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October 2019



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From the Parish Registers

BAPTISMS

25th August	Ryley Eugene Kenneth Murphy	Pinley Crescent, Banbridge
25th August	Archie George Wilson	Jubilee Heights, Dromore
22nd September	FreddieThomas Hamilton	Whitethorn Brae, Kinallen

WEDDINGS

6th September	Charlene Lowe and Alexander Munro
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FUNERALS

30th August	Irene Jones	Glenview Private Nursing Home (formerly Windsor Terrace, Banbridge)
5th September	Cecil Beck	Tullyear Avenue, Banbridge

Creche Rota – October

6th - Elaine Cromwell & Jenna McGregor
13th - Lisa Whittle & Angela Knox
20th - Julie McCreanor & Laura Elliott
27th -Julie McMurray & Lorna Dawson



From the Rector...

I'm writing this during the week of amazing sunny weather in September. It's a week in which I saw people lying sun-bathing in the park and even heard a reporter interview people at the seaside.

During that week many of us may have seen or even have got caught behind various types of agricultural equipment, ranging from combine harvesters, to tractors and trailers or tractors with mowers, rakes etc. Farmers and agricultural contractors made the most of the opportunity the good weather provided to make silage and harvest a variety of crops.

As well as harvesting crops some farmers and agricultural contractors have been busy ploughing, preparing the soil and sowing seed for next year's harvest. It's amazing that in the same week crops were being harvested and seed was being sown for next year's harvest.

It's important to remember that although we give thanks to God, at this time of the year, for the blessings of the harvest and for all God provides, the harvesting of crops is an ongoing process; the seed has to be planted or sown, tended and nurtured. More than that, it's worth remembering that we benefit from the planting, sowing, tending, nurturing and harvesting in other parts of the world. Let's use the resources of the earth wisely and responsibly, providing for those in need, caring for the environment and endeavouring to reward people adequately for what they produce.

There's pattern and process to having a crop to harvest, that involves sowing, tending and nurturing what has been sown. The same is true in terms of our spiritual growth and development. We won't grow and develop spiritually if we don't allow the seed of God's Word to take root in our lives, if we don't give ourselves to God through trusting in Jesus as our Saviour and then seek to develop and nurture our relationship with Him.

What are we sowing into our lives and through our lives into the lives of others? Are they the things of world or the things of the kingdom of God?

I urge you to sow the things of God into your life through daily prayer and Bible reading, through meeting regularly to worship God and through asking and allowing the Holy Spirit to develop and deepen your relationship with God through faith in Christ. Make it your aim to grow and mature as a follower and disciple of Christ.

Let's invest our time, our gifts and abilities, our energy and our resources as we seek to produce a spiritual harvest in our lives and in the lives of others.

Give Thanks to God

Sow the things of God into your life

Roderic

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Alpha

Wednesdays at 7:30pm | Ground Coffee, Newry Street, Banbridge

An opportunity to explore Christianity and ask questions about life and faith – it's open to everyone! You're invited! Each evening begins with refreshments followed by a video or talk exploring a different topic and finishing with the opportunity for discussion or questions.

An eight-week course, in a relaxed and informal space, exploring the basics of Christian faith and the difference faith makes for our lives. We'd love to see you there!



Teach us to Pray

Monday 7th October at 7:30pm | Holy Trinity Church Hall

We are starting a new prayer course 'Teach us to Pray' this month.

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



Bright Light Party

Thursday 31st October 6:30-8:00pm | Holy Trinity Church Hall

We will be having a party, on Thursday 31st October, to celebrate all of the amazing things that God has done for us this year! There will be fun and games for everyone! For those that love dressing up the theme this year is... favorite movies! There will be prizes given out including; best costume, most creative, and best group costume (no scary costumes please).

Please contact Ava if you would like more info. t: 07803736543 e: ava@bchurch.co.uk



Connect Groups

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

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



Theological Student Placement

Anna Williams, who is currently a second-year student at the Church of Ireland Theological Institute, has started a ten-week placement in the Parish. Anna has been part of the ministry team for a number of years, initially as an intern and more recently has been involved with Youth and Children's Ministry.

Anna will be with us on Sundays and on alternate Fridays, participating in services and in other aspects of the church's life, ministry and mission.

Read the Word



During October, we're reading the Book of Jeremiah. Though Jeremiah was young and felt inadequate to fulfil the task of prophet of the Lord, God speaks to him in Jeremiah 1 and says, "Now I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant." As Jeremiah responded to the call of God in his life, he would face challenges, danger, and the weight of speaking difficult truths to a people who did not want to listen. God's chosen people had drifted away from God: they refused to listen to His instruction and followed the desires of their own hearts, rather than the way of the Lord. Despite this unfaithfulness, God was willing to remain faithful to the terms of His Covenant with them - they need only pay attention to His words, spoken through Jeremiah, and repent of their sins.

The Book of Jeremiah is challenging to read - with the repeated promises of destruction and judgement - but the challenges are often relevant to our own culture and our own lives, too. As the people of Israel are recalled to God, we are also called to lives of faithfulness. Even as Jeremiah delivers a difficult message, there is also a continued refrain of hope, as we are pointed to Christ, through whom the Kingdom of God will eventually be built and planted.

Tuesday 1st Oct	Jeremiah 1:1-19	Thursday 17th Oct	Jeremiah 20:7-18
Wednesday 2nd Oct	Jeremiah 2:1-22	Friday 18th Oct	Jeremiah 21:11-14
Thursday 3rd Oct	Jeremiah 3:6-23	Saturday 19th Oct	Jeremiah 23:1-15
Friday 4th Oct	Jeremiah 4:5-18	Sunday 20th Oct	Jeremiah 23:23-40
Saturday 5th Oct	Jeremiah 5:14-31	Monday 21st Oct	Jeremiah 24:1-10
Sunday 6th Oct	Jeremiah 6:16-30	Tuesday 22nd Oct	Jeremiah 26:1-16
Monday 7th Oct	Jeremiah 7:1-20	Wednesday 23rd Oct	Jeremiah 29:1-23
Tuesday 8th Oct	Jeremiah 9:7-24	Thursday 24th Oct	Jeremiah 30:1-22
Wednesday 9th Oct	Jeremiah 10:1-10	Friday 25th Oct	Jeremiah 31:1-22
Thursday 10th Oct	Jeremiah 11:1-23	Saturday 26th Oct	Jeremiah 32:16-35
Friday 11th Oct	Jeremiah 12:1-13	Sunday 27th Oct	Jeremiah 32:36-44
Saturday 12th Oct	Jeremiah 14:13-22	Monday 28th Oct	Jeremiah 33:1-16
Sunday 13th Oct	Jeremiah 15:10-21	Tuesday 29th Oct	Jeremiah 37:11-21
Monday 14th Oct	Jeremiah 16:14-21	Wednesday 30th Oct	Jeremiah 38:1-13
Tuesday 15th Oct	Jeremiah 18:1-18	Thursday 31st Oct	Jeremiah 39:1-18
Wednesday 16th Oct	Jeremiah 19:1-14		

Congratulations...

We offer our belated congratulations and best wishes to George and Doreen McBride who celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary on 11th August. We wish them every blessing in the coming days.

CAP Life Skills

'Taster' session on Thursday 17th October | 10:00am–12:00pm
Holy Trinity Church Hall

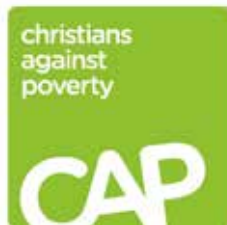
CAP Life Skills is an eight-week programme of fun activities and discussions around finance, lifestyle, wellbeing and relationships. Together, we learn about menu planning, shopping wisely and cooking wholesome, nutritious meals on a limited budget. We consider household budgeting, where we can save money and cut expenditure, and how to resist pressures put upon us to spend, ie peer pressure, advertising, supermarkets, etc.

CAP Life Skills group aims to be a fun, relaxed place where we meet together to share experiences and encourage each other - and it's a great way to make new friends.

If you would like to find out more about this resource and everything that we do, then please come along to our 'Taster' session on Thursday 17th October, 10:00am–12:00pm. We meet upstairs in Holy Trinity Church Hall and you can be assured of a very warm welcome.

REMEMBER – CAP is open to everyone and our meetings are informal and FREE.

For more information, please call Parish Office (028 4062 2744) or Alison (07707 313302)/
alisonadams@capuk.org. For information on CAP - <https://capuk.org>



Mothers' Union



We look forward to welcoming all you ladies (you do not need to be a member!) to our next meeting on Wednesday 16th October at 8:00pm with our guest speaker Catherine Campbell. Catherine is involved in ministry to women through speaking and has a busy speaking schedule across the UK and Ireland. With a love of writing from a young age she is also the author of no less than seven books.

We'll also have the Enterprise Box this month so don't forget your purse!!

Ladies serving supper: Ruth Walker, Nan White, Lisa Whittle, Georgina Woodward.

We extend our sympathy to Sadie Beck following the recent death of her husband and to Nora Carson on the death of her great grandson.

Diary Dates:

Saturday 23rd November: 16 days of Activism Prayer Breakfast, Ballynahinch.

Nina Coffey

Fun with Winter Fashions at Ladies' Guild

All ladies are invited to join us for an evening of Fashion by "George at ASDA" on Tuesday 8th October at 8:00pm in St Patrick's Hall. Come and enjoy some of our ladies modelling the latest looks for winter; share in the fun, friendship and of course a cuppa!

Christmas Lunch will be on December 4th in the Bannville House Hotel. Please book with Mildred at October meeting.

Ladies serving supper: Renee McCullough, Mary Poots and Esther Thompson

Joan West

Andrew Bennett

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Harvest Thanksgiving Services

Sunday 13th October – St Patrick’s, Seapatrck

10:00am Harvest Thanksgiving Service
Preacher: Revd Scott McDonald
Vicar of LAMP (Lecale Area Mission Partnership)

5:00pm Harvest Thanksgiving Service
Preacher: Anna Williams

Sunday 20th October – Holy Trinity, Banbridge

8.30am Holy Communion
9:45am Harvest Thanksgiving Service
11:15am Harvest Thanksgiving Service
Preacher (9.45am & 11.15am): Bishop Darren McCartney,
(Rector of Clonallon & Warrenpoint with Kilbroney)

6:30pm Harvest Thanksgiving Service
Preacher: Revd Adrian Dorrian
Vicar of LAMP (Lecale Area Mission Partnership)



Please do come as we meet to thank God for the blessings of harvest and do spread the word and invite people. Thank you.

Harvest Thanksgiving Offering

Harvest Thanksgiving services have their origin in the Old Testament. God told the People of Israel, that when they entered the Promised Land, they were to take some of the first fruits of all they produced from the land and offer it to the Lord as a thank-offering. (Deuteronomy 26: 2-5)

The first Harvest Thanksgiving service in the UK is said to have been held in Cornwall in 1843 when the Reverend Robert Hawker invited parishioners to a special thanksgiving service.

Although, many of us are not involved in agriculture, we still depend on God, who causes seeds to germinate and grow, to provide us with food and all he gives us. So do join with us as we meet to thank God for the blessings of harvest and for all his goodness.

Please use the Harvest Offering Envelope, in the Weekly Offering Envelope box, to make your thank-offering to God for all His blessings. Parishioners who don't have Weekly Envelopes are encouraged to put their offering in an envelope, write the words 'Harvest Offering' on the envelope (and add their name if they wish) and place it on the offering plate or bring/send it to the Parish Office. Thank you.

Decoration of Churches for Harvest Thanksgiving

The decoration of St Patrick's will take place on Saturday 12th October from 2:00pm and the decoration of Holy Trinity on Friday 18th from 9:00am and Saturday 19th October from 8:00am.

If you would like to help with the decoration, even if you haven't done it before, please come along. Donations of FLOWERS, FRUIT and VEGETABLES will be gratefully received and can be left in each of the churches prior to decoration on the Saturday for St Patricks and from the Friday for Holy Trinity.

Men's Football Club

We play football in the Church Hall every Wednesday at 8:15pm. It is a really fun way to keep fit and to get to know people. All men over 18 welcome.

For more information please phone Roly Harwood on 07825 141795.

Monday Club

The 9th September saw our Monday Club start back again and we were very pleased to see a large turnout. Jason Diamond gave us a talk about Joseph Scriven and a lot of questions were asked with some amusing answers!

Our next meeting is on 14th Oct at 2:30pm in Holy Trinity Church Hall. Hope to see you there.

Peggy Magill

Knitting & Crochet Club

The Knitting and Crochet Club meets in St Patrick's Church Hall, Seapatrck on Thursday mornings from 10:30am-12.00pm. New members are very welcome.

Bowling Club

Holy Trinity Indoor Bowling Club returned after the summer break with a successful opening month. Numbers exceeded 26 per night with eight new faces joining.

Programme for October:

3rd October Magherally Home Match

10th October Practice Night

17th October Ballyward Home Match

24th October Loughbrickland Away Match

31st October Sponsored Tournament

Men's Society

At the September meeting Mr T Fairley gave an interesting and informative talk on the exploits of Captain Crozier in the Falkland Islands and the wider Antarctic region.

Mr T McClimmonds will be the guest speaker at our next meeting on Monday 21st October, at 8:00pm. Tommy will give a presentation on the history of the Seapatrck area. So keep the date free and join us for friendship and discussion in a relaxed and informal setting.

Craig Sneddon

Ranger Unit Needs Volunteers

Would anyone be interested in helping out with our Ranger Unit (girls aged 14-18)? This could be every week or on a rota basis. We meet on a Tuesday night from 7:00-8:30pm.

If you are able to help please contact Helen Ferris - e: helizferris@gmail.com | t: 07719305759

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

Every Friday 6:30-7:30pm | Holy Trinity Church Hall

Ready, Steady, Go! Kids Club is filled with activities for primary school-aged children. Each week, we have different games and activities. We want to give them space to be creative, be active, and to make new friends.

Please contact Ava if you would like more info. t: 07803736543 e: ava@bchurch.co.uk



Rhyme and Bounce

Mondays at 11:30am | Holy Trinity Church Hall

Rhyme & Bounce is our programme for pre-school children and their parents or carers. We aim to support pre-school children's learning and development, while making connections with families and sharing God's love for others. Each week, we focus on a different theme, and use songs, rhymes, rhythms, and stories to learn together. The adults also enjoy a cuppa!

Please contact Ava if you would like more info. t: 07803736543 e: ava@bchurch.co.uk



Drop-In

For Young People 1st Year-Upper 6th

Fridays 3:30-5:00pm | Holy Trinity Church Hall

Our Friday Drop-In gives young people a place to come and relax after a week at school. We have an X-Box, Wii, pool table, games, sports, and a tuck shop – as well as leaders who are always around to chat! If you know any secondary school-aged young people, encourage them to come along!

Please contact Ava if you would like more info. t: 07803736543 e: ava@bchurch.co.uk



Parent & Toddler Group

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

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

Confirmation

Young People who are considering Confirmation, which includes the public declaration of their faith in Christ and their desire to live as disciples of Christ, are asked to contact Ava. Young people should be at least 14 years old by 30/6/2020. They should be attending Church, Sunday Space or Sunday School, and Inspire.

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

Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good. His love endures forever. (Psalm 136:1)

6th October – The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

<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 October – Wednesday

<i>Holy Trinity, Banbridge</i>	10:30am	Holy Communion
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13th October – The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

<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>	10:00 am	Harvest Thanksgiving Service
	5:00pm	Harvest Thanksgiving Service

16th October – Wednesday

<i>Holy Trinity, Banbridge</i>	10:30am	Holy Communion
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20th October – The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

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

23rd October – Wednesday

<i>Holy Trinity, Banbridge</i>	10:30am	Holy Communion
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27th October – The Fifth Sunday before Advent

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

30th October – Wednesday

<i>Holy Trinity, Banbridge</i>	10:30am	Holy Communion
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A creche is available at the 11.15am Service - See page 2

Sunday Space & Sunday School

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

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

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

If you would be interested in volunteering as a leader at Sunday Space or Sunday School, please contact Ava.

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Inspire

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

Inspire is for young people who want to explore faith, to grow in faith, and to have fun together with other people their age. Our Youth Fellowship meets every Sunday evening for worship, games, food, and Bible teaching; and we always have trips and events throughout the year too!

Please contact Ava if you would like more info. t: 07803736543 e: ava@bchurch.co.uk



New Wine Sligo 2020 12th-17th July

New Wine Ireland exists to enthuse, equip and resource the local church across Ireland for radical mission that will change the nation. Sligo 20 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.

Whoever you are, wherever you are from and whatever age you are, Sligo 20 is for you. Whether you attend 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. The key values of worship, teaching and ministry are held firmly across all the programmes. You can fill your day with seminars, teaching or you can take a trip to the beach, get involved in the many community events or enjoy the sights of Sligo. You set the pace for the week.



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I will tell of all your wonderful deeds. (Psalm 9:1)**

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Bishop Harold's Retirement

Bishop Harold will retire on Monday 30 September after over 22 years as Bishop of Down and Dromore. He laid down his pastoral staff and knelt before the communion at a service in Down Cathedral on Thursday 19 September as his 22 and a half-year ministry as Bishop of Down and Dromore draws to a close.

Invited guests included clergy and representatives from every parish in the diocese and leaders from the major denominations and parachurch organisations as well as politicians and figures from the media and business.

The service was a celebration of faith and ministry and, looking to the future, Bishop Harold invited three young leaders to share the address. Mark Wells, Revd Emma Carson and John McGrath preached in turn and issued a challenge and encouragement to the church based on 1 Timothy 4: 12–16.

After the service, supper was served in a marquee in the cathedral grounds and guests were also treated to a 'This is Your Life' presentation hosted by the BBC's Mark Simpson. Mark looked back over the Bishop's life and ministry with the help of photos, video messages and guests who shared anecdotes and paid tribute to the love, friendship and ministry of Bishop Harold and his wife Liz.

At the end of the evening Bishop Harold and Liz were presented with a gift from the diocese and the bishop, in keeping with tradition, presented the diocese with his portrait which will hang in the See House. Bishop Harold commissioned the oil painting from his artist son, Kevin – the first portrait in the See House to have such a family connection.

Appointment of a new Bishop

The Episcopal Electoral College who have the responsibility of choosing a new Bishop will meet in due course. The Episcopal Electoral College includes the Archbishop of Armagh, two Bishops, 24 representatives from this Diocese and 24 representatives from other Dioceses in the Northern Province of the Church of Ireland.

In a joint statement, the two Deans, the Very Revd Geoff Wilson (Dromore) and the Very Revd Henry Hull (Down) encouraged people to hold the process before God in their prayers:

'It is extremely important that we each commit to praying for those entrusted with this responsibility, that they will be open to the leading of God's Holy Spirit as they undertake their task. There will be a night of prayer in each Cathedral during October, but everyone – even those unable to attend either night – is encouraged to pray every day for this process, in order that God's will should become clear through it.'

The nights of prayer will take place in Down Cathedral on Friday 4 October and in Dromore Cathedral on Friday 25 October. Both nights will run from 7:30–9:30pm.

Prayer cards will also be distributed to every worshipping member of the Church of Ireland across the Diocese in the coming weeks.

A Prayer for use during the Vacancy of a See (BCP 2004)

O almighty God, who by thy Holy Spirit dost move the hearts of thy people; May it please thee so to direct the counsels of those who are appointed to choose a bishop for this Church and Diocese, that we may be given a pastor who in faithfulness and wisdom shall lead thy flock in the way of holiness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Visit of Bishop Moses and Mama Rejoice

We were delighted to welcome Bishop Moses and Mama Rejoice from Maridi Diocese, South Sudan to the BBQ and Fun Evening. On the following Monday evening they returned to the parish, for an 'Evening with Bishop Moses and Mama Rejoice' where Bishop Moses spoke about life in South Sudan and about the ministry and mission of the Church. He told us about the opportunities and challenges in the Diocese, about people who have been displaced from their homes because of civil unrest, about schools, theological education, about a number of Mothers' Union initiatives.

Please continue to pray for Bishop Moses and Mama Rejoice, the Diocese of Maridi and for South Sudan.

BBQ & Fun Evening

God blessed the event with great weather and a wonderful evening of fun for all ages. We had live music by Michael Nicholson, good food, good craic, plenty of buzz, excitement and joy in the church grounds. Thank you to those who organized, helped with the set-up, with the event and the tidying up and packing away.

Joseph Scriven Bicentenary Service

It was a great pleasure to welcome people to the Joseph Scriven Bicentenary Service on Sunday 15th September, and to have a significant number of people in the Church on Saturday as part of the Joseph Scriven Tours. The church was filled to capacity, on the Sunday evening, as people met to worship God and to thank God for Joseph's life.

Joseph was born on 10th September 1819 in Ballymoney Lodge, Banbridge. While studying at Trinity College, Dublin, he heard and responded to the Gospel. Subsequently, he moved to Canada. The hymn 'What a Friend we have in Jesus', written by Joseph Scriven was originally a poem sent to his mother in Ireland.

The Rt. Revd. Henry Scriven, great, great nephew of the late Joseph Scriven was the preacher at the Bicentenary Service. He spoke about Joseph's conversion and the importance of his personal faith which he lived out in daily life, proclaiming the gospel in word and deed. Students from Banbridge Academy, Banbridge High School, St Patricks College, Banbridge, and New-Bridge Integrated College helped to lead the congregational singing of 'What a Friend we have in Jesus'.

Thank you to all who helped with the preparations for the service, at the service and at the refreshments after the service. Thank you, also, to the Joseph Scriven Bicentenary Committee for the work they did to mark the 200th anniversary of Joseph's birth.

The Joseph Scriven Bicentenary Committee wish to put on record their deep appreciation and grateful thanks to the Rector and Select Vestry of Seapatrick Parish for the way they so willingly and graciously cooperated in making the celebrations the undoubted success they turned out to be. The inconvenience of having so many visitors through the Church on the Saturday as part of the heritage tours and the responsibility of coordinating the community service on behalf of the local clergy fellowship on the Sunday, together with the refreshments afterwards, all necessitated much effort and organization and this acknowledgement of same comes with our humble gratitude in recognition of your contribution to making this outstanding commemoration of one of Banbridge's honoured sons such a resounding success.

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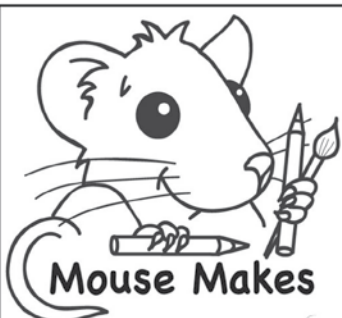
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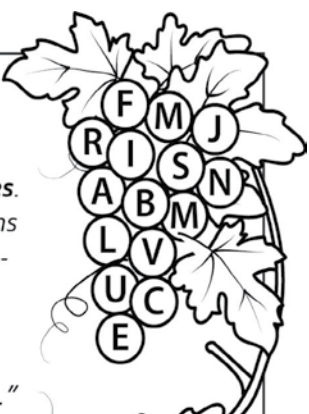
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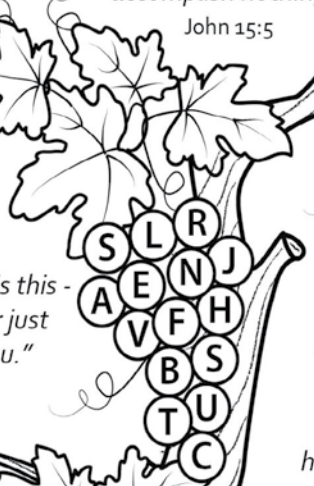
THE TRUE VINE
Jesus said:
 "I am the **vine**;
 you are the **branches**.
 The one who remains
 in me -and I in him -
 bears much **fruit**,
 because apart
 from me you can
 accomplish nothing."

John 15:5



"My **commandment** is this -
 to love one another just
 as I have loved you."

John 15:12



"No one has greater
love than this -
 that one lays down
 his life for his friends."

John 15:13



You can read
 Jesus' teaching on
The True Vine in:
 John 15:1-17

Each of the word
 in **bold** on this page
 is hidden in the
 bunches of grapes.
 Can you work
 out which bunch
 each word is in?



How many other
 words can you make from:
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Flower Rota OCTOBER



Sunday 6th October

Communion Table: Mrs D Strain, Thorndale
Porch: Mrs I Wilson, Rathfriland Street

Sunday 13th October

Communion Table: Mrs A Reid, Halfway Rd
Porch: Mrs E Nelson, Kensington Ave

Harvest Thanksgiving

Sunday 13th (St Patrick's, Seapatrick)
Sunday 20th (Holy Trinity, Banbridge)

Sunday 27th October

Communion Table: Mrs Sheila Dunlop, Burnbrae Mews
Porch: Mrs N White, Listullyard Road

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

13th October
Harvest Thanksgiving

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.

DDYC Kids Light House Party

Kilbroney Centre, Rostrevor | Wed 30th Oct to Fri 1st Nov

The Kids Light House Party is for children in key stage two at Primary School. 'LIGHT' stands for 'Let's Invite God Here Today'. 'LIGHT' is a three day, two night residential House party bringing light, hope and a lot of fun and joy into the kid's lives. Through adventures, activities and arts and crafts the kids will learn about God and how they can live their lives for Him today.

The Kids Light House Party has been organised by Down and Dromore Youth and Children's Department. Cost: £45 Includes all activities, food and accommodation.

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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.

Weekly - Children/Young People

Day/Time

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

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

**DON'T
FORGET**

The deadline for articles for the next magazine is **Monday 14th October**. 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

PARISH LIFE - THROUGH THE LENS...



An Evening with Bishop Moses & Mama Rejoice



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Bishop Henry Scriven with Bishop Harold & the Rector



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