



# Puzzle Corner

Try your hand at these puzzles and see how you get on!

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- ACORNS
- BIRDS
- BONFIRE
- BRISK
- CIDER
- COOLER
- ELECTIONS
- FALL
- FOOTBALL
- HARVEST
- HAYRIDES
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- LEAVES
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# PASSWORDS



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# November



*Poppy Poppy*

*Poppy, poppy, what do you say?*

*Wear me on Remembrance Day.*

*Poppy, poppy, what do you tell?*

*Many soldiers in battle fell.*

*Poppy, poppy, what should we know?*

*That peace on earth should grow, grow, grow.*



# CHURCH SERVICES



SERVICES	READER
<b>1st Nov—All Saints</b> 11.00 am Holy Communion	Molly Scales <i>Revelation 21 –v– 1-6a</i>
<b>8th Nov—3rd Sunday before Advent</b> 11.00 am Remembrance Day Service	RNA Members
<b>15th Nov—2nd Sunday before Advent</b> 11.00 am BB Enrolment Service	BB Members
<b>22nd Nov—1st Sunday before Advent</b> 11.00 am Family Service	—
<b>29th Nov—1st Sunday of Advent</b> 11.00 am Advent Carol Service	<i>Advent Readings/Readers</i>

## Thursday Lunchtime Services

The Thursday services continue at 12.30 with lunch afterward in the hall.

*Everyone welcome*

*It is with pleasure that we welcome members of the  
Royal Naval Association to our Remembrance Day Service  
on  
Sunday 8th November at 11.00 am*

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 1st ..... Mr & Mrs D Stephenson
- Nov 8th ..... Remembrance Sunday  
..... Mrs C A Sheppard—in memory of her mother, Mrs A Henry
- Nov 15th ..... The Lennon Family  
..... Mrs A Crawford—in memory of her grandson Paul
- Nov 22nd ..... Miss E King—in memory of her father
- Nov 29th ..... Mr & Mrs H Rodgers  
..... 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.

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

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## Big Breakfast'

OUR "BIG BREAKFAST"

takes place on

Saturday 14th 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

Still the 'Best fry in Belfast'



*The Rector writes . . .*

*Dear Parishioner*

Even if you are not a big fan of rugby it cannot have escaped your notice in the news bulletins that there is a lot of international rugby being played at the moment. You may also be aware that Ireland did better than ever before in the competition. Along with the Northern Ireland Football team's qualification for the Euro 16 Competition we are really grabbing the sporting headlines at the moment. Unfortunately, by the time you are reading this we know the result of the Ireland –v– Argentina Rugby World Cup match!

Some of you may also know that I am mad keen on international rugby. I usually don't take a close interest in Ulster rugby, but come alive in sporting terms whenever the Six Nations or the World Cup come round. I was involved in coaching rugby for 28 years in two schools, latterly at Inst, where the 1st XV coach has a high profile role. Both a brother-in-law and a nephew referee rugby matches every Saturday and, during the rugby season, we have animated discussions about the finer points of the Laws of rugby. Sally will confirm that I get rather excited when I am watching rugby on the television and dispense all sorts of advice to the players and the referees from the comfort of the settee. Under my tutelage Sally has become quite knowledgeable about the game. I think she would be well versed in some of the hand signals used by the referees and would have decided views on when yellow cards should be awarded.

There are a number of aspects of the game of rugby which have a theological dimension, as I am sure you appreciate. Paul, thinking of athletes competing against one another, could equally have been reflecting on one of the key skills required in rugby – sheer speed off the mark to beat other players to the score-line: 'Do you not know that in a race the runners all compete, but only one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may win it.' [1 Corinthians 9: 24] Now, of course, the Christian life is not a race and is not a competition against other Christians. The parallels are to do with the training and discipline required to excel in the sporting arena or in everyday life. Just as a player who was not 'match-fit' could not cope with the physical demands of international rugby, so too a Christian who did not

undergo rigorous spiritual training would not survive in the daily spiritual battles against the temptations of the Evil One.

Furthermore, whilst we individually have our battles to fight against the spiritual opposition who have analysed our strengths and weaknesses and have worked out a strategy to defeat us - or at least to lessen our impact on the game - it is also even more crucial that we work together to counteract the collective onslaught of a relentless and ruthless foe. If a team have worked out beforehand how they can defend their territory from enemy incursions, how they can best tackle all that would grind them down, they will be more successful. Not only will they limit the damage the enemy can do to them by scoring points against them, but they also can maximize their own opportunities to score points, especially from tries and the conversions that follow.

To play rugby at the highest level requires the utmost dedication, physical courage to confront the most fearsome opponent, the self-discipline not to give points away to the opposition by lack of concentration or lapses in discipline and the intelligence as well as the passion to play to the highest level. Whether or not you enjoy rugby, it is one of the many parallels to the Christian life that the sporting world readily affords. Enjoy what it offers if you find it appealing and admire the dedication of those who play it at the highest level. Above all, let's ask for God's help that we – individually and collectively – may be the high-performing spiritual athletes the divine coach would urge us to become.

*Rev Bob Cotter*



**Crosslinks Missionary Society—  
God's word to God's world**

*Go therefore and make disciples of all men.*

It would be greatly appreciated if all missionary boxes and subscriptions were returned by the beginning of December.

Please pray that the Lord will protect missionaries and provide for their financial needs.

Thank you for your interest, prayers and donations.

*Lena and Cecil*



**THOUGHT FOR  
THE MONTH**

*If you have time to pray,  
God has time to listen.*

Did you know that you can listen to our choir singing the anthems performed at special services?

Log on to our website—  
[www.st-marymagdalene.org.uk](http://www.st-marymagdalene.org.uk)

and select the

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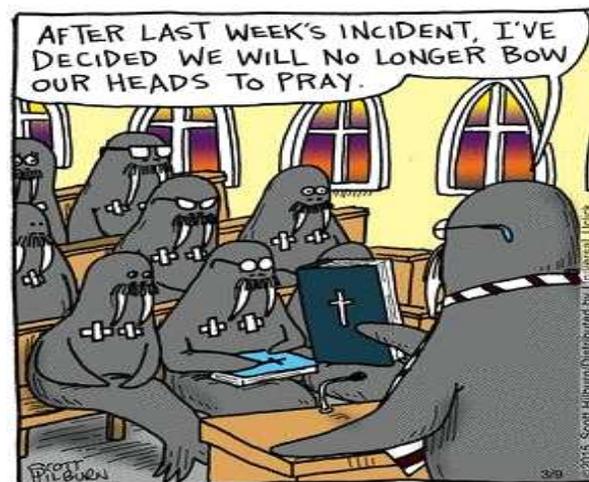
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Select Listen to the Choir in the Audio/Video section.



**For your diary**

<b>Norwegian Choir Concert</b>	Sat 7th Nov	12 –1 pm
<b>Remembrance Day</b>	Sun 8th Nov	11.00 am
<b>Select Vestry</b>	Mon 9th Nov	7.30 pm
<b>Ladies' Guild</b>	Wed 11th Nov	7.30 pm
<b>Big Breakfast</b>	Sat 14th Nov	9.00-12 noon
<b>BB Enrolment</b>	Sun 15th Nov	11.00 am
<b>Snooker Club</b>	Tuesdays	7.00 pm
<b>Midweek Services</b>	Thursdays	12.30 pm
<b>Parents and Toddlers</b>	Thurs	10-12 noon
<b>BB</b>	Thurs	6.30 onwards



Over the last month our Wednesday morning group has enjoyed a series of sessions by staff from South Belfast Alternatives. These sessions were both interesting and challenging. This month we are beginning to focus on some Christmas crafts. On 11th November we hope to have a talk on "keeping safe" in all areas of our lives.



Our parents and toddlers group continues to meet on Thursday mornings and we are pleased to welcome parents and carers of pre school children to join with us.

Both these groups meet during term time from 10am-12noon and new members are always welcome!

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



Joan and Hugh would like to thank everyone for all the good wishes they received on the occasion of their Golden Wedding Anniversary.



### NORWEGIAN CHOIR CONCERT

Lesja og Lesjaskog sangkor—a choir from Norway will be performing a concert in the church on

**Saturday 7th November from 12 noon—1pm.**

This is a free concert, but the opportunity to make a donation in aid of the Northern Ireland Hospice will be made available. You can drop in/out of this concert at any time.

Articles for the December magazine should be with Kate Irving by Sunday 15th November at the latest.



The BB has now been back a number of weeks and we welcome our new members to the Anchor Boys and Junior Section. New members are always welcome especially boys aged between 12 - 17 years of age for the Company Section.

A few weeks ago the Company Section played a 5 A-side football match against the 8th BB, and yes we did win! After the football we all headed to that healthy restaurant known as KFC.....salads all round!!

BB Enrolment service will take place on **Sunday 15th November at 11.00am in the church.** Boys should meet at 10.30am in the BB room in full uniform. I hope you will support the company by your attendance at this service.

Congratulations to the 8th Belfast Boys' Brigade Company in this their centenary year. Celebrations included an Old Boys' dinner with 130 Old Boys in attendance, a photographic exhibition and an enrolment service on the Sunday morning. It was a truly memorable and proud weekend for the Company, Old Boys and the congregation at Cooke Centenary Church.

*William McMillan  
Captain  
(Old boy of the 8th Belfast)*

### Ladies' Guild



The Guild's Opening Holy Communion Service took place last month and as usual, it was a very fitting start to our new session. We thank the Rector for all the thought and planning around this service and of course, thanks also to Sally for coming along and providing the music.

We were delighted to have our speaker Mrs Yvonne Young, who after joining us for Holy Communion, went on to tell us about the work of Team Hope Ireland, an inter-denominational charity that provides support for children in Africa and Eastern Europe. Her stories and experience were inspirational. We now look forward to our November meeting when we will be completing boxes for the Shoebox appeal supported by this charity. Members are reminded to bring sellotape and scissors in addition to their gifts. The £3 donation to offset transport costs will be met out of guild funds. I would also like to thank the other ladies of our congregation who have offered to fill a shoebox—your generosity is appreciated.

*Joan Rodgers—President*



for our younger readers ....

### POPPIES

Poppies flower in the summer, don't they? So why poppies in November? You will see them everywhere in the next week or so, and everyone from the smallest Rainbow or Anchor Boy to the Queen will be wearing a poppy on Remembrance Sunday.

We wear poppies because, among all the mud and chaos of the battlefields of the Great War, men were amazed to see the humble field flower of home spring up where the earth was disturbed - a blood red splash of colour in a sea of khaki.

When the British Legion started an appeal to help those whose had been injured by war, the poppy seemed an ideal symbol. And even now, when World War I and II seem so far away, our troops are fighting, being wounded and dying; reminding us that the poppy is also a symbol of sacrifice.

### PRINT A POPPY

How? Well the answer lies in your own hands. You will need a white paper plate, red and black finger or poster paint and two margarine lids or saucers to put the paint on.

Put some newspaper on the table and start. Squeeze some red paint onto one lid or saucer and put black paint on the other one. Put your thumb into the red paint and use it to make 5 overlapping petals in a circle on the edge of your plate. Put your index finger into the black paint and use it to stamp a centre for your poppy.

Continue printing poppies all round the edge of your plate to make a wreath. Leave it to dry and then you can write 'Lest We Forget' or 'Remembrance' in the middle of the plate. You could hang the plate in your front window to share with others.



Thank you to everyone who supported our alternative Harvest this year. Parishioners were extremely generous and responded in the usual 'Magdalene' fashion. Goods to the value of £175 were received and have been passed on to our local Food Bank. A full list of the food contributed is on the notice board at the back of the church.

### Upcoming Christian Aid concert ...



## 70 Voices

An uplifting musical evening marking 70 years of Christian Aid

Thursday 12 November, 7.45pm, Ulster Hall, Belfast

Tickets: £10 or £15, available from the Ulster Hall Box Office, 028 9033 4455

Performances from choirs and soloists including Una Voce, Lagan Seahorses Choir, Voices Together and Roddensvale School Choir.

Musical Director: Judith Watson

Find out more: [christianaid.ie/70voices](http://christianaid.ie/70voices)  
Call: 028 9064 8133



Compere: Claire McCollum, Songs of Praise



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### Hymnbook Amnesty!

We appear to be missing quite a few of the small red hymnbooks. If you have accidentally brought one home, it would be appreciated if you could return it to the back of the church as soon as possible.

*No questions asked!!*