

# Puzzle Corner



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## Spring 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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# PASSWORDS



## THE MAGAZINE FOR ST MARY MAGDALENE PARISH DONEGALL PASS

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or one of the church wardens—Hugh—90790232 or Peter—9020 7018

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*He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand  
of the Father*



# MAY SERVICES



SERVICES	MINISTER
<u>5th May—6th Sunday of Easter</u> 11.00 am Holy Communion	<i>Yet to be confirmed</i>
<u>12th May—7th Sunday of Easter</u> 11.00 am Morning Prayer	
<u>19th May—Day of Pentecost</u> 11.00 am Holy Communion	
<u>26th May—Trinity Sunday</u> 11.00 am Morning Prayer	

## Thursday Lunchtime Services

These continue to be held on Thursdays at 12.30 pm, followed by lunch in the hall.

## FAMILY WORKER

*Our family worker, Alison can be contacted on a Monday, Wednesday or Friday at 07749172423.*



## Flower Rota—May



May 5th ..... Miss J Stewart  
 May 12th ..... Vacant  
 May 19th ..... Vacant  
 May 26th ..... Miss J Stewart



## PARISH PRAYER LIST

**P**on't forget to complete the prayer/visitation card if you would like your name added to the list, or perhaps have someone close to you whose name you would like to be included. Additional cards are available at the back of the church.

In the meantime, please continue to pray for all those known to be ill or in need.

### ST MARY MAGDALENE - PRAYER/VISITATION REQUEST CARD

- If you have a prayer/visitation request, please write it here.
- These requests will be used by the Rector and other ministers in prayer/visitation times.
- Please state whether your request is for prayer or visitation and give to one of the church wardens or place it in the box at the back of the church.

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*Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.*



for our younger readers ...



### BEDE

Why should someone who joined a group of monks when he was only seven years old; lived all his life in a monastery and who died in 735, nearly 1300 years ago, be important to us now? The 27<sup>th</sup> May is the Feast Day of the Venerable Bede and it is because he was interested in finding out the truth that we remember him now.

**B**ede was a historian – the first person to take a real interest in the history of this country. His most valuable work was his 'History of the English Church and People' which is still in print today. Bede took care to separate historical fact from made-up stories and noted all the places and people that he got the information from so that it could be checked. And all of this was written out by hand with ink made from ground-up oak gall on vellum (animal skins).

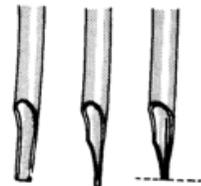
**I**f you visit Jarrow you can see how Bede and his fellow monks lived in a special exhibition.

### WRITE LIKE BEDE

Before felt tips, biro's and pencils, people wrote with quill pens. If you would like to try this you will need a large feather like a wing feather from a goose, turkey or crow (keep your eyes open for one while on a walk in fields or a park). You must have adult help for the next 2 steps:

Ask an adult to heat a small amount of sand in the oven for you but be very careful with this bit because you mustn't burn yourself or anyone else. Put the end of the quill in the sand for a few minutes (this dries out the oils and hardens the feather).

With a knife, ask your adult to cut the end of the quill at an angle to form a writing point and then to make a vertical slit to finish the nib. Follow the pictures below...



Now you can start to write using your pen and some ink: try making some 'v' and 'w' shapes and then go onto curves up and down.



**Where is your essay on time travel?**

I haven't done it yet, Miss, but I promise I'll hand it in yesterday.



## PENTECOST

May 19th this year, marks the Day of Pentecost. But, how much do you know about this great celebration in the church's calendar?



### WHAT IS PENTECOST?

Pentecost is the great festival that marks the birth of the Christian church by the power of the Holy Spirit. Pentecost means "fiftieth day" and is celebrated fifty days after Easter.

### WHAT HAPPENED ON PENTECOST?

Ten days after Jesus ascended into heaven, the twelve apostles, Jesus' mother and family, and many other of His disciples gathered together in Jerusalem for the Jewish harvest festival that was celebrated on the fiftieth day after Passover. While they were indoors praying, a sound like that of a rushing wind filled the house and tongues of fire descended and rested over each of their heads. This was the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on human flesh promised by God through the prophet Joel (*Joel 2:28-29*). The disciples were suddenly empowered to proclaim the gospel of the risen Christ. They went out into the streets of Jerusalem and began preaching to the crowds

gathered for the festival. Not only did the disciples preach with boldness and vigour, but by a miracle of the Holy Spirit they spoke in the native languages of the people present, many who had come from all corners of the Roman Empire. This created a sensation. The apostle Peter seized the moment and addressed the crowd, preaching to them about Jesus' death and resurrection for the forgiveness of sins. The result was that about three thousand converts were baptized that day. (You can read the Biblical account of Pentecost in *Acts 2:1-41*).

### WHAT IS THE LITURGICAL COLOUR FOR PENTECOST?

Red is the liturgical colour for this day. Red recalls the tongues of flame in which the Holy Spirit descended on the first Pentecost. The colour red also reminds us of the blood of the martyrs. These are the believers of every generation who by the power of the Holy Spirit hold firm to the true faith even at the cost of their lives.

**WHY IS PENTECOST SOMETIMES CALLED "WHITSUNDAY"?**

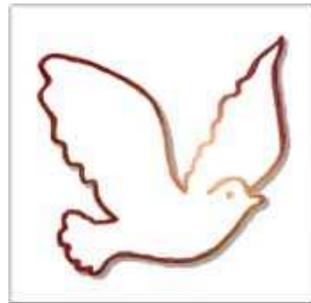
A tradition of some churches in ancient times was to baptize adult converts to the faith on Pentecost. The newly baptized catechumens would wear white robes on that day, so Pentecost was often called "Whitsunday" or "White Sunday" after these white baptismal garments. Many Christian calendars, liturgies, and hymnals (particularly those from the Episcopal/Anglican tradition) still use this term.

**WHY IS THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION OFTEN CELEBRATED ON PENTECOST?**

Confirmation Sunday is the day when young people who have been instructed in basic Christian doctrine confess their faith in the presence of the church. The key to understanding confirmation is to recognize that the faith the confirmands confess is not of their own making; it is the gift of God that He gives through His means of grace. The Holy Spirit who empowered the disciples to preach the risen Christ two thousand years ago is the same Spirit who empowers the confirmands to make their confession. This is why many churches celebrate the rite of confirmation on Pentecost.

**WHAT IS THE SEASON AFTER PENTECOST?**

The season after Pentecost is centred on sanctification, the work of the Holy Spirit in the day to day life of the Christian. This is reflected in the liturgical colour for this season: green, the colour of life and growth. Through the gift of faith that comes only from the Holy Spirit working through the means of grace, Christians trust in Christ as Saviour and proclaim Him in their daily lives by service to their neighbours. The season after Pentecost is the longest season of the church year— it lasts from Trinity Sunday until the first Sunday of Advent. This is the non-festival portion of the liturgical calendar during which the church stresses vocation, evangelism, missions, stewardship, almsgiving, and other works of mercy and charity as ways in which Christ empowers us by His grace to share the Gospel with others.



A woman had just returned to her home from an evening of church services, when she was startled by an intruder.

She caught the man in the act of robbing her home of its valuables and yelled:

'Stop! Acts 2:38!' (*Repent and be Baptised, in the name of Jesus Christ, so that your sins may be forgiven.*)

The burglar stopped in his tracks. The woman calmly called the police and explained what she had done.

As the officer cuffed the man to take him in, he asked the burglar:

'Why did you just stand there? All the old lady did was yell a scripture to you.'

'Scripture?' replied the burglar, 'She said she had an Axe and Two 38s!'

*Remember: Knowing scripture can save your life - in more ways than one!*



For your diary

Select Vestry	to be confirmed
Ladies' Guild Beetle Drive	Wed 8th May 7.30 pm
Snooker Club	Tuesdays 7.00 pm
Midweek Services	Thursdays at 12.30 pm
BB	Ends for summer 2nd May



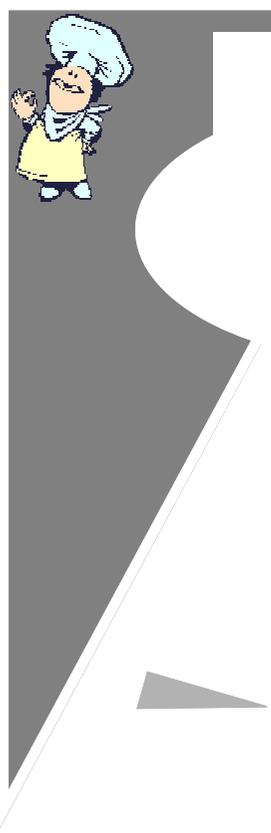
**THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH**

*If your ship doesn't come in, swim out to meet it!*



"Wireless communication is nothing new. I've been praying for 75 years!"

Back again



## Big Breakfast'

OUR "BIG BREAKFAST"

takes place on

Saturday 11th May  
9.00 am—12 noon

Please support us by coming  
along  
and having a superb breakfast!

Cost only £4.00 each  
all proceeds to church funds

Best fry in Belfast!

## ANNUAL GENERAL VESTRY MEETING

We were pleased to have the Rural Dean, the Rev Robert Jones, to chair the General Easter Vestry meeting on Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> April, 2013. Nineteen parishioners attended, which was a bit disappointing, although some apologies were received. Perhaps we can look forward to a better attendance next year.

The following appointments have been made for the coming year:

Mr Hugh Rodgers	<i>Rector's Church Warden</i>
Mr Peter Ainley	<i>People's Church Warden</i>
Mr Ronnie Luney	<i>Rector's Glebe Warden</i>
Mr Billy McDowell	<i>People's Glebe Warden</i>

### Select Vestry:

Mr Percy Copley	Mr Bill Jeffrey
Mr Cecil Dunwoody	Mrs Marie Luney
Mrs Libby Garstang (Treasurer)	Mr Bill McMillan
Mrs Kate Irving	Mr David Stephenson
Mrs Jacqueline Stephenson (Secretary)	

Copies of the Annual Report and Accounts for 2012 are now available

# Parish Beetle Drive

Come along, have a bit of fun and practise your drawing skills!



## Parish Beetle Drive

Wędnęsday 8th May

7.30 pm

Fun, prizes and light supper

Entrance free!

Articles for the June magazine should be with Kate by Sunday 19th May 2013.  
The June magazine will be the last until September.

The Church of Ireland "Safeguarding Trust" Policy operates in this church. Panel Members are the Rural Dean, Mr Cecil Dunwoody and Mr Peter Ainley. Notices to this effect have been placed in the church and halls.



I would just like to say thank you to all the boys who attended the annual BB parade on Sunday 14th April.

The BB will finish this year's session on Thursday 2nd May.

*William McMillan  
Captain*

SPONSORED WALK  
in aid of  
FRIENDS OF THE CANCER CENTRE



On Saturday 1st June, our youngest parishioner Sarah, together with her mum and 7 members of the Kelly family will be taking part in the Lagan Valley & Belvoir Forest walk for 'Friends of the Cancer Centre'.

Their aim is to raise as much as they can by sponsorship for this great cause that has touched so many of their lives.

Sponsorship forms will be available soon—please show your support for all the work carried out by this wonderful charity.

## Ladies' Guild



I'm really hoping that by the time this month's magazine goes out that all our

members will have recovered from the bouts of sickness that attacked so many during April. Between coughs, flus and aches and pains, our April meeting was greatly depleted in terms of numbers. Those hardy souls who did make it out thoroughly enjoyed the trip to the Excelsior Cinema in Comber to see the film 'The Help'.

Unfortunately our scheduled speaker for May is recovering from surgery and will be unable to come to the Guild as planned. We thought therefore, it would be a good opportunity to have the Beetle Drive which we had originally planned, but had to cancel earlier in the year.

We have decided to open this evening to everyone—so please bring along your friends, husbands included, to an evening that promises to be one of fun and fellowship.

Let's hope for a good turnout.

*Joan Rodgers—President*