

# Puzzle Corner

SUKODU TIME!

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

In each of these puzzles, a word starts and ends with the same letter.  
Can you figure out what the word is?

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|-----------|------------|-------------|
| 1. _ROM_  | 2. _ROU_   | 3. _OMI_    |
| 4. _HRIF_ | 5. _REGAN_ | 6. _YPIS_   |
| 7. _APTO_ | 8. _VERD_  | 9. _ARDIA_  |
| 10. _OAS_ | 11. _LERI_ | 12. _ARSNI_ |

Answers

1 AROMA, 2 TROUT, 3 COMIC, 4 THRIFF, 5 OREGANO, 6 TYPYST, 7 RAPTOR, 8 OVERDO, 9 CARDIAC, 10 TOAST, 11 CLERIC, 12 PARSNIP

# PASSWORDS



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# CHURCH SERVICES



SERVICES	READER
<b>4th May—3rd Sunday of Easter</b> 11.00 am Holy Communion	Bill Jeffrey <i>1 Peter 1 –v- 17-23</i>
<b>11th May—4th Sunday of Easter</b> 11.00 am Morning Prayer	Jane Stewart <i>Acts 2 –v- 42-47</i>
<b>18th May—5th Sunday of Easter</b> 11.00 am Holy Communion	Naomi Riley <i>1 Peter 2 –v- 2-10</i>
<b>25th May—6th Sunday of Easter</b> 11.00 am WOW Service— Theme: Ascension	—

## Thursday Lunchtime Services

The lunchtime services resume again on Thursday 1st May at 12.30 pm.  
These take place in the Chapel of the Holy Spirit with lunch served afterwards in the hall

*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—May



May 4th ..... Mr & Mrs J Pentland  
 May 11th ..... Miss J Stewart  
 May 18th ..... Mr & Mrs R Luney  
 May 25th ..... Miss J Stewart

## Parents and Toddlers Group

Parents and toddlers have had a good time this term. Before Easter we joined with SureStart and went to Springvale farm and on our last week we enjoyed a nice cooked brunch together. We plan to resume again on Thursday 1st of May from 10 am to 12 noon.

We are glad to have a chance to host the BRIC programme who are providing two days training on Friday 9th and Friday 16th May. This programme is about building good relations in communities. A crèche will be provided.



We are also looking forward to our fun day on Saturday 21st June 2014. This will include bouncy castles, face painting, balloon modelling, the professional magician John Ussher and the Falcon cheerleaders. There will also be a chance to enjoy burgers, hot dogs and refreshments. This event is open to everyone.

Alison Shaw, 07547030451.



for our younger readers ....

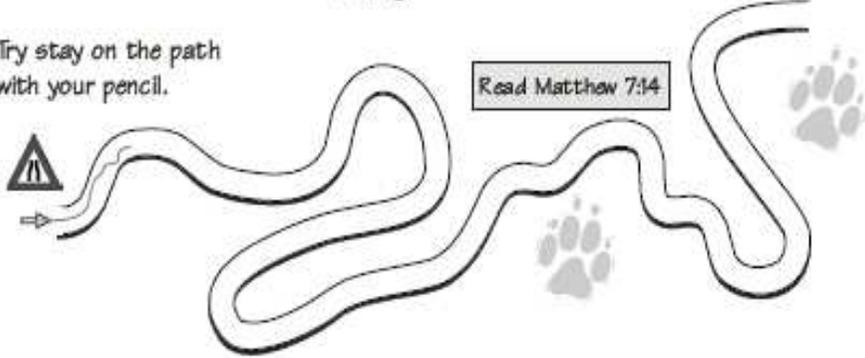
# FOLLOW GOD'S WAY

Join the words to the sign that shows whether this is God's way or the wrong way.

- Helping
- Hurting
- Praying
- Stealing
- Lying
- Sharing
- Cheating
- Loving



Try stay on the path with your pencil.



Read Matthew 7:14

HOW DO I KNOW THE BEST WAY TO TAKE?

Fit these words into the blank spaces to find out how to become wise and stay on track.

- Proverbs
- wise
- end
- instruction
- advice
- Listen

l \_ \_ \_ \_ to a \_ v \_ \_ \_ and accept  
 i \_ \_ t \_ \_ c \_ i \_ \_ , and in the \_ \_ \_ you  
 will be \_ \_ \_ . P \_ \_ v \_ b \_ 19:20

NOTE: The Bible gives all the advice and instruction you need!



*The Rector writes . . .*

*Dear Parishioners*

May has always been a favourite month for me. There are many reasons for this. One of the most obvious is that it can often be a very pleasant month, when the weather has got over the cold winds and showers of March and April, and can settle into some of its sunniest days. The spring solstice around the 21<sup>st</sup> of March has seen the days get longer. There are more hours of daylight than darkness and the evenings are lighter, especially after the clocks go forward at the end of March. The daffodils have done their job along with the primroses, the whin, the hawthorn and the crocuses to brighten up our gardens after the sobriety of winter, and now we look forward to the bluebells changing the banks and woods into magic blue carpets. On balmy May evenings Sally and I love to walk up the nearby Deerfin Road to see our local banks of bluebells. We may even head up to Springhill, near Moneymore, famous for its bluebell woods. So late Spring and all that it means gives May an appeal which is musically recalled in madrigals such as 'Now is the month of maying'.

In educational terms also May is a memorable month. When I was studying in Oxford, they had a tradition that the choristers of Magdalen College would climb to the top of the tower to sing folk songs like 'sumer is icumen in' at 6 a.m. Having stayed up all night with their friends the area around Magdalen Bridge is thronged with revellers at this early hour. Morris dancers plied their very English trade to entertain the crowds until the singing started. Some of them have even jumped in to the river in their exuberance, until restrained by the constabulary in recent years after a spate of injuries from undergraduates over-estimating their diving potential. We would then retire to our college for a leisurely breakfast and take the rest of the May Day Bank holiday to recover.

In school, May was always –and is still – a key month for examinations. As teachers we always looked forward to the dates in mid May when the GCSE and A Level students would leave to begin their revision. In the period after Easter they were always restless and anxious to be away. We were equally anxious that they disappear, although leavened somewhat by our concern that we still hadn't covered everything they might need to know for the

exams. For the Upper Sixth it was their last few days in school and – despite their claims to the contrary – many of them were quite overcome by the fact that their schooldays were now over, and that they were now setting off alone into the ‘big, bad world’ without the protective attentions of teachers and even parents, if they decided to study away from home. At a personal level too, May still means exams. I mark A Level for CCEA and am also still taking my own University of London theology exams up until May 2016! It is therefore a busy month, but one which has a sense of light at the end of the tunnel, of the culmination of an awful lot of effort. June to August then hold out the prospect of recovery before the next round of study begins.

In the church year too, May is a great month. Lent and Easter have come and gone. There is a sense of things winding down, of the anticipation of a bit of a break from all the activities of services and meetings. This has been a busy year and once we reach the 26 June it will mean that I have completed one year in this parish. Spiritually, we need to keep focused on the gains of Lent, our new insights and new routines. We also have Ascension Day on May 29 to look forward, as the culmination of the earthly ministry of Jesus and as a reminder that he is now enthroned on high with the Father and the Spirit. He has not deserted, however, but is ever available to each one of us in prayer, as we believe all that he has achieved for us at Easter. May your May be a time of blessing and love.

*Rev Bob Cotter*



**CHRISTIAN AID WEEK**

**11-17 MAY 2014**

Christian Aid week will soon be here again. If you could give an hour or two

to carry out street collections in Donegall Pass, please contact Kate on 90641779. Envelopes will be distributed in church as usual.



**THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH**

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

**Funny you should ask....**

One day a middle-aged Jewish man heard from his son at university. "I've decided to become a Christian, Dad." The father panicked. "What do I do?" he asked himself. The only thing he could think to do was call his rabbi for advice.

"Funny you should come to me with this problem," says the rabbi. "Not two years ago MY son came to me with the same speech. I had no idea what to do. I panicked, and the only thing I could think to do was go to God."

"Goodness! And what message do you think you got from God?" asked the father nervously.

The rabbi laughed. "God said to me, 'funny you should come to me with this problem' ..."



**For your diary**

<b>Big Breakfast</b>	Sat 10th May	9-12 noon
<b>Select Vestry</b>	Mon 12th May	7.30 pm
<b>Ladies' Guild</b>	Wed 14th May	7.30 pm
<b>Snooker Club</b>	Tuesdays	7.00 pm
<b>Midweek Services</b>	Thursdays	12.30 pm
<b>Parents and Toddlers</b>	Thursdays	10-12 noon
<b>BB</b>	Thursdays	6.30 onwards



Hmmm ....Kind of ironic that I heard you singing 'Crown Him with many crowns' earlier!

Articles for the June magazine should be with Kate by Sunday 18th May 2014.

~ 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, <i>Masserene Nursing Home</i>	George and Margaret Clarke
David Baird, <i>Fairhaven RH, North Road</i>	Warren Crawford
Ena Belton, <i>Hollygate NH</i>	Martha Fitzsimmons
Edith Booth, <i>Carryduff NH</i>	Jim Garstang
John Burns ( <i>Pine Lodge CH</i> )	Victor Gourley
Barbara Drysdale <i>Silver Birch Lodge NH, Saintfield.</i>	Gloria Graham
Mina Henry, <i>Arlington House, North Parade</i>	Annie Jenkins
Mary Leslie, <i>Arlington House, North Parade</i>	Edna King
Annie McCully, <i>Belmont CH</i>	Frances McClean
Sadie Parker, <i>Belmont CH</i>	Jean McCurrie
David Sampson, <i>Park Manor NH, Dunmurry</i>	Elizabeth Mark
Desmond Spratt, <i>Park Manor NH, Dunmurry</i>	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 WINNER is always part of the answer*

*The LOSER is always part of the problem*

*The WINNER always has a plan*

*The LOSER always has an excuse*

*The WINNER says, 'Let me do it for you'*

*The LOSER says, 'That's not my job'*

*The WINNER sees an answer in every problem*

*The LOSER sees a problem in every answer*

*The WINNER says 'It may be difficult, but it is possible'*

*The LOSER says, 'It may be possible, but it is difficult'*

ANNUAL GENERAL VESTRY MEETING

It was with great pleasure that we held our Annual General Vestry Meeting with the Rev Bob Cotter in the chair. This was another 'first' for him and whilst it was a shame that more parishioners did not turn up for this important meeting, those who did expressed their delight at having 'our own minister' amongst us.

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 Bill McMillan	<i>People's Glebe Warden</i>

Select Vestry:

Mr Percy Copley	Mr Bill Jeffrey
Mrs Sally Cotter	Mrs Marie Luney
Mr Cecil Dunwoody	Mr Billy McDowell
Mrs Libby Garstang (Treasurer)	Mrs Joan Rodgers
Mrs Kate Irving	Mr David Stephenson
Mrs Jacqueline Stephenson (Secretary)	

Triennial Appointments:

Diocesan Synodsman	Mr Peter Ainley
Supplemental Diocesan Synodsman	Mr Hugh Rodgers
Parochial Nominator	Mr Cecil Dunwoody
Supplemental Parochial Nominator	Mr Bill McMillan

Copies of the Annual Report and Accounts for 2013 are now available

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## Big Breakfast'

OUR "BIG BREAKFAST"

takes place on

Saturday 10th May  
9.00 am—12 noon

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

All proceeds to church funds

Still costs only £4.00 each  
and still the .....

Best fry in Belfast!



### 125th Battalion Church Parade



Sunday 13th April saw the Belfast Battalion of The Boys' Brigade hold their annual Battalion Church Parade service in the home of The Boys' Brigade in Ireland— St Mary Magdalene Parish Church. Over 650 members past and present, young and old filled the church to overflowing, for our praise service. The music was led by Bloomfield Presbyterian praise group and the guest speaker was the Bishop of Down and Dromore the Rt. Reverend Harold Miller. As the General Secretary of the Battalion said in a letter to the church: "It was entirely fitting that our 2014 service be held in the 'Magdalene', making this a very special occasion in the ongoing story of our Battalion whose very beginning is rooted in the Pass. Could William McVicker even have guessed how we carry on today what he started in Charlotte Street so many years ago!"

William McMillan  
Captain 1st Irish Company

### Ladies' Guild



Our April meeting began with a Lenten service in the Chapel of the Holy

Spirit taken by the Rector, after which we came to the hall for a slide presentation by Kate and Joan of their pilgrimage to the Holy Land last November. We were taken on a journey of Christ's life from birth to resurrection and it was apparent that the experience of visiting these places will stay with them forever.

It was most enjoyable and informative and we were pleased to welcome the Rector, Sally and some of our menfolk to the meeting.

Next month we look forward to hearing the SD Bell story, telling us what's in a cuppa - something that we never fail to have at the Ladies' Guild!

Jacqueline Stephenson  
(Committee member)



### Matthew's Skydive and Relay marathon

You can still sponsor Matthew, one of our BB members, in his efforts to raise money for the NI Children's Hospice. Forms at back of church