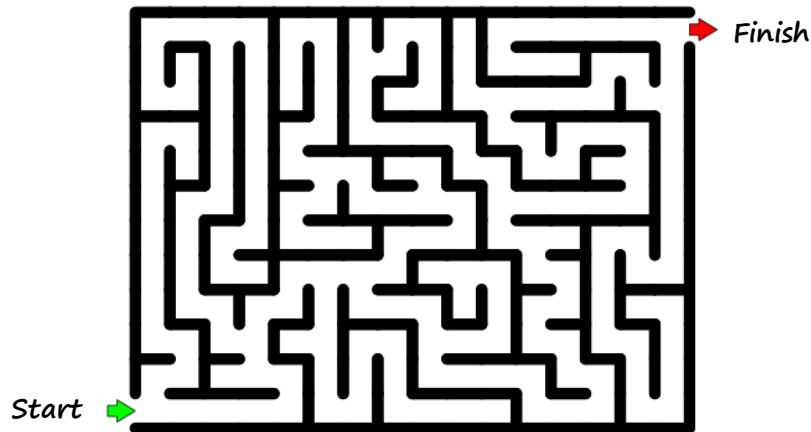


Puzzle Corner

Try out the Sudoku—and for those of you who can't master it, then maybe finding a way round the Maze is for you! (Note the Sudoku competition is taking a rest for a while—you can just do it for pleasure!)

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SEPTEMBER SERVICES



SERVICE	MINISTER	READER (Morning Service only)
Sept 5th—14th Sunday after Trinity 11.00 am Holy Communion 6.30 pm Holy Communion	Rev S Heaney Rev T P Kerr	Jacqueline Stephenson <i>Philemon –v- 1- 21</i> (Page 202)
Sept 12th—15th Sunday after Trinity 11.00 am Morning Prayer 6.30 pm Evening Prayer (<i>St Aidan's</i>)	Rev T P Kerr Rev T P Kerr	Raymond Moore <i>Jeremiah 4 –v- 11,12 & 22-28</i> (Page 665)
Sept 19th—16th Sunday after Trinity 11.00 am Holy Communion 6.30 pm Evening Prayer	Rev T P Kerr Rev T P Kerr	Philip Rodgers <i>1 Timothy 2 –v- 1-7</i> (Page 195)
Sept 26th—17th Sunday after Trinity 11.00 am Family Service with Baptism 6.30 pm Evening Prayer (<i>St Aidan's</i>)	Rev S Heaney Rev T P Kerr	Selected readings

*Readers read the First Lesson of the Day—taken from the Pew Bible.
Readers should confirm their reading with the Rector/Minister*

Thursday Lunchtime Services

These take place every Thursday at 12.30 pm in the Chapel of the Holy Spirit.
Followed by lunch in our bistro

all welcome

The Church of Ireland “Safeguarding Trust” Policy operates in this church. Panel Members are Rev Terence Kerr, Mr Cecil Dunwoody and Mrs Catherine Irving. Notices to this effect have been placed in the church and halls.



Flower Rota—September



Sept 5th Mr & Mrs T Reilly
 Sept 12th Mrs P Johnston/Mrs K Narrowway—in memory of their mother Mrs M Branningan
 Miss J Stewart
 Sept 19th The Fitzsimmons Family
 Sept 26th Mr & Mrs N Stephenson



Christian Burial



Emma Nellins
18 Posnett Street

*16th August 2010
died 13th August 2010*

Emma, as she was known to everyone, died peacefully at home after nearly a year of illness. Emma was a devoted wife and mother. She will be very much missed by her husband, Davy, and her son, Tommy, and daughter, Yvonne. Emma also has two sisters, Eileen and May, who are part of our parish. Following her funeral in St Mary Magdalene, Emma was laid to rest in Roselawn Cemetery.

The words, “The Son of God who loved me and gave Himself for me” was on Emma’s bedroom wall and has brought much comfort to the whole family, who we now remember in our thoughts and prayers.



Remember Prayer

all who are ill or in need:

- Betty
- David M
- David S
- Emily
- Lizzie
- Ronnie

those who have been bereaved:

- the Nellins family on the death of Emma
- the residents and family of those affected by the recent tragedy in Elm Court

for all who minister within our parish:

- Rev T Kerr, Rev A McCartney,
Rev S Heaney

Could you please make sure that you let the Rector know of anyone who is in hospital or feeling unwell.



for our younger readers ...



ST MATTHEW'S DAY 25th September

Matthew, sometimes called Levi, was a tax collector for the Romans when he first met Jesus. The job of tax collector was probably one of the most hated ones that a Jew could have. Most tax collectors were despised and treated as outcasts. They charged more tax than was set and lived off the difference. Their fellow Jews rejected them because they mixed with non-Jewish people.



But Jesus picked Matthew as his disciple. 'Jesus saw Matthew at the tax office; and he said to him "Follow me". And he rose and followed him.' (Matthew chapter 9, verse 9)

Traditionally, the first Gospel is called St Matthew's Gospel but we don't know if he wrote it. What we do know is that Matthew, in lots of people's eyes the most unsuitable disciple, followed Jesus till the end of his days.

BIBLE Ms

All the answers to this Bible quiz start with the letters M. Some have clues to help you, answers at the bottom of the page. Which M...

1. Was found in the bulrushes?
2. Wrote the second Gospel?
3. Was food found in the desert? (Exodus 16)
4. Was the mother of John Mark? (Acts 12)
5. Is a plant that would make the desert flower? (Isaiah 41)
6. Was the oldest man in the Bible? (Genesis 6)
7. Is the island where Paul was shipwrecked? (Acts 27)
8. With all his angels, fought the dragon? (Revelation 12)
9. Was the elder sister of Moses and Aaron? (Exodus 2)
10. Is the land between the rivers Tigris and Euphrates?



What is hot, greasy, and makes you feel bad?
A chip on your shoulder.

ANSWERS: 1.Moses 2.Mark 3.manna
4.Mary 5.myrryh 6.Methuselah 7.Malta
8.Michael 9.Miriam 10.Mesopotamia

Articles for the October magazine should be with
Kate Irving by Sunday 12th September 2010



The Rev Adrian writes ...

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Dear Parishioners

Summer Outreach

It already seems a long time ago but back in late June, we launched ourselves out into the two parishes delivering leaflets. The aim was twofold:

- 1 To advertise a children's club in Blythefield Primary School and a teenage club in St Mary Magdalene Halls;
- 2 To offer a helping hand to anyone in the parish who needed help with a garden or to get rid of some rubbish (or anything else, really).

The children's club in Blythefield Primary had around forty children there mostly and was a lively event featuring games, music, Bible stories, crafts and lots of good fun.

The teenagers' event started very small with about four or five young teens but grew to a healthy twenty something on the last night. Some of the highlights included the big barbecue in Lindsay Street while the mini-Twelfth parade went past. It was a beautiful night and we made a positive impression on many people. The final evening included a fantastic "illusion" show performed by our very own John Ussher from Lindsay Street. We are still wondering how he did some of the things he did!

Overall, in both places, we did not solve all the world's problems but we made some new friends and contacts in the wider parish community. Both the children's and teenagers' events were organised and staffed by teams of all ages from both congregations and from outside of the parish.

The Random Acts of Kindness team was also from the two congregations. We had to work hard for three days to meet the demand for help. We did everything from cutting grass to sawing down what felt like trees! We moved mountains of rubbish and old furniture. Mostly we had a great time working together. There is nothing better than helping someone who is facing what seems like an insurmountable problem. I don't think we will win any awards for our gardening skills but we did some very much appreciated jobs.

All of this was backed up by leaflet deliverers, people who prayed, various helpers and drivers and a catering team from each congregation who fed the teams twice a day. I can honestly say the food was fabulous.

My reflections –

- Working together is and will always be a very positive experience for us.
- There is huge encouragement in seeing people joining in especially if they felt they couldn't but did anyway.
- Finding ourselves needing God and therefore having to exercise faith is what it is all about.
- Serving people is a Godly thing to be doing and actually does touch people's lives with the love of God.
- We were able to build on already established relationships with BB and GB young people as well as making some new contacts.
- The task is going to be long and slow. There are no short cuts in building trust and acceptance.

Upwards and onwards!.

Rev Adrian



Some of catering team



Some of the Acts of Random Kindness team



THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

A friend is someone who reaches for your hand but touches your heart

~ from page 9

You can pray anytime you want and they are sure to help you because they got it worked out so one of them is on duty all the time.

You should always go to church on Sunday because it makes God happy, and if there's anybody you want to make happy, it's God!

Don't skip church to do something you think will be more fun like going to the beach.. This is wrong. And besides the sun doesn't come out at the beach until noon anyway.

But....you shouldn't just always think of what God can do for you. I figure God put me here and he can take me back anytime he pleases.



For your diary

Select Vestry	Mon 13th Sept 7.30 pm
Ladies' Guild	recommences in October
Antiques Fair	Sat 18th Sept 12.30-4.00 pm <i>Teas rota: Dawn McDowell</i>
Snooker Club	Tuesdays 7.00 pm
Midweek Services	Thursdays 12.30 pm
BB	Thursdays 6.30 onwards

Your help needed!



As you know, we are constantly trying to raise funds for the upkeep and restoration of our beautiful church. Not everyone can help with the usual fund-raising activities, but here is one way that you can become involved.

We'd like to ask you to gather up some clothes you have finished with and could be recycled for use by someone else. We will arrange for you to deliver these to the church or if necessary, to have them collected.

More details will be in next month's magazine, but please start gathering now. Every little bit helps!

Out of the mouths of babes!

This was written by an 8-year-old who lives in California. He wrote it for his 3rd grade homework assignment, to 'explain God.' I wonder if any of us could have done as well?

EXPLANATION OF GOD:

One of God's main jobs is making people. He makes them to replace the ones that die, so there will be enough people to take care of things on earth. He doesn't make grownups, just babies. I think because they are smaller and easier to make. That way he doesn't have to take up his valuable time teaching them to talk and walk. He can just leave that to mothers and fathers.

God's second most important job is listening to prayers. An awful lot of this goes on, since some people, like preachers and things, pray at times beside bedtime. God doesn't have time to listen to the radio or TV because of this. Because he hears everything, there must be a terrible lot of noise in his ears, unless he has thought of a way to turn it off.

God sees everything and hears everything and is everywhere which keeps Him pretty busy. So you shouldn't go wasting his time by going over your mom and dad's head asking for something they said you couldn't have.'

Jesus is God's Son. He used to do all the hard work, like walking on water and performing miracles and trying to teach the people who didn't want to learn about God.. They finally got tired of him preaching to them and they crucified him But he was good and kind, like his father, and he told his father that they didn't know what they were doing and to forgive them and God said O.K.

His dad (God) appreciated everything that he had done and all his hard work on earth so he told him he didn't have to go out on the road anymore.. He could stay in heaven. So he did. And now he helps his dad out by listening to prayers and seeing things which are important for God to take care of and which ones he can take care of himself without having to bother God. Like a secretary, only more important.

The following article is the reflection of Jim Caldwell, 2nd Year Ordinand CITI, who spent some time with us over the past couple of months. Jim was very much involved in the Outreach programme and he now shares his thoughts with us. We wish Jim every success in the continuance of his studies.

Outreach in Inner City Belfast: Donegall Pass and Sandy Row

Throughout June and early July the grouped parishes of St Aidan's, Sandy Row and St Mary Magdalene, Donegall Pass, undertook an action packed outreach programme. The programme was organised by the Rev Adrian McCartney, the Parish Outreach Co-ordinator. The aim was to reach out to young people and serve the community around them.

The programme began with a BBQ on the 20th June in Donegall Pass. The local community were invited to come along and receive free food cooked by the Rector the Rev Terence Kerr. This allowed the community to enjoy fellowship with members of the congregation. Following the BBQ the congregation undertook a Prayer Walk from Donegall Pass to Sandy Row, praying for everyone who lives and works in the area.

The outreach culminated in a series of events on the 1st - 4th July. Throughout the day volunteers went around the parishes doing 'Random Acts of Kindness' for local people. This included cutting grass, clearing up gardens, washing down patios and even collecting doors from B&Q! In the afternoon, Rachel McCartney of 'Boring Wells' (A Fresh Expression of church) organised a Kids' Club in Blythefield Primary School for children aged 5-11. This was hugely successful with over 40 kids participating. In the evening Neville Barnes of the Church Army organised a youth club for teenagers in the Magdalene Church Hall. On Friday 2nd there was another BBQ in which free burgers and hot dogs were distributed to local people watching the mini-Twelfth parade.

On Sunday 4th July two special services were held: in St Aidan's primary for primary school kids and in St Mary Magdalene for teenagers. At these services the young people were involved in an interactive sermon and even helped the preacher to teach the congregation!

These events were a great opportunity to build relationships with local people and demonstrate the love of Jesus Christ through acts of kindness. It was a joy to serve the local community and in many cases we (the volunteers) were the ones who felt blessed by serving and reaching out to others.

Jim Caldwell

The Boys' Brigade



Another session of The Boys' Brigade starts on:

Thursday
23rd September 2010

Anchor Boys (5-8 yrs)
6.30 pm - 8.00 pm

Junior Section (8-11 yrs)
6.30 pm - 8.00 pm

Company Section (11-18 yrs)
7.45 pm - 9.30 pm

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME

Bill McMillan
Captain 1st Irish Company



We think of all our children of the parish who are returning to school for another year

and we especially think of all those who will be undertaking this big step for the very first time!

Ladies' Guild



I hope all ladies have had an enjoyable summer and are looking

forward to yet another session of the Ladies' Guild. It will recommence on the 13th October, with our usual celebration of Holy Communion in the Chapel of the Holy Spirit.

The committee is currently working on next year's programme and I am sure we will have another year of friendship and fellowship ahead of us. Further details will be in next month's magazine.

Joan Rodgers
President



"Still no bishops want to be your friend on Facebook, dear?"

Growing in Prayer

The 5 Minute Meditation by Jane Holloway

Prayer is essentially all about our relationship with God, and it is this relationship that is at the heart of our faith. Prayer should be one of the easiest things in the world—after all, it is surely only a matter of talking to God—and yet many of us struggle with it.

How can we grow in prayer? If we take the example of a tree, we find that it grows from a small seed to a large tree if the roots are in good soil, are watered by the rain and receive light from the sun. We need the same things to help us grow in prayer—food, water and sunlight.

Our food will include having a time with God each day on our own to talk about what is in our heart as well as meeting to worship and pray with others weekly. Our water will be the nourishment we receive from reading the Bible and making it part of how we live our lives. Our light comes from God's love as we open our lives to the fullness of all that God wants to give to us. God will provide all that we need to help us grow in our relationship with him through the ups and downs of life.

Here are some suggestions:

Try starting with five minutes on your own with God—it could be in the car, in the bathroom, on a walk. Mull over a Bible passage, for example Psalm 42:1-2, or a hymn/song or recent talk/sermon.

Make friends with stillness and silence. Turn off the radio, TV and computer - listen to the sounds around you. Rest in God's love.

Try praying 'as you go'. As you walk out of the house ask God to walk with you through the day. As you meet people through the day pray for God to bless them.

Reflect by taking a few minutes to run through the day in your mind, learning to recognise and give thanks for where you can see God at work, as well as saying sorry for when things didn't go as planned. This simple discipline really helps.

Let's remember 'The prayer of a person living right with God is something powerful to be reckoned with' (James 5:16, THE MESSAGE).

Jane Holloway is author of
'Prayer—a beginner's guide' BRF, £4.99