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Growing in God's Love and Sharing It with Others

June 2019

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New Wine Sligo 2019

14th – 19th July



We are called to live lives that count. Lives that count for the Kingdom and for the King. As we call out to Him together – God’s Kingdom presence breaks into this world. New Wine Ireland exists to enthuse, equip and resource the local church across Ireland for radical mission that will change the nation.

Sligo 19 provides a space for this. It is a key event for the church in Ireland to join together for a week of worship, ministry and teaching.

Encountering Gods presence is for everyone! 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. Our key values of worship, teaching and ministry are held firmly in all our 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.

This year’s speakers include: Amy Orr-Ewing, Krish Kandiah, John and Annie Hughes, Charlie Cleverley and others from across Ireland and beyond for the evening celebrations, seminars, worship and more.

Confirmation Service

Twenty-one people were confirmed by the Rt. Rev. Harold Miller, in Holy Trinity Church on Sunday 28th April at 6:30pm. Those confirmed were from: Banbridge, Aghaderg & Scarva, Castlewelan & Kilcoo, Garvaghy, Newry, and Tullylish. Please continue to pray for those who were confirmed. See photo on back cover.

I do not seek to understand that I may believe, but I believe that I may understand: for this I also believe, that unless I believe, I will not understand. – *Anselm*

From the Rector...

At long last the refurbishments to toilets and other associated work, at Holy Trinity Church Hall, have started and are progressing. The grant application was submitted six years ago. Since then, there have been a number of amendments and reviews of the proposed work. There have been times when we thought significant progress was being made, only to discover the progress wasn't as significant as we thought.

Please don't see this as a criticism of those involved, it's just taken a long time to get to this stage. The good news is the work is progressing and we are thankful for the grant. It's hoped that the first phase of the work, the new toilets and the installation of audio-visual equipment will be completed in time for the Fete.

Waiting for things to happen can be difficult and frustrating. After His crucifixion, death and resurrection, the risen Jesus had appeared to His followers on numerous occasions. In the days leading up to His ascension, he told the disciples to wait in Jerusalem until they had received the gift promised by the Father. (Acts 1:4)

Following Jesus' ascension, the disciples had to wait for the gift they had been promised, the gift of the Holy Spirit. Ten days after Jesus' ascension, on the Day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit came on those first followers of Jesus.

The disciples were gathered together in one place, suddenly there was a sound like the blowing of a powerful wind And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit. (Acts 2:1-13) The Holy Spirit came on those first followers of Jesus to empower and equip them to be His servants and witnesses. We see the outworking of that in the book of Acts and in other books of the New Testament.

The Holy Spirit comes to live in us when we repent of our sin and put our faith in Jesus as our Saviour and Lord. He comes to help transform our lives, so that we progressively become more like Jesus. He comes to empower and equip us to be His servants and witnesses.

Sometimes, we can be tempted to think that we are waiting for God to do this or that, but could it be that God is waiting for us? Waiting on some of us to repent of our sin and put our trust in Jesus as our Saviour and Lord. In and through Jesus' crucifixion, death and resurrection, God has done all that is necessary for people to know a restored relationship with Him. Now He is waiting and encouraging people to turn to Him and trust in Jesus as their Saviour.

Waiting

He's waiting for some of those who are followers of Jesus to respond to work of the Holy Spirit, so that our lives can be renewed, restored and transformed. Waiting for some of us who are followers of Jesus to really be His servants and witnesses fulfilling His will and purposes.

Waiting can be frustrating for us. Let's not keep God waiting, respond to what He is saying to us and move forward with Him in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Roderic

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Parish Fete | Saturday 15th June | 1:00pm

A vast array of things for sale, sideshows, refreshments and more.

Our Annual Church Fete is now only a few weeks away. The Fete Committee has been working hard to make the event successful and now we are asking for your help and support.



The Cake Stall - Every year we appeal for cakes, scones, tray bakes etc for this stall. We encourage as many people as possible to bake something and bring it to the Parish Hall on either Friday 14th or the morning of the Fete. If necessary, we can arrange for items to be collected if you ring the Parish Office and let us know. The cake stall is always one of the first to be sold out, so please bake us something or provide something and help keep the Cake Stall open as long as possible!

The Market Garden Stall - This is a very popular stall at the Fete, so if anyone can provide Jams, Marmalade, Chutneys, Breads etc it would be much appreciated. Again, please leave items in the Parish Hall on either Friday or Saturday morning.

The Grocery Stall - Donations can be left in the boxes which are in both churches, or at the Parish Hall.

Tea Room – If you would be willing to provide small plain scones or tray bakes for the teas please indicate what you can provide on the sign-up sheets in Church or contact the Parish Office.

Second Hand Stalls - These includes Paddy's Market, This and That, Used Toys, Crockery and Clothing Stall. Please have a good look around your cupboards, attics and garages and have a clear out of your unwanted items. These can be left in the Parish Hall from Tuesday 4th June. If you need items collected please contact the Parish Office.

Please note we can't accept mattresses, large wardrobes, units or electrical items. If you are unsure about anything ring the Parish Office.

Please bring items for the Fete to the Hall as early as possible. Our volunteers will be sorting through all donations and placing them together for the respective stalls. We want to be ready to move everything out to the stalls from early Friday morning.

Volunteers - On the day of the Fete in excess of 200 parishioners will be working in the church grounds. If you haven't already volunteered and would like to do so, please contact the Parish Office. If you are new to the Parish this is a great way to get involved, meet new friends and take part in a hectic but rewarding day. Your help would be appreciated – there is always something for you to do!

Volunteers Needed

Erection of Tents and Stalls - If anyone is available to help erect the various tents and stalls, we would be delighted to see you from Tuesday 11th onwards. We need as much help as possible all day on Friday 14th and again on Saturday evening to put everything away and return the Church grounds to normal. We had a good response for the clear up last year and had the Church grounds back to normal by 7.00pm. We also need a few volunteers on Monday 17th to finally clear up the Church Hall and store things away.

Many parishioners are aware of Robert Robinson's tragic and untimely death in the Mournes in January. Robert was Chairman of the Fete Committee for the last 9 years, and the Fete Committee have agreed that this year's Charity Stall will be in aid of the Mourne Mountain Rescue Team, so please give them your support!

Finally, please volunteer to help at the Fete, encourage others to help, and of course spread the word and encourage relatives, friends and neighbours to come along and enjoy the Fete and have a great day! We think we have something for everyone!!

Read the Word

During June, we are continuing to journey through the Old Testament, this month we are reading from Joshua and Judges.

In the first half of June we will read of how Joshua succeeds Moses, of his crossing the Jordan and the fall of Jericho. Into the second half of June we enter into the period of time that is called The Judges. We will read of Israel's disobedience, how Deborah led Israel, how Gideon defeated the Midianites and how Samson defeated the Philistines.



Saturday 1st June	Joshua 1:1-9	Sunday 16th June	Judges 4:23-5:3
Sunday 2nd June	Joshua 1:10-18	Monday 17th June	Judges 6:1-10
Monday 3rd June	Joshua 3:1-13	Tuesday 18th June	Judges 6:11-27
Tuesday 4th June	Joshua 3:14-17	Wednesday 19th June	Judges 6:28-40
Wednesday 5th June	Joshua 4:1-10b	Thursday 20th June	Judges 7:1-18
Thursday 6th June	Joshua 4:11-24	Friday 21st June	Judges 7:19-25
Friday 7th June	Joshua 5:1-12	Saturday 22nd June	Judges 13:1-14
Saturday 8th June	Joshua 5:13-6:7	Sunday 23rd June	Judges 13:15-25
Sunday 9th June	Joshua 6:8-21	Monday 24th June	Judges 14:1-7
Monday 10th June	Joshua 6:22-27	Tuesday 25th June	Judges 14:8-14
Tuesday 11th June	Judges 2:6-15	Wednesday 26th June	Judges 14:15-20
Wednesday 12th June	Judges 2:16-23	Thursday 27th June	Judges 15:1-16
Thursday 13th June	Judges 3:1-6	Friday 28th June	Judges 15:17-16:12
Friday 14th June	Judges 4:1-11	Saturday 29th June	Judges 16:13-22
Saturday 15th June	Judges 4:12-22	Sunday 30th June	Judges 16:23-31

Presentation to Revd Catherine Simpson

The Rector, on behalf of the parish, made a presentation to Catherine at the service in St Patrick's on 12th May and at the morning services in Holy Trinity 19th May. He thanked her for involvement in, and commitment to, ministry and mission in the parish during the previous three years and nine months

He spoke about her role in helping to develop Rhyme and Bounce, Baby Basics and other programmes and initiatives, including the recent Resilience events, and he referred to the ways in which people had expressed their gratitude and appreciation for her ministry.

The Rector concluded by wishing her God's blessing in her future ministry and praying for her as she moves to Glenraig.

At the 11:15am service Alison Adams (Hon Secretary) presented an orchid to Catherine.

Diary Date

Sunday 15th September at 6:30pm – Service in Holy Trinity to celebrate the 200th Anniversary of the birth of Joseph Scriven, who wrote the hymn 'What a friend we have in Jesus'.

Summer Drop-In

For Young People 1st Year-Upper 6th

Friday 21st June | Holy Trinity Church Hall | 3:30-5:00pm

(There's also a Summer Drop-In on Friday 31st May, for those who are reading this before the end of May)

Games outside and space to relax and take time out from studying and exams.

For more info please contact the Parish Office t: 028 4062 2744 e: info@bchurch.co.uk



Tots Get-Togethers

For pre-school children and their parents/carers

Holy Trinity Church Hall

10:30 - 11:30am on Tuesday 25th June | Thursday 25th July | Thursday 22nd August

With Rhyme & Bounce and Parents & Toddlers taking a break for the summer, we're having a few Tots Get-Togethers. We'll have toys, music, bubbles, and other activities for pre-school children to enjoy - and if it's a good day, we'll plan to be outside! There will be juice, biscuits, tea and coffee, as well, and Tots Get-Togethers are an opportunity to spend time with other parents/carers while children have space to play for a morning.

Mega Makers Holiday Bible Club

12th - 16th August | 10:30am - 12:30pm | Holy Trinity Church Hall

For those going in to P1 - those going in to 1st Year in September 2019

Our Mega Makers Holiday Bible Club will be packed with songs, stories, crafts, and games that all kids can get involved with, as we learn more about what it means to be a friend of God. This is a great opportunity for children to catch up with friends during the summer holidays - and for parents to have a break for a morning! For more information or for registration forms contact the Parish Office. t: 028 4062 2744 e: info@bchurch.co.uk

If you're able to help out, please get in touch with the Parish Office.

Seapatrick Holiday Bible Club

6th - 8th August | 10:30am - 12:00pm | St Patrick's Church Hall

For those going in to P1 - those going in to 1st Year in September 2019

This a shorter version of Mega Makers, with the same crafts, stories, games and fun.

If you live in Seapatrick, or if these dates suit best, we'd love you to join us for our Holiday Bible Club. We'll have crafts, stories, games, and fun, as we get to know Jesus better together. For more information or for registration forms contact the Parish Office.

If you're able to help out, please get in touch with the Parish Office.

Thank you from Revd Catherine Simpson

Thank you for the very generous presentations which were made to me as I move on from you to take up the position of Rector in Glenraig. Thank you to all who contributed to the gift. Thank you also to the individuals who gave me cards and gifts. Your generosity and your words mean so much to me and I am quite overwhelmed by all that I have received.

Yours in Christ, Catherine

Andrew Bennett

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Mothers' Union

At Mothers' Union last month, we welcomed Joanne who works with 'Raising Up The Hurting'. It was a challenging and thought-provoking evening outlining the extensive ways this group of Christians demonstrate God's Love to those who are homeless and those who are hurting in society. Please keep 'RUTH' in your prayers, for God's protection and provision as they seek to be His hands and His feet.



A sincere thank you to everybody who has contributed to our Washbag and Women's Aid projects during the year. As there will be no further distributions over the summer - please do not leave any items in the Parish Office for collection.

Our next meeting will be after a break for the summer and is our Opening Service on Wednesday 18th September at 8:00pm.

Ladies serving supper: Daphne Russell, Josephine Scott, Dawn Strain, Doreen Taylor.

Diary Dates:

Saturday 1st June | Outing

Sunday 15th September at 6:00pm | Mothers' Union Area Service, Dromore Cathedral.

Friday 18th & Saturday 19th October, MU Women's weekend, Armagh City Hotel. The weekend is entitled Words of Wisdom with guest speakers Bishop Ken and Helen Clarke. The cost for Friday night, conference, use of leisure facilities, breakfast, lunch & evening meal is £120 or if you just go for the Conference & lunch on the Saturday it is £30. If you would like to go please ask Nina or Joan for further details.

(Nina Coffey)

St Patrick's Ladies' Guild

We thank Tommy McClimonds for a most interesting and enjoyable evening in May. It was lovely to have some people past and present join us for the talk, chat and a cup of tea afterwards. Following supper, we had a short AGM. Joan thanked everyone for their work and help during the year.

Summer Outing - Saturday 1st June.

Bus leaves Seapatrick Church Hall at 9:15am and proceeds to Holy Trinity car park, leaving there at 9:30am.

We wish everyone a lovely summer break with lots of sunshine.

(Sandra Donaldson)

Praying Together | An Invitation

Monday 3rd June | 7:30-8:30pm | Holy Trinity Church

Luke 12:6 tells us that, 'Jesus went out to a mountainside to pray, and spent the night praying to God.'

This isn't an invitation to go out on a mountainside to pray, or even an invitation to spend the night praying, rather it is an invitation to come to Church to pray, for up to an hour.

Please join us; as we bring our requests to God, as we pray together for the ministry and mission of the Church, for the community in which we live and work. Come for the hour, or for part of it. It's ok if you arrive late or if you need to leave early.

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. Men's Football Club finished for the summer on 29th May – commencing again in September. **For further info phone Roly Harwood (t: 07825141795).**

Monday Club

On 13th May we had afternoon tea at the Rosehip and were joined by a few new members who were made very welcome. Our day trip will be on 10th June. Please contact Peggy Magill (Tel: 4062 9398) if you would like to attend. Family and friends are very welcome to come along as well. **(Peggy Magill)**

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 any Thursday morning. You will be very welcome.

Parent & Toddler Group

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

Parent & Toddler Group finished for the summer on 29th May – commencing again in September.

If you would like further info contact Annette Bennett (t: 07742593486) or the Parish Office (t: 028 4062 2744 | e: info@bchurch.co.uk).

Connect Groups

Connect Groups are an important part of discipleship, as we take time to study God's Word together, and encourage one another in our faith. If you're not currently part of a Connect Group, we encourage you to get involved. If you are in a Connect Group, please encourage someone you know to get involved.



Contact the Parish Office t: 028 4062 2744, e: info@bchurch.co.uk.

Coffee Morning | Mission Trip to Uganda

Thank you to all those who attended the fund-raising Coffee Morning to support John Doherty's mission trip to Uganda. The Coffee Morning raised £350 on the day; donations given after the event bring it to about £400. Your generosity is much appreciated.

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.

Ready, Steady, Go! Kids Club

For Primary School children



Ready, Steady, Go! finished for the summer with an end of term party. We've had a great time during the year, learning more about Jesus, through stories, crafts, and games. It's been great to see so many children grow over the past year, as we've had fun together each Friday.

Thank you to all the leaders who have been so faithful in making Ready, Steady, Go! happen each week.

Rhyme and Bounce

A free programme for pre-school children and their parents or carers.



Thank you, to everyone who has been part of R&B this year! It's been great to welcome so many families each week, as we aim to support pre-school children's learning and development, and to share God's love with others, through music, songs, rhythms and rhymes.

No R&B during the summer, but look out for Tots Get-Togethers over the summer! See Page 11

Vestry report

Holy Trinity

- It is anticipated that on-site repairs to the organ will re-commence in June.
- The Church Hall refurbishment is progressing well with structural work evident, as well as ducting installed in the main hall to facilitate a new speaker system. A screen will also be installed in the minor hall upstairs.
- Some areas of the church and church hall need repainted and it is anticipated that this work will be carried out over the summer months.

St Patrick's

- Repairs to the flat roof at St. Patrick's church hall are underway and, once completed, the necessary, interior paintwork can be carried out.

Other items

- Interviews took place for the post of Youth & Children's Ministry Coordinator. Unfortunately, no appointment was made, the post will be re-advertised. We are very thankful that Anna Williams has agreed to assist with our youth & children's ministry during the summer.
 - As reported last year, we agreed to postpone repainting the railings at churches until the better weather – well, it's here! We would like volunteers to sign up (sheets are in both churches), even if you signed up last time.
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Down and Dromore Diocesan Synod

This year's Diocesan Synod is on Thursday 20th June in the Jethro Centre, Lurgan. Please pray for those who are planning and preparing for the Synod and for all those who will attend. Pray for the wisdom and guidance of the Holy Spirit in all the discussions, debates and decisions, for faithfulness to the Word of God and a desire to fulfil God's will and purposes.

2rd June – The Sunday after Ascension Day

<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

5th June – Wednesday

<i>Holy Trinity, Banbridge</i>	10:30am	Holy Communion
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9th June – The Day of Pentecost (Whit Sunday)

<i>Holy Trinity, Banbridge</i>	8:30am	Holy Communion
	9:45am	Morning Prayer
	11:15am	Sunday Space Celebration Service
	6:30pm	Evening Prayer
	8:00pm	Celebrate@8
<i>St Patrick's, Seapatrick</i>	10:00am	Sunday School Celebration Service

12th June – Wednesday

<i>Holy Trinity, Banbridge</i>	10:30am	Holy Communion
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16th June – Trinity Sunday

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

19th June – Wednesday

<i>Holy Trinity, Banbridge</i>	10:30am	Holy Communion
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23rd June – The First Sunday after Trinity

<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	Holy Communion

26th June – Wednesday

<i>Holy Trinity, Banbridge</i>	10:30am	Holy Communion
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30th June – The Second Sunday after Trinity

<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

A creche is available at the 11.15am Service - See page 11

Sunday Space & Sunday School

We have had an great time going through our JIGSAW program this year in Sunday Space and Sunday School, looking at amazing things like the power of God and how God never leaves us. With crafts, stories, games and more there really is something for everyone every Sunday morning.

For more info contact the Parish Office t: 028 4062 2744 | e: info@bchurch.co.uk

Sunday School Celebration Service

Sunday 9th June at 10:00am | St Patrick's Church

Children from Sunday School will be taking part in the service. Awards for attendance at Sunday School will be presented. It would be wonderful to have everyone at this service so that we can all celebrate together.



Sunday Space Celebration Service

Sunday 9th June at 11:15am | Holy Trinity Church

Children from Sunday Space will be taking part in the service. Awards for attendance at Sunday Space will be presented. It would be wonderful to have everyone at this service so that we can all celebrate together.



Inspire

For Secondary School aged Young People
Sundays 7:00-8:30pm | Holy Trinity Church Hall

We're finishing this term of Inspire focusing on the final chapters in Acts, praying, and taking time out from study, with fun, games, and food each Sunday too! On Sunday 16th June, we're having an end of term pizza and games night - a fun night to mark the end of term, but also an opportunity for everyone to bring a friend to Inspire!

Please continue to give thanks for our young people and for our Inspire leaders who serve week by week. Pray for our young people during this exam season.

Please contact the Parish Office if you would like to find out more about Inspire.
t: 028 4062 2744 | e: info@bchurch.co.uk



Celebrate@8 - Café-Style Church

Sunday 9th June @ 8:00pm | Holy Trinity Church Hall

Theme: The Power of Pentecost

Café-Style Church - an informal time of Worship, Teaching and Ministry.

And, of course, there'll be tea/coffee and more. Do join us and do invite others.



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CAP Life Skills



2019 marks the 10th anniversary of CAP in N.I. In many ways, little has changed in the 10 years - debt and poverty are still evident but so too is the commitment and passion of the 44 churches in N. I. who have partnered with CAP. Through the Debt Centres, Job Clubs, Fresh Start and Life Skills groups, it has been 10 years of saving lives, restoring marriages, feeding families and bringing hope to thousands of broken people. I recently attended the launch of the CAP N.I. Client Report at Stormont and heard how CAP N.I. has helped over 6,700 people and has just celebrated the 880th N. I. household becoming debt free.

We are pleased to report a 2nd great year from our own Life Skills and Money Courses groups. Existing friendships continue to develop and many new bonds have been formed but the best part has been seeing so many of our new friends in Church and at Church events. We thank God for His plans for us all and for His hand in CAP Life Skills.

Each Friday we have enjoyed discussions and talks on a wide range of issues, including practical, money-saving ideas, living healthily on less, money management, organisational skills and cooking on a budget. The CAP Money Course has also proved popular. This money-management course teaches us budgeting skills and a simple, cash-based system, helping us to be more in control of our finances. Even with such serious topics, our conversations have been relaxed and informal.

We would like to thank all who have been involved over the past year because, without their commitment and ideas, neither Life Skills nor the Money Courses could happen. To Gail, Sharon and Evelyn who provide lunch every Friday as well as lots of recipe ideas (an inspiration!); to Neill, Annette, Christine and Liz who continue to support our Life Skills group and the Money Course with their encouragement and dedication and to all who attend every week. Also, a big 'Thank You' to Millie Moore who has encouraged us to be more creative with monthly craft classes; these have included sketching and drawing, plant-pot decoration and Easter crafts.

Prayer is vital for our continued success, so we are asking for your prayers for CAP – prayers for guidance, strength and, above all, thankfulness.

Our free CAP programmes are available to everyone in the community so please let your friends and family know about Life Skills and the Money Course. We meet every Friday in Holy Trinity Church Hall (upstairs) 11.00am – 1.00pm. We are taking a break for the summer and we wish all our friends a restful and enjoyable time. If you would like to be involved in any of our CAP groups, please call Parish Office (028 4062 2744) or Alison (07707 313302)/alisonadams@capuk.org

Church of Ireland General Synod

This year's General Synod was held in the Millennium Forum, Londonderry, from Thursday, 16th May, to Saturday, 18th May.

General Synod Service of Holy Communion

The preacher at the Service in St Columb's Cathedral was Bishop Ferran Glenfield. In his address, he spoke about the establishment of the Church, when the followers of Jesus were filled by the Holy Spirit and propelled out into the world with the Good News of Jesus Christ. He quoted words of Archbishop Henry McAdoo who said that, 'The Anglican understanding of what is a real authentic church is based on the early church in the aftermath of Pentecost.'

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During his sermon, Bishop Ferran posed the question, 'Is there any word of encouragement?' and he answered the question by saying, 'There is in the Gospel of God: In Christ alone, by faith alone, through grace alone; in the gift of forgiveness of sins: in the gift of the Holy Spirit, God in us mediating the presence of Jesus in the life of the believer, transforming us deep within. Changed lives, changing churches and changing communities, turning the world upside down or right side up!

He concluded by quoting words of Jurgen Moltmann, 'The church does not have a mission, the missionary God has a church.' And saying, 'It is my hope and prayer that the Church of Ireland would be that church.'

Presidential Address

In his Presidential Address, the Archbishop of Armagh, the Most Revd Dr Richard Clarke, said that this year marks one of those occasional milestones in the life of the Church of Ireland. It is one hundred and fifty years since the Church of Ireland was disestablished by act of the Westminster parliament in the summer of 1869, although it was given eighteen months in which to prepare for the huge re-alignment that this would involve. He said that 'over the next year or two there will be a number of events that will mark this sesquicentenary.'

He continued by saying that, 'even as we look back over the past, and as we work within the present realities, we are also looking forwards into the future. And we must be ready to live in a real world and address real issues in that world. If the Church is to be – as Christ calls it to be, a beacon for grace and truth – it cannot live in a ghetto designed only for self-preservation and self-congratulation.'

The Archbishop also referred to the ongoing fourth industrial revolution which raises questions around the value of human beings as more automation takes place in society and the economy. He affirmed: 'God does not evaluate us in terms of our usefulness. Through grace, we each have an infinite and unique value in the eyes of God, and the call of God in Christ to us is to convey that truth to those who do not see this, or who have never had the opportunity to see it.'

Synod Business

The business of synod included the consideration and approval of three Bills:

Bill 1 – makes provision for Holy Communion by Extension;

Bill 2 – makes provision for the Service of Prayer and Naming and the Funeral Service in cases of miscarriage, stillbirth and neonatal death;

Bill 3 – makes provision for the uniting of two dioceses (Tuam and Limerick) under one bishop, in the event of a future vacancy, and other associated matters.

Other business included receiving reports from the Representative Church Body, Standing Committee and other committees; and the passing of a number of motions. The report of the Standing Committee included a motion related to the Working Group on Synodical Representation. In proposing the report of the Board of Education, Bishop Ken Good referred to the state of crisis in the Northern Ireland education system.

Attention was drawn to the plight of Persecuted Christians throughout the world, with the passing of a motion calling on General Synod to acknowledge the rapidly increasing levels of the persecution of Christians worldwide and requesting that Standing Committee explore ways in which this issue could be brought more fully to the attention of Synod in 2020.

The Book of Reports to General Synod and other information, including the Archbishop's Address, and some speeches, are available online at www.ireland.anglican.org/synod/2019. The Book of Reports is available in the Parish Office.

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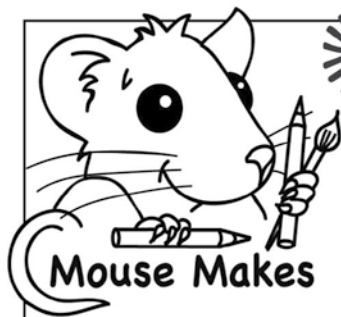
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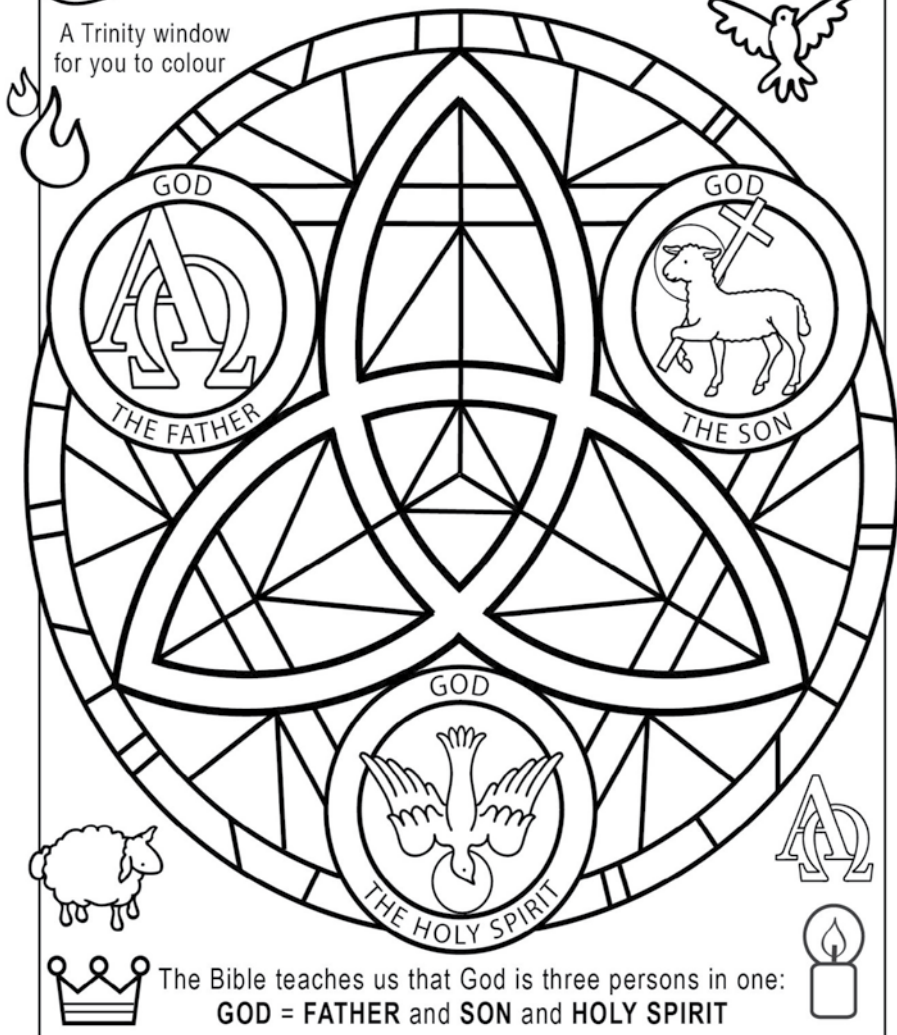


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the Lord **JESUS CHRIST**
and the *love* of **GOD**
and the fellowship of the
HOLY SPIRIT be with you."



2 Corinthians 13:13

A Trinity window
for you to colour



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Sunday 2nd June

Holy Table: Mrs I Andrews, Iveagh Drive
Porch: Mrs J McDowell, Brookfield Avenue

Sunday 9th June

Holy Table: Mrs H Robinson, Springfields
Porch: Miss E Reid, Halfway Rd

Sunday 16th June

Communion Table: Mrs I Wilson, Rathfriland St
Porch: Mrs S McAdam, Weavers Meadow

Sunday 23rd June

Communion Table: Miss K Reid, Halfway Rd

Sunday 30th June

Communion Table: Mrs A Wilson-Reid, Halfway Rd

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 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
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 2nd June:
Mrs N Anderson, Dickson Park
Sunday 23rd June:
Mrs A Dutton, Knollwood

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.

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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. Some organisations are having a break over the summer and start back again in the autumn.

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
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 10:30-12:00
Rainbows	Thurs 5:45-6:45pm
Brownies (B)	Thurs 6:30-8:00pm
Kid's Club (St Patrick's)	Thurs 3:30-4:30pm
Ready, Steady, Go	Fri 6:30-7:30 pm
Drop-In	Fri 3:30-5:00pm

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

Monthly - Over 18s

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

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