



Puzzle Corner

Here's a couple of puzzles to keep you going over the summer months

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There will be no magazine during the months of July and August. I would like to take the opportunity of wishing everyone a pleasant and restful summer break.

Let's hope for some nice



PASSWORDS

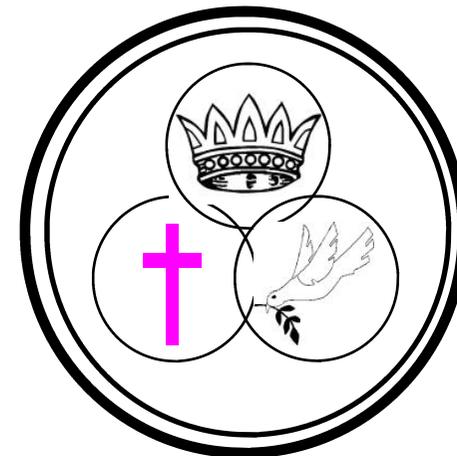


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CHURCH SERVICES



SERVICES	READER
7th June—1st Sunday after Trinity 11.00 am Holy Communion	Libby Garstang <i>2 Corinthians 4 -v- 13-5:1</i>
14th June—2nd Sunday after Trinity 11.00 am Morning Prayer	Peter Ainley <i>1 Samuel 15 -v- 34-16:13</i>
21st June—3rd Sunday after Trinity 11.00 am Holy Communion	Joan Rodgers <i>2 Corinthians 6 -v- 1-13</i>
28th June—4th Sunday after Trinity 11.00 am Family Service	_____

Thursday Lunchtime Services

These continue to take place on at 12.30 pm in the Chapel of the Holy Spirit.
Lunch is served afterwards in the hall.

All welcome

Happy 50th Anniversary

We send our warmest wishes and congratulations to Win and Percy Copley as they celebrate their Golden Wedding anniversary on 4th June. 2015.

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 ~ June-August



- June 7th Mr & Mrs N Stephenson
- June 14th Mrs F Kelly—*in memory of her mother*
- June 21st The Smyth Family—*in memory of daughter and sister Erin*
- June 28th Mrs M Porter/Mr D Boden
..... Mrs S Davey
- July 5th Mr & Mrs D G Sheppard
- July 12th Mr & Mrs J Garstang
- July 19th Mr & Mrs C Dunwoody—*in memory of loved ones*
- July 26th Mrs N Reilly/Mrs R White—*in memory of their father*
- Aug 2nd Mrs H Bowes/Mrs R White (*nee Baird*)
- Aug 9th Mr & Mrs B McMillan
- Aug 16th The McMullan Family—*in memory of Dad*
- Aug 23rd Miss E King— *in memory of her mother*
- Aug 30th The Kelly Family—*in memory of John and Wesley*

~ 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.

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| NH = Nursing Home; CH = Care Home; RH = residential home] | John Burns | David & Emily Mason |
| Martha Armstrong, <i>Masserene NH</i> | Margaret Clarke | Brian & Jean Matthews |
| David Baird, <i>Fairhaven RH, North Rd</i> | Ann Crawford | Tom Reilly |
| Ena Belton, <i>Hollygate NH</i> | Warren Crawford | Jim Shields |
| Barbara Drysdale, <i>Beechill House CH</i> | Martha Fitzsimmons | Doreen Smyth |
| Mina Henry, <i>Arlington House, North Pde</i> | Jim Garstang | Laura Smyth |
| Annie Jenkins, <i>Carryduff NH</i> | Victor Gourley | Stella Spackman |
| Mary Leslie, <i>Arlington House, North Pde</i> | Gloria Graham | David Stephenson |
| Eileen Ross, <i>Beechill House CH</i> | Edna King | Roy and Ena Taylor |
| David Sampson, <i>Park Manor NH</i> | Frances McClean | Greta Wilson |
| | Jean McCurrie | |
| | Elizabeth Mark | |



Christian Burial



George Clarke
29th April 2015 (died 24th April 2015)

George Clarke was born on the 9th June 1922 and passed away on Friday 24th April 2015, aged 92. George came of a family of five, of which only his brother Sammy now remains. He is survived by the love of his life, Margaret, and by his three sons and one daughter and by many grandchildren and great grandchildren. In January this year they celebrated their 65th Wedding Anniversary with a family meal in his beloved Londonderry Arms, Carnlough.

One word I will always think of when I think of George is strength. The physical strength that enabled him to carry 10 stone bags of coal with ease, the energy that sustained him through the long hours he put in. He left school in 1936, aged 14, to start work and was still going in 1992, when forced to retire aged 70. That's a cool 56 years working all hours, often involving hard graft. It takes a strong man to cope with that.

Physically strong undoubtedly, strong-willed certainly. Strong-minded and direct also, you knew where you were with George. If he didn't like something he told you. If he wanted something done, it had to be done right. And right, meant, as he saw it. You had to earn George's respect, but once you did, you were alright.

His own father worked with horses during the First World War and George started out by helping his father with the horse and cart. His first job was as a carter delivering sand from Greencastle to the shipyard. Later he was delivering coal and slack for Duncan's to linen mills and households.

It was so appropriate that George's love of horses and his warm-heartedness were put to such good use in his work for both the Minnow Burn 'Riding for the disabled' and the Laurelbank 'Driving for the disabled' charities. George gave all that he could with an open-handed generosity of spirit.

For this was a man who lived out his faith in practical ways, who attended the Magdalene for years and continued to generously support its activities. He is now in the nearer presence of the God he loved and all his work is at last over. 'Well done, thou good and faithful servant ... enter thou into the joy of thy Lord' [Matthew 25: 21]

HOLY BAPTISM



Lucia Dakota
son of Andrea and Michael
9 Maryville Court
24th May 2015

'Suffer the little children to come unto me'



The Rector writes . . .

Dear Parishioner

We have at last reached what we affectionately call 'Summer'. You know it is summer, because the rain is that bit warmer. Traditionally it was the time when people took an annual holiday. In Northern Ireland that was generally during the 'Twelfth Fortnight' and perhaps many of you worked to that system.

Now of course, if you are retired, every day is a holiday and we perhaps don't need the holiday as much to recover our energy levels which have been sapped by our working lives. You take holidays for different reasons now. Many of us get tired of our daily routine, whether retired or not, and that can mean going away somewhere for a change of scene.

When I was still teaching I had of course nearly two months in the summer, and sometimes we would go away for three weeks at a time, but I always found that a bit long. In the last ten years or so of my teaching career the holidays were actually taken between finishing the marking of A level about the 21st July and coming back for the A Level results about the 21st August. Two weeks were about all the time you could spare, since you also needed time to get ready for the teaching of your next groups of about ten classes. Now that I am a clergyman and, as you know, only work on Sundays*, holidays are no longer needed, although we still take them out of habit.

It is great to have the flexibility to go away at any time of the year. Those of you with young children, or who have ongoing grandparent duties, know what it feels like to be tied down to the School Holidays to get away for a break.

Many of us look forward to our holidays to see new places, to meet new people and to get better weather. That can be refreshing but exhausting at the same time. I know people who have come back from an exhausting touring holiday, where they were up every morning at 7 a.m. to get breakfast and get on the road before the rush hour but then needed another week to recover afterwards!

Some people also cannot afford to go on holiday and there are people who have not been away for years for that reason. Sadly also, there comes a time when people would like to go away somewhere on holiday but who are prevented from doing so for health reasons.

Let's not forget that in the ancient world holidays were actually 'Holy Days'. The only chance you got to break the backbreaking routine, was when there was a religious festival, such as Passover. Jesus and his disciples also found that the only way to 'get away from it all' was to head out into the wilderness, where the people

would not follow: 'He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." 'For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat'. [Mark 6: 30].

I wish you all a restful, peaceful and restorative summer, whether you go away or not. I trust that you will remain in good health and good spirits and can approach the autumn buoyed up by memories of relaxing summer days well-used in good company. I leave you with the Celtic Blessing:

'May the road rise to meet you, may the wind be always at your back, may the sun shine warm upon your face, the rain fall soft upon your fields. And until we meet again may God hold you in the hollow of his hand.'

Rev Bob Cotter

*☞ Whilst we might smile at the Rector's quip about only working on Sundays, we all know otherwise. We hope he knows how much his hard work and efforts are appreciated by us all.

An Evening of Song

*will be held in the church on
Thursday 18th June at 7.30 pm*

*Compere - Eugene O'Hagan (The Priests)
Piano - Audrey Gilliam*

*Singers - a range of singing students, including the Rector
Songs - Classical, Musicals, Comic*

*Donations in aid of church funds
Adults £10.00 Concessions £5.00*

*Please support this event which promises to be an evening of
great entertainment.*

Tickets available from the Rector or pay at the door.



THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

There is no right way to do the wrong thing.

Believe it or not



A certain Archbishop was once approached by the Chairman of McDonald's fast food chain, who offered him £500 million to make minor alteration to the words of the Lord's Prayer, replacing 'give us this day our daily bread' with a 'give us this day our daily Big Mac'. Naturally the Archbishop refused indignantly, but the Chairman kept on increasing his offer until it stood at £1 billion. Thinking of all the charitable works that the money would pay for, the Archbishop finally agreed.

Addressing the Synod the next day, the Archbishop began:

'Ladies and gentlemen, I have good and bad news. The good news is that yesterday I negotiated a major contract worth £1 billion with the McDonald's Corporation'. He paused to let the tumultuous applause die away, adjusted his spectacles and continued:

'However, the bad news is that as a result, we have lost our long-standing contract with the Hovis Group'!



For your diary

Fun Day	Sat 6th June	12-2.00 pm
Select Vestry	Mon 8th June	7.30 pm
Evening of Song	Thur 18th June	7.30 pm
Ladies' Guild	Sat 20th June	2.00 pm
Snooker Club	Tuesdays	7.00 pm
Midweek Services	Thursdays	12.30 pm
Parents and Toddlers	on Summer Recess	
BB	on Summer Recess	



An Obituary printed in the London Times.....!!



Today we mourn the passing of a beloved old friend, Common Sense, who has been with us for many years. No one knows for sure how old he was, since his birth records were long ago lost in bureaucratic red tape. He will be remembered as having cultivated such valuable lessons as:

- Knowing when to come in out of the rain;
- Life isn't always fair;
- And maybe it was my fault.

Common Sense lived by simple, sound financial policies (don't spend more than you can earn) and reliable strategies (adults, not children, are in charge).

His health began to deteriorate rapidly when well-intentioned but overbearing regulations were set in place. Reports of a 6-year-old boy charged with sexual harassment for kissing a classmate; teens suspended from school for using mouthwash after lunch; and a teacher fired for reprimanding an unruly student, only worsened his condition.

Common Sense lost ground when parents attacked teachers for doing the job that they themselves had failed to do in disciplining their unruly children.

It declined even further when schools were required to get

parental consent to administer sun lotion or an aspirin to a student.

Common Sense lost the will to live as criminals received better treatment than their victims. Common Sense took a beating when you couldn't defend yourself from a burglar in your own home and the burglar could sue you for assault.

Common Sense finally gave up the will to live, after a woman failed to realize that a steaming cup of coffee was hot. She spilled a little in her lap, and was promptly awarded a huge settlement.

Common Sense was preceded in death,

- by his parents, Truth and Trust,
- by his wife, Discretion
- by his daughter, Responsibility,
- and by his son, Reason.

He is survived by his 5 stepbrothers;

- I Know My Rights
- I Want It Now
- Someone Else Is To Blame
- I'm A Victim
- Pay me for Doing Nothing

Not many attended his funeral because so few realised he was gone.

If you still remember him, pass this on.



WEEKEND CAMP

The Junior and Company Sections will be heading off to Ganaway Activity Centre the weekend of the 12th - 14th June. We hope to have some members of the 8th Belfast Boys' Brigade Company joining us on the weekend. Let's hope we have a great time, the weather is kind to us, and I get "some" sleep over the weekend!

Photos of the weekend camp can be viewed on the church website and Facebook page shortly after camp.

Have a great summer!!!

Parents and Toddlers

will be on summer break over the next number of weeks. If you have any questions/enquiries please contact Alison on 07547030451

Ladies' Guild



A few laughs were heard at our 'Comedy Night' last month, when we enjoyed watching episodes from 'The Vicar of Dibley' and 'Keeping up Appearances'. I suppose we all know a Hyacinth!! The ice-cream girl even appeared at the interval!

It's hard to believe that our June meeting will be the last of this season. Where has the Guild year gone?

We meet on Saturday 20th June at 2.00 pm for our trip to the Maryville Victorian Tea Rooms, for an afternoon tea. This is a departure from our usual end-of-year outing and we look forward to this change of event and venue.

Joan Rodgers—President



Donegall Pass Community Association and Donegall Pass Youth Club invite you to:

Memories Photographic Exhibition and Reunion

The dates of the event are Saturday 20th June from 10 am to 2 pm and Wednesday 24th June from 7 pm to 10 pm. The venue for this event will be Donegall Pass Youth Club at 72 Donegall Pass, or as some may know it, Porters' PS Dining Hall.



Everyone is welcome and refreshments shall be available



CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

Thank you to everyone who supported this year's Christian Aid Week. I am particularly

indebted to our collectors, Liz Taylor, Molly Scales, Jennifer McMullan and Kelly-Ann Armstrong. It is not easy carrying out street collections and I really appreciate their efforts. The final total raised will be announced in church.

Joan Rodgers



for our younger readers Don't miss it!!!!

St Mary Magdalene Parish Church
Donegall Pass

Family Fun Day

**Saturday 6th June
12 noon—2.00 pm**

Fun & Games Bouncy Castle Hot Dogs

Burgers. Fun and lots more!

ADMISSION FREE!!