



Puzzle Corner

Sudoku—try your hand at this easy puzzle

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Wordsearch

- Forty
- Flowers
- Lush
- Green
- Sunshine
- Festivals
- Concerts
- Fayres
- Angel
- Mary
- Mark
- Evangelist
- James
- Elizabeth
- John
- Visit
- Cousin
- hebron
- apostles
- marches
- gardens
- patronal
- weeds
- mowing

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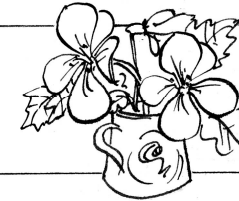


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MAY SERVICES



SERVICE	MINISTER	READER (Morning Service only)
May 1st—2nd Sunday of Easter 11.00 am Holy Communion 6.30 pm Holy Communion	Rev A McCartney Rev T P Kerr	Raymond Hamill <i>1 Peter 1-v-3-9</i> (Page 216)
May 8th—3rd Sunday of Easter 11.00 am Holy Baptism & Family Service with BB 6.30 pm Holy Communion (<i>St Aidan's</i>)	Rev T P Kerr Rev T P Kerr	—
May 15th—4th Sunday of Easter 11.00 am Holy Communion 6.30 pm Evening Prayer	Rev S Heaney Rev S Heaney	Hayder Dyer <i>1 Peter 2 -v- 19-25</i> (Page 217)
May 22nd—5th Sunday of Easter 11.00 am Morning Prayer 6.30 pm Evening Prayer (<i>St Aidan's</i>)	Rev A McCartney Mr J Collins	Sam Brown <i>Genesis 8-v-1-19</i> (Page 6)
May 29th—6th Sunday of Easter 11.00 am Morning Prayer 6.30 pm No Evening Service	Rev S Heaney	Philip Rodgers <i>Genesis 8 -v- 20-9 -v- 17</i> (Page 7)

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—May



May 1st Miss J Stewart
 May 8th Mrs C Irving
 May 15th The Craig Family—in memory of their mother
 May 22nd Miss J Stewart
 May 29th Mr S Brown



Remember in Prayer

all who are ill or in need:

- Annie
- Betty
- David M
- David & Frances
- Desmond
- Lily
- Martha
- Raymond
- Ronnie
- Sadie, Jim and John

Outreach 2011

During the 1st week of July, we will be running an outreach programme—led by a group of young people from Texas. Please pray for this.

More details to follow.

We also pray for all clergy who minister within our parish and for renewed numerical growth

Could you please inform the Rector of anyone who is in hospital or unwell.

HOLY BAPTISM



Levi James Wallace Leighton
85 Eastway, Rathcoole
20th March 2011

‘Suffer the little children to come unto me’



for our younger readers



A HAND FROM THE PAST

The world's oldest surviving complete manuscript of the whole Bible is a book which was made in Northumberland around the year 700. Three copies were made of the Latin Bible, one of which, the Codex Amiatinus, survives today in Florence, Italy.

Imagine all the work with every single word written out with a pen made from a bird's feather sharpened into a quill, written in ink made from oak or holly gall on sheets of vellum. Vellum is made from animal skins and this one book was made from the skin of 500 animals and took seven scribes several thousands of hours to write and decorate. They could only copy manuscripts when the light was good and in winter with no heating the ink might freeze.

If we want a new Bible, or any book, we can just go and buy one for a few pounds. Handwritten, illuminated books by monks were so precious that each book lived in its own special be-jewelled box. Each book was a work of art with

brightly coloured pictures and decorated letters.

To give you some idea of just how long it took, why not try copying out one page of the Bible in your best handwriting? See how long it takes you and how many mistakes you make.

And to make it extra special, all the capital letters should be specially decorated with paint and real gold. Here are some to practice on....



Boy: Can you write in the dark?

Dad: Yes, I should think so. Why?

Boy: Would you sign my school report, please?

Articles for the June magazine should be with Kate Irving by Sunday 15th May 2011.



The Rector writes ...

May 2011

Dear Parishioners

REFLECTIONS ON THE EASTER DISCIPLES AND US

We have just enjoyed our Easter celebrations and thought about our Resurrected Lord. The disciples played a prominent role and I have outlined three of them who were at the very heart of the story. I wonder which disciple you identify with the most?

• *the beloved disciple, the disciple of faith*

The beloved disciple is the first of the three to believe. He pokes his head in the empty tomb and, as John says, "He saw and believed." His faith is confident and secure. He does not wait to analyze the evidence like Peter, or see the wounds like Thomas, or hear his name called like Mary. He sees and quite simply believes. These are the steady saints of faith who might have been sitting in our pews this Easter Sunday.

• *Mary Magdalene, the disciple of love*

Courageous Mary stood at the foot of the suffering cross while the male disciples were cowering from the Romans. She is the first to reach the tomb in the half-light of dawn, the first to weep over the body's disappearance, and the first to proclaim the Risen Christ. Her grief is as acute as her love. Then Jesus calls her by name, holds her in his arms and restores her to newness of life.

Many of these disciples, whose lives are in chaos, who are grieving the loss of a loved one, who desperately need to hear the Lord calling their name, might have been in our pews on Easter Sunday.

• *Peter, the disciple of hope*

Peter is the first of the three to actually go in the tomb and look around. He is evidence driven: empty tomb, stone rolled aside, linen cloth, no body. Peter lives in a world of rationality with the laws of science soundly in place. Dead bodies do not disappear; somebody has to move them. He doesn't believe until much later when Mary tells him her story and convinces him that the good news is real.

Peter is the disciple of hope because he gives hope to the rest of us plain Jane and Joe disciples. Through all his smugness and his denials, he is still the one upon whom Jesus builds his church.

Not everyone has the beloved disciple's faith, or the depth of Mary's love. But all of us who were sitting in church on Easter morning can find hope in Peter.

These three disciples will show up in our Easter story year on year. The good news is that Easter resurrection comes to them all. It may even have come to you.

God Bless—Rev Terry

ANNUAL GENERAL VESTRY MEETING

This will be held
on
Wednesday 4th May 2011
at 7.30 pm

*Please make every effort to attend this important
event in our church calendar.
Your input is important.*

Some tickets still available for

Fashion through the ages

in St Mary Magdalene Parish Church

Donegall Pass, Belfast

Wednesday 11th May 2011

Tickets: **£5.00** (light supper served)

*Proceeds in aid of church restoration fund and
War on Want*



**THOUGHT FOR
THE MONTH**

*Give God what's right,
not what's left*

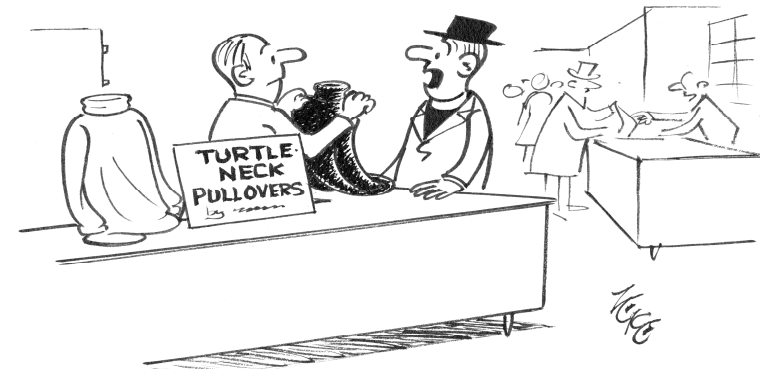


For your
diary

General Vestry	Wed 4th May	7.30 pm
Boys' Brigade Parents' Evening	Thurs 5th May	7.30 pm
Ladies' Guild Fashion Show	Wed 11th May	7.45 pm
Big Breakfast	Sat 14th May	9 am -12 noon
Antiques Fair	Sat 21st May	12.30-4.00 pm <i>Teas rota: Libby Garstang</i>
Snooker Club	Tuesdays	7.00 pm
Midweek Services	Thursdays	12.30 pm
BB	Thursdays	6.30 pm onwards

Which way?

Middle age is
when you
find yourself
in the middle
of the
staircase, and you can't
remember if you were
downstairs going up or
upstairs going down!



"HAVEN'T YOU ONE WITH A WHITE NECK?"

**POVERTY LET'S END IT—
Christian Aid Week
15th -21st MAY 2011**



The Annual Christian Aid appeal will soon be taking place. You will be given an envelope in church on Sunday 15th May to be returned with any donation by Sunday 22nd May. It can be given to one of the church wardens or placed on the collection plate. In the past, parishioners and residents have been very generous in their donations to Christian Aid and we thank them for their continued efforts for this excellent cause.

We continue to be indebted to those who volunteer to carry out door-to-door collections in the Donegall Pass area. If you think you could help in the door-to-door collection, please let us know.

You can find out more about Christian Aid Week by visiting their website <http://www.caweek.org>.

Happy 400th Birthday, King James Bible!

On 2 May it will be exactly 400 years since the King James Version of the Bible was first published. The Authorised Version, as it is also known, has sold more than one billion copies since it was first published in 1611. It is arguable that there has been no more important single publication, as its impact on culture and language over the last 400 years has been huge around the world. Not only has it inspired great art, music and literature, but it has changed lives and shaped whole societies.

It's here again!



We need YOUR support

**NO PAIN NO GAIN AT
THE MOURNES!**

It was an early start a few weeks ago when four company section boys, Jordan, Adam, Preston and Martin headed for the Mourne Mountains. This would be their base for the weekend for walking, cooking and yes—sleeping. The boys were taking part in a practice run for their Duke of Edinburgh bronze award which will take place in twelve months' time. From the look of them on Sunday afternoon it's just as well it's twelve months away.....but well done boys!

Don't forget

**BB Parents' Evening
&
Presentation of Awards**

Thursday 5th May @ 7.30pm

The boys have been working very hard and we hope to have your support on this night.

William McMillan—Captain 1st Irish



Our recent visit to the RUC George Cross Memorial Garden proved to be an evening of thoughtful reflection. The gardens are beautifully laid out and bedecked with sculptures and carvings. However, it was the memorial tablets listing the names of all officers killed as a result of terrorism that really brought home the sacrifice made for us by so many brave men and women. We are often told that we must look to the future, but that evening was a reminder than in doing so, we must also not forget to look back. The garden is open to all and if you would like to visit, you can do so by contacting police headquarters at Knock.

Our next venture is the War on Want Fashion show being held on 11th May. Proceeds from this will go towards the church restoration fund, together with a donation to War on Want. Thank you to everyone who has already bought tickets for this show. Some tickets are still available and if you would like to attend (men included!), please see Kate Irving.

Joan Rodgers—President

There is a remarkable story about a shepherd in the Yorkshire Dales many years ago. During a particular severe winter, he went out to search for his sheep. Sadly he never returned, and a search party discovered his dead body beneath many feet of snow. His neighbours were stunned and upset by his death, but they were also puzzled. The shepherd had been clasping the third finger of his left hand. Nobody could explain this, until a schoolmistress recalled a lesson she had taught her children. She would make them recite 'The Lord is my shepherd', and at each word she would point to a finger of her hand, beginning with the thumb. (Thumb) The (Index) Lord (Middle) is (Ring) my (Little) Shepherd. The mystery was solved, for as the man lay dying in the dreadful wind and cold, he was affirming his faith that God was his shepherd, and so he had nothing to fear.

The image of the Good Shepherd has been a powerful and pervasive picture from the earliest days of Christianity in expressing that very faith. It has been found in the catacombs, and was often carved on sarcophagi. Just as Crimond is popular at funerals today, so that image of the shepherd marked out funeral rites in the first centuries of Christian life. It is the image we are focussing on in May : a marble statue of Jesus the Good Shepherd, which may have been part of a tomb decoration. It

was discovered in the catacomb of Domitilla and dates from the late 3rd century. The statue is now in one of the Vatican museums.

Jesus is portrayed as a beardless young man with a sleeveless tunic and bag. The influence on the sculpture is very much classical, and the artist was borrowing his portrayal from depictions of Orpheus, who in ancient legend tamed animals and restored the dead to life. But the sculptor was also affirming his own faith that Jesus had conquered death, and so life for all who followed Christ was always new and ageless.

In the sculpture Jesus has found the lost sheep and is bearing him back to the flock. But he is not just the one who seeks the lost: he will lay down his own life and ward off all danger for the sheep, both as the door to the sheepfold and as the one who is crucified.

In these weeks after Easter we can reflect on what our Lord has gained for us by his death and resurrection. The image of the Good Shepherd here in this sculpture and in scripture lays it before us vividly. Jesus protects his sheep; he cares for them; he loves them; he believes in them; and above all he never lets them down. Substitute 'us' for 'them' and we will know something of the power of this image and the joy of eternal life, which Easter celebrates.