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Growing in God's Love and Sharing It with Others

September 2019

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*From the Parish Registers*

**BAPTISMS**

11th August                      Bethany Anne Singer                      Tudor Oaks, Banbridge

**WEDDINGS**

10th July                      Cathy Wilson and Issac McElroy  
20th July                      Hannah Gourley and Matt Ashman  
16th August                      Elizabeth Simmons and Christopher Berry

**FUNERALS**

28th May                      Albert Magill                      Dickson Park, Banbridge  
22nd June                      Dorothy Cox                      Bambrick Terrace, Banbridge  
30th June                      Derek (Beechy) Close                      Seapatrick Avenue, Banbridge  
3rd July                      Victor Irvine                      Bannview Heights, Banbridge  
9th July                      George Annett                      New Road, Banbridge  
21st July                      Sandra Forbes                      Beechlands, Banbridge  
29th July                      Doris Proctor                      Spelga Avenue, Banbridge

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# From the Rector...

It's wonderful when you're invited by family or friends to various events, whether it's a meal, a wedding, a birthday party, an anniversary, or a party just for fun. You feel like you're a part of something, you feel included. However, there are inevitably times when we aren't invited, when we feel excluded and left out, and that can be hurtful.

Even when we are invited to events, we can miss out, because we ignore the invitation, or we put it somewhere safe with the intention of replying later on, but never actually get round to it, or the invitation gets lost in a pile of circulars and letters. Sometimes we suffer from FOMO, Fear Of Missing Out, but at other times we miss out because we say 'no', or because we ignore the invitation or put off replying until it's too late.

In the Bible, Jesus told a story about a man who invited guests to a party, but the people who were invited made excuses - they were too busy, they had better things to do.

## Don't Miss Out

*Jesus replied: A certain man was preparing a great banquet and invited many guests. At the time of the banquet he sent his servant to tell those who had been invited, 'Come, for everything is now ready. But they all alike began to make excuses.' The first said, 'I have just bought a field, and I must go and see it. Please excuse me.' Another said, 'I have just bought five yoke of oxen, and I'm on my way to try them out. Please excuse me.' Still another said, 'I just got married, so I can't come.'*

**Luke 14:16-20**

They missed out on a wonderful party. When those who had been invited didn't come, other people were invited and they came to the party - they didn't miss out.

God invites people to be followers of Jesus and to live for Him. God invites us to be part of His family. How have we responded to that invitation? Don't miss out by saying 'no', or ignoring the invitation, or by putting off making a choice.

In that relationship, God invites and encourages us to grow and develop in our faith, to become more like Jesus, and, in the power of the Holy Spirit, to live out our faith with intentionality and passion. Don't miss out on God's best for you.

## Discover More

This magazine includes a number of invitations to discover more. There's the BBQ and Fun Evening, the Alpha Course, Three Days of Prayer, a programme of activities and events for people of all ages, and of course there's an invitation to join us as we meet to worship God on Sundays.

You're invited, don't miss out! Invite others, so they don't miss out!

*Roderic*

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## BBQ and Fun Evening

**Saturday 7th September | 5:00–8:00pm | Holy Trinity**

To celebrate the start of a new season, you're invited to a BBQ and fun evening!

Climbing wall, helter skelter, kick & stick, garden chess, board games, face painting, bouncy castle, and more! This is a free event, with something for everyone, so spread the word, invite others, and bring your family and friends along for a great evening.



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## Three Days of Prayer

**Thursday 5th September 7:00am – 11:00pm**

**Friday 6th September 7:00am – 11:00pm**

**Saturday 7th September 7:00am – 3:00pm**



At the beginning of a new season of ministry and mission, we are organising Three Days of Prayer in order to focus on God and commit all our plans to Him. Each day is divided up in to hour-long slots, and whoever signs up for any hour will have sole use of the Prayer Room – unless you choose to bring someone with you. Your hour will provide an opportunity to be still in the presence of God, to enjoy silently listening to God, as well as being able to pray for the life of this church. Our prayer room will be set up with a number of prayer aids and resources to encourage and focus us in prayer – you will be surprised how quickly an hour goes!

**If you would like to be involved, please sign-up on the sheets in church or contact the Parish Office.**

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## Alpha

**New Alpha course begins Wednesday 25th September at 7:30pm**

If you want to explore Christianity or ask questions about life and faith, then try Alpha – it's open to everyone! Each evening, we begin with tea, coffee, and conversation, followed by a video or talk exploring a different topic, and finishing with the opportunity for discussion or questions.

Alpha starts on **Wednesday 25th September at 7:30pm**. It runs for 8 weeks, and is a relaxed and informal space to explore the basics of Christian faith and the difference faith makes for our lives. We'd love to see you there!



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## Bishop Harold's Farewell

Bishop Harold is retiring at the end of September. The Diocese are planning to say thank you and farewell to Bishop Harold and Liz at a special evening on 19th September in Down Cathedral. At this event, they will be presented with a retirement gift from the people and parishes of Down and Dromore to bless them and thank them for their many years of service.



Parishioners from each parish are being invited to contribute to this retirement gift. Please use the envelope enclosed with this magazine for your gift and return to Church/Parish Office by Sunday 8th September.

## Read the Word



During September, we are reading through the book of Isaiah. Isaiah was a prophet, called by God to speak to Israel, and he responds by saying, "Here am I. Send me!" Isaiah announces God's judgement and prepares God's people for the coming of the Servant of the Lord. It's a challenging book, with warnings against sin and passages that focus on the destructive nature of sin; but it's also a book full of hope and the promise of restoration, as we are pointed to Jesus and the coming of His Kingdom in its fullness.

As you read the Word each day, it might be helpful to follow these four steps:

1. PRAY - ask God, by His Spirit, to open your heart and mind to what he would say to you.
2. READ - don't rush through the passage, but note words or phrases that stand out to you, and read the passage more than once
3. REFLECT - try and understand the passage in its context; then think about the things that have stood out to you, and ask God what he is communicating to you
4. RESPOND - turn to God in prayer and speak to Him about the things that are on your heart and mind. Invite God's Holy Spirit to come, to challenge and change you, so that you live differently because of what you have read.

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|---------------------|-----------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| Sunday 1st Sept     | Isaiah 1:1-31   | Monday 16th Sept    | Isaiah 32:9-20       |
| Monday 2nd Sept     | Isaiah 2:1-5    | Tuesday 17th Sept   | Isaiah 34:1-4        |
| Tuesday 3rd Sept    | Isaiah 4:1-6    | Wednesday 18th Sept | Isaiah 35:1-10       |
| Wednesday 4th Sept  | Isaiah 5:1-7    | Thursday 19th Sept  | Isaiah 37:14-20      |
| Thursday 5th Sept   | Isaiah 6:1-13   | Friday 20th Sept    | Isaiah 40:1-8        |
| Friday 6th Sept     | Isaiah 9:2-7    | Saturday 21st Sept  | Isaiah 40:21-31      |
| Saturday 7th Sept   | Isaiah 10:12-23 | Sunday 22nd Sept    | Isaiah 42:1-9        |
| Sunday 8th Sept     | Isaiah 11:1-11  | Monday 23rd Sept    | Isaiah 42:18-25      |
| Monday 9th Sept     | Isaiah 12:1-6   | Tuesday 24th Sept   | Isaiah 43:1-13       |
| Tuesday 10th Sept   | Isaiah 24:1-23  | Wednesday 25th Sept | Isaiah 43:14-28      |
| Wednesday 11th Sept | Isaiah 25:1-12  | Thursday 26th Sept  | Isaiah 49:1-13       |
| Thursday 12th Sept  | Isaiah 26:1-11  | Friday 27th Sept    | Isaiah 50:4-9        |
| Friday 13th Sept    | Isaiah 26:12-21 | Saturday 28th Sept  | Isaiah 52:13 – 53:13 |
| Saturday 14th Sept  | Isaiah 27:1-12  | Sunday 29th Sept    | Isaiah 55:1-13       |
| Sunday 15th Sept    | Isaiah 32:1-8   | Monday 30th Sept    | Isaiah 65:17-25      |

## Congratulations...

We offer our congratulations and best wishes to Maynard and Carol McBurney who celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary on 15th August. We wish them every blessing in the coming days.

## Parishioner Celebrates 100th Birthday

Mr Bob Anderson celebrated his 100th birthday on Monday 29th July. The Rector was delighted to join with family and friends for the celebrations. He presented him with a plant and a birthday card. Happy Birthday Bob. (see photo on back page)

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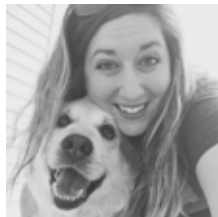
## New Youth and Children's Ministry Coordinator appointed

We are delighted to announce the appointment of our new Youth and Children's Ministry Coordinator, Ava Jordan-Curasi.

Ava is originally from California and went on her first mission trip when she was 13. That trip opened her eyes to a calling in ministry. Ava worked for an organisation that focused on teens and missions, and traveled extensively on short term trips. One of those trips brought Ava to Northern Ireland and she instantly fell in love with the people, and amazing green grass!

After visiting several times, Ava, and her dog Buddy, left the US in 2017 and made the move to Northern Ireland. Ava is excited about being a part of the Church in Banbridge.

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## Teach us to Pray

On Monday 7th October at 7:30pm, we are starting our new prayer course –

“Teach us to Pray”. 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.



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## Joseph Scriven Bicentenary Celebrations

**8th-15th September 2019**

This year marks the 200th anniversary of the birth of Joseph Scriven, author of the hymn ‘What a friend we have in Jesus’. Joseph was born at Ballyrone Lodge, Banbridge. A programme of events has been organised to mark the bicentenary of his birth.

These events include:

- a Service on Sunday 15th September at 6:30pm in Holy Trinity Parish Church. Those taking part in the Service will include, the clergy from Banbridge Clergy Fellowship, Bishop Harold Miller, Bishop Henry Scriven (great great nephew of Joseph Scriven) and pupils from local Secondary Schools (Banbridge Academy, Banbridge High, St. Patrick's and New-Bridge Integrated College).
- an exhibition in the local library from 8th-15th September
- free conducted bus trips (kindly sponsored by ABC Council) on Saturday 14th September, visiting sites associated with the life of Joseph Scriven, including the house where he was born. Bus trips will leave hourly from Holy Trinity car park and must be booked in advance. Booking can be made from Monday 26th August onwards through the Tourist Board, Old Town Hall, Banbridge (Tel: 028 4062 0232). Pupils from local primary schools (Abercorn, Ballydown, Bridge Integrated, Edenderry, St Mary's and Donard) will be singing ‘What a friend we have in Jesus’ at the start of each bus trip. Anyone wishing to come along to hear the children sing will be more than welcome.

A booklet has been produced (kindly sponsored by Armagh, Banbridge & Craigavon Council) detailing the life of Joseph Scriven.

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# *Andrew Bennett*

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## 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're not in a Connect Group yet, this is the perfect time to sign up – call or email the Parish Office, if you would like to join a group.

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## Mothers' Union



**We return after the summer break with our Opening Service on Wednesday 18th September at 8:00pm in Holy Trinity Church.**

**The preacher will be Rev. Ruth West**

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

We extend sincere sympathy from all our members to our Branch Leader, Joan West on the recent death of her father. It is with sadness also that we learned of the deaths of lifetime members Phyllis Hawthorne and Dorothy Cox. We continue to remember their families in prayer.

A number of our members travelled to Dundonald to attend the Diocesan Prayer Walk on Friday 9th August. Despite a rotten weather forecast the event was well attended and thankfully went ahead with little more than a few drops of rain.

### Diary Dates:

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

**Friday 18th & 19th October:** MU Women's weekend, Armagh City Hotel. If you would like to go please talk to Nina or Joan ASAP as the deadline for bookings is 5th September.

*Nina Coffey*

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## St Patrick's Ladies' Guild

The new season of The Ladies Guild will begin with an Opening Service on Tuesday 10th September at 8:00pm in St Patrick's Church Seapatrick. The speaker will be Lynn McFarland. Following the service we will have supper in the church hall and a short meeting. The programme for the year ahead will be available and membership fees for 2019/2020 are due. New members are welcome to come along and join us and find out more about the Guild.

*Sandra Donaldson*

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## Thank you

Roderic and Joan wish to express their thanks and appreciation to all those who sympathized and supported them following the death of Joan's Dad in July. Thank you to all those who expressed their sympathy personally, phoned, sent cards or messages, attended the funeral and supported them in prayer.

We appreciate your kindness and support.

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## **Men's Football Club**

**Starts back Wednesday 18th September**

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 along and give it a try, you will be made very welcome.

**For further information phone Roly Harwood (t: 07825 141795)**

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## **Monday Club**

The first meeting of our new season will be held on Monday 9th September at 2:30pm in the Parish Hall at Holy Trinity Church. All members, along with any new members who would like to join us, will be made very welcome.

Please let others know about our friendly meetings and outings. We meet in the Parish Hall at Holy Trinity Church on the 2nd Monday of each month from 2:30-4:30pm. We have different speakers each month, followed by tea and coffee, and on a number of occasions each year we have outings and meals out.

We look forward to seeing you on the 9th September.

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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-12:00pm. The first meeting of the new season will be on Thursday 5th September. New members are very welcome.

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## **Bowling Club**

Holy Trinity Indoor Bowling Club is back for a brand new season beginning on Thursday 12th September at 8:00pm in Holy Trinity Church Hall. Our varied programme consists of fun nights, tournaments, matches and our usual practice evenings. Last year we gained many new faces to add to our Club which created a great atmosphere with an average of twenty people per evening. We hope to see everyone back and new members are most welcome.

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## **Men's Society**

The members meet in the Church Hall at 8:00pm on the third Monday of each month, from September to May. Make a note to come along and make friends in a relaxed setting and enjoy discussions and a cup of tea with the men.

Our first meeting of the season is on Monday 16th September when our guest will be Tom Fairley, speaking on the topic of 'Banbridge and the Falklands'.

We look forward to seeing you there.

**Craig Sneddon**

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## **Foodbank**

Contributions to the community foodbank of non-perishable food stuffs can be left in the boxes in Church. Thank you to all who contribute to the Foodbank.

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## Ready, Steady, Go! Kids Club

For Primary School Children

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

**New programme of fun activities begins Friday 13th September**

Ready, Steady, Go! is back on Friday 13th September with a whole new programme of fun activities for primary school-aged children. Each week, we have different crafts, games, and events to support children's learning and development, and to give them space to be creative, be active, and to make new friends.

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

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## Rhyme and Bounce

Mondays at 11:30am | Holy Trinity Church Hall

**Starts back Monday 9th September**

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.

R&B starts back on Monday 9th September. Our theme for this term is God's Creation, as we take a look at the world around us. We're having a welcome party to start the term, so bring a friend and come and find out more about R&B!

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

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## Drop-In

For secondary school aged children

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

**Starts back Friday 13th September**

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!

Drop-In starts back on Friday 13th September, so if you know any secondary school-aged young people, encourage them to come along!

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## Parent & Toddler Group

**Starts back Wednesday 11th September**

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.

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**1st September – Eleventh Sunday after Trinity**

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|---------------------------------|---------|-----------------|
| <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 |

**4th September – Wednesday**

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| <i>Holy Trinity, Banbridge</i> | 10:30am | Holy Communion |
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**8th September – Twelfth Sunday after Trinity**

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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 | Morning Prayer  |

**11th September – Wednesday**

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| <i>Holy Trinity, Banbridge</i> | 10:30am | Holy Communion |
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**15th September – Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity**

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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  | Joseph Scriven Bicentenary Service  |
| <i>St Patrick's, Seapatrick</i> | 10:00am | Morning Prayer                      |

**18th September – Wednesday**

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| <i>Holy Trinity, Banbridge</i> | 10:30am | Holy Communion |
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**22nd September – Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity**

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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  |

**25th September – Wednesday**

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| <i>Holy Trinity, Banbridge</i> | 10:30 am | Holy Communion |
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**29th September – Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity**

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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 | Morning Prayer  |

**A creche is available at the 11.15am Service - See page 21**

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## Sunday Space & Sunday School

We're back on Sunday 8th September.

We are looking forward to welcoming lots of boys and girls as we discover more about God together.

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 the Parish Office.

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

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## Inspire

**For Secondary School aged Young People**  
**Sundays 7:00-8:30pm | Holy Trinity Church Hall**  
**Starts back Sunday 8th September with Fun Night**



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 games, food, and Bible teaching; and we always have other trips and events throughout the year too. Whether you're a new first year, or you've been coming to Inspire for ages, we'd love to see you for our fun night on Sunday 8th September!

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

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## Mega Makers Thank You

We had an amazing two weeks of Holiday Bible Club this year, as we explored Matthew's Gospel and God's great love for us through the "Mega Makers" programme. Each day, we focused on a different theme through stories, crafts, games, and songs.



Our memory verse was "I pray that you, together with all God's people, may have the power to understand, how wide and long, how high and deep, is Christ's love", so please continue to pray that all those who were involved will continue to be aware of Christ's love!

It was great to have a Celebration Sunday in St Patrick's and in Holy Trinity, when we had the opportunity to give thanks for all the fun we had at the Holiday Bible Clubs! Thank you to everyone who came to Mega Makers this year, and to all the leaders who made it such great fun! Thank you to Anna for planning and coordinating this year's Holiday Bible Club.

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## CAP Life Skills

Have you had a relaxing summer? Refreshed and raring to go? We are so excited about CAP Life Skills starting up again this autumn. Life Skills 'does exactly as it says on the tin' – skills that we all need to deal with life today. We consider our finances, our lifestyles and wellbeing and the health of our relationships. The 8-week programme does this through fun activities and discussion.

Together, we learn about menu planning, shopping wisely and cooking wholesome, nutritious meals on limited budgets. We consider household budgeting, where we can save money, cut expenditure and the pressures put upon us to spend, ie peer pressure, advertising, supermarkets, etc.

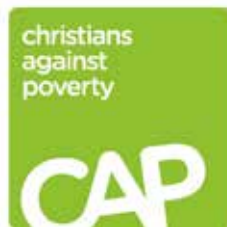
When it comes to saving money and making lifestyle changes, we realise that there's so much we can learn from each other. We can all find dealing with the pressures of life a stressful and lonely challenge at times. That's why our CAP Life Skills group aims to be a fun, relaxed place where we meet together to share experiences and encourage each other - and it's such a great way to make new friends.

We have just received our first copies of the redesigned course workbook and they look fantastic! 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](mailto:alisonadams@capuk.org). For information on CAP - <https://capuk.org>

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## New Wine Sligo 2020 Summer Conference 12th-17th July

**New Wine**  
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## Making the most of your time

September is the time of year when we get back to a normal routine after the summer. As things get busier again, it's worth considering how we use our time, and asking God how he would have us use the time we are given. Although there are many demands on us, and we don't always get to choose how we spend our time, we can control our attitude towards everything we do – and we can choose to put God first.

### How can we use our time wisely?

Firstly, **see time as a gift from God**. Each day is an opportunity to know God better and to serve Him more. Time isn't inexhaustible, as someday our time on earth will end. Psalm 90 says, 'Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.' Whatever the day holds, we can begin the day by thanking God for the gift of a new day; and we can find peace in God's promise to always be with us.

Secondly, **commit your time to God**. Time is not to be wasted, but to be used for God's glory. We are accountable to God for the way we use our time: 'Be very careful, then, how you live – not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity' (Ephesians 5:15,16). As we commit our time to God, we will want to live each day wisely, acting according to God's will and purposes, and seeking his guidance as we make daily decisions.

Thirdly, **set aside time for God**. How often can we go through a whole day without thinking about God? This is because we relegate God to our spare time, so He ends up at the bottom of our list of priorities. Jesus said, 'Seek first His kingdom and His righteousness' (Matthew 6:33). It is important to set the pattern for the week by coming to church each Sunday to re-focus on God, to re-orient ourselves to the things of His Kingdom, and to re-commit ourselves to following Jesus. Throughout the week, we can set aside time for God by making time for reading the Bible, praying by ourselves and with others, reading books that help us to grow in faith and godliness, and living and working to His praise and glory.

Fourthly, **set aside time for others and ourselves**. If we prioritise our time for God, the rest of life – the things we need to do, the people we need to see, and our own need for rest and relaxation – will fit in their proper place. We are commanded to "love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength" and to "love your neighbour as yourself". We are people made in the image of God, so it is important that we use time to care for ourselves and for other people, demonstrating Christ's love for others by the way we love them.

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## Baby Basics

Thank you for your continued support and prayer for Baby Basics. We will be preparing baby boxes during the month of September having fulfilled requests over the summer months. If you are making donations please sign up to specific items which can be found at the information point in church.



We would ask that you to continue to pray for Baby Basics, all its volunteers, the NHS Midwives and especially for all families in our community. Please pray for the families who have been gifted a baby basic box, that they feel Gods love and also the love and support of the community that surrounds them. God Bless.

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Read the story in Mark 1:1-20



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# Flower Rota

## SEPTEMBER



### Sunday 1st

Baptistry: Mrs L Johnstone, Highfield Gardens  
Porch: Mrs M Anderson, Milfort Green

### Sunday 8th

Communion Table: Mrs M Mills, Wyncroft Heights  
Porch: Mrs C McBurney, Cline Road

### Sunday 15th

Communion Table: Mrs M Thompson, Old Rectory Park  
Porch: Mrs M McCrory, Bramblewood Manor

### Sunday 22nd

Communion Table: Mrs M Cargin, Victoria Gardens  
Porch: Mrs P Burrell, The Rowans

### Sunday 29th

Communion Table Mrs Dawn Strain, Thorndale

## 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

**15/09/19 Brenda Crory**  
**29/09/19 Joan West**

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.

## Creche Rota – September

8th Lisa Whittle & Angela Knox  
15th Julie McCreanor & Laura Elliott  
22nd Julie McMurray & Lorna Dawson  
29th Emma Niblock & Caroline McMullan

crèche



## School blues

A little girl had just finished her first week of school. "I'm just wasting my time," she said to her mother. "I can't read, I can't write, and they won't let me talk!"

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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.

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| <b>Weekly - Children/Young People</b> | <b>Start Back Date</b> | <b>Day/Time</b>     |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|
| Sunday Space / Sunday School          | 8th Sept               | Sun 11:45am-12:20pm |
| Creche                                | 8th Sept               | Sun 11:45am-12:20pm |
| Inspire (Yrs 8-14 in School)          | 8th Sept               | Sun 7:00pm-8:30pm   |
| Rhyme & Bounce                        | 9th Sept               | Mon 11:30am-12:30pm |
| Cub Scouts                            | 9th Sept               | Mon 6:30-8:00 pm    |
| Scouts                                | 9th Sept               | Mon 8:00-9:30 pm    |
| Brownies (A)                          | 16th Sept              | Mon 6:30-8:00 pm    |
| Squirrels                             | 17th Sept              | Tues 6:00-7:00 pm   |
| Beavers                               | 17th Sept              | Tues 7:00-8:00 pm   |
| Guides                                | 3rd Sept               | Tues 7:00-8:30 pm   |
| Rangers                               | 10th Sept              | Tues 7:00-8:30 pm   |
| Parent & Toddlers                     | 11th Sept              | Wed 10:30am-12:00   |
| Rainbows                              | 19th Sept              | Thurs 5:45-6:45pm   |
| Brownies (B)                          | 19th Sept              | Thurs 6:30-8:00pm   |
| Ready, Steady, Go                     | 13th Sept              | Fri 6:30-7:30 pm    |
| Drop-In                               | 13th Sept              | Fri 3:30-5:00pm     |

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### Weekly – Over 18s

|                         |           |                       |
|-------------------------|-----------|-----------------------|
| Choir                   |           | Sun 10:45am-11:00 am  |
| Football                | 18th Sept | Wed 8:15pm-9:30 pm    |
| Bowling Club            | 12th Sept | Thurs 7:45pm-10:00 pm |
| Knitting & Crochet Club | 5th Sept  | Thurs 10:00am-12:00pm |
| Cap Life Skills         | 17th Oct  | Fri 11:00am-1:00pm    |

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### Monthly – Over 18s

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

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**DON'T  
FORGET**

The deadline for articles for the next magazine is **Wednesday 11th September**. 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...



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