GB/BB having fun in the snow

St. Patrick's and St. Andrew's Weekly Newssheet

Sunday 21st January 2024

This Sunday 21st January: Family Service 10am St. Patrick's & 11.30am St. Andrew's

Next Sunday 28th January : Morning Prayer 10am St. Patrick's & 11.30am St. Andrew's

Sunday morning prayer!
What better way to settle ourselves before the Sunday morning service than to take 10 minutes in stillness and prayer. You are welcome to join us in the Side Chapel from around 9.40am so please feel free to slip in during that time. We will aim to be in our seats by 9.55pm. - Thanks.

Parish Prayers continue each Tuesday in St. Andrew's Ballysally at 7pm please join us, everyone welcome.

Wednesday Communion continues - 1pm

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ST PATRICK'S HOSPITALITY ROTA

FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH HOLY COMMUNION NO TEA OR COFFEE AFTER SERVICE
SECOND SUNDAY ORGANISED BY RENA LINDSAY AND FRIENDS
THIRD SUNDAY ORGANISED BY JACKIE BENNETT AND FRIENDS
FOURTH SUNDAY ORGANISED BY DAVID & GILLIAN ANDERSON /ROBIN HOLMES

Forms of Declaration for AGV members 2024 are available from Church Warden, the office or from the website.

Ballysally foodbank donations

We continue to donate towards the Ballysally Building Together project. Items of greatest value to the team at present include tinned meat and fish, tinned fruit and vegetables, soup, creamed rice and packets of pasta or noodles which only require the addition of hot water.

Monetary donations towards the female hygiene project or foodbank are also welcomed.

At present, around 70 families are availing themselves of your donations, helping them survive difficult financial times.

The food baskets are delivered on Mondays between 10am- 2pm. If you could help with this on a rota basis, please contact Laverne in the Parish office, or speak to the church wardens

NEW YEAR PRAYER POINTS: January 2024

The Word became and made His dwelling among us (John 1:14)

For ourselves

As we enter a new year, with all its unknowns of joy and challenge, let us make faithful prayer our first resolution:

Father God, help me to fix all my thoughts on the glory of Christ, for this is my greatest privilege; this is the dawning of heaven. May beholding the glory of Christ revive my soul, heal my failings, renew my spirit, transforming me daily into the likeness of Christ, and enabling me to abound in all the duties you require of me. Amen. (Taken from 'The One True Light', Advent Readings by Tim Chester)

For our Parish

In the darkness of January days, we pray for those members of our parish who are unable or less inclined in poor weather to come out to church; those who are ill at home or in hospital; those who are worried, lonely or grieving. We ask God to be their companion, their comfort, encouragement and hope. And we ask for ourselves, awareness of any such known to us, and willingness to be to them the hands and feet of God.

For our community

We pray for the many people in our town, for whom life is difficult—
—those affected by the economic downturn, or struggling with Christmas debt
—those sleeping rough in all weathers, vulnerable to attack or sickness
—those here as immigrants, some working in the community, others awaiting outcome of asylum applications, but all far from home and family

We ask that all who are struggling experience kindness in our community, and that God will draw many into the fellowship of His kingdom.

For our world

We have sung and reflected on Jesus' coming as the Light of the world, shining in the darkness, never extinguished by it. We have hailed Him too as the Prince of Peace. Let us be faithful in prayer, not giving up, for peace to come in the war-torn places on earth—
—for relief for the suffering civilians and for those who would bring aid
—for the leaders whose policies perpetuate war
—for wise action by the international community
—for prospering of the work of peacemakers

For our mission partners

This month, we continue to pray for our mission partners (news on mission table) but also, on Sunday 28th, we will welcome Rev Andrew and Joanne Quill as new mission partners. They will be going in February with Church Mission Society Ireland to the diocese of Ibba in S Sudan to assist in discipleship training. We look forward to meeting them and pray for them in their preparations and farewells.