

# Puzzle Corner



Now that winter's here, why not snuggle up and try this Sudoku

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for our younger readers ....

## British Wildlife Wordsearch



Can you find all the wildlife listed below?

- badger
- hedgehog
- rabbit
- fieldmouse
- fox
- owl
- mole
- squirrel

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z	l	g	m	e	o	n	y	q	c

# PASSWORDS



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# November



Nov 2014



# CHURCH SERVICES



SERVICES	READER
<b>2nd Nov—4th Sunday before Advent</b> 11.00 am Holy Communion	Peter Ainley <i>1 Thessalonians 2</i> —v- 9-13
<b>9th Nov—3rd Sunday before Advent</b> 11.00 am Remembrance Sunday	RNA members
<b>16th Nov—2nd Sunday before Advent</b> 11.00 am Service of Divine Healing	David Stephenson <i>1 Kings 17</i> —v- 17-24
<b>23rd Nov—1st Sunday before Advent</b> 11.00 am Morning Prayer (Rev Brian Courtney)	Joan Rodgers <i>Ezekiel 34</i> —v- 11-16, 20-24
<b>30th Nov—1st Sunday of Advent</b> 11.00 am Family Service (Bishop Ken Clarke)	—

*We are delighted to once again welcome the members of the Royal Naval Association to our Remembrance Sunday Service .*

## Thursday Lunchtime Services

These continue to 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—November



Nov 2nd	.....	Mr & Mrs D Stephenson
Nov 9th	.....	Remembrance Sunday
	.....	Mrs A Sheppard ( <i>Pedestal</i> ) - <i>in memory of her mother</i> Mrs A Henry
Nov 16th	.....	The Lennon Family
Nov 23rd	.....	Miss E King - <i>in memory of her father</i>
Nov 30th	.....	Mr & Mrs B McMillan Mrs A Crawford - <i>in memory of her grandson Paul</i>



## Christian Burial



**Desmond Spratt**

46 Castledillon Avenue

*7th October 2014 (died 3rd October 2014)*

Our thoughts and prayers are with the Spratt and Dunwoody families after the passing of Desmond Spratt on Friday 3 October. The funeral took place in the parish church at 11.00 am on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October, followed by committal at Knockbreda Cemetery.

Born on 6<sup>th</sup> June 1931, Desmond spent a lifetime as a fitter for Citybus, coping with the added difficulties of working in the Falls Road depot at the height of the troubles. Always cheerful, always helpful to those in need, faithful to his church over many years until health declined, Desmond was a devoted family man, who lived out his Christian faith in practical ways. He will be sorely missed by Lily and his sons Colin and Graeme and his grandchildren. Many lives were touched by Desmond’s life and we are proud and grateful to have known him. The family are very appreciative of all the staff at Park Manor Nursing Home for the care and consideration they lavished on Desmond during his time there.

*‘I am the resurrection and the life’ [John 11: 24]*

✂ Articles for the December magazine should be with  
Kate Irving by Sunday 16th November at the latest.

# SNOW PATROL

DONEGALL PASS



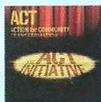
- Would you like some practical help over the cold winter months?
- Someone to help grit your path?
- Someone to help clear snow away from your window sills?
- Someone to bring essential items from the shops to your home during bad weather or dark evenings?
- Someone to check-in on you to make sure you are safe and warm?

If you can answer YES to any of these questions then Snow Patrol is here to help.

Snow Patrol will assign you a Community Navigator who you can contact for practical help.

Please contact Debbie or Brian at South Belfast Alternatives on  
**07922 0206677 or 02890 315763**  
for more information or to register for this service.

Snow Patrol is working in partnership with  
ACT, Donegall Pass Residents Association,  
South Belfast Elim Youth Committee and Donegall Pass Events Committee.



## The Rector writes . . .

*Dear Parishioners*

We have now entered the infamously dark month of November. The clocks have been put back, the days are getting ever shorter and colder and we are left with our memories. The memories of bright summer days which now seem such a distant memory, the memories of loved ones who have passed into the nearer presence of God since last November, memories of all those who have fallen in the wars and other conflicts which are a dismal part of the inability of nations to settle their differences without violence.

This year in particular we recall the Great War of 1914-18, when so many of the young men of Ulster died in the fields of France and Flanders. Our own war memorial contains the evidence of the toll it took in this part of Belfast. So many lives sacrificed in the mud and the horror of the trenches, so many survivors haunted for years by the horrors of war they had experienced. The greatest tragedy of all is a sense that their loss of life has not halted the carnage. Events in Syria, Iraq, South Sudan, Ukraine and elsewhere, are all too vivid reminders that humanity seems to learn nothing valuable from history and is therefore doomed to repeat it.

Amid the horror, the mutilation, the mental anguish, the lives blighted, the families devastated, the generations scarred, the hopes dashed, we can witness outstanding acts of courage, the triumph of the human spirit against the odds, a genuine desire to halt the onward march of evil, regardless of the personal cost, a sense of duty to King and country in its hour of need. These are enduring human qualities - an unflinching exposure to danger for a higher cause, the unstinting readiness to put themselves in harm's way so that others might be spared.

We owe a profound debt to those who marched cheerfully off to war one hundred years ago, convinced that they were helping to secure the futures of their families and loved ones from living under tyranny. We owe a profound duty to them to ensure that their sacrifice was not in vain by using our energies and resources to build on their legacy, asking God to give us the courage to stand up for 'whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable' [Philippians 4: 8]

Whilst we reflect on those injured or killed in war early in the month, we reflect on those who had the vision and drive to place a church community in this part of Belfast 175 years ago. The Parish of St Mary Magdalene is profoundly indebted to the persistence of the Rev Dr Thomas Drew, who would not be deterred by the all the obstacles that presented themselves to the erection of the first church building on this site. Interestingly, he had come to Belfast in 1832 from St Patrick's,

Broughshane, to be rector of Christ Church, Durham Street. That church is now sadly closed but the dilapidated shell of the building was later metamorphosed into the Library and ICT Centre of Excellence of RBAI. Dawson Stelfox of Consarc [Gasworks site] oversaw the restoration of Christ Church and is now a governor of Inst.

It was owing to the exertions of Thomas Drew that the site for St Mary Magdalene was secured from the Joy family. He was then the Secretary of the Board of Trustees who saw the need to establish the Ulster Magdalene Asylum and Episcopal Chapel. Dr Drew appealed for funds to cover the cost of such a building, throughout Ireland and England and managed to raise £1000. A good sum, but not enough to complete the project! Everyone at the time, except Thomas Drew, became disheartened and lost faith in the ultimate success of the venture. The site remained unoccupied until the trustees allowed Dr Drew, on his own responsibility, to proceed with the work. The rest of the trustees actually refused to be identified with the project, considering it to be so rash, that 'not one person of any note' in Belfast could be persuaded to take part in the ceremony of laying the foundation stone.

So, early one gloomy morning in the spring of 1838, Dr Drew alone, helped by the workmen, laid the first stone. The building work began and continued until the funds were used up and then work stopped. Work was not resumed until the summer of 1839, when additional funds were secured from the newly-formed Down and Connor Accommodation Society. A grant of a further £1000 enabled the building to be completed. The chapel was opened on Advent Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> December, 1839, when the special preacher was Rev Hamilton Verschoyle, Rector of Baggotrath, Dublin, and Chaplain of the Asylum, Baggott Street. He later became Bishop of Kilmore, Elphin and Ardagh.

How fitting therefore that the preacher on Advent Sunday this year – 30<sup>th</sup> November – will be the former bishop of Kilmore, Elphin and Ardagh, Ken Clarke. On this occasion he will be concluding the Parish Mission running from the 28<sup>th</sup> to the 30<sup>th</sup> November. The theme of the Mission is 'A fresh start' and features a parish meal on the Friday evening, a talent contest on the Saturday evening and the Family Service at 11 am on the Sunday. This then leads in to a special Anniversary Service on the evening of Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> December, where Bishop Alan will give the address.

I would strongly encourage all of you to support the range of events during November, as detailed on Page 8 of the magazine. Let us all make a great effort not only to support them but let us all grasp again the vision of Dr Thomas Drew, who would let nothing deter him from securing the building of the first church on our site. Let us also keep faith with his determination that this second building we now use will not only continue to be used, but that it will recapture something of the dynamism of its heyday and continue to serve the people of this area for a long time to come.

*Rev Bob Cotter*



**THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH**

*I dream of giving birth  
to a child who will ask,  
"Mother, what was  
war?"*

*Eve Merriam*

Q What do ghosts eat for supper?



A Spooketi!

Q What is the most important subject a witch learns at school?

A Spelling!

Q Why didn't the skeleton go to the ball?

A Because he had no BODY to go with!

Q What do you call a fat pumpkin?

A A plumpkin!

Q Why are ghosts so bad at telling lies?

A Because you can see right through them!

Q What do ghosts use to wash their hair?

A Shamboo!



**For your diary**

<b>Big Breakfast</b>	Sat 8th Nov	9-12 noon
<b>Select Vestry</b>	Mon 10th Nov	7.30 pm
<b>Ladies' Guild</b>	Wed 12th Nov	7.30 pm
<b>Parish Mission/ Anniversary Events</b>	See Page 8	
<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



"I foresee a long, smouldering future together for us Miss Wheel, or may I call you Catherine?"

celebrating  
**175**  
years

What a milestone! Our beloved church has had a presence in Donegall Pass for 175 years. How proud our forefathers would be to know that their vision is still being upheld. We hope and pray our beautiful church continues for another 175 years! The special events organised are as follows. Other details will be announced in church and will be posted on the notice board, website and Facebook. Please show your support by attending as many of the planned events as possible.

Event	Date
Parish Open Day—enjoy a tour of the church and view the displays of the organisations. Have a cuppa!	Sat 15th Nov 2.00–4.00 pm
Dinner to mark opening of Parish Mission weekend. Please put your name on the form at the back of the church, if you wish to attend.	Fri 28th Nov 7.30 pm
Mission Event ‘Talent Contest’. Come along and marvel at the diverse talents of our young people. Rector will compere. Bishop Ken will speak. Who will be St Mary Magdalene’s Pass-Factor winner?!!	Sat 29th Nov 7.30 pm
Mission Family Service with Bishop Ken Clarke. Tea will be served after the service.	Sun 30th Nov 11.00 am
175th Anniversary Service with Bishop of Connor, Rt Rev Alan Abernethy. Tea afterwards.	Mon 1st Dec 7.00 pm

~ 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, *Masserene Nursing Home*
- David Baird, *Fairhaven RH, North Road*
- Ena Belton, *Hollygate NH*
- Edith Booth, *Carryduff NH*
- Barbara Drysdale *Silver Birch Lodge NH, Saintfield.*
- 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*

- John Burns
- George and Margaret Clarke
- Warren Crawford
- Martha Fitzsimmons
- Jean Fulton
- Jim Garstang
- Victor Gourley
- Gloria Graham
- Annie Jenkins
- Edna King
- Frances McClean
- Jean McCurrie
- Elizabeth Mark
- David and Emily Mason
- Brian and Jean Matthews
- Tom Reilly
- Eileen Ross (*BCH*)
- Jim Shields
- Doreen Smyth
- Laura Smyth
- Stella Spackman
- David Stephenson
- Roy and Ena Taylor
- Greta Wilson

HARVEST COLLECTION

Thank you to everyone who helped raise £180 as a result of our special Harvest Collection. This was a tremendous amount that will go to the ‘Help for the Homeless’ charity. Very well done to all our parishioners.

Back again



# Big Breakfast

OUR "BIG BREAKFAST"

takes place on

Saturday 8th November  
9.00 am—12 noon

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

Cost still only £4.00 each  
all proceeds to church funds

Best fry in Belfast!



## The Boys' Brigade

### HOUES TO HOUSE COLLECTION

The annual House-to-House collection on behalf of the 'Institute for the Disabled' took place at the end of October. The company raised around £140.00, beating the previous year. A big thank you to the people of Donegall Pass for their donations.

*William McMillan  
Captain 1st Irish Company*



### CROSSLINKS

It would be appreciated if all missionary boxes or subscriptions for the above Missionary Society were returned by the beginning of December 2014.

In September 2014, we said goodbye to our team leader Trevor Johnston who was with the Society for the past 5 years. He has now been appointed Rector of All Saints, Belfast.

Thank you for all your generous giving and praying

*Lena and Cecil*

## Ladies' Guild



It was with pleasure that we opened another session of the Ladies' Guild in October. Our thanks go to the Rev Bob Cotter for officiating at the opening Holy Communion service and to his wife Sally who came along and played the organ.

This month, we will be filling our Christmas Shoe Boxes in aid of refugees in Eastern Asia. In addition to the gifts being donated, members are reminded to also bring some sellotape and scissors. Paper will be provided.

I look forward to seeing you all on the 12th!

*Joan Rodgers—President*

### Parents and Toddlers

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

If you have any questions/  
enquiries please contact  
Alison on 07547030451 or  
Elaine on 07713383943