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Growing in God's Love and Sharing It with Others

December 2019

**A SAVIOUR HAS BEEN BORN;  
HE IS THE CHRIST, THE LORD**



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*From the Parish Registers*

**BAPTISMS**

27th November Louie Amos McGregor Oakridge, Banbridge

**WEDDINGS**

9th November Stephanie Thompson and Christopher Hamilton

16th November Danielle Wilson and James Price

**FUNERALS**

2nd November Dorothy Bowers Mountvale Nursing Home,  
Dromore

4th November Bertram (Bertie) Hawthorne Whyte Acres, Banbridge

7th November Violet (Vi) Mitchell Bannview Care Home  
(formerly Edenderry Park)

8th November Edward Foster Hillhead Park, Banbridge

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end;  
they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. (*Lamentations 3:22-23*)

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# From the Rector...

As some of you know Joan and I became grandparents at the end of October, when our first grandson was born. He surprised everybody by arriving a few weeks early. Claire phoned me on a Wednesday morning, she asked if I'd call at the house and check a couple of things before the baby arrived. I agreed, thinking the baby wasn't due for a couple of weeks, but, then Claire said her husband had gone to work to hand in his keys and begin his paternity leave. It was at that point, in the conversation, I realised the baby was coming sooner than expected.

At Christmas, we remember the birth of another baby. It's a story that has been told for 2,000 years. The story begins with an angel appearing to a young girl called Mary, she was pledged to be married to a man named Joseph. The angel told Mary she was going to give birth to a son, and she was to call him Jesus. The angel told Mary her baby would not have a human father; she would become pregnant through the power of the Holy Spirit and her baby would be called the Son of God.

## A Surprise!

Obviously, Joseph was surprised and shocked when Mary told him she was pregnant. He decided to divorce her quietly, but then an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said.

'Joseph, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.'  
(Matthew 1:20b-21)

Joseph did what the angel had commanded, he took Mary home as his wife. The baby wasn't born at Nazareth where they were living, but at Bethlehem. They were at Bethlehem because the Roman Emperor issued a decree that a census should be taken, and everyone had to return to their hometown. Jesus' birth at Bethlehem fulfilled Old Testament prophecies.

Bethlehem, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel. (Micah 5:2)

This baby wasn't an 'ordinary baby', this was none other than the 'the Word made flesh', the Son of God who had come to earth. Ultimately, he had come to do what the angel told Joseph, 'He came to save people from their sins'. He did this through his sacrificial and substitutionary death on the cross. He took the punishment for our sin and offers forgiveness of sin and a right relationship with God to all who recognise their sin, repent and receive His forgiveness and then live in a restored relationship with God, aware of the presence and power of the Holy Spirit in their lives.

## A Saviour!

Please don't degrade and diminish Christmas to a happy holiday, make it a celebration of the birth of Christ, a time to restore and renew our faith in Christ and our relationship with God.

*Roderic*

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a Happy and Blessed Christmas*

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## Love Remembers - Afternoon Tea

**Sunday 8th December | 2:30pm | Holy Trinity Church Hall**

The Christmas season can be very difficult for those who are grieving the loss of a loved one, something to survive more than enjoy. This season can be painful, even if the bereavement was some time ago.

Sometimes tears come when we least expect them. We don't have to be embarrassed by our tears, our tears reflect the love we shared and the pain of parting. Sometimes those who are grieving sense that people around them see their tears as a problem to be solved, rather than assuring them that they are not alone in missing a loved one, and that we are there to support, help encourage and pray.

Also remember, that at the heart of Christmas is the message that God loves us and cares about us. He knows what we are going through and walks with us through the journey of life as we look to him in faith and trust.

Individuals and families who are grieving the loss of a loved one are invited to Afternoon Tea in the Parish Hall on Sunday 8th December at 2:30pm. We begin with a short time of Thanksgiving and Remembrance and conclude with Afternoon Tea.

All are welcome. Come, invite others.

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## Salvation Army Christmas Family Appeal

Christmas can be a very difficult time of the year for many families who are in financial difficulties. The Family Appeal is aiming to provide 100,000 children in Northern Ireland with a present to open this Christmas. As in previous years, we are encouraging parishioners to support the Salvation Army Family Appeal by **bring new toys to the services in St Patrick's and Holy Trinity Church on 15th December.**

Presents must be new and do not need to be gift wrapped. We will then send them to the Salvation Army who will deliver them to families prior to Christmas. Gifts are needed for children and teenagers, the Appeal would especially welcome donations for older boys and girls; such as gift vouchers, board games, selection boxes, and toiletries.

By giving a gift to the Christmas Present Appeal you can make a real difference in someone's life at Christmas. Thank you.

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## Messy Christmas

**Monday 16th December | St Patrick's Church Hall | 6:30-8:00pm**

**Tuesday 17th December | Holy Trinity Church Hall | 6:30-8:00pm**

Bring the entire family and come celebrate Christmas with us! There will be crafts and activities focused on the birth of Jesus. Invite a friend and stay for treats! Children must be accompanied by an adult.

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## Christingle Services

**St Patrick's Church | Sunday 15th December | 10:00am**

**Holy Trinity Church | Sunday 22th December | 11:15am**

Christingle Services are a wonderful opportunity for people of all ages to discover more about the message of Christmas. We'll be using oranges and other symbols to help us learn more.

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## Read the Word

As we journey through the season of Advent and celebrate the joy of Christmas, we're reading Scripture that points us to Jesus - who is at the centre of the whole Bible.

We begin by reading about John the Baptist preparing the way for Jesus' ministry, about Jesus' baptism, the temptation of Jesus in the wilderness and about different aspects of His ministry. Then we'll read some Old Testament prophecies that remind us Jesus is the one who was spoken of by the prophets; after that we'll read about the coming of the Son of God into the world as a baby, the good news that Jesus Christ is 'God with us'; and we'll conclude the year reading about Jesus' arrest, trial, crucifixion, death and resurrection.

During the busyness of December, take time to read God's word, reminding yourself of the who is at the centre of it all. As you read each day, pray that God would speak to you by His Spirit, drawing you deeper into a relationship with Him this Advent and Christmas."



Sunday 1st Dec	Matthew 3:1-17	Tuesday 17th Dec	Matthew 14:1-12
Monday 2nd Dec	Matthew 4:1-25	Wednesday 18th Dec	Isaiah 7:14 & Micah 5:2
Tuesday 3rd Dec	Matthew 8:1-17	Thursday 19th Dec	Isaiah 9:2,6-7
Wednesday 4th Dec	Matthew 8:18-34	Friday 20th Dec	Isaiah 11:1-3
Thursday 5th Dec	Matthew 9:1-17	Saturday 21st Dec	Jeremiah 33:14-16
Friday 6th Dec	Matthew 9:18-38	Sunday 22nd Dec	Malachi 3:1-4
Saturday 7th Dec	Matthew 10:1-25	Monday 23rd Dec	Luke 1:26-38
Sunday 8th Dec	Matthew 10:26-42	Tuesday 24th Dec	Matthew 1:18-25
Monday 9th Dec	Matthew 11:1-19	Wednesday 25th Dec	Luke 2:1-20
Tuesday 10th Dec	Matthew 11:20-30	Thursday 26th Dec	Luke 2:25-35
Wednesday 11th Dec	Matthew 12:1-14	Friday 27th Dec	Matthew 26:1-35
Thursday 12th Dec	Matthew 12:15-37	Saturday 28th Dec	Matthew 26:36-75
Friday 13th Dec	Matthew 12:38-50	Sunday 29th Dec	Matthew 27:1-31
Saturday 14th Dec	Matthew 13:1-23	Monday 30th Dec	Matthew 27:32-65
Sunday 15th Dec	Matthew 13:24-43	Tuesday 31st Dec	Matthew 28:1-20
Monday 16th Dec	Matthew 13:44-58		

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## Connect Groups

Connect Groups are small groups within our church family which provide an opportunity to support and encourage one another as disciples of Christ and to study God's word as we seek to grow in faith. Connect Groups are looking at 1 & 2 Timothy through a series of studies that allow deeper discussion of Sunday sermons.



**If you would like to join a Connect Group, please contact the Parish Office.**

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## Carols by Candlelight

Thursday 19th December | 8:00pm | Holy Trinity Church

Christmas is one of the most wonderful times of the year. Come and join us for an evening of Christmas Carols and Readings celebrating the birth of Jesus. This year's collection will be for the Mourne Mountain Rescue Team.

Everyone is most welcome, so please tell your family and friends about this Service.

Seasonal refreshments in the Parish Hall after the service.

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## Teach us to Pray

Monday 2nd December at 7:30 | Holy Trinity Church Hall

As the disciples asked Jesus, "Lord, teach us to pray", we will meet on the first Monday evening of each month to learn more about prayer and to pray together. This is an opportunity to deepen your relationship with God, to grow and develop your prayer life, and to enjoy fellowship with others in our church family.

This month we'll be looking at 'Give us this day our daily bread', and the significance of bringing our requests to God in prayer. Although, God knows our need, He wants us to communicate our requests to Him.

Do join us as we learn together!

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## Holy Communion at Home

Anyone who is unable to attend Church and who would like to receive Holy Communion at home prior to Christmas is asked to contact the Parish Office as soon as possible.

Please contact the Office even if you have received Holy Communion at home in previous years.

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## CAP Life Skills

Our parish has been blessed and given an opportunity to welcome and support others through our CAP Life Skills group – teaching how to cook economically, building a sustainable budget and encouraging healthy relationships. We have made many new friends who have discovered a church family which is positive and caring.



Our Life Skills group meets every Thursday, 10:00am – 12:00pm in Holy Trinity Church Hall (upstairs) and we'd love to see you. The FREE course is great for sharing ideas and learning from each other and, to top it all, we enjoy delicious food prepared by our in-house chefs – what's not to like?

So, as we approach the end of 2019 and look forward to 2020, why not consider joining us and sharing your ideas – you might even pick up some money-saving tips along the way.

We would like to say, 'Merry Christmas' to all, and a big 'Thank You' to all who continue to support and encourage us, both practically and with prayer.

We plan to resume our CAP Life Skills meetings on Thursday 9th January (10:00 am – 12.00pm) in Holy Trinity Church Hall) and it would be great if you could join us – why not bring a friend?

**For more information on any of CAP's work, please call Parish Office (028 4062 2744) or Alison (07707 313302/ [alisonadams@capuk.org](mailto:alisonadams@capuk.org)).**

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# Mothers' Union



We will not have our usual branch meeting this month, but we look forward to attending the Carols by Candlelight Service at 8:00pm on Thursday 19th December in Holy Trinity Church.

Looking ahead, our Annual Dinner will be on Wednesday 15th January at 7:30pm in Sintons at the Bridge, Scarva. Your menu choice and payment must be made by 19th December. Vivienne is now taking payment of £23.

**A Big Thank You** to all who brought gifts to our last meeting for the Women's Refuge this Christmas and nightwear for Daisy Hill. Also, for your donations and continued support for the Hospital washbags and all the knitted and hand-crafted items made for various projects. Your generosity and thoughtfulness are greatly appreciated by all who receive your items. THANK YOU!

Wishing you and your families Peace and Joy this Christmas.

**Diary Dates:** Monday 2nd December 8:00pm: Advent Carol Service, Bangor Abbey.

**Nina Coffey**

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# St Patrick's Ladies Guild

We are all looking forward to our Christmas Lunch on Wednesday 4th December in The Bannville House Hotel. Please meet at 12:30pm in the hotel and remember to bring your Secret Santa gift.

If you have not given Mildred your 'Adopt A Child' box, please bring it with you to the dinner. Wishing you and your families a blessed and peaceful Christmas.

**Sandra Donaldson**

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# Vestry Report

## Holy Trinity

- There is further progress with the refurbishment of the church organ, it is hoped that the organ builder will be on site in the next few weeks.
- The external noticeboard has been updated and repairs carried out to the feet and base, while the noticeboard at the back of the church has been updated.
- One of the projectors in the Church is failing, the vestry agreed to have it checked and replaced if necessary.

## St Patrick's

- The noticeboard at St Patrick's Church is to be repaired and updated. Repairs to the soffit and fascia are to be carried out.
- Two trees in the car park are to be attended to where the roots are causing damage to the tar.

## Other items

- Vestry members reviewed and agreed the annual donation of funds to mission agencies and charities
  - Fire risk assessments are to be carried out at both churches.
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## Men's Football Club

We play football in the Church Hall every Wednesday at 8:15pm. It is a really fun way to keep fit and to get to know people. All men over 18 welcome. For further information please phone Roly Harwood on 07825 141795.

**Men's Football finishes for Christmas on 11th December - starts back 8th January**

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## Monday Club

Monday Club met again on 11th December for a craft afternoon, painting on glass, with Beverley Kerr. The finished products were available for members to buy as Christmas gifts.

Our next meeting is our Christmas Lunch on Tuesday 17th December at 12:30pm in the Belmont Hotel. Look forward to seeing all our members there.

**Peggy Magill**

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## Knitting & Crochet Club

The Knitting and Crochet Club meets in St Patrick's Church Hall, Seapatrick on Thursday mornings from 10:30am-12:00pm. If anyone would like any information on the club, please contact the Parish Office or just come along. You will be very welcome.

**We finish for Christmas on 19th December and start back on 9th January.**

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## Bowling Club

It's been another busy month as Holy Trinity Bowlers completed three friendly games, all away from home, but despite a couple of great performances returned empty handed – Loughbrickland won virtually on the last end snatching a 37-35 victory, Scarva Street and Gilford were tested throughout but ran out comfortable winners in the end.

'Well done!' to Jean and William, winners of the October sponsored tournament.

Only two nights will be held in December – usual practice on 5th December and Fun Night and Christmas Party on 12th December in the Church Hall.

**Merry Christmas to all our members. Bowling Club starts back 9th January.**

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## Men's Society

At our November meeting Mrs A Adams gave a presentation on Christian's Against Poverty. It was inspiring to hear Alison speak of the practical support and guidance given to those struggling with financial and emotional problems. She finished off by explaining the work undertaken in our own church by the coaching provided in the Life Skills weekly meetings.

This year's Annual Christmas Dinner is in Banbridge Golf Club on Monday 2nd December at 7:00pm for 7:30pm. All members are welcome, and a general invite is made to all men in the parish who would like to attend for seasonal camaraderie, just call into the Parish Office, select your meal from the extensive menu, pay the fee and turn up!

**Craig Sneddon**

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## Foodbank

Contributions to the community foodbank of non-perishable food stuffs can be left in the boxes in Church. Thank you to all who contribute to the Foodbank.

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## Ready, Steady, Go! Kids Club

For Primary School Children

Fridays 6:30-7:30pm | Holy Trinity Church Hall

Ready, Steady, Go! is filled with activities for primary school-aged children. We love giving children a space to be creative, be active, and to make new friends. We will be finishing for Christmas with a party on **Friday 13th December** - starts back **Friday 10th January**.

For more info please contact Ava. t: 07803736543 e: [ava@bchurch.co.uk](mailto:ava@bchurch.co.uk)

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## Rhyme and Bounce

For Pre-School Children and their Parents/Carers

Mondays at 11:30am | Holy Trinity Church Hall

Do you know any parents or carers of pre-school children? Rhyme & Bounce is for them! We aim to support pre-school children's learning and development, while making connections with families and sharing God's love for others. Each week we use songs, rhymes, and stories to learn together. The adults also enjoy a cuppa while the kids play! Rhyme and Bounce finishes with a Christmas party on **Monday 16th December**- back on **Monday 6th January**.

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## Drop-In

For Young People 1st Year – Upper 6th

Fridays 3:30-4:30pm | Holy Trinity Church Hall

Our Friday Drop-In gives young people a place to come and relax after a week at school. There's badminton, X-Box, Wii, pool table, and good laughs! Plus there is always a snack to make Fridays even better! Drop in finishes for Christmas on **Friday 13th December**- starts back **Friday 10th January**.

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## Parent & Toddler Group

We meet in the Parish Hall at Holy Trinity on Wednesday mornings from 10:30am to 12:00pm. Please come along and join us – play skills, toddler crafts, songs and snacks. We would love to see you there.

Please contact Annette Bennett (07742593486) or the Parish Office (4062 2744) if you would like further information.

Parent and Toddler group finishes for Christmas on **Wednesday 11th December** – back on **Wednesday 8th January 2020**.

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## Saturday Night Live

This year's Christmas Saturday Night Live is on 7th December, 7:30 – 9:30pm, in St John's Parish Centre. Moira. If you would like to attend this Diocesan youth event in Moira please let Ava know! It will be a great night with lots of fun. Don't forget your Christmas jumper!

For more info please contact Ava. t: 07803736543 e: [ava@bchurch.co.uk](mailto:ava@bchurch.co.uk)

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**1st December – The First Sunday of Advent**

<i>Holy Trinity, Banbridge</i>	8:30am	Holy Communion
	9:45am	Holy Communion
	11:15am	Morning Worship
	6:30pm	Evening Prayer
<i>St Patrick's, Seapatrick</i>	10:00am	All Age Service

**4th December – Wednesday**

<i>Holy Trinity, Banbridge</i>	10:30am	Holy Communion
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**8th December – The Second Sunday of Advent**

<i>Holy Trinity, Banbridge</i>	8:30am	Holy Communion
	9:45am	Morning Prayer
	11:15am	Morning Worship
	6:30pm	Evening Prayer
<i>St Patrick's, Seapatrick</i>	10:00am	Morning Prayer

**11th December – Wednesday**

<i>Holy Trinity, Banbridge</i>	10:30am	Holy Communion
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**15th December – The Third Sunday of Advent**

<i>Holy Trinity, Banbridge</i>	8:30am	Holy Communion
	9:45am	Morning Prayer
	11:15am	Morning Worship – Holy Communion
	6:30pm	Evening Prayer
<i>St Patrick's, Seapatrick</i>	10:00am	Christingle Service (see page 5)

**18th December – Wednesday**

<i>Holy Trinity, Banbridge</i>	10:30am	Holy Communion
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**19th December – Thursday**

<i>Holy Trinity, Banbridge</i>	8:00pm	Carols by Candlelight
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**22nd December – The Fourth Sunday of Advent**

<i>Holy Trinity, Banbridge</i>	8:30am	Holy Communion
	9:45am	Morning Prayer
	11:15am	Christingle (see page 5)
	6:30pm	Carols and Readings by Candlelight
<i>St Patrick's, Seapatrick</i>	10:00am	Carols and Readings

**Christmas Eve - Tuesday 24th December**

<i>Holy Trinity, Banbridge</i>	11:15pm	Holy Communion
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**A creche is available at the 11.15am Service - See page 21**

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## 25th December – Christmas Day

*Holy Trinity, Banbridge* 8:30am Holy Communion  
11:00am Christmas Celebration

*St Patrick's* 10:00am Holy Communion – All Age Service

Children are welcome to bring some of the presents or toys they have received to the 10:00am and 11:00am Services on Christmas Day.

## 29th December – The First Sunday of Christmas

*Holy Trinity, Banbridge* 8:30am Holy Communion

9:45am Morning Prayer

11:15am Morning Worship

6:30pm Evening Prayer

*St Patrick's, Seapatrick* 10:00am Morning Prayer

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## Sunday Space & Sunday School

During December we're going to be looking at various stories in the lead up to Jesus' birth. We love to see people of all ages at our services each Sunday, and we want to teach children more about God's great love for them! In Sunday Space and Sunday School, we are continuing to follow the JIGSAW programme, which uses games, songs, crafts, prayers, memory verses, and teaching to help children grow in faith.

In Holy Trinity, children go out halfway through the 11:15am service for Sunday Space.

Children will be taking part in the Christingle Service on Sunday 22nd December.

In St. Patrick's, children go out halfway through the 10:00am service for Sunday School.

Children will be taking part in the Christingle Service Sunday 15th December and the Carol Service on Sunday 22nd December.

We look forward to seeing the children in Church on Christmas Day, on Sunday 29th December and on Sunday 5th January. **Sunday School and Sunday Space are back as usual on Sunday 12th January.**

**For more info please contact Ava. t: 07803736543 e: [ava@bchurch.co.uk](mailto:ava@bchurch.co.uk)**

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## Inspire

**For Secondary School aged young people  
Sundays 7:00-8:30pm | Holy Trinity Church Hall**

We're having a great time at Inspire, this month we're studying how God communicates through the Bible.

Inspire is for young people who want to explore and grow in faith, and to have fun together with other people their age. We meet on Sunday evenings for worship, games, food, and Bible teaching. **Inspire's Christmas party will be on Sunday December 15th and Inspire will be back on Sunday January 5th.**



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## New Wine Sligo 2020 12th-17th July



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We are called to live lives that count. Lives that count for the Kingdom and for the King. New Wine Ireland exists to enthuse, equip and resource the local church across Ireland for radical mission that will change this nation.

Relevant and fun filled programmes keep those aged 0-18 happy, while the adults can enjoy the main sessions, seminars and workshops throughout the week. The key values of worship, teaching and ministry are held firmly across all the programmes.

You can fill your day with seminars, teaching or you can take a trip to the beach, get involved in the many community events or enjoy the sights of Sligo. You set the pace for the week.

Please contact the Parish Office if you would like further info or visit [newwineireland.org](http://newwineireland.org)

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### Confirmation

Young People who are considering Confirmation, the public declaration of their faith and being confirmed by the Bishop, are asked to contact Ava. Young people should be at least 14 years old by 30/6/2020. They should be attending Church, Sunday Space or Sunday School, and Inspire.

Adults who are considering being Confirmed are asked to contact the Rector or Parish Office.

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### Coffee Plus

There was a great buzz of conversation as over 60 women shared together over tea, coffee and treats at Coffee Plus. The speaker, Canon Ali Calvin spoke on the "worth of a girl", sharing about three women in the Bible; a slave girl, Jairus' daughter and the woman who touched the hem of Jesus' garment. We were reminded of our immense worth in God's eyes and how much he loves us. We were challenged to be courageous in reaching out to Jesus and to be courageous in sharing our faith with others.



Thank you to all who helped set up and to the guys who served the tea and coffee and washed up, it was much appreciated!

**Joan West**

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### Bright Light Party

This years Bright Light party theme was stars of the Bible! Through crafts, games, and treats we took a look at amazing people in scripture such as David, Daniel, and Esther. We had a great turnout of 100 people and there were many incredible costumes including a horse, a panda, superheroes, the entire cast from the Wizard of Oz, and from Finding Nemo! As each child left the party they were given a glow stick to remind them to shine Christ's light (Matthew 5:16) While halloween is often thought of to be a dark day, it was so encouraging to see so many children focusing on who Christ is. A massive thank you for all of the volunteers that helped make it happen, it would not have been possible without you!



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## Church of Ireland Bishops' Appeal

### World Aid and Development Programme 2019



Bishops' Appeal is the Church of Ireland's World Aid and Development Programme. It was set up, almost fifty years ago, by the Bishops of the Church in response to the commands in the Bible to bring good news to the poor and relief to the suffering.

Bishops' Appeal contributes to relief of suffering in time of emergencies whether natural or man-made. However, their main concern is to support ongoing development in the fields of sustainable agriculture, health, including HIV/AIDS, and education in many parts of the world. They aim to enable people to have more control over their own lives and futures so that they are less dependent on others than they are today.

Its current emphasis is on rural development, health and education projects as well as responding, of course, to major disaster situations. Over the years, Bishops' Appeal has partnered with church mission agencies, Non-Governmental Organisations, dioceses and parishes, as well as with communities overseas, to encourage and enable support for particular projects focusing on sustainability issues such as removing the complex barriers to education or to food security.

None of this would be possible without the practical and prayerful support of dioceses, parishes and individuals across the Church of Ireland. If you would like to donate to this year's appeal, please use the Bishops' Appeal envelope distributed with the November magazine and return it by placing it on the collection plate in church or bringing to the Parish Office.

If you are a taxpayer, you can increase the value of your donation at no extra cost to you by completing the details on the back of the donation envelope. This will allow the Bishops' Appeal to reclaim tax of 25% on the amount of your donation. Leaflets on this year's appeal are available in church.

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## Baby Basics



Thank you so much for all your support whether it has been through a donation or prayers. It is very much appreciated. We have received emails and telephone calls of thanks from the midwives on behalf of our clients. So thank you once again.

We still urgently need to replenish items for further boxes.

However, we only require items listed on the sign-up sheet in the Church in order to do this. Please sign up on the sheet in the Church for the items that you can provide and then bring the items to the Church Hall. The baby basics collection box is located in the Church Hall hallway outside the parish office.

Referrals for Baby Basic Boxes are made through Healthcare professionals, primarily through the Community Midwives here in Banbridge. Thank you to the team of ladies who assist with this wonderful project.

Please pray for the families we are assisting in our community and for the mid-wives as they go about their work.

Pray that as these boxes bless families they will be aware of God's love, care and provision for them. Wishing you a very blessed New Year from all of the Baby Basics Team.

**Kelly Frizell**

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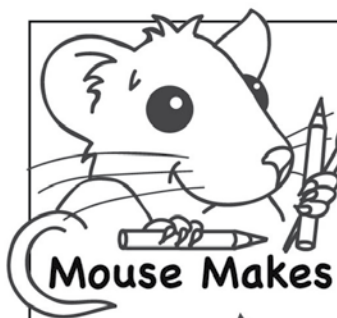
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**Mouse Makes**

Where was Mary's baby born?  
Why were Joseph and Mary there?  
Read Luke 2 :1-6

Where did Mary lay her baby and why?  
Read Luke 2:7

**Good news!**

What did Mary dress her baby in?  
Read Luke 2:6

Why were the shepherds afraid?  
Read Luke 2:8

**Glory to God**



**A Saviour is born**

What did the angel tell Joseph to name Mary's baby and why?  
Read Matthew 1:21

What good news did the angel tell?  
Read Luke 2:10-11



What did the shepherds do after they had seen the baby?  
Read Luke 2:16

Who appeared praising God and what did they say?  
Read Luke 2:13-14

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# Flower Rota DECEMBER



## Sunday 1st December

Communion Table: Mrs D Bernardi, Halfway Road  
Porch: Mrs N Cairns, Bannview Heights

## Sunday 8th December

Communion Table: Mrs F Crooks, Ballymacormick Rd

## Sunday 15th December

Communion Table: Mrs R Walker, Chinauley Park  
Porch: Mrs P Chambers, Reilly Street

## Sunday 22nd December

Communion Table: Mrs M Gillespie, Granville Gardens  
Porch: Mrs G Adamson, Chinauley Park

## Sunday 29th December

Communion Table: Mrs J West, Lurgan Road  
Porch: Mrs D Jones & Miss C Jones,  
Fir Tree Lane

## Hospital Visits

We can no longer be certain that hospitals will provide us with notification of parishioners who have been admitted. If you or any parishioner you may know is in hospital, **please let us know by telephoning the Parish Office or the Rectory.**



## Creche Rota – November

1st - Julie McCreanor & Lisa Whittle  
8th - Elaine Cromwell & Jena McGregor  
15th - Caroline McMullan & Emma Niblock

## FLOWER ROTA ARRANGEMENTS

### Holy Trinity Church

Flowers can be placed in the church as follows:  
**Friday 9.30am to 3.30pm**  
*- (Please ring the Parish Office first to ensure the church is available)*  
**Saturday 10.30am to 12pm**  
*- Other times by special arrangement only – please contact Audrey Reid.*

**Audrey's contact details are:**  
**T: 07850 212758**

E: [audreywilsonreid@yahoo.com](mailto:audreywilsonreid@yahoo.com)  
Anyone wishing to go onto the Flower Rota, please contact Audrey Reid or the Parish Office, giving your details and preferred month.

### St Patrick's Church

#### Sunday 1st December

**Communion Table:** Mrs D McClory, Legion Court

**Font:** Mrs J Thompson, Rathview

There are currently some spaces on St Patrick's Church Flower Rota. Please contact the Parish Office for further information or to check what dates are available. Parishioners may wish to mark a birthday or anniversary by placing flowers in the Church.



'The most important thing I can tell you is that we are never alone when we know Christ.' (Billy Graham)

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## Parish Organisations

You will see below the list of our parish organisations and their various days and times. For further info and contact details, please contact the Parish Office, 028 4062 2744.

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### Weekly - Children/Young People

### Day/Time

Sunday Space / Sunday School	Sun 11:45am-12:20pm
Creche	Sun 11:45am-12:20pm
Inspire (Yrs 8-14 in School)	Sun 7:00pm-8:30pm
Rhyme & Bounce	Mon 11:30am-12:30pm
Cub Scouts	Mon 6:30-8:00 pm
Scouts	Mon 8:00-9:30 pm
Brownies (A)	Mon 6:30-8:00 pm
Squirrels	Tues 6:00-7:00 pm
Beavers	Tues 7:00-8:00 pm
Guides	Tues 7:00-8:30 pm
Rangers	Tues 7:00-8:30 pm
Parent & Toddlers	Wed 10:30am-12:00
Rainbows	Thurs 5:45-6:45pm
Brownies (B)	Thurs 6:30-8:00pm
Drop-In	Fri 3:30-5:00pm
Ready, Steady, Go	Fri 6:30-7:30 pm

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### Weekly – Over 18s

Choir	Sun 10:45am-11:00 am
Football	Wed 8:15pm-9:30 pm
Bowling Club	Thurs 7:45pm-10:00 pm
Knitting & Crochet Club	Thurs 10:00am-12:00pm
Cap Life Skills	Fri 11:00am-1:00pm

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### Monthly – Over 18s

Monday Club	2nd Monday
Men's Society	3rd Monday
Ladies Guild	2nd Tuesday
Mothers' Union	3rd Wednesday

**DON'T  
FORGET**

The deadline for articles for the next magazine is **Tuesday 3rd December**. Please leave any articles into the Parish Office, drop them into the office postbox or send them to the office email address – [info@bchurch.co.uk](mailto:info@bchurch.co.uk)

# PARISH LIFE - THROUGH THE LENS...



Bright Light Party



Coffee Plus



Squirrels had a visit from Jurassic Ark Encounters



Coffee Plus



Beavers had a visit from Jurassic Ark Encounters



Bright Light Party



Cubs have a visit from Jill with her guide dog Ace. They are working towards a disability awareness badge.



Ali Calvin Speaker at Coffee Plus