



**St Andrew's Church
Parish of Killyman
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A Letter from the Rural Dean

Dear Friends,

It's only the end of November, but everywhere I turn I see Christmas decorations. Trees, lights, tinsel and baubles are decking homes and businesses, towns and villages; Christmas songs are being broadcast through the sound systems; there is even a radio channel I can pick up in the car which plays non-stop Christmas music. The first Christmas card arrived through my letterbox today. There is a magic to Christmas, and that sense of magic and wonder has captured the minds and imaginations of the world — the baby, the manger, the shepherds, the angels, the wisemen, Mary and Joseph.

The message of Advent is a less comfortable one, because it focuses not only a cuddly new-born infant, but on the certainty of judgement, that Christ will return as judge of the living and the dead. As Christians we should be conscious that it is Advent that expresses our ultimate hope and longing — Christmas is only the prologue, the introduction. The joy of Christmas, the wonder at the incarnation, should never overshadow the reality that Christ is coming again. We should live each day as people who are ready and waiting, with our lamps trimmed, our houses in order, that if Jesus returns now he does not find us asleep. If Christ comes or calls today, are you ready?

As we kneel at the manger throne this year, and sing our joyful carols and praises, let us always be conscious that we are a waiting people, waiting for that day when every knee on heaven, in earth and under the earth will bow at the precious name of Jesus, and every tongue confess that he is Lord. On that day, all our prayers will find their fulfilment as the Kingdom of God will finally come, on earth as in heaven. Until then, let us fix our eyes, our hearts and our minds on the babe of Bethlehem, crucified, risen and ascended, pray for his coming as our judge and as our Saviour, and prepare our hearts to be ready for that great day.

Canon Peter

Pastoral Care during the Vacancy

During the vacancy Rev Canon Peter Thompson will be in charge of Pastoral care.

In emergencies Canon Peter can be contacted on 028 8776 1214, leave him a message and he can return your call.

Any other queries can be brought to the attention of the Parish Administrator or the Church Wardens.

A Prayer for the Parish

Heavenly Father,
pour out your Spirit upon the people of our parish
and upon those who are in positions of leadership and ministry.
Forgive us our many sins and draw us nearer to you.
Grant us a new awareness of your Presence,
a new experience of your Power, a new understanding of your Word,
and a new commitment to your Service.
Open our eyes to the opportunities you give us,
open our ears to hear your call,
open our hearts to your love that we may serve you.
Grant us faith to believe,
and strength to do your will now and always.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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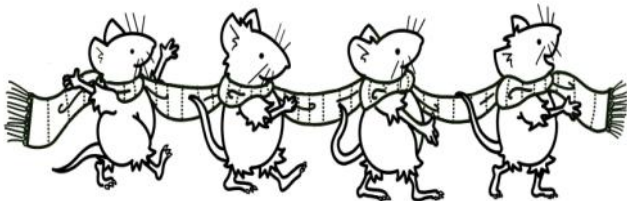
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A Christmas Gift

It's not easy getting the right Christmas present for others, especially in these uncertain times. However, the Magi's gifts were entirely appropriate and help us to understand God's gift of Jesus to us.

'On coming to the house, they saw the child with His mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped Him. Then they opened their treasures and presented Him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh.' (Matt 2:11). These were the expensive kind of gifts that visitors from the east would bring: gold, frankincense (a plant gum resin used in incense) and myrrh (another resin used in perfumes).

Who is He?

Gold is a gift for a king. In Jesus, we see a king in baby clothes. The worship of the wise men was costly, not only in terms of their gifts but for their lives.

Why did He come?

Frankincense was used by the priests in the temple in offering sacrifices. Jesus, as the ultimate priest, is the one who came to bring God and man together. He could do this because He is both divine and human.

What did it cost Him?

Myrrh was used to embalm the dead. This gift reminds us that the baby of Bethlehem would die on the cross to give His life for us. The wood of the crib and the cross are the same wood!

What are we going to offer Him this Christmas? Jesus is *Christ*, the king who comes to rule our lives; He's *Lord*, the One who knows what it's like to be human as well as divine; and He's *Saviour*, who enables us to be friends of God.

"At Christmas time, when we receive presents that we don't really need, God offers us a gift we cannot do without." – J John



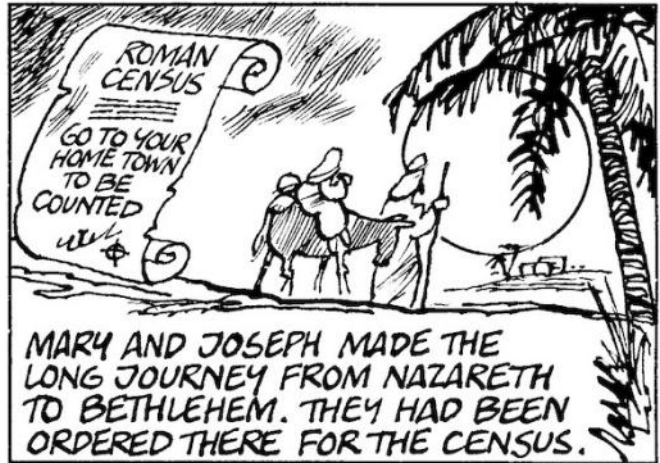
A Very Special Baby

JESUS WAS BORN ABOUT 2,000 YEARS AGO IN THE SMALL TOWN OF BETHLEHEM, NEAR JERUSALEM.



AN ANGEL HAD TOLD MARY SHE WOULD HAVE A VERY SPECIAL BABY.

...YOU MUST CALL YOUR BABY JESUS



MARY AND JOSEPH MADE THE LONG JOURNEY FROM NAZARETH TO BETHLEHEM. THEY HAD BEEN ORDERED THERE FOR THE CENSUS.

BUT THE TOWN WAS FULL



THE ONLY SHELTER THEY COULD FIND WAS A STABLE...

...WHICH IS WHERE JESUS WAS BORN.



SHEPHERDS IN FIELDS NEARBY RACED TO SEE THE BABY



AN ANGEL HAD TOLD THEM WHERE JESUS HAD BEEN BORN.

WISE MEN CAME FROM THE EAST. THEY TOO WANTED TO SEE JESUS. THEY HAD BEEN GUIDED BY A STAR.



THEY BROUGHT GIFTS OF GOLD, FRANKINCENSE AND MYRRH.

BUT MARY, JOSEPH AND BABY JESUS SOON HAD TO ESCAPE TO EGYPT...



...AS KING HEROD WANTED JESUS DEAD!!

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Due to Covid 19 Restrictions during the past year we were forced to rethink our Magazine Distribution and we are delighted that so many people decided to subscribe to our free digital copies.

Now as restrictions start to ease, we are offering the opportunity to start receiving printed copies of the magazine again should you wish to, or alternatively receive the digital copy.

We would appreciate your response as soon as possible.

Tear off and return to St Andrews Parish Office, 43 Trewmount Road, Killyman, Dungannon, BT71 6RL or alternatively contact Heather on 02887726635 Tuesday - Thursday 10.30am - 1pm



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Remember that Triumph is just a little ‘umph’ added to ‘try.’ – Anon

Bible Readings for December & January

December

1 Luke 11: 24-27
2 Luke 11: 29-31
3 Luke 11: 32-36
4 Luke 11: 37-41
5 Luke 11: 42-44
6 Luke 11: 45-48
7 Luke 11: 49-54
8 Luke 12: 1-3
9 Luke 12: 4-7
10 Luke 12: 8-12
11 Luke 12: 13-15
12 Luke 12: 16-21
13 Luke 12: 22-24
14 Luke 12: 25-28
15 Luke 12: 29-34
16 Luke 12: 35-38
17 Luke 12: 39-41
18 Luke 12: 42-44
19 Luke 12: 45-48
20 Luke 12: 49-53
21 Luke 12: 54-59
22 John 1: 1-5
23 Luke 2: 1-7
24 Matthew : 1-12
25 Matthew 1: 13-25
26 1 Timothy 1: 1-4
27 1 Timothy 1: 5-7
28 1 Timothy 1: 8-11
29 1 Timothy 1: 12-14
30 1 Timothy 1: 15-17
31 1 Timothy 1: 18-20

January

1 2 Timothy 1: 1-4
2 2 Timothy 1: 5-7
3 2 Timothy 1: 8-10
4 2 Timothy 1: 11-14
5 2 Timothy 1: 15-18
6 2 Timothy 2: 1-4
7 2 Timothy 2: 5-7
8 2 Timothy 2: 8-10
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14 2 Timothy 3: 1-4
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22 2 Timothy 4: 12-15
23 2 Timothy 4: 16-18
24 2 Timothy 4: 19-22
25 Titus 1: 1-4
26 Titus 1: 5-7
27 Titus 1: 8-9
28 Titus 1: 10-12
29 Titus 1: 13-16
30 Titus 2: 1-3
31 Titus 2: 4-5



Congratulations to Daniel Patterson and Daniel Halliday who won the trophy for best Cub in June.

Some outdoor activities in June following Zoom meetings.

Thank you to everyone who donated food at harvest time.

So glad to be back indoors!!!



Our Rainbow unit has started to meet online and we have a lot of fun. We had a scavenger hunt on our first night which proved to be great fun, all the girls searched for items all around their homes. (Hopefully they put everything back where they found it).

When we met in October we played Halloween bingo. Everyone was very lucky and all had the opportunity to shout Bingo!

Our latest meeting in November gave us the opportunity to remember and honour all those who fought and died for us. All the girls made their own poppies and we listened to a poem being read as well as a 'chat with a poppy'.

We next meet on 9th December at 6.30pm. Anyone not currently receiving our emails, please register your daughter at Girlguiding UK.

ST. ANDREW'S PARISH OF KILLYMAN



Harvest services took place in the Parish on the second weekend in October. We had Rev. Captain Isaac Hanna as guest Preacher at morning Family worship and in the evening Rev. Canon Malcolm Kingston was the guest preacher. The church building was decorated with all of the donations for the BCM Food Bank appeal. Sincere thanks to everyone who donated and helped others at the same time.



In November Parishioners supported the very worthy Hospice Appeal.



On Remembrance Sunday 2021, we gave thanks to God that we have freedom to give thanks and to remember. It was a day of very high emotions and at each service we had an Act of Remembrance. The evening service was especially poignant as there was an opportunity to remember and give thanks for all those people in our lives who have died in recent years. White roses were placed at the foot of a cross by some people while others chose to remember in their own way. Rev. Mark spoke in his sermon about grief, how we can't put a time limit on grief and of how Jesus wept. He reminded us it is okay to cry, that it is okay to grieve but that we can all look to the future knowing that Jesus died for us, for those who know and love Jesus, we will be reunited with loved ones who also believed in him.



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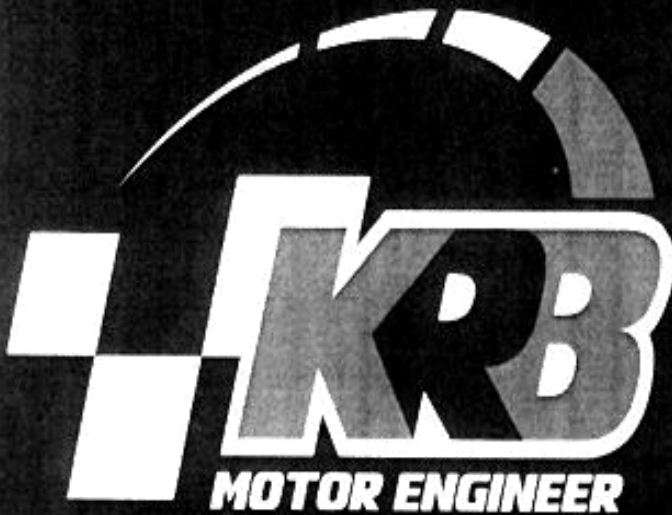
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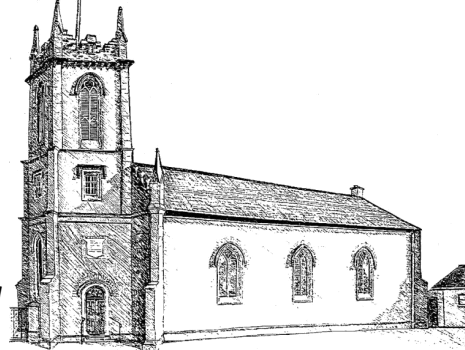
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Requirements for In-Building Worship Services

Watch Social Media for current updates and guidelines.



In line with recent correspondence from the Archbishop the following restrictions are still in place:

Social Distancing – We are still required to stay at a social distance of 1 metre from each other while at “In-Building” worship.

Seat Allocation – Pews/ Seats will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. The Church has to fill from the front and empty from the back, row by row. Once all available seats are used then no one else is permitted to enter. We are temporarily making our services a ticket only event – meaning that those who wish to come need to book online or phone the Parish Office and reserve a place each week.

Track and Trace – a list of everyone in attendance needs to be kept for the purposes of Track and Trace. For 21 days. This is in line with GDPR.

Hand Sanitizing and Covid-19 checks – Before you enter the Church you will be requested to use Hand Sanitizer.

Face Masks – Face coverings must be worn upon entering and exiting the building. It is recommended to wear them during services

No Books – While you are welcome to bring your own books, no books will be available to borrow. Everything you need will be on the screen.

Shorter Services – In order to keep close contact with other people to a minimum, the Services will be noticeably shorter.

Sacramental Worship – The Administration of the Sacraments will be very different from what we are used to.

Stay Safe and Keep Praying.



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For those who are still nervous about attending in building worship, there is the option of listening on the radio. If you live in Killyman village you may be able to pick up reception in your home, otherwise come down to the church car park at service times and listen in to our live service.

Morning Services will also be live-streamed on You Tube.

Our Church may not always be open because of the times we're in, but know that our prayers are with you.



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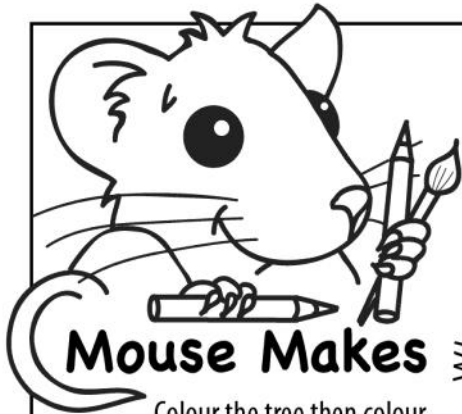
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Colour the tree then colour in one star each day until Christmas. Leave the large star at the top of the tree to colour in on Christmas day!

What's on the Christmas Tree?



A STAR
shows the way to Jesus
Read
Matthew 2:1-12



ANGELS
bring messages from God
Read about Gabriel's message in *Luke 1:26-38*
Read the shepherd's story in *Luke 1:26-38*



LIGHTS AND CANDLES
remind us that Jesus lights our way to God
Read *Luke 2:29-32*



PRESENTS
remind us of God's special gift to us ... **JESUS!**

"For God loved the world so much that He gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not die but have eternal life." *John 3:16*

Presents at Christmas under the tree,
A red Christmas stocking waiting for me,
But what really is Christmas,
What is it about?
Just look and the Bible and you will find out!
It's about **JESUS**
- the best present of all,
JESUS our Saviour,
God's gift to us all!

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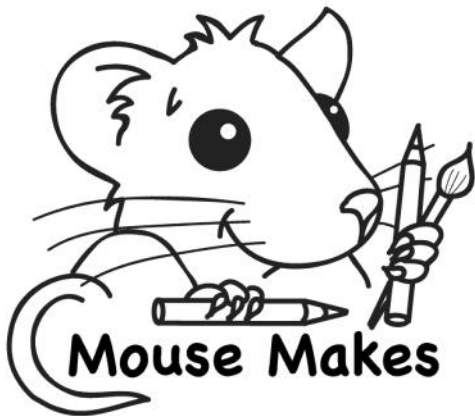
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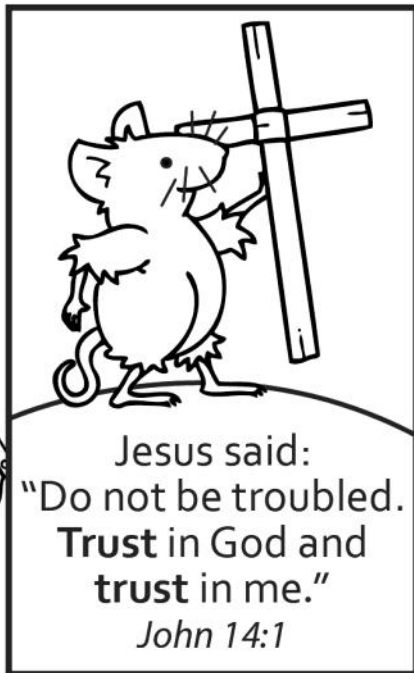
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But I **trust**
in you,
O Lord;
I say,
"You are
my God."

Psalm 31:14



Jesus said:
"Do not be troubled.
Trust in God and
trust in me."
John 14:1

Cut out and colour these cards to help you to remember to trust in God.

When I am afraid
I will **trust** you,
I praise God for
His word,
I **trust** God, so
I am not afraid.

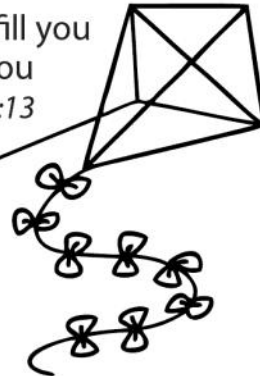
Psalm 56:3-4



The Lord is good,
a refuge in times
of trouble.
He cares for those
who **trust** in Him.

Nahum 1:7

"May the God of hope fill you
with joy and peace as you
trust in Him." Romans 3:13



Trust in the Lord with
all your heart and
lean not on your own
understanding.
In all your ways **submit**
to Him and He will make
your paths straight.

Proverbs 3:5-6





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On Sunday 28th November a large number of Parishioners gathered for the morning service to bid farewell to our Rector and friend Rev. Mark Lennox. For the past three and a half years Mark has been a faithful minister, he has preached the Gospel, led Parishioners to faith and walked beside so many families with compassion as they have faced life's challenges.

Rev. Mark may have only been here for 3.5 years but during his short time in Killyman he really did make a massive impact. He was a devoted Rector and he welcomed Rev. Rodney Blair and Rev. Chris West to train under his leadership. Services and Bible Study were always planned to perfection and included so much prayer and praise as well as words of challenge.

Rev. Mark was always quick to roll up his sleeves, whether it was cleaning the kitchen, helping at Craft Class, setting up the hall, building Santa's Grotto, joining in with Holiday Bible Club, helping to train the Parish Choir for an Ordination, flower arranging, playing the organ or guitar, organising the Men's Morning, making soup for the Ladies' Quiet Morning, leading the singing at the Burns Night or organising the pilgrimage to Israel.

When the Covid-19 Pandemic hit in March 2020, Rev. Mark encouraged the length and breadth of the UK and beyond with his 'Facebook Live thoughts for the day.' He moved from preaching to a packed church to a video camera and all that preparing for online services required. We were blessed with two services online each week, an interview in the Rector's study most weeks, The Killyman Wave, The Rainbow Song recording, and the ability to move the weekly Prayer Meeting and Bible Study online.

As restrictions lifted between the 2020 and the 2021 Lockdowns, we were thankful to be able to meet for Drive In Church and then as restrictions eased, we met indoors again for public worship.

It would be remiss to not mention the late Mrs Heather Lennox. Mark's Mum, Heather was a major support and encouragement for Mark, her sudden death left a massive void for Mark. As a Parish we are all the better for having known her and truly thankful for all that she did in Killyman for Mark and us. We will never forget her beautiful voice as she entertained us at Burn's Night and her gentle nature as she spoke. We continue to pray for the Lennox/Thompson family circle.

Throughout Rev. Mark's ministry the Parish has been constantly reminded of our need of God and as Rev. Mark moves to pastures new, he goes with our blessing, heartfelt prayers, love and good wishes. To God be the Glory for sending us a devoted shepherd and friend- he will really be missed.

Institution

Rev. Mark will be instituted as Rector of Donacloney Parish on Thursday 6th January 2022. Due to Covid-19 restrictions the service will be by invitation only. It is hoped that the service will be live streamed. Details will be shared on Parish social media channels nearer the time.

Dear Parishioners,
I want to extend to you all my heartfelt thanks for the beautiful gifts, which were presented to me at the conclusion of my final service on Advent Sunday. Your generosity and good wishes are very much appreciated.

I wish you all God's richest blessing as you enter this new chapter in the life

of the Parish of Killyman. May you all experience wonderful advances for the Kingdom of God. Please do keep praying for the Rural Dean, Churchwardens, Glebewardens, Parochial Nominators and Select Vestry. Also please keep me in your prayers as I follow the call of God and begin ministry in the Parish of Donaghcloney on 6th January.

God bless you all. Rev. Mark



Farewell Rev. Mark

Once upon a time, there was a Rector called Mark,
On Killyman soil, his journey did embark.
on 17th May 2018,
A wonderful sight that night, if ever was seen.

The memorable day had finally arrived,
The church was packed from far and wide.
The choir was robed, the clergy were here,
This would be the service of the year.

Well, who'd of thought that a Rector could bake,
But a birthday cake in church,
he attempted to make.
He put in the egg, including the shell,
And the children all in shock, Nooooo! they did yell.

In every service the Gospel was told,
The stories of Jesus all would unfold.
The light of God shone around
And in a lot of people the Lord is now found

A Deacon called Chris then came to the parish.
A side kick for the boss and
memories to cherish.
A formal in La Mon, well that night was mighty craic.
I thought we were all well behaved
but we haven't been invited back?!

Burns night came in January,
the culture in Killyman for all to see.
Addressing the haggis for everyone there,
Then cut up for all to share.

Then off to Israel he did go with
several from the church,
A long 10 days away from here,
with history to research.
Back to Killyman they did come,
just before Covid arrived.
The world was turned upside down for the rich,
the poor and the deprived.

When covid came and the church was closed,
What a dilemma this did pose.
Well, that for all was such a shock,
So online he went to tend to his flock

Kids talks online and church weekly too,
Covid wasn't stopping us
even though it was all new.
Bible study and prayers took place each week,
For every problem, a solution he did seek

Oh, what could he do to see us all?
He couldn't use the church or even the hall.
Well, he took to the back of a curtain side trailer
Thank goodness for miracles from the Lord our maker
(and Cappers)

Then a radio show started on a Sunday night,
Well, the host he picked was just perfect and right.
It was Mummy Lennox to the rescue here,
She spoke so beautifully and wonderfully clear.

The requests came flooding in each week,
Everyone sat out in their cars and jeeps.
Each week that passed, it was even better,
But then Mummy Lennox got ill
and we really missed her.

The worst news then came in January,
Mummy Lennox was no more to be.
God called her to His Kingdom above,
He needed more Angels that were filled with love.

A heartbroken Rector came back to attend to us,
We let him know we cared without causing a big fuss.
The regulations were lifted and we met inside again.
It helped that we weren't outside, especially in the rain.

Church in the hall was the way to go,
To accommodate so many and even have an overflow.
People a little scared before getting the jab,
But he gave it a go and it definitely wasn't drab.

When going to church, we took our life in our hands,
From eggs to rugby balls, who knows
where they would land.

An Olympics special would keep us on our toes,
Who would catch the items, nobody knows.

The family service took off and numbers increased,
Online booking each week was released.
It kept us safe and following the rules,
We definitely weren't acting like fools.

Now getting back to the church was such a task,
Metre sticks, ribbon and even our masks.
Sanitising station going in and out,
A very safe church, of that there's no doubt.

So, the day finally came when
the announcement was made,
The Rector was leaving and his presence would fade.
The parish was in shock to hear this news,
But I would say online services increased in views.

We all will miss you in the praise band and all the
pieces you played in D,
But now we can play any music,
just wait until you see.
So here we are, the last service here you will preach,
So many hearts and souls you did reach.

I'm going to stop soon before I might cry,
It will probably happen no matter how hard I try.
God bless you in the next chapter of your ministry,
But remember you can still change your mind until
you sign officially.

As a parish we will miss you and your
humour and all your ways,
But we understand the call of God
decides who goes or stays.
Continue your great work in everything you do and
we will all continue to pray to God above for you.

God bless you Rev Mark in your new parish and your
future ministry.

I hope they realise how lucky they are to get such a
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This beautiful poem was written by
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To mark the occasion of Rev Mark's
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Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in
Matthew 2: 1-10

Around the time of Jesus' birth, in a land far to the east of Israel, there were men who studied the stars...

When they saw a new star they believed it showed a special King had been born. ✨ ✨



They set off to see that King.



They reached Jerusalem, the home of King Herod.



The Romans had made Herod king of the Jews about 30 years earlier. He was ruthless.



The Jews hated him and he was always worried that people were plotting against him.



He had them killed even if they were his wife or children...



So what the wise men said about a new King upset Herod



Herod got the teachers and priests together and asked about the king's birthplace.



That would be Little Bethlehem*



Herod secretly met the wise men and asked when they had first seen the star.



Go to Bethlehem and look for the child. When you find him let me know so I can come and worship him.



Three simple tips for staying argument free in your family this Christmas

For many of us, the lure of a 'perfect' Christmas lurks in our subconscious. Advertisers play into this desire for serving the best food, the home looking super cosy and festive and everyone wonderfully 'suited and booted'.

The reality of Christmas is, of course, always different. It often involves anxiety, tensions and arguments in between the stockings and the crackers.

The pressures may be even greater after last year's Christmas in lockdown and the threat of shortages this year. So here are three simple tips to help you avoid some of the stress and have a happier time as a family this Christmas.

Firstly, share – and maybe reset – some of your expectations with family members. It's so easy to go on autopilot, and play the usual roles at Christmas, whatever they look like in your family. This often leaves one person – often Mum – carrying the burden of it all.

Instead, sit down for a few minutes with your other half and talk about your expectations. What would both of you like your celebration to be, and what *don't* you both want to happen? Having this kind of simple conversation gets a lot into the open and will enable you to plan together and share ideas too.

Secondly, be proactive. If you're the one who generally organises and does the shopping, wrapping, cooking etc, be proactive and *ask* for help and support. You may have to accept that others do things differently, and maybe not up to your standards, but a team effort gets everyone involved as well as spreading the load (even sulky teenagers will usually do their bit when asked.)

If you're the partner of the chief organiser, then be proactive in offering support. Tip: instead of saying: "Do you need any help?" (Where the answer is often "I'm ok...") Ask: "What can I do to help today?"

Thirdly, deal with the little things before they become big things. Our natural ways of handling conflict often work against us, and instead make conflict worse. Conflict avoiders will try to avoid awkward conversations and get prickly and defensive. The rhinos will charge in and shout.

Whether you're more like a hedgehog or rhino in an argument, try instead to nip problems in the bud by recognising your own rising feelings and finding positive solutions *together*: "I'm feeling upset about ...what can we do differently?"





the
prayer wall

5th DECEMBER — SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Archbishop John McDowell

For all missionary organisations at home and abroad.

Madi West Nile, Church of Uganda

Spanish Reformed Episcopal Church

12th DECEMBER — THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Archbishop John McDowell

Select Vestries

Pray for the Falkland Islands

19th DECEMBER — FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT(26th December - Saint Stephen)

Archbishop John McDowell

Pray for mission agencies and their ministry throughout the Anglican Communion.

Mothers' Union around the world.

24th DECEMBER — - CHRISTMAS EVE

Almighty God, you make us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of your Son Jesus Christ; Grant that, as we joyfully receive him as our redeemer, we may with sure confidence behold him when he shall come to be our judge; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Archbishop John McDowell

Ezo (South Sudan)

25th DECEMBER — CHRISTMAS DAY - THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

Eternal God, in the stillness of this night you sent your almighty Word to pierce the world's darkness with the light of salvation: Give to the earth the peace that we long for and fill our hearts with the joy of heaven through our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen

Almighty God, you have given us your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon Him and as at this time to be born of a pure virgin; Grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Pray for the Peace of Jerusalem and the People of Bethlehem

26th DECEMBER — FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

(26th December - Saint Stephen)

Archbishop John McDowell

The Anglican Communion

Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America

The great work of St Columba

It was 1500 years ago, on 7th December 521, that St Columba, an missionary who spread Christianity in Scotland and the North of England, was born in Ireland, (formerly known as Scotia) in what is now County Donegal.



Columba – also known as Columcille – was one of the Twelve Apostles of Ireland, who studied under St Finnian in his monastic school, Clonard Abbey. He was also a great-grandson of the Irish King Niall, and he was said to have left Ireland primarily because he had caused considerable bloodshed at a battle stemming from his illegal copying of the Gospels.



But he became a missionary after he landed on Iona – a tiny island off the west coast of Scotland – and, with his 12 followers, built a Celtic church and established a monastic community.

Iona quickly became known throughout Europe as a missionary centre and school: it turned into a place of pilgrimage for centuries to come – and still is, though none of Columba’s original buildings have survived. His cell and outlines of the original monastery were uncovered by excavations in 1958 and 1959.



He spent much time in Scotland, but Columba’s final years seem to have been spent mainly on Iona, where he was already revered as a saint. He is now the patron saint of Derry (before it became Londonderry). He and those associated with him spread the gospel more than any other religious pioneers in Britain.

In the Irish language his name means “dove”, which is the same as Jonah in Hebrew.



*the
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2ND JANUARY - 2ND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

Archbishop John McDowell

The Diocese of Armagh

The Cathedral Church of St. Patrick: Dean Gregory Dunstan

The Church of New Zealand

Pray for Rev. Mark Lennox as he prepares for institution as Rector of Donaghcloney on Thursday 6th January.

9TH JANUARY - EPIPHANY 1

Archbishop John McDowell

The Diocese of Armagh

The Parishes of Acton, Drumbanagher and Loughgilly: Rev. Graham Spence

The Anglican Church of Australia

16TH JANUARY - EPIPHANY 2

Archbishop John McDowell

The Diocese of Armagh

The Parish of Annaghmore: Rev. Dorothy McVeigh

The Anglican Church of Bangladesh

23RD JANUARY - EPIPHANY 3

Archbishop John McDowell

The Diocese of Armagh

The Parishes of Ardtrea and Desertcreat:

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30TH JANUARY

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Christmas Appeal

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Toiletries for men and women (going in to hospital)

Sanitary wear

All sorts of bedding.

Theses would be mainly for elderly people supported by BCM.

**Items can be brought to church on 12th & 19th Dec or left at
Parish Office Tue - Thur before 1pm on 16th Dec.**

ATTENTION ALL HALL USERS –

Important Information

At a recent meeting of the Select Vestry the latest guidelines from the Church of Ireland were considered and the Select Vestry agreed the following protocols for the re-opening of the Parish Hall to Parish Based Groups.

All hall bookings **must be** made via the Parish Office and booked for no more than one month in advance.

Groups/users must complete and submit a full risk assessment for their organisation/ meeting to the Parish Office no later than 24 hours before each meeting. A template of a Risk Assessment is available from the Parish Office upon request.

On each Risk Assessment, each group must identify the person who is responsible for ensuring that the room being used is fully sanitized when the group has finished using the hall. Training will be provided for those named.

No more than two groups will be permitted to use each room in any one day. This is to allow time for the sanitizing products to work properly. Groups who normally meet weekly, may have to consider bi-weekly meetings or change of day for the time being.

Catering/ In-House prepared refreshments are not yet permitted at any meetings.

On entering and exiting any building everyone should sanitize their hands.

The Foyer should not be used for dropping off, waiting for or collecting hall users. Where possible, the entry and exit points should be the nearest external door. (E.g. Bush Hall users enter and exit via the Fire Exit. Killyman Hall users enter and exit via the external door beside the kitchen.)

Any user displaying symptoms should not attend meetings.

Face masks must be worn at all activities taking place in the Parish Hall, except for seated business meetings which are not accessible to the general public (e.g. Select Vestry Meetings). However, it is recommended that masks be worn at all times regardless of the activity.

Social distancing continues to be adhered to.

Windows (or external doors where the windows can't be opened) in the room being used must be opened to allow for ventilation.

While it is a positive step in being able to re-open to Parish Groups, we would ask all users to please be patient and adhere to all the guidelines as we do our best to keep everyone as safe as possible. Thank you for your co-operation.

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A Note from the Treasurer

2021 has been another year of disruption due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Church services were severely disrupted early in the year. In-building services returned in the spring, initially in the Parish Hall and more recently in our Parish Church. We have all had to get used to booking to attend, shortened services, hand sanitizing, mask wearing, track and trace and social distancing. This 'new normal' looks as though it may well be with us for some time to come. Attendances at Church Services have been much lower than in 'pre-Covid' years, due to the restrictions placed upon us. Some parishioners are, understandably, still hesitant about mixing indoors and have not felt able to return to communal worship in Church, while others have 'got out of the routine of going to Church'. The activities of Church organisations have also been affected. These, too, have had to adjust to new ways of operating.

All of these disruptions have, inevitably led to a reduction in the Church income. As with all Churches, the major part of our income comes from direct giving by our parishioners. In 2020, our income from this source was approximately 15% less than in 2019. So far, this year, direct giving has increased but is still significantly below what it was in 2019. Savings in our expenditure have been made by reduced electricity and oil usage and reduced printing costs. We have also made use of the government's furlough scheme.

With significant increases in the cost of electricity and oil due in the near future our Church will be even more reliant on the continued, generous financial support of our parishioners to enable it to carry out God's work here in Killyman.

If any Parishioner has been unable to make their annual donation to the Church but would like to, it can be left into the Church office (open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 10.30 am to 1.30 pm.): or it can be given to a friend or neighbour to be put on the collection plate at a Church service; or it can be left with me or the Freewill Offering secretary (Mrs. Lesley Stretton).

While many parishioners increase their giving, perhaps not every year, but at least every few years, there are some whose financial contribution remains the same as it was ten and in a few cases as much as fifteen years ago. If these parishioners were able to increase their giving it would greatly help our Church to meet its financial obligations in the years ahead.

The Gift Aid Scheme and Planned Giving.

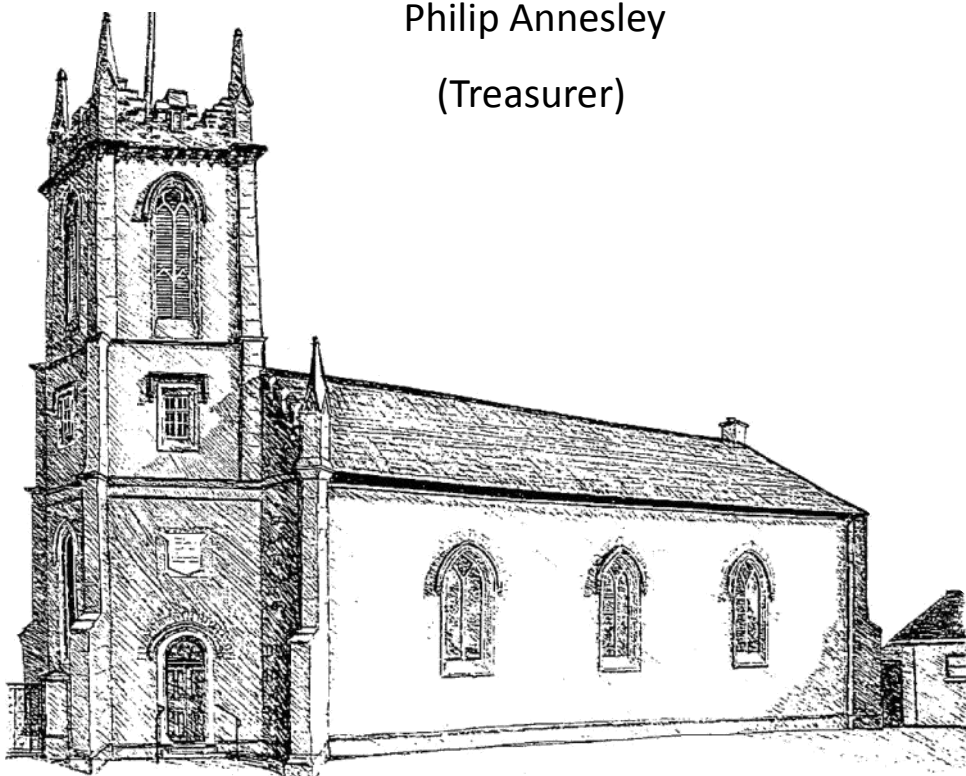


During the past year a number of Parishioners have signed up to give their donations to by standing order, through their bank and the Church is very grateful to them. These regular donations allow the Select Vestry to, more easily, plan for future expenditure. If you wish to set up such a standing order, please contact the Parish Office or the treasurer.

The Gift Aid Scheme allows the Church (as a registered charity) to claim an extra 25% on donations made through it. For the Church to claim this, the donor must be a UK income tax payer and must have signed a declaration form. We are very grateful to all the parishioners who have already signed a declaration. If there is anyone who may be eligible and has not signed a declaration form, please consider doing so. It could mean extra income for the Church without any further expense to you. Please contact the treasurer or Parish Office for details.

Over time people's circumstances change and they may no longer pay income tax. If you signed a declaration form in the past but no longer pay income tax, then the Church must not claim Gift Aid tax relief on your donations. If this applies to you please contact the Parish Office or treasurer, so that the tax relief is not claimed in error.

Philip Annesley
(Treasurer)





Artificial arrangements must be thrown in bins provided. Do not add these to the compost heap at the top of the graveyard., This is for organic materials only.

Thanks to those who use the bins at the gate and top of the graveyard

On Sundays when Church Services take place, the Graveyard is closed from 9:00am-1:30pm. Thank you for adhering to the rules.

Only authorised vehicles are permitted to use the graveyard laneway.



Sunday School is currently part of the 11:30am service as it is not yet possible to have it the way we use to meet. Please book for the 11:30am service and bring your

children to Church to our all-age worship services.



Baptisms

- 31st October Xander Daniel William Gilmore
- 7th November Freddie George Ferry
- 7th November Jamie-Ryan Keith Thompson
- 21st November Ari George Hall
- 21st November Flynn Stewart

Burials

- 2nd Sept Gloria Mein
- 4th Sept Letitia Ferguson
- 16th Sept Ruth Blevins
- 6th Oct Eileen Kennedy
- 16th Oct Major Harry Stevenson MBE
- 22nd Oct Mary E Williamson
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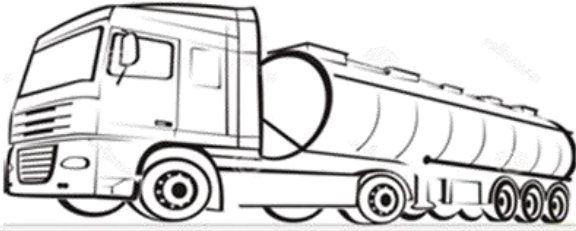
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Pastoral Emergencies will be covered by Rev Canon Peter Thompson during the vacancy.

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Services for December & January

Booking for Carol Service , Christmas & New Year opens on 14th Dec.

5th December	11.30am Family Worship	7.00pm Evening Prayer
12th December	11.30am Family Worship	7.00pm Evening Prayer
19th December	11.30am Family Worship	7.00pm Carol Service
24th December Christmas Eve		7.30pm Holy Communion
25th December Christmas Day	10.30am Family Service	
26th December	11.30am Family Worship	No Evening Prayer
2nd January	11.30am Family Worship	No Evening Prayer
9th January	11.30am Family Worship & Holy Communion	7.00pm Evening Prayer
16th January	11.30am Family Worship	7.00pm Evening Prayer
23rd January	11.30am Family Worship & Holy Communion	7.00pm Holy Communion
30th January	11.30am Family Worship	7.00pm Evening Prayer



***Wishing all our readers a very Happy Christmas
And a Blessed New Year***

