavin, Jamie, Emily, Gareth and Andrew. We extend our sympathy to the whole family circle.

We sympathise with the family of the late **Walter Stewart** who passed away recently after a short illness. Walter was an early-riser in his role as a lorry driver for nearly fifty years. He was a faithful member of his lodges at Killyleagh, and played an important role in The Royal British Legion (Killinchy and Killyleagh), following his service in the Territorial Army many years before. He is survived by five of his sisters, his wife Eleanor, son Thomas and his wife, and his grandchildren. At the funeral in Saintfield, his family requested thanks for all who had cared for him and them, during his last weeks in hospital

Why you love your Mother

Gratitude is a large part of Mothering Sunday. So, this month why not spend a few moments thinking back, and ask yourself this:

What quality or wisdom did your mother bestow on you in childhood, for which you are most grateful now?

Or you could go to the Sunday School, and ask the children for their response to this:

What does your mother do each day that makes you think that she loves you?

Don't make your children finish their food

If you do, you could make them obese.

So says a recent poll for the British Nutrition Foundation (BNF). It found that half of parents force their children to eat everything on their plate at least some, if not most, of the time.

But it was found that often, these parents pile an enormous portion of food on the plate and then get angry when their children don't want it all.

Instead, the BNF advises that parents should start by putting a small amount of food on their children's plates, and then allow them to have seconds, if they are still hungry.

Bridget Benelam, nutrition communications manager for the BNF, points out: "Research has shown that large portions of food encourage both adults and children to eat more, so getting portion sizes right is an important element of having a balanced diet that supports a healthy body weight."

Thank You from Barnabas Aid

BarnabasAid would like to thank all who attended the table quiz last month. They supported the launch of Food.gives project, to fill a 20ft container, with 11 pallets of specific dried food, to go from Lisburn to Lebanon.

The quiz enabled the people sat around 6 tables to have an enjoyable evening, with 'Les Quizerables' from the Church taking first place.

BarnabasAid informed us of the importance of supporting and giving hope to suffering Christians in Lebanon, and encouraged us to get involved in the project. It is hoped that by Easter, BarnabasAid will have sent 11 pallets in a container to Lebanon, with the support of Christians in Ireland.

In June 2024 a new 2500 sq ft warehouse and office opened at 123 Front Road, BT27 5JY (near Carr Baptist Church).

Already, we have filled almost 3 pallets, each holding 99 boxes of dried food. Donations from Saturday's Quiz Night enabled us to fill another 14 boxes that will go to the warehouse. Some people took a box to fill at home.

If you would like to support the Food.gives project, Lisburn to Lebanon appeal, please speak to Ray Scott.

For further information

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GODLY LEADERSHIP

ST PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATIONS | 17 MARCH 2025

PLEASE JOIN ME IN DOWN CATHEDRAL ON MONDAY 17 MARCH 2025 FOR OUR ANNUAL ST PATRICK'S DAY FESTIVAL SERVICE FOLLOWED BY A COMPLIMENTARY 'PICNIC IN THE PEWS'. YOU ARE ALSO WELCOME TO ATTEND THE HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE AT SAUL AND TO JOIN THE PILGRIMAGE FROM SAUL TO DOWN CATHEDRAL WHERE OUR SPEAKER WILL BE HIS HONOUR DAVID TURNER KC.

+David

GODLY LEADERSHIP

PROGRAMME

9.15am Holy Communion at Saul
Preacher: Revd Canon Maurice Elliott, Director of the Church of Ireland Theological Institute

10.15am Prayer Pilgrimage from Saul to Downpatrick

11.45am Festival Service in Down Cathedral
Preacher: His Honour David Turner KC

Wreath laying ceremony at St Patrick's Grave
1.00pm Complimentary 'Picnic in the Pews'

TRANSPORT TO SAUL

Please park along the Mall leading to the Cathedral in Downpatrick and board one of the private buses. Buses to the communion service depart between 8.15 and 8.45am. The last bus for the 35-minute pilgrimage leaves at 9.45am. The last bus from Saul to the Cathedral leaves at 10.40am.



CARRYDUFF PARISH CHURCH

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Singing gospel songs, music from the shows, jazz and contemporary music

Accompanied by

Harry Ferguson Memorial Pipe Band

Friday 28 March 2025 7:30 pm

(Doors open 7:00 pm)



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All proceeds will go to the Church Fabric Fund