



Sudoku Competition Corner

Congratulations to our March winner—Miss Ruth Stephenson — our youngest winner yet!! Well done Ruth, your prize is coming! Go ahead and try this month's entry. Remember, there is only one rule and it is that every row, column and box of 3 x 3 cells must contain the numbers 1 through 9 **only once**. A prize will be awarded to the first correct answer opened and the winner notified in the May magazine.

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*Place your completed entries in the box at the back of the church by **Sunday 18th April**.*

The winner will be announced in the May magazine.

If you don't want to tear this page out of the magazine, just draw the grid out on paper and don't forget to include your name and address

Good Luck!

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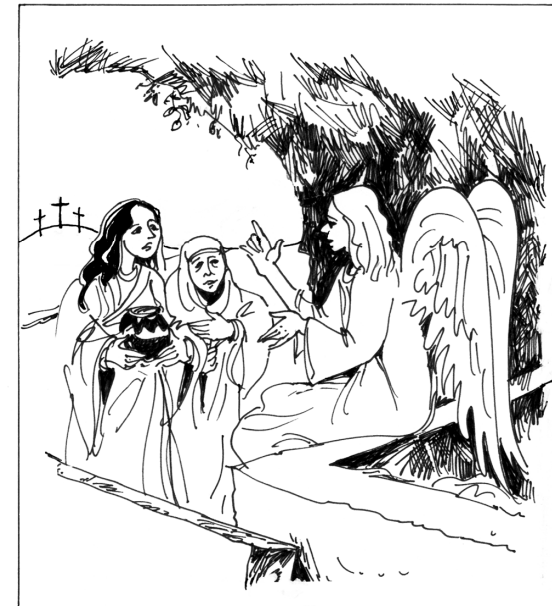
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APRIL SERVICES



SERVICE	MINISTER	READER (Morning Service only)
Apr 4th—Easter Sunday 11.00 am Holy Communion 6.30 pm Evening Prayer	Rev A McCartney Rev T P Kerr	Jane Stewart <i>1 Corinthians 15 –v– 19-26</i>
Apr 11th—2nd Sunday of Easter 11.00 am Morning Prayer 6.30 pm Evening Prayer (<i>St Aidan's</i>)	Rev T P Kerr Rev T P Kerr	Sam Brown <i>Acts 5 –v– 27-32</i>
Apr 18th—3rd Sunday of Easter 11.00 am Holy Communion 6.30 pm Holy Communion	Rev S Heaney Rev T P Kerr	Naomi Riley <i>Revelation 5 –v– 11-14</i>
Apr 25th—4th Sunday of Easter 11.00 am Family Service & BB Prize Giving 6.30 pm Holy Communion (<i>St Aidan's</i>)	Rev T P Kerr Rev T P Kerr	Selected readings

*Readers read the First Lesson of the Day—taken from the Pew Bible.
Readers should confirm their reading with the Rector/Minister*

Good Friday—The Liturgy of the Cross

On Good Friday Evening in St. Aidan's Parish Church at 7.30pm we will be celebrating the Liturgy of the Cross. This will give us an opportunity to focus our worship on the death of Jesus Christ for the sins of the whole world. We will have time for self examination and contemplation. We will listen to the salvation history of the Children of Israel with traditional readings from Isaiah 53 and Hebrews 12. The climax of the service will be the dramatic reading of the *Passion of Jesus Christ According to the Gospel of St. John*.

Please plan to attend, as this service is one of highlights of the Christian calendar. (Please see Page 4 for Holy Thursday details)

Thursday Lunchtime Services

These will resume again after Easter—date to be announced.



Flower Rota—April



- Apr 4th Mr & Mrs D Rodgers—in memory of William & Elizabeth Rodgers
- Apr 11th Mrs H Bowes & Mrs R Buchanan (*nee Baird*)
- Apr 18th Mrs M O'Rawe
Mr & Mrs G Sheppard [Pedestal]
- Apr 25th Mr & Mrs J Pentland



Christian Burial



Elsie Heazley
28 Jamison Street
11th March 2010
died 6th March 2010

Elsie was baptised and confirmed in St Mary Magdalene. She was a quiet, reserved person who had a deep faith in Jesus Christ. Her health did give cause for concern, but her sudden death was shock to all who knew and loved her. Elsie had a very close relationship with her sister Alice and her nephews and nieces in England. Our thoughts and prayers are with the whole family circle at this time of mourning.

A former curate of St Mary Magdalene church, Rev Canon Desmond Fleming died peacefully after a long and courageous struggle with Parkinson's Disease. This gentle man passed away on 26th December (St Stephen's Day) at St Peter's Nursing Home in Hamilton, Canada, surrounded by his loving wife Audrey and children Lois, Stephen and Philip. A Service of Thanksgiving for his life was held in Christ Church Cathedral, Hamilton on Wednesday 30th December 2009. Our prayers are with the Fleming family at this time.



for our younger readers ...



EASTER FLOWERS

From the darkness of Good Friday, the day on which Jesus died on the cross, we come to the light and joy of Easter Day.

In Lent the church was dull and bare but at Easter it is bright with masses of flowers. The flowers remind us that the world is full of life, even though it looked so dead through the winter months.



You can read what happened in a special garden on that very first Easter Day in the Gospels; Matthew, chapter 28; Mark, chapter 16; Luke, chapter 24 and John, chapter 20.



What flower does everyone have?
Tulips.

YOUR OWN EASTER GARDEN

Lots of churches build an Easter garden to show the empty tomb. You can make your own quite simply – you will need a shallow tin or dish, soil or potting compost, moss, stones, empty little jar (from baby food or paste), flowers and leaves and a small clay flower pot.



Line the dish with soil or potting compost and put the clay flowerpot on its side to make the tomb. Cover the sides of the pot and the soil with moss.

Make a hole in the 'grass' large enough to take the jar. Fill the jar with water and a small arrangement of flowers and leaves.



Decorate the garden with stones (for a path), pebbles and other flowers. Put one large stone by the side of the mouth of the flower pot to make the door of the tomb that was rolled away. Spray your garden with water and it will keep green and fresh for quite a long time.



The Rector writes ...

April 2010

Dear Parishioners

THE ESSENCE OF THE EASTER STORY

Easter is the most important festival in the Christian calendar. It is the commemoration of Jesus' death and his rising from the dead, also known as the resurrection. It comes at the end of Lent. The week leading up to it is called Holy Week.

Palm Sunday is the first day of Holy Week and celebrates Jesus' arrival in Jerusalem riding on a donkey. Crowds of people came out of the city to greet him, throwing down palm branches on the road. Many churches give out small crosses made from palm leaves, as a reminder of Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem and his death on the cross.

On Maundy Thursday Christians remember when Jesus ate the Passover meal with his disciples, breaking bread and drinking wine, which is now known as the Last Supper OR Holy Communion. Since then this meal has been symbolically re-enacted by many Christians as a way of drawing closer to God. This is called the Eucharist, which means 'thanksgiving'. It is a reminder that Jesus sacrificed his life for mankind.

The Bible tells us that, later that night, Jesus was betrayed by Judas Iscariot. After his arrest, Jesus was brought before the Jewish high priests who found him guilty of blasphemy because he called himself the Son of God. They handed him over to the Roman governor, Pontius Pilate.

As was the custom at the time of the Feast of Passover, Pilate gave the crowds the choice as to which of the two prisoners should be freed: Jesus, or Barabbas, a notorious criminal. Ironically, the same crowd who had welcomed Jesus with palm branches a few days earlier now chose Barabbas to be released, and Pilate condemned Jesus to death by crucifixion.

On Good Friday, Christians remember the events leading up to Christ's death: his interrogation, flogging, the mocking by the Roman soldiers, and his journey with the cross to Golgotha, the place of his death. Finally he was stripped naked and nailed to the cross, where he hung in agony for three hours, jeered at by the crowds, before he died. This is the day when people traditionally eat hot cross buns, because the cross on the bun is a reminder of the cross Jesus died on, and a reminder of the Christian belief that Jesus died to save us all.

Easter Sunday marks Jesus' resurrection. The Bible tells us that Mary Magdalene went to the tomb, followed later by some of Jesus' disciples. They discovered Jesus' body had gone and that the tomb was empty. Jesus then appeared to Mary and many of his disciples, speaking with them on separate occasions during the following forty days. As he left them for the last time, Jesus promised to send the Holy Spirit so the disciples would know God would never leave them. He then ascended into heaven. The Church celebrates this on Ascension day.

The Rector

Maundy Thursday—1st April Agape Meal 7.30pm



On the night that Jesus was betrayed he gathered with his friends for a meal. During this meal he inaugurated what we now know as Holy Communion - the sharing of the bread and the wine, symbols of the gospel message.



This year on Maundy Thursday we are celebrating that very same meal in St Mary Magdalene at 7.30pm.

We will meet in the church hall for the section of the service called the Ministry of the Word. We will listen to the readings of the day and reflect on their meaning for us. Then

we will have a simple hot meal together as Jesus did with his friends. Following the meal we will move into the church building for the sharing of the bread and the wine (the last sections of the service of Holy Communion). The whole thing should take about an hour and a half.

A practical arrangement - we need to have some idea of how many will be there so that we can cook the food. Please sign up at the back of church any time between now and Palm Sunday. Feel free to invite family and friends - all are welcome. The meal is free although donations on the night will be welcome.



Lenten Lunch in support of Crosslinks

We would like to thank everyone who supported the Lenten Lunch in aid of our missionary society Crosslinks—an international mission society with its roots in the Bible, working largely within the worldwide Anglican communion. Donations received to date have amounted to £125.00.



THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

*The key to heaven
hung on a nail*

Enjoy
your
Easter
Egg!



For anyone with an Easter Egg, here is some good news: chocolate can at least help you prevent a stroke. Just a bar a week will cut the risk of a stroke by more than a fifth. It seems that the food is rich in flavonoids, a health antioxidant. On the other hand, chocolate is rich in saturated fat.... *you just can't win!*



For your
diary

Agape Meal	Thur 1st Apr	7.30 pm
General Vestry	Mon 12th Apr	7.30 pm
Ladies' Guild	Wed 14th Apr	6.30 pm
Antiques Fair	Sat 17th Apr	12.30-4.00 pm <i>Teas rota: Dawn</i>
BB Prize Giving	Sun 25th Apr	11.00 am
Snooker Club	Tuesdays	7.00 pm
Midweek Services	Resume after Easter	
BB	Thursdays	6.30 pm



Articles for the April magazine should be with
Kate Irving by Sunday 11th April 2010

ANNUAL GENERAL VESTRY MEETING

will be held
on
Monday 12th April
at
7.30 pm

Please make every effort to attend this very important meeting in the church calendar

It's back - mark this date in your diary now!



The White and Riley families sincerely thank everyone for all the prayers and support given to Ruth and Ronnie over the past number of years. Ruth is now recovering well from her recent surgery and we give thanks to God for this and the love and encouragement we have received.



**Remember
in
Prayer**

all who are ill or in need:

- Betty
- David M
- David S
- Emily
- Jim
- Lizzie
- Ronnie

those who have been bereaved:

- the Heazley family on the death of Elsie

for all who minister within our parish:

- Rev T Kerr, Rev A McCartney, Rev S Heaney, and Jim Caldwell currently training for the ministry

The Church of Ireland "Safeguarding Trust" Policy operates in this church. Panel Members are Rev Terence Kerr, Mr Cecil Dunwoody and Mrs Catherine Irving. Notices to this effect have been placed in the church and halls.

CLERGY PERSONNEL

From Sunday 18th April 2010, we as a grouping will be making a number of clergy personnel changes. The Rev Adrian McCartney will become our Outreach Co-ordinator. The Rev Adrian will be taking responsibility for implementing strategies that will engage with the two communities in the hope that we will see some growth in both parishes. He will also be preaching every other Sunday as per rota.

The Rev Stewart Heaney will be joining the team and also be responsible for preaching every other Sunday. He will replace the Rev Adrian as our Pastoral Assistant and be responsible for home and hospital visits and any other requirements. He is from the City of Belfast and has plenty of inner city experience. I wish him God's richest blessings in his new venture in our grouping.

I hope this will give the grouping a depth of ministry. All three of us will have our strengths and weaknesses, but as a team I hope we can reach out and build the Kingdom of God in the Inner City. Please remember all three of us in your daily prayers.

In addition, Trinity College Dublin have asked me to tutor a student from the college. His name is Jim Caldwell and he will be joining us on 18th April for 4 weeks. Please take time to read Stewart's and Jim's personal profiles.

Yours in Christ, The Rector

My name is Stewart Heaney, I am both pleased and honoured to be given the opportunity to serve in the Parishes of St Aidan and St Mary Magdalene in inner city Belfast. Having been born, brought-up and schooled in North Belfast and then working in the city for the most of my life, I feel an affinity for the city and very much at home in Sandy Row and Donegal Pass.

I was a late entrant into the Church of Ireland ministry. My first career was as a full-time firefighter in the city having joined the Belfast Fire Brigade as

an eighteen year old and serving in the Ardoyne, Chichester Street and Whitla Street stations until 1987. After a period of study and preparation I was made Deacon in 1992 and priested in Knockbreda Parish Church in 1993, where I served as curate until 1996. After my curacy I became rector of Holy Trinity, Joanmount, with Immanuel, Ardoyne, until 2003, when I was appointed rector of the parishes of Ballyrashane and Kildollagh, on the outskirts of Coleraine, but still in the Diocese of Connor. It was from these parishes I retired in February 2009.

I am married to Maureen and we have two daughters, Linda and Judith who are both doctors in Bristol and Cambridge. Linda is married and has two boys aged 5 years and 18 months.

We are both enjoying retirement although missing parish life and being involved with folk in ministry. It took a while knowing what to do with ourselves, yet with

all the time in the world we are still emptying some of the boxes in our new home in Antrim. However, this summer I hope to have the opportunity to get my motorbike on the road again.

I look forward to sharing with you at home and at worship and working with Adrian and my boss Terry in the parishes of St Aidan and St Mary Magdalene.

My name is Jim Caldwell, I'm 25, come from Ballymena and currently training for ordination in the Church of Ireland. I'm in my first year of training and am undertaking a placement at St Aidan's and St Mary Magdalene in mid-April.

I grew up on our family farm and have lived in Ballymena most of my life. I studied Philosophy and Theology at St Andrews in Scotland and spent the past year in Bristol learning about ways in which churches can reach out to the local community. My claim to fame is while at university telling Prince William to, 'Hurry up!' at the cash machine!

In my spare time I enjoy cooking, reading, walking the dog, spending time with friends and have recently taken up running in order to shed a pound or two! I also love to travel and have visited Romania, Uganda, Mozambique, South Africa, Morocco, the US and Canada. I'm always keen to learn about new good places to travel to so if you have any suggestions, let me know.

One of the things I look forward to most about ordained ministry is being with people: be it a chat over a cup of tea, listening to someone in need or offering prayer. I think there's a lot to be said for making the time to be with people. I'm really looking forward to getting to know the people of St Aidan's and St Mary Magdalene and I hope we get the chance to speak soon.

The Boys' Brigade



It was an early start on Saturday 20th March for the company section boys and officers as we headed to Mourne Cottage in Annalong. This was our base until the Sunday afternoon. On arrival at the cottage we unpacked the cars got our walking boots on, and with rucksacks packed, we headed off to tackle Slieve Binnian. This took around 6.5 hours in total. A few hours into the walk we stopped and had our lunch. We had a few more



stops on the way, but when we got to the top of Slieve Binnian at 2,451 feet the views were super - the Silent Valley below and the other mountain tops all around us. It was truly beautiful. When we returned to the cottage after our

healthy walk, we changed and headed to the not so healthy fish "n" chip shop where burgers, sausage suppers and of course the 'award winning fish suppers' were to be had. So, it was back to the cottage with our goodies and with a roaring open fire we enjoyed are "chippie" with a sense of achievement, well done boys.....and officers.

My thanks has to go to Chris and David. Without David these type of weekends would just not happen, as David is a fully qualified mountain leader and of course thanks to the stars of the weekend.....the boys themselves.

Due to the Easter holidays there will be no BB on Thursday 1st and 8th April. We will start again on Thursday 15th April at 6.30 pm.

BB prize giving will take place on Sunday 25th April at 11.00 am in the church. I'm sure the officers and boys will have YOUR full support at this "family service."

*Bill McMillan
Captain 1st Irish Company*



Ladies' Guild

We were rightly entertained during our "If you're Irish, come into the parlour" evening in March. We got off to a great start with our Irish Dancers, Megan and Chloe Stephenson who both provided a splendid display of Irish Dancing that set the mood for the evening. Our resident 'Drama Queens' kept up their usual standard of entertainment (whatever that means!) whilst Libby narrated the 'Legend of Danny Boy'. Our very own Leila Webster rounded off the evening with a good old 'come allye'. Many thanks to everyone who contributed to the fun of that evening and a special thank you to the committee for all their efforts and organisation.

In April we look forward to our visit to the newly refurbished Belfast City Hall.

Ladies are reminded to meet outside the church at 6.30 pm.

Joan Rodgers—President