

HOLY TRINITY, BANBRIDGE & ST. PATRICK'S, SEAPATRICK

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Growing in God's Love and Sharing It with Others

December 2017

## EMMANUEL GOD WITH US !

The Word became flesh  
(a human being) and made  
His dwelling among us.  
We have seen His glory,  
the glory of the one and  
only Son, who came from  
the Father, full of grace  
and truth. John 1 v14



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## **New Beginnings – Voices of Africa Tour 2017**

Thursday 27th September saw Holy Trinity Church transformed into an all-singing, all-dancing venue for top Ugandan talent.

What can we say that hasn't already been said about this children's choir?

### ***Amazing...Joyous... Humbling...Enthusiastic...Passionate...Uplifting***

A packed church was entertained by 24 children who sang with such incredible passion and joy and truly radiated their devotion to and faith in God. They're all back home now with, hopefully, memories of the evening as pleasant and as lasting as ours. Seven children were sponsored on the evening. Through a monthly sponsorship scheme, a child's life is transformed as their food, accommodation, medical and educational needs are met.

Through donations on the evening, an incredible £1,470.88 was raised for New Beginnings Children's Village, Nakasangola, Uganda, with £429.00 raised at the craft stall.

A big 'Thank You' to ALL who helped make the evening such a success – especially, the children! For further information on the work of New Beginnings, please visit: [newbeginningscharity@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:newbeginningscharity@hotmail.co.uk)

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## **Parish Records & Parish Magazine**

If you are new to the Parish or if any of your details have changed (e.g. address, phone number, etc.) please let the Parish Office know. Also if you know of someone who is not currently receiving a Parish Magazine, but would like to do so, please let us know. The Parish Office can be contacted on **4062 2744** or by email to **info@bchurch.co.uk**

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# From the Rector...

**What's in a name?** Choosing a name can be a daunting process, as parents try to decide on a name for their baby, a name that normally stays with the child for the rest of his/her life.

Prospective parents often spend hours thinking about and discussing what they are going to call their baby. They may buy books with the names and the meaning of names or do online searches for possible names. They may consider calling their baby after a relative, a friend or even a celebrity. Sometimes, there aren't the hours of discussion and debate because the parents agree on a name that seems to be just right.

Mary and Joseph didn't have to deliberate and discuss the name they were going to give Mary's baby. When God sent the angel Gabriel to Mary at Nazareth, he told her that she had found favour with God and that she was going to become pregnant through the power of the Holy Spirit. Gabriel also told Mary that she was to give him the name Jesus.

**What's  
In A  
Name?**

An angel of the Lord also appeared to Joseph in a dream. He told him not to be afraid to take Mary home as his wife, because the child had been conceived through the power of the Holy Spirit. The angel also told him that the child was to be called Jesus.

Mary was told to call him Jesus, Joseph was told to call him Jesus. They didn't need to discuss or debate, they chose to name the child, Jesus.

**What's in a name?** They were to give Him the name Jesus, because He will save His people from their sins. Through His crucifixion, death and resurrection Jesus did make it possible for people to be saved from their sins, when they repent of their sin and put their trust in Jesus as their Saviour, friend and Lord.

The birth of Jesus was the fulfilment of the prophecy of Isaiah, 'The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Emmanuel.' What's in a name? Emmanuel means God with us.

**What's in a name?** 'You are to give Him the name Jesus, because He will save His people from their sins.' 'They will call him Emmanuel, which means 'God with us'.

As we celebrate the coming of the Son of God into the world, let us remember that God wants to be intimately involved in our lives. He wants us to respond to His love, to trust in Jesus as our Saviour, He wants us to know Him, to listen to His voice and follow Him and to live for Him in the power of the Holy Spirit.

**Emmanuel  
God With Us**

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*Roderic*

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## Carols by Candlelight

**Thursday 21st December at 8.00pm - Holy Trinity Church**

Come and join us for a wonderful evening of Christmas Carols and Readings celebrating the birth of Jesus. This year's collection will be for Cancer Research and Parish Funds.

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

Refreshments will be provided afterwards in the Parish Hall.

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## Love Remembers

**Sunday 10th December at 3.00pm**

**Holy Trinity Church Hall**

Christmas and the days leading up to it can be very difficult for those who are grieving the loss of a loved one. This season can be painful, even if the bereavement was some time ago.

Individuals and families who are grieving the loss of a loved one are invited to Afternoon Tea in the Parish Hall on Sunday 10th December at 3.00pm. 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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## Messy Christmas

**Calling all children - Nursery to P7  
(Children must be accompanied by an adult)**

**Monday 18th December ~ 6:30 - 8:00pm**

**St Patrick's Church Hall**

**Wednesday 20th December ~ 6:30 - 8:00pm**

**Holy Trinity Church Hall**



What is Christmas all about? Is it about the trees, the tinsel, the presents or the snow? Or is it about something even more special than all those things put together?

Join us at Messy Christmas and find out what is so special about this wonderful time of year.

There will be lots for children to do, with all of the messy Crafts, some songs, games and even some food at the end. So come along and join in the messy fun. (Arrive anytime between 6.30pm & 7.30pm to join in the crafts)

For more information please contact Mark. E:mark@bchurch.co.uk M: 07803736543

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*We wish all our Parishioners and Readers  
a Happy and Blessed Christmas*

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## Connect Groups

These groups provide an opportunity to connect with others and with God in an informal and relaxed setting, and be encouraged and supported in living out our faith in daily life. The groups are discovering and learning together as they look at the book of Romans. Please contact the Parish Office if you would like to find out more or would like to get involved.

## Connect Together

**Thursday 7th December - 7.30pm, Holy Trinity Church Hall**

An opportunity for parishioners, including those involved in Connect Groups, to come together in an informal and relaxed setting to learn and grow together.



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## Confirmation Preparation Course

This year's Confirmation Preparation Course for young people is being held on Thursday nights at 8.00pm in Holy Trinity Church Hall. It will be a really fun time discovering more about the Christian faith and what it means to be a follower of Jesus.

Young People considering Confirmation this year must be at least 14 years old by 30/6/18

Please contact Mark if you would like more information about the Confirmation Preparation Course. E:mark@bchurch.co.uk M: 07803736543.

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

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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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## Church of Ireland Bishops' Appeal

**World Aid and Development Programme 2017**



Bishops' Appeal is the Church's World Aid and Development Programme. It was set up 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, the 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. It aims 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.

If you would like to donate to this year's appeal, please use the Bishops' Appeal envelope distributed with this magazine and return it by placing it on the collection plate in church or bringing to the Parish Office. If you are a tax payer, 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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## Mothers' Union

We don't have a normal Mothers' Union branch meeting in December, but members are encouraged to attend the Carols by Candlelight on 21st December.

Our annual Dinner will be on Wednesday 10th January at the Belmont Hotel. Please ensure you have booked your menu and paid £17.50 to Vivien on or before 21st December.

### A Big Thank You

- to everyone who donated items and Christmas gifts for the Women's Refuge. They are much appreciated by the women and children at the refuge.
- to all who have donated items for the Emergency Hospital Washbags. These bags have been received and appreciated by many patients, especially the elderly.
- For all the knitted teddys, hats and blankets for premature babies, and fiddle blankets for those suffering with dementia.

May your heart and home be filled with joy and peace this Christmas. **Joan West**

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## All Buttered Up at St Patrick's Ladies Guild

We had a most enjoyable evening in November with the Abernethy Butter Company and we were delighted to have some new ladies join us. We hope they had a nice evening and will come again.

**Christmas Lunch** - Our lunch and visit to Hillmount Garden Centre is on Tuesday 12th December and the bus leaves the Church Hall, Seapatricks at 11.00am and will then collect members at Holy Trinity car park. Please remember to bring along your £5 Secret Santa gift. Anyone who would like to join us please contact Mildred as we have a few seats available Tel. 028 4062 4103.

Wishing all our members a blessed and peaceful Christmas. **Sandra Donaldson.**

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## CAP Life Skills

We have just completed our second Life Skills course with the eight weeks packed full of tips on and advice about practical money-saving techniques, such as cooking on a budget, living healthily on less and making money go further. A lot of us are already putting these new skills and ideas into practice. If you have any ideas that you'd like to share or would like to find out more about CAP Life Skills, then why not come along to Holy Trinity Church Hall (upstairs) on Friday 11.00am – 1.00 pm? You can be assured of a very warm welcome. Finishing the morning with lunch together gives us the opportunity to chat and make new friends. CAP is open to everyone and our meetings are informal and FREE.

**CAP Sunday** - 'Thank You' to Chris Cupples (Head of CAP NI) and Alison Flanagan (Area Manager NI) who spoke at our morning services on 19th November and 'Thank You' to all those who became Life Changers – your monthly giving will, literally, help to save lives. As you may know, our guest speakers were distributing free copies of 'Nevertheless' and 'Journeys of Hope' and for those who would still like to receive a copy (and to find out more about Life Skills) please call the Parish Office (028 4062 2744) or Alison (07707 313302)/ [alisonadams@capuk.org](mailto:alisonadams@capuk.org)



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# Monday Club

Monday the 13th November saw our Club meet up again for an afternoon of friendship and ‘craic’. Our speaker was Mr John Lunney who told us about when he was a boy during the Second World War and about the soldiers that were based here.

Our next meeting will be our Christmas Dinner on Monday 11th December in the Banville Hotel at 12.30pm. If anyone hasn’t put their name down and would still like to go, please let me know as soon as possible.

**Peggy Magill**

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# Men’s Society Christmas Dinner

The Men’s Society Christmas Dinner will be held in the Bistro Restaurant, Jinglers Court on Monday 18th December at 7:30pm for 8:00pm start. Multi choice menu at a cost of £22.00. Menus are available in Church or from the Parish Office. Please put your name on the menu, mark your choices, and return with the payment to Church or the Parish Office.

Everyone is very welcome – even if you haven’t been to Men’s Society this year. We’d love to see you! Please confirm your attendance as soon as possible and by 15th December, at the latest. Any enquiries contact Philip Morrow on 07733 228274

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# Men’s Football

The Men’s Football Club meets every Wednesday in the Parish Hall from 8.15 - 9.30pm. It is open to all men aged 18 and over. If you are interested just come along to the Parish Hall any Wednesday evening. This ‘season’ ends on Wednesday 6th December; new ‘season’ starts on Wednesday 10th January.

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# Bowling Club

It’s been a busy month for Holy Trinity Bowlers which included three matches and the church picking up their first win of the season, against Bannside. It was a tight and enjoyable game throughout. The Parish Bowlers gained the shots required in the final end to win by one. It was preceded though with home defeats – an impressive win for Ballyward and a victory for Dromore Non-Subscribing Presbyterian who won by three shots.

Next match for Holy Trinity is on Wednesday 6th December away to Ballyward.

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# Knitting & Crochet Club

The Knitting and Crochet Club meets in St Patrick’s Church Hall, Seapatricks 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 Thursday 21st December and start back on Thursday 4th January.

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# Banbridge Community 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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# Acknowledgements

The Rector and Select Vestry acknowledge with thanks and appreciation the sum of £396 received in lieu of flowers for the late Mrs Sarah Ellen McDowell. Such donations are greatly appreciated. Thank you.

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## Ready, Steady, Go! Kids Club

Wednesday nights ~ 6:30 - 7:30pm

Holy Trinity Church Hall - For primary school aged children.

What does it mean to follow Jesus and to love others the way He did? We have really been enjoying answering these questions in Ready Steady Go! this year, as we have been looking at the life of Jesus and what it means for our lives. We have crafts, games, stories, songs and much more so if you have children of primary school age bring them along to join in all of the fun.

Ready, Steady, Go! will finish for Christmas on **Wednesday 13th December**.

For more information please contact Mark. E:mark@bchurch.co.uk M: 07803736543

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## Drop-In

Friday afternoons ~ 3:30-5:00pm Holy Trinity Church Hall

For secondary school aged young people (Year 8-Year 14)

Drop-In is a safe and relaxed space for young people to come and hang out after a long week of school. There are lots of friendly faces to get to know as well as an Xbox, Wii, pool table, Tuck shop and more. Young people aged 12-18 are welcome to come on down and relax before a busy weekend.

Please continue to pray for Drop-In as we seek to develop this ministry in the coming months. Please give thanks for the boost in numbers that we have experienced in the last number of months with 20 young people joining us almost every Friday afternoon.

**Drop-In Trip: 1st December, Leaving 3:30pm Back for about 8:00pm**

Drop-In will finish for Christmas on Friday 15th and starts back on Friday 5th January.

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## SAMS UK & Ireland

Friday Night Live - Craigavon Civic Centre - 2nd February 2018 at 7.30pm

Exciting stories of God at work in South America with refreshments served afterwards.

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## Celebrate@8 – Café Style Worship

Sunday 10th November @ 8.00pm

Holy Trinity Church Hall - Café-Style Church – An informal time of Worship, Teaching and Ministry. And of course there'll be tea/coffee...

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## Salvation Army Christmas Present Appeal

Christmas can be a very difficult time of the year for many families who are in financial difficulties. We are therefore seeking to support the Salvation Army Family Appeal this year, as we have in the past.

We are looking for new toys to be brought to the services in St Patrick's and Holy Trinity Church on the 10th December. **Presents do not need to be gift wrapped.** We will then send these off to the Salvation Army who will deliver these presents to families prior to Christmas.



## 3rd 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

## 6th December – Wednesday

<i>Holy Trinity, Banbridge</i>	10.30am	Holy Communion
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## 10th 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
	8.00pm	Celebrate@8
<i>St Patrick's, Seapatrick</i>	10.00am	Morning Prayer

## 13th December – Wednesday

<i>Holy Trinity, Banbridge</i>	10.30am	Holy Communion
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## 17th 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	Service of Nine Lessons & Carols
<i>St Patrick's, Seapatrick</i>	10.00am	Morning Prayer

## 20th December – Wednesday

<i>Holy Trinity, Banbridge</i>	10.30am	Holy Communion
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## 21st December – Thursday

<i>Holy Trinity, Banbridge</i>	8.00pm	Carols by Candlelight
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## 24th Decemebr – The Fourth Sunday of Advent (Christmas Eve)

<i>Holy Trinity, Banbridge</i>	8.30am	Holy Communion
	9.45am	Morning Prayer
	11.15am	Morning Worship
		- Christmas UnWrapped
<i>St Patrick's, Seapatrick</i>	10.00am	Service of Lessons & Carols

**A creche is available at the 11.15am Service - see page 15**

## Christmas Eve - Sunday 24th December - Evening

Holy Trinity, Banbridge 11.15pm Holy Communion

## 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 10am and 11am Services on Christmas Day.*

## 27th December – Wednesday

Holy Trinity, Banbridge 10.30am Holy Communion

## 31st December – The First Sunday of Christmas

Holy Trinity, Banbridge 8.30 am Holy Communion  
 9.45 am Morning Prayer  
 11:15 am Morning Worship  
 6.30 pm Evening Prayer  
 St Patrick's, Seapatrick 10.00 am Morning Prayer

## Sunday Space

We have been having an amazing time in Sunday Space this year going through the second year of the Down and Dromore JIGSAW program. We looked at the life of Joseph, the miracles of Jesus and learned all about the armour of God. We got stuck into some great craft, games and much more.

All children are welcome on Sunday mornings as we have some fun and learn about Jesus. Children leave half-way through the 11:15am service in Holy Trinity to attend Sunday Space.

We look forward to seeing you all in Church on Christmas Day and on Sunday **24th & 31st December**. Sunday Space back as usual on Sunday 7th January.

For more information contact Mark E: [mark@bchurch.co.uk](mailto:mark@bchurch.co.uk) M: 07803736543



## Sunday School

We have really been enjoying the JIGSAW program in St Patrick's this year with lots of crafts, songs, stories and much more. We've looked at the miracles of Jesus, the dreams of Joseph and the armour of God, all to show us how we are supposed to live our lives for Jesus.

Children leave half way through the 10:00am service in St Patrick's to attend Sunday School

We look forward to seeing you all in Church on Christmas Day and on Sunday **24th & 31st December**. All age Worship as usual on Sunday 7th January.

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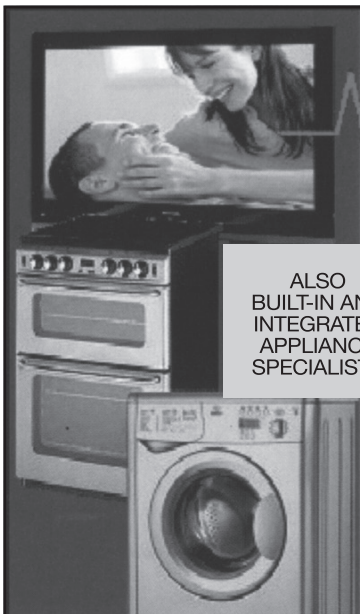
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## Baby Basics

Thank you so much for all people have provided so far. We urgently need to replenish items for further boxes. However we ONLY require items listed on the sign-up sheet in church. PLEASE do not bring additional items or items you have not signed up to bring. Information about what is required is on the Sign-Up sheets in the Church. We request that people only provide what they sign up to provide.



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.

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## Rhyme & Bounce

**Mondays at 11:30am in Holy Trinity Church Hall**  
**Tuesdays at 11:30am in St. Patrick's Church Hall**



At R&B, we've been using songs, rhymes and stories to help us think about all the things we can see in the world around us. We'll have a Christmas party on Monday 18th and Tuesday 19th December to finish this term.

Rhyme and Bounce aims to support pre-school children's learning and development, while making connections with families, and sharing God's love with others. It was great to welcome so many new families to R&B during November, so please keep spreading the word to families you know with pre-school children.

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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 – we would love to see you there. Please contact Annette Bennett (07742 593486) or the Parish Office (4062 2744) if you would like further information.

Parent and Toddler group finishes for Christmas on **Wednesday 13th December** – back on **Wednesday 10th January**.

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## Creche Rota – November

3rd - Stephen Rutherford & Lisa Whittle  
10th - Caroline McMullan & Claire Carson  
17th - Jenna McGregor & Elaine Cromwell



**More helpers are needed urgently for the Creche on a rota basis.** If you feel this is something you could do, then please speak to Lisa Whittle or contact the Parish Office. All helpers will need to be cleared through Access NI and the church's Safeguarding Trust procedures, unless this has already been done for you by Seapatricks Parish.

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## Inspire

We have been having a blast in Inspire this year with a very full program and over 28 young people attending each Sunday night. This year we have been going through the entire Bible. So far, we have looked at the lives of Abraham, Jacob and Moses. We have also had different topic nights covering issues like Sex and Relationships and Alcohol.



We would really appreciate your continued prayers for Inspire as our numbers start to grow even more and as we seek to develop this into an even more fun and engaging environment for the young people in the Parish.

If you know of young people aged 12-18 who are interested in making good friendships and learning about God along the way Inspire is the place to be.

Inspire will finish for Christmas on Sunday 17th December and restarts again with special Fun Night (Mock Auction Night) on Wednesday 10th January.

**Weekend** - We enjoyed a wonderful weekend away to Ballintoy in October with 20 young people traveling up to stay for the weekend. Simon Henry from the Church of Ireland Youth Department shared with us what it means to have full life in Jesus as we live our lives for him as Christians. We had lots of fun playing games, going to the beach and doing lots of different team challenges.

A big thank you to everyone who made it possible particularly those who gave up their weekend to come and help us.

**Coffee Morning** - A big 'thank you' to everyone who attended the Inspire Coffee Morning in November as well as everyone who provided traybakes, scones or came to help serve during the morning. It was a wonderful morning with lots of people in attendance and to date £525.00 has been raised for Inspire which is an amazing figure and will go towards the great work that happens with the young people in the Parish.

**Christmas Party** - We will be having our Inspire Christmas Party of the 17th December at the usual time, all secondary school aged young people are more than welcome to come and join in the festive fun.

**Inspire Connect groups - 4th/5th Year - Wednesday Nights 8:00pm-9:00pm**  
Inspire + will meet 17th December after Inspire

For more information please contact Mark. E:mark@bchurch.co.uk M: 07803736543

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## Serve

For the past two months a group of four young people from the Parish have been traveling to Belfast on Thursday Nights for the Diocesan young leaders course Serve. Rebekah Hillis, Remi McAnearney, John Doherty and Ellen Whittle have been learning what it means to Serve as a leader within the Church.

On 21st November they participated in a Graduation service with Bishop Harold in attendance as he commissioned them back into their home Church to Serve in whatever way God is calling them.

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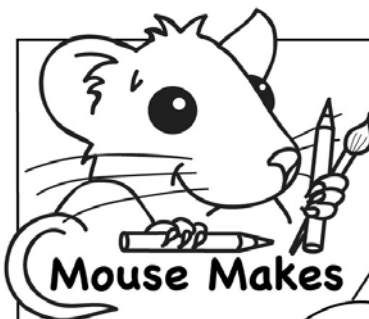
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*from Luke 2 vs. 10,11,14*



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The nativity scene with all its characters was in place, as the children (representing angels), gathered around the manger. They sang: 'Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, good will among men'. Suddenly a small girl on the edge of the crowd, who couldn't see what was going on, shouted out, 'Let Jesus show!'

At Christmas time, we want to let Jesus show, in our churches, communities and lives. We have an amazing message to share: 'in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; He is the Messiah, the Lord' (Luke 2:10). It was to the shepherds, apart from his parents, that Jesus was first showed.

The shepherds probably didn't really understand what the names given to Jesus fully meant (ie Saviour, Messiah and Lord). All they needed to know, and all we need to know, is that God has done something unique in coming to earth as a human being. This is good news of great joy for everybody!

After worshipping the child, the shepherds returned to their normal routine. However, they would never be the same again! Even though their work and social standing were unchanged, they had a message to share and let Jesus show. Although we don't normally see angels, we have the same good news to share! When Christmas is over and we're back to our normal routines, how will we let Jesus show in our lives?

# 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.**

# Flower Rota

## St Patrick's Church

Volunteers are required for Flower Rota for St Patrick's Church. If you are able to help out please enter your details on sign-up sheet in Church porch indicating which dates you are willing to cover. Parishioners may wish to mark a birthday or anniversary by placing flowers in the church.

# Flower Rota Arrangements

Mrs Audrey Reid looks after the Flower Rota for 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)

**Saturdays 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.

# From the Parish Registers

## WEDDINGS

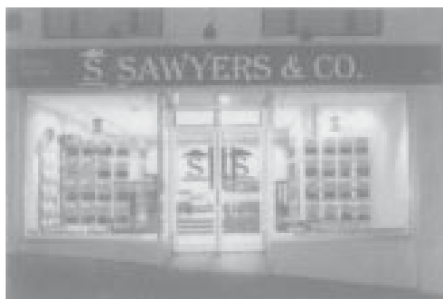
17th November Gregory Samuel McCoo and Monika Maria Murphy

## FUNERALS

17th October	Gareth Gallagher	21 Oakgrove, Banbridge
31st October	Desmond Glenn	50 Ballyvalley Heights, Banbridge
3rd November	Freda McCready	Mountvale Nursing Home (formerly 16 Burn Brae Court)
4th November	Eunadine Martin	2 Bodell Place, Seapatrick
8th November	Stephen McFadden	6 Hillside Crescent, Lenadery

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## Parish Organisations

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

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### Weekly – Children/Young People

	Day/Time
Sunday Space	Sun 11.45am-12.20pm
Sunday School	Sun 10:30am-11.20am
Creche	Sun 11.45am-12.20pm
Inspire (Yrs 8-14 in School)	Sun 7.00pm-8.30pm
Cub Scouts	Mon 6:30-8.00pm
Scouts	Mon 8.00-9.20pm
Explorer Scouts	Mon 8.00-9.30pm
Brownies (A)	Mon 6.30-8.00pm
Squirrels	Tues 6.00-7.00pm
Beavers	Tues 7.00-8.00pm
Guides	Tues 7.00-8.30pm
Senior Guides	Tues 7.00-8.30pm
Parent & Toddlers	Wed 10.30am-12.00pm
Ready, Steady, Go!	Wed 6.30-7.30pm
Inspire + Group	Wed 8.00-9.00pm
Rainbows	Thurs 5.45-6.45pm
Brownies (B)	Thurs 6.30-8.00pm

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### Weekly – Over 18's

Choir	Sun 10.45am-11.00am
Football	Wed 8.15pm-9.30pm
Bowling Club	Thurs 7.45pm-10.00pm
Knitting & Crochet Club	Thurs 10.00am-12.00pm

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### Monthly – Over 18's

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 January magazine is **Tuesday 5th December**  
Please leave any articles into the Parish Office, drop them into the office postbox  
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