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May 2018

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## Summer Madness

**Friday 29th June -Tuesday 3rd July - Cost £105 (Payable to Seapatrick Parish)**

Summer Madness is an annual Christian youth festival held at Glenarm Castle on the North Coast. With over 2,000 young people in attendance and international speakers and bands, it is an event not to be missed. We are only able to take a limited number of young people so if your child would like to go please get your forms and money in as soon as possible.

**Volunteers:** We will be looking for volunteers to come and help set up the camp, at Glenarm, for the group on the evening of Thursday 28th June. This would be a big help to Mark and the team so please contact Mark if you are free to lend a hand.

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## New Wine Sligo 2018

**8th – 13th July**

**NewWine**  
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Sligo 18 provides a space and a place where churches and Christians from all over Ireland can come together to hear God, so that local churches can be empowered and equipped to change their community and Ireland. It is a key event for the church in Ireland to join together for a week of worship, ministry and teaching.

Relevant and fun filled programmes for those aged 0-18, while the adults attend the main sessions, seminars, and workshops throughout the week. Pastor Jonathan Rue (Desert Vineyard, California) will be leading the Bible Teaching each morning. He will be joined by Rev David White, Nicola Neal, Phil Emerson, Mark Melliush and others from across Ireland and beyond for the evening celebrations, seminars worship and more. You can fill your day with seminars and 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.

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# From the Rector...

I was on my way to the Parish Office one morning recently, when I realized I had forgotten my glasses. I was able to turn back and get them, rather than crawl along in the queue of traffic and discover that I didn't have my glasses whenever I arrived at the Office.

I suspect we've all forgotten things at various times, forgotten appointments, forgotten a meeting with someone. In the busyness of life, we can forget to keep in touch with friends and even with members of our extended family. In the Home Alone films, we even have a family who go on holiday, and suddenly realise they have forgotten Kevin.

In the busyness of life, and even in the busyness of Holy Week, including Good Friday, and Easter we can forget what comes after these significant events. We remember Jesus' return to the Father forty days after Easter, on Ascension Thursday, which is on 10th May this year.

Then ten days later, on the Day of Pentecost, God fulfilled His promise to send the Holy Spirit. It was an amazing experience, for those followers of Jesus.

## ***Forgotten...***

There was a sound like the blowing of a mighty wind and what seemed to be tongues of fire that came to rest on each of them, and all of them were filled with the Holy Spirit. (Acts 2:1-4) The coming of the Holy Spirit changed their lives forever. He empowered, equipped and enabled them to fulfil the ministry and mission with which they had been entrusted by the crucified and resurrected Jesus Christ. (Matthew 28:18-20) The Holy Spirit transformed an apprehensive group of followers of Jesus Christ into committed and courageous disciples, who proclaimed and demonstrated the Good News of the Kingdom of God.

The Holy Spirit comes into our lives when we put our faith and trust in Jesus Christ as our Saviour. Although, His coming may not be as dramatic as it was on the Day of Pentecost, He helps us to grow and develop in our faith, He helps us to become more like Jesus, He helps us to live out our faith in daily life, and He empowers, equips and enables us to fulfil the ministry and mission God has given to those who are followers of Jesus Christ.

Don't forget about the Holy Spirit. Respond to what He is saying to you. As you follow Jesus, ask Him and allow Him to continue to transform your life, and to empower, equip and enable you to fulfil the ministry and mission with which you have been entrusted. Be a committed and courageous disciple of Jesus Christ.

***Roderic***

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## Church of Ireland General Synod

The 2018 Church of Ireland General Synod takes place from **Thursday 10th May – Saturday 12th May** in Armagh City Hotel, Armagh. The Synod begins with a celebration of Holy Communion in St Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh, on Ascension **Thursday, 10th May** at 10.30am.

The business of General Synod will begin at 12.00 (noon) in the Armagh City Hotel.

The General Synod meets annually in May and consists of three Orders: the Bishops, the Clergy and the Laity. In addition to 12 Bishops, there are 216 clerical and 432 lay members, who are elected by the Diocesan Synods. The primary purpose of the Synod is to pass legislation for the whole Church of Ireland, and to receive reports from various Committees and Boards, which are debated by the members.

Please pray for those who will attend General Synod.

### You may wish to use this prayer.

*Hear us, most merciful God, for the Church, which you have planted in this land, that we may hold fast to the faith which you gave to the saints. We pray for the Bishops, Clergy, and People who will assemble and take counsel together at the General Synod in Armagh.*

*Mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may rest upon them, enlighten, and guide them; and that all their consultations may be prospered to the advancement of your honour and glory, and the welfare of your Church. Lead them and us into all truth; that so this Church may evermore hold fast and abide in the Apostolic and true Catholic faith, and serve you without fear in pureness of worship and life, according to your holy will; through Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour.*

*Amen*

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## Christian Aid Week: 13th – 19th May

Christian Aid seeks to follow the teaching of Jesus Christ, who commanded his followers to love their neighbour and work for a better world. It stands with the most vulnerable and excluded people of the world – both in times of crisis and for the longer term, giving people survival essentials when they are without shelter or refuge, and helping them find the strength and resources they need to flourish and protect themselves from shocks and disasters. Christian Aid supports people to stand up for their rights and to build stable, secure lives they can enjoy living. Christian Aid collectors will be calling at homes throughout the country during Christian Aid week. Please give generously.



**Collectors are urgently needed.** If you could help with this, please contact the Parish Office or the Parish Christian Aid Coordinator - Mrs Aileen Stewart. t:07746 423924.

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## Who Let the Dads Out?

(For dads, father-figures and their children)

**Sat 19th May | 10:30am - 12:30pm | Holy Trinity Church Hall**

Who Let the Dads Out? is a great morning of fun and games for Dads, father-figures and their children. With football, Nintendo Wii, playdough, crafts, building blocks, puzzles and so much more - there is something for everyone to do.

For more information contact Mark e:mark@bchurch.co.uk t:07703736543



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## CMSI Lent Project

Thank you to everyone who attended the CMSI Coffee Morning in March in Holy Trinity, which raised £393; and to those who came to the Soup Lunch in April in St Patrick's, which raised £375.

The money will go towards CMSI's work with the persecuted church in Egypt. Thank you to everyone who helped with organising the events, and to all who came and contributed.

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## CAP Life Skills

**Fridays 11.00am - 1.00pm in Holy Trinity Church Hall**

Our CAP Life Skills group continues to grow and it has been wonderful to see friendships form and relationships flourish. We thank God for His plans for us all and for His hand in CAP Life Skills.

Each week we support each other. We share practical money-saving technique; we offer advice on living healthily on less, money management, organisational skills and cooking on a budget, to name just a few. Our friendly group aims to improve the confidence and decision-making skills needed to survive life on a low income.

This programme is available to everyone in the community so if you know of anyone who would benefit, please let them know about Life Skills. We meet every Friday in Holy Trinity Church Hall (upstairs) 11.00am – 1.00pm. The course is fun, relaxed and free with lots of laughter guaranteed, so come along - you can be assured of a very warm welcome.

Prayer is vital for our continued success, so we ask for your prayers for CAP Life Skills - prayers to give God the glory, prayers to unite us and prayers to keep us focussed.

For more information, please call Parish Office (028 4062 2744) or Alison (07707 313302)/ [alisonadams@capuk.org](mailto:alisonadams@capuk.org)

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## Celebrate@8 – Café Style Church

**Sunday 13th May @ 8.00pm in Holy Trinity Church Hall**

An informal time of Worship, Teaching and Ministry.  
And of course, there'll be tea, coffee.....

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## Connect Groups

These groups provide an opportunity to connect with others and with God in an informal and relaxed setting. The groups are discovering and learning together. Please contact the Parish Office if you would like to find out more or would like to get involved.

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## Parishioner Celebrates 101st Birthday

The Rector was delighted to join with the family and friends of Mrs Eleanor Thompson to celebrate her 101st Birthday on Saturday 14th April. The Rector presented her with a bouquet of flowers and a birthday card from the parish. Happy Birthday Eleanor. (see photo on back page)

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# *Andrew Bennett*

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## **Epic Explorers Holiday Bible Club**

**(For Primary School Children)**

**13th -17th August | 10:30am - 12:30pm | Holy Trinity Church Hall**

This year at Holiday Bible Club we're going on an awesome Adventure with the Epic Explorers. There'll be sensational stories, super songs, crazy crafts, great games and so much more - it is a great fun week of activity.

Contact Mark for more info or for registration forms. e: mark@bchurch.co.uk t: 07703736543

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## **Seapatrick Holiday Bible Club**

**(For Primary School Children)**

**8th - 10th August | 6:30-8:00pm | St Patrick's Church Hall, Seapatrick**

We've had a wonderful year at our Kids' Club in Seapatrick, and we are really looking forward to our Holiday Bible Club Summer Scheme. We will be going through the Epic Explorers programme in our three days together as well as lots of amazing activities like songs, crafts, games, stories, and so much more.

If you live in Seapatrick and have children in primary school, then please bring them to St Patrick's Church Hall to join in the fun.

Contact Mark for more info or for registration forms. e: mark@bchurch.co.uk t: 07703736543

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## **P7 Club**

**(For children who are going into first year (year 8) at Secondary School)**

**21st - 23rd August | Holy Trinity Church Hall**

Going into secondary school for the first time can be an exciting and a daunting time for children. A new school, new uniform, and new friends to make.

We want to make that a little bit easier through our P7 Summer scheme. This gives children the opportunity to make friendships before the start of the new school year.

It will be a really great time of activities with football tournaments, craft competitions, team challenges, Nerf wars, and so much more.

For more information contact Mark e: mark@bchurch.co.uk t: 07703736543

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## **Baby Basics**

Thank you for your continued support for the Baby basics project. We have had ten referrals for Baby Basics boxes to date.

Please continue to pray for the families we are assisting in our community. Please pray for the NHS and it's mid-wives as they carry out their work.

Please pray that they will be aware of God's love and care for them in their daily lives.

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## **Creche**

6th Angela Knox & Caroline McMullan

13th Lisa Whittle & Claire Carson

20th Jenna McGregor & Elaine Cromwell

27th Julie McCreanor & Laura Elliott



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## Men's Society

The speaker in April was Kenny Morrow, who spoke about his experiences working for a medical charity in Morocco.

The Rector made a presentation (see photo on back page) to the former Men's Society Chairman, David Adams, and thanked him for his commitment and dedication to the Men's Society over the years.

There will be no meeting of the Men's Society in May. The Men's Society Outing will be in June. The date will be announced in Church.

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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. So, if anyone (over 18) would like to come down and give it a try, you would be really welcome.

For further information please phone Roly Harwood on 07825141795.

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## Monday Club

On Monday 9th April we held our Annual General Meeting and Bring & Buy Sale. The Rector welcomed those who were present and thanked the out-going committee for their work during the year. Jim Magill presented the treasurer's report. Maureen McCrory had sent an apology and had indicated that she no longer wished to continue in her role as secretary, which included coordinating the teas each month. A vote of thanks and appreciation was extended to Maureen for all she had done over the years.

During the election of office bearers, conducted by Adrian Howlett, the following were elected to serve for the incoming year - Peggy Magill (Chairperson), Jim Magill (Treasurer), John Lunney and Anne Clydesdale.

We then served tea which was enjoyed by all. Our Bring & Buy Sale raised £95 which was very much appreciated – thank you to all who contributed.

The next meeting of the Monday Club is on 14th May when we will be having Afternoon Tea in the Rosehip.

***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-12.00noon. 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.

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## Food Bank

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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## Parent & Toddler Group

We meet in the Parish Hall at Holy Trinity on Wednesday mornings from 10.30am to 12.00noon. Please come along and join us – we would love to see you there.

Contact Annette Bennett 07742593486 or the Parish Office 4062 2744 if you would like further information.

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## Mothers' Union Outing



Members are looking forward to ending our season with a trip to "Bide a While" where we look forward to enjoying a lovely meal together. Please book and choose your menu with Vivien. Those going are asked to meet in Holy Trinity Carpark at 5.30pm on **Tuesday 22nd May**.

Thank you to everyone for all the donations to Women's Aid and emergency hospital washbags. Please do not bring items for either of the above to the Church Hall as there won't be any collections until September.

*Joan West*

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## St. Patrick's Ladies Guild at Bide-a-While

On **Tuesday 8th May** we are visiting Bide-a-While and hope the weather will be kind to us as we visit the garden and craft shop en route. We leave the Church Hall, Seapatricks at 3.00pm sharp and will then collect members at Holy Trinity car park. Looking forward to our road trip.

*Sandra Donaldson*

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## Church Fete - Saturday 16th June at 1.00pm

Plans for our 28th Annual Church Fete continue to go well. The Fete Committee are working hard to make it successful, but we need your help.

We have already written to our key stall organisers who will in turn enlist individuals to help staff their respective stalls. If you are asked to help out and you are free please say yes. Can I ask for completed forms to be returned to any of the committee or just left into the Parish Office as soon as possible.

We need about 250 personnel to staff all the stalls and various activities. We were short last year and couldn't run some of the side shows. If you haven't been approached and would be willing to help please leave your details with Dorothy in the Parish office and we will be in touch.

- **The Market Garden stall** organised by Nan White and Margaret Jones would like to hear from any of you who can help supply chutneys and jam.
- Now is the time to identify items in your home, garage or roof space which you no longer need. I will outline in next month's article when they can be left in the Church Hall. Please note we can't take old televisions, mattresses or large wardrobes or units. If in doubt about anything just leave a message for me in the Parish Office and I will contact you.
- We did exceptionally well last year at the **Second-Hand Clothes** stall and we were able to sell the excess raising further funds. Please keep your unwanted clothes, shoes, bags, curtains and bedding. We can't take duvets.
- The **Toy stall** has always been very popular so if you have any unwanted toys please keep them for us.
- The ladies organising the **Craft Stall** are working hard to make items and if you can assist with this please contact Mary Mitchell or the Parish Office.
- Any unwanted items of jewellery will be a great help for the **Jewellery Stall**.
- Boxes will be at the Church doors for grocery items. Please donate.
- If you can help with items for the **Plant Stall** please contact Melvyn Dawson.

I will give further details next month, but that's all for now, but please try and keep the 16th free.

*Robert, Fete Chairman*

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## 6th May – The Sixth Sunday of Easter: Rogation Sunday

<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

## 9th May – Wednesday

<i>Holy Trinity, Banbridge</i>	10.30am	Holy Communion
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## 13th May – The Seventh Sunday of Easter: Sunday after Ascension Day

<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

## 16th May – Wednesday

<i>Holy Trinity, Banbridge</i>	10.30am	Holy Communion
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## 20th May – The Day of Pentecost (Whit Sunday)

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

## 23rd May – Wednesday

<i>Holy Trinity, Banbridge</i>	10.30am	Holy Communion
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## 27th May – Trinity Sunday

<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

## 30th May – Wednesday

<i>Holy Trinity, Banbridge</i>	10.30am	Holy Communion
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**A creche is available at the 11.15am Service - see pg 9**

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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**



This term at R&B, we're thinking about the places Jesus went and the places around us. We'll be using music, songs, rhythms and rhymes to help us explore lots of different places. As always, there will be juice, biscuits, tea and coffee, as well!

Rhyme and Bounce is for pre-school children and their carers. We aim to support pre-school children's learning and development, while making connections with families, and sharing God's love with others. Please keep spreading the word and inviting others to come!

R&B meets on Mondays at 11:30am in Holy Trinity Church Hall, and on Tuesdays at 11:30am in St. Patrick's Church Hall. We're off on **Monday 7th and Tuesday 8th May** for the Bank Holiday.

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## Ready, Steady, Go! Kids Club

**For Primary School Children**

**Fridays 6:30-7:30pm. Holy Trinity Church Hall**



This year in Ready, Steady, Go! we have been looking at the life of Jesus. Who was Jesus? What did he say and do? What does that mean for our lives? Each week we answer these questions with stories, games, crafts, songs and much more. This month we are going to find out all about what happened after Jesus' Ascension. If you have primary school aged children who are looking to make some friends, have a lot of fun, and find out about God along the way, then Ready, Steady, Go! is the place to be.

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

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## Seapatrick Kids' Club

**Thursdays 3:30-5:00pm. St Patrick's Church Hall**

Kids' Club is a fun space for children to come and hang out. With Xbox, board games, Wii, arts and crafts, and more, there are lots of things for children to get up to. If you live in Seapatrick and have children who are looking for something to do on a Thursday afternoon, bring them to the Church Hall to join in the fun.

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## Kilbroney Adventure Camps

Kilbroney Adventure Camps are Diocesan-run outdoor pursuits camps designed to help young people increase in self-confidence, make new friends, and learn about the Christian faith along the way. With rock climbing, mountain biking, archery, canoeing, camp fires and so much more, there really is something for everyone on these camps. Most of the camps are almost filled so if you want your young people to come along please contact Mark as soon as possible.

**Junior Camp** 1st-3rd year Sunday 29th July to Thursday 2nd August

**Middle Camp** 3rd-5th year Friday 3rd to Tuesday 7th August

**Senior Camp** 5th-6th year Wednesday 8th to Sunday 12th August

**JAM Camp** P6-1st year Monday 13th to Wednesday 15th August

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## Easter Vestry Report

The Annual Easter Vestry meeting was held on Wednesday 11 April, with an attendance of over 60 people. The Rector welcomed those who were present. The Rev Rory Corbett read from Ezekiel 37, a passage which tells us about a valley of dry bones. God told Ezekiel to speak to the bones, telling them to come together. After that, tendons, flesh and skin came on the bones, and then God put breath in them, so that they came to life. After the reading, the Rector opened the meeting with prayer.

Mr Basil Stewart, Hon Treasurer, presented and explained the parish's Annual Report and Statement of Accounts. (Please see Parish Accounts distributed with this magazine for further details.) The churchwardens' reports were presented by Mr Alan Cromie (Holy Trinity) and Mrs Laura McClean (St Patrick's); the glebewardens' report was presented by Mr John Ewart.

**Rector's Address** - The Rector began his address by referring to the rhyme 'Here's the church, and here's the steeple, open the door and here's the people.' He explained that although we often talk about the church as a building, in reality the building is where the Church meets, where people come together to worship God.

The Rector used an analogy of a jigsaw to show the importance of connectedness in the life of the Church with each piece - each person - being important as we seek to be the Church God intends us to be, working together to fulfil God's purposes.



He thanked those who come to worship in Holy Trinity and in St Patrick's, and those who invite and encourage others to join with us. He thanked those who have particular roles and responsibilities – the organists, the choirs, the praise group, those involved in coordinating various rotas, the welcomers, those who provide flowers, etc., those who are leaders and helpers in Sunday Space, Sunday School, the Creche and Inspire, and the children and young people who attend. Each person, each role, is an important part of the jigsaw.

**Organisations and Groups** - The Rector continued with the jigsaw theme as he referred to various organisations and groups which are part of parish life. These include the uniformed organisations, Parent and Toddlers, Youth Discipleship Groups, the Kids' Club in Seapatrick, CAP Life Skills, Young People's Afternoon Drop-In, Ready Steady Go - Kids' Club, Monday Club, Men's Society, Ladies Guild, Mothers' Union, Men's Football, Knitting and Crochet Group, Bowling Club, the Connect Groups.

He thanked everyone involved in leading these organisations, groups and activities for their time, commitment and dedication, and thanked everyone who attends and participates.

**Events** - In addition to these organisations, groups and activities, there have been a number of prayer initiatives, Alpha Courses, 'Who Let the Dads Out?' events, a Bright Light Party, Messy Christmas events and other messy craft events, two Holiday Bible Clubs - for Primary School children. There were also events for under-fours and their families, as well as a programme for young people. We also provided Baby Boxes through our Baby Basics Initiative.

We had the BBQ and Fun Evening in September with a range of fun activities and games. And of course, we had another successful Fete in June, which involves so many people.

The Rector thanked those involved in coordinating and leading these activities and initiatives for their time, their commitment and dedication, and everyone who attended and participated.

**Other Pieces of the Jigsaw** - These include the members of the select vestry and those with particular roles on the vestry, the people on the count team, the people who assemble the

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magazines in preparation for distribution and those who distribute the magazines, and those who coordinate and help to provide food and refreshments after services, including funeral services and other events.

And of course, there is also the sexton and assistant caretaker at Holy Trinity, the sexton & assistant caretaker at St Patrick's, the Parish Administrator, the Youth and Children's Ministry Coordinator and the Intern, the non-stipendiary minister and the Curate-Assistant

The Rector expressed his thanks to all of these people for the work they do and the particular roles they fulfil in the ministry and mission of the Church.

**Getting Connected and Being Connected** - The Rector referred to the 'Help us Grow Leaflet' which was distributed to parishioners last year and thanked all who have responded positively to the leaflet and continue to respond to the leaflet.

The leaflet encourages people to help us stay in touch, by completing and returning a parish record up-date form to the Parish Office. Parishioners who haven't yet completed the up-date form are encouraged to do so.

The leaflet encourages people to come to Church, so please do come regularly and consistently, see coming to church as a priority in your weekly routine. Do invite others to come and join with us as well.



The leaflet encourages people to be involved, to be involved in our programmes and activities, to be involved in helping with children's or youth organisations, or in other ways. So please do consider ways in which you can be involved.

The leaflet also encourages people to give generously. Thank you to all who give. The money we give does more than pay the ongoing costs of repairs, maintenance, administration, insurance, heat and light; our giving also supports the ongoing life and work of the Church. This includes our Sunday worship, our pastoral care and support to those who are ill and to those who are grieving, our ministry to people of all ages - to parishioners and to people in the community.

The leaflet also encourages us to pray for the life and work, for the ministry and mission of the Church, as we seek to be faithful to God, and fulfil his will and purposes. So please do pray.

### **Part of the Picture or a Missing Piece**

God wants all of us to be part of the jigsaw, don't be a missing piece. Let's fulfil our calling to follow Christ and be his people as we come to worship, as we invite others to come, as we get involved in the life and witness of the Church and encourage others to be involved, as we give generously and encourage others to give generously, and as we pray and encourage others to pray.

God wants us to be individuals who are connected to him, and committed to him, to be people who are being transformed by the word of God and the Spirit of God, people who, in the power of the Holy Spirit, seek to be his people in the world where we are.

God wants us to be people who meet, to be the Church that meets, to be people, to be the Church involved in ministry and mission.

The reading from Ezekiel 37 helps us to see that God wants us to be connected together, worshipping together, working together, filled with the Holy Spirit to fulfil his will and glorify him.

The Rector concluded his address by saying that as well as expressing thanks to people, it is also important that we thank God for his faithfulness, for all he has done, is doing and will do, and that we keep in step with God and move forward with Him, following Christ and living in the power of the Holy Spirit.

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# Easter Vestry Appointments

## CHURCHWARDENS

Holy Trinity: Rector's - Iain Weir  
People's - Beverley Burns

St Patrick's: Rector's - Julie Rice  
People's - Robert Cherry

## GLEBEWARDENS

Rector's - Ivan Gray  
People's - John Ewart

## SELECT VESTRY

Alison Adams  
(Hon. Secretary)

Basil Stewart  
(Hon. Treasurer)

Herbie Barr

Robin Crockett

John Heasley

Claire Jones

Peter Morton

Michael McCarter

Diane Ruddock

Norman Russell

Stephen Rutherfordale

Caroline Walton

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## Sunday Space/School

We have really been enjoying our JIGSAW programme this year in Sunday School and Sunday Space. Each week we have games, crafts, songs and wonderful stories from the Bible. This year we have learnt all about the life of Jacob, about prayer, and about trusting that God knows best.

**Sunday School** - Children leave for Sunday School halfway through the 10:00am service in St Patrick's Church, Seapatricks.

**Sunday Space** - Children leave for Sunday Space halfway through the 11:15am service in Holy Trinity Church, Banbridge

**Volunteers:** Please contact Mark, if you are interested in helping teach children and young people all about God's love for them.

Please contact Mark if you would like more info about Sunday Space/School. t: 07803736543 e: mark@bchurch.co.uk

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## Drop-In

**Fridays 3.30-5.00pm. Holy Trinity Church Hall**

With Xbox, Tuck shop, Pool table, Nintendo Wii and more, there are lots of things for young people to come and enjoy at Drop-In.

If you have young people aged 12-18 who are looking to relax after a busy week of school tell them to come to Drop-In.

For more info please contact Mark. t: 07803736543 e: mark@bchurch.co.uk

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## Inspire

**Sundays 7:00-8:30pm - Holy Trinity Church Hall**

Inspire is a fun and relaxed space for young people to make new friends and find out a little bit more about God along the way. Each week we have lots of fun playing games, eating good food and finding out what it means to follow Jesus. This year we have been going through the whole Bible in our "Big Picture" Programme and have also been looking at topics like "Internet Safety", "How to share your Faith" and "Sex and Relationships".

If you have young people aged 12-18, who are looking to find out a little bit more about God, encourage them to come along to join in the fun.

**Small groups - 4/5th Year** Wednesday nights 8:00-9:00pm, **Inspire +** for 6th Years - Check with Mark for dates and time.

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## Flower Rota *MAY*



### Sunday 6th May

Communion Table: Mrs J West, The Rectory, Lurgan Road  
Baptistry: Mr R Robinson, 17 Thornwood  
Porch: Mrs B Robinson, 15 Rowan Glen

### Sunday 13th May

Communion Table: Mrs M McCrory, 23 Bramblewood Mnr  
Porch: Mrs A Stewart, 12 Castle Lodge

### Sunday 20th May

Communion Table: Mrs A Mooney, 21 Milfort Green  
Porch: Mrs H Ferris, 49 Flough Road

### Sunday 27th May

Communion Table: Mrs T Hunter, 35 The Belfry, Dromore  
Baptistry: Mrs N White, 8 Listullyard Road  
Porch: Mrs A Monteith, 57 Ballyvalley Heights

## 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](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

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.

## From the Parish Registers

### BAPTISMS

25th March	Ruan Patrick Garland	13 Hawthorne Hill, Banbridge
22nd April	Anna Mae McKnight	2 Leaburn Close, Banbridge

### FUNERALS

22nd February	John Russell *	19 Mount Ida Road, Banbridge
14th March	Dawn Matthews *	33 Huntly Bungalows, Banbridge
24th March	John (Jackie) McCallister	15 Thornhill, Banbridge
25th March	Elizabeth (Lila) Allan	9 Burnbrae Court, Banbridge
29th March	Herbert (Herbie) McDowell	4 Ardery's Lane, Banbridge
10th April	Raymond Ellison	54 Cline Road, Banbridge
13th April	Edna Aulds	Seapatrick Care Home (formerly 19 Moorefield)
17th April	Anna McMullan	9 Ballymoney Road, Banbridge
20th April	Geoffrey Peake	15 Wyncroft Heights, Banbridge

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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
Inspire + Group	Wed 8.00-9.00pm
Rainbows	Thurs 5.45-6.45pm
Brownies (B)	Thurs 6.30-8.00pm
Drop-In	Fri 3.30-5.00pm
Ready, Steady, Go!	Fri 6.30-7.30pm

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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 June magazine is **Monday 14th May**  
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...



### A Special Birthday



Mrs Eleanor Thompson's  
101st Birthday



MEN'S SOCIETY



FASHION NIGHT AT LADIES GUILD

## The New Testament in a Year

Even if you didn't know that we are encouraging parishioners to read through the New Testament in a Year, you can still get involved.



<i>May-01</i>	Romans 1.1-16	<i>May-17</i>	1 Thess. 2.17-3.13
<i>May-02</i>	Romans 1.17-32	<i>May-18</i>	1 Thess. 4
<i>May-03</i>	Romans 2	<i>May-19</i>	1 Thess. 5
<i>May-04</i>	Romans 3	<i>May-20</i>	Acts 1
<i>May-05</i>	Romans 4.1-22	<i>May-21</i>	Acts 2.1-21
<i>May-06</i>	Romans 4.23-5.11	<i>May-22</i>	Acts 2.22-47
<i>May-07</i>	Romans 5.12-21	<i>May-23</i>	Acts 3
<i>May-08</i>	Romans 6.1-14	<i>May-24</i>	Acts 4.1-31
<i>May-09</i>	Romans 6.15-7.6	<i>May-25</i>	Acts 4.32-5.11
<i>May-10</i>	Romans 7.7-25	<i>May-26</i>	Acts 5.12-42
<i>May-11</i>	Romans 8.1-17	<i>May-27</i>	Acts 6
<i>May-12</i>	Romans 8.18-39	<i>May-28</i>	Acts 7.1-29
<i>May-13</i>	Luke 23.50-24.12	<i>May-29</i>	Acts 7.30-8.4
<i>May-14</i>	Luke 24.13-53	<i>May-30</i>	Acts 8.5-40
<i>May-15</i>	1 Thess. 1	<i>May-31</i>	Acts 9.1-31
<i>May-16</i>	1 Thess. 2.1-16		