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The Rector's Report Easter General Vestry – Wednesday 1st May 2019

THE BLACK DOT

One day a professor entered the classroom and asked his students to prepare for a surprise test. They waited anxiously at their desks for the test to begin. The professor handed out the question paper, with the text facing down as usual. Once he handed them all out, he asked his students to turn the page and begin. To everyone's surprise, there were no questions – just a black dot in the centre of the page. The professor seeing the expression on everyone's face, told them the following:

"I want you to write what you see there."

The students confused, got started on the inexplicable task.

At the end of the class, the professor took all the answer papers and started reading each one of them aloud in front of all the students. All of them with no exceptions, described the black dot, trying to explain its position in the middle of the sheet. After all had been read, the classroom silent, the professor began to explain:

"I am not going to grade on you this, I just wanted to give you something to think about. No one wrote about the white part of the paper. Everyone focused on the black dot – and the same happens in our lives. We have a white paper to observe and enjoy, but we always focus on the dark spots. Our life is a gift given to us by God, with love and care, and we always have reasons to celebrate – nature renewing itself everyday, our friends around us, the job that provides our livelihood, the miracles we see everyday. However we insist on focusing only on the dark spots – Take your eyes away from the black spots in your life. Enjoy each one of your blessings, each moment that life gives you. Be happy and live a life positively!

Well I want to focus on the white page tonight! And there's so much white to speak about. Thanks for all those who pour themselves out into ministry in Magheralin Parish!

Holy Week was awesome from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday with our army of talented musicians bringing us a feast of music, ably organised and facilitated by Gareth Murray, and Andrew/Gus Ferguson. Thanks to both gentlemen for their hard work. Same re: Christmas events, carol services etc. Same re: harvest - I really mean this, we couldn't do all of this without you - a huge thank you to our musicians, singers and technical teams who serve faithfully each week. I am so thankful for you and love how you serve us!

Thanks to those who helped with that spectacular night with the African Children's choir - a great night to finish the year. Colin for the Art Festival, the team who organised Kingdom Women, the team that organise Messy Harvest and Easter events. Well done to the Mother's Union on looking after a great festival service that was so well attended, to quote the Bishop, I have never seen so many banners on legs!

It's also been a big year for catering, thanks to the team who do the funeral catering - a really powerful ministry and witness to all of the kindness of God. Thanks to the manna ministries team - Nicola, Fiona and Edith - this is one of the most precious ministries imaginable but it's also hard work and time consuming - thank you.

Thanks to everyone else who looks after refreshments before or after services, hosts welcome meals - I couldn't do it and you all do it amazingly well!

A brilliant new ministry has been our monthly Seniors Lunches - huge thank you to our catering teams who make those happen. Myself and Carlton desperately wanted to see a good menu of events for the seniors in our parish and with the friendship group, the bowls, the film nights, and the community lunches, it's good to be able to offer a good range of things. I have to say going to the Friendship Group for a few weeks recently I was struck by the sense of real caring community in it, and was so blessed. I was also terrified of some of the feminist literature they read out though! Food seems to be part of all these groups though, the friendship group meets weekly and has scones and cake and they invited me to a special birthday party and told me there would be a cake! Always cake! And the bowlers don't stop for much until they hear that trolley coming!! Basil's bereavement Cafe is another gathering around cake that is a real privilege to be able to offer as a parish - we agree with BT in that it's good to talk and I'm looking forward to seeing this develop as we consider a potential bereavement course.

I want to pay tribute to our team of volunteers who do such an incredible job in our children's ministry. Diane, Heather and their teams deliver programmes the kids want to be part of and from chatting to our children ad hoc they know the faith and doubtlessly many have a clear knowledge of and love for the Lord. Little Church and Little Lambs are so essential to our ministry and we want to thank the teams in both churches for working so hard to make provision for our pre schoolers that goes far beyond simply baby sitting them. Zara likes to go church about on a Sunday morning, but in a recent week Eliza demanded to go to both church services on a Sunday morning! Zara was delighted to hear my sermon twice (not really). It was also great getting to Good News Club that runs on Monday night in Dollingstown and to see the team in action. I went to a good news club as a child and it was crucial in getting the Word and truth of God into my heart long before I was converted - well done to that team!

Thanks to Rebecca for all her work in the pre school kids age group - when wee Isaac was born we were the recipients of a baby pack that Rebecca had made up which she gives to all new mothers she comes across. Absolutely brilliant! Thanks as well, to her Playdays team, who have such a vibrant ministry during the week. And last but definitely not least, thanks to the teams that organise and deliver our Jam and Click services monthly. I think "Walking with Jesus" has been an excellent theme and to have kids and young people bringing the sermon as with Kimi and Lauryn was incredible.

Obviously they span children and youth, but a huge thanks to GFS and BB leaders. Kate and Harry have taken to their leadership roles like ducks to water. I have survived the BB display and am hopeful that I will live through whatever the GFS have in store this Friday night! Both of these organisations, communicate the faith clearly but in the context of a really positive and fun environment. As a staff and I know Paul and Richard as our youth team, really value these ministries and we want to prayerfully and practically support you in your work.

I've already mentioned Gareth who works so hard with the choir, and Rebecca who supports families of pre school kids and much more, but I also want to pay tribute to David our caretaker who is feeling poorly this week and would value our prayers. Ann in the office is such an asset to us (confession any mistakes on service sheets or magazines are mostly my fault)! Ruth Waddell our CAP manager has been flying in her early season in post. It's also great to have Judith Kinnen giving us some of her expertise - she's a very busy lady but her help and support with our database etc is going to be key.

Although it was certainly not their aim, I hope the service on Sunday past, served to demonstrate what a good job Paul and Richard are doing - my favourite moment of Sunday was when Mia (aged 14) got up and shared the Gospel with the whole of Magheralin church! Glorious - and in my view what it's all about! Thanks to the teams who work alongside Paul and Richard as they do small groups, red door, youth church, engage, cafe church and all the rest. Let's encourage and pray for

Megan as she comes alongside the guys, that she will be blessed during her year and a blessing to others. And big prayers for Richard as he prepares for marriage to the lovely Kate this summer. I really delight in 2 things above all - hunger and commitment. The hunger of people for the Word of God, scores coming out to home groups - thanks to Tom Maginnes for his leadership in this area, the attendance and engagement at our Wednesday night and Friday morning bible studies. The hunger of the folks that come along to pray alongside the staff at 5pm Sundays twice a month in Duck Street. The hunger of people as they come forward for prayer ministry - thanks as well to the folks who serve us in this way. I'm thrilled by the attendance on a Sunday night and we really want to continue to develop this space for worship and teaching - but while our numbers buck many a Church of Ireland trend, we are still dissatisfied and believe we could have double the number! New select vestry I would love to see you lead the way in this!!! We've chewed over a lot of Biblical meat over the past year, a particular highlight for me was looking at the 7 churches of Revelation in recent times - we're about to embark on a journey through 1st, 2nd, 3rd John in the mornings, and the Psalms in the evenings, so I hope you will commit yourself to being part of this.

I love commitment. I think we have 9 marriages in the parish either just gone or coming up! Also great to have Paul and Rosie heading up 8 couples on the marriage course - we need to guard, and invest in, our marriages. So plenty of commitment there.

I was so delighted to hear reports (although I wasn't allowed to go) of the ladies Alpha - thanks to that team too! I don't think they want to stop their course. A bit like the men's Alpha, which has developed into MADMEN which meets monthly and is a fantastic time! (thanks Mervyn) I also love to see baptisms and thanksgivings as we do on a regular basis in both churches, not done as a tick box, but as a genuine commitment to the Lord that parents will spiritually invest in their kids in the hope that they grow up to love and serve the Lord. The adult baptism with Scott and Jovi on Easter night was a special way to mark resurrection day, as two young people committed their lives to Jesus in a public way. We need a select vestry that will show example and passion for seeing people commit to following Jesus - so when we have evangelistic pursuits I would love to see you lead the way in this!!

I want to thank Rev Carlton, for his incredible support and shared passion for ministry. I don't call him a curate, but rather a colleague and his hunger for more of God and his commitment to seeing His Kingdom built in these villages is incredible. Big thanks to Jane as well and to all the significant others of our staff, for spending a decent proportion of your evenings without your beloved as they serve in the parish (perhaps you're glad of the peace?) seriously we know there's a cost, so thank you. Someone commented to me recently, that I thank everyone at things like this and forget to thank Zara, but I don't actually forget her - it's an intentional decision not to place the focus on us, because it's not about us, it's about Him. But perhaps this is a bit misguided, so I do want to publicly thank her, and say I treasure her and then go red and embarrassed.

Thanks to the collection of "retired"/"retyred"/"refired" ministers in this parish and their incredible wives - you are such an utter blessing to me and to all who worship here. At the recent wedding of Jonny Gillespie and Julie Ann O'Malley I was struck by the number of clergy and even a couple of Bishops present - I said from the front "Jonny you think you're nervous, if I mess this up I'll never work in this town again!" but to be fair that's my experience every week and they couldn't be more encouraging and helpful. It's actually my 10th year of being ordained this year, which is dwarfed by Rev David Coe who will be 50 years ordained this year - a huge congratulations to David and Daphne - that means you survived quite a number of Easter General Vestries! It's great that David will be participating in our services on the 2nd of June to mark this occasion.

I want to pay special tribute to our outgoing select vestry, they work so hard, they seek to equip mission and ministry, to act in the Lord's will and in the best interests of the parish. A huge thanks to our glebewardens - there's so much involved in this role and Terry and Nicola you are so willing

and able. Thanks to our honorary secretary Mildred, when she says she will do something she does it within 24 hours, and that's if she's got a lot on! Thanks to our treasurer Raymond, this role is very demanding, and despite being a man united supporter, this guy is a great asset that gives a lot of time and energy to this cause and has helped navigate us through big projects and challenging times. I want to offer extra special thanks to the churchwardens who have been completely awesome - Ross, Jamie, Jackie and Barry - you could not have done more for us this year - I hope you feel as blessed to have carried this role, as we have been by you carrying it out. You will be a tough act to follow!

You will notice that my chairman's report this year has been more focussed on thanking volunteers, and this is because without you this church (in it's 2 locations) could not continue in it's current form or realise it's God-given future potential. If I have left any of you out please blame it on my sleep deprived stupor, you are appreciated! And I hope this little encouragement puts the courage into you, to dream bigger, reach further and expect greater in the coming season. That comment I made about the other half's of the staff goes for volunteers just as much, we know that committing to leadership or service on a weekly basis is a sacrifice, for you and for your family, and that you are doing it on top of work/parenting etc - so sincerely thank you!

Howard Snyder says in *Liberating the Church* that most church members "expect doctors to treat us, not to train us to treat others. We expect lawyers to give us expert advice, not to admit us to the secret fraternity of those who understand how the legal system works. Likewise, we want pastors to serve us, not to build and train us" to serve others..

But a great highlight for me was seeing the engagement with the Network Course that Carlton headed up in Magheralin for a number of weeks. To see around 50 people seeking to discover what their gifts are and desiring to offer them to the ministry of the church was glorious. I actually believe strongly in the priesthood - I was officially made a priest/presbyter 9 years ago - I thought I would be able to see my holy hands glowing under the duvet at night! I am a priest. But so are you. The priesthood of all believers. We can all be filled to overflowing with the Holy Spirit and exercise gifts. Myself and Carlton are holding that list of gifted people (and of course there are many other of you!) like a priceless document - and our first step is that we're going to hopefully build and train a team of pastoral visitors from that group, with other roles likely to appear in the coming months.

According to church suite where we log our visits every day (although we only started properly doing that in September), in the past year we have visited over 328 parishioners - that's 705 visits which is great but still only accounts for 33% of our database - that's 191 females, 136 males, and 1 unknown. So to truly love and care for our whole church and crucially also those outside of it, we need a priesthood of all believers with a heart for loving the broken, and leading the lost to the Lord of Life.

One person I want to close in highlighting is Rev Emma. When the Bishop offered me the opportunity to have an intern deacon, ie someone in their last year of study that I was expected to train and invest in, I was apprehensive. A church leader has no real control over who they get in this system, but the Bishop said the magic word that all rectors and especially treasurers love to hear - it's free! I am delighted to say that the person we got was and is worth her weight in gold. She preaches brilliantly (Linda Dawson says she's better than me), is a brilliant pastor, and is just generally a woman of incredible integrity. We would love to keep her, but near the end of June she will be leaving us and going to bless another parish. Emma we want to offer you our prayers, that God will guide you as you seek the right direction for curacy, and that He will use you greatly in the future as He has used you here.

So in closing, staff and volunteers, the priesthood of all believers, thank you to date, and in advance, for your partnership in the Gospel.

Simon

SLIGO SUMMER CONFERENCE

I want to commend to our congregation the New Wine Ireland Summer Holiday Conference in Sligo 14-19 July 2019. Myself and Zara have been involved for many years and it's always a week that encourages and equips people of all ages to follow Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord.

We are so excited at the speakers coming along - Gavin and Anne Calver will share the main morning Bible teaching sessions in the Arena venue with Clive Atkinson returning to his native Ireland from Switzerland as the Bible reading speaker each morning in the Auditorium.

There will also be a speaker from the persecuted church speaking on one of the evenings in the arena. What a privilege to hear from someone who knows first-hand what it is to suffer as a Christian. Other evening celebration speakers include Krish Kandiah from "Home For Good" who will help us look at what it means to really care for orphans, what it would look like if churches supported foster carers and adoptive parents and what it would mean if churches were to place where adoptive parents and foster parents were being found. Charlie Cleverly from Oxford has for years blazed a trail encouraging Christian unity and servant prayer for cities, nations and communities. Amy Orr-Ewing returns as an evening celebration speaker and other evening celebration speakers include people like Charlotte Curran (who we had at Kingdom Women in Dollingstown) and John Ahern.

There is also a terrific line-up of seminar streams that include topics like Mission, Holy Spirit Ministry, living for Christ in today's world, Biblical literacy, Family life, intimacy with God, Churches impacting society, Guarding your heart, Kingdom vision and values & more. Delivering these seminars are some great speakers including Peter Lynas (EA), Mark Melluish (St Paul's Ealing), Sean Mullarky (St Marks, Dublin) , Lucy Peppiatt (WTC), Emma Lynch (Tearfund Ireland), Charlotte Curran (Portadown Elim), Anita Cleverly (St Aldates), Owen Crane (CFC Belfast), Noel Kenny (Liberty Church Dublin), Anne and John Coles (New Wine), Spud Murphy (CVM).

I'm delighted there's a good crowd coming from the parish, but if you'd like to come too, either for the week, part of the week or for a day, either speak to me, or visit <https://www.newwineireland.org/> for further details.

Simon





One would have hoped that the following paragraphs would not have appeared in the parish magazine until sometime in the far distant future (if ever!) but, unfortunately and with great sadness, they are written now, much too prematurely. Most readers will know that Gareth, our Organist and Choirmaster, resigned his post in early June.

Gareth came to us on a gradual basis from the Spring of 2016 onwards and took up the post of Organist and Choirmaster when it became vacant in the following September. Right from his very first practice with us he enthused and inspired everyone present and the following months saw him widening our musical horizons and deepening our appreciation of church music immensely. Gareth inspired loyalty and it wasn't long before new members began to be added to our ranks.

One of the undoubted highlights of Gareth's early months with us was a concert which he organised in aid of Choir funds and the Northern Ireland Hospice. It had been many years since the Choir has taken part in such an occasion and the prospect of this event caused much excitement among our members. To assist and support us Gareth attracted singers from various local choirs and their alacrity in coming to us was a testimony to Gareth's popularity and reputation in the local musical community. Some of these guests were also former members of the Choir and others were from the congregation in Dollingstown, demonstrating his ability to bring people together.

Many of those who helped us on that occasion returned to support us at Harvest and Christmas services and, most recently, at the Road to Calvary service on Palm Sunday this year. This service meant a lot to many people and the music heard that evening, and the standards attained, will live long in the memories of those present.

Gareth left us on Pentecost Sunday and he certainly used the gifts which with the Holy Spirit has endowed him to bring blessing to the members of the Choir and the parish as a whole. The New Testament teaches us to use our gifts to build up the body of Christ and this is something which Gareth prioritised in a number of ways. Seeing the Choir as integral to the worship in the parish church he built up the Choir through stimulating an increase in membership, improving our musical standards, widening our repertoire and facilitating fellowship through a number of social occasions. He will be greatly missed and the Choir must now be a guardian of his legacy.

Gareth and his wife, Christina, were given the grace to make a very special contribution to the work and witness of the parish. We thank them sincerely and we pray that they, and their children, will know many blessings in the future as God leads them into new places of service.

Ken

‘GLOCAL’ MISSION

They sang a new song, saying, "Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation." (Revelation 5:9)

There was criticism recently when a music video to a song based on this passage featured an entirely white choir! Credit goes to the musician who instantly owned his mistake and apologised, but how easy is it for us all to forget that God's plan is to rescue people from every ethnicity across this planet!

For some of us the temptation is to obsess about local mission and to forget the nations, for others we'd gladly evangelise Africa but wouldn't be so quick about blessing Lurgan - but the Lord's call is for us to realise our responsibility for both local and global mission. Whether we go or whether we stay, we can give, serve and we can pray.

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 some from our parish are going overseas to serve, or to camps or festivals as leaders! But for all of us, at the end of the August we have some special events focussing on Mission from a number of exciting and differing perspectives.

On the morning of Sunday 25th August, in both churches we will be hearing from Keith King, an English Baptist pastor who works in Pakistan.

Keith became a Christian when he was 20 after a three year dialogue with a committed Christian. After six years of theological study followed by 38 years in Pastoral Ministry, he now leads 'Langley Institute of Ministry', a free online theological college which seeks to equip students in Africa & Asia to be disciples of Jesus. He is passionate about communicating bible truth in a way that is engaging and relevant. He regards his wife Lynne, whom he married in 1973, as his greatest gift. When time permits he relaxes by tweaking websites, playing his guitar, supporting LFC and Kayaking on the Grand Union Canal, although not all at the same time!

On the evening of the 25th, at our evening service in Magheralin at 6.30pm, we are delighted to be hearing teaching from Rev. Stephen McElhinney who heads up the South American Missionary Society (SAMS) who are one of the charities our parish's mission donations go toward. Stephen is a great friend of the parish, and he will be sharing from Psalm 96.

On Tuesday the 27th August from 7.30pm in St. Saviour's Dollingstown, we are having a special night entitled "Go into ALL the world". We will here about 'home mission' from evangelist George Newell who trains other evangelists for our diocese and works for New Wine Ireland, and we will be hearing about 'mission abroad' from an American missionary called Eric Foley who is based in South Korea, and can speak with authority about the situation in North Korea. Eric works with Release

International/Voice of the Martyrs and it is so exciting to have him coming to our parish.

These events definitely fall into the 'not to be missed' category and I hope that you will make sure you get along to be encouraged and inspired.

Simon



**Eric Foley
(Release International Korea)**



Stephen McElhinney (SAMS)



**Keith King with his wife Lynne
(Langley Institute of Ministry)**



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**Go into
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**St Saviour's Church,
Dollingstown, Lurgan
Tuesday 27th August, 7:30pm**

Guest Speakers
With Eric Foley, Release International and
George Newell, New Wine Ireland.

Music by
St Saviour's Band



MAGHERALIN

At the time of writing these notes, Kids Church has just finished for another year and we are looking forward to prize day on Sunday 16th June. We have had a very enjoyable year and have learned so much about God through the various stories we have explored including Adam and Eve, Noah, Moses, Paul, parables Jesus told, to name but a few. We have played numerous games and made an enormous variety of craft items as well as learning memory verses and having prayer time.

I would like to thank our children who come to Kids Church and make it so enjoyable for us, as it is an absolute pleasure to teach them. I would also like to thank the parents who faithfully send their children to Kids Church as well as the amazing team of leaders who so diligently prepare lessons and encourage, support and teach the children of this parish.

It is with great sadness that we are saying goodbye to Gareth, Christina, Lydia and Euan. Christina has been a faithful leader in Kids Church and has dedicated many years to teaching our children the word of God. Gareth has also been a great support especially during Christmas time when he has helped us with musical items during the children's nativity play. We will greatly miss the whole Murray family and we wish God's richest blessing upon them and for the future plans He has for them.

Kids Church will begin again on 8th September, 2019.

Wishing you a relaxing, peaceful and enjoyable summer.

Heather



MOTHERS' UNION



We had, as our guest, Keith Jackson (Ulster Bank) who reassured us that our cards were a lot safer than we thought – and do not give in to pressure sales/talk on the phone, believe your grandmother – **IF SOMETHING SEEMS TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE IT IS TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE.**

Another underlying message – it is the lonely who are most vulnerable – so ask your lonely and isolated neighbours to join a group, so that they are not sitting alone at home waiting for a phone call from scammers.

Our Mothers' Union outing is to Colman's Garden Centre, Templepatrick on Saturday 22nd June. Afternoon Teas has been booked for 2.30pm. After that the time is your own to browse.

Please, if anyone has suggestions for speakers for the incoming year let us know as soon as possible so that we can get started booking them to speak at our meetings.

Ann

Mothers' UNION
Christian care for families

Diocese of Down & Dromore

CAP NEWS



Our months of preparation for the Family Fun Day to celebrate our debt centre's 10th birthday came to fruition on Sunday 26th May 2019 and how blessed we were on that day!

Our prayer was that we would establish a connection within the local community and raise the profile of Christians Against Poverty whilst at the same time demonstrating some of CAP's cultural values - that we believe in being Christ-centred and generous; passionate and united; compassionate and fun and that we are professional and risk taking - we hope that the many of you who joined us on the day will feel these values did indeed shine through.

Our prayers for kind weather were answered, and so many of our church family willingly gave of their time and talents when we asked if they would help us on the day for which we are so grateful. We had a fabulous team led by Chris and Ross who both erected and dismantled the marquee for us with aplomb. We had wonderful music provided for us by Leigh, Andrew and Jose which really set the whole ambience for the day and we had a completely impromptu BBQ. Balloon modelling provided by Tom which was a big hit with children and adults alike and bouncy castles that were manned completely by willing volunteers from our church family were very popular. There were refreshments provided by Nan and her team of helpers, crafts for the children provided by Debi and a number of our youth and Mickey & Minnie joined us on the day also. What a privilege to be able to say we have a church family willing to serve our Lord using their God given talents. So to each and every person who helped us in any way on the day we thank you - the day would not have been the success it was without each and every one of you!

We were able distribute literature regarding CAP on the day and we had some wonderful conversations with those who attended and it is our prayer that families in need may now be aware of the help CAP can provide. The icing on the cake however had to be that one of our clients arrived to tell us that they had become debt free that very week by sticking to the principles encouraged by CAP - now that really was a reason for us to celebrate on the day and it is to our God that we give all the glory!!

Ruth

*Father, we pray for the many who are trapped by growing burdens of debt, who see no way out, and who despair for their future: give them courage to tackle the problems they face, clarity in taking decisions which will turn their situation around, and faith that, as they cry to you in their trouble, you will deliver them from their distress; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.***

WOMEN'S ALPHA



Stories and questions. We tell people stories and ask people questions every day. There's nothing I love more than sitting down with a good friend, having a good cup of tea, listening to, and sharing good stories about our lives and asking questions about them. Alpha is a brilliant tool which allowed me to tell women the best story possible – the story about the good news of the gospel – and ask them questions about life, faith and meaning in the light of it. We had over 15 ladies attend our Alpha course last term and saw God speak to ladies as they began to recognise his voice. We saw Him heal ladies miraculously in prayer. We saw Him transform hearts as ladies renewed their commitment to Him throughout the course of Alpha. I watched as women grappled for the first time with God's big story, whilst others reengaged with it anew, seeing His story in a fresh way. It's a story of transformation, a story which transforms despair into hope, hurt into hurting, confusion to revelation, apathy to passion, disorientation into purpose and death into life. Alpha gave us a chance to explore God's story and its impact on our life. And I pray that though the course may have finished God's work in these women's lives would continue.

There were no women better fed in all of Northern Ireland each Monday morning as Fiona prepared a delicious brunch to kick-start the sessions. And a faithful team of amazing volunteers meant even the youngest in our parish and community were looked after each week, giving mums an opportunity to take some time to themselves and engage in the course. This was part of the beauty of the Alpha. It gave women a space to intentionally learn about God, listen to his word and process it with others; something which can be a challenge to do and make time for in the busyness of life. A big thank you to all the women who made the course possible; for those involved in child care, to Fiona for her amazing hospitality and Ray for facilitating the small groups. It wouldn't have been possible without their humble service. I ask that the parish continue to pray that Alpha would only be the start of people's spiritual journey, and that those ladies would continue to discover more about God and His purpose for their lives daily.

Rebecca Cromie

CHILDLIKE IN SIMPLICITY

*Forgive us, Lord, that as we grow to maturity, our faith is blighted with doubts, withered with worry, tainted with sophistication. We pray that you will make us like children again in faith – not childish, but childlike in the simplicity of a faith that is willing to trust you even though we cannot see what tomorrow will bring. **Amen***

SO GLAD I SAID 'AYE!'

MY friend's two-year old daughter has a favourite word – 'aye!'

The answer to every question or request, whatever that might be, is 'aye!' Her broad Ulster-Scots accent has me in stitches every single time. I am sure that in the near future she'll learn to say a proper 'yes' but at the moment I prefer hearing her little 'aye!'

It's a simple three-letter word but saying 'yes' can lead us to places or experiences we never expected. When I said yes to God's Call on my life I had no idea where or to what it would lead – I just knew He was calling me into something different than the primary teaching I had trained for.

I really didn't know that saying yes to God would lead me into exploring ministry in the Church of Ireland and to three years in the Church of Ireland Theological Institute. However, saying yes to God has been the best decision I've made. Since then I have learned even more deeply the truth and beauty of Proverbs 3:5-6 – *"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths."*

I've had so many experiences over the past few years of my ministry, the best and most rewarding of which has been my Deacon Internship here in Magheralin Parish. I have enjoyed getting stuck in and being part of the church family. Thank you so much for your welcome, your hospitality and kindness over the past ten months. Thank you to those who encouraged and supported me through the last stages of my dissertation work. I have appreciated it all very much.

Leaving Magheralin Parish will be difficult, I have been very happy here, and I'm so grateful for all I've gained here and for how my internship has prepared me for the next exciting stage of my ministry in St Patrick's Parish, Ballymena.

With much love and thanks.

Emma x

"Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, says the Lord of hosts." Zechariah 4:6





Summer is often a time in the Parish when normal weekly activities take a break, I take a break (in this case get married) and we do camps and have week-long activities. I have included a few things that you may want to sign up to over the next few weeks. I will be about on Sunday mornings in June offering a chance to register. I will also be available every Wednesday in June in House 60 from 6:30 – 7:30pm to offer you a chance to register. Feel free to drop me a text and I can chat you through any youth stuff.

Summer Madness Day Trip to Launch Hype (30th June and 2nd July to 5th July)

A fun day out to Summer Madness to be built up, encouraged and challenged.

In September we will be launching fitness and wellbeing sessions centred around a holistic view of the teenager called 'MOVEMENT'. To launch the birth of this we want to run a summer scheme centred around the whole person. We will have many activities from football, rugby, rounders and team challenges throughout the whole week - with one team winning at the end. There will be a space for a snack, a discussion about what the HYPE is really all about and then some space to chat.

(Consent form available for more details from Richard)

Catalyst 23rd July to 26th July

The old has gone, the new has come. We believe change is possible despite the circumstances.

We have many activities from water sports, beach games, late night challenges and team tasks. We are really excited about the possibilities that can arise from spending a week away from home and the challenges it can bring people in a different social setting. This event will take place in Ballintoy Youth Hostel and essential booking is required by 30 June 2019. Due to the capacity of leaders we will be limiting spaces to the first 50 to return this form. The costs are mentioned above. This covers food, transport, accommodation and activities.

(Consent form available for more details from Richard)

GLO 19th August to 24th August

This is a great chance to serve with other Christians, serve your local community, share the Gospel with others and pray for others. You will find on the consent form with the details of the event. Please note it is only available for those who are going into year 11.

(Consent form available for more details from Richard)

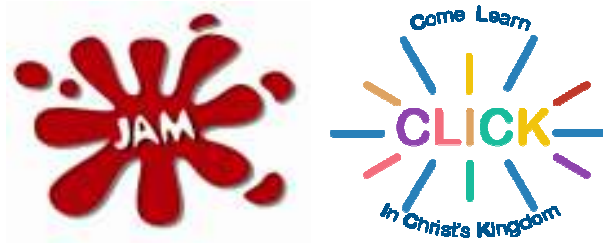
Please pray for these events, it is my hearts desire to see young people one for Christ and transformed into his image. Be blessed, **Richard**

SUMMER WORD SEARCH

S B W K I S U N W M K W V
Y E K Q H X A E S K O V P
N A D A O B D N J I N A M
G C L C T B W M D T U C O
N H I P L Q N T H E F A R
I I C E C R E A M A R T M
W D R P O P S I C L E I C
S W I M N I E J T A M O A
B A O E T C G U L D M N M
R T A N E N S M H A U T P
I H C A E I O P S V S L I
S A Y E U C P O O L N O N
V R S E S S A L G N U S G

WORD BANK:

HOT	PLAY	SUN
BBQ	POOL	SUNGLASSES
BEACH	POPSICLE	SWIM
CAMPING	SAND	SWING
FUN	SUMMER	VACATION
ICE CREAM		
JUMP		
KITE		
PICNIC		



JAM/CLICK IN JUNE

We have had fun and learnt a lot this year under our theme Walking with Jesus. From Walking with Jesus when the sun shines to Walking with Jesus in tough times we have had a year of very special guest speakers who have given us a challenge to think about and take home as well as having to wear our lovely wellies! Simon finished our theme on June 16th Walking with Jesus in all weathers and seasons of our lives. It was prize-giving for our children and young people and we also had a look at what Kidschurch had been up to throughout this year. The children had a few surprises in store for us too! We hope you have enjoyed our All-Age services this year and look forward to returning on Oct 20th with a new theme....

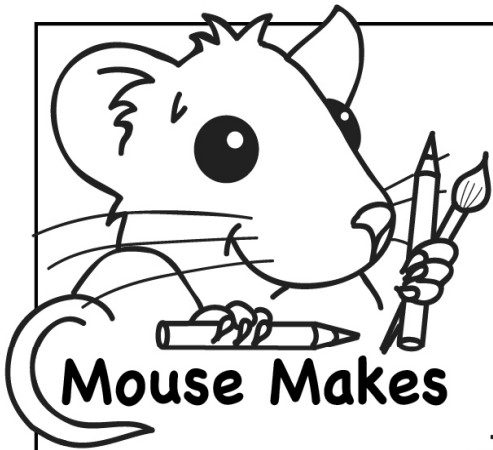


DOLLINGSTOWN

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. This year we have thought a lot about prayer and have started a prayer wall where the children can turn over their prayers once they have been answered. We have also looked at how we worship learning about the different ways we worship God and how as well as being sometimes very noisy it can be quiet and reflective too. Our prize-giving this year will be on June 16th where we will share more about our year. 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. If this is a ministry you feel you would like to be involved in please do talk to me or one of the other leaders – it really is a joy and a privilege to watch our children grow in their faith.

As this is our last article can I wish you all a relaxing summer holiday and see you in September!

Diane



Mouse Makes

Who did Jesus choose as His first disciples?
 _____ and

Matthew 4:18

Which disciple was a tax collector?

Matthew 10:3

Who was John's brother?

Matthew 4:21

Which disciple betrayed Jesus?

Mark 3:19

Which Apostle wrote Revelation?

Revelation 1:1

Who became the Apostle to the Gentiles?

Acts 13:9
 Acts 9:1-18

DID YOU KNOW?

Some of the Apostles recorded the stories of Jesus and wrote about what it means to be a Christian.

Matthew and John wrote gospels.

Paul wrote many letters to the new Christian churches. (Look at the New Testament to see how many he wrote.)

James, Peter, John and Jude all wrote letters.

John wrote the book of Revelation.

In the time of the disciples it was usual for men to have two names. Which second name belongs to which Apostle?

- | | |
|-------------|-----------|
| JUDE | BOANERGES |
| MATTHEW | SIMON |
| JOHN | DIDYMUS |
| PETER | THADDEUS |
| THOMAS | SAUL |
| PAUL | NATHANIEL |
| BARTHOLOMEW | LEVI |



DID YOU KNOW?

Four of the disciples were fishermen: **Andrew, Peter, James and John.**

They would have used **two** different nets to fish: a circular one in shallow water and a large dragnet in deep water.

A J O J E S J U D P A U L J
 T M J U D M A T T H E W A E
 J A O D J A M E S I M O N S
 A T H A D D E U S L E H D U
 M T N S M A T T H I A S R S
 E N O T H O M A S P E T E R
 S A B A R T H O L O M E W S

Can you find **JESUS** and all the Apostles in the word search?

- PETER • JAMES • JOHN
 ANDREW • PHILIP
 BARTHOLOMEW
 MATTHEW • THOMAS
 THADDEUS • SIMON
 JAMES • JUDAS
 MATTHIAS • PAUL





GIRLS FRIENDLY SOCIETY



Our annual display was held on Friday 3rd May. Our special guest for the evening was Rev. Emma Carson. The girls performed a variety of items centred around our theme 'God is Love'.

We would like to thank everyone who attended the display; we hope you enjoyed the evening. Also a big thank you to Emma for being our special guest and for presenting the awards.

A full list of the annual award winners can be seen below.

We also had good results in the All-Ireland competitions this year.

BIBLE STUDY

HC Sarah Patterson

HC Hannah Millen

HC Zoe Stewart

HC Aisling Gardiner

ARTS & CRAFTS

2nd Jessica Millar

Our first end of year event took place on Tuesday 7th May with the girls of P5 age and under enjoying a 'Disco Party' and ice cream!

On Tuesday 14th May, the girls of P6 & P7 enjoyed a trip to 'Air-Tastic Trampoline Park' whilst the girls of 1st year and above went to 'Captain Green's Adventure Golf'. A great evening was had by all.

On Sunday 19th May we took part in the annual youth parade in Lurgan a big thank you to all those girls who attended the parade and braved the weather!

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 year yet another successful year for Magheralin G.F.S. Thank you girls!!!

G.F.S will start again on 10th September and we look forward to seeing all our girls back again plus lots of new members.

Have a lovely summer,

Jane and 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."***



2019 ANNUAL DISPLAY AWARD WINNERS



BIBLE STUDY CUPS

JUNIOR CANDIDATES	-	Amelie McMaster
CANDIDATES	-	Sarah Patterson
JUNIOR MEMBERS (7-9YRS)	-	Hannah Millen
JUNIOR MEMBERS (9-11YRS)	-	Zoe Stewart
MEMBERS	-	Sophie Ellis
SENIOR MEMBERS	-	Aisling Gardiner

P.E. (& Performing Arts) CUPS

Under 5	-	Aimee Sinclair
5 - 7 yrs	-	Zara Beattie
Over 11	-	Maddie Urwin

HANDCRAFT SHIELDS

Under 5	-	Kerry Cousins
5 - 7 yrs	-	Grace Patterson
7 - 11 yrs	-	Zara Cousins
Over 11	-	Laurie Keenan

BEST GROUP

Bluebells: Aisling Gardiner, Naomi Freeburn, Leah Young, Laurie Keenan, Molly Lennon, Faith Glenn, Chloe Gilmore, Grace Patterson, Jovi Tate, Tori Tate, Isabelle McKeown

100% ATTENDANCE AWARDS

1 YEAR	Kasey McKeown, Tori Tate, Kerry Cousins, Jessica O'Hara, Eva O'Hara, Lottie Davidson
2 YEARS	Aimee Hanna, Mollie Adamson, Hannah Dawson
3 YEARS	Beth Kelly, Grace Patterson, Sarah Patterson
6 YEARS	Zoe Stewart

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

Poppy Cairns

ENDEAVOUR CUP

Faith Lilburn

GIRL OF THE YEAR CUPS

Junior Candidates	-	Chloe Gilmore
Candidates	-	Eva O'Hara
Junior Members (7-9 yrs)	-	Lucy Weekes
Junior Members (9-11 yrs)	-	Naomi Freeburn
Members	-	Katie Armstrong

PARENTS CUP FOR MOST OUTSTANDING GIRL

Zoe Stewart

YOUNG HELPER AWARDS

15 - 16 YRS YELLOW LANYARD	Aisling Gardiner, Isabelle Urwin
16 - 18 YRS RED/YELLOW LANYARD	Emily Hayes, Emma Hunter



JUNE

Sunday 23 rd June	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 24 th June	8.00pm -	Prayer Union	-	Magheralin
Wednesday 26 th June	8.00pm -	Red Door	-	Dollingstown
Thursday 27 th June	2.30am -	Bereavement Café	-	Magheralin
Sunday 30 th June	9.30am -	Morning Worship	-	Dollingstown
	11.30am -	Morning Worship	-	Magheralin
	6.30pm -	Evening Service	-	Magheralin

JULY

Sunday 7 th July	9.30am -	Morning Worship	-	Dollingstown
	11.30am -	Holy Communion	-	Magheralin
	3.30pm -	Annual Orange Service	-	Magheralin
Sunday 14 th July	9.30am -	Holy Communion	-	Dollingstown
	11.30am -	Morning Worship	-	Magheralin
Sunday 21 st July	9.30am -	Morning Worship	-	Dollingstown
	11.30am -	Morning Worship	-	Magheralin
Sunday 28 th July	8.30am -	Holy Communion	-	Magheralin
	9.30am -	Morning Worship	-	Dollingstown
	11.30am -	Morning Worship	-	Magheralin

AUGUST

Sunday 4 th August	9.30am -	Morning Worship	-	Dollingstown
	11.30am -	Holy Communion	-	Magheralin
	6.30pm -	Annual RBP Service	-	Magheralin
Sunday 11 th August	9.30am -	Holy Communion	-	Dollingstown
	11.30am -	Morning Worship	-	Magheralin
	6.30pm -	Evening Service	-	Magheralin
Sunday 18 th August	9.30am -	Morning Worship	-	Dollingstown
	11.30am -	Morning Worship	-	Magheralin
	6.30pm -	Evening Service	-	Magheralin

Sunday 25 th August	8.30am -	Holy Communion	-	Magheralin
	9.30am -	Morning Worship	-	Dollingstown
	11.30am -	Morning Worship	-	Magheralin
	6.30pm -	Evening Service	-	Magheralin
Tuesday 27 th August		Holiday Bible Club	-	Dollingstown
	7.30pm -	Bangor World Wide Missionary Convention	-	Dollingstown
Wednesday 28 th August	6.30pm -	Holiday Bible Club	-	Dollingstown
Thursday 29 th August	6.30pm -	Holiday Bible Club	-	Dollingstown
Friday 30 th August	6.30pm -	Holiday Bible Club	-	Dollingstown

SEPTEMBER

Sunday 1 st September	9.30am -	Morning Worship	-	Dollingstown
		Holiday Bible Club		
	11.30am -	Holy Communion	-	Magheralin
		Holiday Bible Club		
	6.30pm -	Evening Service	-	Magheralin

KEEPING OUR PREMISES SECURE

Our parish premises are extensively used by the organisations of our parish for many different activities and meetings. It is great to see the facilities being well used.

To ensure that our buildings are kept secure after each event/ meeting the leader/key holder responsible for locking up should make sure that all windows and doors in the building (not just in the rooms used for the specific event/meeting) are checked to ensure that they are securely locked. Please remember to check emergency exits, kitchens and toilets even if you are unaware of them being used during your event.

In the event of finding any damage done or any window or emergency exit being left open in circumstances which gives you any reason for concern please report it to either one of the clergy or our caretaker. Contact details are reproduced below.

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Rector: Simon Genoe - 07955 356 055
Curate: Carlton Baxter - 028 3832 4882



'BEACH SCENE' BY EDGAR DEGAS

'Mindfulness' seems to be the 'in' word. In a world where people are moving faster and faster, we are called to slow down, to attend to the present moment and enjoy it for its own sake, whatever the pressures of work and family around. For Christians it is a call to live a simple and sacramental life, and an invitation to attend to what is holy there in front of us: it might be a meal, the countryside, a piece of music, family and friends, a pet or a painting. They are all avenues for God's refreshing grace to touch us.

In this month of July we are probably planning our holidays. It may be in this country or abroad. Sometimes a holiday can be a frenetic rush of journeying and queues, or it can be a 'mindful' time, when we can relax and allow the days to refresh and renew us. Degas has captured that sense of rest and enjoyment in his painting of 1870 which is in the National Gallery: 'Beach Scene.'

He is famous for his studies of ballerinas and racehorses, but he was also fascinated by the advent of the snapshot camera. This painting is like a holiday photograph. We see a maid combing the hair of a young girl. Her hat and swimming costume are nearby, and we can see bathers in the distance where the shore meets the sea. Families and a dog, yachts and a steamer: they are all captured in this moment.

The sky looks misty but warm, and for those on the beach, it is a time to lie and relax, to bathe and swim – to live simply, enjoying the sun above and the sand beneath. The ordinariness of a restful day calls us to be patient and enjoy the good gifts of God's creation. Wherever we are on holiday this summer, I hope we find time to savour the delights of the world around, as we see young and old doing exactly that in this painting.



MAGHERALIN PARISH DIRECTORY

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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



"Suffer the little children to come unto me"

Sunday 12th May Theo McKinney

Sanctuary Flowers



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

JUNE 2019		JULY 2019	
2 nd	VACANT	7 th	The Gracey Family
9 th	Evelyn Dawson	14 th	VACANT
16 th	VACANT	21 st	VACANT
23 rd	VACANT	28 th	VACANT
30 th	Evelyn Dawson		
AUGUST 2019		SEPTEMBER 2019	
4 th	VACANT	1 st	VACANT
11 th	VACANT	8 th	Rodney McCarthy
18 th	Anne Miller	15 th	VACANT
25 th	VACANT	22 nd	VACANT
		29 th	Ann King



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