

Puzzle Corner

How quickly can you complete the Sudoku challenge and the Spring wordsearch?

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- ALLERGIES
- APRIL
- BASEBALL
- BEEES
- CROCUSES
- CYCLAMENS
- DAFFODILS
- DANDELIONS
- EASTER
- EQUINOX
- FLOWERS
- FROGS
- GOLF
- GRASS
- GREEN
- GROWTH
- IRISES
- LILIES
- MARCH
- MAY
- NEW LEAVES
- PLANTING
- RAIN
- RENEWAL
- ROBINS
- SEASON
- SNOWMELT
- SOFTBALL
- SPRING BREAK
- SPRING CLEANING
- TULIPS
- WARMER
- WET

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PASSWORDS



THE MAGAZINE FOR ST MARY MAGDALENE PARISH
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*He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand
of the Father*



SERVICES



SERVICES	READER
1st May—6th Sunday of Easter 11.00 am Holy Communion	Peter Ainley <i>Acts 16 –v– 9-15</i>
8th May—7th Sunday of Easter 11.00 am Holy Baptism	Ronnie Luney <i>Acts 16 –v– 16-34</i>
15th May—Day of Pentecost (Whit Sunday) 11.00 am Holy Communion	Jacqueline Stephenson <i>Acts 2 –v– 1-21</i>
22nd May—Trinity Sunday 11.00 am Family Service—Theme ‘Animals’	—
29th May—1st Sunday after Trinity 11.00 am Battle of Jutland Centenary Service*	RNA member(s)

* We are delighted to welcome members of the Royal Naval Association to this service.

Thursday Lunchtime Services

The Thursday services continue to be held at 12.30 pm each week, followed by lunch

Everyone 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 1st Mr & Mrs J Pentland
 May 8th Miss J Stewart
 May 15th Mr & Mrs R Luney
 May 22nd Miss J Stewart
 May 29th Mr S Brown

HOLY BAPTISM



Rio Henry Veighey
 son of Julie-Ann & Shane
 2 Posnett Street
 20th March 2016

‘Suffer the little children to come unto me’

~ 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;	John Burns	David & Emily Mason
RH = residential home]	Ann Crawford	Brian & Jean Matthews
Martha Armstrong, <i>Masserene NH, Antrim</i>	Warren Crawford	Tom Reilly
David Baird, <i>Fairhaven RH, North Rd</i>	Jim Garstang	Jim Shields
Margaret Clarke, <i>Redburn, B’Hinch NH</i>	Victor Gourley	Laura Smyth
Mina Henry, <i>Arlington House, North Pde</i>	Gloria Graham	Stella Spackman
Annie Jenkins, <i>Carryduff NH</i>	Edna King (<i>RVH</i>)	David Stephenson
Eileen Ross, <i>Beechill House CH</i>	Frances McClean	Roy and Ena Taylor
	Elizabeth Mark	Greta Wilson



Christian Burial



Mary Leslie

Arlington House Nursing Home (formerly Walnut Street)

25th February 2016 (died 19th February 2016)

Mary (May) Leslie passed away on Friday 19th February in Arlington House Nursing Home. She was 85 years old, having been born on September 26th 1930. She is greatly missed by sons Brian and Sandy, daughter Linda and all the family circle. The funeral service took place in Melville's Funeral Parlour on Thursday 25th February. Cremation followed at Roselawn.

Ena Belton

Hollygate House Nursing Home (formerly Pine Way)

4th April 2016 (died 30th March 2016)

Ena [or Georgina] Belton was born on the 7th December 1921 and passed away in the early hours of Wednesday 30th March in Hollygate Nursing Home, aged 94 years. She had been ill for several weeks. Ena came of a large family and had outlived all her siblings. Born in the old Lake Street, Ena also lived in Virginia and – latterly in Pine Way – before events took their course. She worked hard for many years as a stitcher. Latterly, her beloved Joe, with whom she danced and travelled in leisure hours and in retirement, contracted Alzheimers. One fateful Sunday evening Ena fell at home and broke her hip. Little did she know that neither she nor Joe would return to Pine Way. She is greatly missed by sons Derek and Stephen and the rest of the wider family circle. Her funeral service took place in St Mary Magdalene on Monday 4th April, with subsequent burial at Roselawn Cemetery.

Do you know someone who suffers from an addiction and/or mental health problems? If so, you may be interested to learn about a new counselling and help service on offer.

Further details are available from their website ~

www.Rehab4Addiction is a national helpline offering assistance for people who suffer from mental health problems and/or drug, alcohol, gambling, eating disorders addiction.

Articles for the June magazine should be with Kate Irving by
Sunday 15th May 2016.



The Rector writes . . .

Dear Parishioner

Life sometimes seems to feel like you are on a carousel – in fact there is a song about that [The Carpenters?]. We have a sense that we are going through the same experience again, or that we have been in a certain place before. The resemblances can occasionally be so close that it strikes us as more than a coincidence, as if it might be some sort of message we need to pay attention to. Perhaps it might be a reminder of what we have been through before, and we have the instinctive sense of how we ought to behave, without analyzing it all too closely.

I recently happened to be watching an old German film, made in 1957. It began with a scene in which refugees from the Hungarian uprising of 1956 were being rowed to safety in Austria. It was striking how well the refugees were received by the local Austrian authorities. They were dealt with efficiently and compassionately. There was no sense whatsoever that they were unwanted. Perhaps the numbers were small enough to be manageable.

It reminded me of that world-weary phrase from Ecclesiastes 1: 9 'there is nothing new under the sun'. At the same time, it also struck me that, whilst that is true up to a point, there are always differences as well as similarities. In 1957, the Second World War was still a recent memory and people were trying in many ways and in many places to make a new start to international relations. They had seen the horror of hatred and war at close quarters and they yearned for a different kind of society. People still yearn in the twenty-first century and they will no doubt continue to do so until Jesus returns and the whole creation is renewed and God's Kingdom holds universal sway.

Isaiah gives us a wonderful foretaste of what that world might look after the renewal: 'For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind' [65: 17] The era of peace and cooperation he envisages is spelt out in the last verses of that same chapter, often read at Christmas Carol services: 'The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox (...) they shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain' [65: 25].

In that old German film from 1957, one of the central characters was a young Hungarian boy called Tony, who had lost both parents and needed to find surrogate parents in a new homeland. He is initially taken in by a retired, widowed steamship

captain who notices his musical ability. The happy end of this gentle, sentimental film, redolent of naive innocence of former days, is that he passes the audition for the Vienna Boys' Choir and becomes a star soloist. Along the way he becomes part of a large family – the 60 boys who board in the Choir School – and is formally adopted by the young couple who provide the romantic focus of the film – the matron of the Choir School and the Musical director.

Life does not always offer the kind of happy endings that we prefer to be offered in films. Too often what begins in misery ends in even greater misery, unless individuals intervene and become the change agents in situations of apparent hopelessness. It may be some time before the scenario sketched in Isaiah is realized in full. In the meantime we are called upon to be not only salt and light but life and love where has only been death and hatred. Whether we are rebuilding after the First or Second World War, or any number of subsequent conflicts, the Christian life is always about renewal. It is as if we are called upon to bring about a perpetual spring in the wintry ways of the world. In this Easter Season, as we wait to be filled again with the Holy Spirit at Pentecost [May 15th], we recall with joy the Resurrection and commit ourselves anew to carry out gratuitous acts of kindness and compassion for all who cross our path. God does not ask us to resolve the deep-seated hostilities of the world on our own, but to work with him to alleviate, to comfort, to strengthen the individuals we encounter who look to us for help - both friend and stranger.

Rev Bob Cotter

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 15-21 MAY 2016

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 let me know. Any help will be greatly appreciated. Envelopes will be distributed in church as usual.

In addition, the following concerts are being run to raise funds for the work carried out by this organisation. If you are interested, contact me for details about tickets.

Joan Rodgers 90790232

Upcoming concerts


Concert of Brass and Voices
 Saturday 7th May 2016
 7.30pm
 Soloist Ceara Grehan, Downshire Brass and Voices Together.
 Fisherwick Presbyterian Church, Belfast
 Tickets £10 Proceeds to Christian Aid and the Livingstonia
 Hospital Partnership, Malawi


Hardin-Simmons University Choir
 From Abilene, Texas
 Wednesday 18th May 2016
 7.30pm
 The Agape Centre, Lisburn Road, Belfast
 Donations at door. Proceeds to Christian Aid.


Belfast Community Gospel Choir in Concert
 Friday 21st October 2016
 8pm
 Our Lady & St Patrick's School, Knock, Belfast
 Tickets £10. Proceeds to Christian Aid

Please promote these in your Churches
 Tickets will be available from Christian Aid



THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

*A friend walks in when
everyone else walks out.*

Family Worker update

During the last month we have continued with our Women's Group meeting on Wednesday mornings, when the main topic has been 'Handling Children's Behaviour'. This will run for a few more weeks.

Our Thursday 'Parents and Toddlers' sessions have greatly increased in numbers and it's fair to say there's plenty of activity going on there!

A 'Community Fun Day' is to be held on 12th June to mark the Queen's Official birthday. More details will be available next month, but in the meantime, you may wish to mark this date in your diary now.

Alison



For your diary

March

Select Vestry	Mon 9th May	7.30 pm
Ladies' Guild	Wed 11th May	7.30 pm
Big Breakfast	Sat 14th May	9-12 noon
Snooker Club	Tuesdays	7.00 pm
Midweek Services	Thursdays	12.30 pm
Parents and Toddlers	Thurs	10-12 noon
BB	Thurs	6.30 pm onwards

The first ever
Cordless Phone
was created by
God.

He named it
"Prayer"...

It never Loses its
Signal and U never
have to Recharge it.
Use it Anywhere...!



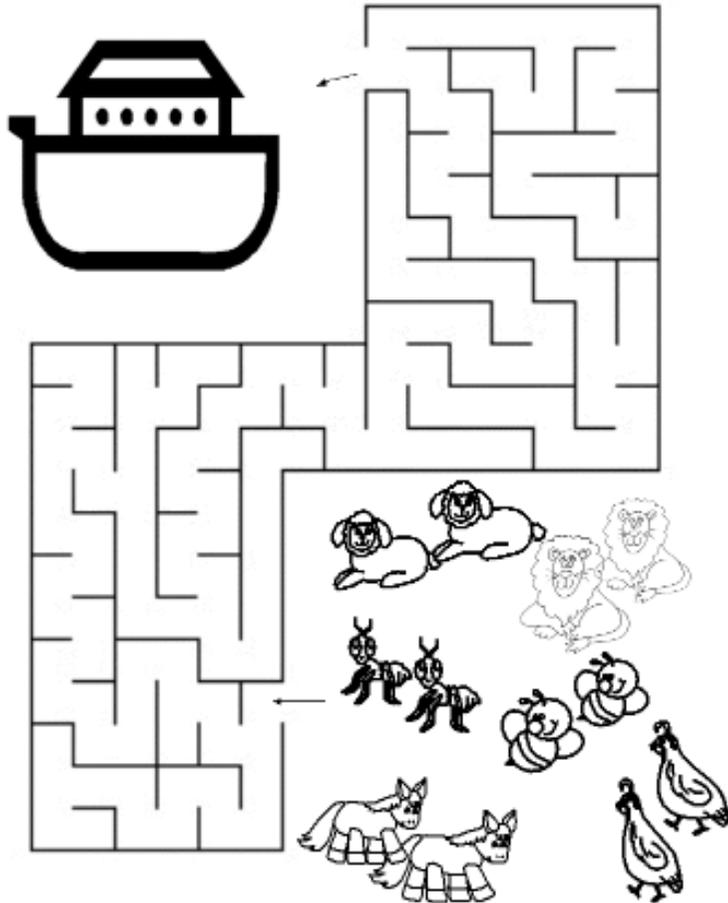


for our younger readers

We all know the story of Noah, but can you help the animals find their way into the ark?

Noah's Ark Maze

Help the animals find the ark.



ANNUAL GENERAL VESTRY MEETING

The Annual General Vestry meeting, at which 20 parishioners were present, took place on Monday 11th April. A copy of the Financial Statement, Rector's and Treasurer's report can be found in the Annual Report and Accounts booklet which you will have received with this magazine. The Rector concluded his report with the announcement that he would be leaving us on 26th June in order to pursue further roles in academia. We are very saddened by this news, but naturally wish Bob and Sally well in the future. In paying tribute, Mr Bill Jeffrey thanked the Rector for his tireless work, not only in St Mary Magdalene, but also within the whole Donegall Pass community.

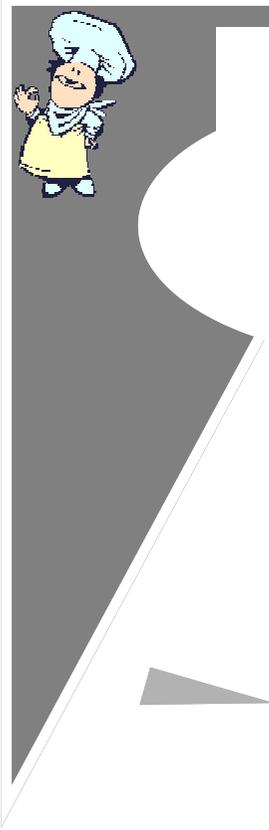
The following appointments have been made for the coming year:

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| 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:

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| Mr Percy Copley | Mr Bill Jeffrey |
| Mrs Sally Cotter | Mrs Marie Luney |
| Mr Cecil Dunwoody | Mr Bill McMillan |
| Mrs Libby Garstang (<i>Treasurer</i>) | Ms Jennifer McMullan |
| Mrs Kate Irving | Mrs Joan Rodgers |
| Mrs Jacqueline Stephenson (<i>Secretary</i>) | Mr David Stephenson |

Back again



Big Breakfast

OUR "BIG BREAKFAST"

takes place on

Saturday 14th 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!



Thursday 28th April saw our last parade night of the session during which the presentation of awards and prizes were held. Well done to all the boys for their hard work throughout the session. Pictures of all the boys can viewed on the church website/Facebook pages.

We end the session with our forthcoming annual weekend camp at Ganaway Activity Centre. This will be with the Junior Section and Company Section and members of the 8th Belfast Boys' Brigade Company will once again join us.

William McMillan
Captain



**Crosslinks
Missionary
Society**

Thank you to everyone who contributed so generously to the above Society. The amount of £988.47 was raised for 2015.

Lena and Cecil

Ladies' Guild



It's hard t believe that we are in the month of May already and the Guild year will soon be approaching its summer break.

We had a very enjoyable meeting in April when the members took over and organised the activities for the evening. Following the amazing success of the blow football event, maybe we should consider a 'Magdalene Ladies' Football team'?

This month we are having a hands-on evening when we will be making bathtime toiletries under the tutelage of Serendipity Ltd. This should be a lot of fun and I'm sure we will go home with the waft of a fragrant aroma!

Could I remind everyone to bring their money for the June outing. The cost is £12.00 per member and it would be much appreciated if it could be paid at our May meeting. You know what our treasurer is like!! Also, Smartie boxes should be returned that evening.

Looking forward to seeing everyone on the 11th.

Joan Rodgers—President