



# THE MESSENGER

Magheralin Parish



# JUNE 2018



## SIMON SAYS

I would doubt any of us managed to miss at least some footage of the wedding between Prince Harry and Megan. And as a result you will have heard, perhaps for the first time, the name of the preacher, Bishop Michael Curry. [Vanityfair.com](http://Vanityfair.com) have memorably called him the "*breakout star of the whole procession*" and whether you liked the sermon or not, I certainly like the website's comment that "*Jesus has gone viral!*"

For me, the pleasing thing was that, rather than the common assertion that the sermon is a "*monotonous monologue by a moron to mutes*", my sense is that the world appears to be longing for the truly passionate proclamation of the Word of God. As someone once said, God only had one Son and He made him a preacher, and it seems the art of preaching is still very much alive.

I will never forget being at a big event a number of years ago, with many hundreds of people in attendance when the electricity went off! The worship leader belted out the worship unplugged, and the preacher raised his voice to be heard in a packed venue. Even though there was no earthly power, there was heavenly power in what he said, and it was another moment when Jesus *went viral* in my heart but also in many others.

In contrast to the amazement of the world's media over a sermon that was actually somewhat interesting and engaging, I am convinced that as a parish we have been blessed with exposure to some phenomenal teaching!

*How could you beat Archbishop Greg Venables and Sylvia who were with us not too long ago, who could forget Bishop Alf Cooper and Hilary from Chile, and what a blessing Canon John and Annie Hughes were on our parish weekend. In case we needed reminding, at our recent confirmation our own Bishop Harold, delivered a mighty sermon about "The Way, the Truth and the Life."*

I know from speaking to many of you that hearing the Word of God shared with such passion and power, has caused Jesus to go viral in your hearts and lives! We pray for more!

*You might have heard the story of a parish where the Select Vestry were meeting to discuss the Rector's compensation package for the coming year. After the meeting the treasurer told the rector: "We are very sorry, but we have decided that we cannot give you a raise next year."*

*"But you must give me a raise," said the minister. "I am but a poor preacher!"*  
*"I know," treasurer said. "We hear you every Sunday."*

You might say the same to us poor preachers, especially after hearing these powerful communicators of the Word, but I can assure you that Carlton and I have a passion that you would hear God's Word, articulated and explained each week and we pray for God's help in that every time we prepare to share.

In fact I would encourage you that you have a role in that too... Please read the following couple of paragraphs and consider how you might *amp up* your commitment to pray for preaching in our parish...

*There is a story of two women who, in the summer of 1871, felt an unusual burden to pray for their minister Dwight L. Moody, asking "that the Lord would give him the baptism of the*

*Holy Ghost and of fire.” Apparently Moody would see them praying in the front row of his church and feel irritated, and even more irritated because his preaching seemed so ineffective. But one day everything changed...*

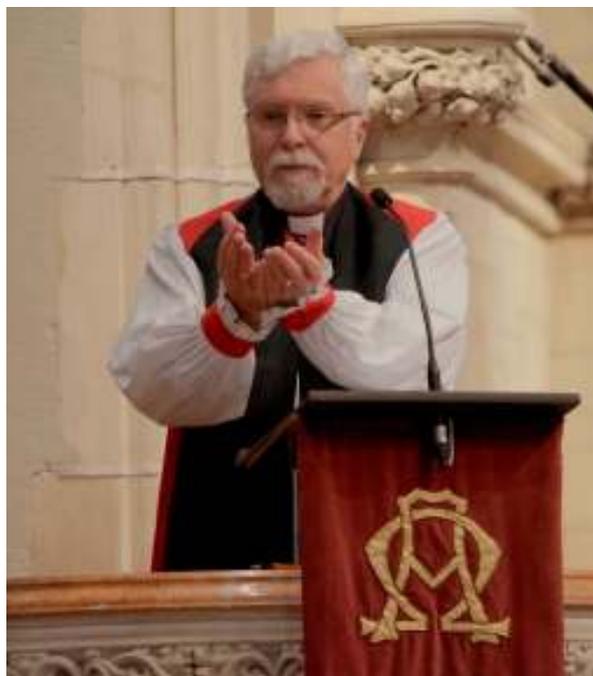
*‘The powers of an unseen world seemed to fall upon him and his hearers. As he drew to a close he felt impressed to give out an invitation. He asked for all who would accept Christ to rise. Four or five hundred people rose.’*

If you believe this story, what are you going to do about it? Why not commit to going to number 60 Belfast Road at 9am to pray before the service in Dollingstown? Or gather a group to pray in Duck Street (behind the glass in Magheralin Parish Church) from 11am? Or take time over a coffee in your home before you come to worship to intercede for the man or woman bringing the message that morning or evening... Wherever you do it, here are some points we would love you to pray:

- 1. Pray that God would meet our preacher as he/she prepares the sermon.*
- 2. Pray that they would be open to God’s teaching and correction in their own lives.*
- 3. Pray that God would help them understand the circumstances and needs of those they teach.*
- 4. Pray that God would help them understand how to articulate the Word of God clearly.*
- 5. Pray that God would give insights on how to apply Scripture to life today.*
- 6. Pray that the Holy Spirit would empower them to teach and speak with boldness and humility.*
- 7. Pray that the Holy Spirit would take their teaching and set it aflame with life-changing power.*
- 8. Pray that many respond to the Word each and every time it is preached!*

Bless you and thank you for praying for me, for the staff and for each other, as we minister together,

***Simon***



# AND ALL SAID 'YES' TO JESUS

THEY came, they saw, they heard, they proclaimed Christ crucified and Bishop Harold Miller inspired with teaching about 'the way, the truth and the life, - complete with actions.

Twenty-four were confirmed on Pentecost Sunday in the parish church in a wonderful, Spirit-filled service that bridged the generation gap.

Around half of those making professions of faith were adults, a few of whom had been baptised on Easter Sunday.

The rest were young teens who had been superbly prepared and schooled by youth pastor, Paul Martin, over many weeks of classes laced with a lot of instruction and fun!

In being confirmed the candidates made vows to God about the way they intended to live their lives and confessed their faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour.

It was a special moment seeing so many come forward and for a congregation to loudly and passionately pledge their support. If anyone needed a reminder that church is family then this service, attended by around 250, was a great example of what the people of God look like when they speak with one voice.

In his sermon, Bishop Harold challenged all present to live out their faith and to fully grasp the meaning and intent of Jesus as 'the way, the truth and the life'. His was a passionate sermon, coming as it did just the day after the recent Royal Wedding, a passion that is familiar to us and has been over the more than 20 years he has presided as bishop.

For those being confirmed it was a time of reflection, commitment, affirmation, expectation and not a little nerves, as they made public statements of a personal faith that was never meant to be kept private.

The enhanced choir of people from both Magheralin and Dollingstown led some great worship and God was truly praised and honoured.

Afterwards in the parish halls family, friends and candidates let their hair down a bit over supper and the diocesan youth team provided a chocolate fountain and popcorn machine; both of which attracted the attention of the Rector and the Curate – forever young at heart!

A great night.



# NEW MEMBERS OF THE TEAM!

I am delighted to share with you all that we have two exceptional young leaders joining our team over the next few months!



Emma Carson, who was with us for a placement last year from the Church of Ireland Theological Institute in Dublin, will be joining us for a year as our Intern Deacon. Emma who was originally from Lisburn, now lives in Belfast, but will be moving into the parish during her time with us. She worked as a primary school teacher before following the call to ordained ministry, and will be ordained this summer on Sunday the **26th August with the venue T.B.A.** - I would be delighted if as many people as possible from the parish would come along to support Emma for this very special service. Emma said:

*"I am very much looking forward to this really exciting learning experience. I am also looking forward to getting to know you all and share with you my heart for the local Church, for mission and for discipleship."*

The second leader joining us will be our new Youth Outreach Worker, Richard Lyttle. Many of you will know Richard as he grew up in the parish, involved in our youth programmes both as a youth and as a leader. I was struck from first meeting him by his heart for young people and his overwhelming passion for the Gospel. I asked him to share a little bit about himself and how he feels about this new role:



*"For anyone who doesn't know me: I'm 23, have just finished studying Theology, love reading, playing new sports and come from Donaghcloney."*

*I wonder what you think when you read the title 'Youth Outreach Worker'? I reckon It can produce a varying degree of responses. For some you might think of a student who can't be bothered getting a real job and prefers kicking a football about with kids, for other it's the response; 'I'm glad it's him rather than me', and for others, well hopefully you take it more serious! I believe that **outreach** must be part of your DNA as a Christian. Jesus said disciples make disciples. I want to help Simon and the team encourage every believer in the parish to reach out. Jesus also said to love others. I am excited about being involved in committing my life to both of these. The villages of Magheralin and Dollingstown have been on my heart the past few years. I took a year out at Willowfield to serve the church in East Belfast but God has lead me back to familiar pastures. As I commence this post, I must confess, I feel secure and confident, not because I believe I hold tightly to Jesus, but because he holds tightly to me. I'm really looking forward to sharing this mission with you. Be ever praying and I will for you!"*

I hope you are as excited about our parish team as I am - please welcome them, love them and most importantly pray for them.

**Simon**

# DON'T GO MISSIN' WHEN WE'RE TALKING ABOUT MISSION!

The summer season offers a unique opportunity to go to other places and share the Gospel in a very intentional way. We praise God for news that people from our parish are going overseas to serve, to camps and to festivals as leaders! Let's pray for them all! At the end of August we also have two special events focussing on Mission:

On Sunday the 26th of August, we will be welcoming Dr. Joshua Bogunjoko of SIM (Serving In Mission) to our morning services to share about his fascinating life following Jesus.

Dr. Joshua was born in Nigeria. He attended a SIM established mission school where he came to faith in Jesus Christ. He obtained a Bachelor of Medical Sciences in Pharmacology from the University of Port Harcourt and MBBS in Medicine and Surgery from the same University. In June 2013 he became the first non-westerner to lead SIM as its International Director. Joshua and his wife, Joanna, are blessed with two children, Jochebed and Joel.

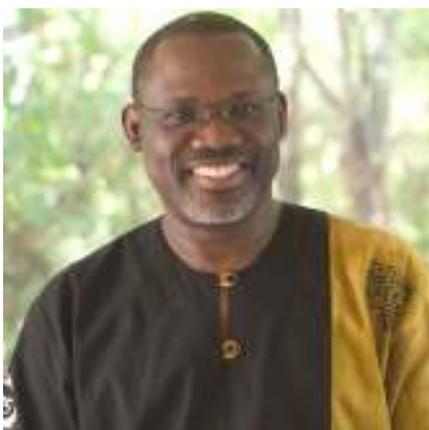
Secondly, on Tuesday the 28th August, starting at 7:30 in Dollingstown, we are hosting part of the Worldwide Bangor Missionary Convention in St.Saviour's. It will be a night of worship and stories that will inform, challenge and encourage us about the mission of God in the world! The South American Missionary Society (SAMS) will be contributing and need no introduction - especially due to it's former director Bishop Ken Clarke being 'one of our own', but for anyone who hasn't heard of Nisin Mathew, here's a little of his story:

Nisin Mathew was born and brought up in UAE (United Arab Emirates). He is serving as the General Secretary of FOCUS - Fellowship of Christian UAE Students. Nisin and his wife Joanna were the first students to come to Christ through this student ministry and love seeing students from many nations studying God's Word and encountering Christ personally. Nisin is also serving as a founding elder of a new church plant, Covenant Hope church of Dubai, where people from many nations worship Jesus. Nisin and Joanna also have a 15-month-old daughter Amelia who has just learnt how to walk and now keeps everyone busy chasing her.

I love what SAMS Mission Director, Bishop Ken Clarke says about mission: "Christian mission is about being inside out and upside down! It is about change and transformation. It turns individuals and communities inside out. It is about people in every nation discovering and living by the upside down values and priorities of God's Kingdom."

So folks, if ever there was a good excuse to put away the deck chairs, and come back from the caravan this is it! The end of August will be a feast of mission, of Good News and glorifying a God who is working across the globe to turn it inside-out and upside-down for the His Kingdom. Amen!

**Simon**





## MAGHERALIN

Another year of kids church has flown in yet again! We have had a great year learning memory verses, hearing God's word as well as playing lots of fun games and making some amazing crafts.

Last week some of the children and leaders attended the Diocese praise party in Moira. It was a wonderful afternoon where we heard a message about being ready to go and share and spread the word of God. There was a brilliant worship band and as well as some fun activity stations.

Our last Kids Church morning is Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> June when we will be having a games morning along with some treats. Please join us in church on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> June as the children will be receiving their prizes from Kids Church.

Finally, I would like to thank all the parents for your support throughout the year as well as our amazing children who are a pleasure to teach. Thank you also to the leaders of Kids Church for their commitment and faithfulness preparing lessons as well as teaching our children.

A few dates for your diary:

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> June**

Kids Church prize morning.

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> September**

Kids Church resumes.

I wish you a relaxing and enjoyable summer.

*Heather*

## BIBLE WEEK 2018

**28<sup>th</sup> August – 31<sup>st</sup> August - Willowfield Church, Belfast  
7.45pm**



Please join us for our 12th Annual Bible Week from Tuesday 28 - Friday 31 August 2018 with Bishop Grant LeMarquand. Formerly Area Bishop for The Horn of Africa, Bishop Grant is a Canadian missionary and academic and gifted teacher who is very much looking forward to joining us.

Taking the title, *Enter the Throne Room*, Bishop Grant will teach in the Book of Revelation. The venue is Willowfield Church, Belfast and we begin each evening at 7.45 pm.

The Bible Week is four nights of excellent Bible teaching, worship and ministry for the Diocese of Down and Dromore but anyone is welcome to come along and many do!

**Programme:**

- Tuesday: A Vision of God (Rev 4-5)
- Wednesday: A Vision of the Church (Rev 7)
- Thursday: A Vision of Judgement (Rev 20)
- Friday: A Vision of the New Heaven and the New Earth (Rev 21-22)

We look forward to seeing you there.

# YOUTH WEEKEND AWAY

If you've ever been on a youth camp, you'll know it's always an unforgettable experience. We invest a lot into such times away, as making great memories is part of our journey together with God. I expect that even in old age, you'll still be able to remember those times away with BB, GFS or with other organisations.

So from a Friday night to the Sunday afternoon in March, we (the youth of Magheralin parish) stayed at Greenhill YMCA to have fun and go deeper with God.

## The teaching

Our theme for the weekend was this: A living faith; not a perfect faith, not a religious faith, not even our parent's faith, but our own real faith in Christ.

We began by examining what life is for, that there is more to life than simply "work, eat, sleep," that the life we live has meaning and purpose. How we live in this short life will affect us for eternity! During session two we looked at the Narnia story where Edmund becomes a slave to the evil Queen and how the only way that Edmund could be set free was for Aslan to give up his life. We compared this with the spiritual reality we face today of being found on a spiritual battlefield, being in need of Jesus' sacrifice to make us free. In session 3 Amy Anderson took a look at the Apostle Paul's life, how God transformed him and how God transforms us by the power of the same Holy Spirit. In the final session we saw how we are made different for a reason – we have been made to break the mould for God and not be the same as everyone else.

## Activities



The YMCA has excellent facilities for fun activities, so we were all keen to get outside and run around. In a nearby forested area we split into teams to play Laser Tag, competing to be the best! Additionally there were team building challenges and archery to keep us busy.

In the afternoon of the Saturday I set the youngsters a challenge: In teams with instant cameras to take some creative team photos and see who could produce the most arty, humorous or inspired pictures from a list of categories. It was a great chance to get into town and see Newcastle, as well as to grab an ice cream or a hot drink.

In the evening we set some sticks alight for a campfire and toasted marshmallows, and whilst the football pitch was floodlit, we had the best game of football! As the evening drew in we watched a late night film and went to bed hoping for sleep... which didn't happen due to a faulty fire alarm at the YMCA. Ah the memories!

I would like to say a big thank you to our leaders: Amy Anderson, Daniel Porter, Julie-Anne O'Malley and Laura Hannah who did an incredible job over the whole weekend and were very much appreciated by the youngsters attending.



**Paul Martin**



Confirmation is always a big occasion in any parish and our own confirmation service this year was no exception with quite a number of candidates (of varying ages) confirmed from Magheralin and Dollingstown. We were also host to several candidates from our neighbouring parishes of Craigavon and Knockmamuckley.

Such an occasion demands a big impact from the choir and our ranks were enhanced this year by a number of able voices from Dollingstown (including Gordon who was a member of the choir in the dim and distant past!), the congregation in the parish church and elsewhere. Several musicians from Dollingstown also accompanied Gareth in the worship songs which were bookended with well-known traditional favourites. We are grateful to our guests for their help and, of course, there is always a place for them in the choir stalls any time.

We keep those who were confirmed in our prayers trusting that they will know the blessings and fruit of the Holy Spirit in their lives.

## FINANCIAL REPORT 2017

A copy of the 2017 Trustee and Financial Report can be obtained from the Parish Office at a cost of £5 per copy! Alternatively the document may be viewed on the Charity Commission website with effect from 01/06/2018.

### *Raymond*



**LET'S JUST TALK**  
**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> June**  
**2.30pm**  
**Minor Hall, Magheralin**  
**EVERYONE WELCOME**

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**WORLDWIDE** 18

Bangor Worldwide  
Missionary Convention

**Pray the  
Lord of the  
harvest**

**St Saviour's Church,  
Dollingstown, Lurgan**  
**Tuesday 28th August, 7:30pm**

**Guest Speakers**  
Bishop Ken Clarke - SAMS Ireland  
Nisin Mathew - FOCUS - Fellowship of  
Christian UAE Students

**Music by**  
St Saviour's Band



# **1st MARALIN BOYS' BRIGADE**



At the end of another BB year, it seems no time since we started on 14<sup>th</sup> September; the year has been a very successful one, with the new boys and officers joining the Anchor Boys and new boys joining the Junior Section. Each year is different, though in everything we do we have two main aims, firstly to promote Christ Kingdom amongst boys and secondly to make BB a fun and enjoyable experience for all.

These aims all came to fruition in May with the following events.

Anchor Boy Parents Night	Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> May
Junior Section Camp	Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> – Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup>
Anchor Boy and Junior Section fun night and BBQ	Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> May
Annual Youth Parade	Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> May

The Anchor boys Parents night this year was on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> May, where we continued with the new format, shorter and less formal. The boys seemed to enjoy the various activities and games they played, especially the box work. (Thank you to George Bib for his assistance). This was followed with games and Awards and Prizes finished off the evening, which is always an important part for them all. It's also a sad night for the Anchor boy officers, who will lose their P4 boys, moving up to Junior Section next year.

Junior section also went on camp this month. This year they visited the Folk and Transport Museum. I was very pleased, this year, to be able to join them, and I must admit I enjoyed it as much as the boys. The weekend started on the Friday night with games on the green followed by games inside and supper. Saturday morning was spent at the Folk Museum followed by the Transport Museum in the Afternoon. By this time there were a few tired eyes, some of the boy looked tired too. But in great BB style Harry was not letting up, organising an archery competition before supper. Sunday started with breakfast followed by a church service in the church of Ireland church (part of the folk park exhibition) just our boys and officers, well there were a few people who walked in, but made a hasty retreat. After lunch there were more games before getting back on the buses back to Magheralin. Thank you to both the boys and officers for making the weekend memorable for all involved.

Our Bacon Butty Breakfast, a fundraising event which was postponed due to snow in March, turned out to be a great success - a tasty, social morning for all the family. I would like to thank, firstly, the officers for again volunteering to run this event, secondly, to you all for coming and making a donation to the BB, but above all, can I please thank Farm Gate meats for their very generous donation of sausages and bacon.

We decided to finish off our year with a fun night which took place on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> May, which included cricket, a soft play bus and a BBQ. It was a fun, relaxed end to the year for the Anchor Boys and Junior Section.

The Annual Youth Parade on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> May was our last event as a company this BB session, with Anchor boys and the Junior's in the Junior parade. Unfortunately our Company Section were not able to attend the Senior Parade due to the fact that boys and officers were involved in the Confirmation service held in Magheralin Church. The weather was great though the turnout from groups and bands was a little disappointing, but it was very pleasing to see the BB and GFS turning out in numbers from Magheralin Parish. A big thank you to the boys, officers and families who attended.

As the BB year has now come to an end, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the officers for their commitment and dedication to 1<sup>st</sup> Maralin BB during the past year. It has at times been challenging for us all, with everyone working very well as a team, culminating in very successful displays, Anchor Boys parents night and Family Fun night. Our thanks also go to all the parents, friends and parishioners for all their support and prayers throughout the year.

Finally, we would like to wish Rev Simon Genoe, Carlton Baxter and family, Parish staff, youth officers, boys, parents and friends a happy, restful and blessed summer break.

We look forward to seeing everyone back together for a new session of BB on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> September.

Yours in BB

**Martin Wooster**  
**Company Captain**

## **THE BOYS' BRIGADE**

***The Advancement of Christ's Kingdom among Boys,  
and the promotion of habits of Obedience, Reverence  
Discipline, Self-Respect and all that leads towards a  
True Christian Manliness.***



## **Girls Friendly Society – Mrs Ellenor Harrison**

It is with deep regret that we mourn the passing of Ellenor, a dedicated leader and friend over many years. Ellenor was one of the founder leaders of Magheralin GFS and was greatly loved by us all. We extend our deepest sympathy and prayers to her daughter and son and all the family at this time.



### **GIRLS FRIENDLY SOCIETY**



Our annual display was held on Friday, 4th May, and our special guest for the evening was Mrs Denise Wilson, CMS Ireland, who worked in Kiwoko Hospital in Uganda and which GFS has supported as our mission partners. The girls performed a variety of items to entertain the packed audience.

We would like to thank everyone who attended the display and we hope you enjoyed the evening. Also a big thank you to Denise for being our special guest and for presenting the awards. A full list of the annual award winners can be seen below.

On the evening a presentation was made to our President, Mrs Eveline Cousins BEM, who after 53 years service to GFS has decided to retire. We thank Eveline for all her hard work and commitment and know that her interest in Magheralin GFS will continue especially as her grand daughters are members. We also presented Jane Cairns, who is getting married in the Summer, with a wedding gift and wish Jane and Billy every happiness for their future together. Congratulations also to another of our leaders, Lyndsey Mills and her husband Jonny, on the birth of their second daughter, Esmee.

Results from the All-Ireland Arts & Craft competitions have now been advised and the following girls received Highly Commended for their entries:

Aimee Sinclair	3-5 years
Mia Smith	5-7 years
Lauren Beattie	7-9 years
Jovi Tate	11-13 years
Jesse Millar	13-15 years

Our end of year party night took place on Tuesday, 8th May. The girls of P3 age and under enjoyed fun with Dance Jiggle and Jive followed by ice cream. The girls of P4 & P5 age enjoyed a pamper evening, including hairstyling and nail art followed by supper. Our older girls of P6 and above enjoyed tea at McDonalds followed by shopping at Rushmere.

On Sunday, 20th May, we took part in the annual youth parade in Lurgan and were very fortunate to get a dry but breezy day. A big thank you to all those girls who attended the parade.

Finally we would like to thank all those people who have helped us throughout the year. To all those who helped us with the various competitions, badge work and with our display. To all those people who so generously contributed to G.F.S. Week. To the parents for sending their girls out not only every Tuesday evening but to all the church services and competitions throughout the year. Most importantly, a very big thank you to the girls themselves who have again worked so hard and have made this yet another successful year for Magheralin G.F.S. Thank you girls!!!

G.F.S will start again on Tuesday, 11th September, and we look forward to seeing all our girls back again plus lots of new members.

Have a lovely summer,  
**Kate & Lara**

### **GFS PURPOSE**

*"To unite for the glory of God in one fellowship of prayer and service,  
girls and women throughout the world, to promote friendship, and to uphold purity in  
thought, word and deed."*



## **2018 ANNUAL DISPLAY AWARD WINNERS**



### **BIBLE STUDY CUPS**

<b>JUNIOR CANDIDATES</b>	-	Sarah Patterson
<b>CANDIDATES</b>	-	Isabella Murtagh
<b>JUNIOR MEMBERS (7-9YRS)</b>	-	Ella Gorman
<b>JUNIOR MEMBERS (9-11YRS)</b>	-	Mia Gorman
<b>MEMBERS</b>	-	Sophie Ellis

### **P.E. CUPS**

<b>Under 7</b>	-	Hannah Dawson
<b>7 – 11 yrs</b>	-	Holly Gilmore
<b>Over 11</b>	-	Isabelle Urwin

### **HANDCRAFT SHIELDS**

<b>Under 7</b>	-	Aimee Sinclair
<b>7 – 11 yrs</b>	-	Lauren Beattie
<b>Over 11</b>	-	Jovi Tate

### **BEST GROUP**

**Daisy:** - Emily Hayes, Katie Taggart, Ellie Gardiner, Holly Gilmore, Faith Lilburn, Sadie Mawhinney, Isabella Murtagh, Mia Smyth, Aleesha Alexander, Grace Kelly, Aimee Sinclair, Holy Bryans.

### **100% ATTENDANCE AWARDS**

<b>1 YEAR</b>	-	Aimee Hanna, Grace Kelly, Isobel Kelly, Katie Taggart, Mollie Adamson & Hannah Dawson
<b>2 YEARS</b>	-	Beth Kelly, Leah Millen, Hannah Millen, Naomi Millen, Grace Patterson, Sarah Patterson, & Isabella Murtagh
<b>5 YEARS</b>	-	Zoe Stewart
<b>9 YEARS</b>	-	Katie Armstrong
<b>10 YEARS</b>	-	Sophie Ellis

### **HIGHEST COLLECTION CUP (G.F.S. WEEK)**

Zoe Stewart

### **ENDEAVOUR CUP**

Beth Kelly 6

### **GIRL OF THE YEAR CUPS**

<b>Junior Candidates</b>	-	Sarah Patterson
<b>Candidates</b>	-	Hannah & Naomi Millen
<b>Junior Members (7-9 yrs)</b>	-	Sophie Lennon
<b>Members (9-11 yrs)</b>	-	Laurie Keenan
<b>Members</b>	-	Aimee Hanna

### **PARENTS CUP FOR MOST OUTSTANDING GIRL**

Aimee Hanna & Sophie Ellis



Our final CLICK and JAM of the 2017/2018 season was on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> of May. To bring our series of 'The day I met Jesus' to a close we thought about that lovely passage where Jesus called the first disciples and how they laid down their nets in response to His call to follow Him. Stephen reminded us that it was important, not just to meet Jesus, but to follow Him. He told us how he met Jesus when he was young and that he had followed Him since then, getting to know more about Him and being very aware of Jesus' presence every step of the way.

It was a busy morning at JAM as the prizes for attendance at Kid's Church, Little Church and Youth Church were distributed. The prize giving for those who attend Kid's Church, Little Lambs and Youth Church in Magheralin will be distributed on the 17<sup>th</sup> of June at a special Youth Service.

All our Sunday morning children and youth programmes continue into June even though some of the prize giving has taken place.

We have been blessed again this year to have had the opportunity to host and take part in our CLICK & JAM services. It has been great learning more about the different biblical characters who met Jesus, and how He impacted their lives.

We have enjoyed sharing in this ministry and been encouraged by the many caring and prayerful comments made. Thank you to all who have taken part.

CLICK & JAM will recommence in September but please remember that, whilst there will not be a CLICK or JAM service during the summer, our church services continue every week and all are welcome.

### ***The CLICK & JAM teams***

#### **Have you met Jesus?**



Have you met Jesus -- perhaps today?  
He longs to meet you and with you stay.  
It doesn't matter how your life has been,  
He can make you whole, pure and clean.

Have you met Jesus – have you seen His face?  
Do you know that it is filled with Grace?  
If today you've been hearing His voice,  
Just remember you were His choice

Have you met Jesus – why not answer His call?  
He wants us to love Him one and all.  
So why not today ask Him into your heart.  
You'll be blessed and be happy for making a new start.

And so if you have made that choice  
Make sure you tell others so they too can rejoice  
In your new companion Lord and Saviour  
Who wants to draw **All** into His favour.

#### **Have you met Jesus?**



# GUATEMALA TRIP SEPTEMBER 2018



In September Rosalind McKinley is visiting Guatemala as part of her charity work. She would love to take items out with her for the children. If you could help please leave any of the following items in both churches on any Sunday up until 26<sup>th</sup> August.

It is best to avoid bringing indigenous girls “Barbie” type dolls. They are a more reserved people and a gift of this type may easily be an embarrassment to the child and her family rather than a much appreciated toy.

Other appropriate gifts for girls would be :-

- Baby dolls
- Small items like bubbles, spinning tops, balloons & stickers
- Candy or gum (preferably sugar-free)
- Dishes
- Hair accessories
- Underwear (pants)
- Feminine cardigan, sweater or jacket
- Watch
- Costume jewellery (necklace, bracelet)
- Music box
- Comb, brush, or mirror
- Photo of you or your family



## For Boys

## Mayan Indian boys do not wear shorts



Appropriate gifts for boys would be:-

- Soccer(football) ball & inflator
- Cars (Hot wheels are very popular)
- small items like bubbles, whistle, marbles, spinning tops, compass
- Candy or gum (preferably sugar-free)
- Flashlight with plenty of batteries
- Portable radio with batteries
- Blue jeans, or other long pants
- Socks and underpants
- T-shirts
- Sweatshirts or jackets
- Watch
- Photo of you or your family

**The age group for both boys and girls is 5 yrs – 15 yrs old.**

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EVENT



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Open Farm  
Weekend  
Saturday 16th  
Sunday 17th June

# Murray's Farm

32c Old Church Lane, Aghalee, Craigavon BT670EY

Saturday 16th & Sunday 17th June 10am to 4pm

- Poultry viewing gallery
- BBQ featuring Moy Park produce
- Kids activities
- Meet day old chicks
- Live entertainment
- Display of tractors & equipment
- Artisan food and craft stands



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# IN PRAISE OF KNITTING

Knitting can be astonishingly good for you. This gentle hobby has been found to lower blood pressure, reduce depression, keep your mind alert, slow the onset of dementia, distracts from chronic pain (such as arthritis), boost wellbeing, and reduce loneliness.

A major study by the organisation Knit for Peace has found that knitting lowers the heart rate by an average of 11 beats per minute and induces 'an enhanced state of calm.' The repetitive movement also boosts calming serotonin, which lifts your mood and dulls any pain. Knitting also boosts the reward centres of the brain, because it allows people to feel that they can still make a contribution to society.

In Britain, where the NHS spends more than £2 billion each year on blood pressure treatments, around £300 million on antidepressants, and about £26 billion on dementia, and unknown billions on various chronic pain, perhaps more people should take up knitting. As one expert says: 'Research has shown that there is a growing crisis in primary care. As a skilled and creative occupation, knitting has therapeutic potential. There is an enormous amount of research showing that knitting has physical and mental health benefits.'



**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> June**  
**10.00am – 12 noon**  
**St Saviour's, Dollingstown**  
**EVERYONE WELCOME**



**MOTHERS' UNION**



We would like to say a big thank you to Carlton for his address at our closing service. He spoke on our need to commit everything to the Lord and he would direct our path. Thank you Carlton.

I hope you all enjoy a healthy and invigorating summer and the weather is kind to us.

We look forward to meeting up again on the 4<sup>th</sup> September when the MU Diocesan President Mrs June butler will be guest speaker.

God Bless

***Isabel***



I would like to say thank you from the very bottom of my heart for all the support and encouragement for my mission trip to Romania this summer.

The bacon buddies after our jam service in Dollingstown was a huge success in raising money to allow us to bless the community we will be working with in Romania!

I look forward to coming home and sharing with you all of the amazing things God did whilst we were out there!!

Many thanks!

***Megan***

## **FATHERS' DAY**

Fatherhood calls for many challenges and hardships, which every dad bears with pride and happiness. Your dad has been your first friend who has always been with you, no matter what. He is the one person who has bestowed you with unconditional love and care, without asking for anything in return.

When it comes to the relationship you share with your father, there are absolutely no strings attached. He may not show, but he is always there for you, with his unwavering support and assistance. How often do you take out time to whisper a silent prayer to God for the health and happiness of this special person in your life? Most of you would prefer not to answer the above question.

This Father's Day, take it as an opportunity to seek blessings for your father, with a special prayer of gratitude. In the following lines, we have listed a few prayers which would rightly convey all what you wish for your dad.



*God, bless all the fathers in the world.  
Guide them to be good role models  
and loving to all their children.  
Help them to be a father like You are.  
Give them grace and patience to handle  
situations in a loving way.  
**Amen!***

*Thank you, friend Jesus,  
for my father who loves me,  
for my grandfather who cares for me  
and for God, my eternal father,  
who made me and is always with me.  
How Blessed I am!  
**Amen!***

# JUNE 2018

Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	9.30am - 11.30am - 5.00pm - 6.30pm - 8.00pm -	Morning Worship Holy Communion Prayer Time Evening Service Engage – Red Door	- - - - -	Dollingstown Magheralin Magheralin Magheralin Magheralin
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	8.00pm -	Prayer Union	-	Magheralin
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	7.30pm -	Active Ladies Walk @ Craigavon Lakes	-	Dollingstown
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	10.00am -	Knitwits Etc	-	Dollingstown
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	9.30am - 11.30am - 6.30pm - 8.00pm -	Holy Communion Morning Worship Evening Service Engage – Red Door	- - - -	Dollingstown Magheralin Magheralin Magheralin
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	8.00pm -	Prayer Union	-	Magheralin
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	7.00pm -	Active Ladies Walk @ Cavehill	-	Magheralin
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	9.30am - 11.30am - 5.00pm - 6.30pm - 8.00pm -	JAM All Age Worship CLICK All Age Worship With Kids Church Prize Giving Prayer Time Evening Service Engage – Red Door	- - - - -	Dollingstown Magheralin Magheralin Magheralin Magheralin
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	8.00pm -	Prayer Union	-	Magheralin
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	6.30pm -	Active Ladies Walk @ Murlogh Bay & Mauds	-	Magheralin
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	8.30am - 9.30am - 11.30am - 8.00pm -	Holy Communion Morning Worship Morning Worship Café Church	- - - -	Magheralin Dollingstown Magheralin Dollingstown
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	8.00pm -	Prayer Union	-	Magheralin

# MAGHERALIN PARISH DIRECTORY

## STAFF

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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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Glebe Wardens	Rector's – Terry Nicholson	People's – Nicola Waddington
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***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.***

# From the Register

## Burials

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

14<sup>th</sup> May 2018

Ellenor Harrison

## Sanctuary Flowers



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

### JUNE 2016

Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2018	-	VACANT
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> June 2018	-	Anne Criag
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> June 2018	-	Linda Dawson & Martin Carey
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> June 2018	-	Evelyn Dawson & Doreen Waddell

### JULY 2018

Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> July 2018	-	The Gracey Family
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> July 2018	-	VACANT
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> July 2018	-	VACANT
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2018	-	VACANT
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> July 2018	-	VACANT

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