



Puzzle Corner

Sudoku—try your hand at this easy puzzle

6	8							
		2					5	7
	5			7	2	3	8	
			7		1	9		
7	9		3	2	4		6	1
		4	5		8			
	1	3	6	4			9	
4	7					8		
							7	4

Wordsearch

- Angels
- Disciples
- Heaven
- Clouds
- Ascended
- Father
- Prayer
- Jerusalem
- Waiting
- Wind
- Tongues
- Fire
- Praise
- Preaching
- Son
- Holy
- Spirit
- Triune
- Persons
- Birthday

E	V	U	P	P	D	P	R	A	Y	E	R
H	O	L	Y	P	E	P	R	A	I	S	E
P	I	Y	A	D	H	T	R	I	B	I	H
J	S	N	O	S	R	E	P	T	O	I	T
S	E	L	P	I	C	S	I	D	W	E	A
F	U	R	C	U	P	E	W	I	S	C	F
F	G	T	U	I	T	A	N	G	E	L	S
I	N	R	R	S	I	D	E	D	E	O	O
R	O	I	C	T	A	G	V	H	E	U	N
E	T	U	I	T	Y	L	A	O	E	D	R
I	G	N	I	H	C	A	E	R	P	S	G
T	G	E	N	D	E	E	H	M	E	P	N

PASSWORDS



THE MAGAZINE FOR ST MARY MAGDALENE PARISH
DONEGALL PASS

Rev Terence P Kerr B.D., M.Phil. ☎ 028 9079 0977
Rev Adrian McCartney B.Ed., L.Th., B.Th. ☎ 07970626384
Rev Stewart Heaney B.A., B.Ed., B.D., M.Phil. ☎ 028 9446 1076

www.st-marymagdalene.org.uk

June



*'And when the day of Pentecost was fully come,
they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there
came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it
filled all the house where they were sitting.'*



JUNE SERVICES



SERVICE	MINISTER	READER (Morning Service only)
June 5th—7th Sunday of Easter 11.00 am Holy Communion 6.30 pm Evening Prayer	Rev T P Kerr Rev T P Kerr	Joan Rodgers <i>Acts 1 –v– 6-14</i> (Page 112)
June 12th—Day of Pentecost 11.00 am Morning Prayer 6.30 pm Holy Baptism (<i>St Aidan's</i>)	Rev S Heaney Rev T P Kerr	Ann Sheppard <i>Acts 2 –v– 1-21</i> (Page 112)
June 19th—Trinity Sunday 11.00 am Holy Communion 6.30 pm No Evening Prayer	Rev T P Kerr	Jacqueline Stephenson <i>II Corinthians 13 –v– 11-14</i> (Page 176)
June 26th—1st Sunday after Trinity 11.00 am Morning Prayer 6.30 pm No Evening Prayer	Rev S Heaney	Peter Ainley <i>Genesis 22–v–1-14</i> (Page 17)

Please note that it is sometimes necessary to change clergy, although service will remain as stated.

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

Thursday Lunchtime Services

These continue to take place in the Chapel of the Holy Spirit at 12.30 pm—
followed by lunch in the Bistro.

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.



Flower Rota—June, July, August



June 5th	.....	Mr & Mrs N Stephenson
June 12th	.....	Mrs F Kelly—in memory of their mother
June 19th	.....	The Smyth Family—in memory of daughter and sister Erin
June 26th	.....	Mrs M Porter & Mr D Boden Mrs S Davey
July 3rd	.....	Mr & Mrs G Sheppard
July 10th	.....	Mr & Mrs C Dunwoody—in memory of loved ones
July 17th	.....	Vacant
July 24th	.....	Mrs N Reilly/Mrs R White—in memory of their father
July 31st	.....	Mrs A Jenkins Mr R Craig—in memory of Evelyn
August 7th	.....	Mr & Mrs B McMillan The Irvine Family—in memory James & Agnes McCullough
August 14th	.....	Mr & Mrs D Rodgers—in memory of William & Elizabeth Rodgers Mrs H Bowes & Mrs R Buchanan (<i>nee Baird</i>)
August 21st	.....	Mr & Mrs J Garstang The McMullan family—in memory of Dad
August 28th	.....	The Kelly Family

HOLY BAPTISM



Sarah Gwen McMillan
38 Cleveley Park
8th May 2011

‘Suffer the little children to come unto me’



for our younger readers ...



PENTECOST 12th June

Of the three main festivals in the Christian year, Pentecost or Whitsun is the least celebrated today.

Christmas celebrates the birth of a baby in a stable. Easter celebrates that baby grown to a man, our Risen Lord. And Pentecost celebrates the coming of the Holy Spirit to the beginning of the Christian Church.

Pentecost is the birthday of all Christian Churches. It was the start of all those ripples that spread wider and wider to cover the whole world. From the 11 disciples and Matthias (who replaced Judas Iscariot) to us today.

But we don't send Whitsun cards or give sweets or presents to mark Pentecost, do we? Nowadays it isn't even a Bank Holiday. How do you think we should celebrate Pentecost?



PEN-THINGS

Pentecost comes 50 days after Easter. PENTA means 5 so a pentagon has five sides and the first five books of the Old Testament are called the Pentateuch.

There are quite a number of words that begin with the letters PEN, so can you say which PEN is... (answers at the bottom of the page)

1. A free kick in football?
2. A female swan?
3. Someone you write to?
4. An early kind of bicycle?
5. A sporting event?
6. A small coin?
7. A flag?
8. A black and white bird that can't fly?

Why did the man take a pencil to bed?

To draw the curtains.

What did the pencil say to the rubber?

Take me to your ruler.

Why is it bad to write on an empty stomach?

Because paper is better.

Answers: 1. penalty 2. pen 3. pen friend
4. penny farthing 5. pentathlon 6. penny
7. pennant 8. penguin



The Rector writes ...

June 2011

Dear Parishioners

Last summer we enjoyed a wonderful time of outreach in our communities. The two churches embarked on a process whereby they carried out acts of kindness to the housebound and elderly that included tidying gardens, disposal of litter and general maintenance of homes. We also reached the young people of our communities with the Christian message of Christ's love and forgiveness.

Yes! we did touch the lives of many and both churches were shown to be interested in the daily lives of not only those who attended church on a regular basis, but those on the fringes of our worshipping community.

This year we are also planning an outreach programme led by a group of young people from the USA. It is an exciting, yet challenging endeavour. For us as parishioners of St Mary Magdalene we must as a church pull together and get involved. We must move beyond the chosen few who gave so freely of themselves last year. The Rev Adrian will be needing helpers and assistants in various areas. Please talk to him and offer yourselves for the work of building Christ's Kingdom in our Community.

WHY IS IT SO IMPORTANT

Listen to the words of Jesus in the Great Commission of (Matthew 28:19-20a), "...go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you."

In other words, this is a command from Jesus himself to reach out and touch the lives of all people especially those in our community and beyond.

Please give some time to God's work in this Outreach programme and you will be truly blessed.

Rev Terry

Please note there will not be a magazine during July and August. Hopefully all parishioners will enjoy a good summer and with any luck the sun will shine!



Outreach update from Rev Adrian

Dear Parishioners

We are about to enter upon another summer week of activity (30 June – 5 July). If all goes according to plan (which is unlikely) the week could look something like this.

The team from USA will arrive on Sunday 26 June. They may take up residence in our halls or the school. They will spend the next three days becoming acclimatised to life on the edges of Belfast City Centre and Donegall Pass and Sandy Row. There could be as many as thirty young people on this team! Don't panic! They come with leaders and cooks and a budget for food, although I am sure we would want to supply them with tray bakes and wee buns that could never be experienced on the far side of the Atlantic. There may also be local people who would like to join the team, even if not to sleep in the halls.

The team will also prepare for the outreach activities, decorating and preparing materials and games. They are going to be busy because I hope they will also assist us with publicity, dropping leaflets into all the houses, visiting schools, youth clubs, and community centres etc.

The plan for the week will include "Mission Beach". This has never been done before. We are hoping to fill a building site on Blythe Street with sand to about a foot deep and create a beach in the city. Children from both parishes will use it during the afternoons and teens from both parishes will use it in the evenings. Alongside this we will continue our random acts of kindness, giving a helping hand to anyone who needs some basic work done around their home. It could be as simple as removing old furniture or rubbish, or a bit of gardening or simple DIY. Experts from both parishes will be required to make this work. This year it would also be good to have a couple of "afternoon teas" for our older members and friends. Maybe we could make it a bit special with cream teas and a bit of decoration. A day trip would be great as well. Add to all of this some barbecues and the Sunday services and we are going to be busy.

- If you would like to pray the following would be much appreciated -
- success in our applications to City Council and Diocese for funding
- safety for the team travelling for USA
- Showers for them to use while staying with us
- publicity and good response from those who receive it
- wisdom for us all as we plan and organise

Thank you. Watch for more news and opportunities as they arise.

Rev Adrian



THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

*He who laughs last,
thinks slowest.*



19th June 2011

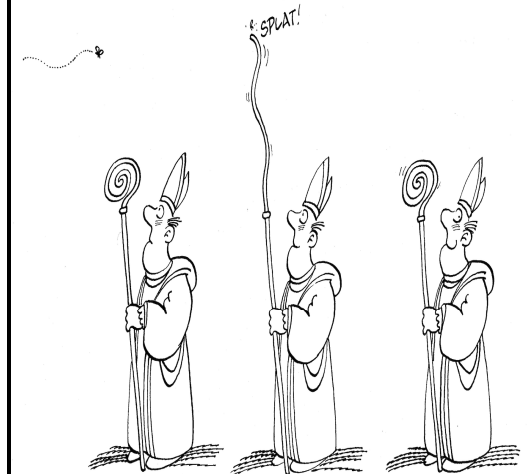
A thought for Father's Day

Children who talk regularly with their dad about topics that really matter to them are much happier than those who do not. Young people who said they talk seriously to their fathers 'most days' gave themselves an 87% score on a happiness scale. Yet sadly, the study, carried out recently for the Children's Society, found that nearly half of young people (46%) said they 'hardly ever' spoke to their fathers about important topics. And only 13% of young people speak seriously to their dads 'most days'. The Children's Society warns that a child's wellbeing later in life depends on their teenage relationship with their father as well as with their mother.



For your diary

Select Vestry	Mon 6th June	7.30 pm
Antiques Fair	Sat 18th June	12.30-4.00 pm <i>Teas rota: Marie & Joan</i>
Ladies' Guild Outing	Sat 25th June	11.15 am
Snooker Club	Tuesdays	7.00 pm
Midweek Services	Thursdays	12.30 pm
BB	Summer recess	



Big Breakfast

The recently held Big Breakfast was a huge success raising an amazing £950. This will go some way in our quest to raise the £35,000 needed in support of our upcoming Lottery Bid. Thank you to everyone who helped in any way, either by cooking, serving, setting up and most important by turning up on the day to enjoy the craic and the food.

—Christian Aid Week
15th -21st May 2011



Thank you to everyone who supported this worthy appeal and very special gratitude goes to our team of door-to-door collectors—Liz, Jim, Molly and Jean. This is no easy task that they carry out year on year on our behalf. The total raised is not yet finalised, but will be announced in church once known.

Kate Irving—Christian Aid Secretary

Thank You

Thank you to everyone who joined us for Sarah's baptism on 8th May. We are very grateful for all the cards and gifts received and have been overwhelmed by all the kindness shown to us since Sarah's birth.

Bill, Elizabeth and Sarah

Did you know?

If your baby is beautiful and perfect, never cries or fusses, sleeps on schedule and behaves like an angel all the time, you're the granny!



ANNUAL GENERAL VESTRY MEETING

The Annual General Vestry held on 4th May was well supported. Thank you to everyone who came along to this meeting. The following appointments were made for the year 2011-2012:

<i>Rector's Church Warden:</i>	Mr Hugh Rodgers
<i>Rector's Glebe Warden:</i>	Mr Jim Garstang
<i>People's Church Warden:</i>	Mr Peter Ainley
<i>People's Glebe Warden:</i>	Mr Hugh Gabbie
<i>Diocesan Synodsmen:</i>	Peter Ainley
<i>Supplemental Diocesan Synodsmen:</i>	Hugh Rodgers
<i>Parochial Nominator:</i>	Cecil Dunwoody
<i>Supplemental Parochial Nominator:</i>	Raymond Moore

Select Vestry:

Mr Percy Copley
Mrs Ann Crawford
Mr Cecil Dunwoody
Mrs Libby Garstang (*Treasurer*)
Raymond Hamill
Mrs Kate Irving
Mrs Marie Luney
Mrs Jean Matthews
Mr Raymond Moore
Mr David Nellins
Mr David Rodgers
Mrs Jacqueline Stephenson (*Secretary*)

Church Auditors: Mrs Sandra Stephenson & Mrs Liz Taylor

Summaries of the Clergy and Treasurer's reports can be found in the Annual Report & Accounts for year ended December 2010, which you have received with this month's magazine.

Ladies' Guild

On Thursday 5th May the BB finished the 2010/2011 session with a Parents' Evening and presentation of awards. This gave the boys a chance to show all who attended the work that goes on throughout the year –marching, PE, games, drill and scripture. I would like to thank all the parents, grandparents, family and friends who gave us their support, not only by being there, but for their financial support throughout the year. I would also like to give thanks to David, Jennifer, Chris and Elizabeth for all their help and support during the session. Without them we wouldn't be able to continue our work with the boys. Also thanks go to the Rev Kerr for taking the boys for bible study. Well done to all boys on achieving their awards.

We're not finished just yet as we still have to go to summer camp which will take place in June.

William McMillan—Captain 1st Irish



What a splendid evening we experienced at the 'Fashion through the Ages' show in May. The hall was packed and the atmosphere was one of friendliness and fun. We are very grateful to the 'War on Want' team for the really splendid show they put on. And of course, a special word of thanks goes to Julie Ann Smyth (Dunwoody) and her friends who modelled the wedding dresses from the 1920s-1930s.

We raised £453 for the church restoration fund—an amazing amount and thank you to everyone who supported this event. I would like to say a special word of thanks to the Guild Committee for all the hard work in organising this evening.

Our outing this year takes place on Saturday 25th June when we are visiting the historical village of Gracehill, the Rector's home parish of St Colmanell's and then on to Ballymena for shopping and our evening meal. Members are reminded to have their monies paid to Kate Irving by Sunday 5th June at the latest.

Joan Rodgers—President

Remember in Prayer:

- Annie
- Betty
- David M
- David & Frances
- Desmond
- Lily
- Martha
- Raymond
- Ronnie
- Sadie, Wesley, Jim & John
- Susan
- The Outreach programme running in July
- All clergy who minister within our parish and for renewed numerical growth



Don't forget to inform the Rector of anyone who is in hospital or unwell

Recent incidents of brutal anti-Christian violence and persecution suggest that vulnerable believers are facing a menacing upsurge in such attacks across the world.

For example, in Afghanistan the Muslim Taliban have beheaded an Afghan Christian. A video of the murder sent to Barnabas Fund shows the Taliban shouting "Allahu Akbar" ("God is great") over and over again during the beheading. Christian converts are also in danger from the Afghan government as it tries to prove its commitment to Islam. Last year many were arrested, and some remain in prison facing execution.

In Nigeria, in the latest of several recent incidents, a group of attackers stormed three mainly Christian farming villages. At least two people were killed and a number of houses were set on fire. Two years ago, nine Christians died at the hands of Muslim militants and churches and homes were destroyed. Then as now, the authorities failed to ensure the safety of Christians in the state.

In Egypt, a Christian mother-of-two, Heba Adel, disappeared on 6th April after walking her young son to school in a suburb of Cairo. Heba's husband, Fadi, believes that his wife has been kidnapped. Many Christian women and girls in Egypt are abducted, raped and forcibly converted to Islam. The security

forces are often slow to respond, and the attackers are rarely brought to justice. Relations between Muslims and Christians have worsened rapidly since the fall of former President Mubarak.

In China, at least 160 Christians were arrested when they attempted to hold a worship service in the open air. Most of the believers were later released, but the pastor and his wife remain in custody.

These latest incidents, which are only a few examples of many, also occur against a background of growing international instability that further threatens the security of Christian minorities. As Islamist groups manoeuvre for position in Egypt, civil war rages in Libya, and unrest breaks out in many other parts of the Muslim world, Christians are often left without protection against attacks by the hostile majority.

Dr Patrick Sookhdeo, International Director of Barnabas Fund, says: "At this time of turmoil in many parts of the world, our brothers and sisters are even more vulnerable to hatred and violence. Often the authorities cannot and will not protect them, and sometimes they even join in the anti-Christian attacks." As this month the Church celebrates Pentecost, please pray for these suffering brothers and sisters in Christ.