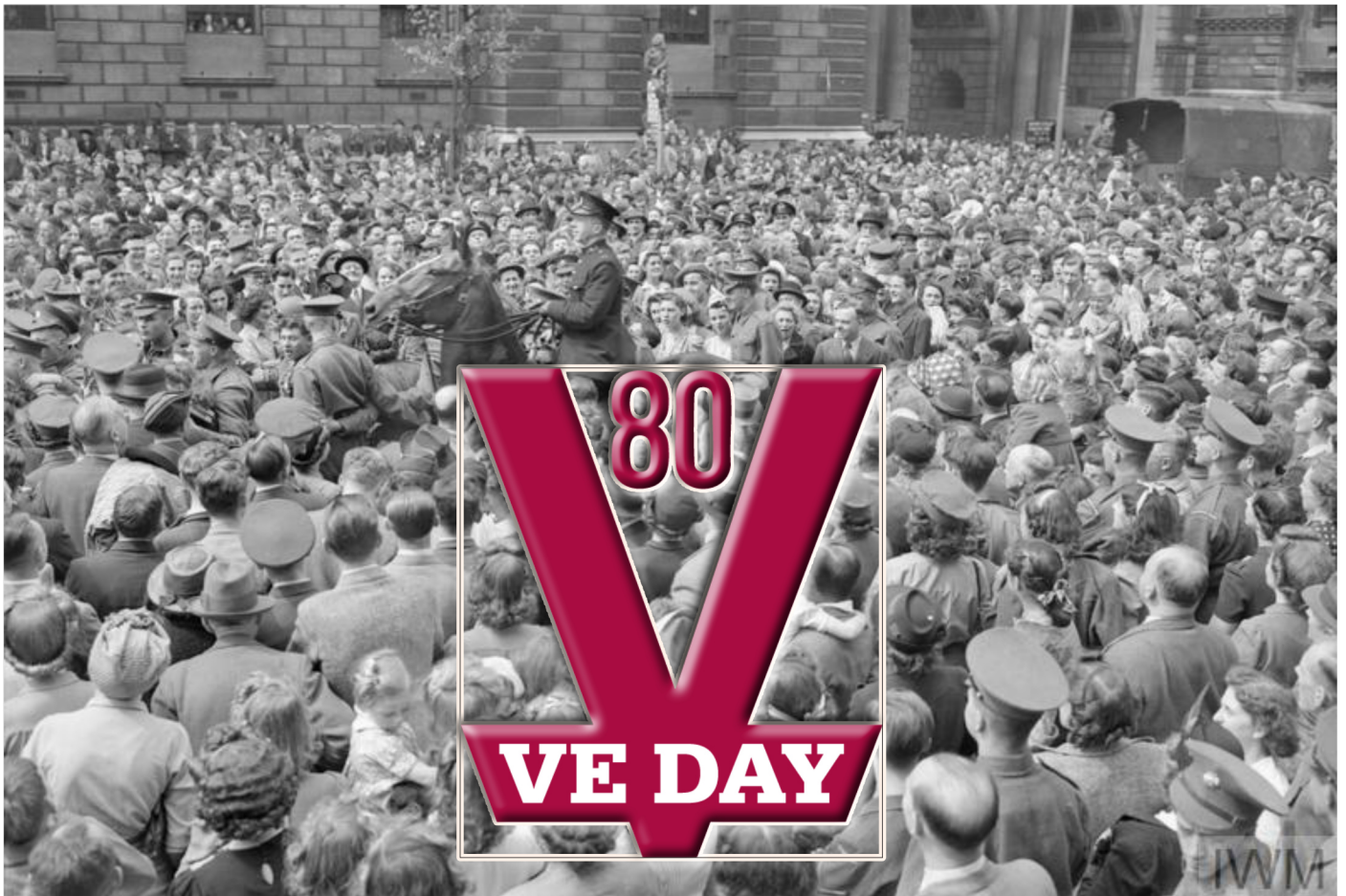




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May & June 2025



Sunday 11th May
10:00 am Carryduff and 3:00 pm Killaney

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Dear Friends

**I have learned, in whatsoever state I am
therewith to be content. Phil 4:11**

The authorised version of the bible, with its archaic English, can often inspire our thinking. (Although, frankly, it can leave many people confused as to its meaning!)

Paul declares a principle here that reveals a lesson learnt during a long life: the joy of contentment with life even when things go wrong.

I used to think this contentment meant Paul believed ambition, or drive, is an unnecessary part of life. I could picture a person, who lives in a squalor of their own making, turning over in their untidy bed, and thinking "I'm alright, I will just lie here a little longer!" Is that contentment?

It is **that** attitude, that dull acceptance of life as it is, that leads to untidy homes, half-finished decorating, unread books, and, even more seriously, unmade decisions.

A few sentences later, Paul makes a contrasting statement when he says

**I can do all things through Christ
which strengtheneth me. Phil 4:13**

That's not the attitude of dull acceptance of life's lot: it is, instead, a positive approach to life's challenges, combined with trust in Christ's ability to help us get things done.

So where does that leave you: content or ambitious? Accepting hiccups, or rising to the challenges they present?

Both. When ambition to achieve success leaves family, friends or faith taking an undeserved second place in your life, then you need to learn contentment to truly honour God. But when contentment is your only goal, all endeavour can go to the wall. What is it like for you?

Some decisions, including the one major one I have recently made - that I had been dodging for a long time - involve seeking both to do the right thing and to do the most sustainable thing.

Jesus called me to trust him 56 years ago, and to serve him as a pastor-teacher in his church a decade later. That calling, within the Church of Ireland, involved a pattern of ministry that sometimes has felt a bit suffocating, but most often is liberating, exciting, and even full of surprises. I am so glad he called me. Now forty years later, I believe he is calling me to step down from front-line ministry, to give someone else the opportunity to serve him as they serve you, a parishioner of our parishes.

So, I am content with my decision to retire, but keen to set myself new challenges to keep me active in ministry, in community, and in my family circle.

To quote Bob the Builder: "Can we do it? Yes, we can!!" Although I think St Paul said it better: "I can do all things through Christ!"

Stephen



Final Services

Several people have asked when we are finishing. I will be rector until 30 June, and available, if necessary, until then. However the last few weeks of June will also involve holiday time and moving house.

My farewell Sunday services will be on 15th June at 10:00 and 12:00 in our two churches. I hope to conduct a final midweek communion at Carryduff on Wednesday 18th June at 11:30 with lunch to follow, and a final early communion on 22nd June at 8:30 am.

I plan to be available for funerals or other pastoral emergencies while in the process of moving house in the last week of June.

Children's Day

Our parishes will hold their Children's Day services in mid to late June, the present planned date is 22nd June, subject to what the youth leaders decide.

Raising The Roof

Carryduff Parish has made an application to Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council for permission to replace the roof tiles on St Ignatius' Church. We received news on Monday 28 April that our application was successful.

This enables the vestry to take the next steps towards the work, though the various preparatory steps are by no means quick or easy. We thank the vestry for their quiet diligence in securing the future viability of our roof, thus enabling worship to continue safely for another 60 years. The building was constructed in 1965.

Christian Aid Week 11 - 17 May

For more than 75 years, Christian Aid has been working with some of the world's most vulnerable communities in 29 countries in Africa, the Middle East, Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean.

This annual week invites Christians in the UK to help fundraise for the work by holding community events and taking on individual challenges. It has been called 'seven days of fundraising fun – your way'.

This year you might like to consider taking on the '70k in May Challenge'. It is simple to do: just travel 70k during the month of May, in whatever way you want. Invite your friends and family to sponsor you or even complete the challenge with you. More info at: [christian-aid-week](https://christian-aid-week.org/)

The Mothers' Union and Friends



May will be a season of welcoming new members and saying goodbye to old friends.

As you all know, Vera will be leaving us at the end of June after almost 8 years as branch leader. She has been an amazing leader, always thoughtful and caring, giving quality time to all our members and visiting our indoor members regularly. She always organised an interesting programme and was calm and unflappable when things didn't quite work out as planned. We will miss Vera so very much, but we wish her and Stephen a well deserved retirement. So don't be a stranger, Vera, remember we meet on the first Thursday of the month. You'll always be welcome.

You will have a chance to say goodbye to Vera as branch leader and to welcome two new members, Carol and Charlotte, during an enrolment service on **Sunday 18th May at 10.00 am.**

Our yearly outing will be on **Friday 9th May** at Millbrook Lodge. We will meet at 12.45 for afternoon tea. The cost is £30pp. If you haven't already booked and would like to join us, please speak to Vera or Jenny.

Down and Dromore's Indoor Members Tea Party will be in St Ignatius' this year on **Thursday 15th May from 2.00 - 5.00 pm.** Although the Diocese is responsible for providing the afternoon tea, we will be responsible for serving it. If you are available to help, please speak to Vera or Jenny. Thank you

At our April meeting, we were joined by Grace Stewart who is a Volunteer Co-ordinator with Prison Fellowship NI. The Prison Fellowship was founded in 1976 by Chuck Colson, an American attorney who was jailed for his part in the Watergate scandal. He said "It was only when I lost everything, I found the true self God wanted me to be". Prison Fellowship NI is the largest Christian outreach to prisoners, ex-prisoners and their families. They work across the 3 prisons in NI. In the past year there have been 4576 visits to 1871 individuals. Their aftercare project offers support to those who have left prison and who experience difficulties with homelessness, poverty, addiction, unemployment, loneliness and have difficulty integrating back into the community. In addition, they support families with phone calls, visits, food hampers and gifts for children at Christmas. They also have 11 prayer groups across the Province. If you would like to support PFNI by donating to their work, please go onto their website pfni.org or contact them on 028 9024 3691. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, visit pfni.org/volunteer or use the phone number above.

"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was in prison and you came to visit me." Matt 25:35-36

Killaney Notes

Flowers: Lisa and Maureen Given

Cleaning: Alison Gray
Anne Mannis



Thanks

Harold and I sincerely thank our friends at Killaney for the kindness shown to us after my fall and Harold's illness. We appreciate it very much. Anne

Please remember we will not forget the sacrifices made by others in our name.

Thank you to Sheila and her helpers who organised the soup lunch, which was enjoyed by all.

What is it? Faith.

If you have that, you don't need anything else.

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Saying Farewell to Stephen and Vera

Dear Parishioners

As you know, Stephen will be leaving us in June, in fact, his last Sunday services at both Killaney and Carryduff will be on 15th June.

We plan to bid both Stephen and Vera a fond farewell at a special get together for refreshments immediately afterwards in the hall. If you would like to contribute to a gift for Stephen, please put your donation in an envelope marked "Retirement Gift" and either place it on the plate or give it directly to the Church Wardens by 25th May. Do try to keep 15th June free to join us, to show your appreciation of Stephen's time in Killaney and Carryduff and to say goodbye.

Thank you

Killaney's and St Ignatius' Select Vestries.

VE Day Celebrations



Our parishes are celebrating the 80th Anniversary of Victory in Europe Day at services and celebrations on Sunday 11th May.

It is a wonderful opportunity to invite friends and neighbours in their local communities to join in thanksgiving with the parish families in their churches.

St Ignatius' Carryduff

Come and join us for VE Day celebrations in Carryduff, following our Special Sunday Service at 10.00am on May 11th.

Thursday 8th May will mark the 80th anniversary of Victory in Europe (VE) Day. Around that date, people, families and nations are being encouraged to come together to unite and mark 80 years of peace since the end of the Second World War in Europe, and to remember the millions who paid the ultimate sacrifice in securing that peace.

In St Ignatius' we plan to mark VE Day on the Sunday which follows (11th May), and the Project Group within the Select Vestry has been busy on parishioners' behalf planning a suitable celebration.

After a special VE Day service in church, there will be a 'morning tea' in the hall, similar to the gatherings held to mark the late Queen's Golden Jubilee and the King's Coronation, to which all are invited. The arrangements are in place for a delicious spread, with the hall to be suitably decked in bunting and live music from the 1940's, by special arrangement with Mr Brian McMaster (the saxophonist with 'Ballygowan Community Voices', who performed at our recent Spring Concert).

As this is a National Anniversary celebration, we have been able to obtain a modest grant from Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council, allowing us to cover the catering and other costs, while local councillor, Brian Higginson, also plans to join us.

All we need is for you to come to the service, invite your friends and neighbours to join us, and enjoy sharing food and fellowship, and any special personal or family memories of 80 years ago. Last, but not least, be ready to join in with the communal singing!

St Andrew's Killaney

A special afternoon service is planned for the people of Boardmills. Before 3:00 pm we will gather in St Andrew's to hear hymns associated with times of national struggle, before the voice of a WW2 heroine brings us back in time.

Participants in the service have been specially chosen to reflect the different ways in which various people assisted in the war effort, both at home and in conflict overseas. The sound of the pipes will accompany a traditional hymn, while a reflection on life in Boardmills in 1945 will be shared.

As we give thanks to God, we will hear bible readings which remind us both of the horrors of division, and the peace that God alone can bring.

When the service is over, the celebrations continue in the church hall and grounds with refreshments, children's activities, and various household necessities of war time. We hope many of you reading this will take an hour or two to enjoy this special occasion. We plan to produce a memorial booklet following the service, with photographs of those present on this 80th Anniversary.



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The First VE DAY

80 years ago, on 8th May 1945, VE Day took place – marking Victory in Europe at the end of World War 2. It was celebrated as a public holiday, and came exactly a week after German radio announced the death in action of Adolf Hitler.

In reality, Hitler had committed suicide on 30th April. His successor, Grand Admiral Karl Dönitz, quickly negotiated an end to the war with the Allies – at the same time, trying with some success to prevent as many Germans as possible from falling into Soviet hands.

Field Marshal Montgomery accepted the unconditional surrender of German forces in the Netherlands, north-west Germany and Denmark at a ceremony near Hamburg on 4th May. All German forces then surrendered to Supreme Allied Commander, General Eisenhower, on 7th May at Reims, France. Soviet leader, Josef Stalin, had his own ceremony in Berlin.

The photograph from the AMERICAN US EMBASSY SECOND WORLD WAR PHOTOGRAPH LIBRARY CLASSIFIED PRINTCOLLECTION features the Nazi Representatives signing the absolute surrender.



The announcement that the war had ended in Europe was broadcast to the British people by the BBC late on 7th May. It was decreed that there would be a national holiday the next day, and the stage was set for huge celebrations. Prime Minister Churchill had been assured that there was enough beer in the capital, and commemorative items, including VE Day mugs, were quickly produced.

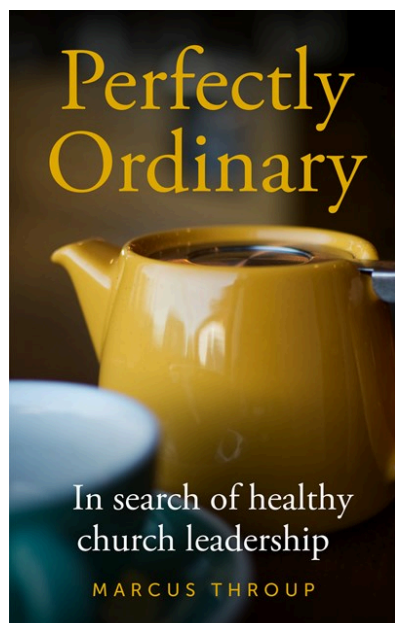
St Paul's Cathedral held ten consecutive services giving thanks for peace, each one attended by thousands of people, and churches throughout the country rang their bells. The Royal Family played a central role, appearing eight times on the balcony of Buckingham Palace while huge numbers of people flocked down The Mall.

In the United States, VE Day coincided with President Harry S Truman's 61st birthday: he dedicated the victory to the memory of his predecessor, Franklin D Roosevelt, who had died of a stroke less than a month earlier. But both Truman and Churchill pointed out that the war against Japan had not yet been won. That final victory was still more than three months away.

Of course, the end of a war could never be neat. In Europe the last known shots on the Eastern Front were actually fired on 11th May, and on 25th May the battle of Odžak ended in a Yugoslav Partisan victory. Tragically, in French Algeria, Muslims celebrating the end of the war (some also peacefully protesting for independence) were "inexcusably" massacred by colonial authorities and militias – leading eventually to the Algerian War nine years later.

Perfectly Ordinary – in Search of Healthy Church Leadership

By Marcus Throup, Canterbury Press, £14.99



In the wake of scandals involving high-profile Christian leaders in the UK, US and beyond, this book issues a timely warning about the dangers of pursuing 'spectacular' ministry. It shows how coercive, manipulative subcultures often thrive – and are even admired – because of their outward success, while ignoring the deeper harm they cause.

Marcus Throup calls for a return to an authentic, Christ-centred approach to leadership that values humility, faithfulness, prayer, and genuine pastoral care over sensationalism. He invites readers to rediscover the heart of ministry: holiness, down-to-earth preaching, and a focus on what truly matters.

Concert in June

Ballygowan
Community Voices

present

10 Year Anniversary Concert

with special guests

Dynamic Brass
TOGETHER IN MUSIC

Saturday 14th June 2025 @ 7.30pm

Ballygowan Presbyterian Church Halls, Comber Road, Ballygowan

This is a ticketed event only. Tickets £10 each can be obtained from
Alison 07967 144761, Jennifer 07540 599585 or Julie 07964 601555

Tickets available from Jenny Montgomery

Made, not begotten



I wonder if you have any kind of relationship with a chatbot? I readily admit to struggling with much of the new electronic technology. Indeed, it seems that our present everyday world has become increasingly driven - even influenced - by this strange new apparatus called Artificial Intelligence (AI).

I accept that AI can be extremely useful – even invaluable – as an effective and rapid source of information on almost any subject. It can even tell you what to do.

However, an AI device has no soul. It is inhuman and, therefore, although it can tell you what to do, it does not and can not **teach** anyone to do something. The words may look right, but there is no genuine emotion or feeling informing them.

In essence, an electronic machine can never know what it is to be human. Although it may be the source of useful information, it is incapable of expressing or sympathising with human emotions.

Our very nature incorporates emotional and spiritual attributes. We inherit these astounding and uniquely human characteristics from our parents, from whom we are “begotten, not made.”

It is most significant that, in the Nicene Creed, we note that Jesus is “.....true God from true God, begotten, not made.” This means, crucially, that He has inherited the Father’s nature; and so it is with us. We have inherited the nature – the spiritual fabric – of our parents. We are “begotten, not made.”

Not so with AI devices! They are “made, not begotten.” Essentially this means that, no matter how responsive they may be to anything we ask, they are not human. They are very effective in the business of storage and recall, but they could never teach us or know what it is to be human - never experience or share in our treasurable human emotions. Only humans can do that. We are wonderfully and uniquely fashioned in the likeness of God

As the well known and much televised choir master, Gareth Malone, said in a recent interview for Radio Times, “A I is a tool. You can’t get a computer to sing Messiah.”

Denis Carson

Calendar for May and June

Sunday 4 May	3rd Sunday of Easter	(White)
	Revelation 5:11-14 John 21:1-19	
8:30	Holy Communion TWO	in Carryduff
10:00	Sunday Morning Prayer 1	in Carryduff
12:00	Sunday Morning Prayer 1	in Killaney
Wednesday 7 May		
10:00	Midweek Communion Acts 8:1b-8 John 6:35-40 with refreshments	in Carryduff
Sunday 11 May	VE Day at Carryduff and Killaney	(White)
8:30	Holy Communion ONE Revelation 7:9-17 John 10:22-30	in Carryduff
10:00	VE Day Service <i>and celebration</i> Isaiah 32:14-18 James 4:1-10	in Carryduff
3:00	VE Day Service <i>and Community Festival</i> Isaiah 32:14-18 James 4:1-10	in Killaney
Wednesday 14 May		
10:00	Midweek Communion St Matthias Acts 1:15-26 John 15:9-17 with refreshments	in Carryduff
Thursday 15 May		
2:00	Mothers' Union Diocesan Indoor-members Service in St Ignatius' with Preacher: Bishop Ken Clarke	
Sunday 18 May	5th Sunday of Easter	(White)
	Revelation 21:1-6 John 13:31-35	
8:30	Early Communion	in Carryduff
10:00	Sunday Worship with MU Enrolment	in Carryduff
12:00	Sunday Morning Prayer	in Killaney
Wednesday 21 May		
11:30	Midweek Communion and Lunch Acts 15:1-6 John 15:1-8 Note earlier date than usual	in Carryduff
Sunday 25 May	6th Sunday of Easter	(White)
8:30	Holy Communion Joel 2:21-27 John 14:23-29	in Carryduff
10:00	Celebrate Baptism at Ten Making Room for Jesus John 14:23-27	in Carryduff
12:00	Parish Communion Acts 16:16-34 John 17:20-26	in Killaney
Wednesday 28 May		
10:00	Midweek Communion Acts 17:15 and v22-18:1 John 16:12-15 with refreshments	in Carryduff
Sunday 1 June	The Sunday after the Ascension Day	(White)
8:30	Holy Communion ONE Acts 16:16-34 John 17:20-26	in Carryduff
10:00	Parish Communion Acts 16:16-34 John 17:20-26	in Carryduff
12:00	Celebrate Baptism at Twelve Making Room for Jesus John 14:23-27	in Killaney

Monday 2 June

7:30 Select Vestry Carryduff in Quin Room

Wednesday 4 June

10:00 Midweek Communion in Carryduff
Acts 20:28-38 John 17:11-19 with refreshments

Friday 6 June

10:30 Open for Prayer in Carryduff Congregational Church
For Christians to pray together

Sunday 8 June Pentecost Sunday

(Red)

8:30 Holy Communion in Carryduff
Acts 2:1-21 John 14:8-17
10:00 Sunday Worship in Carryduff
Acts 2:1-21 Romans 8:14-17
12:00 Sunday Worship in Killaney
Acts 2:1-21 Romans 8:14-17

Wednesday 11 June

10:00 Midweek Communion St Barnabas in Carryduff
Acts 11:19-30 John 15:12-17 with refreshments

Sunday 15 June Trinity Sunday

(White)

Stephen and Vera's Farewell Sunday Service
8:30 Holy Communion in Carryduff
Acts 2:1-21 Romans 8:14-17
10:00 Sunday Worship Farewell in Carryduff
Luke 15:11-32
12:00 Sunday Worship Farewell in Carryduff
Luke 15:11-32

Wednesday 18 June

11:30 Midweek Communion and Lunch in Carryduff
2 Corinthians 9:6-11 Matthew 6:1-6,16-18
Please let us know you are coming for lunch
Note earlier date than usual for this farewell lunch.

Sunday 22 June Children's Day

(Green)

Galatians 3:23-29 Luke 8:26-39 Joshua 1:1-9
8:30 Holy Communion in Carryduff
Galatians 3:23-29 Luke 8:26-39
led by SHL final early communion.
10:00 Celebrate at Ten Children's Day Joshua 1:1-9 in Carryduff
12:00 Children's Day Service Joshua 1:1-9 in Killaney

Wednesday 25 June

10:00 Midweek Fellowship in Carryduff
Genesis 15:1-12,17-18 Matthew 7:15-20 with refreshments

Sunday 29 June St Peter's Day

(Red)

Acts 12:1-11 Matthew 16:13-19
8:30 Holy Communion TBC in Carryduff
10:00 Sunday Worship in Carryduff
12:00 Sunday Worship in Killaney

Smile Lines

Already well connected

The telephone rang in the church office of the church that the MP attended when visiting his constituency. An eager voice inquired: "Do you expect the MP to be in church on Sunday? If so, I was thinking of coming along."

"That," said the clergyman, "I cannot promise. But we do expect that God will be there, and we fancy that that should be incentive enough for a reasonably large attendance."

Don't look back

The Sunday School teacher was telling the story of how when Lot's wife looked back at Sodom and Gomorrah, she turned into a pillar of salt. One youngster nodded in a knowing fashion. "My mummy looked back once while she was driving," he confided, "and she turned into a lamp post."

Genesis and politicians

A surgeon, an architect and a politician were arguing as to whose profession was the oldest. Said the surgeon: "Eve was made from Adam's rib, and that surely was a surgical operation."

"Maybe," said the architect, "but prior to that, order was created out of chaos, and that was an architectural job."

"But you forget," interrupted the politician, "somebody had created the chaos first!"

A gracious rival

Some modern politicians might take a lesson in graciousness from Edward Campbell, the great British statesman of the 1930s.

Once when Campbell was opposing Thackeray for a seat in Parliament, the two contenders, in the course of their campaigning, met and engaged in friendly conversation. On taking leave of his rival, Thackeray remarked: "May the best man win!" "Oh no," Campbell replied, "I hope not – I want to win!"

Children's parties

The main benefit of holding children's parties is to remind yourself that there are children out there who are more awful than your own.

Sharing your faith at work

After his local church had done a week of outreach training, the local barber felt guilty. When had he last shared his faith with anyone? So, the next morning he prayed: "Lord, today I promise to witness to the first man that walks through my door."

Soon after he opened his shop the first man came in and said, "I want a haircut and a shave, please." The barber said nervously, "Sure, just sit in the seat and I'll be with you in a moment."

The barber rushed into the back of his shop and sent up a desperate prayer: "Dear God, give me the wisdom to know just the right thing to say to him. Amen." Then slowly the barber came back to his customer with his razor knife in one hand. He laid a shaking hand on the man's shoulder, stared at him in the mirror, and said: "I am glad you came to see me this morning...are you ready to die?"

Humility

God in the Sciences

Article written by Dr Ruth M Bancewicz, who is Church Engagement Director at The Faraday Institute for Science and Religion in Cambridge



A few years ago I visited the Smithsonian Museum's Hall of Human Origins. Our guide, the curator of anthropology, was keen to help Christians understand his research. Whatever you make of the evidence for human evolution, the fact remains that other species a bit like us were around before we came on the scene – or in the case of Neanderthals, at the same time.

Part of the exhibit included lifelike reconstructions of the face and hair of several different hominins, displayed on pillars at the right height for each species. So I could crouch down to 'meet' Homo floriensis or stand tall to look into the eyes of Homo heidelbergensis. Most of these – beings? creatures? – were on other branches of the evolutionary tree to us, and we share a common ancestor much further back. I did, however, feel as if I was meeting my forebears.

As I walked between the statues I asked myself, "Why us?" There's evidence that Neanderthals used symbolism as we do, and also buried their dead. Did they have the potential to evolve to a point where they could do similar things to us? The curator explained how, as the ice ages came and went, human beings moved around but other species appear to have stayed put and suffered the consequences – they just weren't ready yet for that big change. As I took in the displays about how we began to gather socially around a fire, make music or write, I felt humbled. We managed to adapt, but we could so easily have disappeared with the rest.

In his book - The Message of Creation, - theologian David Wilkinson shares his view that being made in the image of God has nothing to do with our own cleverness or abilities, but is a gift. God created us on purpose (I believe through the long slow process of evolution) and chose to enter into a relationship with us, making us His representatives on earth.

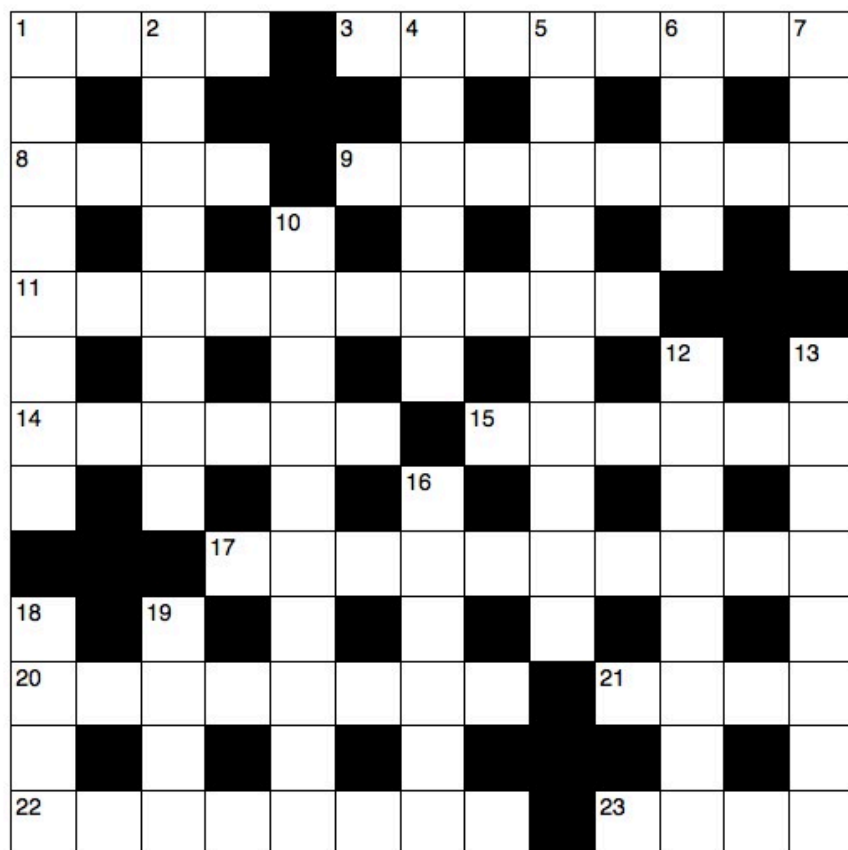
Thankfully I don't have to figure out how to interact with other human-like hominins today. I do, however, have an equal share in humankind's God-given commission to tend and keep creation. Am I ready to go further than ensuring my own species' survival – not necessarily because we have evolved further than our ice-age ancestors, but because I have one of the 'new hearts' promised in Ezekiel 11:19? Can I work together, in a true spirit of humility, with people from all over the world to ensure the full diversity of life can flourish?

For more information look for these on the internet or click below

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- 1 Infant (Luke 2:12) (4)
 3 Luis must (anag.) (8)
 8 What Jesus called the devil (John 8:44) (4)
 9 'My God, my God, why have you — me?' (Matthew 27:46) (8)
 11 Anglican form of church government (10)
 14 'Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like — ' (Isaiah 40:31) (6)
 15 Ministers of religion (6)
 17 Make stronger (1 Thessalonians 3:13) (10)
 20 Devoutness (1 Timothy 2:2) (8)
 21 The father of Jesse (Ruth 4:22) (4)
 22 Pool where Jesus healed a man who had been an invalid for 38 years (John 5:2) (8)
 23 '[Jesus] said to them, " — here and keep watch"' (Mark 14:34) (4)

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- 1 Follower of Christ (Acts 16:1) (8)
 2 One of the punishments endured by Paul (2 Corinthians 6:5) (8)
 4 Soldiers (Exodus 14:9) (6)
 5 Scholarly study of melody, harmony and rhythm (10)
 6 'I am God, and there is none — me' (Isaiah 46:9) (4)
 7 'And how can they preach unless they are — ?' (Romans 10:15) (4)
 10 Favourable reception (1 Timothy 1:15) (10)
 12 Hip orbit (anag.) (8)
 13 End of life (Isaiah 22:14) (5,3)
 16 'About midnight the sailors — they were approaching land' (Acts 27:27) (6)
 18 He married Jezebel (1 Kings 16:30–31) (4)
 19 'According to your great compassion — out my transgressions' (Psalm 51:1) (4)

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Boxing Legend Dies

Warm tributes were paid to the Christian US heavyweight boxing legend, George Foreman, who died aged 76 on 21st of March.

The two-time heavyweight champion of the world became a Christian in 1977, three years after his famous match with Muhammad Ali, known as the 'Rumble in the Jungle'.

Born into a poor single-parent family of seven children in Texas, Foreman dropped out of junior high school, but was able to turn his life around through Job Corps, which helped him get into boxing.

Foreman proved to be a natural: at only 19 he won the heavyweight boxing gold medal at the 1968 Olympics in Mexico City.

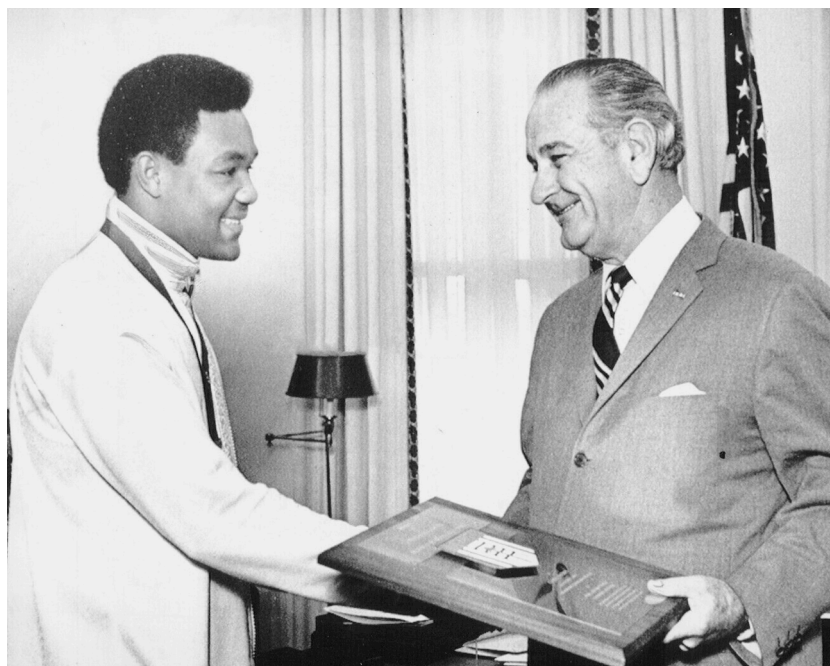
After this, he turned pro, and then won 37 straight matches on his way to face reigning champion Joe Frazier in Kingston, Jamaica, winning by technical knockout.

It was after a defeat in 1977 that Foreman had a profound experience of Jesus Christ, and was converted. Aged 28, he abandoned boxing and became a minister. He founded The Church of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Foreman boxed again in 1987, to raise money for a youth centre he had founded. He then won another 24 matches in a row. His last match was in 1997, when he ended his career with a record of 76 wins and five losses.

In 1985, he married for the fifth time, to Mary Joan Martelly. He had five sons – all called George – five daughters, and two adopted daughters.

In March his family posted on Instagram: "Our hearts are broken. A devout preacher, a devoted husband, a loving father, and a proud grand and great grandfather, he lived a life marked by unwavering faith, humility, and purpose."



George Foreman: 10 January 1949 - 21 March 2025
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Wordsearch for May 2025

Editor: The Nicene Creed is one of the most important documents in the world. It has shaped Christian belief for the past 1700 years, affecting hundreds of millions of lives. So here is a bigger Wordsearch than normal, in honour of the brave man who gave it to the Church!

This year is the 1700 anniversary of the Nicene Creed. Athanasius is the theologian behind that creed, and his feast day falls on 2nd May.

Athanasius (296-373) was born into a prosperous family in Alexandria in Egypt, and entered the ministry. He was 29 years old when he accompanied Alexander, the bishop of Alexandria, to the Church's first great ecumenical Council, at Nicaea in 325. There he saw the Council debate the Person of Christ. How was He the Son of God and also Man? Did He really exist before He was born? If we worship Him, does that mean that we are worshipping two Gods?

When the heresy of Arius, which taught that Christ was not divine, and not eternal, later threatened the church, Athanasius worked with his bishop, Alexander, in framing what became known as the Nicene Creed. Our Lord's full divinity was safeguarded in the words, 'eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, light from light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one substance with the Father.'

For the next 45 years Athanasius' devotion, scholarship, and forceful leadership established the Nicene Creed in the Christian Church. His enemies, both in Church and state, conspired against him, and he was exiled five times from the See of Alexandria and spent a total of 17 years in flight and hiding.

Athanasius' name will always be linked with the triumph of New Testament Christology over every form of reductionism (lessening of the Person of Christ.)

Athanasius

Nicene

Creed

Theologian

Egypt

Council

Bishop

Debate

Christ

Person

Worship

Divine

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A short story from the Bible

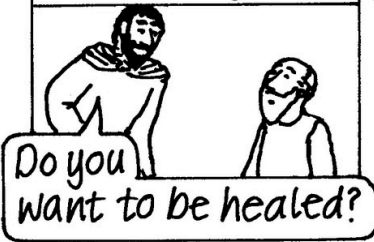
It can be read in the Bible in John chapter 5 verses 1-18

Jesus was in Jerusalem for a festival, and he visited the pool of Bethesda. People said that an angel sometimes made the water ripple.

Sick people waited for the water to ripple, because they thought that the first person in would be healed.



Jesus went up to a man who had been sick for 38 years.

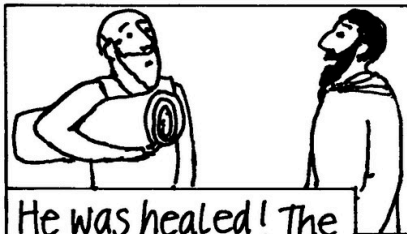


Do you want to be healed?

I've got no-one to put me in the pool, so I can never get in first.



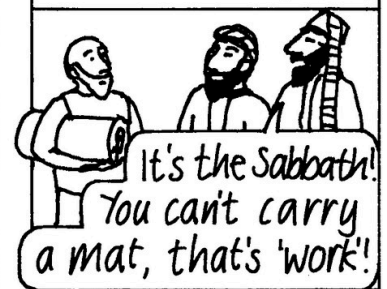
Pick up your mat and walk!



He was healed! The man picked up his mat and walked around. But it was the Sabbath.

God had given the law that the Sabbath day was a rest day (Ex 20: 8-11)... but to make sure it was kept, the Jewish leaders had made up rules, and then more rules so that anything that even might be work was banned.

The Jewish leaders saw the healed man.



It's the Sabbath! You can't carry a mat, that's 'work'!

The man who healed me told me to carry it.



Which man?

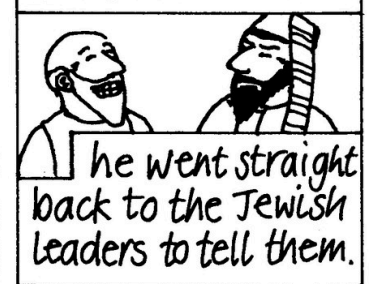
I don't know.

Later, Jesus found the man in the temple.



You are healed now, but don't sin any more, or something worse might happen to you.

Now the man knew who Jesus was...



he went straight back to the Jewish leaders to tell them.

and they went to Jesus



You were working on the Sabbath!

My father, God, doesn't stop working on the Sabbath so I keep on working as well

Not only does he disobey our Sabbath rules, but he says he is equal to God!



We definitely have to kill him.

Rosters May & June

Readers	8:30 am Epistle	10:00 am Lessons	12:00 pm Lessons
4 May	David Patterson	Jim Gibb	Florence Coulter
11 May	Edward Darling	Susan Creber	Johnny Gray & Ann Mannis
18 May	Caroline Taylor	Joan Clayton	David Gill
25 May	Jonathan Wright	J Club	Dylan Marks
1 June	Ken Fletcher	Marlene Moore	Raine Calard
8 June	Ray Scott	Maureen Kealey	Thomas Cousins
15 June	Mary Hewitt	Lowry Family	Viona Crothers
22 June	Keith Shaw	Sunday Club	Lorraine Crothers
29 June	David Patterson	Sandra Thomas	Regis Calard

	Flowers	Refreshments	Screens
4 May		George and Jene	Andrew
11 May	Eileen Taylor	Project Team	Maureen
18 May		Mothers' Union	Jenny
25 May		Geraldine and Joan	Fiona
1 June	R Irvine	Jan Irwin and Eleanor	Andrew
8 June	K Ellis	Charlotte and Victoria	Maureen
15 June	E Johnston	SV Members	Jenny
22 June	Good Family	Geraldine and Joan	Fiona
29 June	Marlene Moore	Ann and Harriett	Raymond

ACROSS: 1, Baby. 3, Stimulus. 8, Liar. 9, Forsaken. 11, Espiscopacy. 14, Eagles. 15, Clergy. 17, Strengthen. 20, Holiness. 21, Obed. 22, Bethesda. 23, Stay.

DOWN: 1, Believer. 2, Beatings. 4, Troops. 5, Musicoology. 6, Like. 7, Sent. 10, Acceptance. 12, Prohibit. 13, Dying day. 16, Sensed. 18, Ahab. 19, Blot.

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**Killaney Gives
Thanks for
Victory in
Europe**
**Sunday 11th May
at 3:00 Pm**

In the 80th Anniversary Year of the end of World War II, the community in our area meets to celebrate the hard-won peace of 8th May 1945.

A Service of Thanksgiving takes place at 10:00 am in **St. Ignatius', Carryduff**, attended by a representative of Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council, who have sponsored this and other events in the Council area..

At around 11:00 we will be treated to 1940's music, with freshly made refreshments served in the hall afterwards, bringing the event to a happy conclusion. Memorabilia of the era, including the story of a Military Cross awarded in the conflict, will be on display.

A Service of Thanksgiving takes place at **3:00 pm in St. Andrew's, Killaney**. Representatives of Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council, who have been invited. The Council has sponsored this and other events in the area.

Shortly after 2:45 pm we will be gathered in the Church for the service reflecting the music and worship of the 1940's. Stories and reflections on the meaning of the era to our own and other nations will be heard. With the close of the service comes a **Community Festival** event in the hall and grounds, featuring ice cream, bouncy castle, refreshments, and displays. *All free of charge!*

Everyone in the community is welcome to attend, and may bring something that reminds them of the colour or culture of the country/ countries they love, for whom the victory meant peace. **What will you bring?**