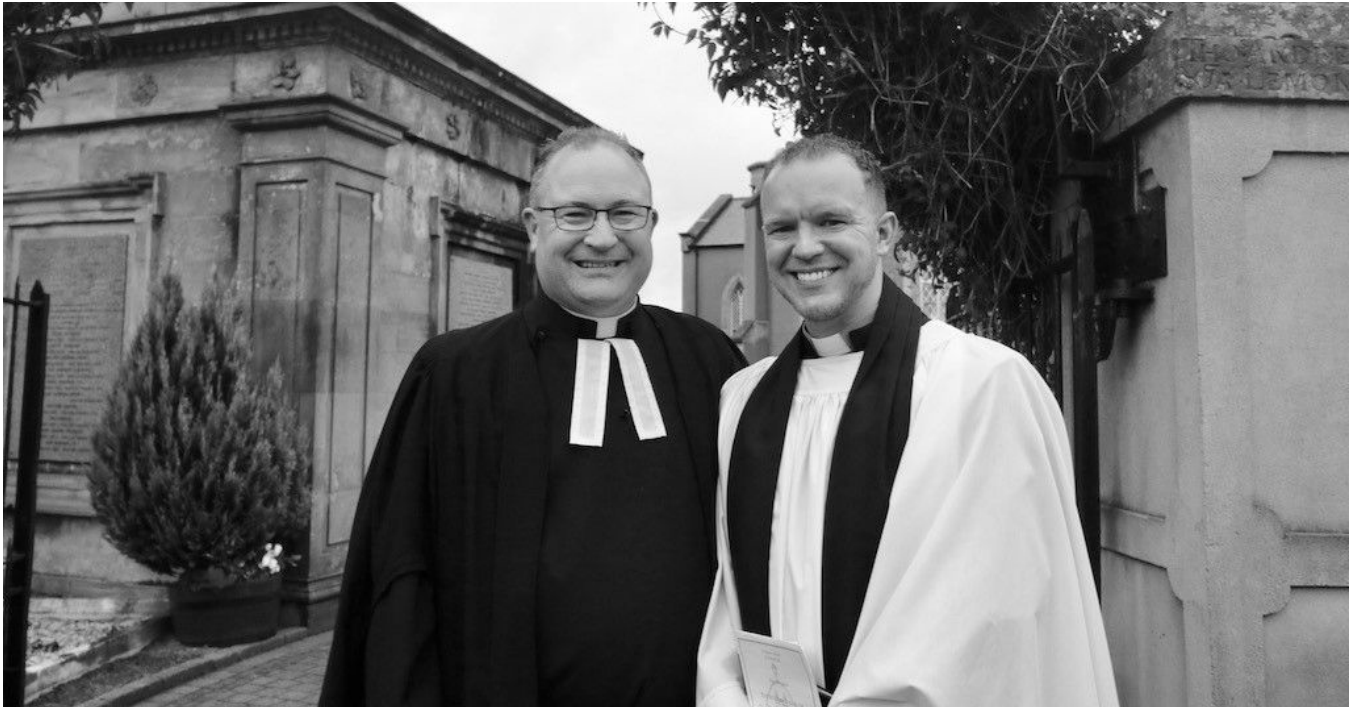


St Columbanus

Ballyholme



..On the way
together..

Rev. Sam to Comber
Rev. Jan to Ballyholme
Prayer in Ballyholme
Friends of Kiwoko Hospital

The Parishioner

October 2019

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

The Rambling Rector

'Greetings' this month to two long-standing friends of our parish: Bishop Gaddiel from Kajiado in Kenya and Bishop Eridard from Luwero in Uganda. Our CMSI mission partnerships mean so much to us in St Columbanus and it feels like too long since they have been with us and we with them. With our Smarties collection and Harvest Lunch, international mission has long been our October theme in Ballyholme. This year however we hope to start thinking in a new way about mission on our own doorstep as the Rev Jan Stevenson joins our Staff Team to help us focus on outreach to our local community. Jan's passion and experience has always been to make connections for Christ between



Church and those beyond its doors, so this year words from a familiar Harvest hymn come to mind: "all good gifts around us are sent from heaven above". Who is around us and do we see them as God's gifts? More importantly, how do we warm their hearts to the love of the One who lived, died and rose again for them, the Lord who longs to know us as Friend and bear fruit for Him in our lives?

SED



A Note of Thanks.

I would like to say a big thank you to all at Ballyholme for making me so welcome over the last 16 months. It has been a joy to get to know folk here and to worship

and serve the parish in however limited a way. While I may be living now at a slower pace I still look forward to remaining deeply involved and contributing all I can to the life of the church.

I deeply appreciate Simon's kind words on Sunday 25th August and all the good wishes expressed for my retirement. The beautiful flowers given graced our home for weeks. I have attached a photo but a black and white photo will not I'm afraid do them justice. We also enjoyed greatly putting the kind gift of a voucher for the Old Inn at Crawfordsburn to good use with a lovely meal in September to mark this new stage.

Every blessing.

Mercia



Prompted by parking on double yellow lines, unfortunately we have now received complaints from the management of Sandringham Court asking us to refrain from parking in the designated parking spaces adjacent to the Church gates.

We would like to remind parishioners that parking is not permitted on yellow lines unless you are displaying a blue badge.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Samaritan's Purse

This charity was formed in 1970 as an International Relief and Development Organisation. The most well known aspect of its work in St Columbanus is the Shoe Box Appeal. Unfortunately in recent years the number of boxes donated has decreased but we would hope to build the numbers up again.

There will be leaflets at the back of the Church for the Shoe Box Appeal. These include information about the charity's work and step by step instructions for completing a box, suggested contents, a label and an envelope for donations towards shipping, transport costs etc. Include items that children will immediately embrace such as dolls or stuffed toys, school supplies and hygiene items.

Completed Shoe Boxes should be taken to Ballycrochan Presbyterian Church which is the local collection point.

Thank you for your help.





Just Older Youth



The story behind the hymn: How Great Thou Art

This well-loved, world famous hymn began in Sweden, moved to Germany and Russia and then to England and the USA, where it became world famous as the signature song of George Beverly Shea in the great Billy Graham Crusades.

In about 1887 Carl Boberg was a young lay pastor in Sweden walking home from Church near Kronoback and listening to the Church bells. Suddenly a violent storm blew up with lightning, thunder and wind - and just as quickly it departed. In the calm following the storm a rainbow appeared and all nature was at peace. Boberg was inspired to write a poem 'O Store Gud', on the greatness of God in Nature. He set it to an old Swedish tune and it was first sung in Varmland in 1888.

'O Store Gud' became popular and it began to spread. By 1907 it had been taken to Germany by a wealthy Baltic Baptist nobleman. From there it moved to Russia in 1912, where it was called Velikiy Bog - or 'Great God'. By 1925 it had been translated into English 'O Mighty God' by a professor at North Park College in Illinois. This gave way in 1949 to a different English translation, done by a British missionary in the Ukraine, Stuart K Hine, who called it 'How Great Thou Art' and rewrote some verses.

It was Hine's version which went on to gain wide popularity in the USA. It was first recorded by Bill Carle in 1958, and then the Manna Music version of the song was popularised in the 1950's at the Billy Graham Crusades. It was sung in the 1955 Toronto campaign, and then it really took off in 1957 in Madison Square Garden, New York, where Shea sang it 100 times during the campaign.

George Beverly Shea's recording of the hymn has been ranked number 204 on the top recordings of the 20th century. Billy Graham once said "The reason I like 'How Great Thou Art' is because it glorifies God. It turns Christian eyes toward God, rather than upon themselves. I use it as often as possible because it is such a God-honouring song."

How Great Thou Art was voted the United Kingdom's favourite hymn by BBC's Songs of Praise programme, and it was second on the list of the 'favourite hymns of all time' in a 2001 survey by Christianity Today magazine.

The Wednesday Club

Our first meeting of the new season started in September. Unfortunately our planned speaker was unable to come due to ill health, so alternative plans had to be made.

Two of our committee members raided their toy cupboards and brought an assortment of board games etc to amuse our ladies, however, with a long gap since the ladies had seen each other, they were more than content to sit and chat, to catch up on all the news.

They took a short breather to have their cup of tea, scones and home made cakes, before resuming where they had left off!

Our first winner of the draw was Lillian Finch, and we were happy to welcome back Audrey to our group after a prolonged absence.

See you all next month, and if anyone is interested in joining us, do please get in touch.

Sue

Communion Lunch

Our Harvest Thanksgiving Communion Lunch is on Tuesday 22nd October at 12.30pm in the Parish Centre. To book your place and to arrange a lift if necessary, kindly ring me at the Parish Office on 9127 4912. We look forward to seeing you all.

God bless

Karen





September was a great month for children's church! It was WONDERFUL seeing the Parish Centre FILLED with our children and young people, and it would be FABULOUS to have the same numbers every week...we miss you when you're not here!

The term started with a lot of fun and games, Splash and Ice have been learning about the Armour of God. (There is a cross-word below to test your knowledge!) Bubbles also had a great start using play dough, colouring-in and learning how God made the world and us, and how He LOVES us!

I would also like to thank the new adult volunteers on the children's church rota. Your support is really appreciated, and it helps us keep our programme running smoothly and safely!

I hope and pray that Children's Church 2019-2020 will be a blessing to each of our children, full of fun and vibrancy, with high numbers and good attendance sustained throughout the year. Thank you for your support in this!

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY:

Harvest Sunday –
20th October – The children will be reading and singing in church.

Across

1. Truth is found in the _____.
2. Peace comes when you believe in _____.
5. The shield of _____.
7. The belt of _____.
8. The gospel of _____.
9. Faith comes by hearing God's _____.

Down

1. The _____ of righteousness.
3. The sword of the _____.
4. The helmet of _____.
6. Use the sword by _____ God's Word.



PRAISE KIDS AND PRAISE CREW

Don't forget to come along and join us at PRAISE KIDS (P1 – P4, Monday, 4-4.30pm) or PRAISE CREW (P5 – P7, Monday, 4.30-5pm).

We would love to see you!

Paula Lown



Harvest wouldn't be harvest in Ballyholme without Soup and Smarties! As ever, we need your names ahead of time to gauge the soup requirement, but if you've never joined our harvest lunch before, why not make a point of being with us this year. All proceeds go to mission and this year's guest speakers, from the Diocese of Luwero in Uganda are Bishop Eridard and Mama Jane. Please plan to come and bring the family and don't forget those coin-filled Smarties tubes!



The Rector broke the happy news in Church on Sunday 8 September. Following the retirement from stipendiary ministry of the Rev Mercia Flanagan and with the recommendation and approval of Bishop Harold, the Vestry were pleased to agree a new, part-time clergy appointment to our Staff Team. Joining us from 1 October 2019 is the Rev Jan Stevenson.

A native of Co Cork, Jan qualified and worked as a primary school teacher before serving two years with CMS Ireland in Tanzania. On her return home she spent a year with the L'Arche Community in Cork

before beginning to train for Ordination in the Church of Ireland. Jan started her ministry at Lisburn Cathedral with Canon John McCammon in 1994. She followed her first curacy with a second appointment to St Patrick's Coleraine under Bishop Ken Clarke. In both parishes, Jan oversaw lengthy vacancies, building up a wide-range of experience in all the traditional pastoral areas but always with an eye to forging connections between the Church and the wider local community.

On getting married in 2004 Jan moved to Bangor and worked in Kilcooley with a Presbyterian run drop-in. With the arrival of her first child, Jan took a career break and joined her husband's congregation at Bangor's King's Fellowship Church. Always intending to return to the active Church of Ireland ministry when the time was right, earlier this year Jan was approached by Bishop Harold to cover a sick leave in Braniel Community Church Belfast. With the end of that role looming on 30 September, Jan spent the summer of 2019 praying for a clear sense of where next the Lord would be calling her to serve.

Jan will share in all the usual pastoral and preaching duties and provide cover for Simon when he is on leave. Her express remit however, is to explore new opportunities for outreach in our local Ballyholme community alongside fresh expressions of worship, especially on Sunday evenings. Hence Jan's new working title: Community Pastor! By its very nature an organic and unchartered brief, Jan will work with Vestry, Staff Team and St Columbanus families and members more generally to identify potential areas of new service and growth.

Jan's husband is well known former Bangor Grammar Maths Teacher Sam Stevenson. Recently retired from Grosvenor Grammar School in Belfast and now working part-time for CCEA, Sam ran Bangor Crusaders for more than 30 years. Jan and Sam have two girls Ruth aged 14 a student at Glenlola and Hope aged 6, a pupil at Grange Park Primary. We are thrilled that as a family they have joined our Good News at Ten congregation. The Stevensons will continue to live in their own home on Ranfurly Avenue (and our curatage at Beverley Gardens will continue to be rented out).

For now, Jan will be contracted on the same part-time basis as Rev Mercia Flanagan, working a set number of sessions each week. Jan's appointment will be for two years in the first instance but with the hope that her role and hours will expand as her ministry develops.

Under God we trust that Jan is the answer to Ballyholme's prayers, and Ballyholme is the answer to Jan's. Please be ready to reach out a hand of welcome and to get involved in the initiatives Jan is keen to develop and grow.





After five years as Curate Assistant of Shankill Parish Lurgan, former Ballyholme parishioner and Youth Worker the Reverend Sam Johnston was formally introduced at a special service in the historic St Mary's Church on Comber town square on the evening of Tuesday 3 September.

Joining Sam and his wife Gail at the service were Sam's parents Stephanie and Brian (from Waverley Drive), Sam's sister Sarah and among many other friends, family and Ballyholme parishioners, Sam's Godfather Billy Davidson and his

wife Pat. Canon Mark Harvey, Sam's training rector from Lurgan, preached the sermon on Ezekiel's Good Shepherd passage and verses from Titus on leadership. Greetings were also brought in person by Comber's mission partner Bishop Moses of Maridi Diocese, present in Ireland for the CMSI Ignite conference.

Reflecting Sam's love of music and his background as a sound engineering graduate, the service included worship led on the piano, the harmonium and even an accordion. A coachload of supporters from Lurgan swelled the congregation to capacity and certainly gave an added volume to the praise.

Greeted at the service by guests from across the Comber community, Fr Martin O'Hagan Parish Priest of Newtownards extended a hand of welcome on behalf of the Catholic people of the town. As one of the singing Priests, Bishop Harold proposed that given Sam's own talent in that department perhaps there could be room for future collaborations and suggested they could brand themselves: Three Priests and a Prod!



Sam has been appointed for two years in the first instance as St Mary's is in a time of transition as a parish. The Church of Ireland Constitution requires certain key criteria to be met before a board of nomination can be called and the process to appoint a rector can begin. One of these relates to the provision of a rectory and while discussion and decisions take place on the existing property, the parish is currently renting Sam and Gail a house in Lisbane. With many new housing developments underway and more planned, not to mention the talent, heart and creativity of its new Minister in Charge, the future for Comber looks full of potential.



At the reception after the service Bishop Harold spoke of his sense of relief that as his time at Down and Dromore drew to a close, he was not leaving a diocese with a long list of vacant parishes. Sam remarked that having grown up by the sea in Ballyholme, it felt good to swap the tideless shore of Lough Neagh for one of the longest tidal reaches in Ireland on the Ards Peninsula. Thanking his predecessor Canon Jonathan Barry for his ministry over more than 30 years, Sam tentatively reflected that perhaps his arrival represented a changing of the tides for Comber.



Columbanus Concert at St Columbanus Church

The annual Columbanus Festival, which commemorates the life and legacy of Columbanus, takes place on 16 and 17 November 2019. This year, the Columbanus Concert will be held in St Columbanus Church, Ballyholme, on Saturday 16 November, 7.00pm -10.00pm. The programme will feature Cappella Caeciliana, a Belfast based chamber choir, and Celtic Storm, a group of gifted and award winning traditional Irish musicians, singers and dancers.

Alderman Deborah Girvan, one of the organisers of the Festival said, "We are delighted to bring the Columbanus Concert to St Columbanus Church, Ballyholme. We have a wonderful programme of local talent that will fill the church with spine-tingling music, song and dance. In addition, we will be using the church for another event on Sunday 17 November when Tony Carver, a member of the congregation, will give a talk on the beautiful stained

Alderman Deborah Girvan beside the St Columbanus window in St Columbanus Church.

glass windows of the church at 2.00pm. I would like to thank Rev Simon Doogan for his warm welcome and agreeing to let us use the church as a venue for some of our events."

The full programme of the Columbanus festival can be found on www.friendsofcolumbanusbangoe.co.uk

Tickets for the Columbanus Concert can be purchased from St Columbanus Church Parish Office or by booking online at: www.ticketsource.co.uk/ardsandnorthdown (booking fee applies)

Belfast Cathedral Church of St Anne, News

Most people visiting Belfast will be aware of St Anne's Cathedral with its unique "Spire of Hope", pointing to the sky, in the Cathedral Quarter of the City's landscape. As members of Down and Dromore Diocese, did you know we also share a unique privilege with Connor Diocese, as being the only Cathedral which can boast two Bishops?

Very recently, on the 7th September, a celebration took place marking the 120th anniversary of the laying of the Cathedral foundation stone. Re-enactors were on site bringing home a visual awareness of this inspirational and historic building, which now attracts many visitors from all over the world.

It is a Cathedral which I have come to enjoy during the past 2 years as a weekly volunteer, meeting and greeting people from all over the globe as well as locals who may daily stop by to pray, attend the Church of Ireland Ministry of Healing Service (Fridays at 1.00pm) or simply to enjoy a bit of "Peace and Quiet", from the pace of life.

Many events as well as daily Services are now part and parcel of the Cathedral's outreach to be an inclusive part of modern Belfast with the Cathedral website available at a finger touch.

I am very excited at the recent launch of "Inspire Tour", a free, family orientated, child friendly, guide of the Cathedral in booklet form, with crayons for drawing, and participatory directions, covering every area of the Cathedral. Along with this family inclusion theme, there is now a dedicated children's area with table and chairs, books and art materials for activities for children and young people. Future events are also being planned and themed. By the way have you heard of Double Doodle?

So why not check out the Cathedral website, www.belfastcathedral.org.

Dean Stephen Forde and the Clergy Team as well as Volunteers will be delighted to have your Company.

E. Adeline Cully



Prayer in Ballyholme

“No prayer!–No faith!–No Christ in the heart!
 Little prayer!–Little faith!–Little Christ in
 the heart! Increasing prayer!–Increasing
 faith!–Increasing Christ in the heart! Much
 prayer!–Much faith!–Much Christ in the heart!
 Praying always!–Faith always!–Christ always!”
 Alexander Whyte

Where would we be in St Columbanus without the faithful prayer of so many of our parishioners? By the same token, where might we be in St Columbanus with even more prayer from even more of our parishioners? Our Church is open five mornings a week Monday to Friday for people to come and go for prayer and reflection and they regularly do, some virtually every day. Simon says Morning Prayer

in Church most days and members of the Staff Team and other parishioners often join him. Aside though from the prayers we say, privately at home and corporately in Church, a number of other regular opportunities for prayer are on offer in Ballyholme Parish which we sometimes forget about. Here’s a quick reminder:

Ballyholme PUSH

On the first Thursday evening of each month a growing number of parishioners come along to the Parish Centre (generally the Choir Room) for an hour of informal prayer. By pre-arrangement, generally one person gives shape and structure to the session but basically we pray for the needs of the parish and its community and whatever seems pressing and urgent in terms of wider issues in the world. Not everyone prays out loud and some arrive with prayers they have thought about and written down beforehand but there is never any pressure on any one to speak or pray and some who come regularly pray silently throughout. Look for our invitation each month in the News and the Pews and listen for the Church notices on Sunday.



PRAYER LIST

The Monthly Prayer List

On a clipboard at the back of Church is an A4 page on which parishioners write the Christian names of people they want us to pray for. Some are sick or ill, others are lonely or passing through loss or trouble and often there are bereavements. Occasionally everyone knows the name and the story, usually we know neither. The point is to hold them before God in prayer by reading through the names during the intercessions. We do this at the weekly Wednesday Communion service, at the monthly PUSH prayer time and on the fifth Sunday in Church as part of the service of wholeness and healing. Names come and go but the list gets refreshed every month and by the fourth or fifth Sunday there is rarely any space left on the page.

Home Groups

Most of our homes groups include a time of prayer as part of their regular meetings. Primarily a time for fellowship, sharing and Bible study, prayer for the general life of the parish is also often a fixed agenda item. Sometimes, however, members come to their home group carrying a specific worry or concern personal to them. In the privacy of that setting and an underlying atmosphere of confidence and trust, asking for and receiving prayer whatever the issue feels entirely natural and has become a valuable part of what being a home group is all about. In at least one home group, members keep up their prayer for one another between meetings by way of WhatsApp.



The Prayer Line: 07531 806167

The Ballyholme Prayer Line has been in existence now for going on 20 years. A small number of parishioners whose names we don't disclose but who meet periodically with the Rector, take turns to look after our pay-as-you-go Prayer Line Nokia and answer it when it rings. Essentially, a friendly anonymous voice at the end of the phone notes down the specific prayer request and as soon

as the caller hangs up, passes it on to the other members of the group but no one else – not even the Rector! Mostly used by parishioners but occasionally by others who just get hold of the number somehow, it's a confidential service for anyone who feels the need to call in prayer-support.

Leading Prayers in Church

They're called 'The Prayers of the People' for a reason and we would love to raise up more and more parishioners who would feel able to read the intercessions on Sunday mornings. Not just the preserve of clergy, lay readers and staff team, the idea is that members of the worshipping body of Christ step up and lead us in prayer. By their nature personal, people employ all sorts of different approaches and structures and naturally the first time is always the hardest. Guidance, templates and advice are available to get you started and needless to say there is a world of material available online – some of it very usable! Talk to the clergy or parish office to get involved.



Our Group has been operating for as long as the Church has been in existence. We are going through a period of change and are in desperate need of new leaders for all sections. Leaders' commitment is once a week from the beginning of September to the end of May/June and school holidays off. There are planning meetings once a term. Full training is provided and paid for so no previous Scouting experience is required. We would like to hear from any over 18s interest in helping, either as a first foray into Scouting or returning previous Scouts or Leaders. Scouting is a marvellous organisation and is expanding and becoming bigger and better all the time. For details call Sylvia on 07989240130



3rd Bangor Scout Group

Time to Join the Walkers



Saturday the 7th of September, dry and cloudy at first, then sunny and breezy, saw an unusually small group of half a dozen St Columbanus Walkers head off on the first walk in the group's newly published 12 month schedule. Talk, as we gathered, was of a probably challenging outing to the Mourne, and so it proved!

We arrived at our starting point on the Rocky River around 10.30 and were soon underway heading up part of what is known as the Hen Trail, climbing gradually, and enjoying great views of Hen and Cock mountains. At the point where the Hen Trail becomes less obvious we swung off west across country following our own route for the day climbing towards the col between Slievemoughanmore and Wee Slievemoughan. That's where things started to become challenging.

Conditions on the hillside were difficult. A constant steep slope with areas of long grass, heather and large rocks were punctuated by soggy ground and knee deep holes which tested fitness to the limit. We got to the top slowly and steadily but quickly decided a shorter route than planned originally would be needed if we were to get back to base at a sensible time.



Our return route remained challenging involving a very steep descent down the valley of the Rocky Water with poor underfoot conditions and a couple of river crossings. We were relieved when we eventually regained the Hen Trail for our final couple of kilometres before getting back to our starting point and a much later than planned lunch. Our first walk of the new season was undoubtedly strenuous but we managed it!



The programme below shows an interesting year of less demanding walks lies ahead so why not plan to join us on some or many of our outings. We gather in the Church Car Park on the first Saturday of each month. Cars are shared and the only other requirements are sensible footwear and clothing plus a packed lunch and a contribution to the driver. And as regular readers will know, there is a strong tradition of superb coffee stops as we make the journey home. Details of each walk are circulated about a week before the scheduled date.

Leslie

- 5 Oct** Mountstewart (4 miles) meet at 09.30
- 2 Nov** Titanic to Holywood (4 miles) train time to be confirmed
- 7 Dec** Helen's Bay to Bangor (4 miles) train at 09.27
- 4 Jan** Comber Greenway (5.5 miles) train at 09.27
- 1 Feb** Castlewellan Forest Park (5 miles) meet at 09.00
- 7 March** Roe Valley Country Park (6 miles) meet at 08.30
- 4 April** Carntogher History Trail (11 miles car and walk) meet at 08.30
- 2 May** Portballantrae to Giant's Causeway (5.5 miles) meet at 08.30
- 6 June** Florencecourt (5.5 miles) travel arrangements pending
- 4 July** Hudy's Way Sperrins (5.8 miles) meet at 08.30
- 1 August** Island Hill and Scrabo (5 miles) meet at 09.30

For further information on the walking group please have a chat with Betty or Leslie any Sunday before or after morning worship.



Friends of Kiwoko Hospital *Kiwoko Live* Autumn 2019

Friday 18th October

**Ballygowan Presbyterian Church,
Ballygowan.**

Starting 7.30 pm.

Guests from Uganda will be sharing:

*** Bishop Eridard and Mama Jane
Nsubuga (Bishop of Luwero
Diocese and Hospital Patron)**

*** Dr Linda and Stephen Park
(presently on Furlough from
Kiwoko)**



Babysitting Service

Hi everyone!

**My name is Ellie McGrugan. I'm 16 and assist
Paula with Sunday School (in 'Bubbles') each
week.**

I am happy to offer a **babysitting service** in our
local area

Contact me for more information on:

077922 476757



Christmas Cards for Kiwoko Hospital.

The Christmas card in aid of
Kiwoko Hospital is now on sale in
packs of 10 for £5. The greeting
card carries seasonal greetings to
your friends and support for the
needy patients in Kiwoko.

In addition, an 'alternative gift' card
is for sale costing £10. Cards will
be on sale at the Harvest Lunch
and then at Sunday coffee over the
following weeks.

In addition Kelly will be selling
them from the Parish Office.



Autumn Prayer

O God of Creation, you have blessed
us with the changing of the seasons.

Remind us of the wonder of your
creation. Remind us that it is you
who give us the breath of life.

May the dying of summer's spirit
remind us of your great promise
that death is temporary and life is
eternal.



As you will have heard in Church at the beginning of September, our former deacon Intern Rev Maithrie White-Dundas has been appointed to a non-stipendiary role in St Anne's Cathedral in Belfast.

St Patrick's Ballymena was the venue for the Connor priesting this year and joining Maithrie as candidates were three other deacon interns for the curacies of Antrim, Ballymena and Ballyclug and Ballymoney, Finvoy and Rasharkin. A magnificent venue for the service, St Patrick's has a long chancel and at least two separate parish choirs combined to swell the singing to a beautiful organ accompaniment. A flourish of brass added a stylish touch of fanfare to the recessional 'Guide me O Thou great Jehovah'.

Very much a Connor diocesan occasion, the only face missing from proceedings was Ballyholme's own Bishop Alan Abernethy, currently on sick leave while recovering from cancer treatment. The Rt Rev Patrick Rooke, Bishop of Tuam, Killala and Achonry, presided in Bishop Alan's absence. A smattering of St Columbanus faces were visible across the large congregation. Together with her husband Paul and mum Glory, Maithrie's three Ballyholme sponsors sat in the front row alongside her, standing to introduce Maithrie by name at the beginning of the service. Always celebrated within the Holy Communion, the centre-piece of priestly ordination is when all the priests present gather around each candidate in turn to lay on a hand as the bishop leads the prayer. Simon and Mercia were among the dozens joining the scrum!

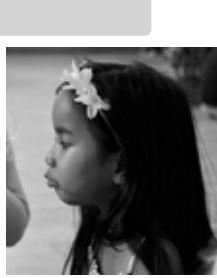
The fact that Maithrie will serve in a non-stipendiary capacity means the end of her time as a student and that she is now in the market for paid employment. Maithrie would value our continued prayers as she finds her place both in the community of Belfast Cathedral and in the world of secular work.



Photos from Maithrie's priestly ordination at St Patrick's Ballymena



Summer Fun





Thank you to all our members for joining together at the 10.00am All Age Worship service on Sunday 15th September to celebrate our September Opening for Mothers' Union.

It was fantastic to feel the warmth of the wider church family, I believe it was so good to be part of such an inter-generational service.

Perhaps this will encourage some more ladies of the Parish to dip their toes in MU (first Monday of the Month).

We gained some new members last year and

it would be just brilliant to welcome a few more.

Coffee time treats went down very, very quickly and it was a great buzz in the Parish Centre, again spanning across the age groups. Let's go for more of that if we can.

Thanks to Denise, one of the new Lay Readers, for a thought provoking sermon, Caireen for the reading and Pat for the prayers.

A special morning to mark on the calendar.



Remember. **A Little Bird Sings!!**

Open Event on Monday 7th October at 8pm. A very creative artist; with a memorable moving story to share. Followed by a Scrumptious Supper - sweet and savoury! The literature stall will also be there so bring your purse. Come and join us.

Hope to see you there.

Many Blessings

Yvonne & the committee.



Christmas Bazaar Announcement

Every year around this time, adverts all start to take on something of a festive theme as shops and business prepare for Christmas; and we at Ballyholme Parish (to your delight or dismay) are no different...

We're delighted to announce that this year we will be holding our Christmas Bazaar! The 'Bible Comes to Life' exhibition took the place of it last year, but we're back to tradition again this year with the Bazaar taking place on Saturday the 30th of November from 10am-12pm.

It's sure to be a great morning for people of all ages, and we look forward to seeing you there!



YOUTH-news

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By the time you're reading this it will be October, and we'll be well and truly back into the swing of things, having started all of our programmes again for the year. I thought this would be a good chance, though, to fill you in on how X-Cess went!

This was my first time leading anything like X-Cess, so needless to say I was very nervous. However, with my amazing team of leaders around me it all ran totally smoothly! A huge thank you is in order to everyone who volunteered with X-Cess this year – I couldn't have done it without them.

The week started with activities and games around the church – perhaps the most entertaining was when we recreated popular TV adverts for our Tuesday night game show, with varying degrees of success! Charlie Niblock-Hamill advertising tents was a particular highlight, although it was narrowly beaten by the 'Lynx' ad, where Peter Kennedy shared with Finn Robinson that his secret for being good at everything was to use copious amounts of Lynx Africa.

On Wednesday we went to Portrush for the day, and even though it rained for a large part of the day it did nothing to dampen the enthusiasm of those who came! We went to Barry's, where some brave souls ventured onto the ghost train (myself included) – although Karl Andreasson's screams could be heard from outside the ride... On Thursday afternoon 'Nomad' came to church and set up cage football, and then on Friday we took a trip to We Are Vertigo! In the evenings, then, we ran an assortment of games, activities and fun nights including a game show, a talent show and a rave!



The most important stuff came in the evening sessions though, when we took some time to share with the young people a message about God. This would start with an interview of a leader where they shared how they came to faith, their favourite thing about God and what advice they would give to their younger selves. Then Ross Hamilton, Ben Cavan or myself would share about a segment of the gospel story – creation, fall, redemption and recreation – and how it totally transforms the lives of people when they enter into it. It was great to be able to share this amazing message with the young people, and we're very excited to be seeing some of them at YF on Sunday nights!

Andrew



OUR WORSHIP

Wednesday 2nd October

10.30 Holy Communion - Kajiado Room

Sunday 6th October Trinity 16

8.30 Holy Communion
10.00 Good News at Ten - All Age
11.30 Morning Prayer

Wednesday 9th October

10.30 Holy Communion - Kajiado Room

Sunday 13th October Trinity 17

8.30 Holy Communion
10.00 Good News at Ten
& Children's Church
11.30 Parish Communion
6.30 United Service - Ballyholme
Presbyterian

Wednesday 16th October

10.30 Holy Communion - Kajiado Room

Sunday 20th October Harvest Trinity 18

8.30 Holy Communion
10.00 Good News at Ten
& Children's Church
11.30 Morning Prayer

Wednesday 23rd October

10.30 Holy Communion - Kajiado Room

Sunday 27th October Fifth before Advent

8.30 Holy Communion
10.00 Good News at Ten - Communion
& Children's Church
11.30 Morning Prayer

Wednesday 30th October

10.30 Holy Communion - Kajiado Room

FUNERALS

August

9th: William Vining,
formerly of Ruby Street

September

11th: Anne Sherriff,
formerly of 7 West Hill,
Groomsport

12th: Robert Ryan, formerly
of Morningside

October



6th: Patricia Stubbings
13th: Lillian Ward
20th: Harvest
27th: Christine Johnstone

Parish Office: 91274912

Rectory:
91274901

Prayer Line:
07531806167

Transport:
07599794968

Church Readers Rota:

Freda (11.30)

91467624

Thelma (10.00)

91453602

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Children's Church Helpers

October

6th: No Children's Church

13th: Andrew Cuthbert, Carla Kells, Jenny
Campbell, Heather Milliken

20th: Kate English, Karen Toogood, Caroline
Connolly, Anna Gullen

27th: Libby Beech, Cathrine Menary, Tracie Andreasson,
Gillian Cuthbert



Help needed to decorate
the church for **Harvest** on
Saturday 19th October.
Any donations of flowers
or greenery would be very
welcome, but most of all
we would like to see **YOU.**



Coffee

October

6th: Fiona Jackson, Ann
Reynolds, Ella Walker, Vicky
Hayes

13th: Jem Moran, Joy
Hamilton, Irene Bell

20th: HARVEST LUNCH

27th: Mark & Carolyn
Larmour, Jean Law



October

6th: Family Service – no
Crèche

13th: Rachel Brittain, Jenny
Whiteside

20th: Natalie McCartan,
Sharon Gowdy

27th: Christine Rankin,
Sarah Smith