



THE MESSENGER

Magheralin Parish



MAY 2019

MAGHERALIN PARISH DIRECTORY

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During our Holy Week fast, I shared an experience I had in a coffee shop near St. Anne's Cathedral a number of years ago.

I was sitting on a long bench, and a guy came to sit at the table next to me. He was a big man with every inch of visible flesh tattooed and numerous piercings through nose, eyebrows, ears. His ear lobes had been intentionally elongated to allow a series of hoops to be worn and he had obviously had some metallic rings inserted under his skin. To be completely honest, I was probably a little intimidated by this quite striking individual. Would you have felt the same way?

I then noticed he had a message on his black t-shirt - "Body piercings saved my life!" I had this man categorised into someone I would have absolutely nothing in common with until he turned around and I saw the back of his t-shirt...

But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed. Isaiah 53:5

"Oh right!" I thought, "I suppose those same body piercings saved my life too..." I was feeling even more convicted as the man pulled out a tattered Bible to read as he sipped his latte!

Why do we do this as humans? Why are we so partisan? We are so prone to filter humanity and society into these groups. It's ok to differ of course, some of us are 'remainers', some 'brexiteers' and some of us don't have a clue anymore, but we surely must never seek to detach ourselves from, or dehumanise, those in the other 'group'. It seems to me that we are so prone to judge on an endless list of categories and I wonder how many of these are really framed by God's view of people? I married a couple in St. Saviour's yesterday and the usher asked everyone who came in the door "bride or groom?", this is quite appropriate, but God forbid that people should have to endure characterisation as they come into God's house at other times... rich or poor, black or white, young or old, married or single, 2.5 family or otherwise, cool or uncool... No, no, no - the invitation is to come and be categorised as nothing else than a fellow sinner worth dying for! (Isaiah 55:1)

In Jesus' day, there were categories of people not to be seen with - two of which Jesus spent lots of time with - *tax collectors and sinners*. And people tried to judge him using these categories and he responded in a quite radical way - he suggested that these ostracised people belonged in the same group as the rest of humankind - namely *"sin-sick and needing medical attention."* (Mark 2:17)

Reading the Gospels, I notice three distinct groups of people highlighted: (1) The religious leaders who deny Jesus, (2) the crowds of people who follow Jesus as long as He gives them what they want (but who ultimately walk away), and (3) the very small group of disciples who are going to follow Jesus, learn from Him, and eventually lose their lives for Him.

My simple question is which of **these** groups do you belong to?

Simon

UPCOMING TEACHING TOPICS

We hope you were as challenged by the teaching around the churches of Revelation and the Beatitudes as we were preparing it. I also loved thinking about the Road to Calvary and the Resurrection over Holy Week and Easter. There is no book like this Bible that we are so privileged to hold in our hands, I urge you to read it for yourself!

There is always a temptation to slow down in this term but we want to keep the pace up with two more teaching series for you to get your teeth into. In the mornings, we are embarking on a series called "Living in Truth and Love" with teaching through John's epistles.

I would love to encourage you to engage with our Sunday nights - I am delighted by numbers but there is room for many more! These are places that we'd love to see you come out to with an appetite for slightly deeper teaching and more prolonged times of fellowship and worship. We're also delighted to have some of our youth helping with welcome and prayer so why not come be part of it! Our series during May, June and August (we have break from evening services in July) is entitled "Sounds of the Summer", in which we will journey through a selection of Psalms.

Please engage fully and hungrily as we grow in our knowledge of God,

Simon

Psalm 119:14-16

*I find more joy in following what you tell me to do
than in chasing after all the wealth of the world.
I set my heart on your precepts
and pay close attention to all your ways.
My delight is found in all your laws,
and I won't forget to walk in your words.*



New Sunday morning series



New Sunday evening series in the Psalms
6.30pm in Magheralin

BIBLE STUDIES – FEED ON THE WORD!



Our Bible Studies continue following the Easter break with our on-going look at Revelation on Wednesday evenings at 7.45 in the Minor Hall in Magheralin and the major stories of The Bible on Friday mornings at 10.30 in the lounge in Dollingstown.

Here's what's left in the current series:

Friday mornings: The Big Story

Good news for all nations: May 3

The End of the Story: May 10

And for Wednesday evenings: Living Victoriously - Revelation

The Battle and the Millennium - May 8 - Rev 19:11- 20:10

From the old to the new - May 15 - Rev 20:11 - 21:27

Jesus is coming - May 22 - Rev 22

Our Wednesday evening studies finish with the last session in Revelation on May 22 but the Friday morning studies will continue to June 28 and we'll let you know what they are all about in due course.

It's great to see so many at the Bible Studies but there is always room for more. Being fed on the word of God is essential for disciples of Jesus Christ and we encourage you all to come along.

Blessings

Carlton

HOPE and SOLUTIONS

I am just back from a Uganda visit, travelling with Basil O'Malley and Diane McClelland who taught Charlene in Waringstown Primary School and who is an ex parishioner – she now lives in Portadown. Both Basil and Diane are Trustees of Charlene's Project. We had a busy time visiting all 8 primary schools, Destiny Christian School, Diika Health Centre, Diika Nursery, Diika Secondary, Kitara Medical Centre, Youth Sport Uganda projects and had various meetings. We also met with our friends Daniel and William around Clergy Training that is planned during our May visit.

- We were encouraged particularly seeing the 34 new Senior 1 pupils from the 8 Cluster schools settled into Destiny Christian High School – thanks to all the sponsors who have made their secondary education possible
- It was wonderful seeing the completed Nursery funded by Charlene's Project at Kahara Primary with over 150 children in attendance. Good quality finish and plenty of learning visuals on display
- The schools were very pleased with the new latrines provided by Charlene's Project at Bunyama, Runyanya and St Livingstone Primaries
- All schools said P7 Scholarships have motivated parents and pupils
- The challenges remain – in one of the 8 schools – there are 264 pupils in Primary 1 with just 1 teacher
- I am reminded that only 35 % of children that start primary school in Uganda complete P7 and there is currently 80% parent illiteracy in the area where the 8 primary schools are sited

The change as we met teachers and parents in all 8 primary schools from our last visit in August 2018 was immense. In August the overwhelming feeling was despair. This visit the overwhelming feeling expressed in school after school was **HOPE**. In August the school management talked again and again about the challenges they faced. Those challenges haven't gone away but this time you sensed in their communications that they were talking about **SOLUTIONS** – things they could do as schools to improve the difficult situations they faced.

As we look forward to the next visit in May could we ask for you to pray for:

1. The workshops planned with Pastors in Destiny Christian High School (150 pastors expected) and at Kahara Primary. Both workshops will last for 3 days.
2. The programmes to be delivered on relationships and sexual health in all the schools by our small team of midwives
3. The review process of our health interventions and what should be our health priorities as we move forward with local partners
4. The ongoing meetings with all these neighbouring primary school as we continue the journey towards our 2020 VISION of a secondary school for the children of these 8 primary schools



DON'T LEAVE CHRIST NAILED TO THE CROSS

We called the Wednesday evening Bible Study on the Book of Revelation – 'Living Victoriously' – for a good reason; because that is indeed how we should live in the truth of what it contains.

Too often we go through each day of our lives as if we had left Christ nailed to the cross or left God at the communion table or indeed still envisage a sealed tomb.

It's not so much that our glass is half empty or half full but rather that there was never anything in the glass at all.

We are to live victoriously because Christ lives; he's not on the cross nor still stuck in the tomb. He's alive and Revelation makes that abundantly clear. It also makes it clear that Christ is victorious over Satan and his demonic horde.

That's explicit right from the start when one reads Revelation 1:17-18

¹⁷ When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, "Fear not, I am the first and the last,"¹⁸ and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades.

John has turned round to see who is speaking to him and is astonished at what he sees. Not the Christ of the manger, nor the Christ as the boy at the temple but an imposing, glorious, conquering Christ – a resurrected and mighty Christ who commands all of creation.

We forget this as we work our way through Revelation dwelling on the popular cultural themes of Armageddon, Apocalypse and the various beasts, and what they might or may not represent today, and fail to see Satan dead and Christ victorious and coming again!

In knowing all this, one would think the average Christian would live life accordingly – like we know we're on the winning side in this spiritual war.

Yet many don't. On Easter Sunday I urged all of us to be BAD Christians – **Brave. Adventurous. Daring. (B.A.D)** Why? Because in doing so we acknowledge that death has no hold and we begin to live like disciples of the living God. These are people who look different in the world, of whom the world asks questions which all point to; 'Why do live like you live and have the hope that you have?'

The answer of course is Jesus and, you see, it's being different in Christ that makes the difference in the world.

Let's live victoriously. Let's be **BAD!**



You may have read the Bible story of Daniel in the **lions'** den, but have you ever read the whole book of Daniel? Take your time and read a little each day and find out about the **vegetables**, the **statue**, the **gold idol**, the **furnace**, the **tree**, the **writing** on the wall, the **lions**, the **four animals**, the **ram** and the **goat**, and the **man**.



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Ashpenaz changed Daniel and his friends names. Look up **Daniel 1:7** to see what he changed them to.

Can you find these words from the book of Daniel in the wordsearch?
KING • NEBUCHADNEZZER • DANIEL • DARIUS • ASPHENAZ
HANANIAH • MISHAEL • AZARIAH • DREAM • STATUE
IDOL • FURNACE • TREE • WRITING • WALL • LAW • LIONS
DEN • PRAYER • LORD • GOD • TRUST • RESCUE • ANGEL

CHRISTIANS AGAINST POVERTY

Christians Against Poverty has been in Northern Ireland for the last 10 years, providing help to families in severe financial difficulty.

The Lurgan Debt Centre is one of only 3 debt centres in the province who have been operational throughout all of this time. We are planning to celebrate this milestone by hosting a Family Fun Day for the Community in Lurgan Park on Sunday 26th May 2019 from 2.00pm. In doing so we hope to raise awareness of the services we can provide to our local community, whilst celebrating God's faithfulness and goodness to the Centre during the last 10 years, and also celebrating that 30 people have come to know our Living Lord throughout this time!

We plan to have music throughout the afternoon, refreshments available for all and entertainment for the younger members of the family up at the Fountain end of the Park. Some of our former clients will graciously share their stories of how CAP helped to change their lives forever.

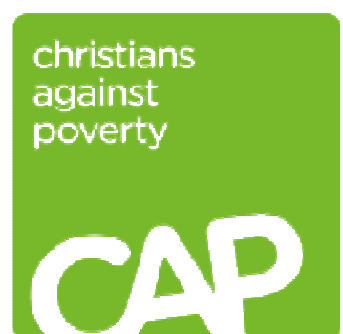
We also plan to hold a sponsored walk of a "Lap around the Lake" commencing at 4.00pm that afternoon, where we hope to raise funds to help to be able to continue to bless our clients who can often face some very challenging times during their journey to become free from debt.

We are hoping for glorious bank holiday weekend weather, and we would love to see lots of our church family help to celebrate this milestone with us.

If you require any further information at all, please get in contact with Ruth at 07711 828 965.

We hope to see you there!

Ruth





Another year ends with the obligatory party to say thanks to all the children who've attended the Good News Club. On our last full night we had a very special guest - Dr. Dickie Barr. Dickie told us about the latest work and showed slides of Charlene's Project as he, Basil & Diane had returned recently from Uganda. He described the plans they have for the future in the schools and the surrounding community. The children found this project extremely interesting and weren't afraid to ask questions about school life in Uganda.

Each week the children bring a voluntary collection to the GNC, £141 was handed over to Dickie for Charlene's Project. He thanked us for our contributions and support over the years and he'll come back again, when we resume in September, to say how our donation was used. As leaders we also thank the children for the collection each week and take this opportunity to thank the parents for sending their children each Monday evening and wish them and their families a happy summer vacation.

See you all again in September. God bless!

GNC Leaders





Holy Week and Easter is celebrated using various liturgies and traditions, many of which are ancient in origin. A few of these traditions influenced our own reflections and worship this Easter with the aid of Bishop Harold's 2015 publication *Week of All Weeks A Worship Guide for Holy Week and Easter Day*. This book makes some of these ancient forms of worship accessible and relevant to 21st century congregations.

Perhaps stretching back to the 3rd century, the reading of the Passion of Christ from one of the Gospels is one of the earliest Easter traditions. Our special service – The Road to Calvary - on the evening of Palm Sunday reflected this tradition with readings from the Passion as recorded in Luke's Gospel. These were interspersed with music inspired by the themes of Holy Week in a structure set out in the Bishop's book. This gave the Choir the opportunity to present a number of choral works in addition to leading the congregation in well-known Holy Week hymns. Our pieces were Catherwood's setting of Richard of Chichester's well-known prayer, *Day by Day*, Mozart's famous *Ave Verum Corpus*, which was enjoyed by a lot of people, Psalm 22, the psalm appointed for Good Friday and sung to a chant by Battishill, and Lee's setting of *The Lord's Prayer*. After the reading of the passage narrating the Crucifixion, we turned to several appropriate extracts from Stainer's *The Crucifixion* namely *The Mystery of the Divine Humiliation*, *God so Loved the World* and *For the Love of Jesus*. Stainer's Sevenfold Amen ended the service.

The sizable congregation comprised members of the parish with a significant number of visitors. Many of those who attended the service were very moved by some of the pieces sung and we thank all those who expressed their gratitude and good wishes. As always we are indebted to our strong and loyal company of guests who not only turn out on the night but, as true singers, recognise the importance of regular practice and give of their time to join us each Wednesday evening. Many of these talented people have commitments in other churches and choirs and we deeply appreciate their generosity.

On this occasion, special mention must also be made of Stuart Nelson, our guest organist. An exceptionally talented musician and known to many people in the area, we extend to him our wholehearted thanks for supporting us at this Palm Sunday service and enabling Gareth to conduct us.

The Holy Week services were in St. Saviour's, Dollingstown, this year and we led the worship there on the Monday and Tuesday evenings and also on Good Friday. The latter service saw a return to the reading of the Passion, this time from Matthew's Gospel and in the context of a service of *Tenebrae*, another Easter liturgy of early medieval origin. Bishop Harold led the service, adhering to the structure of the *Tenebrae* service in his book in which the readings from the Passion are interspersed

with the extinguishing candles representing Christ and his disciples. The church is eventually left in darkness, until the Christ candle is re-lit. The *Tenebrae* ended with Karen leading us and the congregation in the singing of the American spiritual, *Were You There, When they Crucified my Lord?* We also led the congregation in a number of traditional hymns chosen by the Bishop.

The service in the parish church on Easter Sunday morning was, of course, a much more joyous and jubilant occasion. Our principal piece was *Jesus is the Name we Honour* accompanied by Catherwood's *Day by Day*, sung as a Benediction.

Over the past number of months Gareth put a lot of work and unstinting effort into preparing us for the Easter services, particularly for Palm Sunday. We value him immeasurably, congratulate him on the music which he chose and give him our unreserved thanks for this untiring commitment, perseverance and enthusiasm. The fruits of all this were seen and heard by all those present at the Palm Sunday service.

Ken

MADmen - BBQ

**Monday 13th May at 8pm
St Saviour's, Dollingstown**



SENIOR MOVIE NIGHT

Good news! Due to popular demand the next Seniors Movie Night will be held in Dollingstown on Tuesday 21st May with the screening of 'Pillow Talk'. This movie has been selected and censored by Jane and Carlton Baxter who have advised me that those attending should be strictly over 18. 😊 As this is a special showing we will be serving strawberries along with the ice-cream. Look forward to seeing you all.

Jill

'Pillow Talk' starring Doris Day and Rock Hudson tells the captivating story of what happens when a careful career girl who believes in "singleness" tangles with a carefree bachelor who believes in "togetherness!"





MOTHERS' UNION



On Monday 1st April we hosted the annual Mothers' Union Festival Service. We welcomed around 240 members from the Diocese of Down and Dromore including our current Diocesan President Mrs Roberta Macartney and All Ireland President Mrs June Butler.

Also present (*just to keep an eye on things!*) was our Bishop Harold. Rev Simon was our speaker at this service and thanks to all your hard work everything went according to plan. Thanks are also due to Rev Ernest Harris for leading the service. **A BIG THANK YOU** to all our members. It was a very good evening.

We cancelled our usual monthly meeting for April as it was the following day, but the speaker, Keith from 'Ulster Bank' agreed to defer his talk to us until 7th May. His talk will be on Fraud and Scams.

We would welcome any new members and friends.

We also wish our treasurer, Frances, a speedy recovery after her fall.

We meet again in the Lounge in Dollingstown at 8.00pm on Tuesday 7th May.

Once again thanks to all our members who attend faithfully as we seek to follow Mothers' Union Aims and Objectives.

Ann



Thursday 30th May 2019 - Dollingstown

EVERYONE WELCOME

TWO THINGS I WANT TO SHOUT ABOUT THIS MAY

GLO...This is a project involving various churches throughout the Craigavon area that meet for two days at Easter and five days during the summer. As a youth section, we serve our community by helping around houses, serving children and their parents by sharing the Gospel with them and giving parents a well-deserved 90-minute break from their kids who we took to the parks to chat one-to-one. We had a team of 13 amazing young people and young adults. Everyone was under 23. They stepped out in boldness, knowing God has commissioned them and promised to be with them until the end of the earth. We were challenged to consider whether we are relying on our own strength or the Holy Spirit's when serving each other and the community?

Secondly, Catalyst. If you loved the weekend away which Paul wrote about in April, get excited for Catalyst this summer from 23-26th July 2019. You get to spend four whole days having lots of fun, getting lovely food, hanging out with people your age and spending time getting to know Jesus and what he has to say to you. Out time of youth is a very short period of our lives, so don't miss out on this camp. I will be adding further information in next month's magazine but for now I am going to answer some basic questions.

PRICE:

Early Bird Offer (If paid before 30th April 2019: £100) (you've probably missed this...)

Last chance (If paid before 30th June 2019: £120).

Second member of family is £80. Third member is £70.

ROUGH OUTLINE OF WEEK (I am not giving it all away, much more to be revealed):

	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Morning	Leave 9am		Water centre and Day in Portrush	
Afternoon		Beach Games		
Evening	Forest Nightline	Evening Session		Return 5:30pm

THEME:

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 booking is essential. Due to our leadership capacity we are limiting spaces to the first 50 who sign up. The costs are mentioned above. This covers food, transport, accommodation and activities. We are asking for an initial £30 deposit to be made, then the rest to be paid by the end of June. If you have any questions, I can arrange to meet you.

If you go to Youth Church or are under 18 you are very welcome to come along. Please ask Paul or Richard for a form.



GIRLS FRIENDLY SOCIETY



We are delighted to announce that this year, once again, Magheralin G.F.S. are the proud winners of the Diocesan Shield, for the 13th year in a row! The shield is awarded to the branch with the most points over all after all the diocesan competitions. Congratulations to the girls and leaders for all the hard work which made this possible.

Our annual display this year is on Friday 3rd May. We are delighted that our special guest for the evening is our very own Rev. Emma Carson. The girls have been very busy preparing for the display over the last few weeks and we hope all our guests will have an enjoyable evening.

A full list of award winners will be in next month's magazine.

Our end of year events are as follows:-

Tuesday 7th May

Girls of P5 age and under will be having a 'Disco Party' and ice cream evening. Girls should arrive at the church hall for 6:30pm and picked up again at 8pm.

Please note there is no GFS for the P6 and above girls on this evening and this will be the last evening for the P5 and under girls.

Tuesday 14th May

Outing for girls of P6 & P7 to Air-Tastic Trampoline Park, Craigavon. Girls should meet at the venue for 6:30pm and can be collected at 8:00pm.

Outing for girls of 1st year and above to Captain Green's Adventure Golf, Craigavon. Girls should meet at the venue for 6:45pm and can be collected at 8:00pm.

Please note this will be the last evening for the P6 and above girls.

The G.F.S. will be attending the Youth Parade in Lurgan on Sunday 19th May, meeting at Kings Park Primary School at 2.30pm in full uniform; we look forward to a full turnout of girls for this parade.

Jane and Lara



COMING UP

Thursday 20th June
St Saviour's,
Dollingstown

7.00pm – 9.30pm





YOUTH CHURCH – Making the Bible come alive!! By Paul Martin

A key part of the youth ministry at Magheralin and Dollingstown is our Sunday morning Youth Church. Designed to be both interactive, fun and meaningful, we aim to make the Bible come alive for this generation.

The focus of each week is to open the Bible and learn from the lives of God's people, relating the situations they faced with those experiences our youngsters face today. Every Bible text contains a different challenge! Successes, failures and God's working through it all, there is so much to discover! There's Job and his troubles with questions such as "What happens when things go wrong?" We've seen the sibling rivalries of Jacob and Esau, answered questions about dating with Eliezer and discovered from Moses what it is like to lead in times of self-doubt. Actually we have been going chronologically through the Bible since April 2017 and only got to Numbers Chapter 21!

Every week is open discussion, with youngsters being able to speak out if they wish or simply follow along. To keep the discussion moving, when a person answers (with a thought out response) a sweet will be flung in their direction. Even if it's not quite what we're looking for, we're aiming to develop the habit of thinking through what the Bible says.

We start with questions that understand what is actually going on, examining the detail and observing the unusual. These are followed by questions that probe to discover the key parts of what we're reading, key events, phrases and words. Once we have this established, we apply it all to our lives as we understand what God is saying to us today. Our aim is that through the habit of this weekly process our youngsters will develop in their reading of the Bible to understand the Bible for themselves. In recent months we have taken a break from the Old Testament and shifted to the New Testament with the same format, going chronologically through and learning from the disciples' lives and Jesus' teaching.

This summer Youth Church will continue in Dollingstown, beyond June, through July, August and into September. Though smaller in number, we'll keep going with the same format each Sunday, digging deep into God's word and being inspired as we go.



1ST MARALIN BOYS' BRIGADE

April has been another eventful month for BB. We kicked off our calendar of events with our 24th Annual Display on Friday 5th April, where we were honoured to have Mervyn Cordner as our Inspecting Officer for the evening. All the preparation and practice paid off as it all appeared to go very smoothly on the night which was a great relief to me as this was my first display as Captain. The usual high jinx ensued as parents of the boys, guests, and especially Simon and Carlton were "encouraged" to take part in a number of the display items. I know the boys thoroughly enjoyed the night and any feedback we have had has been positive, which is all good.

The following week on Thursday 11th April we had a fantastic night's entertainment when we hosted "The Gathering Drum". This chap is amazing, at one point we had over 35 people drumming together in time with each other creating the most amazing rhythms. All 3 sections of the company took part over the night with drumming starting at 6.30pm and finishing at 9.00pm. There were some very tired people by the end of the night.

On Thursday our Junior and Company Sections attended the Maunday Thursday Holy Week Service in Dollingstown where the officers took part in the Communion Service and the boys symbolically were involved. Thanks to Simon and Carlton for coming up with a way to make the boys feel included.

On Easter Sunday a number of our officers attended the 6.30am dawn service; we also provided sustenance for everyone after the service with sausage and bacon butties all round, with lots of tea and coffee to set everyone up for the further celebrations and the day ahead. A big shout out to all those officers who got up extra early to set up and provide the breakfast.

Because it's exam time again the Company Section are now finished for the year to give the boys extra time to study, so we want to wish the boys the best of luck with their exams and hope they all do well.

BB will resume for Junior Section after the Easter break on 2nd May 2019 with Junior Section finishing on Thursday 9th May and the Anchor Boys' last night will be their Family Night on Thursday 16th May 2019. However we still have Junior Section Camp to look forward to which will be from 17th – 19th May 2019 and this year we are going to Mullartown House in Annalong. We can't wait.

The final event of the BB calendar is the Annual Youth Parade which will take place on Sunday 19th May 2019.

I leave you with some encouraging news, we have two new officers in Anchor Boys; thank you God.

They answered the call and came forward and after completing the usual paperwork they are now fully-fledged members of our BB family.

Harry Lockhart (Captain)

The earth is the Lord's,
and everything in it, the world,
and all who live in it.

Psalm 24 : 1 (NIV)





It was a lovely bright but breezy day when we gathered in the Parish Halls on Saturday 13 April for Messy Easter.

We had great fun in what was an action packed afternoon. Just after registration the children helped make two butterfly banners, one for each church. Butterflies are a symbol of the resurrection and so they helped remind us that Jesus is alive.

Our theme was based on Psalm 34 v 8 '*Taste and see that the Lord is good*'.

We had a lovely time of praise and Simon got blindfolded volunteers to taste different things ranging from vanilla ice-cream to popping candy to help us understand the events of that very first Easter and that Jesus died for us because He loves us so much and that He is alive.

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

Our scratch Easter eggs reminded us of the stone that was rolled away from the tomb.

Our finger puzzle answered our questions about Jesus and the events of the first Easter

Our Easter card with a cross reminded us that we celebrate because Jesus died for us and rose to give us new life.

We made lovely Jelly Bean Door Hangers and placed the story of Jesus' love as told by jelly beans on them.

The children packed some jelly beans for themselves and then made a very pretty net of jelly beans to give to someone they love. They put a label on the net with our memory verse Psalm 34 v 8. The bible verse reminded us that God is good.

As always one of our highlights is our play- doh station.... There was no shortage of children having a great time making all sorts of things out of play- doh which have an association with Easter.

We had a special visitor ... the Easter bunnyAKA Carlton..... We're not sure who had the best fun..... the children, adults or Carlton but the photographs certainly show that he was very well received.

Time went in very quickly and before we knew it was time for our hot dogs and ice-cream and then home.

We are privileged to share in this ministry and it is a delight to see the children's happy smiling faces as they learn more about how much Jesus loves them.

Our next Messy Church will be in the autumn.

Messy Church team



JAM & CLICK SERVICES

Our Palm Sunday CLICK and JAM was another in our series of 'Walking with Jesus'. This time we focused on 'Walking with Jesus our King'.

Even though the events of the first Palm Sunday are familiar it was good for us to learn again from it.

Carlton in his address used three very interesting visual aids viz: a bar of chocolate, a can of coke and a rugby ball. He used these to help us think about whether our hearts were hard or soft, to encourage us to tell others about Jesus our King and to remind us that Jesus' love is steadfast.

Our next CLICK and JAM services will be on Sunday 19 May when our theme will be 'Walking and worshipping with Jesus'.

JAM – Dollingstown 9.30

CLICK – Magheralin 11.30

knit  wits

Saturday 4th May
10.00am
St Saviour's
Dollingstown



Every Thursday
23rd May – 27th June 2019
@ 2.30pm
Minor Hall, Magheralin

Losing someone you loved can turn your world upside down – so come along for tea, coffee, cake and a chat.

EVERYONE WELCOME

"MEN HAVE FORGOTTEN GOD"

My thoughts on this have developed over a long period, but I recently discovered were best articulated by Alexander Solzhenitsyn, in his 1983 repost to atheists, 'Godlessness: the First Step to the Gulag'.

Many times in his address, when referring to times of crisis in both his mother Russia and his adopted USA, Solzhenitsyn says; "Men have forgotten God; that's why all this has happened."

Bringing scripture to enlighten what the Russian Noble Prize winning writer has said reveals that men and women have a habit of storing up treasure in the wrong place.

Matthew 6:21: *For where your **treasure is**, there your **heart** will be also.*

Scripture specifically and inherently informs us not to store up treasures on earth but to look heavenward and to God for all we need.

Yet our sinful hearts are often distracted by the temptations of earthly life and we forget God. The consequences of those actions are everywhere on God's earth to see and we can look closely at the results of climate change, for example, and our part in what is happening, as evidence of poor stewardship of what God made for us all and our neglect of Him!

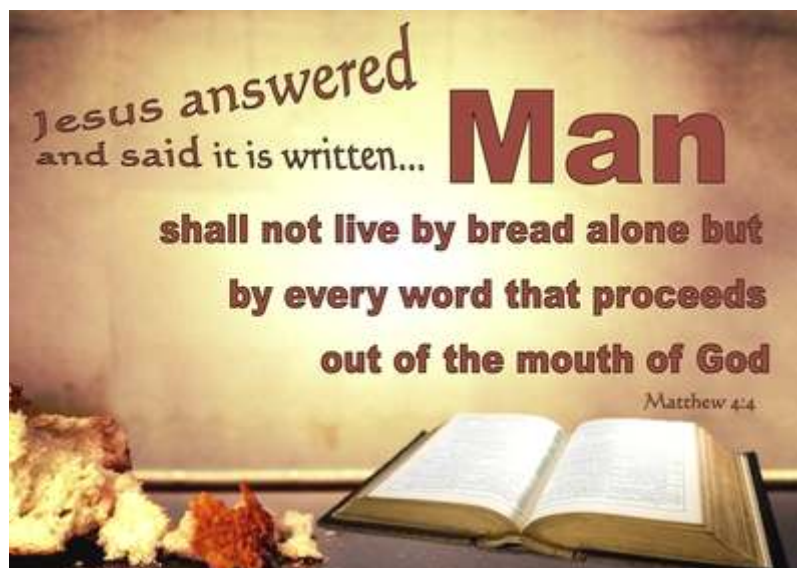
It's best summed up in:

Matthew 4:4: But he answered, "It is written, "**Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.**"

Our God, in 2nd **Chronicles Chapter 7 verse 14**, makes the following promise **"if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land."**

Too often today we see the first "will" turned to "won't" and that in turn changes all the other "wills" and just look at the consequences.

Colin McLoughlin





Wednesday 1 st May	10.30am -	Playdays	-	Dollingstown
	8.00pm -	Easter General Vestry	-	Magheralin
	8.00pm -	Red Door	-	Dollingstown
Thursday 2 nd May	6.30pm -	BB	-	Magheralin
Friday 3 rd May	7.30pm -	GFS Display	-	Magheralin
Saturday 4 th May	10.00am -	KnitWits	-	Dollingstown
Sunday 5 th May	9.30am -	Morning Worship	-	Dollingstown
	11.30am -	Holy Communion	-	Magheralin
	5.00pm -	Prayer Time	-	Magheralin
	6.30pm -	Evening Service	-	Magheralin
	8.00pm -	Engage – Red Door	-	Magheralin
Monday 6 th May	8.00pm -	Prayer Union	-	Magheralin
Tuesday 7 th May	2.00pm -	Friendship Group	-	Magheralin
	6.30pm -	GFS	-	Magheralin
	8.00pm -	Mothers' Union	-	Dollingstown
Wednesday 8 th May	10.30am -	Playdays	-	Dollingstown
	7.45pm -	Bible Study Fellowship	-	Magheralin
	8.00pm -	Red Door	-	Dollingstown
Thursday 9 th May	10.30am -	Playdays	-	Magheralin
	6.30pm -	BB	-	Magheralin
Friday 10 th May	8.00pm -	Red Door	-	Magheralin
Sunday 12 th May	9.30am -	Holy Communion	-	Dollingstown
	11.30am -	Morning Worship With Holy Baptism	-	Magheralin
	6.30pm -	Evening Service	-	Magheralin
	8.00pm -	Café Church	-	Dollingstown
Monday 13 th May	2.00pm -	Bowls Club	-	Magheralin
	8.00pm -	Prayer Union	-	Magheralin
	8.00pm -	MADmen – BBQ	-	Dollingstown
Tuesday 14 th May	2.00pm -	Friendship Group	-	Magheralin
Wednesday 15 th May	10.30am -	Playdays	-	Dollingstown
	7.45pm -	Bible Study Fellowship	-	Magheralin
	8.00pm -	Red Door	-	Magheralin
Thursday 16 th May	10.30am -	Playdays	-	Magheralin
	6.30pm -	Anchor Boys Family Night	-	Magheralin

Friday 17 th May	8.00pm -	Red Door	-	Magheralin
Sunday 19 th May	9.30am -	JAM All Age Worship	-	Dollingstown
	11.30am -	CLICK Family Service	-	Magheralin
	2.30pm -	Annual Youth Parade	-	Lurgan
	5.00pm -	Prayer Time	-	Magheralin
	6.30pm -	Evening Service	-	Magheralin
	8.00pm -	Engage – Red Door	-	Magheralin
Monday 20 th May	2.00pm -	Bowls Club	-	Magheralin
	8.00pm -	Prayer Union	-	Magheralin
Tuesday 21 st May	2.00pm -	Friendship Group	-	Magheralin
	7.30pm -	Seniors' Movie Night	-	Dollingstown
Wednesday 22 nd May	10.30am -	Playdays	-	Dollingstown
	7.45pm -	Bible Study Fellowship	-	Magheralin
	8.00pm -	Red Door	-	Magheralin
Thursday 23 rd May	10.30am -	Playdays	-	Magheralin
	2.30pm -	Bereavement Café	-	Magheralin
Friday 24 th May	8.00pm -	Red Door	-	Magheralin
Sunday 26 th 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 27 th May	8.00pm -	Prayer Union	-	Magheralin
Tuesday 28 th May	2.00pm -	Friendship Group	-	Magheralin
Wednesday 29 th May	10.30am -	Playdays	-	Dollingstown
	7.45pm -	Bible Study Fellowship	-	Magheralin
	8.00pm -	Red Door	-	Magheralin
Thursday 30 th May	10.30am -	Playdays	-	Magheralin
	2.30pm -	Bereavement Café	-	Magheralin
Friday 31 st May	8.00pm -	Red Door	-	Magheralin



From the Register

Burials

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord"

16th April 2019

Edmund Stewart

23rd April 2019

Jean Forde

Sanctuary Flowers



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

MAY 2019

Sunday 5 th May 2019	-	Anonymous
Sunday 12 th May 2019	-	VACANT
Sunday 19 th May 2019	-	VACANT
Sunday 26 th May 2019	-	VACANT
Sunday 30 th May 2019	-	VACANT

JUNE 2019

Sunday 2 nd June 2019	-	VACANT
Sunday 9 th June 2019	-	Evelyn Dawson
Sunday 16 th June 2019	-	VACANT
Sunday 23 rd June 2019	-	VACANT



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