



CROSSROADS

April 2025

On 6th April
Service Time changes
to 10:00 at Carryduff
also
Special refreshments at
Carryduff after 10:00
also
Bread/Soup Lunch at
Killaney after 12:00

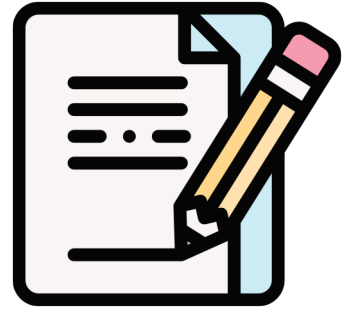
20th April
Easter Day Service
Breakfast at Carryduff



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Dear Friends



You may have heard, if you were present at the annual general meetings in March, that I have announced my upcoming retirement.

To be honest, I was a bit shocked to realise that I will have been serving the churches as an ordained minister for forty years in June. But I have seen clergy who have gone on beyond their ability to serve well and have always known that I would not want to fall into that trap. So I am leaving while still fit to manage my responsibilities before I make too many mistakes!

Vera and I will be going to live in Coleraine where I began my curacy, a town where I know we will feel once more, very much at home. The friendship we have received here from all of you makes the parting more difficult, but the response to the announcement at church has been one of friends wishing other friends well. We appreciate that deeply.

The process is a little fluid at the moment but, certainly, by the end of June we anticipate being no longer the rectory family. The squeezing of the furniture from a four-bedroom house with three reception rooms into an already furnished bungalow is challenging, to say the least. We are open to offers!

We will face lots of changes e.g. a new home address, a new church for worship, a new routine to adopt, and new areas of ministry in which to serve. We will also need to build new friendships and relationships. As I have thought about this in recent months, I realise how important it is to have friends nearby, as well as from the places where we have lived in the past.

We hope that some friends from St Nicholas' in Carrickfergus, from St Matthew's Irishtown, from St Patrick's Coleraine, from the Church of the Holy Name in Greenisland - so sadly burnt in the recent past - from Dromore Cathedral and, now, from St Ignatius' & St Andrew's will remain a part of our lives.

Distance does not diminish friendships, just the ability to enjoy them as much. We look forward to seeing you when we retire, and to keep in touch.

Thank you for now, and I look forward to seeing you at church, week by week, so we can share in fond farewells together.

Your rector,

Stephen

The Future:

The parish will face changes. While the rectory phone number will stay the same, the person answering will be very different. Please pray for that person, and support your parochial nominators whom you have appointed to take the lead in finding a new rector. Bill Connor, Keith Shaw, Jenny Montgomery and Victoria Frazer have that role and will be seeking a person whose spirituality, ability to lead worship, passion for souls, skills in managing time and people, and, above all, a person whose relationship with Jesus defines them. When I look at what it involves I often wonder how I got the job! (Some of you wonder that too, no doubt!)

Preparation:

To prepare for a new rector your vestries need to consider whether the parishes can afford a rector's salary, and whether the rectory is fit for a new rector and family to use. They will need to prepare a parish profile - stating where the parishes stand now. They will also need to outline the particular needs and opportunities the new rector needs to address, as that person leads you all in your ministries to accomplish shared goals. They will need to be prepared to adapt to a unique style of leadership and work with the rector in making their meetings sensitive to God's will, as they seek to be productive together.

As parishioners, I would make one very particular request: be loyal to your new rector. Don't make favourable or unfavourable comparisons with your previous rectors as that can be very disabling for a new person in charge. I promise to stay out of their way, unlike in one previous situation when a new parishioner arrived, and before I got to see them in their new home, the previous rector had invited them to tea at their house!

In the interim between now and the new appointment, the bishop will appoint a new Area Dean to be responsible for the chairing of the select vestry, and key pastoral matters, possibly with the help of retired clergy. The familiar local ministry team will be able to draw on help from these sources.

Welcoming a new rector:

Your wise new minister will embrace the passions you have as parishes, rather than seek to substitute their own interests. Over time you, too, will choose to embrace some of their passions for mission or outreach or charitable causes. That is what a loving family does. That has been my experience in ministry wherever I have been serving, and it has led to harmony rather than division.

Be careful to see the big picture: a good investment in resources paves the way to using them well, and an overly cautious spirit makes everything harder for the minister. Nobody wants wasted resources, but having a good suite of support in place for ministry releases the minister's energy for what they alone can do.

Prayer:

During this period of change and waiting, we ought to pray daily for God's guidance, wisdom and strength for us all, and for those who will lead our worship and provide pastoral support when required. Our four nominators will also need our prayers as they seek God's will for our two parishes.

You will find the prayer on page 8.

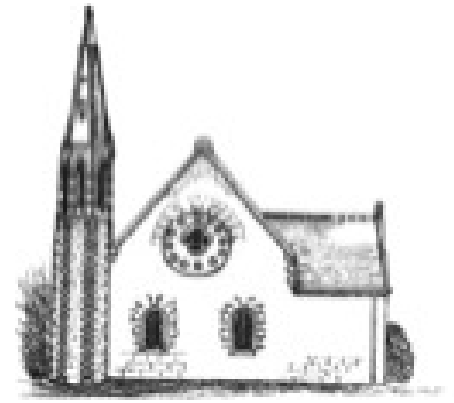
Editor's Note:

Let us pray for Stephen as he prepares to leave us:

Father God, we thank you for the ministry and friendship of Stephen and Vera during the past 12 years. May they know the blessing of your continuing presence in this new phase of their lives. Guide them as they seek to serve you in retirement in Coleraine. We ask in the name of Jesus, our Lord. Amen.

Killaney Notes

Flowers: Florence Coulter
Cleaning Brian & Lyn Neill



Killaney Easter Vestry

The Easter Vestry met on Sunday 23rd March with around 40 people present.

Elections and Appointments

Rector's Warden	Adrian Cousins
People's Warden	David Gill
Rector's Glebe Warden	Gary Crothers
People's Glebe Warden	Bill Connor

Select Vestry:

Regis Calard	Gillian Grant	Colin McClintock
Florence Coulter	Johnny Gray	Helen Penge
Fiona Chew	Marie Mack	
James Chew	Sheila McBrien	

- Come to our Bread and Soup Lunch on 6th April after church at 12:00. In Lent it is good to “go without” so we invite you to contribute the cost of your regular Sunday meal, and enjoy a simple bread and soup lunch in Killaney Church Hall. Thank you to Sheila for taking the lead in organising this.
- Thank you to Colin McClintock who is retiring after ten years as Secretary to the Vestry and also to Ruth Watson who is also retiring after being Treasurer.
- Thank you to Raymond, Bill and Adrian for clearing the trees which had fallen during the storm. Their younger assistant, Thomas, was a great help also. I am sure they enjoyed the coffee and scones supplied by Florence!
- The new ease-of-access at the entrance to the church looks well and will make life much easier for many in the congregation. Thank you to the Vestry for arranging this.

Happy Easter!

May the renewal of life at Easter bring new blessings of love, hope, peace, health and happiness to you and your loved ones.

He is risen
May you feel Christ's love in your heart
And be filled with peace and joy
This Easter Day

Enjoy Easter and don't eat too many chocolate eggs!



Easter Vestry Meetings 23rd March 2025

At our Easter General Vestry Meeting, held in St. Ignatius', Carryduff on Sunday 23rd March, the following was the outcome of the appointments and election.

Churchwardens

Joan Clayton (Rector's)

Sammy Barratt (People's)

Glebewardens

Mark Rourke (Rector's)

Dave Nevin (People's)

Select Vestry:

Cedric Adams

George Buchanan

Susan Creber

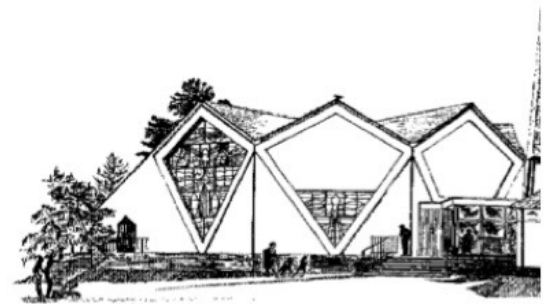
Fiona Ellis

Victoria Frazer

Jenny Montgomery

Marlene Moore

Ray Scott



Deirdre Shaw

Keith Shaw

Andrew Thomas

Sandra Thomas

Mothers' Union and Friends



We are delighted that a representative of Prison Fellowship NI has agreed to speak to us at our meeting on Thursday 3rd April at 8.00 pm.

Prison Fellowship is a Christian ministry responding to the practical, emotional and spiritual needs of prisoners, released prisoners and their families, offering hope and a new beginning.

Staff and volunteers make regular visits to prisoners in their cells, providing a listening ear to help ease the loneliness, fear and despair that arises from being in prison. In the past year, 5,616 visits were conducted to 1,871 individuals.

Through their Aftercare Project, they offer support to men and women who have been in prison or have interacted with the criminal justice system and are resident in NI.

They draw alongside those who experience difficulties with homelessness, poverty, addiction, unemployment, benefits, education, social exclusion, loneliness, transport, medical services and integrating back into the community.

At our March meeting, we welcomed Mrs Brenda Duncan who spoke about her work as a hospital chaplain. Mrs Duncan began working as a lay hospital chaplain 30 years ago after hearing her husband say that help was needed and, if only he had the time, he would love to be able to help.

Over the years, her role has changed, and she and the team of chaplains (lay and ordained) now undergo a lot of training to help them deal with the many and varied needs they face each day.

Brenda told us about some of the challenges of the job as well as some of the joys in sharing God's love with people in their time of need.:

Service Times

As of 6th April, the morning service times at Carryduff will be 8:30 am and 10:00 am. This will enable more time for interaction between the ministry team and the rest of the parishioners before the service that follows. This will be particularly helpful in the next few months.

Killaney has been worshipping at 12:00 midday for many years and no change is envisaged there.

Easter Lilies

In Carryduff, churchgoers have the opportunity to donate the cost of a lily for use on Easter Day in the Church. It has been a delightful and simple gift which has had the impact of awakening a sense of hope in our hearts with the arrival of the Day of Resurrection.

In addition, several of those donating one or more lilies have been able to give it in memory of someone, if they choose, and this has enabled us who share the Easter Hope to rejoice with the saints who have gone before us.



To donate a lily, please make a suggested donation of £10 to cover the cost, with a little to spare, by completing the form in St Ignatius' church or by leaving a message with the wardens or any of the ministry team members.

Easter Home Communions

I would like to bring communion to the homes of any parishioners who cannot manage to attend at the communion rail in St Andrew's or St Ignatius' Churches. The service offered is a short but meaningful version of the service we use in church, and others living in the house are welcome to be part of it if they wish. As this Lent/Easter will be the last time I do this here, I would like to ensure my successor knows who would like this in the future, so please let me know you would like this. Dates are from 6th to 17th April.

Phone me on 028 9081 2342.

Stephen

Mission Partnership Day

6th April Killaney & Carryduff

We want to support our partners in Olo Diocese, a diocese in South Sudan. Life is very difficult there, as always. We are holding a fundraising effort after worship.

In Carryduff, our regular after church refreshments will get a face lift, and we are each encouraged to give a donation to help our partners in Olo.

In Killaney, we will enjoy a Bread and Soup Lunch in the hall, kindly provided by Sheila and a team of helpers.

Killaney, too, will offer money for Bishop Tandema to use in whatever way is best in their current war-torn situation.

Holy Week & Easter 13-20 April

Palm Sunday - Sunday 13th 10:00 am and 12:00 pm

Young people and adults are warmly invited to 'live' the moments when Jesus entered Jerusalem riding on a donkey. We meet for worship at 10:00 am in Carryduff and 12:00 pm in Killaney, and will echo the words of the ancient crowds, and sing the songs of the church, old and new.

Monday 14th April

7:45 pm in Down Cathedral.

Cathedra Concert - Eternal Light by Howard Goodall - Admission £15 (including light refreshments) at the door.

Monday to Thursday of Holy Week in Carryduff

7:30 pm Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday

6:30 pm Maundy Thursday

Services start at 7:30 pm Monday to Wednesday, ending around 8:15pm, while on Maundy Thursday a meal begins at 6:30 pm in the Church Hall, which will include an agape meal, a sort of communion service around the table. A memorable night to remember our Lord's Last Supper.

Wednesday in Killaney

10:00 am Holy Week Communion

The Midweek Communion held every Wednesday in our parishes makes a timely move to Killaney for Holy Week. We are grateful to the Killaney folk who are catering for all after the service.

Good Friday in Carryduff

10:30 am All Age Service

A short service, suitable for all ages, when hymns and songs for all ages will enable us to pause together and thank Jesus for taking our place and dying on the cross for us. We have enjoyed a mixture of older & younger friends at this service in the past.

7:30 pm in Carryduff

As well as singing hymns and listening to readings, to hear about the death of Jesus, we will pause in the stillness to remember his voluntary act of substitution for the people he came to save.

Easter Morning

Breakfast in Carryduff

This Easter Day in Carryduff, between the two morning services, a light breakfast will be served in the church hall to any who wish to come. Tea and toast, maybe even an egg, will be part of the feast, but your presence - with friendship and enjoyable chat - will make it a great accompaniment for Easter at worship at either 8:30 or 10:00. Breakfast is served from 9:00 to 9:30.

Carryduff

8:30 am Easter Early Communion

9:00 am Breakfast

10:00 am Easter Communion Celebrating the Resurrection

Killaney

12:00 pm Celebrating the Resurrection around the Lord's Table

Prayer for the new rector

Heavenly Father,
we thank you for the faithful ministry of those who
have served our parishes as rectors in the past.

As we enter this period of transition, help us to be patient
in the uncertainty. Help us to be willing to embrace the
unfamiliar and new, and to trust in your perfect will for
our future.

Equip our four nominators, Bill, Keith, Victoria and Jenny,
with wisdom and discernment, and encourage them as
they seek a common mind.

Lead them to the person who is your choice. Bring us a
minister who will faithfully teach and preach your word
with integrity and conviction, and who will seek to pastor
us, your people, with compassionate care. This we pray
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hidden within the Passion story is a glorious illustration of Justification by Faith. The 'Penitent Thief' may or may not have been a thief, but up until his crucifixion he doesn't seem to have been a good guy; he is quoted as saying that he felt that his crucifixion was a 'just punishment' for his deeds. He must have done something pretty bad to have felt that way about one of the cruellest forms of execution ever devised by man's sick mind. But he recognised Jesus as his Lord and put his faith in Him, and Jesus responded by promising him paradise, despite the fact that this thief could do nothing by way of good works in return!

A Common Thief

I've lived a life of emptiness
A common thief am I;
Of no great use to man or beast
And now I have to die.
They've nailed me to a wooden cross
They took my clothes as well;
The pain and shame is all I have
And soon I'll be in Hell.
But this man nailed next to me
He's done no evil thing!
His innocence is clear to see –
They say He is a King.
There hangs, beyond, another thief
Just hear him swear and curse!
Demanding that He saves us all
He's making all this worse!

"We knew that this would be our fate!
"We've known it all along!
"But have respect for this poor man
"For He's done nothing wrong!"
"O Jesus, when Your Kingdom comes,
"My Lord, remember me!"
He looked at me with tender love,
Responding to my plea:
"The truth of what I say to you
"You'll shortly come to see
"For you will come, this very day
"To Paradise with Me."

I wept upon my painful cross
No thing I had to bring;
But yet He looked upon this wretch
And gave me everything!

By Nigel Beeton

Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Lutheran pastor and martyr - 9-April



Standing up to tyrants, no matter what the cost. That kind of courage has been in the headlines since the war in Ukraine began, as many brave people have defied Putin's oppression. Dietrich Bonhoeffer did not have Putin to contend with, but Hitler. Bonhoeffer did not back down either, when the time came.

Bonhoeffer grew up with no thought of ever defying the leader of Germany. Nothing could have been further from his mind or background. Born at Breslau in Silesia (now the Polish city of Wroclaw) in 1906, Bonhoeffer was the son of an academic. In 1912, his father was appointed to be Professor of Psychiatry and Neurology at Berlin university, and so the family moved to Berlin.

Bonhoeffer never even considered going into politics. Instead, he studied theology in Tübingen, Berlin and New York, before returning to Berlin as a lecturer in theology in 1931.



But though Bonhoeffer did not chase political trouble, it soon came to him. For on 30th January 1933 Adolf Hitler, leader of the National Socialist German Workers' Party, had come to power. His totalitarian approach left no room for anyone in public life to disagree with him, including anyone in the two major churches - Lutheran and Catholic. But Bonhoeffer refused to be compliant, and joined the Confessing Church, which had formed in opposition to the takeover of the Lutheran Church. The Confessing Church also opposed Hitler's attempts to force antisemitism on the church and society.

Bonhoeffer was in America when war broke out in 1939, but he returned to Germany. He said: "I shall have no right to participate in the reconstruction of Christian life in Germany after the war, if I do not share the trials of this time with my people."

Back in Germany, he joined the underground anti-Nazi opposition and worked hard to oppose Hitler. In 1943 he was arrested and imprisoned at Tegel prison in Berlin. The involvement of many of his contacts in the July 1944 plot to kill Hitler may well have sealed his fate. He was finally moved on to Flossenbürg concentration camp.

In April 1945, as American troops were approaching the camp, Bonhoeffer was hanged. The last words of this brilliant and courageous 39-year-old opponent of Nazism were: "This is the end - for me, the beginning of life."

Bonhoeffer left a great legacy behind him. His writings, and especially his Letters and Papers from Prison, have inspired many trying to make sense of persecution and needless suffering. His 1937 book *The Cost of Discipleship* is described as a modern classic.

Sunday 30 March Mothering Sunday

(Purple)

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

Wednesday 2 April

10:00	Midweek Communion	in Carryduff
	Jeremiah 18:13-23 John 10:11-21 with refreshments	
7:30	Lenten Midweek Worship	in Carryduff

Thursday 3 April

8:00	Mothers' Union - Prison Fellowship	in Mitchell Room
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Friday 4 April

10:30	Open for Prayer	in Carryduff Congregational Church
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Sunday 6 April 5th Sunday of Lent - Olo Partnership

(Purple)

	Happy are the Hungry Mark 10:17-23	
8:30	Holy Communion	in Carryduff
	Philippians 3:4b-14 Mark 10:17-23	
10:00	Celebrate at Ten	in Carryduff
	Followed by Special Refreshments to raise funds for Olo	
12:00	Celebrate at Twelve	in Killaney
	Followed by Bread and Soup Lunch with donations for Olo	

Wednesday 9 April

10:00	Midweek Communion	in Carryduff
	Jeremiah 23:1-8 John 12:1-11 with refreshments	
7:30	Lenten Midweek Worship	in Carryduff

Sunday 13 April Palm Sunday

(Purple)

	Happy are the Healers Colossians 3:15-17 Luke 19:28-40	
8:30	Holy Communion	in Carryduff
10:00	Sunday Worship	in Carryduff
12:00	Sunday Worship	in Killaney

Monday 14 April

7:30	Youth Service - Young people who changed the world	in Carryduff
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Tuesday 15 April

7:30	Women's Night <i>with the men</i>	in Carryduff
	The women who watched and waited with Jesus	

Wednesday 16 April

10:00	Midweek Communion	in Killaney
	Isaiah 53:1-6 John 13:21-32 with refreshments	Please note venue
7:30	Men's Night <i>with the women</i>	in Carryduff Church
	The men who withstood the crowd for Jesus	

Thursday 17 April

6:30 Maundy Meal
The Meal that reminds us of Jesus
Enjoy a meal while recalling the Last Supper: All welcome

Maundy Thursday

in Carryduff Church

Friday 18 April

10:30 Good Friday Morning Service
At the Cross - a short service for all ages
7:30 Good Friday Evening Service
Happy are the Harassed: The meaning of Suffering

(No colours)

in Carryduff

in Carryduff Church

Sunday 20 April Easter Day 1st Sunday of Easter

(White)

Happy are the Hopeful 1 Corinthians 15:19-26 John 20:1-18
8:30 Easter Daybreak Communion followed by Breakfast in Carryduff
9:00 Easter Breakfast in Carryduff
A light breakfast served between the two services:
stay after 8:30 or come before 10:00. Last orders 9:30.
10:00 Easter Communion in Carryduff
12:00 Easter Communion in Killaney

Sunday 27 April 2nd Sunday of Easter

(White)

8:30 Holy Communion in Carryduff
10:00 Morning Prayer in Carryduff
12:00 Morning Prayer in Killaney
Revelation 1:4-8 John 20:19-31

Monday 28 April

7:30 Select Vestry Carryduff in Quin Room

Wednesday 30 April

10:00 Midweek Communion in Killaney
Deuteronomy 3:18-29 John 20:19-31

Friday 2 May

10:30 Open for Prayer in Carryduff Congregational Church
For Christians to pray together
11:00 May Magazine Make up Team in Mitchell Room

Sunday 4 May 3rd Sunday of Easter

(White)

Revelation 5:11-14 John 21:1-19
8:30 Early Service in Carryduff
10:00 Sunday Morning Prayer 1 in Carryduff
12:00 Sunday Morning Prayer 1 in Killaney



Having a Check Up

We are now in the middle of the quiet season of Lent. It may seem strange, but the arrival of Ash Wednesday prompted me to think about having a medical check-up.

It's quite some time since I last had a check-up and, in real terms, I am not especially aware of any underlying issue that might need urgent medical attention. In fact, a check-up might simply reveal nothing new and, in that sense, be quite reassuring.

On the other hand, having a brief snapshot of my health might just pick up some unsuspected hidden issue which could benefit from early detection or intervention.

So what has this to do with Lent? The season of Lent has stirred in me some similar thoughts – about having a spiritual health check. Lent is, of course, a time when we might usefully contemplate our spiritual health – even a time for repentance (what an unfashionable word that has become).

Lent, I might argue, represents an opportunity to sort ourselves out mentally and spiritually – to have an internal faith check-up. Then, just like with a medical check-up, we might come across something in our wayward nature which we have overlooked and which could benefit from early attention.

So, whether we are thinking about a physical examination at the surgery or a spiritual one, we do need to give it some attention and set time aside to deal with it.

Setting time aside! That, in our fast moving world can, in itself, be quite a challenge. Time, we might agree, passes too quickly in our seemingly endlessly busy lifestyle. Indeed, as is often said: "Time flies like an arrow" (and fruit flies like a banana.)

In any case, I hope to have my medical check-up shortly – and the present season of Lent ought to give me a useful prompt and an element of priceless time to pursue a spiritual health check. Arguably it's something we all need.

Denis Carson

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.

The Wonder and the Sorrow of those PCR Tests
PCR tests were a fact of life for most of us three years ago this month. As a biologist who was doing this procedure long before most people had heard of it, I take secret delight in people's use of the acronym. Let me open the laboratory door and share the wonders it conceals.

That swab that you, or someone else, poked down your throat and up your nose went into a tube containing a little liquid. That liquid was then heated or mixed with a chemical to kill any live virus particles, then purified to get rid of every part of the virus except RNA.

The test was actually RT-PCR, the first step being Reverse Transcription by an enzyme that converted any RNA present into DNA. Multiple copies of that DNA were then made, using the Polymerase Chain Reaction. Reverse transcription produced one half of a DNA helix, like one side of an unzipped zip. The enzyme DNA Polymerase is a little like the zipper, except as well as zipping up, it also manufactures the other half of the zip using DNA subunits that have been added to the tube. This process works because a bit like a zip, the two sides of the DNA helix are mirror images of each other. If that new helix is unzipped, DNA polymerase can then make a new strand on both sides.

The beauty of PCR is in its simplicity. Multiple rounds of heating (which melts the DNA helix strands apart) and cooling (which allows the enzyme to make new DNA) produce more and more mirror-image DNA strands.

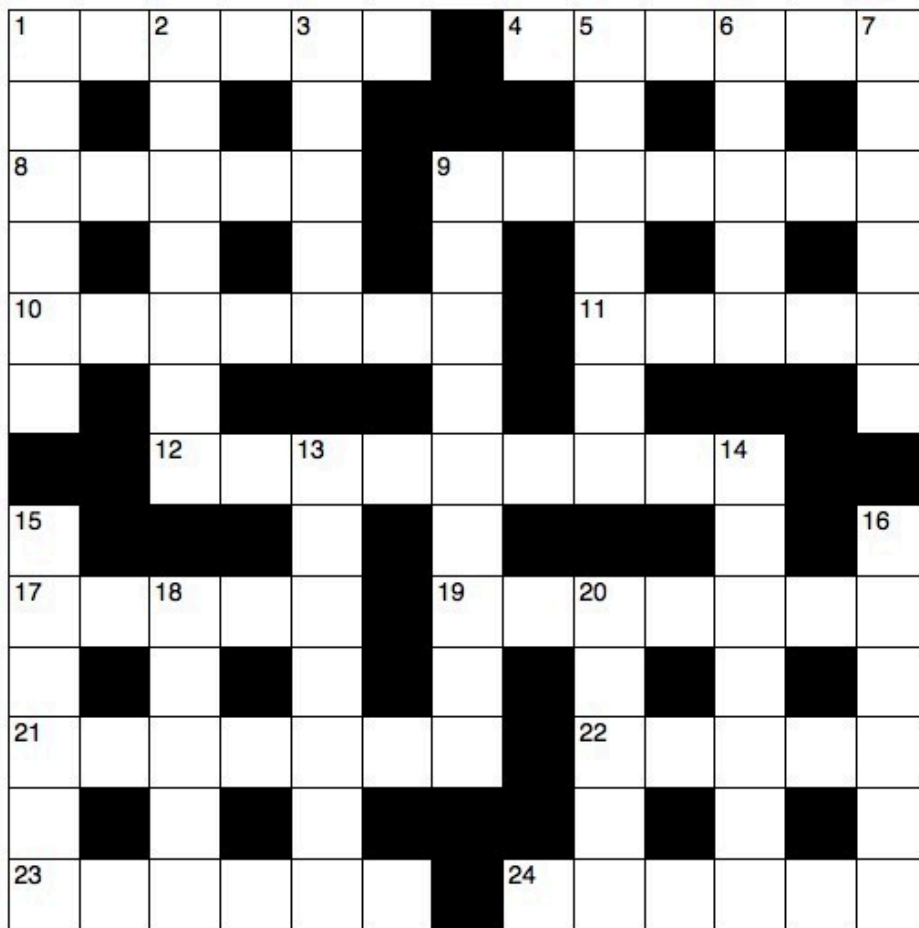
Scientists often have stories to tell about the wonders they study, or make use of, in the lab. Sadly, if this particular process worked it meant that there was probably COVID-19 in the sample, and someone might have been about to become quite ill.

Do you live with similar tensions in your own life? Maybe you love taking care of people, but your role only exists because others live with great physical or mental challenges.

For the Psalmists, a relationship with God was forged in the confusing space where the struggles of life mingled with praise for creation and trust in Him. How can we learn from these inspired ancient writers, celebrating the wonders we experience in our day-to-day lives while also lamenting the world's brokenness, praying for healing and justice?

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Across

- 1 Relating to the whole universe (6)
- 4 The disciple who made the remark in 8 Across (John 20:24) (6)
- 8 'Unless I see the nail marks — — hands, I will not believe it' (John 20:25) (2,3)
- 9 He urged King Jehoiakim not to burn the scroll containing Jeremiah's message (Jeremiah 36:25) (7)
- 10 Baptist minister and controversial founder of America's Moral Majority, Jerry — (7)
- 11 'Look, here is — . Why shouldn't I be baptized?' (Acts 8:36) (5)
- 12 Repossessed (Genesis 14:16) (9)
- 17 Port from which Paul sailed on his last journey to Rome (Acts 27:3-4) (5)
- 19 'Moses was not aware that his face was — because he had spoken with the Lord' (Exodus 34:29) (7)
- 21 Roonwit, C.S. Lewis's half-man, half-horse (7)
- 22 Grill (Luke 24:42) (5)
- 23 'The lot fell to Matthias; so he was added to the — apostles' (Acts 1:26) (6)
- 24 'I was sick and you looked after me, I was in — and you came to visit me' (Matthew 25:36) (6)

Down

- 1 Coastal rockfaces (Psalm 141:6) (6)
- 2 Academic (1 Corinthians 1:20) (7)
- 3 Publish (Daniel 6:26) (5)
- 5 For example, the Crusades (4,3)
- 6 11 Across is certainly this (5)
- 7 He reps (anag.) (6)
- 9 Liberator (Psalm 18:2) (9)
- 13 Man who asked the question in 11 Across was in charge of all her treasury (Acts 8:27) (7)
- 14 They must be 'worthy of respect, sincere, not indulging in much wine' (1 Timothy 3:8) (7)
- 15 The human mind or soul (6)
- 16 'O Lord, while precious children starve, the tools of war increase; their bread is — ' (Graham Kendrick) (6)
- 18 'We played the flute for you, and you did not — ' (Matthew 11:17) (5)
- 20 Bared (anag.) (5)

Answers on page 18

What do children worry about?

Sadly – a problem that is far too heavy for their young shoulders, but which can cripple them with anxiety: climate change.

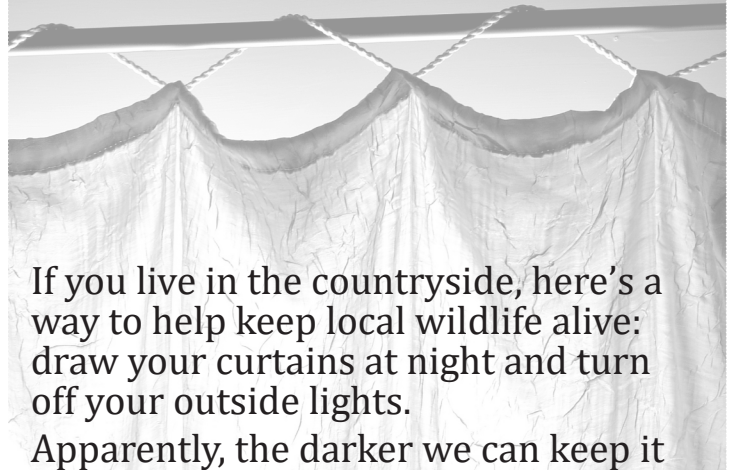
‘Eco-anxiety’ now affects nearly four out of five children, according to a recent YouGov survey. And, increasingly, teachers are struggling to cope with the rising numbers of pupils who confess they are really worried about climate change.

One expert advises against sheltering the children, pointing out that “homes torched by wildfires, flooded villages, people fleeing hurricanes – pictures of climate impacts are coming in thick and fast, and our kids are watching,” she said.

Instead, she says: “Our children will come of age during a climate crisis so building their emotional resilience is one way to prepare them. But we understand that this can be a challenge for parents and teachers, who already have a lot on their plate.”

“The reality is that the climate crisis will be one of the major forces shaping the world they’ll grow up in, and it’s good to give them the tools they need to make sense of it.”

Shut your curtains



If you live in the countryside, here’s a way to help keep local wildlife alive: draw your curtains at night and turn off your outside lights.

Apparently, the darker we can keep it outside, the better. Animals and insects who live in rural areas are especially susceptible to bright lights, which can confuse and disorientate them.

As one evolutionary biologist at Harvard explains, many of the insects drawn to lights at night suffer terrible consequences. “One estimate is that 33 per cent of them die before morning. And even if they don’t die, they’re spending all their time at the light instead of doing all the things they’re supposed to be doing.”

Light pollution, which disrupts natural rhythms and ecosystems, is contributing to what some scientists have called “insect Armageddon”, with a 75 per cent decline in insect populations in 30 years.

Just for Fun!

Wrong number?

Yesterday I dialled the Red Cross but got the HMRC in error. When the HMRC operator asked me what number I had meant to dial, I explained: “The Red Cross, you know, where they take people’s blood.” She said, “Well, you aren’t too far off, are you?”

Twitter - X

A man walked into a church and approached the minister. “I need help. I think I’m addicted to Twitter-X.” The minister looked at him, and said gently, “I’m so sorry, I don’t follow you.”

Parish Register

Funeral Service

14 March Mr Robert (Robin) McCluskey, c/o Hollygate NH

Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted

Robert Francis McCluskey was born on 5th March 1947 in Greenock, Scotland to Kay and Frank McCluskey. When the family returned to Northern Ireland he attended Grosvenor High School. After school, he trained as a car mechanic and soon ran his own repair business for several years. Later he joined his brother Les in LM Electric and worked there until his retirement.

He enjoyed holidays with friends, loved travelling and had a passion for baseball hats! He was independent in nature, and loved decorating his home in which he took great pride. He was a great storyteller . . but had a knack for exaggeration!!

We extend our sympathy to Les and Heather, to Robin Junior, Clare and Kirsty, and his many friends and colleagues who gathered to mourn his passing at Roselawn Crematorium recently.

The Magic World of Oliver Postgate

Born 12/4/1925 – Died 8/12/2008

Do you recall the television programmes which entertained us in childhood?

The voice of many of them was that of Oliver Postgate.

Here Nigel Beeton pays a literary tribute to “the voice of our childhood.”

The Clangers on their planet, the Pogles in their wood
In Oliver’s bright kingdom we children had it good!
Smallfilms brought us joy, and spoiled us all for choice
With ev’ry charming tale told by Oliver’s fine voice.

In Wales’ top left corner a small green engine puffed
And Ivor was the engine’s name, he whistled and he chuffed.

He kept a dragon’s egg within his fire so hot
Which Jones the Steam his driver never seemed to spot!

A stuffed cloth cat called Bagpuss still figures in our dreams;
He was pink and baggy, a bit loose at the seams!

We met the king of the Northmen – Noggin the much-loved Nog,
And the Pogles were a family who lived in a hollow log.

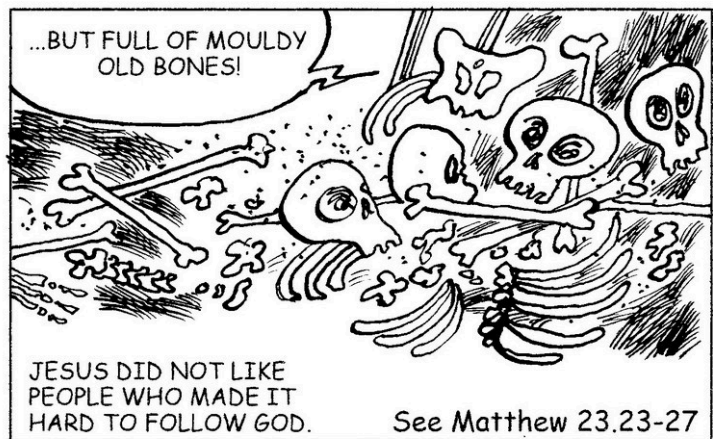
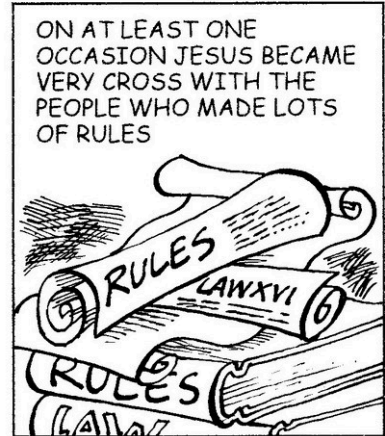
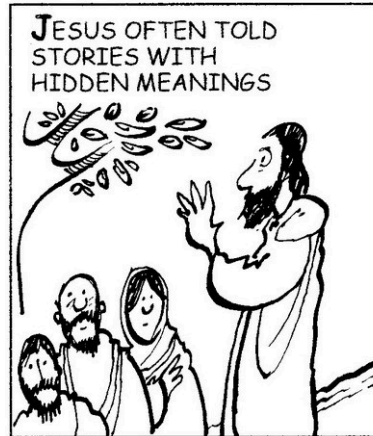
Green soup and blue string pudding which all the Clangers eat
Provided by a soup dragon who lives beneath their feet!

So thank you Mr Postgate for all that you have done
To bring such joy into our lives and fill them full of fun!

By Nigel Beeton



"Some tough talking"



Rosters April

Readers	8:30 am Epistle	10:00 am Lessons	12:00 pm Lessons
6	Mary Hewitt	J Club	Bill Connor
13	Edward Darling	Jim Gibb	Gary Crothers
20	Caroline Taylor	Maureen Keeley	Betty Green
27	Jonathan Wright	Joan Clayton	Gillian Grant

	Flowers	Refreshments	Screens
6		Geraldine & J Club Team	Andrew
13		Fiona Ellis & Iris Warnock	Maureen
20	Easter Day	Deirdre, Liz & Vera	Jenny
27	Eliz Sweetnam	Norah & Helen	Fiona

With Holy Week in mind...

All the armies that ever marched, and all the navies that ever were built, and all the parliaments that ever sat, and all the kings that ever reigned, put together, have not affected the life of mankind on this earth as powerfully as has that one solitary life. – James A Francis

He suffered not as God, but He who suffered was God. John Owen

The death of Christ was the most dreadful blow ever given to the empire of darkness. – William Plumer

The world cannot bury Christ. The earth is not deep enough for His tomb, the clouds are not wide enough for His winding-sheet. – E Thomson

The empty tomb of Christ has been the cradle of the church. – W R Nicoll

The Christian Church has the resurrection written all over it. – E G Robinson

Christianity is the revelation of God, not the research of man. – J A Stewart

Our friends bring us to the grave and leave us there, but God will not. – Anon

ACROSS:
1, Cosmic.
4, Thomas.
8, In his.
9, Deliah.
10, Falwell.
11, Water.
12, Recovered.
17, Sidon.
19, Radiant.
21, Centaur.
22, Broil.
23, Eleven.
24, Prison.
DOWN:
1, Cliffs.
2, Scholar.
3, Issue.
5, Holy war.
6, Moist.
7, Sphere.
9, Deliverer.
13, Candace.
14, Deacons.
15, Psyche.
16, Stolen.
18, Dance.
20, Debar.

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