

St Columbanus

Ballyholme



Jade's last Sunday

Children's Church Prizegiving

Everything Summer

Work has started



..On the way together..

The Parishioner

July / August 2016

The Parish Centre continues to be open as usual every weekday morning

If reactions from the first month of Sundays are anything to go by, St Columbanus College is certainly fitting the bill as our temporary “place of prayer” (Acts 16). Many have remarked on the lovely atmosphere, the greatly enhanced singing and the effort made each week to turn the school assembly hall into our spiritual home-away-from-home. Children’s Church is now over for the summer so a huge ‘thank you’ to Paula Lown, Judith Bell and Libby and Andrew Beech but we hope to see all our families coming along faithfully throughout July and August. When I get back from a break and mention where I’ve been to Church, some people make the suggestion I’ve been good to go on holiday – as if I go out of duty. Trust me, duty doesn’t come into it. I go because I’m curious, I want to see inside, I want to see how other churches do things – I want to hear someone else preaching! Mostly though, I go because I’m a Christian. I want to give God first place in my life and first place in my week. And I want to be with other people who feel the same way. How about you?



SED



Hospital/Home Visits

Letting the Rector know is crucial through the summer months when the normally reliable lines of communication with the hospitals often break down. If you

haven’t told us yourself that someone is sick or in need of a visit you must assume Simon does not know and get in touch. He visits the hospitals every week and would rather be informed a number of times than not at all – or immediately after he makes it home from Dundonald. Likewise with home visits. As people come and go on holiday over July and August it is harder to notice when some people are missing. Don’t think that no one cares, think instead that no one knows and make a phone call. Also remember please that Simon is currently without the back-up of a curate.

Reverend Liz McElhinney & MND

A number of you who missed Church on the fifth Sunday of May (the Bank Holiday weekend) have been asking about the YouTube video shown that morning at 10 and 11.30. Liz is no stranger to Ballyholme. She “preached Simon in” the night he was instituted, did some teaching for us one autumn on the Holy Spirit and some of our parishioners knew Liz from school in Alex in Dublin. A former social worker and RE teacher, Liz was ordained in 1997 and after a curacy in Maralin parish served as a rector in Co Sligo. Diagnosed last year with Motor Neurone Disease, Liz recorded her story in a five minute film which touches everyone who sees it. One or two were also asking about a quotation Simon gave out in the course of his introduction that morning. It was Lionel Shriver (author of We need to talk about Kevin) reviewing a Philip Roth novel called Everyman:



“Everyman is about a treachery that awaits us all. Spouses may stay true, but bodies are universally faithless.” Suffice to say: sickness, illness, pain is no respecter of how good a person is or how accomplished a person is, their achievements, their authority, their success – even their spiritual commitment, how “Christian” a person is. What’s powerful, inspiring and hope-bringing about Liz’s story is the difference faith can make.

Google Down and Dromore Liz McElhinney or enter Youtube.com/watch?v=FiWlb6CTf0g

The Walkers on Coast and Mountain

As we come to the end of our 2015/16 programme we look back at a year with several postponements due to inclement weather but with a few changes of location and dates, we did manage to walk every month.

The planned Carntogher outing was replaced in better weather with a 6 mile walk from Seahill station to Bangor on the coastal path. There is no sign to the path at the station but luckily Eileen knew the way. There is a pleasant approach to the coast via a leafy lane near Rockport School and then further round the coast, a set of steep steps takes you inland at the Seahill Sewage Treatment and rejoins the coast path as you descend at the far end. From here the path leads past Grey Point Fort, Helen's Bay and through to Crawfordsburn Beach. Needless to say we digressed to the Café in the Country Park before rejoining the path past Swineley Bay and on to Wilson's Point and back to Bangor.



Then at last on 4th June we made it to Carntogher Mountain to walk The Emigrants' Trail. Whilst the Mourne mountains are our nearest mountains in distance, it doesn't take much longer to get to the Eastern Sperrins using the M2. The area is full of ancient and indeed more modern history. It's mentioned in the 1st Century AD Tain Bo Cuailgne (The Cattle Raid of Cooley); it has a bronze/stone age burial cairn, a Cist grave and much more. More recently the Emigrants travelling to the port of Derry would leave a small stone on the

cairn at the highest point of the trail which gave them their last view of home before leaving for the New World. We wondered what sort of footwear they had and how they carried their possessions.

The day was warm but overcast which made walking more comfortable but the visibility wasn't good enough for us to see Donegal or the Mourne Mountains. The looped track starts at a small car park at the end of the Tirkane Road and leads onto the hillside on a grassy track, wet in places, which climbs the east side of the Mountain, leading in turn to a section of open grassy mountainside and heathery summit, before returning on gravel paths to the start point. There are two shorter alternative routes.

Surprising us was the amount of turf-cutting on the mountain. We saw men laying out the cut turf to dry and had an enlightening chat with one Mr Cassidy who told us about the modern ecologically friendly turf-cutting methods. We were proud to have one of our members, Sean, able to speak with him in very knowledgeable terms, having had experience on his grandmother's land in Fermanagh. The Mountain is common land and the farmers have right to a 'Turf Bank' from which they extract turf for domestic use.

Afterwards we called in at An Carn Cultural Community centre where Bridget had tea, coffee and scones ready for us. Carntogher is a bilingual community and the Association has ambitious plans for the restoration of the Carntogher Area as a modern, 21st Century Gaeltacht.

Our next outing on 2nd July will be in the Mourne area – details to follow.



This month I looked at the three remaining Home Groups which are all studying the Psalms using a book entitled “A Long Obedience in the Same Direction” recommended by Alistair Morrison. This book is about discipleship and God’s unchanging Word in our ever changing world. It examines Psalms 120 to 134, the 15 Songs of Ascents the Jewish people sang on their way to the Temple in Jerusalem for the annual Pilgrim Feasts. Ann Shaw and Margaret Parr jointly lead one of the Groups and Don Todd and Pat Davidson run the two other Groups.

Unfortunately I was unable to visit Pat’s Group because I was away when they held their last meeting before the summer break. Pat told me they meet in a relaxed atmosphere, starting with tea and coffee and a chat before beginning the Bible study. The meetings are informal, the fellowship is good and at the close of the meeting there are prayers for any concerns members may have. Close friendships have been formed and members support and encourage each other in their journey of faith. This Group was formed approximately 20 years ago and Pat has been the leader for over 10 years. The 8 members are all female and are in the 50 plus age bracket.



Ann Shaw/Margaret Parr’s Group were studying Psalm 126 – A Prayer for Deliverance on the morning I visited. This Psalm includes the words “How we laughed, how we sang for joy”. The day I visited there was plenty of laughter and chat about recent events as we enjoyed a very welcome cup of tea or coffee and lovely slice of home baked cake. After an opening prayer we sang a few praise songs and choruses before beginning our Bible study. The meeting ended with a time of prayer and members had the opportunity to pray for particular people known to them in need of prayer. This Group, which has all female

members of mixed ages, has been running for fourteen to fifteen years and Ann Shaw and Margaret Parr lead the discussions.

Don Todd’s Group was studying Psalm 133 – In Praise of Brotherly Love. The evening started with singing praise songs and opening prayers before the Bible study which explored the theme of brothers and sisters living in unity and faith travelling a common path towards God. We acknowledged that its not easy to live in harmony all the time and we discussed the various challenges we face in our Church and family lives when trying to live together in the way described in Psalm 133. The meeting ended with prayers and before we left we had a warming cup of tea or coffee (the weather had turned a bit chilly the night I visited) and were treated to a great selection of biscuits. There was so much catching up to do over tea I’m sure Don was beginning to wonder if we were ever going to go home! This Group has been running for fifteen to twenty years and has nine to twelve members, Don is the only man and he leads the discussions.



So that’s it, this last article in the series completes my visits around the Home Groups of Ballyholme Parish. I was made very welcome at all the Home Groups I attended and I saw for myself the great sense of fun, friendship and fellowship and close bond that exists between the members. I also found all the various discussions very thought provoking. During my visits I couldn’t help noticing a distinct shortage of men. The ladies assured me they don’t bite and they would really welcome some male company to help broaden their discussions.

I hope the various articles have increased your knowledge and perhaps encouraged you to think about joining a Home Group. New members are always welcome. If it doesn’t suit you to go out at night, one Group meets during the day and not all the Groups rotate the job of leading the discussions/prayers. You can contact the Group leaders for more information and perhaps you would like to try going along to one of the Groups and see what you think to help you decide.

Home Groups – the last instalment! (cont.d)

To make things easier I've summarised the key information below:

Leader's name and contact details	Location	Day/starting time	Frequency of meetings
Caroline Gillan/Paula McIlwaine Email - vincent3mac@hotmail.com	Leader's house	Tuesday at 8:00 pm	Every 2 weeks
Michelle Savage Tel: 02891-271327	Kajaido Room Parish Centre	Tuesday at 7.30 pm	Every 3 weeks
Ann Shaw/Margaret Parr Tel: 02891-466198/02891-467532	Leader's house	Tuesday at 10.00 am	Every 2 weeks
Don Todd Tel: 02891-469035	Leader's house	Monday at 8:00 pm	Every 2 weeks
Pat Davidson Tel: 02891-451150	Leader's house	Monday at 8:00 pm	Every 2 weeks

Christine Johnstone

DOWN & DROMORE BIBLE WEEK 2016

You're warmly invited to the diocese's 10th Annual Bible Week each evening at 7.45 pm from 30 August – 2 September. Our speaker in 2016 is Revd Dr Iain Provan and the venue will be Willowfield Church, Belfast.

Iain has been the Marshall Sheppard Professor of Biblical Studies at Regent College, Vancouver, since 1997, and will take as his theme, The Big Picture: Reading the Bible for All That's There.



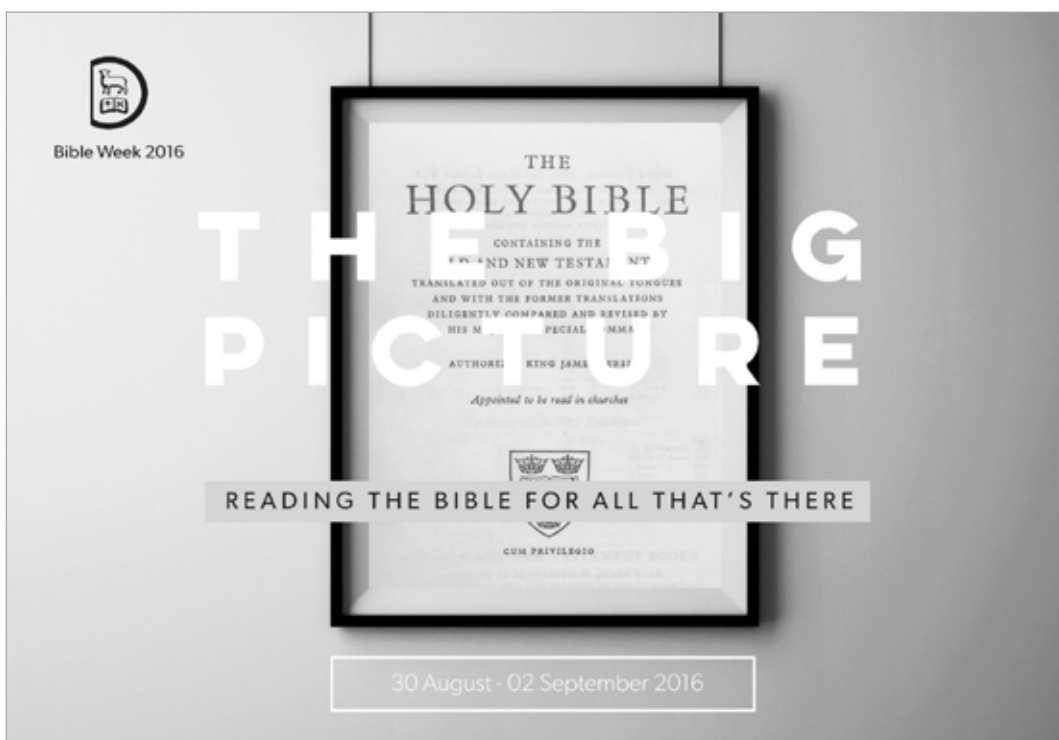
Programme

Tuesday 30 August
In the Beginning and Now: God Creates
(Psalm 104:24–35)

Wednesday 31 August
Of Covenants and Promises: God Commits
(2 Samuel 7:4–16)

Thursday 1 September
Of Evil and Suffering: God Saves
(Psalm 73:1–14)

Friday 2 September
A Holy People: God Calls
(Isaiah 42:1–9)



Progress Report

On 27th April 2016 client representatives and design team members met with Tony O'Neill and PG Scullion from O'Hanlon Brothers, the main contractor, to discuss the proposed works at St Columbanus Parish Church.

An 'on site' start date was discussed and agreed and, after undertaking all necessary preparations required in respect of Health and Safety measures for site set up, O'Hanlon Brothers moved onto site on 9th May 2016. Site huts and storage facilities were set up in the upper car park area.

Scaffolding has now been erected around the church to enable repair works to be undertaken to the tower and church roof. These works will include repairs and replacement of any defective lead flashings and replacement of missing slates.



Views from Scaffolding

The new door opening at the rear of the church has now been formed and has enabled the contractor to access the building to carry out the refurbishment works. The existing floor has been removed and provision of a new floor, which will incorporate underfloor heating, is underway. The formwork for the new dais has been erected and meetings have been held on site with consultants, contractor and subcontractors to discuss the logistics of how to install the new mechanical and electrical services.

One of the main elements of work which must be carried out at the beginning of the contract is the relocation of the NIE sub-station, which is currently located between the church and the Parish Centre. At the minute the cables run from the Groomsport Road, along the passageway between the church and the adjacent apartments, to the substation, but these NIE cables will need to be rerouted to the new sub-station which will be located in the lower carpark. The ground along the passageway at the side of the Parish Centre has now been excavated and a new retaining wall will be built between the Church and Parish Centre as part of these works.

The team of contractors has been very cooperative and construction work on site is moving at a pace.

It is hoped that refurbishment works will continue well over the summer period, by which time the new floor will be installed, mechanical and electrical works will be well underway, joinery works will be nearing completion and the refurbished stained glass windows will be installed.



Formation of new doorway into Church & Excavation works for re-routing cables

Childhood

Jesus, what was your childhood like?
 Were there fights and squabbles
 with pulled hair and kicked ankles
 and shouts of 'It wasn't my fault.'
 Did you have to take the blame
 for someone else's misdeeds?

And what was school like for a boy
 who refused to be naughty?
 Who didn't join in the teasing
 of the one who was different?
 How many bruises did you gain
 from standing up for the victims?
 How often were you the one who was different
 and the victim of the tormenters?

How did you feel when they called you
 Mummy's boy, teacher's pet, spoilsport?
 It cannot not have hurt.

What did you do when Mary told you off
 for giving away your lunch,
 or your pocket-money,
 to another child who was hungry;
 or your cloak to one who was cold?

Lord, your hurt, your brokenness
 was not only on the cross.
 Your suffering was part of your life
 from childhood,
 with love and joy,
 acceptance and rejection
 companionship and loneliness –
 the experiences and emotions
 which we all have shared.

But you knew that you were loved –
 That you were beloved by God

And that belovedness undergirded you
 enabling you to give yourself in your brokenness
 to the broken in body, in soul, and in heart,
 who looked for someone to love them
 and found you, the Beloved,
 and in you their own belovedness.

Valerie Jill Boal

Dear Ballyholme Friends

So many of you acknowledged the death
 of my daughter Ruth in so many different
 ways.

Your messages, thoughts, presence
 and prayers have been a real source of
 strength to me and Ruth's family – and I
 want to thank you all from the bottom of
 my heart.

My own heart is broken at this time but I
 know that God in His love will guide and
 direct me in the days ahead. Ruth taught
 me much about living and dying – and her
 own faith helped her live life to the full and
 yet face death with courage and hope.

I am a better person for having known her.

Thank you for all your compassion, God
 Bless,
 Denise Acheson.



Around the Parish



Jade's Last Sunday



Table Top Sale



Friday Lunch



Children's Church Prizegiving



Heavenly Father, look down on us, your obedient servants who are doomed to travel this earth taking photos, writing postcards, buying souvenirs and walking around in drip-dry underwear.

We beseech you, O Lord, to see that our plane is not delayed, our baggage lost and our overweight luggage and illegal imports go unnoticed.

Lead us to good, inexpensive restaurants where the wine is included in the price of the meal and the staff speak English. Give us the wisdom to tip correctly in currencies we do not understand.

Grant us the strength to visit museums, palaces, cathedrals and if we, perchance, skip an historic monument to seek private pleasure, have mercy on us, for our flesh is weak.

Dear God, protect our wives from bargains they do not need, or cannot afford. Lead them not into temptation, for they know not what they do.

Almighty Father, keep our husbands from looking at foreign women and comparing them with their partners. Save them from making fools of themselves at the poolside. Forgive them their trespasses even though they know exactly what they do.

And finally, when we return home, grant us the favour of finding someone who will look at our photos and listen to our prattle, so that our journey will not be in vain.

Going to Church on Holiday – yes, you should!



Wherever you go this summer, with your caravan, your tent or your super-yacht, there will be a Church nearby just waiting to open its doors to you. Every summer in Ballyholme we look forward to the company of tourists, day-trippers and holidaymakers at our Sunday services and we hope to make them all warmly welcome.

Welcoming the stranger is one of the most basic expressions of our Christian faith and, the Scriptures make clear, it is also a blessing to us as we welcome them. In exactly the same way when we go on holiday it is up to us to bless other churches with our presence – to give them a chance to welcome us. It is also fascinating to see how other Christians do things; even if language barriers mean we can't follow the whole of the service, often there will be a word or a theme for us to take away. If you are making the trip to somewhere further afield this summer the Intercontinental Church Society have a helpful website to point you to the nearest Anglican Sunday service (address below). Go on: be brave. You'll be glad you made the effort and so will those who greet you!

www.ics-uk.org/churches



Everyone is welcome to our Summer Parish Picnic

after 10.30 family service 7th August

at St Columbanus College!

Bring your own chairs, blankets and snacks and drinks!

If it turns wet we will be in the hall.

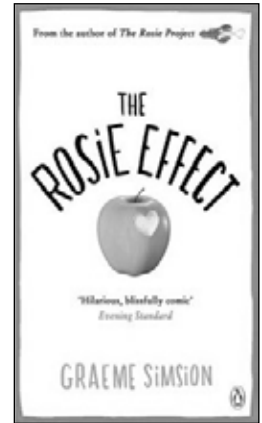


Although I did not enjoy this as much as *The Rosie Project*, it was still a fun read. Don is a larger than life character whose personality gets him into constant scrapes and then finds non standard ways to get out of them. As you might expect, he treats the impending birth as a project, and preparing a spreadsheet is the answer, taking the whole pregnancy to ridiculous lengths by trying to plan for every eventuality. Rosie does not agree with this as she feels she should be able to manage her

body to what suits her needs. As usual, it's Don's reactions, thoughts and feelings that make what should be a fairly straightforward plot quite such an entertaining and convoluted comedy of errors. For instance, as soon as Don gets it into his head to observe children in order to prepare for fatherhood, you can foresee disaster. But it sets off a chain reaction of episodes that lead to some hilarious scenes involving various authorities, and many lies. His attempts to find the perfect crib and "world's safest pram" are funny in their conclusion.

Rosie seems to be a different character in this book, and not as strong as in the *Rosie Project*, and doesn't actually incur as much sympathy from the reader, but Don, as always, carries the story.

If you are asking "who's Don"? I suggest you read *The Rosie Project* first to acquaint yourself with the characters which I think should help your enjoyment with this sequel.



Sue Bleakley

Churches on the Move : Kiruna, Sweden



As I sit down to write this I am exactly one week from becoming a married woman.

So by the time you read this I will be Mrs Guy and two years of careful planning will hopefully have come to fruition without a hitch.

There have been many bumps in the road along the way, as is expected with any wedding, the first of which was realising I could not get married in the church where I was christened, confirmed and spent so many evenings as a youth.

Yes this was a disappointment personally, but my selfish thoughts could not topple the need for our

church to undergo a much-needed makeover.

I know I am not the only bride who faced the dilemma of finding another church to tie the knot, but at least we can come back to the place of worship we hold so dear in our hearts.

Like us, the town of Kiruna in northern Sweden had to pack its bags and move down the road, 3km to be exact.

The catch - well they would not be going back for fear their iron ore mine threatened to swallow up the town of 23,000 people.

Their rust-red wooden church, once voted Sweden's most beautiful building, was in danger of collapse.

The town became a victim of its own success, only being formed due to the vast seam of iron ore that lurked beneath its surface.

But stopping the mining that was destroying the town was not an option - Kiruna would collapse without it too as it was its biggest employer.

So the people of the town, 145km inside the Arctic Circle, faced a huge decision as subsidence would soon lead to buildings' widespread cracking and collapse.

After a decade of deliberations - as fissures started to appear in the ground - the masterplan of moving the town was unveiled and in April last year the first buildings were pulled down.

By 2033 the entire town should have moved out of the path of the mine's impending jaws.

And what you may ask is happening to that famous rust-red church?

Well it's coming too - the people of the town decided to dismantle it and resurrect it piece by piece in their new home along with 19 other key buildings.

That struggle down to St Columbanus College doesn't seem too bad after all now!

Sarah Scott



so a brief reminder of the flavour and format, especially for the benefit of anyone new to the parish.

The first Sunday of the month is an all age service, the second Sunday Parish Communion (the children go out for a film and then return at Communion time for grapes) and the other three Sundays will be either Morning Prayer, a Service of the Word or Holy Baptism. The choir will be with us every Sunday and our 10 o'clock singers will give a lead at various points too.

The liturgies, hymns and songs will appear on the screen but those who prefer to use the Prayer Book (on Communion, Baptism and Morning Prayer Sundays) and the Hymn Books (as and when) are welcome to do so. These can be collected in the usual way as people arrive. No crèche is organised for July and August but a craft table for the children will be set out every Sunday. There are toilet facilities on hand and a room for changing babies just outside the main hall doors.

It's not proving so easy to stop for refreshments at St Columbanus College so we thought we would invite everyone to stay behind after Church on the first Sunday in August (7th) for a parish picnic. It'll be 'bring-your-own' so simply load up your hampers and your deck chairs and make your way to Church for 10.30 as normal. After the service we will make the most of the grassy areas around the school grounds and some games will be organised for the children. In the event of rain we can move indoors and use both the hall itself and the sports hall below it.

The atmosphere for our combined service is always relaxed. Everyone loves to see the children coming and going and the preacher each Sunday will do their best to cater for a mixed age-range. The idea is to enjoy praising and praying as God's people together. If some of us feel we are doing things slightly differently to normal, we know it's only for a short run of Sundays and that we will be back to the familiar routines in September!

MOTHERS' UNION NOTES FOR JULY/AUGUST 2016



Joy Conn, Dorothy Smyth, Elizabeth Steele, Joyce Stock and the 2 car drivers attended the Down & Dromore Elderly Members' Communion & Tea Party, on Thursday 19th May in St John's Parish Church, Lurgan. After the Service, in the adjoining hall, some of the local primary school children sang several songs which was appreciated by all those present. This was followed by the delicious sandwiches and traybakes, provided by the Mothers' Union Trustees of Down and Dromore and served by the members of the local branch. Our 4 ladies were glad that they were able to attend this function.

Hopefully, the Outing to Newbridge and the Kildare Outlet Centre will have been enjoyed by all who supported this event on Saturday 11th June. At this stage in writing these notes, there are now only 4 seats left on the bus. Maybe, in the October magazine, we can record that the 53 seats were all occupied and we were able to donate surplus money to the Restoration Fund. If all goes well on the day, we may consider repeating this experience at a future date. Time will tell.

Have a good "Summer Break" and come back refreshed and ready to support "Yvonne" when we commence our meetings again on Monday 5th September at 8.00pm in the Parish Centre. Please note this date in your diaries now. The usual Annual Service will be held at a later date.

Signing off: Ruth Ruttle.



Sleeping isn't usually a problem for me. 10:30pm – out like a light 'til the 6am alarm. Tonight was different. Something woke me just after midnight and my brain went into overdrive; thinking about our time here in Uganda... *have I actually achieved anything?... pondering the future... when is it time to move on?... How on earth will I find a job if we move home someday?*

Then there are the frustrations of being a behind-the-scenes volunteer in a fairly big hospital... *how can I get this point across?... Why is no-one listening?... Am I the world's worst 'missionary'?... Why are people not turning to Jesus?... Why am I awake at 2:30am? I know, I'll take a night-time walk around the hospital... get chatting with some night-shift staff... share stories, offer encouragement...*

At 3am I sneaked out the back door with a mug of coffee and a torch. Tania and Lana seemed to sleep through the noisy kettle boiling and the loud double-click of the door lock. The two-minute 'commute' up to the hospital buildings was uneventful – the mongoose that tried to trip me up recently wasn't having my sleeping problems.

I've been around the wards at night many times – mainly when there's a technical problem with the generator or something, but tonight was quieter than I'd ever experienced here. I dandered past the Lab, over to Outpatients – not a soul in sight. *I know, I'll call in on the security men at the main gate. No-one there! What!? Why is no-one on duty? Not tonight, Paul. Let it go. They're probably being covert.*

I headed up past the pharmacy, male ward, maternity... no-one, nothing. I peered through a window to see a nurse with her head down on the nurses' station desk. *I'm sure she's not sleeping – probably deep in prayer.*

After a couple of laps I sat down on the bench outside the Estates Office – a great vantage point – a place where you can't (normally) sit for more than 5 minutes without someone joining you for a chat.

No-one around. This has never happened before. *Ah well, this seems like one of those times where I should read my Bible. Out with the phone. I opened the App that I often use for my devotions.*

Title: **'Don't Serve God'**

What!?

'What is God looking for in the world?

Assistants? No. The gospel is not a 'help wanted' ad. Neither is the call to Christian service' (2 Chron. 16:9).

Interesting... it went on...

'But isn't there something we can give to God...?'

'Yes, our anxieties. "Cast all your anxieties on him." (1 Peter 5:7). God will gladly receive anything from us that shows our dependence and his all-sufficiency.'

I keep reading...

'Patients do not serve their physicians. They trust them for good prescriptions. The Sermon on the Mount is our Doctor's medical advice, not our employer's job description.'

'...God is the workman in the affair. And what he gets is the glory of being the benefactor of grace – not the beneficiary of service.'

There it is. Give it all over to Him – all our fears, worries, our future, our past...

I'd better write that down.

Goodnight,

Paul Baker.

PS. The App is Solid Joys by John Piper. (*other Bible Apps are available.*)

Paul and Tania Baker from Bangor are CMSI Mission partners at Kiwoko Hospital. They will soon be on home leave so you may see them around Bangor with their adopted daughter Lana but that is another story





Just Older Youth



Photos from the last Monday morning coffee before the summer break.

I'm Sure Some Will Relate To This

I remember the cheese of my childhood,
 And the bread that we cut with a knife,
 When the children helped with the
 housework,
 And the men went to work not the wife.
 The cheese never needed a fridge,
 And the bread was so crusty and hot,
 The children were seldom unhappy,
 And the wife was content with her lot.
 I remember the milk from the bottle,
 With the yummy cream on the top,
 Our dinner came hot from the oven,
 And not from the fridge; in the shop.
 The kids were a lot more contented,
 They didn't need money for kicks,
 Just a game with their mates in the road,
 And sometimes the Saturday flicks.
 I remember the shop on the corner,
 Where a pen'orth of sweets was sold,
 Do you think I'm a bit too nostalgic?
 Or is it...I'm just getting old.



Rosemary, Heather & Sylvia



Nicola, Stephen, Pat, Rosa, Don, Janice
 and Geoff



Trevor and Ruth

Church Mission Society Ireland

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CMSI is a Christian mission organisation that exists to help God's people engage in God's mission.

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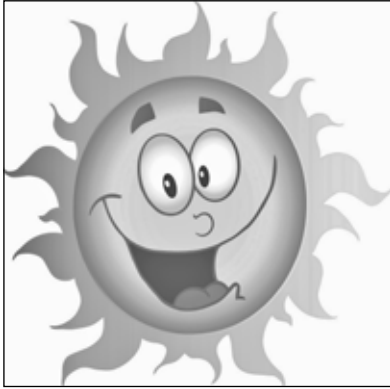
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Summer Sundays for Kids!

Children's Church is over, and although we will see lots of you at Jumpin, it'd be a real shame not to see you on the other Sundays. Never fear, there will be something for all of you younger folk to enjoy every Sunday at 10.30am!

Some of our Sunday services will follow the programme set throughout the rest of the year. The first Sundays of July and August will be all age service as usual, so come along for a time

of worship where everyone can engage in singing and learning. And as always, the second Sunday of the month will be a celebration of communion, but we will also be hosting a Cinema Club on these Sundays for the kids - there may even be popcorn included!

And the other Sundays? Laura will be running a craft club at the back of the hall during the services, with something to make that relates to the service and what is being taught, so there will be something for even the most fidgety hands to do!

There will also be a Jumpin Celebration Service on Sunday 31st July, so make sure to put that in your diaries!

Church should always be a place where everyone in the family can come to engage and learn about the God who loves them, and we hope this summer that you all will do so together - it would be so lovely to see you and hear all about the adventures you're having in your rest time! If you would like to know a little bit more about what will be happening for kids this summer, contact Laura at laura@ballyholmeparish.co.uk

Laura



The Brownies

At one of our meetings, it was decided to send a birthday card to the Queen, to help to celebrate her 90th birthday. The girls entered into the spirit of things, and did their very best designing and colouring their birthday cards. All were popped into an envelope and posted to the Palace, and then we waited.

Just this week (middle of May), we received an acknowledgement from the Palace and a lovely card from the Queen. The letter of acknowledgment was personalised, and the contents are replicated below:

To 8th Bangor Brownies

The Queen wishes me to write and thank you for all the splendid handmade cards which you sent on the occasion of Her Majesty's ninetieth birthday.

Although unable to reply to you personally, The Queen was touched by your kind thought and Her Majesty greatly appreciated the care you have taken with your artwork. I am to send you The Queen's best wishes and thank you, once again, for writing to Her Majesty as you did.

Annabel Whitehead

Lady in Waiting.



Needless to say, the Brownies are delighted and each was given a photocopy of the letter from the Queen's Lady-in-Waiting to keep.

Ann Browne

July**3rd Trinity 6**

8.30 Holy Communion
 10.30 All Age Service
 7.30 United Service Ballyholme Methodist

10th Trinity 7

8.30 Holy Communion
 10.30 Holy Communion
 7.30 United Service Ballyholme Presbyterian

17th Trinity 8

8.30 Holy Communion
 10.30 Summer Sunday Service
 7.30 United Service Ballyholme Parish

24th Trinity 9

8.30 Holy Communion
 10.30 Summer Sunday Service
 7.30 United Service Ballyholme Methodist

31st Trinity 10

8.30 Holy Communion
 10.30 Summer Sunday Service
 7.30 United Service Ballyholme Presbyterian

August**7th Trinity 11**

8.30 Holy Communion
 10.30 All Age Service
 7.30 United Service Holy Redeemer

14th Trinity 12

8.30 Holy Communion
 10.30 Holy Communion
 7.30 United Service Ballyholme Parish

21st Trinity 13

8.30 Holy Communion
 10.30 Summer Sunday Service
 7.30 United Service Ballyholme Methodist

28th Trinity 14

8.30 Holy Communion
 10.30 Summer Sunday Service
 7.30 United Service Ballyholme Presbyterian

**July**

3rd Muriel Ryan
 10th Ann Browne
 17th Caroline Jones
 24th Janice Hewitt
 31st Maureen Johnston

August

7th Mary Moore
 14th Anon
 21th Pamela McNutt
 28th Edna Rosbotham

**Restoration 2016 - too late to get involved?**

With the building work now well under way to restore the fabric and fixtures of our Church, some people have been asking is it too late to sign up with a pledge or maybe a gift towards the costs of the project. The answer is: not at all. Support continues to come in and every gesture of financial help, however small, serves to spread the burden a little further around our parish support base. On the basis that all our families will benefit from the work being undertaken, the hope is that more and more will get involved at every stage as we go along. Please get in touch with the Parish Office or take a form from the back of Church on Sundays.

FUNERALS

17th May: Ken Brown late of Ballycrochan Avenue

1st June: Jean Hamilton late of Waverley Drive.



Please note during July & August there will be no coffee in the Parish Centre

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