

Puzzle Corner



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Thanksgiving
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PASSWORDS



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CHURCH SERVICES



SERVICES	READER
3rd November—4th Sunday before Advent 11.00 am Holy Communion	Libby Garstang <i>2 Thess 1 -v- 1-4, 11-12</i>
10th November—3rd Sunday before Advent 11.00 am Remembrance Sunday	RNA Members
17th November—2nd Sunday before Advent 11.00 am W.O.W. Service	See Rector Writes
24th November—Sunday before Advent 11.00 am Morning Prayer	Ann Sheppard <i>Jeremiah 2e -v- 1-6</i>

We welcome the Royal Naval Association members to our Remembrance Sunday Service.

Thursday Lunchtime Services

These continue to take place in the Chapel of the Holy Spirit at 12.30 pm—followed by lunch in the church 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—November



Nov 3rd	Mr & Mrs D Stephenson
Nov 10th	Remembrance Sunday Mrs C A Sheppard (<i>Pedestal</i>) - <i>in memory of her mother Mrs A Henry</i>
Nov 17th	The Lennon Family
Nov 24th	Miss E King— <i>in memory of her father</i> Mr & Mrs B McMillan

~ 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, *Rosemary Lodge NH, Antrim*
David Baird, *Fairhaven RH, North Road*
Ena Belton, *Malone RH*
Edith Booth, *Carryduff NH*
Warren Crawford, *Musgrave Park Hospital*
Mina Henry, *Arlington House, North Parade*
Mary Leslie, *Arlington House, North Parade*
Annie McCully, *Belmont CH*
Sadie Parker, *Belmont CH*
David Sampson, *Park Manor NH, Dunmurry*
Desmond Spratt, *Park Manor NH, Dunmurry*

John Burns
George and Margaret Clarke
Barbara Drysdale
Martha Fitzsimmons
Jim Garstang
Victor Gourley
Bill Jeffrey
Annie Jenkins
Edna King
Betty Lennon
Elizabeth Mark
David and Emily Mason
Brian and Jean Matthews
Dorothy McClenaghan [*currently RVH*]
Tom Reilly
Joan Rodgers
Jim Shields
Doreen Smyth
Laura Smyth
David Stephenson
Roy and Ena Taylor
Greta Wilson

We also remember the Stephenson Family, recently bereaved by the death of David’s sister Edna.





for our younger readers ...



St MARTIN DE PORRES

Martin was born in 1579 in Lima, Peru, the son of a former slave. He grew up in poverty and was taken in by a religious order as a servant boy. The monks looked down on Martin because he was mixed-race but in time his behaviour led to the Dominican Order stopping their racial limits on admission and he was made a full brother. He worked tirelessly on behalf of the poor starting an orphanage and a children's hospital.

During his lifetime he was seen in other places. An African slave said Martin came to comfort him and many others. When the same man later saw him in Peru, he was very happy to meet him again and asked Martin if he had had a good voyage; but Martin had never left Lima.

In pictures, Martin de Porres is shown as a young man with a broom, since he thought all work sacred, no matter how lowly. He is also shown with a dog, cat and mouse, all eating in peace from the one dish.

DOG, CAT & MOUSE

St Martin de Porres is often shown with mice because, according to one story, the monastery had problems with rodents and decided to put traps out. Martin was so upset that he spoke to the mice and agreed that if they would leave the monastery, he would feed them at the back door of the kitchen. From that day forward, no mouse was seen in the monastery.

Which of these animals do you think are actually mentioned by name in the Bible?

1. Cat
2. Horse
3. Dog
4. Mouse
5. Lamb
6. Frog
7. Monkey
8. Lion
9. Donkey
10. Ox



Answers at the bottom of the page.



How does a group of dolphins make a decision?

Flipper coin.

How do sheep sign their letters?

'Ewes sincerely.'



Answer: all are in the Bible except numbers 1 and 7, the cat and the monkey.



The Rector writes ...

Dear Parishioners

We have had a busy period in church recently, with a number of special services which have required a lot of time, thought, prayer and preparation for a great number of people in our congregation. If you were able to attend either the morning or evening Harvest Thanksgiving Services, or the Trafalgar Day Service I trust that you found them helpful and uplifting. Many thanks to the choir and organist for all their contributions, to those who decorated the Church for Harvest, to those who distributed fruit and flowers around the congregation, to those who set up for the Harvest Supper, prepared or served food, washed dishes or did any of the many essential jobs that make such occasions so successful. We are all in your debt and the result was a resounding success on all fronts – from musical, culinary and social points of view.

There is no slackening of pace as we race towards November, with Christmas in our sights. Before then we have the pleasure of the second visit of the Royal Naval Association, who will be joining us again for Remembrance Sunday, as we recall the sacrifices of those who have given their lives so willingly to protect our cherished values and way of life. Next year will of course see two important anniversaries: the 100th anniversary of the outbreak of the First World War, as well as the 70th anniversary of D-Day, a pivotal point in the Second World War. Thereafter, anniversaries of conflicts come thick and fast, as key events in both World Wars are recalled between 2015 and 2019. All this against the back-drop of tensions in many countries, particularly in North Africa and the Middle East, as well as the staged withdrawal of troops from Afghanistan in 2014.

At the same time as we recall the past, so too we must address the needs of the present and plan for the future. Whilst we are rightly proud of our Church of Ireland traditions, including the dignity of the wording in our Book of Common Prayer, our Anglican canticles and psalms, as well as the many great hymns in our hymn book, many of which we have inherited from previous generations, we must not neglect the need to respond with creativity and flexibility to the culture in which we live. That culture is often much more informal, is fascinated by the use of modern technologies, is more mobile and spontaneous, used to being offered choices, invited to express its opinions on a whole range of matters. We live in the age of Facebook, blogging, twitter, and Youtube and we need to see these and other features of modern culture as opportunities rather than threats. If we cling on to old ways of doing things we will find that the culture around us ignores us or that we do not register with them.

The same applies to the style of service we offer. On Sundays we currently provide a traditional diet of Holy Communion and Morning Prayer services, supplemented by a range of special services for Harvest, Remembrance, Trafalgar Day and suchlike. These are well regarded by our regular congregation and cater for the needs of most of us, at least most of the time. These services are supplemented by a short informal service on Thursdays, currently attended by a few faithful

parishioners. I believe that there is space in the suite of services we currently offer for an element which is already on offer in many other churches. It usually goes under the label of 'All-age worship' or 'Family Service', as a means of appealing to a wider age-group and enabling the extended family to worship together. This is what I have in mind for St Mary Magdalene.

Some of you might wonder at the need for such a service in our church, with its age profile tilted most clearly to the senior end of the age spectrum. You may be right that there is no demand for such a service. Time will tell. It is though something of a chicken and egg case! Children and young people don't come to our services because there aren't any of them around, or there aren't any around because we don't provide the type of service they find more appealing. Either they are going elsewhere or they are going nowhere! If we continue just doing what we have always done there will – in time – be no-one to attend! I am a great believer in the adage: 'If you are standing still you are actually moving backwards'. In schools this is certainly true and in churches also.

In the light of this preamble, we will be having the first one of a new type of service on Sunday 17th November. We intend to run these on a regular basis thereafter. The Sunday they fall on may vary, so please check the magazine and other publicity for the details. There will be none in December because of two Carol services and a BB service. We will let you know in the December magazine when the January W.O.W. Service will take place. The letters stand for 'Ways Of Worship' and there is a dual purpose to their choice. This service will be a kind of liturgical workshop, where we can experiment with different styles of worship, different styles of music, different structures. It will be thematically driven, so that each service will have its own overarching theme to bind the different elements together. The fact that the letters produce the word 'wow'! is clearly deliberate, in that it goes back to a sermon where I referred to a way of praying in a balanced fashion: **Wow**=things God does/ has done that fill us with wonder and awe; **Thanks**=things in our lives for which to thank God; **Sorry** = things we have thought, said or done which have harmed our relationships with God and others; **Please**=things with which we need God's help, including illness and major life challenges, the state of the world etc. I would like these to be joyful and lively services, but they will have space for peace, prayerfulness and learning together.

I find this an exciting prospect, and one that is daunting at the same time. The open-endedness of the format will mean that I will have to come up with a theme and a way of tackling it each time, as well as devising the most helpful ways of doing so. I do believe that the Holy Spirit is urging us to take this risk at this time for the good of the spiritual health of his people and the extension of his kingdom. I hope that, in time, we will encourage children and young people to contribute to such a service, using their gifts in drama, music and much else besides. I would appreciate any offers to be involved in this creative venture – please phone or email! Above all, I would ask for your prayers that God may be in this from the outset and that he will draw people to this form of worship, for the spiritual benefit of all. Please encourage your children and grandchildren and other relatives to come along on November 17th and on other Sundays when we can explore the W.O.W. factor together.

Rev Bob Cotter



THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

May you have the hindsight to know where you've been, the foresight to know where you're going, and the insight to know when you're going too far.

An Irish Proverb

Have you considered ..

- A bird in the hand is safer than two overhead.
- A narrow mind and a wide mouth usually go together.
- A penny saved is a ridiculous waste of time.
- No woman ever shot a man while he was doing dishes.
- Some doctors are eye, ear, nose, throat and wallet specialists.
- We need to save the earth—it's the only planet with chocolate.
- Laughter is like changing a baby's nappy—it doesn't permanently solve the problem, but it makes things more acceptable for a while!



For your diary

Select Vestry	Mon 4th Nov	7.30 pm
Big Breakfast	Sat 9th Nov	9-12 noon
Remembrance Day Service	Sun 10th Nov	11.00 am
Ladies' Guild	Wed 13th Nov	7.30 pm
Snooker Club	Tuesdays	7.00 pm
Midweek Services	Thursdays	12.30 pm
Mothers and Toddlers	Thursdays	10-12 noon
BB	Thursdays	6.30 onwards



Articles for the December magazine should be with Kate by Sunday 17th November 2013.

Back again



Big Breakfast'

OUR 'BIG BREAKFAST'

takes place on

Saturday 9th November
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!

Update from our Family Worker

I am delighted to say that our Mothers and Toddlers is now running on Thursdays from 10am to 12noon. New members are always welcome so if you are a parent or carer of a young child we would be delighted to see you.



From Wednesday the 6th of November we will be hosting a parenting course in conjunction with SureStart, called 'Handling Children's Behaviour'. This will run from 9:45 to 11:45 for six weeks. There are limited places on this course but if you are interested please contact either Alison on 07547030451 or Elaine on 07713383943.

I would also like to highlight some activities in the Donegall Pass Community centre. The homework club runs on a Wednesday from 2:45 pm to 3:45 pm for 5 to 7 year olds and 3:45 pm to 4:45 pm for 8 to 11 year olds. On Thursdays they have an after schools' club for 5 to 11 year olds from 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm. For further details contact Nuala Burns on 02890327661.

The Community Forum group are keen to recruit a member from St Mary Magdalene to their committee. This would involve a monthly evening meeting. If anyone is interested please contact me and I will forward your name.

Best wishes
Alison Shaw
07547030451

Mothers and Toddlers Group

Thursdays
in the church hall from
10 am to 12 noon.

If you have any questions/
enquiries please contact
Alison on 07749172423 or
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CROSSLINKS

CROSSLINKS MISSIONARY SOCIETY 90TH ANNIVERSARY

It would be greatly appreciated if all Missionary Boxes were returned by the beginning of December 2013. We know these are hard times for everyone, but please give what you can; also pray for missionaries who are separated from family, especially at Christmas.

I am reminded of the hymn

*'Go forth and tell O Church of God awake
God's saving news to all the nations take.'*

On Friday night, 31 January and Saturday 1 February 2014, it is hoped to hold a conference in St Anne's Cathedral, Belfast. Dr Don Carson is the speaker on the subject 'The uniqueness of Christ'.

Lena and Cecil

Harvest Update:

This year, our special Harvest Collection was in aid of 'Suicide Awareness'. Thank you to everyone who contributed—£70 has been raised.

The Harvest Supper provided a night of good food and great entertainment. We once again enjoyed the talents of 'A Class Act', who put on another splendid show. The stew was just delicious, followed by scrumptious dessert, I think we all went home well fed and entertained!

Thanks to everyone who supported or prepared for this event in any way.



A big thank you to all who sponsored me for climbing Carrauntoohil in County Kerry, the highest mountain in Ireland, at 1,038m (3,406ft) in aid of Friends of the Cancer Centre (BCH). The total amount raised, including my fellow climbers sponsorship was £661.00. Those who climbed with me were Matthew, Chris and David. Unfortunately Adam was unable to go but still raised money for the climb. A great weekend was had— even when we got to the camp site to find that the tent poles were back in the church halls! So, we upgraded to a hotel! What a great idea ... I think we will have to leave the tent poles back in the church halls more often!!!

New Members welcome

Anchor Boys 5-8 years 6.30pm - 8pm

Junior Section 8-11 years 6.30pm - 8pm

Company Section 11-18 years 7.45pm - 9.30pm

If you know of any boys that fit the above age groups ask their parents or grandparents if they would like to join us on Thursday evenings.

*William McMillan
Captain 1st Irish Company*

Joan Rodgers—President

125th Anniversary Service of The Boys' Brigade in Ireland

Some CD recordings of the service are still available. Whilst we are not making a charge, a small donation, to offset the cost, would be appreciated. See Kate if you would like a copy—or order via the website—www.st-marymagdalene.org.uk



Ladies' Guild



We were pleased to see our members back after the summer break and to welcome the Rev Bob Cotter and his wife Sally to our opening Holy Communion service.

Unfortunately some members were unable to attend due to illness. We remember them in our prayers and hope it won't be long until they're back with us again.

This month's meeting will see the return of our ever popular 'Armchair Aerobics'. Since it is several years since we've had Marietta come along and put us through our paces, let's hope we're all still able to do them! So, for any ladies out there who feel like limbering up those joints, why not come along and give the guild a go!