



**St Andrew's Church
Parish of Killyman
Magazine
Dec 23– Jan 24**

**Wishing all our readers and advertisers a very
Blessed Christmas and a peaceful New Year**





From the Rector

As we prepare to celebrate Christ's first coming this Christmas, let us also look beyond our own time to His second coming.

The Nicene Creed says:

'He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead ... We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.'

It's easy to recite those words during a church service without thinking much about what they mean; but they are of great importance, for they refer to the eternal future that is given to all who trust in Jesus' promise.

So, what should we look forward to?

On Christ's return, the souls of believers who have already died will be reunited with their bodies. In fact, we will be clothed with a glorified body.

This glorified body will be recognisably 'us', yet wonderfully different and new. In some way, in our glorified state, we will be like Christ. 'Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.' (1 John 3 v 2)

We shall be like Christ, not only in glory, but also in holiness. Every taint of sin will be removed from us. Do we wish to be like Christ in this way? John continues the above verse as follows: 'And everyone who has this hope in him purifies himself, just as He is pure.' (1 John 3 v 2)

We will join in something that is likened to a banquet. (Revelation 19 v 7 – 9) We will enter a time of great joy in the presence of Christ, and all His faithful servants.

Already, in union with Christ we have become part of this company that transcends the ages, and we begin to enjoy the communion of saints. (Hebrews 12 v 22 – 24) But, when Christ returns, space, time and death will no longer present barriers to the full realisation of this fellowship.

We will receive a heavenly dwelling place, or 'mansion'. Christ says He has gone to prepare such places for His disciples. Each abode will be perfectly suited to the unique personality of each saint. (John 14 v 2 – 3)

And, we shall see God. 'Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God.' (Matthew 5 v 8) Having been made perfectly holy, with no more taint of sin in our souls, we will enjoy the vision of God. This is a great mystery. We will have perfect communion with God, for He will dwell with us. He will be our God and we shall be His people. (Revelation 21 v 3)

Finally, we can say that all tears shall be wiped away. There shall be no more death or anything to make us afraid. There will be no hunger or thirst or darkness. God himself will be our light-giving sun and moon, and Christ the Lamb will feed us and lead us to fountains of living water. (Revelation 7 v 16 – 17)

May God help us to trust in this promise of eternal life, paid for by the blood of his Son; and may the assurance of our heavenly future strengthen and encourage us to meet the challenges that each new day brings.

**A prayer for Killyman parish as we enter
the 200th year of the current Church building:**

'Hear us, most merciful God,
for that part of the Church which thou hast planted in our land,
that it may hold fast the faith which thou gavest unto the Saints,
and in the end bear much fruit to eternal life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.'



Burials

11th October	Raymond Robert James Carroll
7th Nov	Heather McKinley
16th Nov	James Lamb
30th Nov	May Mackay



Baptism

5th November	Norah Jane Williamson daughter of Rebecca & Craig
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*For enquiries about Baptisms and Weddings
please contact the Rector.*



Our Guest Speaker at our October meeting was Ms Joeleen Keys from Mid Ulster Council on the topic of Reduce, Re-use and Recycle. This proved to be a very interesting and Informative meeting with lots of questions asked by our members.

Debbie from Castlecaulfield demonstrated her cake decorating skills in November, just in time for Christmas. She then cut up both cakes and members were treated to samples of each cake for supper. At this meeting Marilyn presented a large number of baby hats she has knit, these will be donated to the Maternity Unit in Craigavon Area Hospital.



During the autumn months, members have attended Visitor's Nights in Ballygawley, Milltown, Castlecaulfield , Annaghmore and Dungannon Methodist MWI.



Members are reminded of the Holy Communion Service in St Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh on Thursday 11th January 2024 at 7.30 pm which will be live streamed. Our meetings for the year will finish with our Christmas Supper on Thursday 14th December at 7.30 pm in the Parish Hall.

The 2024 will commence with our meeting on Thursday 25th January at 8 pm – speaker to be confirmed. We are look forward to welcoming new members in 2024, if you are interested, please speak to any of our members or come along to any of our meetings.



The Big Bash!



JESUS OFTEN TOLD STORIES WITH HIDDEN MEANINGS



ONE STORY WAS ABOUT A RICH MAN WHO DECIDED TO HAVE A PARTY

HE SENT OUT LOTS OF INVITATIONS

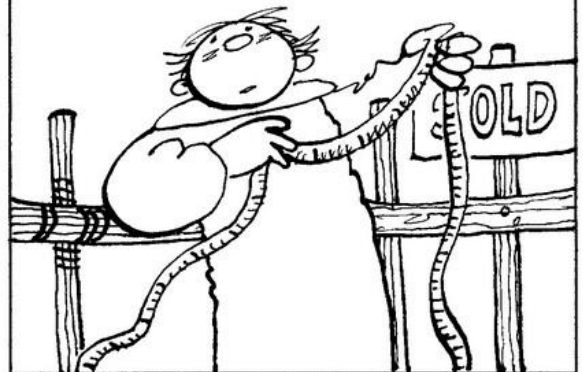


OH!
NO!!



BUT PEOPLE STARTED MAKING EXCUSES

ONE MAN SAID HE HAD BOUGHT A FIELD, BUT NEEDED TO MEASURE IT



ANOTHER MAN SAID HE NEEDED TO TEST DRIVE THE OXEN HE HAS JUST PAID FOR



ANOTHER MAN SAID HE HAD JUST GOT MARRIED - AND HIS WIFE WOULDN'T LET HIM OUT!

SO THE RICH MAN INVITED ALL THE POOR AND NEEDY INSTEAD.



YES - I CAN
COME TO YOUR
PARTY

THE PARABLE MEANS WE SHOULDN'T MAKE EXCUSES FOR NOT FOLLOWING JESUS.



Have yourself a rooting'
tootin' good time at
THE KILLYMAN
HOEDOWN

Saturday 20th January 2024
at 7.30 pm.

Grab your hat and boots and come on down for a boot scootin' good time at St Andrew's Parish Hall, Killyman.

Music and entertainment will be provided by Rev David McBeth, Rector of All Saints Church, Clooney, Londonderry. Rev McBeth regularly performs at fundraising events throughout the Diocese of Derry and Raphoe and further afield.

Your ticket includes a 3 course "cowboy style" meal, at a cost of £25.00 each.

Tickets are available from

- the Parish Office on a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday, 10.30 – 1 pm, telephone 028 87722324 and leave a message if there is no reply
- any member of the Select Vestry,
- by private message to the Parish Facebook Page and we can make arrangements for collection of tickets.

Come and join in the fellowship and fun at this social evening, and bring your family and friends.

Final date for tickets is Monday 15th January 2024.





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Midweek Advent Services

Wednesday Evening's

6th, 13th and 20th December.

7.30 to 8pm



Praise Band



The praise band would love to see members of the church join them as they bring worship to everyone through music.

If you can play any instrument or sing, please speak to Andrew or Ruth.

There is a part for everyone who is interested.

Sound desk rota

Date	Sound	Video	Notes
03/12/2023	Philip	Noel	
10/12/2023	Alison	Katie	
17/12/2023	Linda	Hailey	Nativity
17/12/2023			Carol Service
24/12/2023	Noel	Noel	
25/12/2023			Christmas Day
31/12/2023	Katie	Alison	
07/01/2024	Hailey	Linda	
14/01/2024	Philip	Noel	
21/01/2024	Alison	Katie	
28/01/2024	Linda	Hailey	



Promise Badge



Beavers have completed their Membership Award and Book Reader badges. We have enjoyed trips to Belfast Zoo, Dungannon Library and church for Remembrance Sunday.



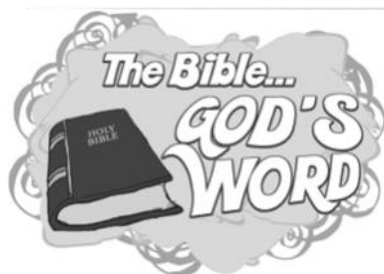


The Book Reader Badge



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Bible Readings

Dec

Jan

1	Matthew 1	1	Mark 1: 21-28
2	Matthew 2	2	Mark 1: 29-34
3	Matthew 3	3	Mark 1: 35-39
4	Matthew 4	4	Mark 1: 40-45
5	Matthew 5	5	Mark 2: 1-13
6	Matthew 6	6	Mark 2: 14-22
7	Matthew 7	7	Mark 2: 23-28
8	Matthew 8	8	Mark 3: 1-6
9	Matthew 9	9	Mark 3: 7-12
10	Matthew 10	10	Mark 3: 13-19
11	Matthew 11	11	Mark 3: 20-28
12	Matthew 12	12	Mark 3: 29-35
13	Matthew 13	13	Mark 4: 1-9
14	Matthew 14	14	Mark 4: 10-12
15	Matthew 15	15	Mark 4: 13-20
16	Matthew 16	16	Mark 4: 21-25
17	Matthew 17	17	Mark 4: 26-29
18	Matthew 18	18	Mark 4: 30-34
19	Matthew 19	19	Mark 4: 35-41
20	Matthew 20	20	Mark 5: 1-9
21	Matthew 21	21	Mark 5: 10-15
22	Matthew 22	22	Mark 5: 16-20
23	Matthew 23	23	Mark 5: 21-24
24	Matthew 24	24	Mark 5: 25-30
25	Matthew 25	25	Mark 5: 31-34
26	Matthew 26	26	Mark 5: 35-39
27	Matthew 27	27	Mark 5: 40-43
28	Matthew 28	28	Mark 6: 1-6
29	Mark 1: 1-8	29	Mark 6: 7-13
30	Mark 1: 9-13	30	Mark 6: 14-18
31	Mark 1: 14-20	31	Mark 6: 19-25

A big thank you to everyone who worked tirelessly to make the Craft Fair such a huge success.

Special thanks to R&D Wilkins Christmas Shop (Coalisland) for donating a fully decorated Christmas Tree which was won by Mrs Donna Miller.

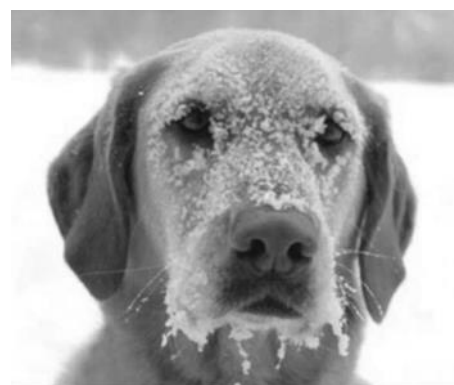


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Cold weather tips for pet owners

- ♦ Check your dog's paws for road grit salt after every walk – the stuff may clear snow and ice, but it is toxic to dogs.
- ♦ Protect your rabbit and guinea pig hutches from snow, winter rain and cold draughts, and check that their water bottles are not frozen.
- ♦ Don't leave your dog outside a shop in extremely cold weather – it is very stressful for them.
- ♦ Don't leave your cat outside all night in freezing weather.





Remembrance Sunday in Killyman

Members of the Youth Organisations attended the morning service with several of the young people leading the prayers and readings.

The evening service took the form of a Drum Head Service with a Piper and a Bugler in attendance.

The young people in Sunday School continue to learn about Moses in their activities each week. On Remembrance Sunday the children found out about the poppy and thought about God's love for each one of them.



Each week in Sunday School the children pray for their mission partners in Peru and DR Congo. They have recently sent another parcel to their friends in Peru.



Thank you to the kind parishioner who donated money to the Sunday School collection for our missionary box.



Children will soon be commencing work on the Nativity Play. Please try to have children at Sunday School each week between now and 17th December. The Nativity Play will take place on Sunday 17th December at 11:30am. Sunday School will resume on Sunday 14th January 2024.



Flower Rota

3rd & 10th Dec	Mrs F Anderson
17th, 24th & 31st Dec	Mrs Colbert, Mrs Hughes, Mrs Eldon & Mrs Henderson
7th & 14th Jan	Miss J Winslow
21st & 28th Jan	Mrs K McFarland
4th Feb	Miss Anne Carroll

DVD Rota

3rd Dec	P Henderson
10th Dec	J Fowler
17th Dec	E Patterson
24th Dec	W Abernethy
31st Dec	R Coalter
7th Jan	P Henderson
14th Jan	J Fowler
20th Jan	E Patterson
27th Jan	W Abernethy
4th Feb	R Coalter

Bell Ringing Rota

3rd Dec	A Lethbridge & L Nesbitt
10th Dec	K Boyd & R Carroll
17th Dec	J Fowler & S Carroll
24th Dec	G Lethbridge 11.30pm
31st Dec	A Lethbridge & K Boyd
7th Jan	S Carroll & J Fowler
14th Jan	H Carroll & L Nesbitt
21st Jan	G Lethbridge & R Carroll
28th Jan	A Lethbridge & K Boyd
4th Feb	J Fowler & S Carroll
11th Feb	H Carroll & K Boyd

Car Park Duty

3rd Dec	William Abernethy & Sam Millar
10th Dec	George Courtney & Trevor Watson
17th Dec	Jonathan Fowler & David Pinkerton
24th Dec	David Kennedy & Anne Carroll
31st Dec	Robert Carroll & Robert Stewart
7th Jan	Andrew Jackson & Paul Kerr
14th Jan	Tony Carroll & Desmond Steenson
21st Jan	William Abernethy & Sam Millar
28th Jan	George Courtney & Trevor Watson
4th Feb	Jonathan Fowler & David Pinkerton

Readers for Services

10th Dec	Patricia Watson Jayne Winslow
17th Dec	Sunday School Nativity
24th Dec	Mabel Winslow Linda Douglas
31st Dec	David Courtenay Caitlyn MacGregor
7th Jan	Jayne Jackson Ruth Patterson
14th Jan	Arlene Willis Roberta Armstrong
21st Jan	Maureen Steenson Alan Hall
28th Jan	Jayne Winslow Patricia Watson
4th Feb	Claire Kerr Ruth Carroll

Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

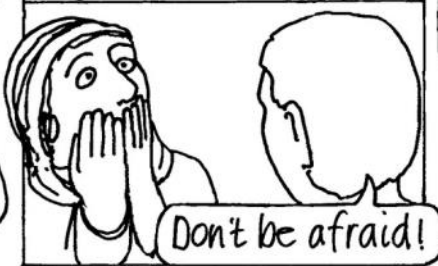
It can be read in the Bible in
Luke 1:26-56 & Matthew 1:18-25

In Israel, about 2000 years ago, a young woman, Mary, was going to marry Joseph. The weddings were in two stages.

In one year we will complete our wedding



Then God's messenger angel came to see Mary.



You will have God's baby, and call him Jesus, 'God saves', because he will save people from what they do wrong.

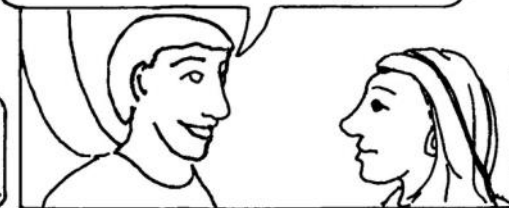


How can this happen?



With God, nothing is impossible.

Your cousin Elizabeth, who couldn't have children, is now 6 months pregnant.



Mary visited Elizabeth.



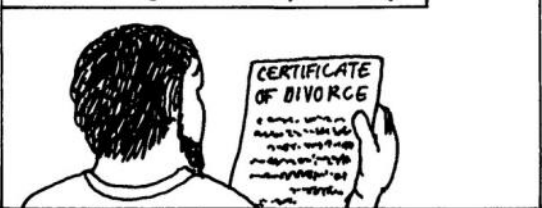
When Joseph heard that Mary was pregnant, he was very upset



This will bring shame on me and my family.



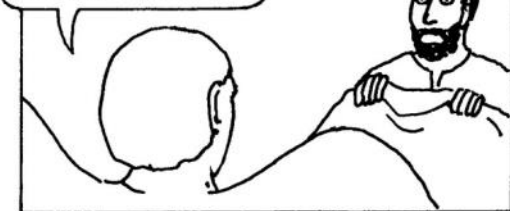
He always did what was right so he decided to end their marriage, but quietly.



But the angel came to him in a dream.



Don't be afraid to marry Mary. The baby is God's, and you will call him Jesus.



So Joseph and Mary completed their marriage.



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PLANNING SERVICES



Six new Guides have joined the unit this year and have learned the Guide Laws and Promise through various activities. They have started badge work based on the Know Myself theme of the Guide Programme, painted rocks, undertaken some UK Parliament activities and enjoyed Captainball and other games.

The Guides have also reflected on the importance of Remembrance, reviewed the names on the Roll of Honour in the Memorial Room and attended Church on Remembrance Sunday, taking part in the service by reading one of the lessons and leading the prayers.

The Guides are looking forward to joining other County Tyrone Guides, Brownies and Rainbows at a private showing of the new Disney film "WISH" in Cookstown on Saturday 9th December.



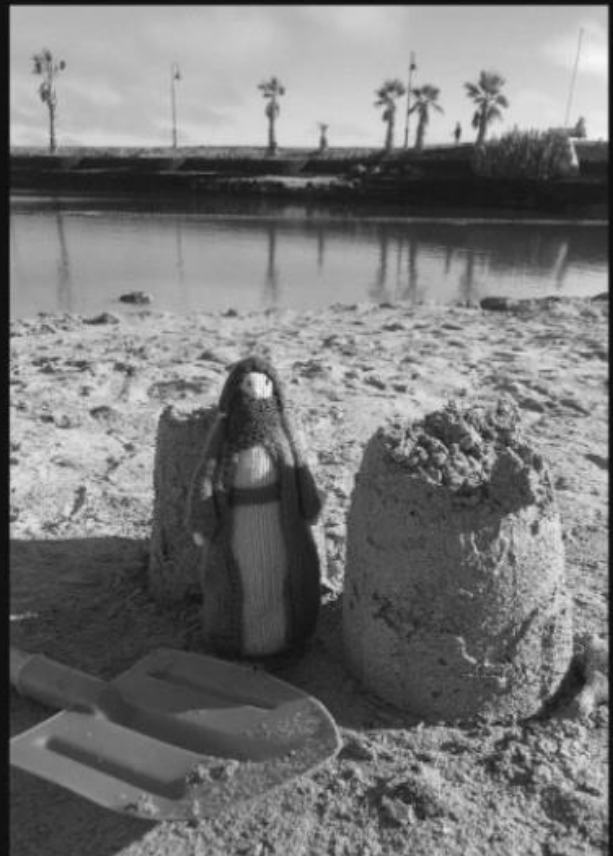
Four Brownies moved on to Guides in September while six new members joined us, resulting in a total of 23 Brownies! These new Brownies have now all had their promise Ceremony so badge work is in full swing as we get started on our Brownie programme and the Know Myself Theme Award.

Thirteen Brownies and Leaders attended the Remembrance Parade to Church on 12 November while two Leaders attended the County Tyrone Girlguiding overnight Training in Lorne the same week-end!! We are all looking forward to our visit to the cinema in December when County Tyrone Girlguiding are taking over the Ritz Cinema in Cookstown for a special showing of the new movie "Wish"!

The final Brownie meeting of 2023 will be on Thursday 14 December and we will recommence again on Thursday 18 January 2024.

We are back and we need your help!

As in previous years, in the run up to Christmas, Mary and Joseph will be going on tour around the Parish and further afield. Their journey will lead them to Church on Christmas Eve. If you would like to host the knitted figures, take them to work, school, out for dinner or to the park, please speak to Jayne W or email standrewskillyman@gmail.com



3rd DECEMBER — FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Archbishop John McDowell

Diocesan Council; Diocesan Board of Education

The Church of North India (United)

10th DECEMBER — SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Archbishop John McDowell

Chaplains in hospitals, hospices and prisons

The Anglican Communion: The Church of Pakistan (United)

17th DECEMBER — THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Archbishop John McDowell

Sunday Schools, teachers & superintendents

The Anglican Communion: The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea

24th DECEMBER - FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT — 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

Clergy, clergy spouses & families; retired clergy; clergy widows & widowers

The Anglican Communion: The Episcopal Church in the Philippines

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

The Diocese of Birmingham – The Church of England

31st DECEMBER – FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

(1 st January - THE NAMING AND CIRCUMCISION OF JESUS)

Archbishop John McDowell





7th JANUARY

Archbishop John Mc Dowell

Saint Patrick's Cathedral

Dean: Shane Forster

Cathedral Reader: Florence Hoey

Cathedral Chapter and Staff of the Cathedral

The Diocese

Youth ministry: Armagh Youth & Children's Board; Development Officer, David Brown

The Anglican Communion: La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico

14th JANUARY

Archbishop John McDowell

Acton, Drumbanagher and Loughgilly

Rector: Graham Spence

Parish Reader: Kenneth Morton

The Diocese

Sunday Schools, teachers & superintendents

The Anglican Communion

The Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma)

21st JANUARY

Archbishop John McDowell

Annaghmore

Rector: Dorothy McVeigh

Diocesan Reader: David Parker

The Diocese

Young people's uniformed organizations

The Anglican Communion

The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

28th JANUARY —

Archbishop John McDowell

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Rector: David Bell

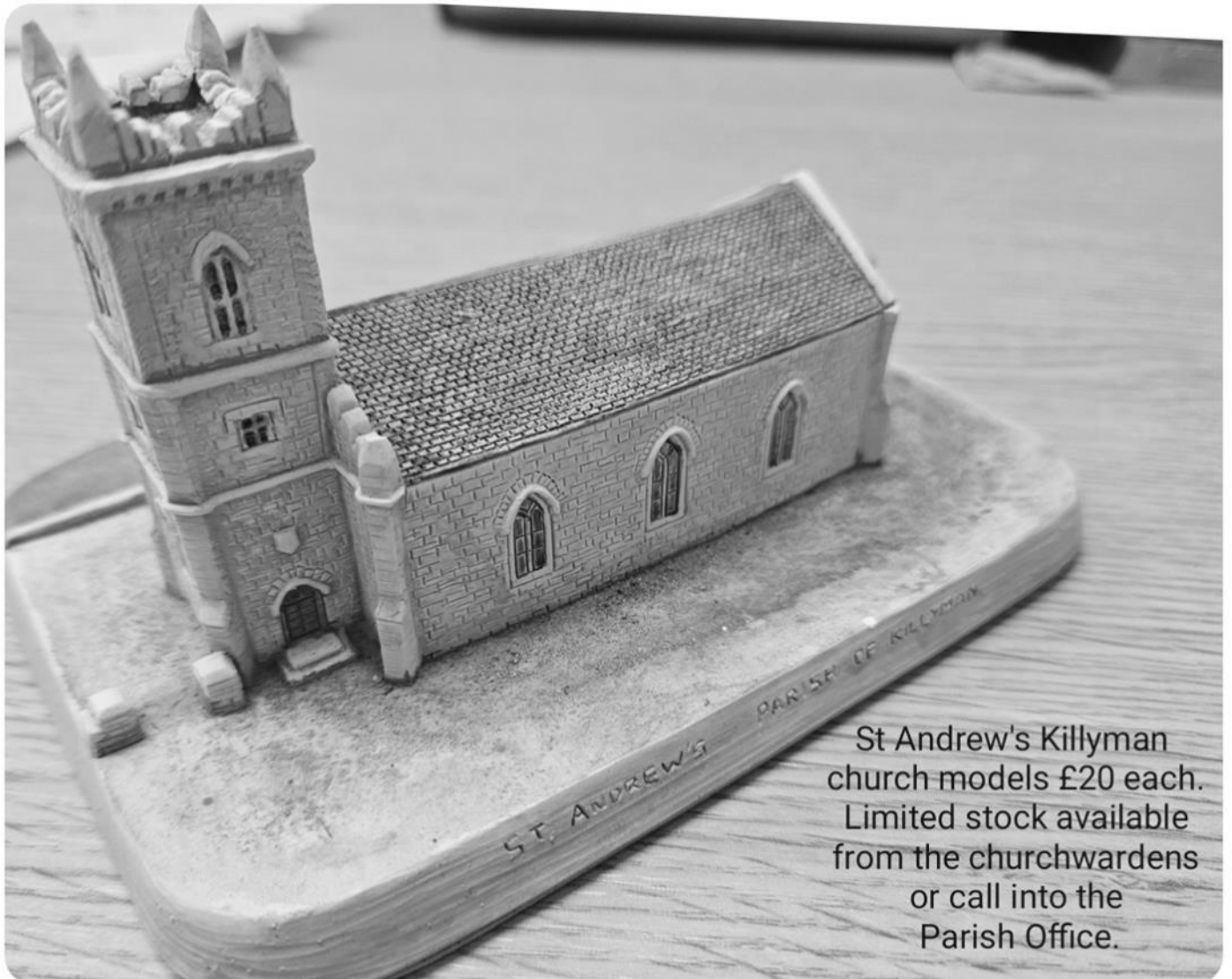
Intern Deacon: Timothy Eldon

The Diocese

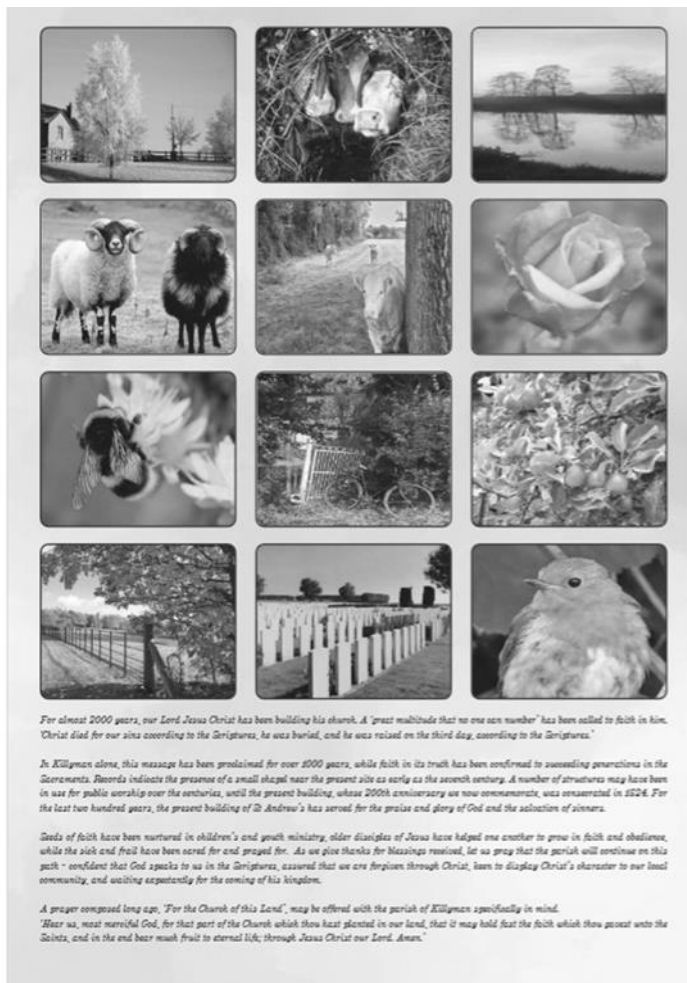
Church House Staff: Jane Leighton; Jennifer Kirkland; Pamela Hutton

The Anglican Communion: The Church of North India (United)

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Parish Office on Tue, Wed & Thursday from 10.30am—1.30pm.**

The photos featured were taken and sent in as by parishioners during the summer. There were a good number of entries and then came the tough task of choosing which ones to use, I didn't envy their job! Rev John then decided on Bible verses to accompany each photo. Off to the printer it all went and the result is a very professional looking calendar.

Killyman Good Companions

Members of the Good Companions have enjoyed an interesting series of meetings over the past couple of months.

There was an enjoyable morning of storytelling and music on Thursday 5th October when Sharon

Dixon shared her monologue of the Belfast Blitz, based on her own Mother's memories of being evacuated to the countryside during World War II. Sharon

was dressed for the part and busy at her washboard as she spoke. Geoff Hatt

accompanied himself on the ukelele as he sang songs popular during wartime and encouraged audience participation.



There was a good attendance on Thursday 19th October when Sandra Purvis from the Prison Fellowship gave an informative, illustrated talk of their work supporting prisoners and their families including providing hampers in the run up to Christmas. This work involves a large number of volunteers and a lot of organisation. Family members of a prisoner often face many difficulties and feel ostracised by the community although they have not committed any crime.



There were nearly 50 members present on Thursday 2nd Nov when Apple Tart and Fresh Cream was served.

Local lady Miss Catherine McIlroy was the speaker and captivated her audience with details of her career as a physiotherapist.

Catherine told of her trip

to London and showed a lovely film of her visit to Buckingham Palace, along with family, to be presented with the MBE for services rendered to physiotherapy and the Health Service. The music and the surroundings were spectacular and we were delighted to actually see Catherine receiving her well-deserved honour from Prince William.

On 16th November there was another good attendance when one of our members, Mr Philip Annesley gave us an insight into his forty year plus teaching career in Dungannon, firstly at Dungannon High School for Girls and following amalgamation, at Royal School Dungannon. Pupils at both schools were fortunate to have such a dedicated teacher. Philip brought back many good memories as he spoke of his early education in Ballynakelly and Killyman before attending the Royal School and Queen's University.

Members are looking forward to their Christmas Lunch in December.

Meetings will recommence on Thursday 18th January 2024 at 10:30am when we will welcome a speaker from the Christian Institute and new members will be welcome for "FOOD, FUN and FELLOWSHIP".



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Please don't assume someone else will let us know as it's not always the case and that's when people feel neglected by the church, when in fact we weren't aware of the problems. It's better to be told the information twice, than to never be told.

For all pastoral emergencies please contact Rev John directly on 07858671916.

Hello our Brothers and Sisters in Christ.

It is hard to believe that it is almost a year since I visited you on a dark January evening. I really enjoyed that visit and I think of you all often. I hope that you are all well. We pray for each one of you daily and we thank God for our partnership.

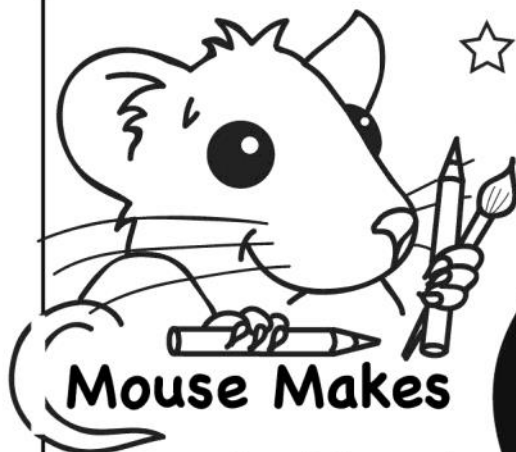
Thank you to the Sunday School children for their parcels and all the items that they include. We are blessed by your gifts and generosity.

Thank you for your prayers and your love. I have included some photos of our outreach work in the schools and our church missions. As we approach the Christmas period, we will be very busy in all our churches and the schools. We continue to have a lot of people who are struggling and we are trying very hard to help them practically and by telling them of God's love. I pray that this Christmas, each person may remember the real reason for Christmas- God sent his son! A very Happy Christmas to you all.

Your friend,

Anderson and family (Peru)





Mouse Makes



GOD'S PROMISE

Isaiah 9:6-7

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Luke 1:26-38

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ADVENT
comes from
the Latin
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In Advent we
celebrate Jesus' birth
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the time when Jesus
will come again.



A LONG JOURNEY

Luke 2:1-20

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John 3:16

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One day they may well go away.

Love is really hard to measure,
Love's not easy to define,
But memory's the only treasure
That will stand the test of time.

So, treasure all that Christmas laughter,
Hold it close – that's my advice.
For there may come a time soon after
When memory is worth great price.

It is sad that life is temporary,
Happy times will disappear;
When those you treasure are a memory,
The memory is a treasure dear.

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Big Parish Breakfast

Saturday 2nd March 2024

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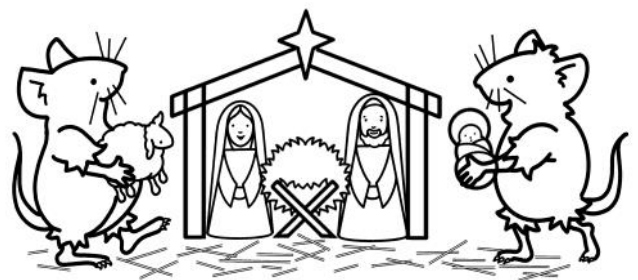


Nativity Quiz Answers:

1. Nazareth 2. Gabriel 3. Carpenter 4. Caesar Augustus 5. To register for the census 6. We are not told in the Bible 7. There was no room at the inn 8. c) In a manger 9. d) None 10. 'Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will to all people' 11. d) westward 12. A star 13. The Bible doesn't say 14. Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh 15. The shepherds 16. Bethlehem 17. Matthew and Luke 18. a) God with us 19. 8, according to the law 20. False; we don't know the date

NATIVITY QUIZ IN 20 QUESTIONS

1. Where did Mary and Joseph live before Jesus was born?
a) Nazareth b) Bethlehem c) Jerusalem
2. What was the name of the angel who told Mary she would have a child?
3. What did Joseph do for a living?
4. Who was the Roman ruler when Jesus was born?
5. Why did Mary and Joseph go to Bethlehem?
6. How did Mary and Joseph travel to Bethlehem?
7. Why couldn't Mary and Joseph find a place to stay?
8. Where does the Bible say Jesus was born?
a) In a stable b) In hay c) In a manger
9. According to the Bible, which animals were specifically mentioned as being present in the stable when Jesus was born?
a) sheep and a donkey b) cattle and a donkey c) donkey, sheep and cattle d) None
10. What does the angel say to the shepherds when they tell them to go to Bethlehem?
11. The wise men travelled to Jerusalem.
a) northward b) southward c) eastward d) westward
12. What did the Wise Men follow to find Jesus?
13. How many Wise Men visited baby Jesus?
14. What gifts did the wise men bring for Jesus?
15. Who spread the news about baby Jesus throughout Bethlehem?
16. What is the City of David also known as in the bible?
17. Which of the gospels tell the story of the Nativity?
18. What does Jesus' other name, "Immanuel", mean?
a) God with us b) Son of God c) He who is God d) Chosen One
19. How many days after the birth of Christ did Joseph and Mary give him the name Jesus?
20. Jesus was born on the 25th of December.
True or false?



Sunday Services for Dec & Jan

Sun 3rd Dec	11.30am	7:00pm
	200th Anniversary Service with Archbishop John McDowell	Evening Prayer
Sun 10th Dec	11.30am	7.00pm
	Holy Communion	Evening Prayer
Sun 17th Dec	11.30am	7.00pm
	Nativity	Carol Service
Sun 24th Dec	11.30am	11.00pm
	Morning Prayer	Holy Communion
Mon 25th Dec	8.30am	10.30am
Christmas Day	Holy Communion	Family Service
Sun 31st Dec	11.30am	No Evening Prayer
	Morning Prayer	
Sun 7th Jan	11.30am	7.00pm
	Morning Prayer	Evening Prayer
Sun 14th Jan	11.30am	7.00pm
	Holy Communion	Evening Prayer
Sun 21st Jan	11.30am	7.00pm
	Morning worship	Holy Communion
Sun 28th Jan	11.30am	7.00pm
	Morning Prayer	Evening Prayer
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