

# Puzzle Corner

Sudoku time!



			8	5			
				1	8	4	
	2	1	4	3			
			2				4
2	9					5	7
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			4	2	9	7	
	4	2	3				
			5	7			

In each of these puzzles, a proverb is written with exactly one letter of each word replaced with another. Can you figure out what the original proverb is?

1. Wetter mate that fever
2. Paint peart newer son pair lads.
3. I switch is dime raves mine.
4. So nets if goof mews.
5. Take hat white she sin whines.
6. Won't budge I took my ids covet.

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**Answers**

1 Better late than never; 2 Faint heart never won fair lady; 3 A stitch in time saves nine; 4 No news is good news; 5 Make hay while the sun shines; 6 Don't judge a book by its cover

# PASSWORDS

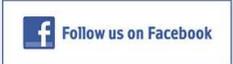


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# CHURCH SERVICES



SERVICES	READER
<b>7th Sept—12th Sunday after Trinity</b> 11.00 am Holy Communion	Ann Crawford <i>Romans 13 -v- 8-14</i>
<b>14th Sept—13th Sunday after Trinity</b> 11.00 am Morning Prayer	Naomi Riley <i>Exodus 14 -v- 19-31</i>
<b>21st Sept—14th Sunday after Trinity</b> 11.00 am Healing Service—Brother David Jardine	Ronnie Luney <i>2 Kings 5 -v- 1, 9-14</i>
<b>28th Sept—15th Sunday after Trinity</b> 11.00 am WOW—Theme: Sport	—

## Thursday Lunchtime Services

The lunchtime services recommence on  
**Thursday 11th September at 12.30 pm.**

These 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—July ~ Sept



July 6th	.....	Mr & Mrs D G Sheppard
July 13th	.....	Mr & Mrs J Garstang
July 20th	.....	Mr & Mrs C Dunwoody—in memory of loved ones
July 27th	.....	Mrs N Reilly/Mrs R White—in memory of their father
Aug 3rd	.....	Mrs H Bowes/Mrs R Buchanan ( <i>nee Baird</i> )
Aug 10th	.....	Mr & Mrs B McMillan
Aug 17th	.....	The McMullan Family—in memory of Dad
Aug 24th	.....	Miss E King—in memory of her mother
Aug 31st	.....	The Kelly Family—in memory of John and Wesley
Sept 7th	.....	Mr & Mrs T Reilly
Sept 14th	.....	Miss J Stewart
Sept 21st	.....	The Fitzsimmons Family
Sept 28th	.....	Mr & Mrs N Stephenson

## HOLY BAPTISM



**Bradley Ollie**  
son of Amanda and David  
8 Lindsay Way  
27th July 2014

*‘Suffer the little children to come unto me’*



for our younger readers ....

# Back to School—wordsearch

I Y D U T S E P T E M B E R N U R S E H  
 S L I C N E P A V C H A L K B O A R D E  
 D B N E G N I N R A E L V E R L M E T S  
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| ASSIGNMENTS | ERASER        | LUNCHROOM   | ROLL CALL      |
| BACKPACK    | EXAMS         | MATH        | RULES          |
| BATHROOM    | FIRST DAY     | NEW FRIENDS | SCHOOL BUS     |
| BELL        | GYMNASIUM     | NOTEBOOK    | SCHOOL OFFICE  |
| BINDER      | HALLWAY       | NURSE       | SCHOOLYARD     |
| CAFETERIA   | HOMEWORK      | OLD FRIENDS | SCIENCE        |
| CHALKBOARD  | INTERCOM      | PADLOCK     | SECRETARY      |
| CLASSROOM   | JANITOR       | PAPER       | SEPTEMBER      |
| CLOCK       | LANGUAGE ARTS | PENCILS     | SOCIAL STUDIES |
| COURSES     | LEARNING      | PENS        | STUDENT        |
| DESK        | LIBRARY       | PRINCIPAL   | STUDY          |
| DOORS       | LOCKER        | QUIZZES     | TEACHER        |
| ENROL       |               |             |                |



## The Rector writes . . .

Dear Parishioners

**‘Peace I leave with you: my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.’ [John 14: 27]**

These words of Jesus are part of that great prayer in John’s Gospel, in which he tries to reassure his disciples that he will not abandon them, even though he is acutely conscious that the time for his execution is rapidly approaching. It is one of the crucial sections of his leave-taking of his disciples. A few chapters later he is arrested and the disciples are scattered. Only Peter and ‘another disciple’ follow Jesus, perhaps curious to see what happens to him, but not in any mood either to defend him or to intervene on his behalf. Despite Jesus’ wish that his disciples would remain serene in all circumstances, they clearly have not yet reached that point. Later, after the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, they are transformed at a stroke into a courageous and dynamic group who are ready for anything. Even after Jesus rises from the dead, they are still a fearful, ineffective group, whose hearts remain troubled and uncertain as to what happens next and how they can contribute to it.

As Christians we are still too often stuck in that fearful state of mind. We look at the world around us and there is so much that seems designed to unsettle us. Every news bulletin brings news of further atrocities and the phrase I hear most often as I visit people is: ‘the world is in a dreadful state’. Well, there is certainly much that is unsettling about the world if your only view of it is gleaned from the news media. Let us not forget, though despite all the positive aspects of news gathering and sharing, the overwhelming intention of the news industry is to find all the news items that are most dramatic and most negative, put them all together in an exaggerated and sensationalised manner in order to grab people’s attentions and thereby maximise audience figures. So often, the only light relief is provided by the sports reports! News item after news item vies for our attention with unnerving and relentless negativity. If you are inclined to watch the news a lot you inevitably are subjected to a diet of atrocities that will rattle even the most optimistic person. The world is not any worse than

it has ever been, but the saturation news industry which employs a lot of people has to justify its own existence and bolster its own self-importance by serving up a deadly cocktail of depressing stories. The state of the world is not restricted to the accumulation of all the the scariest stories. The many, many good things which are happening are just not deemed newsworthy and are squeezed out. The result is a view of the world which is unremitting in its gloom, a bleakness which I am convinced contributes in no small way to the high suicide rate in many parts of the most developed countries – the very countries with the greatest news coverage, with the highest stress levels.

What then is the antidote? Should we just pretend all is right with the world and not inform ourselves about unsettling and negative matters? Of course not! As Christians we need to know what is happening in the world in order to pray about it and to take practical steps to ensure that there is better news to offset it. But we also need to remember that our God is all-powerful, all-loving and all-merciful. One day he will set all to rights and good will prevail. In the meantime we are engaged in a battle against evil. The worst thing we can do is despair. Instead, let us ponder on Jesus' words to his disciples and remain serene, positive and focused on **'whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, and if there is anything worthy of praise'** [Philippians 4: 8]. Take hold of the peace and serenity that Jesus offers his disciples as you echo his prayer in all that you think, and say, and do.

*Rev Bob Cotter*



### 175th Anniversary

This year marks the 175th Anniversary of St Mary Magdalene Parish Church, which was opened and dedicated on 1st December 1839.

To celebrate this historical occasion, a number of special events are being organised. Watch this space for further details!



### THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

*Patience is waiting for God's timing*

Articles for the October magazine should be with Kate Irving by Sunday 14th September at the latest.



### For your diary

Select Vestry	Mon 8th Sept	7.30 pm
Ladies' Guild	Wed 3rd Sept	7.30 pm
Snooker Club	Tuesdays	7.00 pm
Midweek Services	Thursdays from 11th September	12.30 pm
Parents and Toddlers	Thursdays from 11th September	10-12 noon
BB	Thursdays from 25th September	6.30 onwards

John is the Rector of a Church of Ireland parish on the Border and Patrick is the priest at the Roman Catholic Church across the road. One day they are seen together, erecting a sign which says, "THE END IS NEAR. TURN YOURSELF AROUND NOW. BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE." As a car speeds past them, the driver leans out his window and yells, "Leave people alone, you religious nutters. We don't need your lectures." From around the next curve they hear screeching tyres and a big splash.

Shaking his head, Father Patrick says "That's the third one this mornin'." "Aye," John agrees, then adds, "Do you think maybe the sign should just say "BRIDGE CLOSED"?"



## Family Fun Day

I am delighted to report that our community fun day in June was a great event. We had wonderful weather and a lot of support from families in the local community. The children thoroughly enjoyed the bouncy castles, there were some fabulous face paintings and interesting balloon creatures. We all enjoyed a very lively show from the Falcon Cheerleaders and were mesmerised by John Usher's magical tricks. The burgers and hot dogs went down a treat!

Many thanks to all those who attended and to those who helped with the organising beforehand and on the day. These include members of: St Mary Magdalene and St Aidan's, Donegall Pass Community Association, Donegall Pass Community Centre and Friendship House (Sandy Row). Photographs of the Fun Day can be seen on the church Facebook page.

## Parents and Toddlers Group

Our Parents and Toddlers group will resume again on Thursday 11th September 2014, from 10 am -12 noon. Any parents or carers of pre school children are very welcome.

## Way to Health

We are also hoping to start a course for parents on Wednesday 10th September 2014 called "Way to Health". This will cover various aspects of healthy living such as nutrition and exercise.

For further details on these activities please contact either myself on 07547030451 or Elaine on 07713383943

*Alison Shaw, 07547030451  
Parish Family Worker*

## ~ 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*

Desmond Spratt, *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

Jim Shields

Doreen Smyth

Laura Smyth

Stella Spackman

David Stephenson

Roy and Ena Taylor

Greta Wilson

## The U in JesUs



*Before U were thought of or time had begun, God even stuck U in the name of His Son.  
And each time U pray, you'll see it's true, You can't spell out JesUs and not include U.  
You're a pretty big part of His wonderful name, For U, He was born; that's why He came.  
And His great love for U is the reason He died, It even takes U to spell crucified.  
Isn't it thrilling and splendidly grand, He rose from the dead, with U in His plan?  
The stones split away, the gold trumpet blew, and this word resurrection is spelled with a U.  
When JesUs left earth at His upward ascension, He felt there was one thing He just had to mention.*

*'Now go into the world and tell them it's true, That the love I have shown is not just for U'.  
So many great people are spelled with a U, Don't they have a right to know JesUs too?  
He'd like them to know, But it all starts with U!*



First let me say a very **BIG Thank You** to all of you, for given the size of our congregation, the contributions week on week have been overwhelming. Up until I went on holiday, we had filled several of the large Tesco food crates!!

As well as Church collections you may have seen on TV, Tesco is supporting The Trussell Trust Food Banks. (*Trussell Trust is the overall umbrella organisation providing help and advice to set up and run local food banks*). Tesco allowed all local food banks three days to collect food in their stores and gave a large donation as well. South Belfast Food Bank covered the Newtownbreda and Lisburn Road stores. I attended the Lisburn Road on the Saturday and in both stores over the three days we filled on average three large trolleys per hour—a Great Response.

Looking forward – South Belfast Food Bank (*I could use the initials SBFB but it sounds like the local Flute Band!*) are at present organising storage space and setting up the management side of the food bank. We are advised that we need approximately five tons of food in stock before we start distribution—A LOT OF FOOD to collect and store, so your tins of beans or packs of cereal are still needed and very much appreciated.

We are aiming to start distributing food from the end of August. Our first distribution point will be at Mornington Drop In Centre & Coffee Bar on the Ormeau Road. Mornington is run by local Churches. It is already a well-known meeting place for help and advice.

You may have seen news reports of food banks which opened in Northern Ireland recently and that have found the numbers seeking help have expanded by ten times very quickly, so ongoing support is needed.

Some people say that the problem of people needing food boxes should not happen in our society, but Trussell Trust can show that its policy of helping people with food boxes for a short time (normally 3-4 weeks) and providing advice to help them manage their finances better, plus a cup of tea and a listening ear IS required by families from all sections of our society. Indeed the Trussell Trust tells us that one of the busiest times of the year is the month of September when the family budget is stretched beyond breaking point providing school uniforms, shoes, sports kit and monies for the many different activities at the beginning of the school year. A box of the basic food stuffs for a short period can greatly ease the financial burden for many of these families and of course the same applies to those families whose bread winner may be on job seekers allowance, or our senior citizens who would benefit both from the food provided and the help and advice given to help make sure they are getting all they are entitled to with their pensions. In time it is hoped all this will be available at our main distribution points.

Thanking you for you continuing support.

*Billy McDowell  
St Mary Magdalene Food Bank Rep*



## Ladies' Guild



It only seems like yesterday that I was wishing everyone a good summer break and I can't believe the time has come round to write another update for the magazine.

We had a wonderful summer outing to Ballymena, even though several members managed to spend all their shopping time (and money) in only one shop! As usual, the evening meal, prepared by the ladies of St Patrick's Mothers' Union was delicious, and empty plates were returned by all!

As I outlined at our May meeting, the Committee has been concerned about the dwindling attendance at recent meetings and as a consequence wrote to everyone asking for consideration and guidance as to the future of the Guild. To discuss this further, you are reminded about the meeting planned for Wednesday 3rd September at 7.30, when we will have an informal discussion and make a decision about the way forward.

**Please do your utmost to attend.**

*Joan Rodgers  
(President)*

## NEW SESSION

Another session of The Boys' Brigade starts on:

**Thursday**  
**25th September 2014**

**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

*William McMillan  
Captain 1st Irish Company*



Have you visited the Church Facebook page.

Like us to keep up to date with all the latest news and photos.