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Growing in God's Love and Sharing It with Others

May 2019

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*Being church at the heart of
Banbridge and Seapatricks*

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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, this is the perfect time to get involved. If you are in a Connect Group, this is a great time to encourage someone you know to get involved.



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

New Wine Ireland Summer Conference in Sligo

Sunday 14th – Friday 19th July 2019

Sligo 19 is a key event for the church in Ireland to join together for a week of worship, ministry and teaching. Whoever you are, and whatever age you are, Sligo 19 is for you. Whether you come on your own, with your family and friends or with a group from your church there is something for you.

Encountering God's 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.

We will be joined by 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.

For more information visit www.newwineireland.org

From the Rector...

It's almost nine years since I was on a bicycle, but in my address at the Easter Vestry, I used the imagery of a bicycle to describe the Church. Although, the image of a bicycle is very different from the image of Church as the body of Christ, with Christ as its head, I believe the image of a bicycle can help us see how God wants followers of Christ, to work together in harmony to fulfil His will and purposes.

When we think about the parts of a bicycle we probably think of the frame, the wheels, the saddle, the handlebars, the pedals, the chain and hopefully the brakes. However, in reality, a bicycle is made up of hundreds of parts, and it's only as these parts are connected in the right way that they are going to be of any benefit.



The primary purpose of a bicycle is to get a person from point A to point B, but we might have a range of views about the primary role/purpose of the Church. However, if we go to Matthew 28 and Jesus' final commission to His disciples, we see one of the primary roles of the Church is making disciples.

'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age.'

One of the primary roles of the Church, if not the primary role of the Church, is to be disciples who are making disciples. A disciple is a follower of Jesus, a follower who is growing, developing and maturing as a Christian.

All of this leads to some questions. Are we followers of Jesus? More than that, are we followers of Jesus who are growing, developing and maturing? Is our purpose, our goal as a local Church to be disciples who are making disciples?

Are we really growing in God's love and sharing it with others? Are we really being the Church at the heart of Banbridge and Seapatrick?

I thank God for those who have been involved in the ministry and mission of the Church in the past, and for what has been achieved in the last 7 years.

There is, however, I believe, so much more we could be doing and should be doing;

- with increased prayerfulness
- with increased participation
- with increased giving, giving which is a response of thankfulness to God, for who he is and for all done and continues to do
- with an increased commitment to intentionally grow in God's Love and Share it with others
- with a real desire to be the Church at the heart of Banbridge and Seapatrick
- to be individuals who are followers of Jesus, disciples of Jesus, who are growing and maturing as disciples
- and being disciples who are seeking to make disciples

Let's be the individuals and the Church God longs for us to be.

Roderic

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Institution of Revd Catherine Simpson as Rector of Glencraig

Thursday 23rd May at 8:00pm - Holy Trinity Church, Glencraig

A bus has been organised for those who wish to attend Catherine's Institution service. Please book your place on the bus, by putting your name on the list in the Church or by contacting the Parish Office.

Catherine will preach her farewell sermon in St Patrick's on Sunday 12th May, and in Holy Trinity on Sunday 19th May. A presentation will be made to her at these services.

Please pray for Catherine in this time of change and transition. We thank Catherine for her ministry in this parish and wish her every blessing as she moves to Glencraig.

Church Fete - Saturday 15th June at 1:00pm

Preparations for our 29th Annual Parish Fete are progressing well. The Fete Committee are working hard but we **NEED YOUR HELP**. We need about 250 individuals to staff the stalls and various activities. Please sign up on the list in Church or contact Dorothy in the Parish Office.

Other ways you can help include:



- Identify items in your home, garage or roof space which you no longer need. Please note that we cannot take mattresses, large wardrobes/units or electrical items. If in doubt about anything, please contact the Parish Office.
- **Second-Hand Clothes Stall** – we would love your unwanted clothes, shoes, bags, curtains and bedding (we cannot take duvets). We also sell any excess to raise additional funds.
- **Toy Stall** is always very popular so, if you have any unwanted toys, please keep them for us.
- **Market Garden Stall** – anyone who can supply chutneys and/or jams.
- **Craft Stall** - the ladies organising this are working hard to make items and if you can assist with this please contact Mary Mitchell or the Parish Office.
- **Jewellery Stall** - any unwanted items of jewellery will be greatly appreciated.
- **Grocery Stall** - boxes will be at the Church doors for any grocery donations.
- **Plant Stall** - please contact the Parish Office or Melvyn Dawson if you can help with items for this stall.

Remember – this is our Parish Fete. It may be a small committee overseeing certain aspects but the day, the fun and the fellowship belong to all parishioners. It's a great way to make new friends and become more involved in the church family – so, come on, **GIVE IT A GO** and, together, we'll make Saturday 15th June a fantastic day!

More information about the Parish Fete next month. Please get involved, tell others about the Fete and encourage them to come.

Parishioner Celebrates 102nd Birthday

Our oldest parishioner, Mrs Eleanor (Nellie) Thompson, celebrated her 102nd Birthday on Saturday 13th April. The Rector was delighted to join with family and friends for the celebrations. He presented her with a basket of flowers and a birthday card. Happy Birthday Eleanor. (see photo on back page)

Read the Word

This month we read key passages in Exodus, we will explore the birth of Moses, Moses and the burning bush, the ten plagues, Passover and the Exodus, Moses crossing the Red Sea, Moses being given the Ten commandments, and the Golden Calf.



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| Wednesday 1st May | Exodus 1:1-10 | Friday 17th May | Exodus 10:1-12 |
| Thursday 2nd May | Exodus 1:11-22 | Saturday 18th May | Exodus 10:13-29 |
| Friday 3rd May | Exodus 2:1-10 | Sunday 19th May | Exodus 11:1-10 |
| Saturday 4th May | Exodus 2:11-25 | Monday 20th May | Exodus 12:1-20 |
| Sunday 5th May | Exodus 3:1-12 | Tuesday 21st May | Exodus 12: 21-42 |
| Monday 6th May | Exodus 3:13-22 | Wednesday 22nd May | Exodus 13:17-14:4 |
| Tuesday 7th May | Exodus 4:1-7 | Thursday 23rd May | Exodus 14:5-20 |
| Wednesday 8th May | Exodus 4:8-17 | Friday 24th May | Exodus 14:21-31 |
| Thursday 9th May | Exodus 6:1-12 | Saturday 25th May | Exodus 19:1-19 |
| Friday 10th May | Exodus 6:28-7:6 | Sunday 26th May | Exodus 19:20-20:21 |
| Saturday 11th May | Exodus 7:8-25 | Monday 27th May | Exodus 32:1-35 |
| Sunday 12th May | Exodus 8:1-15 | Tuesday 28th May | Exodus 33:1-11 |
| Monday 13th May | Exodus 8:16-32 | Wednesday 29th May | Exodus 33:12-23 |
| Tuesday 14th May | Exodus 9:1-12 | Thursday 30th May | Exodus 34:1-18 |
| Wednesday 15th May | Exodus 9:13-28 | Friday 31st May | Exodus 34:19-35 |
| Thursday 16th May | Exodus 9:29-35 | | |

Choral Evensong for Ascension Day

Thursday 30th May at 8:00pm | Holy Trinity Church Banbridge

The combined choirs of Holy Trinity Banbridge, St Nicholas' Dundalk and St Mark's Portadown will participate in this service.

Refreshments will be served in the Church Hall after the service.

CMSI Lent Project

There were two events in April to raise funds for this year's CMSI Lent project, 'Outside In'. This project focuses on the work of the Church in Nepal, as it engages with those on the margins of the society.

The first was a Soup Lunch, in St Patrick's Church Hall, which raised £300 approx. The second was a Coffee Morning, in Holy Trinity Church Hall, which raised £350 approx.

Thank you to everyone who helped with organising the events, and to all who came and contributed.

CAP Life Skills

Fridays 11:00am – 1:00pm | Holy Trinity Church Hall

Well, how did you manage with the £1 A Day Challenge?? Those of us who tried it agreed that it wasn't easy; it took a lot of planning and very careful shopping. Just imagine having to follow that all of the time. For anyone who didn't try the challenge during Lent, why not give it a go now? You may discover a whole new way to shop!

Our CAP Life Skills group continues to grow and it has been wonderful to see friendships form and relationships flourish. There are usually about twenty of us who meet on Fridays (upstairs in Holy Trinity Church Hall 11:00am – 1:00pm).

CAP Life Skills/Money Course

Mondays | 29th April – 3rd June | 7:00 – 8:30pm.

If you would like to take part in a CAP course and Friday mornings don't suit, then how about enrolling in our six-week CAP Life Skills/Money Course – every Monday from 29th April – 3rd June 7:00 – 8:30pm. The course will incorporate our Life Skills programme with the CAP Money Course. We will learn about money management, organisational skills, living healthily on less, cooking on a budget and practical, money-saving techniques. Regardless of our circumstances or income, we can all learn about and share our tips on these topics, right? Our courses are open to everyone (you don't have to be a parishioner); they are fun, relaxed and free so come along, bring a friend - you can be assured of a very warm welcome. Prayer is vital for our continued success, so we are asking for your prayers for our CAP Life Skills group and for the new course.

If you would like to sign up for this course or find out anything about CAP, please contact the Parish Office (02840 622744) or Alison (07707 313302)/ alisonadams@capuk.org.

More information can be found at www.capuk.org and www.capmoney.org



Christian Aid Service

Sunday 12th May at 6:30pm | Holy Trinity Church



Christian Aid Week | 12th – 18th May

For over 70 years, Christian Aid has been working in 37 countries seeking to create a world where everyone can live a full life, free from poverty. Everyone is equal in the sight of God. Yet we live in a world where poverty still persists. Poverty is an outrage against humanity. It robs people of their dignity and lets injustice thrive. But together we have the power to transform lives, to stand up for dignity, equality and justice.

Together with their supporters and partners, Christian Aid aim:

- to expose poverty throughout the world
- to help in practical ways to end it
- to highlight, challenge and change the structures and systems that favour the rich and powerful over the poor and marginalised.

Volunteers have been collecting house to house since Christian Aid Week began more than 60 years ago. Each envelope collected will help people who are in need.

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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Mothers' Union

Recently, Mothers' Union members have been going further afield! We have had a number of invites to other Women's groups. Most notable of these was a thoroughly enjoyable evening we had at Gilford Mothers' Union. It was a 'Bake Off' (with the cake being made in advance) to tell the story of St Patrick, his call to bring the news of the Gospel to Ireland and establish the church. Huge thanks to Kelly Frizzell who baked and decorated our outstanding cake with incredible detail. Photo was published in last month's magazine.

Many of our members also attended the Diocesan Festival Service hosted by Holy Trinity Parish, Magheralin. The church was packed and we received a warm welcome. The service was led by MU Chaplain, Rev Gerald Macartney and Bishop Harold and the rector Rev Simon Genoe gave a challenging address. Before the service concluded we had a special time of unity in our faith, celebrating Holy Communion together. As always, the tea and chat after was flowing!



Next Meeting | Wednesday 15th May at 8:00pm

This will be our last meeting before the Summer. Entitled RUTH, we will hear how the organisation 'Raising Up The Hurting' show God's love by reaching out to and supporting people through personal struggles and during difficult times of their life.

Saturday 1st June is our joint MU & Ladies Guild outing. Departing at 9:30am and stopping in Downpatrick for coffee before taking the ferry across to the Ards Peninsula. Next stop Harrison's and then there will be some time for shopping and lunch in Newtownards. Including tips, the cost is £29. If you haven't booked already, please don't delay as you will need to choose your menu.

Diary Dates: Sun 23/05/19 – Indoor Members Holy Communion Service & Afternoon Tea at 2:00pm in St Galls, Carnalea, Bangor. *(Nina Coffey)*

St. Patrick's Ladies Guild to hear about Seapatrick

Tuesday 7th May at 8:00pm (Please note change of date) St Patrick's Church Hall

This will be our last meeting before the summer break - please note this is a change to the date in our programme and is the 1st Tuesday of the month.

We will have Tommy McClimonds with us to share a look into the history of Seapatrick village. He will have some slides of years gone by, some of which will bring back memories of our childhood. This meeting is open to anyone who would like a walk down memory lane or may have lived in "The Village" as it is known by many of us.

Ladies serving tea: Mary Poots, Mary Mitchell and Marie Byrne.

Dairy Date: OUTING - Saturday 1st June. Anyone wishing to attend please bring your payment of £29 to next meeting. *(Sandra Donaldson)*

Coffee Morning | Mission Trip to Uganda

Saturday 11th May 10:30am – 12:30pm | Holy Trinity Church Hall

The Coffee Morning is to help raise funds for John Doherty's mission trip as a member of team to Uganda in June with the HUB Church of Ireland and Methodist Chaplaincy. The team will be assisting with two initiatives, Abaana which works with young boys living on the streets of Kampala and aims to provide them with an education. Waakisa works with Ugandan girls and woman during the hardships they face due to what is often unplanned pregnancy and supports them in preparation for parenthood.

Men's Society

The next meeting of the Men's Society will be on Monday 20th May at 8:00pm in Holy Trinity Church Hall. All men are welcome.

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 info phone Roly Harwood on 07825141795.**

Monday Club

On Monday 8th April we held our Annual Bring & Buy Sale which raised £70 and was greatly enjoyed by everyone.

The next meeting of the Monday Club is on 13th May when we will be having Afternoon Tea in the Rosehip.

We hope to end the season with a trip or meal out in June. If you would be interested in attending this please contact the Parish Office or speak to Peggy Magill. **(Peggy Magill)**

Knitting & Crochet Club

The Knitting and Crochet Club meets in St Patrick's Church Hall, Seapatricks 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.

Bowling Club

Holy Trinity Church Indoor Bowlers rounded off their program for the season last month with the final game at home to Gilford Presbyterian Church. The locals, who had won the last two games in a row, just fell short at the end to lose 47-31.

The final night concluded with the distribution of trophies, supper and a fun night, which was well attended. Well done to our winners Trevor, Billy, Rosemary, William and Jennifer.

The Bowls will restart on Thursday 12th September. If you are interested do come along and join us. If you are a bowler from another Church or Club or a first timer you will be made very welcome. If you would like any more info, please contact Trevor Anderson at the Parish Hall.

Parent & Toddler Group

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

Please contact Annette Bennett (07742 593486) or the Parish Office (4062 2744) if you would like further information.

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

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

Games, crafts, stories and more. There's something for everyone who comes along. If you have Primary School children who want to find out a little more about God and have lots of fun along the way, bring them along to join in the fun.

No Ready Steady Go on Friday 3rd May

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



Summer Drop-In

For Young People 1st Year-Upper 6th

Friday 31st May & 21st June | Holy Trinity Church Hall

During May and June, we're having two Fridays of Summer Drop-In. We'll have games outside and space to relax and take time out from studying and exams.

For more info please contact Parish Office t: 028 4062 2744

e: info@bchurch.co.uk



Rhyme and Bounce

A free programme for pre-school children and their Parents or Carers

Mondays 11:30am | Holy Trinity Church Hall

R&B is a program designed help pre-school children with their numeracy and literacy skills through songs, rhythm, rhyme and stories. Each week we have play time, with tea/coffee and chat for the adults, followed by our songs and nursery rhymes.

No Rhyme & Bounce on Bank Holiday Monday 6th May.

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



Creche Rota – May

5th - Angela Knox & Lisa Whittle

12th - Julie McCreanor & Laura Elliott

19th - Julie McMurray & Lorna Dawson

26th - Emma Niblock & Caroline McMullan



Church of Ireland General Synod

The annual General Synod of the Church of Ireland, which has representatives from all dioceses in the Church of Ireland meets in Millennium Forum, Londonderry, from Thursday 16th May – Saturday 18th May.

Please pray for God's guidance for all those who will be attending the Synod.

Find out more about the General Synod by visiting: <https://synod.ireland.anglican.org/2019>

This website will provide information about the ongoing work and mission of the Church of Ireland as reflected in the General Synod meeting. You will be able to view reports, news items and photographs to give you a flavour of the life of the annual meetings of Synod.

5th May – The Third Sunday of Easter

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| <i>Holy Trinity, Banbridge</i> | 8:30am | Holy Communion |
| | 9:45am | Holy Communion |
| | 1:15am | Morning Worship |
| | 6:30pm | Evening Prayer |
| <i>St Patrick's, Seapatrick</i> | 10:00am | All Age Service |

8th May – Wednesday

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| <i>Holy Trinity, Banbridge</i> | 10:30am | Holy Communion |
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12th May – The Fourth Sunday of Easter

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| <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 |

15th May – Wednesday

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| <i>Holy Trinity, Banbridge</i> | 10:30am | Holy Communion |
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19th May – The Fifth Sunday of Easter

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| <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 |

22nd May – Wednesday

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| <i>Holy Trinity, Banbridge</i> | 10:30am | Holy Communion |
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26th May – The Sixth Sunday of Easter

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| <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 |

29th May – Wednesday

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| <i>Holy Trinity, Banbridge</i> | 10:30am | Holy Communion |
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A creche is available at the 11.15am Service - See page 11

Repairs to Holy Trinity Church Hall

We are pleased to report that the repairs and renovations have started.

Sunday Space & Sunday School

Sunday Space/Sunday School is a fun and safe environment where children and young people discover and learn more about God and are encouraged and helped to grow in their relationship with Him. The programmes are age appropriate and interactive with Bible stories, crafts and activities.

All children, whatever their age, are welcome at Church with their parents/grandparents.

Children go out half way through the 10:00am service for Sunday School in St Patrick's.

Children go out half way through the 11:15am service for Sunday Space in Holy Trinity.

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



Inspire

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

We've been reading Acts together in Inspire this year, learning from the earliest Christians how God has always been and will always be able to do "immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us".

Over the next few weeks, we'll explore the final few chapters of Acts, with fun, games, and food each Sunday night too! Since it's exam season, we'll also have 'chill nights', with space for young people to relax, play games, pray, and enjoy fellowship with one another.

Please continue to pray for our young people, particularly as exam season approaches.

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



Praying Together

Monday 13th May | 7:30-8:30pm | Holy Trinity Church

(Please note change of date, from first Monday to second Monday of the month)

Colossians 4:2 urges us to 'Devote yourselves to prayer with an alert mind and a thankful heart.'

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.

Celebrate@8 – Café Style Church

Sunday 12th May @ 8:00pm | Holy Trinity Church Hall

Theme: Making it real

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.



Acknowledgements

The Rector and Select Vestry gratefully acknowledge the sum of £700.00 received from relations and friends in lieu of flowers to mark the passing of the late Mr Michael Anderson. Such donations are greatly appreciated. Thank you.

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Easter Vestry Report

The Annual Easter Vestry meeting was held on Thursday 4th April in Holy Trinity Church Hall. The Rector welcomed those who were present. The Revd Rory Corbett read from 1 Corinthians 12, where Paul uses the analogy of a human body as he writes about the Church being the body of Christ. After the reading, the Rector opened the meeting with prayer.

Financial & Other Reports

Mr Basil Stewart, Hon Treasurer, presented the parish's Annual Report and Statement of Accounts. There has been a shortfall of £16,544 of income over expenditure during 2018, see Parish Accounts distributed with this magazine for further details. Please give generously as we seek to reduce any shortfall in 2019.

The churchwardens' reports were presented by Mrs Beverly Burns (Holy Trinity) and Mr Robert Cherry (St Patrick's); the glebewardens' report was presented by Mr John Ewart.

A Review of the Year

In his address, the Rector began by giving a brief review of the previous year. He thanked all those who are involved in the ministry and mission of the Church, from those who are involved on Sundays and those who are involved in the groups and organisations that meet weekly, fortnightly and monthly and in other ways.

He also thanked those involved in events throughout the year. In his reference to the Fete, he paid tribute to Robert Robinson, who had been chairman of the Fete Committee for 10 years and expressed sympathy to his wife Barbara and the family, following his untimely death, earlier this year, as a result of an accident. The Rector also expressed sympathy to all those who mourn the loss of loved ones.

Other events and initiatives during the year included the Epic Explorers Holiday Bible Clubs, the 'It's your move' initiative for children moving to secondary level education, Tots Get-Togethers, a Parish Picnic, a Bright Light Party, 'Who let the Dads out?' events, Messy Christmas and Messy Easter Events, a 'Be Reconciled' course, Alpha courses, four events looking at resilience, anxiety, stop suicide, self-harm/self-care.

In addition, there were a number of Prayer Initiatives, a BBQ and Fun Evening, a Parish Breakfast, an exhibition to Commemorate the Centenary of the Armistice, 'Lunch with the King' and Ladies Coffee Plus. We also celebrated the first anniversary of Baby Basics.

The Rector referred to the work of the vestry, to those who help with the magazine, with the flowers, and with catering. He also referred to Trevor Anderson, Joyce Maxwell, Rodney and Mary Mitchell, to Dorothy Craig and Revd Rory Corbett.

Changes in Personnel

He spoke about the changes in personnel that had occurred during the year. In August, we said, what we thought was, farewell to Anna, after she had been with us for almost two years as an Intern. Anna has almost completed her first year at the Church of Ireland Theological Institute, but she is back with us on a part-time basis helping with some of our Youth and Children's ministry.

In September, we welcomed Revd Andrew Irwin as curate, and we also welcomed Rodney Maginnis, a student at CITI, on a ten-week placement.

In February, we said farewell to our Youth and Children's Ministry Coordinator, Mark Wells and his wife Abi, as he moved to a post in Bangor Parish.

In May, we will be saying farewell to the Revd Catherine Simpson, following her appointment as rector of Glenraig parish.

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The Rector referred to the many people who are connected and contribute to the life and work of the parish, to the mission and ministry of this local Church. As Rector of the parish, and on behalf of the parish, he thanked everyone who is involved, for all they do, for all they contribute financially and in other ways, in terms of time, energy and expertise.

Referring back to the reading from 1 Corinthians 12, the Rector, said that our bodies are amazing and wonderful, with so many things interacting and working together, enabling us to be who we are and do what we do.

This image of the Church being the body of Christ, with Him as the head of the Church, should help us to realise and understand that God wants His Church, those who are followers of Christ to work together harmoniously and obediently under the headship of Christ.

As an aside, he encouraged people to look after the amazing bodies we have. Eat healthily, be active and get some exercise. If you drink alcohol, heed the advice and don't overdo it, the experts tell us that alcohol can have short and long-term effects for our bodies, lifestyles and mental health. He said, 'Please look after your physical, mental and spiritual health and well-being. If you need help or support, then please do ask for help.'

He continued by saying that although, the Bible uses the imagery of the Church as the body of Christ, he was going to use another image, a bicycle. An image that can help us see how God wants followers of Christ, to work together in harmony to fulfil His will and purposes.

Please see the Rector's letter (page 3) for a summary of the final part of his address at the Easter Vestry.

Easter Vestry Appointments

CHURCHWARDENS

Holy Trinity: Rector's - Gillian Stevenson
People's - Iain Weir

St Patrick's: Rector's - Norman Magill
People's - Julie Rice

GLEBEWARDENS

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

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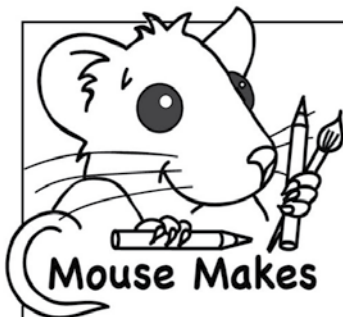
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Porch: Mrs B Robinson, Rowan Glen

Sunday 12th May

Communion Table: Mrs M McCrory, Bramblewood Manor
Porch: Mrs A Stewart, Castle Lodge

Sunday 19th May

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

Sunday 26th May

Communion Table: Mrs T Hunter, Fedney Hill Road
Baptistry: Mrs N White, Listullyard Road
Porch: Mrs A Monteith, 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

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 12th May

Mrs Joyce Maxwell

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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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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The deadline for articles for the next magazine is **Tuesday 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

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