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St Columbanus

Parish of Ballyholme



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 **The Parishioner**

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



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The Rambling Rector



How do you make it big as a management guru?
According to *The bigmoney.com* the secret is to stick to the formula of America's pioneering religious preachers: "We are all going to die!" Tom Peters is the founder of modern management theory and apparently he has built his career and reputation on various re-workings of 'we are all going to die'. "The only thing we can be certain about," Peters insists, "is uncertainty." *The bigmoney.com* suggests there is one other certainty, namely, that whatever year it happens to be, some or other management guru will always describe it as the scariest yet!

There was a time when certain Churches and clergy took the same unnerving sort of line. These days, anxious to preserve what credibility we can, we're more likely to avoid such cataclysmic proclamations and yet there's no getting away from it: one of the central tenets of Advent, Christmas and indeed Epiphany is that as Christ came once, so He will come once again. I've never really understood why so many stumble over the logistics of how and when Jesus will return. How He will find us living when He does return concerns me far more! **SED**

Parish Census

As we mentioned in both the October and November magazines, enclosed with this edition of *The Parishioner* you will find a simple data form for you to complete as part of our office computer upgrade and the update of our parish records. Our thanks to those who have helped us organise all this - and to the magazine distributors for their help with the deliveries.

We realise not everyone is part of our current contacts system so if you don't currently get a magazine delivered and you haven't had an update form sent to you directly please ask for one in the Parish Office. We want to include everyone who wants to be included. We have made every effort to be correct and precise in what we are sending out but we know mistakes and oversights will be made and for these we apologise profusely. Although we have done our best with the information we currently have, Ballyholme is one of the largest parishes in the diocese and the details we hold for some of our families is many years out of date. Please amend and complete your form, seal it in the envelope and return it via the box in Church some Sunday. The sooner you can get your return back to us the better as we hope to get up and running with our new computer system at the start of the New Year. Thanks again for your co-operation.

Carry Out & Sit In!

With entertainment by Sam Johnston and Co
Sunday 27th December
in the Parish Centre at 7.30 pm

Menus will circulate soon!
Orders & payment in advance to secure your place!

(Bring your own refreshments....
Wine/soft drinks)

For further information contact
Timothy & Jane Smyth
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St. Columbanus Walkers

Some of the walkers enjoyed a four day venture in Inishowen in early October. We stayed at the Linsfort Castle B & B on the north shore of Lough Swilly and walked the coast in the Fort Dunree direction, south to Bunrana and back, Inishowen Head and the Urris Hills from the Gap of Mamore (as a result of which we now claim to be mountaineers!).



A Plateau for the Walkers

Feystown lies at the head of Glenarm and on the four mile walk from Linford car park above Ballygally we had lovely views into the glen, to Garron Point and Slemish. An Ulster Way stile gave us access to the hike across Crockandoo, Black Hill and Scawt Hill. The initial approach was somewhat confusing due to the lack of waymarks (we subsequently discovered they had fallen and not been replaced) but we soon picked them up again and from then the going was more comfortable. From Blackhill we could see the Sallagh Braes and beyond that the Antrim coastline across to Kintyre. From Scawt Hill (a grand wee tightener as Roy would have said!) the Maidens Lights off Larne came into view and then it was down hill to the carpark and a well earned sit down after a four hour nine mile walk.



The next walk on 5th December is from Helens Bay to the Heritage Centre in Bangor meeting at the Train station for the 9am train. Our Christmas dinner is later that day. The 2nd January outing is to the Sperrins - Glenelly Valley, meet at 9am in the Church car park.

Details from Leslie on 91466689

Confirmation 2010

First Meeting for young people: Sunday 17 January 2.30-3.30pm in the Parish Centre.

This year's Confirmation service takes place on the evening of Sunday 2 May. The diocesan retreat for the young people hoping to be confirmed will be held in Castlewellan Castle from 19-21 March.

When he was last in Ballyholme for a Confirmation in 2008 Bishop Harold remarked on a tendency towards younger and younger candidates, some perhaps a little too young to fully appreciate the spiritual commitments they were undertaking. In consultation with the Bishop it was felt that we should adopt a

slightly different policy whereby a Confirmation service would not necessarily take place every year and whereby a new minimum age would be established. It goes without saying that everyone matures spiritually at different stages. Setting any fixed age limit is always going to be artificial, so the best we feel we can do is to say that candidates coming for preparation must be at least in their third year at secondary school. As per last year the Rector will be pleased to offer preparation for any adults wishing to be Confirmed, on the Monday nights through Lent, beginning on Monday 22 February.



Invite you to our December night... Advent Evening

Monday 8th December 8pm Kajiado Room

Welcoming all Gals!

Reflections from the latest Kajiado visit (9-17th October)

It was a mixture of surprise and shock when I was first asked to participate in the Ballyholme/CMS 2009 visit to Kajiado. I had little knowledge of Africa and none of the qualities of a missionary!

However, as I now realise, mission includes much more than theology or charity and there's a place for everyone as we develop our partnership with Kajiado. Although I have a diverse veterinary/environmental background I was still taken aback by the severity of the agricultural conditions in the Kajiado diocese of Kenya, which stretches from the outskirts of Nairobi in a south-easterly direction, along the Rift Valley, to the Tanzanian border. The failure of the bi-annual seasonal rains for the last 18 months has led to severe drought with the dry scorched pasture of little nutritional value to the cattle, sheep and goats upon which the semi-nomadic Maasai people depend. The numerous livestock and wildlife carcasses we witnessed bore testimony to the harsh reality of the drought. Our CMS hosts and the clergy and staff of the Anglican Church of Kenya (ACK) showed us the work being undertaken by the ACK in two Maasai Rural Training Centres (MRTCs) in Isinya (near Kajiado town) and Oltiasaki in the remote foothills of the Chyulu Mountains in the south of the diocese. These centres operate as models of good farming and environmental practice in terms of livestock breeding and management; water storage, recovery and maximisation; and diversification into more sustainable agri-environmental practices including vegetable gardens, tree growing and bee-keeping. Visit our Maasai friends and you will gain much more than you can ever give and if I can do mission so can you!

Michael Hatch

What I will always remember from the trip to Kenya is the sense of the people's great love for God. I experienced this at the Harambee service in the cathedral. The idea of holding a service of thanksgiving in the midst of a severe drought was an act



of faith in itself. The service was in Swahili but it wasn't necessary to understand a word of it to appreciate the sheer joy on the faces of those participating, especially some of the Mothers' Union singers! Maggie Briggs translated the sermon for me. It was moving with the emphasis on praying for rain, the need to sow in prayer and to continue with persistence, confidence and expectation because God's character is dependable.

This theme of prayer was carried on during the food distribution by an act of committal.

Sitting in a circle, Maasai style, around a tree in Kajiado in conversation with one of the church leaders I was made aware of how the drought was impacting on schooling. As the children were hungry and thirsty they couldn't concentrate on anything, let alone learning. We had been on a visit to view the building site where a secondary school for girls was being constructed. With this leader I found myself praying for schools in Kenya and the role that teachers in Ballyholme could play in helping the new school off to a good start.

The way in which faith and prayer were such a part of everyday experience encouraged and strengthened me. I came home feeling I'd received so much.

Sandra Griffith



For me the trip to Kajiado was a time of shattering illusions, or should I say, correcting misconceptions.

The first misconception was that word of my trip had got out to the mosquito population of Kenya and that they were even then amassing at Nairobi airport ready for my arrival. Armed with jungle strength spray-on repellent, plug-in mosquito eradicators and my own mosquito net I was going prepared for battle. However, thankfully the little beasties were few and far between, the supplied mosquito nets kept any that there were at bay, and I returned home with my repellent unused.

The second was that our church in Ballyholme was funding completely the building of the diocesan centre in Kajiado, whereas in fact the Kenyan Christians are paying for the bulk of it themselves, with our contribution just one part. This is really important for them, because unless they pay for it themselves they won't feel a sense of real ownership.

Next was the impression that to go to Kajiado you had to have some sort of special skill that you could use out there, and be specially chosen to represent St Columbanus church. In fact the people in Kajiado and CMS would like lots of Christians to come out and visit them, and enjoy the countryside and wildlife in beautiful places such as Oltiasika. This builds the ties between us and them, and in practical terms provides a source of income for them, through us paying for food, accommodation, etc.

I went to Kenya expecting to enjoy seeing the birds and animals, and certainly was not disappointed. But the highlight was undoubtedly in meeting the people there, experiencing their friendliness, seeing their uncluttered faith at work in their daily lives, and sharing so many memorable experiences together.



Robbie Jackson

Comparing notes at the end of our week it turned out that the diocesan Harambee at Emmanuel Cathedral had been a highpoint for all of us. The service started at 10.30 and drew to a close four hours later. Thankfully I had smuggled a bottle of water in under my surplice although none of the four of us noticed the time passing - in spite of the fact that most of it was in Swahili! Stepping in through the porch genuinely brought a lump to my throat: the bright colours of the

clergy and the choirs together with the joyous noise and the realisation that mine was the only non-African face among them touched me in a way that I was not prepared for. Everything in the service itself was very Anglican: the robes, the procession and the setting all felt familiar and yet no part of the service felt forced or overly formal. Our gift of the stained glass window was very warmly received. The diocese had never received anything quite like it before and the framed explanation of its various spiritual symbols will serve to cement the Kajiado/Ballyholme connection in a permanent visual way. All told I think it was the exuberance that the four of us will take away from the Harambee. There was a lightness of touch about the worship, a sense of a people set free to sing and pray to God as unselfconsciously as most of us may only hope to do in heaven.

Simon



TIME FOR A NEW YEAR RESOLUTION!

JOIN IN OUR SECOND ANNUAL FAMILY WALK ON NEW YEAR'S DAY 2010



WEATHER PERMITTING!

Meet in the Church Halls at 10.45 and set off at 11 am
There will be a quick briefing before leaving.

SUITABLE FOR ALL THE FAMILY (ON FOOTPATHS AND BUGGY FRIENDLY)

The route will be from St Columbanus along Groomsport Road to Ballymacormick Beach, then back along the promenade past Ballyholme Yacht Club to Ward Avenue, then Ballyholme Road, Groomsport Road to the Church at approx 12.15 for soup and rolls.

Depending on conditions and time taken, there are short cuts to the Church from the Promenade.

St Columbanus Walkers will keep an eye on traffic at various points.

KEEP AN EYE ON THE WEATHER!

IF IT'S SUNSHINE - IT'S ON

IF IT'S SHOWERY - IT'S ON (BUT WEAR SUITABLE GEAR)

IF IT'S TERRIBLE - RAIN, SNOW, THUNDER OR LIGHTNING - STAY AT THE FIRESIDE!



Help needed to decorate the church for Christmas.
SATURDAY 19th December at 10.00 a.m.

All offers of help, flowers, greenery etc, very much appreciated.

BALLYHOLME PARISH GOLF SOCIETY

Our next outing will be to Helen's Bay Golf Club on 30th December.
Meet at 9.00 am for teeing off at 9.30 am For more information, ring Harry Browne on 91467275



CHILDREN'S GIFT SERVICE

Sunday 6th December
At 10.00 a.m.



All young people are asked to bring along a small present so that it can be given to children less fortunate than themselves at Christmas.
Please mark which age and sex the present would be suitable for.

ANNUAL FOOTBALL MATCH



This year's match between the Oldies and the Y. F. will take place at the Valentine Playing

Fields at 10.30 a.m. on Saturday 26th December.

Why don't you take part this year - or just come along and support the brave competitors? For further details contact David or the Parish Office.



FREEWILL OFFERING ENVELOPES

The next year's freewill offering envelopes will soon be available for collection.

They can be found at the back of the church in boxes, in alphabetical street order. It would help us considerably, if, when you are picking up your own envelopes, you could take some of your neighbours with you and pop them through their door.

WE HAVE THE ANSWER TO YOUR CHRISTMAS PRESENTS!

Christmas Gift Cards for Kiwoko Hospital funds will be once again be available for purchase from the Parish Office or Yvonne Manogue (07791375507)

All donations will go straight to the hospital in Kenya.





MU Notes

On Wednesday 9th December we will be travelling by car to the “Carols by Candlelight” Evening in the Ulster Folk Museum, followed by supper at Lorne House. The Carol Service is in the Omagh Church and begins at 7.30pm. The houses in the village area will also be open to visit.

Admission to the Museum is by ticket only and we have been allocated a limited number of tickets. Anyone who has not already paid or put their name down and would like to go, please contact Janice on 91468017 .

We will begin the New Year on **Monday 4th January** with “Gospel Rhythms”, a music group from Christ Church Primacy. All parishioners will be very welcome to join us for the evening. Wishing you all a Happy and Blessed Christmas.

Pat

The Wednesday Club

This month we were delighted to have as our guest speaker, Mr. Raymond Parker from Feherty Travel who entertained us with a presentation of videos, showing us the pleasures of cruising both the rivers of Europe and the oceans of the world, with a special article on Alaska, in which the scenery was absolutely breathtaking. As a bonus, he brought with him a couple of boxes of sweets - we'll definitely have him back again! We were also pleased to welcome two new members, and a visit from Bishop Jeremiah and his wife Mary.

After a lovely tea, the draw was made, and this month Anne Munnis was our winner. Don't forget next month is our Christmas Lunch, so the meeting will begin at 1.00 pm. Remember also, a small present for Santa's sack (about £3). See you then.

Sue



“The Tartan Pimpernel” by Donald Caskie published by Birlinn

They say that fact is often stranger than fiction and this book certainly proves that. The Tartan Pimpernel is the autobiography of Donald Caskie, minister of the Scots Kirk in Paris during the 1940 German invasion. Although he had several opportunities to flee, Caskie stayed to help establish a network of safe houses and escape routes for Allied troops. Finally arrested and interrogated, he was sentenced to death but saved by a German pastor's intervention. When imprisoned in a French villa in appalling conditions and without hope of release, he inscribed on the wall the words of Isaiah 43:1; 2 “Thus saith the Lord ... fear not for I have redeemed thee

Later he shared a cell in a different prison with a French captain called Vallet. Vallet told Caskie he was in despair when imprisoned in a French villa, until he saw the words someone had written on the wall. They gave him such comfort, consolation and strength, he no longer

felt afraid and the words stayed with him. Then Caskie said “I am Donald Caskie. I wrote those words”

The book is a nail biting page turner, with light moments. Two escaped POWs came to Caskie for help. He hid them in the church cellar and told them to be quiet. Next morning when he brought them food, he said he would take a church service. They expressed their desire to attend, so Caskie reluctantly agreed they could hide in the gallery. For the reading, Caskie chose “The Lord is my light and my salvation, whom shall I fear?” He then came to the passage “For in the time of trouble he will hide me in His pavilion, in the secret of His tabernacle will he hide me”. At this point Caskie looked up only to see two ruddy faces grinning over the top of the gallery! Two weeks later those lads were strolling down Piccadilly.

The book is full of suspense and some sadness, but overriding all is Caskie's unshakeable faith and compassion. It is a fitting legacy of outstanding courage and integrity.

Heather Copelton



What's on your iPod (or MP3 Player)?



TERRY MCKEE

Terry has been a member of the choir in St Columbanus for 23 years and is also a current member of the select vestry. He enjoys listening to music, going for walks (not too far), DIY (when it's not too challenging) and spending time with his 6 year old daughter Lucy.

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| 1 Supertramp | Fools Overture |
| 2 Pink Floyd | Us and Them |
| 3 Neil Young | Like a Hurricane |
| 4 Echo & the Bunnymen | Over the Wall |
| 5 U2 | A Celebration |
| 6 Radiohead | The Tourist |
| 7 Led Zeppelin | Kashmir |
| 8 The Who | Baba O'Riley |
| 9 The Mamas and the Papas | California Dreamin' |
| 10 Peter Gabriel | Biko |

*Why not try something different this Christmas.
Here are some seasonal recipes from around the world.*

Chilean Christmas Bread from Chile

2 cups SR flour 1 cup milk 1 teaspoon baking powder 100 grams glace cherries 1 teasp cognac or brandy 1 cup plain flour 1 cup sugar 1 cup sultanas and chopped almonds (mixed) ½ cup glace fruit 2 eggs 115 grams butter grated rind 1 lemon

Sift flour and cut butter into pieces. Cream butter and sugar, add eggs and mix well. Add sultanas and almonds, glace fruit, lemon rind, vanilla, cherries, and cognac to flour. Mix well and pour into a buttered mould. Bake at 150 degrees Celsius for 1½ hours.

Christmas Chocolate Logs

In France the traditional Christmas cake is a log.

18 sweet biscuits 1 teaspoon cocoa powder small pot double cream 1 teasp icing sugar
Put the cream, sugar and cocoa in a basin. Whisk cream until until it is just stiff enough to stand in peaks. Spread the cream on the biscuits. Sandwich them together in a long roll. Use about half the cream. Wrap the roll of biscuits in foil. Put it in the fridge with the rest of the cream.

Next day, unwrap the roll, put it on a plate and cover it with the rest of the cream. Drag a fork over the cream to make a 'bark' on the 'log'. Decorate it with icing sugar snow and holly.

This cake is rich so serve small slices.

Christmas Lebkuchen Egyptian dish.

2 eggs 225g almonds 10g cinnamon 2½ teasp baking powder 4 eggs yolks 225g dried peel (thinly sliced) 1 teasp nutmeg 450g sugar 1 teasp grated lemon rind 175g butter 700g flour

Melt butter over low heat. Stir in sugar, spices, chopped almonds and well beaten eggs. Add flour and baking powder. Roll dough out thinly and cut into shapes. Place half an almond in the centre of each biscuit, and brush the top of each biscuit with the white of an egg. Bake at 180 degrees Celsius until brown.

Julebrod (Christmas Porridge) from Denmark

This is served as the first course of a Danish Christmas feast.

4 cups of milk good teasp butter cup of washed white rice ½ cup of thick cream an almond ¼ cup of sugar a pinch of cinnamon powder

Using a large saucepan, heat milk until boiling. Add butter, then rice and turn down the heat. Cover lid and let rice simmer slowly and gently for an hour, or until all the milk is absorbed and swollen up. When cooked, place in bowl and fold the cream and the almond. Serve in small bowls sprinkled with sugar and cinnamon.



Where are you now? The Rev. Helen Houston



When did you begin your ministry in Ballyholme?

I came across from England at the beginning of 2001, a trained curate and mother of a baby and a toddler. I think my ministry at Ballyholme began around Pentecost 2001 but I can't remember the precise date. I volunteered to begin with, while the children were very little and then became part of the leadership team some time later.

First impression of the parish and people?

I just remember thinking how lucky my family and I were to have found a parish like Ballyholme and a congregation like the one we found at St. Columbanus. We felt at home straight away.

What are the highlights (pleasant or otherwise) of your time here in St Columbanus?

How long have you got? Just a few off the top of my head:

1. Colleagues - Alan, Nick, Sue, Ann, Niall, Katy, all the wonderful readers and church wardens
2. Visiting parishioners in their homes - everyone was so hospitable, and also spoke so freely about God. It was really inspiring
3. Tray-bakes - any, wasn't fussy
4. 20's and 30's group
5. Tray-bakes - Malteser squares were especially nice
6. Worship - from the traditional to the contemporary it really felt as if we were praising God together as congregations
7. Community / Fellowship - those people behind the scenes who could be relied upon for prayer support or practical help or an encouraging word
8. Discovering I was 'High-Church' in relation to the Church of Ireland although I am regarded as 'Low Church' in the Church of England.
9. Hearing my poor husband relate the shock on people's faces when he told them he was married to a priest.....
10. Have I mentioned tray-bakes?

When did you leave and what was your next move?

I left Ballyholme in March 2004. My husband had got a new job in Altrincham and so we moved the family back across to England and to a house in Warrington. On my return I found work as Assistant to the Rural Dean of Great Budworth Deanery in the Diocese of Chester.

Where are you now?

We are currently living in the same house but I changed job in October 2005. I am now the Chaplain at St. Rocco's Hospice, Warrington, in the Diocese of Liverpool, although I am currently on maternity leave (see below).

Hobbies

Sleep, sleep and more sleep!

Family details

Since we left Ballyholme our family has expanded by one. Jamie (now 10 years old) and Samuel (now 8 years old) have a little sister Erin Grace, born 2nd January, 2009. We love her to bits. She was named 'Erin', which means 'from Ireland', to mark and remember the many blessings we felt we received from our time in Bangor.

Dad (a.k.a. David) still works as an Area Manager for the National Trust and is in the process of finishing a Masters in Business Administration (MBA).

Favourite music to listen to in the car/home?

'Baby Needs Bach' has proved very effective at inducing sleep in baby and parent.....so probably best played at home then.....

Leisure books found on your bookshelf.

'Yes, Prime Minister' by Anthony Jay and Jonathan Lynn, 'Have I Got News For You' compiled by Ged Parsons, 'Dissolution' written by C.J.Sansom, 'The Audacity of Hope' penned by Mr. President himself Barack Obama and 'A Short History of Nearly Everything' by Bill Bryson.

There was a music festival in Belfast in September, called Open House Festival. It was a folk festival, basing itself in Custom House Square. A good friend of mine was organising it, so I was lucky enough to get a few free tickets to some of the gigs. The last night of the festival was a real show stopper. A girl called Laura Marling was playing and was fantastic, however, a number of people had come to see her support band. A band from London called Mumford and Sons.

During the summer my friend Graham, who was promoting the festival, sent me through demos of some of the bands that were playing. Some songs were great, others not so much! However it was Mumford and Sons that stuck out like a sore thumb. The lead singer, Marcus Mumford had a voice of raw honesty, not just through his lyrics, but through how he sang the songs. I was hooked. At the start of October they released their highly anticipated debut album (Sign No More).

After downloading all there was on itunes I immersed myself in their music over the next few weeks. I mean I listened to the album until I could listen no more! Apart from Marcus' voice and the crazy harmonies and melodies they put together, the thing that was making me sit up and listen was the lyrics. Finally someone was singing about stuff that I cared about. Although a lot of the songs were based on a messy breakup, as most songs are, there was an obvious parallel meaning that could be understood about a relationship with God. I felt that the music and particularly the words, were resonating with my soul.

So, I can hear you say, 'OK Dave, calm down, you're getting a bit carried away'. Well I know that folk/Americana might not be everyone's cup of tea but I challenge you to give them a go.

Their album will be a biggy this year and I promise at least some of you will enjoy the listen! So I leave you with the wise and honest words of Mumford & Sons;

'it seems that all my bridges have been burned, but you say that's exactly how this grace thing works. it's not the long walk home



that will change this heart, but the welcome I receive with the restart' Roll Away Your Stone - Mumford and Sons - Sign No More - 2009

OK so what else has been happening with the young people in Ballyholme?

We have changed JAM, now calling it JYF (Junior Youth Fellowship). For anyone who isn't sure what that is, it's a youth group for anyone in Forms 1-3 and is from 6-8pm on a Sunday night. It has started well, but we are always looking for new people to join us! We are also doing a Youth Alpha course, although we aren't following the exact material. We meet on Tuesday night in the youth room from 7-9 pm, to discuss our faith in an open, honest and safe forum. Youth Alpha is geared towards those in 4/5th year!

YF has started well and we look to continue our spiritual growth and challenge. This year our leadership team has grown again, with the addition of Andy Hamilton and Katie Smyth. I can safely say that Youth Fellowship is in capable hands! We look forward to the rest of the year with some new things being launched as the year goes on!

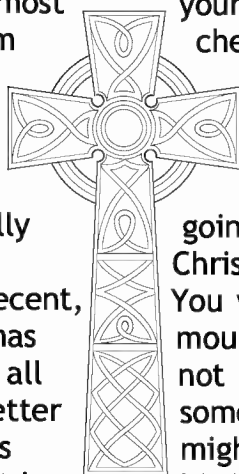
grace and peace

The Quiet Corner

The birth of a Christmas Fairy Tale

Just before he started on one of his most famous stories Dickens wrote, "I am going to throw myself on the feeling of the people with a short story. It will attempt to exploit the notion that Christmas is a merry time but entails duties and obligations, especially to the poor".

Dickens, by conceiving the idea of a decent, resurrected Scrooge presented Christmas as a festival of redemption, a time for all of us to take stock and try to lead a better life. It became of course, A Christmas Carol. If you are concerned about what is happening to Christmas and beginning to despair at the expense and point of it all, the charities have, for some years, provided us with a solution. Your favourite charity probably has a catalogue consisting of articles from a few pounds to £200. You can buy anything from a mosquito net, to a latrine, to a chicken, or even a cow. You can do all your shopping from the comfort of



your home, phone your order in or send a cheque with your order form and a few days later a supply of cards arrives for you to hand over or post. No more trips round the shops, racking your brains to work out what you are going to give Uncle J or Auntie B for Christmas.

You will not be adding to the growing mountain of books or CD's lying unread or not listened to, you will be giving something which is really useful and you might just feel that you have done your bit in reclaiming the real meaning of a beautiful festival.

You know - put Christ back into Christmas! Incidentally what started Dickens was a tour he had just made of the new factory slums of the Industrial Revolution. He was shocked at the squalor in these new towns, probably not greatly different to that experienced in many parts of the world today.

Paddy Donnelly

Flower Rota

December
6th: Wedding
13th: Audrey Carroll
20th: Christmas
27th: Christmas

January 2010
3rd: Sheilagh Jebb
10th: Betty Armstrong
17th: Joan Thompson
24th: Agnes Officer
31st: Pat Shannon

COFFEE TIME

December:
6th: Juliet Gouk, Nicole Watson, Joanne Coulter
13th: Heather Johnston, Ann Shaw, Maureen Aiken
20th: Margaret Parr, Vicky Hayes, Dawn McFerran
27th: Janice Hewitt, Mark & Caroline Larmour

January 2010
3rd: Jean Law, Pat Adair, Yvonne Manogue
10th: Michael & Sharon Hatch, Jean Law
17th: Charlie & Patricia Robinson, Joanne Bishop
24th: Carol Majury, Edna Morrison, Gillian Fletcher
31st: Richard & Sandra Kennedy, Tracie Andreasson



crèche

December
6th: NO CRECHE
13th: Julie Monaghan, Rhonda Magennis, Carol Majury
20th: Dorinda Noe, Jennifer Hatch, Fiona Olivia
27th: Maureen Aitken, Sarah Tweedie, Gillian Fletcher

January 2010
3rd: NO CRÈCHE
10th: Susan Stockton, Zoe Pierpoint, Rosemary Lawther
17th: Catherine Montgomery, Gillian Jones, Mark/Leesa Beal
24th: Paula Foye, Kathy Taylor, Heather Glasgow
31st: Trish McGrugan, Rosemary, Eleanor Mulholland

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 Prayer Line: 91470438
 Transport: 07599794968



Any articles for inclusion in the February magazine, should be left with Sue before 9th January

Thank you

Our Worship

Sunday 6th December Advent 2

8.30 Holy Communion
10.00 All Age Worship & Gift Service
11.30 Morning Prayer
6.30 Holy Communion

Wednesday 9th December

10.30 Holy Communion - Kajiado room

Sunday 13th December Advent 3

8:30 Holy Communion
10:00 Morning Worship & Children's Church
11:30 Parish Communion
6.30 X-alt service

Wednesday 16th December

10.30 Holy Communion - Kajiado room

Sunday 20th December Advent 4

8:30 Holy Communion
10:00 Children's Carol Service
11:30 Morning Prayer
6.30 Carols by Candlelight

Wednesday 23rd December

10.30 Holy Communion - Kajiado room

Thursday 24th December Christmas Eve

5.00 Xalt - Family Carol Service
11.00 First Communion of Christmas

Friday 25th December Christmas Day

8:30 Holy Communion
10:00 Family Service

Sunday 27th December St. John

8.30 Holy Communion
10.30 United Morning Worship



Old Fashioned Christmas

The lighting of our outdoor Christmas Tree will take place on Tuesday 15th December following a joint carol singing walk around the four churches in Ballyholme. Meet at the Holy Redeemer, Sheridan Drive at 7.00 pm. Followed by mince pies at our Parish Centre. Come and join us if you can.

Sunday 3rd January Christmas 2

8.30 Holy Communion
10.00 All Age Worship
11.30 Morning Prayer
6.30 Holy Communion

Wednesday 6th January

10.30 Holy Communion - Kajiado room

Sunday 10th January

1st Sunday after Epiphany

8:30 Holy Communion
10:00 Morning Worship & Children's Church
11:30 Parish Communion
6.30 X-alt service

Wednesday 13th January

10.30 Holy Communion - Kajiado room

Sunday 17th January

2nd Sunday after Epiphany

8:30 Holy Communion
10:00 Morning Worship & Children's Church
11:30 Morning Prayer
6.30 Holy Communion

Wednesday 20th January

10.30 Holy Communion - Kajiado room

Sunday 24th January

3rd Sunday after Epiphany

8.30 Holy Communion
10.00 Parish Communion
11.30 Morning Prayer
6.30 Evening Service

Wednesday 27th January

10.30 Holy Communion - Kajiado room

Sunday 31st January

4th Sunday after Epiphany

8.30 Holy Communion
10.00 Morning Worship & Children's Church
11.30 Service
6.30 Service

I have been overwhelmed by the kindness and help I am being given by the parish family following my recent mishap. I am not in a position to thank individuals at present, so please accept this in the meantime.
Thank you

Nancy Baker

