



Puzzle Corner

Can you complete the Sudoku and the Code Breaker?

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PASSWORDS



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April

Alleluia
He is
Risen

SENSES

God gave me eyes that I might see
Christ Jesus die on Calvary,
He made my ears that I might hear
Christ's loving words as death drew near.
My lips he formed that I might tell
He died for me—and you as well.
My beating heart God made to feel
His loving presence when I kneel
To thank Him for His only Son,
Who conquered death, the victory won,
Who took my every sin away
And rose again on Easter Day!

JS



CHURCH SERVICES



SERVICES	READER
<u>Holy Week ~Monday 30th March</u> 7.30 pm Compline	---
<u>Holy Week ~Thursday 2nd April</u> 7.30 pm Maundy Thursday Holy Communion	---
<u>Holy Week ~Friday 3rd April</u> 7.30 pm Good Friday reflection	---
<u>5th Apr—Easter Sunday</u> 11.00 am Holy Communion	Valerie Ireland <i>1 Corinthians 15 –v- 1-11</i>
<u>12th Apr—2nd Sunday of Easter</u> 11.00 am Morning Prayer	David Stephenson <i>Isaiah 26 –v- 2-9, 19</i>
<u>19th Apr—3rd Sunday of Easter</u> 11.00 am Holy Communion	Sally Cotter <i>1 John 3–v- 1-7</i>
<u>26th Apr—4th Sunday of Easter</u> 11.00 am Family Service	---

‘The Cross’ - DVD

The theme of the Family Service on 26th April will be ‘Discover Hope this Easter with Billy Graham’. As part of this, we will have the opportunity to watch ‘The Cross’ DVD.

Thursday Lunchtime Services

These will resume after Easter. The date will be announced in church.

All welcome

The Church of Ireland “Safeguarding Trust” Policy operates in this church. Panel Members are the Rev Bob Cotter, Mr Cecil Dunwoody and Mr Peter Ainley. Notices to this effect have been placed in the church and halls.



Flower Rota—April



Apr 5th	Mrs C Irving
Apr 12th	Mrs G Stewart—in memory of George & Elizabeth
Apr 19th	Mrs M O’Rawe Mr & Mrs D G Sheppard
Apr 26th	Mrs H Bowes & Mrs R Buchanan (nee Baird)

~ Parish Prayer List ~

You are asked to include the following in your daily prayers. Take 4 or 5 names per day and ask for God’s blessing on each one. Some of our parishioners will remain on the list permanently, especially those who are in homes of one kind or another, housebound or suffering from chronic and ongoing conditions. If you know of someone whose name should be added, please inform the Rector or one of the church wardens. No name has been omitted intentionally.



[NH = Nursing Home; CH = Care Home;
RH = residential home]

Martha Armstrong, *Masserene Nursing Home*
David Baird, *Fairhaven RH, North Road*
Ena Belton, *Hollygate NH*
Barbara Drysdale, *Beechill House Care Home*
Mina Henry, *Arlington House, North Parade*
Annie Jenkins, *Carryduff NH*
Mary Leslie, *Arlington House, North Parade*
Eileen Ross, *Beechill House Care Home*
David Sampson, *Park Manor NH, Dunmurry*

John Burns
George and Margaret Clarke
Warren Crawford
Martha Fitzsimmons
Jim Garstang
Victor Gourley
Gloria Graham
Edna King
Frances McClean
Jean McCurrie
Elizabeth Mark
David and Emily Mason
Brian and Jean Matthews
Tom Reilly
Jim Shields
Doreen Smyth
Laura Smyth
Stella Spackman
David Stephenson
Roy and Ena Taylor
Greta Wilson

The Centipede

A single guy decided life would be more fun if he had a pet. So he went to the pet store and told the owner that he wanted to buy an unusual pet. After some discussion, he finally bought a talking centipede, (100-legged bug), which came in a little white box to use for his house.

He took the box back home, found a good spot for the box, and decided he would start off by taking his new pet to church with him.

So he asked the centipede in the box, "Would you like to go to church with me today? We will have a good time." But there was no answer from his new pet.

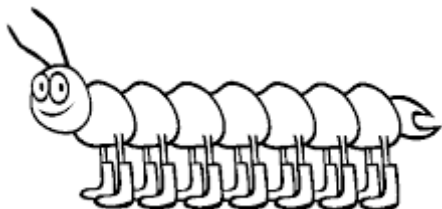
This bothered him a bit, but he waited a few minutes and then asked again, "How about going to church with me and receive blessings?"

But again, there was no answer from his new friend and pet. So he waited a few minutes more, thinking about the situation.

The guy decided to invite the centipede one last time.

This time he put his face up against the centipede's house and shouted, "Hey, in there! Would you like to go to church with me and learn about God?"

This time, a little voice came out of the box, "I heard you the first time! I'm putting my shoes on!"



The Rector writes . . .

Dear Parishioners

Spring is undoubtedly upon us. There are signs of life everywhere. At times during the winter months, from November onwards, we could be forgiven for thinking that new life would never return to our gardens or that the darkness would last for ever. Perhaps young children, who have only a few short years behind them, really do think that spring will never return and winter will last for ever and ever. As adults, who have experienced more springs than we care to remember, we know deep down that the days will become longer and that warmth and growth will return.

What we fail to appreciate sometimes is the necessary alternation and rhythm of the seasons. As we get older and feel the cold more intensely, we would readily dispense with winter altogether. Some people take that literally and move permanently to warmer climes in Spain or the South of France. The expatriate community in the warmer southern countries is quite large. For those of us who cannot afford to do that or who cannot face the upheaval, we just have to put up with the months of cold and darkness, sometimes living on the memories of pleasanter days spent in other seasons.

Deciduous trees shed their leaves in autumn, become bare for a few months and then sprout new leaves in April. Daffodils or crocuses show their heads for their allotted period of time, brightening up our lives as they do so and then disappear until the next occasion, when they will enjoy their brief fame in the sun. Animals that have slept through the winter, feeding off their stores of nuts and other foods begin to find new energy and new life and go about gathering supplies for the next hibernation.

The flocks of swallows that emigrated south during the worst of the northern winter then start to regroup and get ready to head back north again. As the northern hemisphere lurches into spring and summer, so the southern hemisphere takes over the autumn and winter duties. All seems to be well balanced. The cycle of life and death is all.

In our own lives also, as we reflect on the period since last Easter we will undoubtedly still be mourning those who have passed away, whilst at the

same time we may also be fortunate enough to be still rejoicing at the birth of our first [or next] grandchild [or great-grandchild]. Death and life, like joy and sorrow, waking and sleeping, are part of the fabric of our existence.

Easter brings this whole complex of symbols together and we can see clear parallels between what we observe in the natural world and what we learn from the cycle of the Church Year. Just as Christmas contained both birth and death – the death of the natural world in the northern hemisphere’s winter, and the birth of the Christ child – so too at Easter we see birth and death intertwined. The death of Jesus on the cross is quickly followed by his resurrected life on Easter Sunday.

Rev Bob Cotter



at the Magdalene
 Monday 30th March – Friday 3rd April
 5.00 p.m. – 7.00 p.m. each day

Burgers



Games



Songs



Craft



DVDs

Hot dogs

Fun



THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

Never mess up an apology with an excuse!



For your diary

Ladies' Guild	Wed 8th Apr	7.30 pm
Songs of Praise	Sun 12th Apr	7.00 pm
General Vestry	Mon 13th Apr	7.30 pm
Snooker Club	Tuesdays	7.00 pm
Midweek Services	Thursdays	12.30 pm
Parents and Toddlers	Thursdays	10-12 noon
BB	Thursdays	6.30 onwards

Happy Easter

to all our parishioners



LENTEN LUNCH

A huge thanks to everyone who supported the Lenten Lunch ~ the cooks, those who set up and cleaned up and to all who came along and helped make it such a success.

£235 was raised for Christian Aid.

Well done!

Congratulations

..... and best wishes to the Rev Bobbie Moore and parishioners of St Aidan's church as they celebrate their 120th Anniversary.

Leprosy Mission

I would just like to thank those who supported The Leprosy Mission in 2014. We raised £171.

I know that the giving has been higher in the past but we continue to give thanks for the faithful generosity of people year on year.

Unfortunately some of those who previously supported the work of The Leprosy Mission in our church are no longer able to do so.

If you would like to contribute to this worthwhile charity, please ask me for a leprosy box.

Elizabeth McMillan

THE BOYS' BRIGADE
The adventure begins here



The annual Church Parade of the Belfast Battalion of The Boys' Brigade will be held on Sunday 19th April to the Common Hall RBAI (Inst).

A separate Old Boys service will be held in May Street Presbyterian Church. A special invitation is extended to all Old Boys to take part and meet at May Street Presbyterian Church at 3.00pm.

After the service, at approximately 4.40pm the Parade will march past the front of the City Hall where the salute will be taken by the Lord Mayor.

Parents and friends are encouraged to be at the City Hall to support the Officers and Boys by their presence.

William McMillan
Captain 1st Irish Company

Ladies' Guild



Thank you to those members who attended the Lenten Church service in March. It was a very special service that provided encouragement for our Lenten observance.

We look forward to our next meeting on April 8th when the members take over the organisation for the evening.

Wonder what's in the planning!!

Joan Rodgers—President

Parents and Toddlers

**Thursdays
in the church hall
from
10 am to 12 noon.**

If you have any questions/
enquiries please contact
Alison on 07547030451



for our younger readers



Look at the Easter pictures and unscramble the words. Write the answers in the spaces provided.

	sketab _____		hickc _____
	werlofs _____		gesg _____
	nuynb _____		balm _____
	daync _____		kucd _____

Answers: basket, flowers, bunny, candy, chick, eggs, lamb, duck

SONGS OF PRAISE!

On Sunday 12th April at 7.00 pm the 1st Old Boys' Association Band will be joining us for a 'Songs of Praise' service. You will remember we held this last year and it was a most uplifting service when we sang many of our favourite hymns. Please make every effort to attend.



ANNUAL GENERAL VESTRY MEETING

This will be held
on

Monday 13th April 2015

at 7.30 pm

Please make every effort to attend this important meeting

Your input is valuable and you will be very welcome.

Your support is needed!