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United Parish of Whitehead & Islandmagee.

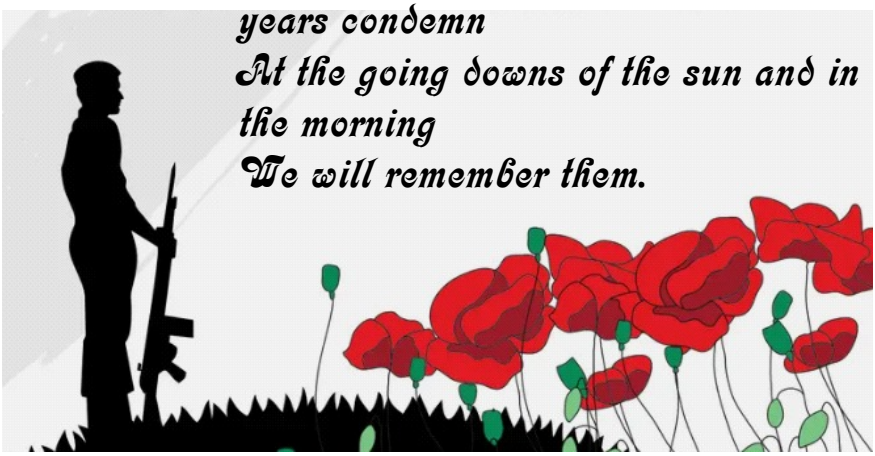
Here everyone matters

November 2024

CHURCH OF IRELAND
ST. PATRICK'S & ST. JOHN'S
UNITED PARISH OF WHITEHEAD & ISLANDMAGEE

Lest We Forget

They shall grow not old, As we that are left to grow old;
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn
At the going downs of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.



Remembrance Sunday

10th November
Act of Remembrance,
St Patricks, Whitehead 10.00 am.

followed by Civic Act of Remembrance at the Cenotaph,Whitehead at 10.50 am

November Services & Readings

Sunday 3rd November - 4th before Advent
8:30 a.m. Holy Communion One
10:30 a.m. & 12 noon Holy Communion Two
Sunday Readings - Hebrews 9:11-14; Mark 12:28-34
Readers for first Lesson - Heather Cupples / Maureen Reid
7:00 p.m. Compline
Weekday Readings: 1 Chronicles 17; 28; 29, 2 Chronicles 1, 5, 6; Psalms 95-109; Revelation 14:1 - 18:14

Sunday 10th November - 3rd before Advent - Remembrance Sunday
8:30 a.m. Holy Communion One
10:00 a.m. Act of Remembrance in St Patrick's followed by Civic Act of Remembrance at the Cenotaph in Whitehead at 10:50 a.m.
12:00 noon. Act of Remembrance and Morning Prayer Two
Sunday Readings - Isaiah 2:1-5; Psalm 4; Matthew 5:1-12
Readers for first Lesson - Colin de Fleury / Ann Thompson
2:30 p.m. MESSY CHURCH in the Parochial Hall
7:00 p.m. Compline
Weekday Readings: Joel 1:1 - 3:17; Psalms 110 - 119:128; Revelation 18:15 - 19:21, James 1:1 - 2:13

Sunday 17th November - 2nd before Advent
8:30 a.m. Holy Communion One
10:30 a.m. & 12 noon Morning Prayer One
Sunday Readings - 1 Samuel 1:4-20; Psalm 16; Mark 13:1-8
Reader for the First Lesson- Joy Kerr
7:00 p.m. Compline
Weekday Readings: Habakkuk 2, 3; Malachi 1:1- 4:6; Psalms 119:129 - 136; James 2:14 - 5:20

Sunday 24th November- Sunday next before Advent - Stir up Sunday
8:30 a.m. Holy Communion One
10:30 a.m. & 12:00 noon. Family Service
Sunday Readings- John 18:33-37
Readers for first Lesson - Rector
7:00 p.m. Compline
Weekday Readings: Zechariah 10:1 - 14:11; Psalms 137 - 150; Galatians 6:1-10, 1 Corinthians 3:10-23, Ephesians 1:3-23, Romans 15:7-13

Start of the new Church year - Lectionary readings from year C (BCP p27)

Sunday 1st December - Advent 1

8:30 a.m. Holy Communion One
11:00 a.m. Holy Communion Two
There will be refreshments after this service in the Parochial Hall
Epistle Reading - 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13; Gospel reading - Luke 21:25-36
Readers for First Lessons -
7:00 p.m. Compline
Weekday Readings:

Sunday 8th December - Advent 2

8:30 a.m. Holy Communion One
10:30 a.m. & 12 noon Morning Prayer Two
10:30 a.m. MESSY CHURCH in the Parochial Hall
Sunday Readings - Malachi 3:1-4;Psalm - Canticle Benedictus; Luke 3:1-6
Readers for first Lesson -
7:00 p.m. Compline
Weekday Readings:

Sunday 15th December - Advent 3

8:30 a.m. Holy Communion One
11:00 a.m. Baptism - United Service in St Patrick's
Sunday Readings - Mark 10:13-16
Readers for first Lesson -
7:00 p.m. Remembrance and Thanksgiving for those who have died
Weekday Readings:

Sunday 22nd December - Advent 4

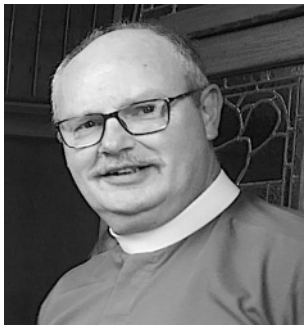
10:30 a.m. & 12 noon Nativity Services

Christmas Wreath Making

Sunday 8th December in the Parochial Hall
starting at 2:30 p.m.
Cost £30-00 - all materials provided.
Bring your own secateurs or scissors.
Booking essential via - Judith de Fleury



A message from our Rector



November is a strange and somewhat transitional month, religiously speaking. As a month it begins with All Saints tide and ends with Advent; the one looking back at the saints of the past, and the other looking forward to the coming of the Christ.

At All Saints tide we mainly look back at those who have followed Christ in this life and now reign with him in glory. It is not just looking back at a list of names, but at real people who devoted their lives to following the words and the commands of Jesus. People who have set us an example of godly and Christian living. Some are famous, as saints of the church, but most are just ordinary people who follow Christ in a gentle and unremarkable way. Most of us, more like almost all of us, will never do anything great that will make us standout as remarkable Christians in this life. We will not be acclaimed by others, no books will be written about us, or our lives, as followers of Christ. We will just live the best life we can as followers of Jesus Christ and hope that we make a difference in the world, that in some small way we advance the Kingdom of God.

In living this Christian life we are numbered amongst the saints. Ireland was known as the land of Saints and Scholars in the distant past. Not a land of dead saints but a land of living saints. A land with many of those who followed Jesus and his teachings every day of their lives to the best of their ability. They were not perfect. They made a point of recognising their own faults and failings, as is recorded in their own writings. Yet still they were seen by others as saints of God.

How true is this of us? How many of us are seen by others as examples of godly and Christian living? I know this is how I look upon so many of the people I deal with; godly people who are examples of Christian living in a quiet, gentle and unremarkable way. It may be that I am consciously looking at people in this way; hoping to see godliness and Christian living. Or it may be that this is just how I see other people, that I am actively looking for the divine image in each of them, and it may be how others look at people too.

This is our looking back, at all the saints of the church, both living and dead. But what of the looking forward?

Advent will soon be upon us, and Advent is a season of looking forward.

Every year we act as if Advent just looks forward to Christmas, and then the looking forward is over and done with for another year. Advent is a reminder to us of the continuous looking forward until that time when Christ returns again, to usher in the end of the age. It seems a bit gloomy to be mentioning the 'end of the age'; what many people refer to and see as the end of the world as we know it. But for Christians it is the ultimate fulfilment of the promise of God. The early Church waited with eager expectation for Christ to return. Paul, in his letters to some of the churches that he helped to found, replies to questions about this. Questions about what happens with those who have died before Christ has returned, *1 Thessalonians 4:13-18;* and general questions about death and what comes after *1 Corinthians 15;* to mention but two.

Over the generations this eager and earnest looking forward has faded a bit. There was a resurgence at the turn of the millennium (the AD 999 to 1000 not the 1999 to 2000). There was a feeling that this would be the point that Christ would return and usher in the end of the age - and yet here we are.

Advent is still a time for looking forward to the coming of Christ. Christmas is a strong reminder that God fulfils his promises; for he promised to send a Messiah, a promise fulfilled in the birth of Jesus. So for us Christmas is not the end of Advent. It is a reminder that what God has promised to us, he will fulfil. That Jesus will come again and receive us unto himself, to be with him in his kingdom; as promised. This is what Advent is about, that eager looking forward for the return of Christ.

There is link between All Saintstide and Advent that can sound a bit morbid. Traditionally all those saints who have "gone before us" are buried with their feet to the east. The reason is simply this: when Christ returns to the new Jerusalem (which will be in the east) the graves will give up their dead and they will all arise facing east, ready to worship the returning Christ. For the same reason clergy are buried with their heads to the east so that on that day they will arise and be facing their people to lead them in worship.

This hope and expectation, of the returning Christ and the notion of thanksgiving for all his saints, has been built in to the most basic part of the way we live our lives and remember our loved ones.

Every blessing to every one of you, as saints of God, Mark

Remembrance day

Remembrance Day this year has a special significance – it was 80 years ago this June that the D-Day Landings of the Second World War took place.

Those D-Day Landings and the Battle of Normandy led to the liberation of France and Europe. And this year the Normandy region has been celebrating – with events including synchronized fireworks at the major D-Day sites, a giant picnic on Omaha Beach, Liberation balls, bagpipe parades, and international parachuting of hundreds of soldiers above Sainte-Mère-Église.

It has been estimated that between 15 and 20 million people died in Europe alone during the Second World War. Worldwide, an estimated 75 million people died.

WORD SEARCH

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Remembrance
Day
Landings
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Normandy
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Omaha
Bagpipe
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"It's either an appeal to youth culture
or we can't afford to service the boiler
for the Winter season"

JOKING ASIDE, THANKS TO ALL IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY WHO THROUGH GIVING, HELPING, SERVING, SINGING AND BEING HERE, MAKE OUR CHURCHES COOL PLACES TO BE. BUT DONT FORGET YOUR COAT!



This congregation kept coming and smiling as they waited the repair of their boiler.

What an inspiration.

The month of Remembrance is especially poignant this year.

War in the Middle East is spreading rapidly, while the Russian invasion of Ukraine grinds on, and Sudan's civil war causes widespread famine. Throughout the world, millions of people's lives are being turned upside down, with little or no hope of peace and security in sight.



It is indeed a time for Christians everywhere to pray for peace; a peace based on justice and mercy.

It is also a time to remember the victims of many natural disasters that have happened this year; from hurricanes, typhoons and disastrous floods, to wildfires and extreme drought. Charities that are working among those who are suffering need our support.

In all this Sunday 24th November, the Sunday of Christ the King, reminds us that this world, with all its evil and unfairness, will not be allowed to go on forever. Jesus Christ has overcome death and will return to us one day. And HIS Kingdom will be one of justice and righteousness, with no more tears, and He will reign forever. Amen!

May the Lord bless you and keep you, and all whom you love, amid any personal uncertainties you may be facing.

(Anne Coomes and the Parish Pump Team)

The Poppy - Flower of Remembrance

In the spring of 1915 a young Canadian, military, doctor, Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae wrote this poem shortly after losing a friend at Ypres, and then seeing poppies growing in the battle-scarred fields.

Since then the poppy has become a symbol of remembrance for those who have died in war, and a symbol of hope for a positive future and a peaceful world.



In Flanders Fields

In Flanders' fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place: and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.
We are the dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders' fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe;
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high,
If ye break faith with us who die.
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders' Fields.

This poem can be found at:
https://www.britishlegion.org.uk/get-involved/remembrance/about remembrance/in-flanders-field



Remember Alla, from Ukraine, in her eighties. She has lived through two wars in her lifetime

When the conflict in Ukraine intensified, 84-year-old Alla found herself residing in a nursing home. Several rockets struck the nursing home where she lives,also damaging the church's roof, with one falling onto a bathroom that thankfully no one was in at the time. "It was awful for me, the fire, the rockets…" she recalls.

Alla has endured the hardships of war before. She has lived through not just one, but two wars in her lifetime: the Second World War and the current conflict. She remembers the liberation of Mykolaiv and how the city came to meet the returning soldiers.

However, all of this did not diminish the impact of the ongoing war on her. "I can't watch the news without tears," Alla says. "How many children have died, how many children injured, and how many have been left

without parents? It's scary, very scary." The war's prolonged nature is one of the key factors taking a psychological toll on Ukrainians.



Alla, who lost her son twenty years ago, found herself without any close relatives in good health to provide care so she made the decision to move into a nursing home where she finds solace in the companionship of the staff who share her positive outlook on life.

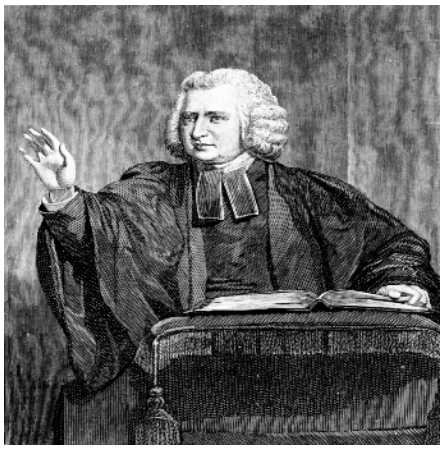
Alla's energetic attitude and thoughtfulness towards life that keep her going amidst the trauma of war.

As one of the senior residents, Alla frequently lends a hand in looking after fellow patients. It is her vibrant spirit and mindful approach to life that serve as her guiding light amidst the hardships of war.

"We have to live, to not give up and support others".

The story behind the hymn - Jesu Lover of my Soul

By Nanette
https://www.hopeinthehealing.com/2015/09/07/i-sink-i-faint-i-fall-the-story-behind-jesus-lover-of-my-soul/



When Charles Wesley and his brother John were traveling the world preaching the Gospel in the mid 1700's, it was a difficult and uneasy season. There was an awakening happening in the Church and at times things even became violent. Once when Wesley was preaching in Ireland, about 1740, he was attacked by a group who did not think he was preaching Truth. Wesley on the run was helped by a farmer's wife hid him. When the gang arrived at the farm, she gave them refreshments and slipped out to guide Wesley to hide under a hedge nearby. By the quiet brook he wrote this poem-prayer which greatly comforted him. From that poem we have one of the greatest hymns in the book: ***Jesus, Lover of My Soul*** *(1879.)*

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

Jesus, lover of my soul,
let me to Thy bosom fly,
While the nearer waters roll,
while the tempest still is high.
Hide me, O my Savior, hide,
till the storm of life is past;
Safe into the haven guide;
O receive my soul at last.

Other refuge have I none,
hangs my helpless soul on Thee;
Leave, ah! leave me not alone,
still support and comfort me.
All my trust on Thee is stayed,
all my help from Thee I bring;
Cover my defenceless head
with the shadow of Thy wing.

Wilt Thou not regard my call?
Wilt Thou not accept my prayer?
Lo! I sink, I faint, I fall,
Lo! on Thee I cast my care;
Reach me out Thy gracious hand!
While I of Thy strength receive,
Hoping against hope I stand,
dying, and behold, I live.

Thou, O Christ, art all I want,
more than all in Thee I find;
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint,
heal the sick, and lead the blind.
Just and holy is Thy Name,
I am all unrighteousness;
False and full of sin I am;
Thou art full of truth and grace.

Plenteous grace with Thee is found,
grace to cover all my sin;
Let the healing streams abound;
make and keep me pure within.
Thou of life the fountain art,
freely let me take of Thee;
Spring Thou up within my heart;
rise to all eternity.

I am sure as Charles Wesley sat underneath that hedge, hiding from a mob that wanted to do him harm, that he wasn't thinking of the thousands upon thousands that would forever sing this hymn. He didn't think of the strength that would come to many because of HIS suffering. But had he not went through that difficult time in his life we wouldn't have such a wonderful truth to sing when times are hard. His beautiful words continually remind us of the sovereignty of God and His complete majesty.

A Space for you to share
Inspirational stories and poems
Jokes
Photos/images
Recipes
and more

Thank you Sheila for your contributions this month



Do you know your Hymns?

Dentists hymn	Crown Him with Many Crowns
Weatherman's hymn	There shall be Showers of Blessings
Contractor's hymns	The Church is one Foundation
The Tailor's hymn	Holy Holy Holy
Golfer's hymn	There is a Green Hill Far Away
Politician's hymn	Standing on the Promises
Optician's hymn	Open My Eyes that I Might See
Gossips' hymn	Pass it on
Electrician's hymn	Send the Light
Shopper's hymn	In the Sweet bye and bye
Estate agents hymn	I've Got a Mansion, just over the Hill

And for those who speed

55 mph …. God will take care of me
75 mph …. Nearer my God to thee
85 mph …. This world is not my own
95 mph …. Lord I'm coming home
100 mph… Precious Memories

Give me a sense of humour Lord, Give me the grace to see the joke, to get some humour out of life, and pass it on to other folks.

Thanks Sheila for your sense of humour and passing it on.



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Saturday 30th November 2024
From 12 noon -4pm
Wide range of indoor stalls
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The Rectory
St James the Least



My dear Nephew Darren
I suppose it had to come, but combining parishes is now firmly on the agenda for our villages.

I had always wondered what the first Earl of Stowe was trying to prove, building a church here in 1347 to accommodate 800 people when the total population has never exceeded 250. In the short term – which in this village is measured in centuries - it seems to have been to house the tombs of his 13 successors. I now realise it was to make uniting with adjoining parishes in the 21st century more difficult. Clearly the first Earl had formidable foresight. None of our neighbouring churches seem too keen to share their reserves to help maintain our cathedral-sized building.

The threat of the closure of St Herve the Bard has, inevitably, caused outrage – not so much from its regular congregation of three, but from all those in the village who would never think of attending. People do so *like* to have a church not to go to.

The church of St Bregowine, built by a wealthy parishioner in the 19th century because she did not like the high church practices of the parish church of St Iwig, is refusing to re-unite, even though the two churches stand only 100 yards apart, in a village with a diameter of 300 yards. If only they could get over the trauma of seeing the incumbent putting water in the wine on Easter Day in 1894. (Although it must be conceded

that the Bregowinians were equally affronted that when the daughter church opened in 1895, they found that the Iwigers had provided no brass troughs at the end of the pews for umbrellas. That they have subsequently refused to install them has only compounded the offence.)

Meanwhile St Plegmund is in discussions with the Church of South India as a way of avoiding uniting with anyone. Should it happen, I will be interested to see what travelling expenses the new incumbent claims. It will be difficult to tell when the present incumbent resigns, as he has not been seen at a clerical meeting for the last 30 years. Some of my colleagues suspect he is mythical, that a bloodless coup took place in the 1980s and that the church is now entirely run by the Mothers' Union.

The church of St Maximus of Constantinople in our nearest town has rather grandly offered to take all of our churches under its wing, but as a parishioner has pointed out: how could we possibly consider joining with a parish that fought on the other side at the Battle of Bosworth in 1485.

In the meantime, we will serenely carry on, as we seem to have done for the past six centuries; parish mergers and reductions in numbers of clergy seem to be of less interest than debating the suggestion that we change the brand of coffee served after Services.

Your loving uncle,
Eustace

The remarkable usefulness of Allen keys

A solicitor considers how things work



All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.
2 Timothy 3:16-17

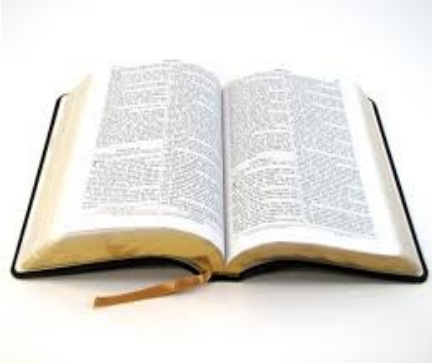
We all need practical skills, and they are not always easily gained. I seem to spend a lot of time assembling flat pack furniture of one type or another. The trick is to look and sound as though you know what you are doing, even though any skills are often gained through trial and error. It is surprising how many household projects require an Allen key, which if you have not seen one, is an L shaped rod with a hexagon end which fits into an identical sized recess in the top of a screw. You can use the longer or shorter arm depending on whether the job needs extra force or more speed.

The idea of a hexagon *socket* screw was probably thought of as early as the 1860s to 1890s, but such screws were not widely manufactured until around 1910. In 1909–1910, William G. Allen developed and patented a method of manufacturing screw heads

which had a hexagonal recessed die. The key that he lent his name to fits nicely into the head of the screw, is cheap to manufacture and easy to use.

When you are called on to do some DIY (or flat-pack funrniture assembly), especially after someone has had a go, the best thing to do is to refer to the instructions, and keep all your Allen keys together in one place so you can easily find them. They come in different sizes.

Bibles come in a range of different sizes, languages, some with more modern or older language. They also fit into the hand nicely, are easy to use and contain very important instructions on how any, and all of us, should live.



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Nuts about nuts

Its that time of the year again and nuts are on the shelves. So do they make us fat or are they good for us.

According to research, and advice, from the Mayo Clinic, almonds and other **tree nuts** can improve blood cholesterol. Studies have shown that walnuts, which have omega-3 fats, may help protect the heart and lower the risk of heart attack for people who already have heart disease.

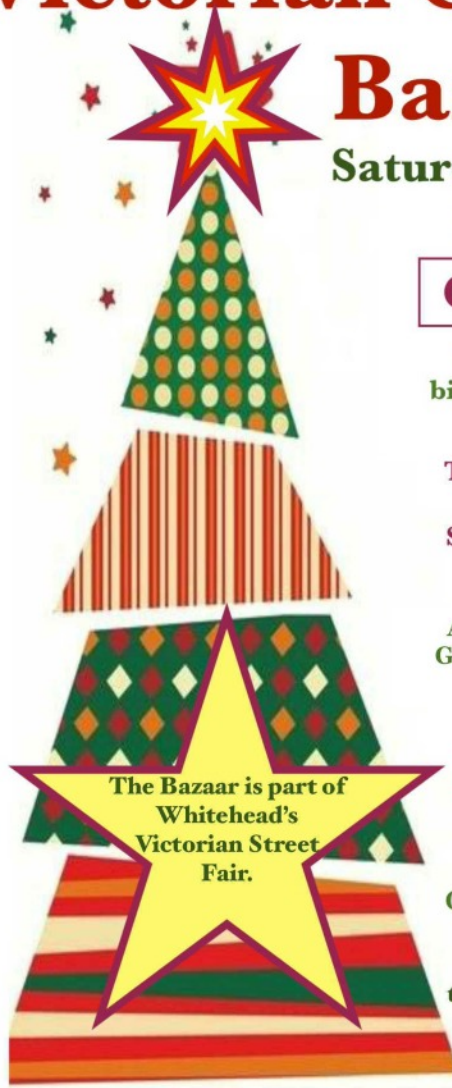
BUT all nuts are high in calories, so a handful added to a salad or eaten as a snack will do. So walk on by those roasted salted peanuts (ground nuts).

Eating 8 almonds a day lowered my cholesterol. Might be worth a try.

St Patrick's Church of Ireland

Parochial Hall, Edward Road, Whitehead

Victorian Christmas Bazaar



Saturday 30th November
12noon - 4pm

Can you help us?

We urgently need unwanted birthday or Christmas gifts, for our Tombola & Gifts Stall.

Tombola prizes must be NEW, such as Bottles of drink, Sweets, Chocolates, novelties, Gadgets.

Also we need Children's Books, Games & Toys in good condition. No soft toys however.

Contributions can be left at St Patrick's Church or Parochial Hall, Edward Road, any Tuesday upto 26th Nov, in the morning between 10.30am-12.30

Or Monday 4th or 18th Nov from 7.30pm-8.30pm
Or contact Jo :07790 241263 to arrange a drop off at the Church
Many thanks

All congtributions including home made cakes and buns would be much appreciated. Proceeds will be used to support the work of the church in the local community.

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Left over chicken and vegetable bake
(gluten free)



600ml milk
3 tablespoons cornflour
150g chunks extra mature cheddar cheese (no need to grate will melt into the sauce beautifully)
Salt and pepper to taste
Optional ½ teaspoon of French mustard (enhances the cheese sauce flavour)
Optional ½ teaspoon ground nutmeg
Left-over chicken, vegetables and potatoes

Method:

Pour the milk into a saucepan then keep five tablespoons of the milk back in a small bowl.
Heat the milk until it is almost boiling then take it off the heat.
Add the cornflour to the cold milk in small bowl stirring to make a smooth paste. It has a strange consistency at first.
Still off the heat gradually add the cold milk and cornflour mixture stirring as you do this.
Return the pan to a medium heat and stir as the sauce thickens.
Allow the sauce to bubble gently and cook for a minute while stirring.

Add the lumps of cheese and stir as they melt into the sauce.
Season with salt and pepper to taste
Add the optional nutmeg or mustard at this point.
Crush left-over potatoes, or use mash.

Put some of the sauce on the bottom of your casserole or shallower dish.
Place chunks of your chicken and vegetables on top and generously cover the vegetables in rest of cheese sauce. .
Pile on top left-over potato
Bake in the oven for 40 minutes until bubbling hot and golden crisp on top. If your ingredients are hot before assembly it will take less time in the oven.

Multiple options -

Vegetarian Pile in other veggies with sauted onion and garlic

Use other left over meats

Short on vegetables add gluten free cooked pasta and a sprinkle of cheese on top instead of potato.

For added crunch springle generoursly with crushed crisps and cook for five more minutes .



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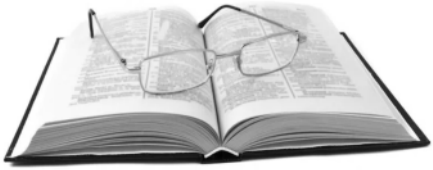
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Read *John 10:11 and 14*

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Read *John 15:1 and 35*

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Read *John 11:25*

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Read *John 6: 35,51*

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Read *John 14:6*

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Read *John 10:9*

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Read *John 18:12*

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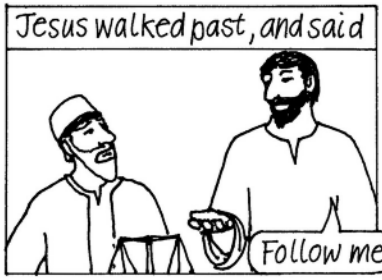
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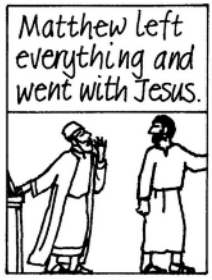
A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in Mt 9:9-13, Mk 2:13-15, Lk 5:27-32

The Roman invaders had given the job of collecting their taxes to local Jews who also overcharged, so they were doubly hated.

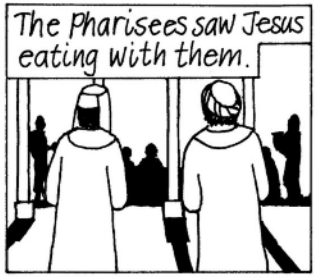


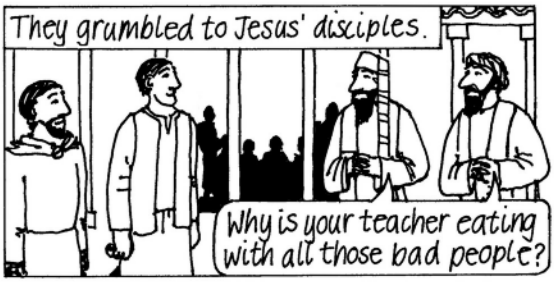


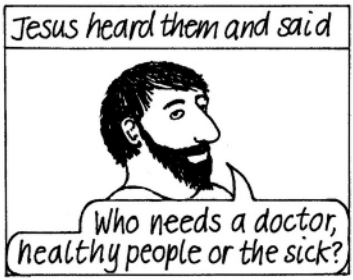




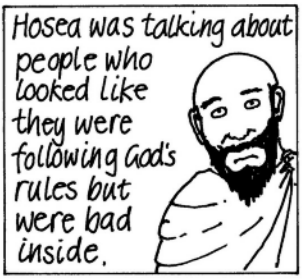














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We are appealing for volunteers to come and help with the stalls and serving of refreshments

We need the following items - can you donate any?

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Come as you are, as you already are…
Come and join us – our doors are wide open
Bring your life's regrets, or fears and disappointments,
or anything that leaves you sad & low…

It's ok if you're divorced
or you've never had a faith!
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For our lives can be so different and better indeed,
if we trust in God and leave the rest to Him.

Bring your partner, bring your friend
Bring the ways you want to mend
and discover what God can do for you today!
Whether you're transgendered, bi or gay, there's no shame in being that way
For God loves you more than you will ever know.

Are you battling addictions or other afflictions?
Or mourning the loss of a loved one?
Simply reach out to Christ
For He understands and you'll find healing and hope in abundance

Come as you are, as you already are, because here you will always be welcome.
If you're depressed, downhearted or despairing?
Then let God do the repairing
For our lives can be so different and better indeed,
if we trust in God and leave the rest to Him.

Jo Pawson

We are blessed at both St Patrick's & St John's Church, with a faith community that is loving, welcoming & inclusive. May these qualities always be cherished and shared generously with those who come seeking a faith community, love and acceptance.

November Church Activities

Together in Faith Group

Monday 4th & 18th November at 7.30pm
Meet in the Boucher Room, Parochial Hall at St Patrick's Church.
Studying Paul's Letter to the Philippians

Book Club

Book Club meets on the last Wednesday of the month
(Contact Paddy Rodgers tel 07720 404071
for venue & date which may vary over summer)

Wednesday Morning Fellowship Group (Monthly)

Next meeting on WEDNESDAY 13th November
at 11am in the Boucher Room.
Topic Encouragements and Challenges to our Faith.

New members welcome. We start with refreshments and fellowship .

Also

Every Week the following

Circus Skills Class

Tuesdays @ 10.30am - Parochial Hall

Indoor Bowling Club

Tuesdays from 7pm -Parochial Hall

New people always welcome to join in

Parish Announcements

The Select Vestry meeting will be held on Thursday 14th November at 10.00 am at St Patrick's Church

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Counters for November

3rd Nov. Valerie Kincaid 10th Nov. Trevor Peoples

17th Nov. Colin de Fleury 24th Nov. David Robinson

1st Dec. Sandra Thompson

Sunday Refreshments Rota

3rd Nov. Priscilla Carlisle 10th Nov. none (Remembrance Sunday)

17th Nov. Alison and Bert 24th Nov. Inez Moore

1st Dec Heather Craig

Refreshments coordinator Priscilla Carlisle

Tel 07787561517

Game On Meeting in November

Meeting in the Library on Wednesday

Nov. 13th & 27th at 1.30pm

New participants always welcome. And if you are a bit shy, just come and see what games we play first. Of course there will be tea and biscuits served.

Brasso Club this month

Meets on Thursday 14th November at 10am

Bring rubber gloves, some old rags and an old tooth brush if you have one. We use the main church door to enter the church, not the church hall entrance.

Youth Fellowship Sunday Brunch

will meet on Sunday 3rd November in St Patrick's. We join everyone else in the church for the start of morning service at 10.30am before moving into the hall for some Bible study, games, craic and brunch. Anyone of secondary school age or young adult under 25 is welcome to join us. If you want to find out more, please come along or contact Stephen Martin (stepheneddu@gmail.com).



FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK



I want to say hello and introduce myself as I take over from Jo. My name is Janet Matthews and I am going to edit Church Matters for 4 months in the first instance. Like many of you I will miss Jo as she moves to York. We pray that Jo and Jean will find a warm welcoming community and church home in or near York. Jo has shared with me and others how much she will miss our church family. That sense of church family is why I kept coming back, over the past year.

A little about me, I am semi-retired, still doing some teaching and counselling. I moved to in Carrickfergus last year where I live with my girls, Rosie and Poppy, two small dogs.

I look forward to be more involved in church life as I reduce my work commitments. Taking over the magazine is something that I can fit in around work. Jo and Rector Mark have given me a great induction but I do need your help and I genuinely welcome your input.

Jo was a great Editor, a hard act to follow, so I ask for your patience as I learn the ropes and possibly make mistakes.

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