



# THE MESSENGER

Magheralin Parish

**CONFIRMATION  
20TH MAY @6.30PM  
M'LIN CHURCH**

**WHEREVER**  
*you go*

...Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened,  
and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God  
is with you wherever you go.  
Joshua 1:9

**MAY 2018**



## SIMON SAYS

The prodigal son had a request for his Father... gimme my best life now before you die... I know the deal is normally that we get our inheritance when you die, but I'd like it before... Life's too short to sit about being bored, I want to party NOW.

This is a hugely harsh for a son to say to his dad - it's selfish, self-indulgent and insensitive. Which makes it even more incredible that when this party-animal comes home with his tail between his legs that his father does what??.... THROWS HIM A PARTY!!!!

He kills the fattened calf, dresses him up to the nines and gets the music playing.

But this is complicated family, because outside of the party sits the father's other son, and he is feeling pretty grumpy. *"I have never had a party for myself and I refuse to go in to my undeserving brother's bash!"*

I love the Dad's response, *drink it in: "My son, you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found."*

I love that - **we had to celebrate, there's been a resurrection!**

1 Peter 1:8 repeats the sentiment -

*"Though you have not seen him (Jesus), you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and **glorious joy...**"*

In fact, everywhere you look in the New Testament it's there - explicit instruction that the natural response to the Easter event of Jesus' bodily resurrection, and to the miracle of our own conversion (a spiritual resurrection!) is **JOY!** It's even one of the fruit of having the Holy Spirit inside you - check out Galatians 5:22-23.

*Some of you enJOY pizza, enJOY football, enJOY a massage, but here's the key question - do you enJOY God?*

The Westminster Confession of Faith, says that *"Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him for ever."* I think this is thoroughly biblical

and incredibly important. The main task of every man and woman who has accepted Christ as Saviour is to glorify God and enjoy Him.

Come along to our evening service where we will be considering the theme "Teach Us to Pray", we believe God is going to show us the truth of Psalm 16:11 which says "you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand." Come and learn how to glorify and enjoy Him.

The prodigal son story is a story about 2 boys, one who learns that the world's parties are shallow and short-living, and another who never learns how to party. But the key character is a Father who loves his children so much that he wants to teach us how to live life to the fullest, who kills the fattened calf, throws a robe around us, a ring on our finger, some shoes on our feet, and want us to realise that to party in His presence is better than anywhere else!!!

No wonder the Psalmist says "I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked." I'm sure the prodigal son would have said exactly the same thing!

May your joy overcome you sorry, and may you *be filled with an inexpressible and **glorious joy!***

***Love,***

***Simon***



# DANGER



THE day after the ascension the world changed.

If the events of the previous 40 days had not been earth shattering enough the coming of the promised helper, the Holy Spirit, 10 days later heralded a whole new way of living for the followers of Jesus Christ.

Even as the disciples stood staring into an empty sky as their Lord was taken in the clouds the challenge of the new age dawning was clear – how to fulfil the great commission without Jesus at the helm?

The answer came in a rush of wind and fire, an awesome display of heavenly power, the first effect of which was to enable all present to speak in other languages.

An age of 'mass communication' was born, the sharing of the Good News made possible in the whole world and for all people and a total reversal of what happened at the Tower of Babel when the nations were formed and men separated lest they get too big for their boots.

Now the people of creation were to unite in Christ alone and for the glory of God through the power of His Spirit. There should have been a sign in the sky proclaiming – **'Danger – God at Work'**.

You see, we the people of God are armed and dangerous; armed with the Gospel of love that saves lives and dangerous to a world that is threatened by this love because people wrongly conclude that it robs them of the pleasures of life and living and of their self-determination. The pleasure the world seeks is fleeting. The joy we Christians receive is eternal.

So, we're dangerous and Jesus Christ needs us to be just that and more if the Kingdom is to grow before he returns. Our series in Acts will delve deep into the new way of living demanded of those who follow Jesus Christ in the power of his Spirit. We'll look at how we are supposed to relate to each other and to others.

The myths of the early church, which for many 21st century Christians continue to hold a romanticism and idealism not born out by the facts at the time or able to be transposed to today's world, will be quashed. The book of Acts tells us in modern parlance that it's time to get real about church.

The infant church squabbled, followers fought, they gossiped, they made poor decisions and they got so much wrong BUT their hearts were Spiritually motivated and ultimately lead and they were trying to do the right thing under God. Can we say the same of the church today?

Do we truly believe that the church can make a difference and change the course of history? Are we nothing but spiritual voyeurs and consumers in a 21st Century world which doesn't recognise the hope residing in its midst OR are we **ACTivists** seeking out the lost and telling them the Good News of Jesus Christ, crucified, resurrected and ascended? The book of Acts says it's time to stand up and stand out!

The early church stood strong in the face of opposition, undeterred by what 'man' could do to them and contemptuous of the praise of human beings. Again, can we say the same of the church today?

They had no mandate to be relevant or 'progressive', entertaining or politically savvy. The mission and priority were simple. Take the Gospel to everyone. Can we say the same of the church today? If the answer is no then what are we going to do about it? What sort of church do you want to be a part of and serve? What's the plan for changing our community?

We're armed and dangerous. It's time to discover a new way of living. It's time to act and to do so fearlessly in the power of the Spirit. The time is **NOW, 'for we cannot but speak of what we have seen and heard' Acts 4:20.**



# TEACH US TO PRAY

I hope you are starting to become familiar with our three strands of discipleship: learning to be with Jesus, becoming more like Him, and doing the things Jesus did. The Bible clearly teaches that it's impossible to achieve the second and the third strand, unless we first enjoy the first! How can we build the Kingdom if we don't know the King?! How can we do His will, if we don't spend time with Him?!

On Sunday evenings at 6.30pm in Magheralin from the 29th of April, we are going to look at the theme of prayer in our series "Teach us to Pray" when we will go through the Lord's Prayer over 7 weeks mining the best prayer ever for the wisdom of the best pray-er ever. In other words, we'll learn from the best for 7 weeks (and I don't mean myself and Carlton!).

We also want to make the offer to all of you to join us for some of our 5pm prayer times in Magheralin on 4 Sundays during the series. On the 29th April, 13th May, 3rd June and 17th June, we are making space for exciting and enjoyable faith-filled praying! You have maybe NEVER been to a prayer meeting before, we promise you won't be forced to pray out loud and you won't be bored! Because the latest newsflash is that God isn't boring, so time with Him won't be either!

Even if you have never been to evening services, why don't you give this series a go? I believe Jesus, by His Spirit, is going to teach us how to talk to His Father, make sure you're there to hear it!

***Bless you,  
Simon***

A black and white poster for the 'Teach Us to Pray' series. The title 'TEACH US TO PRAY' is at the top in large, spaced-out letters. Below it, 'SUNDAY EVENINGS' and '29TH APRIL-17TH JUNE' are centered. A stylized icon of a hand with fingers spread is in the middle. At the bottom, two boxes provide details: 'TEACHING SESSIONS AT 6:30PM IN M'LIN CHURCH' on the left, and 'PRAYER TIMES AT 5PM IN M'LIN CHURCH 29TH APRIL, 13TH MAY, 3RD JUNE, 17TH JUNE' on the right.

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# BEAUTIFUL OPPORTUNITIES

A number of magazines ago, I offered the opportunity to all those Christians within our parish to explore baptism, the renewal of baptismal vows and confirmation, and myself, Carlton and Paul have been thrilled with the response.

Easter Sunday may have been April Fools Day, but a number of people didn't act the fool (the fool says in his heart there is no God! Psalm 14:1 & Psalm 53:1) but rather declared their faith through the waters of Baptism and the renewal of vows. It was perhaps a 'different' Easter morning service, but to me it carried all the celebration and testimony that I would want to see on Resurrection Sunday!

Please continue to pray for all those who took the beautiful opportunity to declare their faith in Him!

If it was right and proper to have a focus on Baptism on Easter Day then it's just as fitting to have Confirmation on Pentecost night! Please join us on the 20th May in Magheralin Church at 6:30pm for a joyous celebration when people who have explored the faith, confirm their acceptance of the Gospel and Bishop Harold prays the equipping power of the Holy Spirit over their lives!

The Bishop's theme for the service will be "Wherever You Go" based on Joshua 1:9. Join us for what will be a wonderful service and for some goodies in the hall after.

Keep hearing His voice and responding folks,

**Simon**



# A CONCERT TO CELEBRATE THE LIFE OF ST. PATRICK

It seems a long time ago now since Friday 16th March 2018 when the above concert took place.

The event was a joint venture between the local Magheralin Community Association and The Parish Church. As co-producer, modesty forbids that I should proclaim the evening a great success, however others, of more impartial standing, assure me that it was.

In addition to the community singing, where the audience entertained themselves, we had a great variety of acts, including instrumental music, dancing, poetry and of course singing. It was a great tribute to the Magheralin community that the entire "cast" was comprised of local talent.

I take this opportunity to thank those whom I "recruited" for agreeing to take part and then working so hard to make the evening a success.

It gave me particular pleasure to be part of the community choir, which, in addition to leading the singing, gave renditions of "Christ be Beside me" to the Malcolm Archer arrangement and "The 23rd Psalm" to the melody of "The Rowan Tree". These pieces were accompanied by Chris Green on piano and Paul Gardiner on bass guitar, with the choir being trained and conducted by Gareth Murray.

Although this was not an evening for financial gain, I am pleased to inform you that, out of the proceeds, we were able to donate over £300 to The Association of Guide Dogs for the Blind"

The evening was primarily about celebrating Patrick and this we did through worship elements and by means of a fictional sketch focussed on his ministry.

I am not an authority on St Patrick but his place in history in general and the history of the spread of Christianity in particular fascinates me.

The man who termed himself *"a sinner, a most simple countryman, the least of all the faithful and most contemptible to many"* would never have dreamt that he would, rightly, be credited for being the chief force in advancing Christianity in Ireland.

As a self proclaimed *"fool, from the midst of those who appear wise"* he would never have imagined himself as being instrumental in keeping the light of learning lit, whilst the rest of Europe fell into decline at the fall of the Roman Empire.

All the more surprising that this should take place in the land the Romans called Hibernia – The land of eternal winter!

There is, of course, a lot of misinformation and ill informed comment about Patrick, but it is worth finding out about the real man through reading his confession, which can easily be assessed via the internet.

I believe you will discover a great man of God, worthy not only of celebration but someone from whom we can learn a great deal, even now, almost 1600 years after his death.

**Colin McLoughlin**

*\* Sections in italics are quotes from St. Patrick's Confession.*





## **IN MAY**

We have learnt a lot this year under our theme The Day I met Jesus. From Zacchaeus the very small man to our amazing singing blind man it has been a year full of surprises but also a year where we have heard how people's lives have been changed when they met Jesus. We are finishing our theme on May 20th this year when Stephen Trew I'm sure will have something else up his sleeve!! It will also be our Kidschurch Prize Giving and we will have a look at what Kidschurch has been up to throughout this year. The children have a few surprises in store for us too so please make a special effort to be there. We look forward to seeing you on 20th May @ 9.30am

***Diane***



## **DOLLINGSTOWN**

It's hard to believe we are nearly at the end of another year with Kidschurch and what a busy year we have had. There have been many highlights throughout this year which have been very special including our Nativity, prayer mornings using creative prayer and a games morning to name but a few. We have thought about how we worship and learnt some new songs as well as memory verses and hearing stories from the Bible. Our Prize Giving this year will be on May 20th although Kidschurch will not finish until 10th June. I hope like me the children have enjoyed themselves and will miss us over the summer! Can I say a BIG THANK YOU to my many teachers not just the ones who are there each week but also those who at the last minute step in to help out. We are blessed to have such a thriving Kidschurch and it only happens each week because of the team of committed people we have.

As this is our last article can I wish you all a relaxing summer holiday and see you on September 9th.

***Diane***





# 1ST MARALIN BOYS' BRIGADE



April was a successful and busy month, with boys preparing for and taking part in the following events: -

The Duke of Edinburgh Awards Scheme	Various dates
Holy Week Service (Junior and Company Section)	Thursday 27th March
Company and Junior Section Display	Friday 20th April
Junior section Camp	Friday 4th, 5th and 6th May
Anchor boy's Parents Night	Thursday 10th May

With no magazine last month I must let you know the results of the Junior Section scripture which the boys sat in March; I am very pleased and proud to let you know that 1st Maralin were joint 1st with a maximum score of 600 in both age groups, a very pleasing result for the boys, officers and all who assisted with Scripture classes. Well done boys.

The Junior and Company Sections took part in the Holy week service on Thursday 27th March in Magheralin with a great turnout of boys and officers. Thank you to all who attended.

Anchor Boy's created crosses for these Easter services, which were placed on the glass doors within the Church and looked like very colourful stain glass windows. The boys were very proud of their work and gained very complementary comments from the parishioners.

The Duke of Edinburgh Awards Scheme continues within our company; Good luck to all the boys and Officers for the expeditions over the coming month.

As Captain I would like to take this opportunity to thank our dedicated team of Officers involved in the weekend expeditions and advising the boys on all aspects of these Awards.

The Company and Junior Section Display took place on Friday 20th April with Inspecting officer our own Carlton Baxter, who was previously Chaplin of 1st Maghaberry BB. The evening started with a display of figure marching and drill, which are important parts of Junior and Company Section. The tack of the evening then changed to fun, with the Company sections Krypton Factor quiz and the junior sections film drama of The Apprentice. This became even more hilarious when myself and Simon were picked out to take part as team leaders in the Krypton Factor. All I can say is Simon's very competitive, even with an Everton shirt on!!!!. (Even so he came a very respectable last) Finally, our finale was based around life skills learnt within BB, especially teamwork and leadership. Thank you to all the parents for attending, Carlton for doing us the honour of being our inspecting officer and to Simon for being such a great sport.

The Anchor Boys are working hard on various items for their Parents night, which will take place on Thursday 10th May. We changed the format of the evening last year to finish the evening by 8pm, so why not come and join in the celebration.

This year we have decided to finish off our year with the Bacon Butty Breakfast. This fund raising event was postponed due to snow in March and we look forward to a tasty, social morning for all the family.

### **BB Dates for the Diary:-**

Anchor Boy Parents Night	Thursday 10th May
Last night of BB	Thursday 17th May
BB Bacon Butty Breakfast	Saturday 12th May
Annual Youth Parade	Sunday 20th May
BB resumes	Thursday 13th September

Please remember us in your prayers as we continue to supervise the boys at all our events and activities in the coming months.

Yours in BB

***Martin Wooster (Company Captain)***

### **THE BOY'S BRIGADE OBJECT:-**

***The Advancement of Christ's Kingdom amongst boys  
and the Promotion of habits of obedience,  
reverence, discipline, self respect  
and all that tends towards a true Christian manliness.***



**1<sup>st</sup> MARALIN BOYS' BRIGADE FUNDRAISER**  
**BACON BUTTY BREAKFAST**  
**Magheralin Parish Church Hall**  
**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2018**  
**8.30am - 11.00am**

 **Bacon Butties**  **Sausage Butties**

*Donations in Aid of Company Funds*

*1st Maralin Boys' Brigade would like to thank  
Farmgate Meats & The Moira Bakery  
for their help and support with  
The Bacon Butty Breakfast*

**THE BOYS' BRIGADE**   
>the adventure begins here

# Let's do



ON May 23 the church begins a new outreach initiative in our community – a monthly lunch to be held in alternative months between the parish halls in Magheralin and the minor hall in St. Saviour's, Dollingstown.

Magheralin Parish Caring Association is leading this initiative which seeks to bring people around the table for a simple but fulfilling meal in order to develop relationships with each other and of course our Lord Jesus Christ.

It's an opportunity to make new friends, bring a friend, to chat, enjoy a bit of craic and be a witness for Christ in our community. The desire is to see that witness grow and reach people currently untouched by our church activity around them.

It's open to all and the meal is free, however there will be a retiring offering plate for those who want to contribute.

As stated the first meal is on May 23 in Magheralin Parish Halls from 12.30pm until 2pm, though we'll not be throwing you out on the dot of 2!

Come and enjoy fellowship around a table. You'll find more details along with your church magazine and shortly popping through your door.

**May 23 – save the date in your diary.**

This is an opportunity to be a witness for Christ in our community, and in time transform it for the Lord in the power of His Spirit.

*Remember, '...all things are possible with God.' Mark 10:27.*





## MOTHERS' UNION



**In March** Pamela and Irene explained how they became interested in spa making. The soap is prepared using natural ingredients and no harmful products are added. We were shocked at the contents of some of the popular soaps and shower gels which remove the natural oils from your skin. We wish Pamela and Irene lots of success in their business.

**In April** Richard Lyttle showed us slides of his journeys in Kenya. He used his football skills to reach the young people there and teach them about the love that Jesus has for them. He also visited the prison where many were serving life sentences (which meant they will never be free). Richard is a youth worker in Willowfield Parish, Belfast. May God bless him in his journey of evangelism and guide him in the future.

We had a lovely letter of thanks from Lynne Lockhart who visited us last autumn to inform us of her work in the Prison Service Women's Fellowship. She told us that she was hoping to present each inmate of Ash House, Hydebank with a small Christmas gift. We contributed towards this. The ladies were pleasantly surprised as some of them didn't have anyone to visit them and would not have received any presents. 55 gifts were distributed by Lynne.

May 1st is our Closing Service at 8.00pm in Duck Street, Magheralin.

Hope to see you all there and new members will be most welcome.

### *Isabel*



*father, I pray  
that they all  
may be one*

Women's World Day of Prayer  
Northern Ireland  
75th Anniversary Service

Saturday 12th May at 2.00pm  
Assembly Buildings,  
Fisherwick Place, Belfast

Please join us for a service of thanksgiving  
and celebration when the guest speaker will be  
Rev Dr Heather Morris and worship will be led  
by musicians from the New Irish Arts Orchestra.

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# THE AFRICAN CHILDREN'S CHOIR IS COMING TO THE UNITED KINGDOM IN WINTER 2018/19

*Look out for this exciting event - more information to follow*



Café

**BEREAVEMENT**

**LET'S JUST TALK**

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> May**

**2.30pm**

**Minor Hall, Magheralin**

**Everyone Welcome**

# DEVOTED TO JESUS

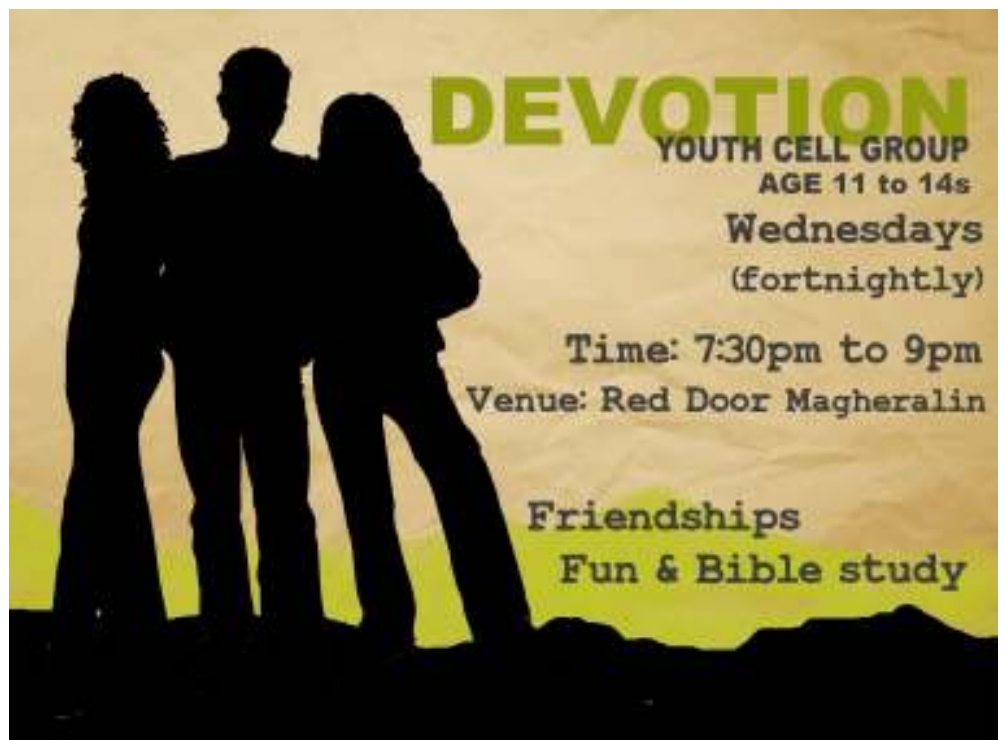
It was in September last year that we launched our second youth cell group on Wednesday nights, called Devotion. Every fortnight youth aged from 11 to 14 years old have been meeting in the Red Door space to have a time of Bible study and prayer.

I absolutely love these times together as we reflect in worship, look at something deeper in God's word and spend time as community. I believe that small groups such as these are key to the development and growth of us as Jesus' disciples. Over the years as a Youth Pastor I have been so amazed to see the work that God is doing as a result of these groups. Youngsters would tell me of difficulties that they have had to face and how they leaned on God in the struggle and experienced answers to prayer as a result. Other times I have been so inspired when we have listened to a worship song and written or drawn something in response to God. We have been so encouraged to discover that God was speaking to us in those times too.

So we develop the spiritual life that is already taking place to bring youngsters closer to Jesus. We also take a look at many practical aspects of the Christian life, such as how to pray and learning about the two-way nature of prayer as well as issues we face in daily life. Devotion is the perfect place to unpack the "how to do" things in life, such as how to hear God, how to understand the Bible, how to pray for the sick, how to tell your friends about Jesus.

This is a great group, which needs your help! We are in need of a lady leader! Maybe you feel you could contribute to this group? Paul really needs someone to support the work on Wednesday nights, and it's only fortnightly during term-time. Maybe you would feel happy to be a part of the group, getting to know the youngsters and becoming a regular part of their lives at Devotion? Perhaps you'd like to share a devotion from time to time? Paul is always there, but will need a co-leader very soon.

Maybe you aren't able to help in this way, in which case we would value your prayers for the development of this group and the youngsters we serve.



We had such a great day in every way on the 24<sup>th</sup> of March when we met in the Parish Halls for another Messy Easter. The weather was super, everyone joined in activities, there was lots of laughter, we had lovely food and there were many photo opportunities on Joel's vintage tractor.

At registration time we were able to decorate two Easter Trees with symbols of Easter. We put one in each Church.

Most of you will have noticed that 'the donkey' featured quite a bit over that Palm Sunday weekend. We had great fun pinning the tail on the donkey but, alas, we discovered that neither Simon nor Carlton know very much about donkeys, nevertheless they were good sports and joined in our donkey quiz.

We had a lovely time of praise and Simon reminded us about the events of that very first Easter and that Jesus died for us because He loves us so much.

All our activities helped us to learn more about the Easter story and Jesus' love for us.

Our Palm Hands & Clothes Peg donkeys reminded us about Jesus' triumphant journey into Jerusalem that first Palm Sunday.

Our three cross plates reminded us that Jesus died on a cross between two thieves

Our Empty tomb reminded us that Jesus' body was laid in a tomb with a large stone over the entrance but on that first Easter day the women found the stone rolled away and that Jesus was alive!

Our Easter Egg Prayer card reminded us of the stone that was rolled away from the tomb. The picture and prayer inside reminded us that Jesus loves us and that it is good to say 'thank you' for His love and to celebrate because ***He is Alive!***

The children made Biscuit Bibles to help remind them that we can read all about the Easter Story and Jesus' love for us in the Bible.

What a joy it is to be able to share the Good News of Jesus and to encourage even our youngest to learn more about Him and His love.

The time went so quickly and before we knew it was time to go home. We perhaps owe parents an apology as we are quite sure that after all the activities, food and juice, many of our little ones were hyper well into the evening ... but we were delighted to see so many smiling faces and even the reluctance of some to leave. What a privilege we have.

Our next Messy Church will be in the autumn.

***Messy Church team***



# GIRLS FRIENDLY SOCIETY



On Wednesday, 21st March, the diocesan Arts and Crafts competition was held in Aghalee Parish Church. It was a very successful evening for Magheralin G.F.S. with the girls being awarded many places throughout all the age groups and some entries going forward to the All Ireland competitions. Well done girls for all your hard work!

We have also recently received the results of the diocesan Bible Study examination and our girls were very successful although we received fewer 1st places this year. Congratulations goes to Sarah Patterson who did attain 1st Place in the 3-5yrs age group.

We were also delighted to retain the Diocesan Shield for the Company with the highest points overall in all Diocesan competitions this year.

Our attention now turns to display preparation and finishing off all the badges that the girls have been working so hard for. Our annual display will take place on Friday 4th May at 7.30pm in Magheralin Church Hall and we are delighted that our special guest for the evening will be Denise Wilson. A full list of the award winners will be in next month's magazine.

Our end of year celebrations will take place as follows:

**Girls of P3 & below:**

Tuesday, 8th May - 6.30pm-8.00pm Jump, Jiggle & Jive

**Girls of P4 & P5:**

Tuesday, 15th May - Visit to cinema

**Girls of P6 & above:**

Tuesday, 15th May - Shopping at Rushmere

Further details will be provided to the girls on Display night.

The G.F.S. will be attending the Youth Parade in Lurgan on Sunday 20th May, meeting at Kings Park Primary School at 2.30pm in full uniform; we look forward to a full turnout of all our girls for this parade.

***Kate & Lara***



Another year passes in the GNC, it seems no time since we started in September 2017. We will finish off our series on Abraham, Issac & Jacob when we resume again in September 2018. At our last evening we will have Janice Barr from Charlene's Project giving us an update on the on-going work with the schools in Uganda & Guatemala and any plans they have for the future. At this meeting we will hand over all the children's weekly contributions to Janice to help fund any requirements they have in the pipeline. Our last night at the GNC will be on Monday 30th April and we plan to resume on Monday 24th September.

Wishing everyone an enjoyable summer break

### ***GNC Leaders***



The month of March this year was notably busy for the Choir as not only were we preparing for the Easter services, but we also took part in a concert held by the Magheralin Community Association in celebration of St. Patrick's Day. Along with the choir from St. Patrick's Church, we sang a number of sacred pieces in addition to leading the audience in a number of well-known Irish songs.

Our pieces at the Easter this year were *Soul of My Saviour* (Christi/Maher), *Jesu, the very thought of thee* (Caswell/Lode) and *King of all ages, throned on high* (St. Bernard/Ison). On Easter morning we added *May the Peace of God* (Townend/Getty) as a Blessing. All this music reflected on, and highlighted, various aspects of the Easter message.

As always, we thank Gareth for his inestimable hard work during the winter months (snow causing some re-scheduling once or twice) and also our guests who joined us for some of our Easter services.

Easter also saw Louisa, Leona and Halle joining us and we give them a very warm welcome to our ranks.



## MAGHERALIN

After our break over Easter, it's good to be back at Kids Church for our last couple of months before the summer. This month we are going to be looking at the topic 'Jesus saves'. We will be examining the resurrection as well as the stories of the man who would not forgive and the paralysed man through the roof.

Our memory verse is *'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.'*  
*Romans 10:13*

**Future date for your diary:**

### **Children's Praise Party 2018** **'Ready to go!'**

**Venue:** Moira Parish Centre  
**Date:** Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2018  
**Time:** 2.00pm - 5.00pm  
**Speaker:** Christine Shanks

This is always a fun filled afternoon and it is great for our children to come and be part of the larger family of Christ as they meet other children from all over the Diocese. Please return your child's permission slip to Heather as soon as possible or if you have not received one yet, please see Heather to get one.

Our final event of the year will be our prize giving which will be part of the CLICK service on Sunday June 17<sup>th</sup>.

***Maralin Kids Church***



**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May**  
**10.00am – 12 noon**  
**St Saviour's, Dollingstown**  
**EVERYONE WELCOME**

# MAGHERALIN PARISH DIRECTORY

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***Please note the Rector's day off is Wednesday – if you would like to leave a message please call the Parish Office and we will make sure it is passed on.***

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***(Please note Carlton's day off is Monday)***

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Church Wardens Dollingstown	Rector's – Ross McCartney	People's – Barry Taylor
Glebe Wardens	Rector's – Terry Nicholson	People's – Nicola Waddington
Select Vestry	Mark Bailey, Bertie Campbell, Mervyn Cordner, Linda Dawson, Mildred Dawson, Judith Kinnen, Harry Lockhart, Tom Maginnis, Raymond Neill, Basil O'Malley, Stephen Trew, Alan Waddell,	
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Graveyard Secretary	Oswald Ellis	Tel: 9261 1320



***If anyone is admitted to hospital please let the Rector or the Parish Office know as soon as possible so a visit can be organised.***



# MAY



Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	2.00pm - 6.30pm - 8.00pm -	Friendship Group GFS Mothers' Union Closing Service Duck Street	- - -	Magheralin Magheralin Magheralin
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	10.30am - 7.45pm -	Playdays Bible Study Fellowship	- -	Dollingstown Magheralin
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	10.30am - 6.30pm -	Playdays BB	- -	Magheralin Magheralin
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> May	7.30pm -	GFS Display	-	Magheralin
Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	9.30am - 11.30am - 6.30pm - 8.00pm -	Morning Worship Holy Communion Evening Service Engage – Red Door	- - - -	Dollingstown Magheralin Magheralin Magheralin
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	2.00pm - 8.00pm -	Bowls Club Prayer Union	- -	Magheralin Magheralin
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	2.00pm -	Friendship Group	-	Magheralin
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> May	10.30am - 7.45pm -	Playdays Bible Study Fellowship	- -	Dollingstown Magheralin
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> May	10.30am - 6.30pm -	Playdays Anchor Boy Family Night	- -	Magheralin Magheralin
Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	8.30am - 11.00am 10.00am -	1st Maralin Boys' Brigade Bacon Butty Breakfast Knitwits Etc	- - -	Magheralin Dollingstown
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> May	9.30am - 11.30am - 5.00pm - 6.30pm - 7.30pm - 8.00pm -	Holy Communion Morning Worship Prayer Time Evening Service Confirmation Rehearsal Engage – Red Door	- - - - - -	Dollingstown Magheralin Magheralin Magheralin Magheralin Magheralin
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> May	2.00pm - 8.00pm - 8.00pm -	Bowls Club Prayer Union MADMEN Bible Study	- - -	Magheralin Magheralin Dollingstown
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	2.00pm -	Friendship Group	-	Magheralin
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	10.30am - 7.45pm -	Playdays Bible Study Fellowship	- -	Dollingstown Magheralin
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	10.30am - 2.30pm - 6.30pm -	Playdays Let's Just Talk Anchor Boy Family Night	- - -	Magheralin Magheralin Magheralin

Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	9.30pm -	JAM All Age Worship With Kidschurch Prize Giving	-	Dollingstown
	11.30am -	CLICK All Age Worship With Kidschurch Prize Giving	-	Magheralin
	3.00pm -	Annual Youth Parade	-	Lurgan
	6.30pm -	Confirmation Service	-	Magheralin
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	2.00pm -	Bowls Club	-	Magheralin
	8.00pm -	Prayer Union	-	Magheralin
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	2.00pm -	Friendship Group	-	Magheralin
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	10.30am -	Playdays	-	Dollingstown
	7.45pm -	Bible Study Fellowship	-	Magheralin
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	10.30am -	Playdays	-	Magheralin
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> May	8.30am -	Holy Communion	-	Magheralin
	9.30am -	Morning Worship	-	Dollingstown
	11.30am -	Morning Worship	-	Magheralin
	6.30pm -	Evening Service	-	Magheralin
	8.00pm -	Café Church	-	Dollingstown
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> May	2.00pm -	Bowls Club	-	Magheralin
	8.00pm -	Prayer Union	-	Magheralin
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> May	2.00pm -	Friendship Group	-	Magheralin
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> May	10.30am -	Playdays	-	Dollingstown
	7.45pm -	Bible Study Fellowship	-	Magheralin
Thursday 31 <sup>st</sup> May	10.30am -	Playdays	-	Magheralin



## PENTECOST PRAYER

*Father,*

*Thank you for sending Jesus to be one of us and to show us how you want us to live.*

*Thank you that He chose to live for us and to die for us.*

*Thank you that when He returned to you, He didn't leave us to flounder but sent us His Spirit to live in us and to equip us to continue the work He had begun.*

*Thank you for that Day of Pentecost when the Spirit became freely available to everyone who believes in Jesus and is willing to receive Him.*

*May we be willing Lord, willing and confident that whatever challenges life throws at us, we can face them and overcome them because you are with us and in us.*

*Please fill us afresh daily with your Spirit, that we may overflow with your love and peace and joy. In Jesus' name, **Amen***

***By Daphne Kitching***

# From the Register

*Burials*

*"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord"*

25<sup>th</sup> March 2018

Barbara Baxter

## *Sanctuary Flowers*



**If you would like to provide Sanctuary flowers,  
please contact Caroline Dawson 9261 1596**

### **MAY 2018**

Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> May 2018	-	VACANT
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> May 2018	-	VACANT
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> May 2018	-	Evelyn Dawson
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> May 2018	-	VACANT

### **JUNE 2016**

Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2018	-	VACANT
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> June 2018	-	VACANT
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> June 2018	-	VACANT
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> June 2018	-	VACANT



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