

St Columbanus

Ballyholme



Children on Palm Sunday
Mothers' Union Marathon
Confirmation Preview

..On the way
together..

The Parishioner

May 2019

The Church is open every weekday morning for private prayer and meditation

The Rambling Rector

Confirmation is always a red letter day, not least because the Church colour is red for the fire of the Holy Spirit. Bishop Harold will be with us of course, representing as ever on these occasions both the wider modern-day Church of Christ and the ancient New Testament Church of the apostles. It's the first Confirmation group for our new Youth Worker Andrew Watson, though he has been ably assisted by Michelle Savage for whom it will be the ninth! As ever, I have been pleased to prepare some adult candidates, though I've been glad to have a little input with the young people too, especially since I've known many of them since they were 3 or 4 years old! It's been lovely to watch them growing up as part of our Church family and now they will take their own place 'into membership', as one old Confirmation book put it. The diocesan youth and children's team will also be present to ensure the chocolate fountain and popcorn keep flowing at the party afterwards so all that's missing is you! Look out for the prayer card and invitation in Church (from 5 May) and I hope to see you there.



SED

Easter Vestry: 19 May 2019 – at long last!

As reported in the March (and April!) magazines, our annual General (Easter) Vestry meeting takes place at 12.45pm on Sunday 19 May in the Parish Centre over a church family lunch. Our accounts have now been audited to the requirements of the Charity Commissioners and we are good to go.

Constitutionally, as you know, we are free to conduct elections to the Select Vestry in whatever way we see fit. Written nominations will be invited ahead of the meeting in the hope that we will receive at least 12 names. It is up to you to stand yourself or to propose someone else to stand and the basic commitment is one meeting a month (ten a year).

Nominations will close on Sunday 12 May. Forms will be available from the Churchwardens on Sundays, from the Parish Office on weekday mornings and from our Honorary Secretary Leslie Adams (91466689). We will take a digital photograph to use on the voting paper.

So far as the agenda for the meeting is concerned, in addition to the elections, the adoption of the parish accounts and the submission of any reports, 'any other notified business' should be brought to the Rector's attention the day before the meeting at the latest. Please plan to be part of this important day in the parish calendar.



Freda Woods

When I was elected to be a member of the Parish Select Vestry for 2018/2019, I was aware that amongst others, I would become a trustee and steward of the parish's money and resources. As a member of a group of individuals which takes responsibility for the decision-making and day-to-day management of the parish, I am aware of this huge responsibility.

At my first meeting, I was a little apprehensive but I was immediately made to feel very welcome by the Rector and members and I soon realised that each person's opinion is respected. I quickly understood that each individual is a valued and much respected member.

Being on the Select Vestry is an enjoyable and rewarding experience, exchanging views and opinions on important matters. The Vestry meets once a month and comprehensive papers with minutes and agenda are circulated by the Secretary of the Vestry well in advance so each person is kept fully informed.

If you are considering being a member of the Parish Select Vestry, I would highly recommend it as this Select Vestry is one that is effective and responsible.



Just Older Youth

The Legacy

She could not give her children gold,
So she gave them faith to have and hold.

She could not give them royal birth...
A name renowned throughout the earth.
But she gave them seeds and garden spot
And shade trees when the sun was hot.

She could not give a silver spoon
Or servants waiting night and noon.
She gave them love and a listening ear
And told them God was always near.

She could not give them ocean trips
Aboard majestic sailing ships.
But she gave them books and quiet time,
Adventures found in prose and rhyme.

She could not give them worldly things
But what she gave was fit for kings.
For with her faith and books and sod,
She made each child aware of God.

attributed to **Alice Leedy Mason**



The Wednesday Club



Our April meeting was held in the Columbanus room, where our ladies, despite the wind and rain outside, were snug and warm having a movie afternoon. We watched "Driving Miss Daisy" a lovely feel-good film, which everyone thoroughly enjoyed.

Pancakes and tray bakes were served with the welcome cup of tea, and May Barr (back after having a spell in hospital) was the winner of our monthly draw.

See you next month

Sue





The Leprosy Mission
Northern Ireland

A channel for God's love to people with leprosy

One of my favourite all time films is the classic Ben Hur. In that film the main character Judah Ben Hur's mother Miriam and sister Tirzah develop Leprosy and we see how they are basically cast out from society. They are forced to live in caves in a leper colony and when they do appear in a crowd they are stoned when recognised as lepers.

2,000 years later unfortunately leprosy is still with us in a big way. Leprosy is a bacteria that over time results in a lack of ability to feel pain which can lead to the loss of extremities due to repeated injuries or infection due to unnoticed wounds. Weakness and poor eyesight may also be present. Leprosy occurs more commonly among those living in severe poverty. Leprosy is being diagnosed in the 21st century at a rate of 200,000 per year in many countries including Ethiopia, India, Nepal, Nigeria, Tanzania and Bangladesh to name but a few.

The Leprosy Mission (TLM) is an International Christian development organisation working in over 30 countries. Founded in 1874 its vision is a world where leprosy is defeated. Following Jesus Christ they strive to break the chains of leprosy.

TLMNI has no less than 246 churches supporting their work across Northern Ireland. I am so pleased that we in St Columbanus, Ballyholme are one of these churches. After many years of being our TLMNI church representative Carole Caruth has relinquished this post and I am very pleased and proud to have taken over from Carole.

You will notice on the table at the back of church information on TLMNI including their magazine INTOUCH and money collection boxes. I am therefore appealing for the congregation to take one of these collection boxes, take it home and over a period of time fill it with loose change and return it to me. I will then count it, bag it and bank it in the name of Ballyholme Parish. Putting your name on the box also means I can give you a little receipt with the amount that was in the box for your information.

I really do hope that you can help with the fantastic work that TLMNI does. I finish with a quote from a leprosy affected person called Nagammal;

"I know that Jesus works through each of the people involved in the Leprosy Mission. When people from TLM visit, it is as if Jesus himself has come to visit me".

By filling collection boxes YOUR involvement is confirmed. Thank you so much.

TREVOR SMYTH

Ballyholme Parish TLMNI Representative.



Christian Aid Week

12th – 18th May 2019

If you like going for a walk then why not help us to deliver and collect Christian Aid envelopes. All we will ask of you is to deliver and collect envelopes for 1 or at most 2 streets. All help is greatly appreciated.

Please add your name to the sign up sheet at the back of the Church or contact Susan Stockton on 07790 359991.



Each of us in the St Columbanus family is familiar with the various initiatives organised by our Missions Committee.

Kajiado Diocese (with Ronnie and Maggie Briggs) and Kiwoko Hospital are familiar names supported by Parish funds augmented from time to time by special events such as the Parish Quiz and the Harvest Lunch.

Lesser known perhaps is the support provided to other mission organisations, each one working in an area where critical needs have been identified.

The Church Missionary Society (CMS) is always a top priority but others such as Store House, Christian Aid, South American Missionary Society (SAMS) Open Doors, The Bible Society and the Leprosy Mission are also supported with funds disbursed on your behalf through St Columbanus' Missions Committee.

A recent bulletin from the Northern Ireland Bible Society told stories of counselling with traumatised Christians in Syria, a programme called Faith Comes by Hearing with illiterate people living in remote areas of Togo, and a Bible Study course called Light at Sunset with isolated elderly folk in Peru.

So thanks to each one of you for your week-by-week generosity and attendance at the fund-raising events which allow Ballyholme to provide support to initiatives like these.

And most importantly, please remember as we come and go to St Columbanus we are part of something much bigger. Stone by stone, brick by brick, we are building a Kingdom where one day Syria and Togo and Peru and Ballyholme will join in celebration of the final victory of our God and all his people.

Leslie

Palm Sunday: 8.30 and Good News at Ten Plate Offering

At some point during 11.30 Morning Prayer on Palm Sunday my eye was caught by a movement under the door leading from the Chancel to the Vestry.

It was the opening and closing of the outer/rear door which, as a fire exit, is always unlocked on Sundays (though the rear gate to the front church garden is usually locked). Seated at the organ, Ian Bell noticed my head turning to look towards the Vestry but being alone in the Chancel and in the middle of the service I assumed the visitor was an innocent one and continued with the service. People occasionally enter the Vestry during service for a perfectly valid reason. You can imagine the Churchwardens' shock however, when they discovered at the end of the service that the collection from both the 8.30 and Good News at Ten services was not where it should be. The police were called.

Constables Connor and Deborah from Newtownards and, later that afternoon Patrick from CSI Belfast, were extremely sympathetic and faultlessly thorough. Every effort would be made to circulate details of the theft and to check local CCTV cameras but all they could do there and then was talk us through our procedures and make some suggestions for improving our church security. Naturally, if anyone saw anyone they did not recognise in the grounds of the Church on Palm Sunday please get in touch. Since the envelopes are not opened on Sunday morning we can't know how much was taken. Suffice to say there was less than there would have been two years ago before so many parishioners transferred to digital giving. Very regrettably, if you gave by envelope on Palm Sunday at 8.30 and 10 o'clock your gift will not have been recorded. If you wrote the parish a cheque that day you are asked to contact Kelly in the Parish Office.

We can thank God of course that there was no encounter with our visitor. Naturally we will review our arrangements but meanwhile please pray for the person responsible. Though our instincts probably tell us otherwise, let's hope their need was genuine.

At the last Brownie meeting before the Easter Break, we invited Elaine from “Angel Eyes NI” to visit our pack, to be presented with a cheque for £61, raised by the Brownies at the recent Mothers’ Union sale, by bringing and selling unwanted games and toys for charity. Elaine brought her own guide dog, Chas, to meet the girls, and gave a short talk describing how being almost blind herself encouraged her to involve herself in Angel Eyes NI, a charity started by parents to help families throughout Northern Ireland who have a child who is blind or partially sighted. Since it was founded in 2007 it has grown rapidly to meet the needs of the community.

It supports parents and carers with blind and partially sighted children, from the point of diagnosis, providing them with the tools and knowledge to empower them to make informed decisions for their children, and to help them realise their full potential.



Car Park Floodlights

A decision was made by Vestry at the start of the year to proceed with a plan to light the upper carpark. Long in the sights of our Health and Safety Sub-Committee, we all know how busy the carpark can be throughout the week. Some evenings, three and four different groups come and go from the Parish Centre. Often it’s a mix of ages with young children being dropped off alongside others who perhaps don’t see so well in the darker nights. With the new lampposts sited in the surround, none of our precious parking spaces have had to be sacrificed. A work in progress at the time of writing, the full benefit of our new

floodlighting will not be felt until next autumn. It will be good to begin the new season in the knowledge that however dark next winter turns out to be, it won’t be quite so dark in the church carpark. Our thanks to Glebewardens Stephen Baker and Geoff Hewitt and the Vestry’s resident electrical engineer Ivan Humphreys.

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It has been a very busy time for our Mothers' Union members recently. It started on the evening of Friday 22nd March, with the Scouts helpfully out of the hall, members along with family and friends set up the stalls ready for the MU Coffee Morning and sale the next day. Items donated were sorted to the various tables, nearly new, books, bric-a-brac, tombola etc and crockery made ready for the tea and coffee.



Saturday 23rd March the doors opened at 10.00am and there was a steady flow of people browsing the stalls to find something that they liked to buy, taking a chance of winning a prize at the tombola stall and having tea, coffee and scones in the Kajiado Room. A total of £939 was raised, the majority of which will go to the MU Overseas Fund.



Down Cathedral was the setting for the service of commissioning for the new MU All Ireland President on Sunday 24th March. A small group of Ballyholme members travelled down to Downpatrick to see June Butler MBE commissioned by Archbishop Richard Clarke and the commissioning of the Board of Trustees. Bishop Harold gave the address and Bishop John McDowell joined them for the distribution of Holy Communion. Along with the beautiful hymn singing there was some superb music provided by the Lindsay Chorale. After the service everyone was invited for refreshments in the Saint Patrick's Centre.



In the Cathedral



A beautiful afternoon and everyone who attended said it was a lovely service. A great opportunity to meet members from all parts of Ireland who had travelled to Downpatrick to attend and show their support for June in her new role.



Ruth with June



The evening of Monday 25th March was the MU Area Service/Meeting in Bangor Parish Church. Attended by the Down and Dromore MU Diocesan President, Roberta McCartney, the evening started with a short service at which Roberta's husband the Rev Gerald McCartney, the



Diocesan Chaplain, lead the prayers, with the address given by the Rector, Nigel Parker. After the service a display of flower arranging was given by Keith Lindsay, a Baptist Pastor. He demonstrated several easy-to-copy arrangements in unusual containers including a small hat box, a wicker handbag and tulips in a goldfish bowl. Afterwards refreshments were served in the church foyer, with Roberta taking this opportunity to thank everyone for their support since her appointment in January 2019.

The following Monday, the 1st April, the Mothers' Union Festival Service was held at Magheralin Parish Church. Our members travelled to the service by coach along with others from Ballywalter, Holywood etc. Picked up at Church at 6.10pm we arrived in Magheralin in plenty of time for the service starting at 8.00pm. The Church was packed and it was nice to meet up and chat with familiar faces from other branches.

The service started with the branch MU banners being paraded into the church. The sermon was given by the Rev Simon Genoe and Bishop Harold administered the Holy Communion.

Following the service, refreshments were served in the church hall, giving another opportunity for talking with old friends and making new acquaintances.

Soon it was time to return to the coach for the journey back to Groomsport Road. Everyone had a great evening.





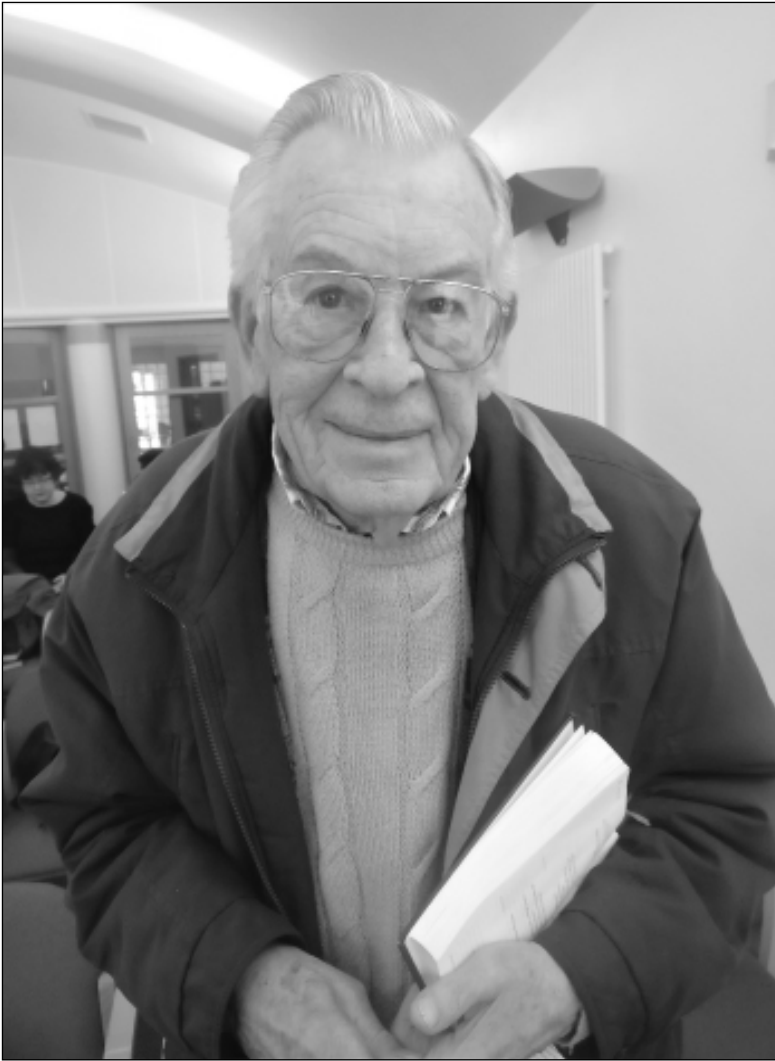
A Hen Party was organised for our branch leader, Yvonne Manogue, on Monday 8th April to celebrate her upcoming wedding in May. The evening started with some quizzes including one to see how much we knew about Yvonne, her favourite foods, jewellery, pets etc. Pat Davidson put together a slideshow from the MU trip to Kajiado that was led by Yvonne over ten years ago. There was a comment that she always made sure she had her lipstick on and some of the other members from the trip followed her example at the party.



A game of Pin the Bowtie on the Groom was great fun and ended with the groom having two bowtie earrings. Following on from the nibbles and shleor that was on the tables to toast Yvonne, a beautiful supper was laid on. Once everyone had finished the sandwiches, sausage rolls, cakes etc music was provided by Jim Shaw and Fred McNair, with members singing along and some got up and danced round their handbags that they had put on the floor. Gifts were presented to Yvonne for her and David.



The next meeting is on Monday 13th May at 8.00pm. If you have not yet paid your £25 subs for this year please bring them in March. **Best wishes, Yvonne and the MU committee.**



Robin's family origins lie in Staffordshire, where his grandfather was deputy organist at Lichfield Cathedral before moving to Ireland with his brother, where both continued as organists, initially in Londonderry and latterly in Bangor. His father was organist at St Columbanus' for many years. Music has played a major part throughout Robin's life.

Born in Waverley Drive, Robin has been a member of St Columbanus' since boyhood. His memories include playing on the beach at Ballyholme, where he and his friends would swim up to three times daily during the summer months. He also enjoyed watching sailing in the bay, particularly when top-of-the-range Waverley class yachts arrived. Another favourite haunt was playing in a disused brickyard.

Robin attended school in Ballyholme, in the wooden church hall which many of us remember. There were two classes, separated by a curtain, which would be drawn back for combined activities such as music.

Having served an apprenticeship as an electrical engineer, Robin took up a post with NIES, where he worked for 34 years. He was Plant Foreman responsible for five maintenance teams. Prior to retirement, he was instrumental in composing and production of an updated standard maintenance manual.

In the meantime, Robin had met and married Caroline in 1962. Theirs was the second wedding at the newly-built Ballyholme Presbyterian Church. Caroline is fondly remembered as organist at St Columbanus for many years. Both shared a love of drama and music, becoming members of the drama group at Ballyholme Presbyterian before joining Bangor Drama Club and the local operatic society. During this time, they travelled extensively with the drama club throughout Ireland in addition to performing Brian Friels' plays in the United States and Glasgow, to great acclaim. Robin says that they played many roles on top of appearing on stage: production, props, lighting, just about everything, their son a willing recruit, who has gone on to pursue a career in television. Caroline was also heavily involved in the organisation of many operatic festivals.

Robin and Caroline shared a love of travel, visiting various countries throughout the world during their 54-year marriage. Sadly, Caroline died in 2016, cared for at home by Robin. Shared memories of their long and happy life together are much in evidence in their home. As a fellow-collector, I was particularly impressed by their large collection of owls, many amassed during their travels, a story for each one.

Robin continues to play an active role in parish life, attending 08.30 Holy Communion on Sundays and the Wednesday 10.30 Holy Communion and Prayers for the Sick and the Friday Lunch Club. He is also a busy member of Pickie Bowling Club. Robin is an invaluable source of information regarding Bangor and surrounding areas. His mantra for living is: 'Why worry? Especially if there is nothing you can do.'

Patricia Fawcett

JUNE
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TABLE QUIZ NIGHT

**Parish Centre - Saturday
8th June
7.30pm - 10.00pm**

In aid of 'Friends of Kiwoko' a fun filled evening of good company and trivia awaits. Tables of 8 (£5 entry per person) BYO drinks and nibbles

**BOOK YOUR PLACE WITH KELLY IN THE
PARISH OFFICE 028 9127 4912**

Come along with some friends for a fun night and show off the depth of your trivia knowledge while enjoying good company, conversation, drinks and nibbles.



The Walkers on Black Mountain

As Peter, our leader for the day emphasised, it's all about the view and indeed our fourteen strong group enjoyed a beautiful April day on Black Mountain with, despite a thin haze over the city, spectacular views from the Ridge Trail, 1000 feet above sea level on the mountain.

We're lucky to have such good walking within a 40-minute drive from Bangor and to have all the car drivers National Trust members, so we could avail of the NT parking at the Long Barn, about a half mile from the gate. Indeed there were many walkers and runners, and families with young children out for the day as well.

The area is a mixture of grassland, heath and bog, which from 1953 till 2005 was under the control of the Ministry of Defence and used also as a training area for the British Army. It might have been released earlier, but due to the Troubles, the British Government and the Military viewed the area as a useful vantage point overlooking Belfast.



There are four trails on Black Mountain and Divis, and the Ridge Trail at just over four miles takes you on a road and a gravel and stone pitched trail towards the edge of the mountain overlooking Belfast and on over a stile to the Trig point, all the while, getting different views of the city and identifying buildings, roads, sports grounds etc. The stone is from County Clare. On the return we

stopped close to the Transmitters (actually on Divis) where Maurice Mehaffey, an expert vision engineer with the BBC, gave us an interesting talk on the history of the structures.



From there it was back to the Barn for lunch followed by another mile long walk on the Lough Trail where we passed a Bronze Age homestead and the area once used as a rifle range during WW11.



For some on the way home there was a foray into Lakeland and the Coffee shop in Harvey Normans on Boucher Road – another venue to be added to our long list of refreshment stops!

The next walk on May 4th is a 6-mile trail around St Patrick's country, on paths and minor roads, starting and finishing at Raholp near Downpatrick.

Betty

Our 8 young people and 2 adults would very much value your prayers and presence on the night they've been looking forward to for several months now – their Confirmation service. Although we had a number of young people of Confirmation age last year we really wanted to host a service at St Columbanus. Because the bishop prefers slightly larger groups it was agreed back then with our parents that we should postpone for 12 months rather than go off and find a Confirmation service elsewhere in the diocese. We feel on reflection that this was the right decision and it's been great to see a number of new candidates coming forward, and two adults seeking Baptism and Confirmation.

We've been running 3 small groups. The first meets on Wednesday evenings and consists of Ben Cavan, Ben McCullough, Callum Magennis, Karl Andreasson and Kobe Galbraith. Friday after school suited better for Cara Larmour, James Nickell and Josh Reddy. Trudi McBurney and Andrea Kelly have been meeting after work when available each week. Wednesdays have been taken by Andrew and Michelle, Fridays have just been with Andrew and the adults' group has been with Simon. It's been a mixture of sharing, learning, refreshing our faith and getting to know one another better.

The Church of Ireland resource for young people is called Believe. It launched several years ago and has proven popular throughout the diocese, as it covers all the key traditional themes; the Creed, the Ten Commandments, the Lord's Prayer, Baptism, Confirmation and many other interesting topics. Confirmation is all about people making their public statement of faith, owning Christ and his church for themselves and receiving God's blessing to serve and witness to him. It's a step people take when they're ready under God and that can be at any point in a person's adult life. Each one of our candidates, young and old(er), has a story to tell of how they have known the love of God in their lives; this is part of the joy of Confirmation, that it unites everybody in one common Christian purpose – whatever stage of life they happen to be at. The adults have been looking at the same subjects though packaged in a slightly different format.

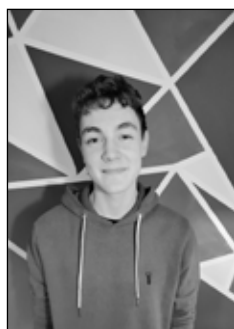
We would love to see a church full of people on the night of 19th of May – not least as an encouragement to the candidates and their families. We are extremely pleased that our former youth worker Billy Fyffe hopes to share in the praise that night. Billy was the speaker at the Castlewellan Confirmation weekend residential, attended by many of our young candidates, and of course has a real bond with a number of our young people. Popcorn and rivers of chocolate will be on offer at the party afterwards, if that's an added incentive!



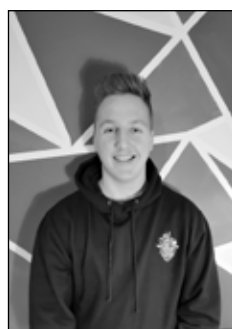
Callum Magennis



James Nickell



Kobe Galbraith



Ben Cavan



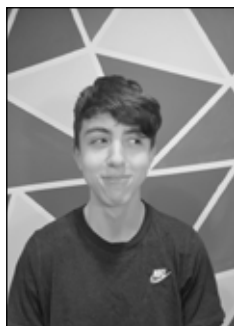
Josh Reddy



Karl Andreasson



Cara Larmour



Ben McCullough



Trudi McBurney



Andrea Kelly

YOUTH-news

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Hello everyone! Time for another youth report, and it's been a great month here at church for the young people with plenty happening at Emerge, YF, Confirmation classes and Bible study.

At Emerge we've now finished the book of Daniel and we thoroughly enjoyed studying chapters 7-12 – particularly chapter 9 as we spent two weeks looking at prayer, and learning some lessons from Daniel's own example of prayer. We're now enjoying the last two months of Emerge before summer – it's hard to believe it's gone so quickly.

At YF we've also had some highlights – particularly our Clip n' Climb fun night and our 'Grill a Christian' panel night. This was a night where Denise Wilson, Maithrie Dundas and Sandra Griffiths came and answered questions the young people had about Christianity. This was a brilliant night with everyone totally engaged and lots of debate and discussion. Questions included; "why don't Christians follow the laws in Leviticus?"; "why did the Bible stop being written?" and "why does evil exist?". It was great to see the young people thinking critically about such important things, and great too that our panel members were able to provide answers.

Finally, we are looking forward to our summer term, with lots of exciting things on the horizon; particularly Summer Madness and summer camps. Summer Madness is a Christian festival in Glenarm and runs from Friday the 28th of June to Tuesday the 2nd of July. Young people from all over the island of Ireland come and camp at Glenarm Castle, and every morning and evening there are amazing services where we worship God and hear a talk. Throughout the day there are seminars on a huge range of topics as well as many other activities – dodgeball competitions, skateboarding, tag rugby tournaments, quizzes, discos, dance workshops, barbeques... Not to mention whatever activities the young people come up with between themselves. It's a great couple of days every year and if you are at secondary school, we'd love you to come with us. Tickets are booked at www.summermadness.co.uk.



Regarding summer camps, I'd love to tell you about two of those. The first is the Down and Dromore Kilbroney Adventure Camps; they run J.A.M. camp for those in P6, P7 and Year 8; Junior Camp for Year 8-10s; Middle Camp for Year 10-12 and Senior Camp for Year 12-14. These camps include Bible teaching as well as outdoor pursuits; climbing, archery, canoeing and many other activities. They run between the 28th of July and the 14th of August – for further details talk to Andrew. The second camp is SUNI's Mullingar Junior Camp – this is a camp which Andrew will be leading at, as it played a huge role in his journey of faith. It is held in Wilson's Hospital School in Mullingar and boasts a full-sized football pitch, rugby pitch, hockey pitch, outdoor swimming pool and sports hall. Activities include pool inflatables, volleyball, crafts, kayaking and even a shopping trip to Dundrum's 3-floored shopping centre. As well as this there are talks and seminars in the mornings and evenings – it really does have it all. This camp takes place between the 27th of July and the 3rd of August, and if you want to know more, talk to me.

Andrew

Wednesday 1st May

10.30 Holy Communion - Kajiado Room

Sunday 5th May

Easter 3

8.30 Holy Communion

10.00 Good News at Ten - All Age

11.30 Morning Prayer

Wednesday 8th May

10.30 Holy Communion - Kajiado Room

Sunday 12th May

Easter 4

8.30 Holy Communion

10.00 Good News at Ten

& Children's Church

11.30 Parish Communion

6.30 United Service Ballyholme

Methodist

Wednesday 15th May

10.30 Holy Communion - Kajiado Room

Sunday 19th May

Easter 5

8.30 Holy Communion

10.00 Good News at Ten

& Children's Church

11.30 Morning Prayer

6.30 Confirmation Service

Wednesday 22nd May

10.30 Holy Communion - Kajiado Room

Sunday 26th May

Easter 6

8.30 Holy Communion

10.00 Good News at Ten - Communion

& Children's Church

11.30 Morning Prayer

Wednesday 29th May

10.30 Holy Communion - Kajiado Room



**We were born to die
and we die to live.
As seedlings of God,
we barely blossom on
earth; we fully flower
in heaven.**

Russell M Nelson

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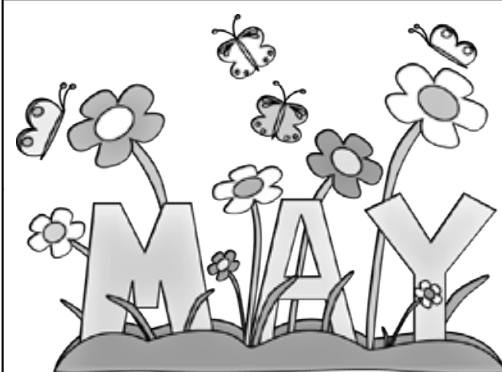
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Web Site [www.](http://www.ballyholmeparish.co.uk)[Ballyholmeparish.co.uk](http://www.ballyholmeparish.co.uk)**May****5th:** Pat Davidson, Pat Adair, Denise Wilson**12th:** Mark & Carolyn Larmour, Jean Law**19th:** EASTER VESTRY - No Coffee**26th:** Susan & Jonnie Stockton, Daphne Moore**May****5th:** No Creche**12th:** Rachel Brittain, Melissa Haddock, Jenny Whiteside**19th:** Natalie McCartin, Rhonda Mitchell-Barrett, Dawn Shackles**26th:** Christine Rankin, Johanna Lawther, Sarah Douglas**May****5th:** Jane Fitzsimons**12th:** Wedding**19th:** Joy Conn**26th:** Joan Larmour**Children's Church Helpers****May****5th:** No Children's Church**12th:** Johanna Lawther, Violet Davidson, Katherine Newman**19th:** Jayne Nicholl, Aileen Smith, Jodie Smyth**26th:** Judith Bell, Emma Sutherland, Sarah Boyd