

April Newsheet
Sunday 28th April 2024
St. Patrick's and St. Andrew's



**You abundantly water the ploughed fields,
You settle
its furrows and soften the earth
with showers. You bless its growth. Ps 65:10**

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

Next Sunday 5th May: Holy Communion 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



Happy Birthday to you Happy Birthday to you



*Our Parishioner Jean Nesbitt
celebrated her 98th Birthday last Sunday 21st April*





Pictured above Diana with our chairperson Rena

Ladies of the Parish were treated to a fantastic afternoon tea (in the evening) provided by the ladies of Mothers' Union. The speaker was Diana McClelland who spoke about her life and the difficulties of setting up a caravan park. There was much laughter!

April Prayer Points

You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God. Matthew 16:16

For ourselves

Lord, thank you so much that you died in my place so I can be forgiven and set free from the consequences that I deserve. Thank you that you call me to a God-centred life. Help me to worship you wholeheartedly, to serve you joyfully and gladly, and to obey and follow you always. *Nicky Gumbel, The Bible in One Year.*

For our Parish

April 18th is the evening for our Annual Easter Vestry Meeting. Give thanks for all who have served in a voluntary capacity over the past year and pray for the election of new vestry members to serve during the next term of office. Pray that there would be willing candidates and that the Lord would help them and ensure the unity of this team. Help us all to be willing to be the hands and feet of God and to respond to His calling.

Give thanks for the retired clergy and all who keep our church services going in difficult circumstances. Pray that the Lord would bring about a resolution to the problems in our parish and that we would find favour with Him.

For our community

Pray for our local authorities and all who serve our community. Remember teachers, carers and health workers, street pastors, planning committees, businesses and youth workers and ask for wisdom and integrity in all that they do. Pray for families and those who are alone that they may know God's presence and peace in their struggles.

For our world

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God Matt 5:9

- For relief of suffering and protection for aid and medical workers
- Softening of heart in leaders committed to war
- Wise and decisive action by the international community
- Successful peace processes

For our mission partners

Please continue to pray for:

Rick & Alana Creighton (Crosslinks Nigeria)

Claire Holmes (SAMS & Prison Fellowship NI)

Walter & Claire McConnell (OMF Singapore)

Andrew and Joanne Quill (CMSI South Sudan)

Trevor & Andrea Watson (Crosslinks Sweden)

← **We encourage you to use these prayers daily.**

The mission table at the back of the church has up to date information and prayer letters (all prayer letters have been updated)



Prayer Corner

As you know we have a Prayer Corner at the front of the church on your right. This is a place where you can pray on your own or you can leave a request for a loved one or yourself. There is paper to write on and a basket to leave your request. These requests are regularly lifted to the Lord as we ask Him to bless and heal those named. Please avail yourself of this opportunity to pray for yourself and for anyone known to you who is in need. Even if you don't have a request, please pray for those who do. The Lord hears when we call on His name.

Dates for your diary



Tuesday 14th May North Connor Area Service in Dunluce Parish 7.30pm

Sunday 19th May MU Songs of Praise -

A service of praise will be held in All Saints' Parish church, Antrim on Sunday 19th May 2024 at 3 pm. It will be an opportunity for members to join together in the singing of some of their favourite hymns and the offering that day will be part of the fundraising for Mums in May. If you are planning to go please let Jean or Rena know as numbers are required for catering purposes. Thank you

Ladies Night Out

Friday 10th May at 6.30pm in the Lodge Hotel

An informal evening of fun, food and fellowship.

Booking is essential so if you would like to join us fill in the sign up sheet at the back of the church including your menu choice.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Book early to avoid disappointment.



After their Service and Display the Boys enjoyed a night ten-pin bowling



Scripture Union had a fun afternoon in St. Patrick's Church with 42 pupils from Garryduff and Millburn Primary schools

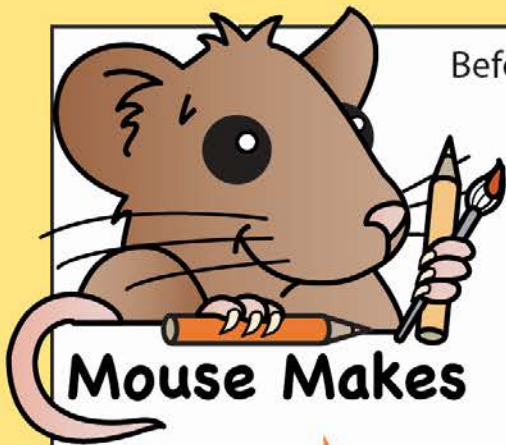
The God who answers prayer

There is a God who answers prayer
Who intercedes before the throne,
The Son of God who ever cares,
Do not believe you walk alone.

When life seems hard, no answers come
He knows the path that you now tread
Believe on Him though all seems lost
He knows about the tears you shed.

Hold on to Him who is your strength,
Although it seems there's no way through,
Though pain and heartache both are near,
Who holds the world holds also you.

There is a day when all is clear
A day when we all understand
That all our lives but marked a way
That led us to the Promised Land.



Before Jesus ascended to heaven he told his disciples
"You will receive power when the Holy Spirit
has come upon you, and you will be my
witness in Jerusalem and in all Judea
and Samaria, and to the end of the earth"...

...When the day of Pentecost arrived,
they were all together in one place,
and they were all filled
with the Holy Spirit."



READ the story
of Pentecost
in Acts 1-2
Look up the Bible
verses to find
the answers to the
crossword clues.

How many
words can you
make from
the letters of:
DAY OF
PENTECOST



- 1 After Jesus ascended into heaven, which city did the Apostles return to? *Acts 1:12*
- 5a What did the Apostles devote themselves to? *Acts 1:14*
- 6 Who was chosen to replace Judas? *Acts 1:26*
- 5d Which special day was it? *Acts 2:1*

- 8 What rushing sound came from heaven? *Acts 2:2*
- 2 What appeared? Tongues of ...? *Acts 2:3*
- 4 What were the disciples filled with? *Acts 2:4*
- 9 What did they start speaking in? *Acts 2:4*
- 3 Who spoke to the crowd? *Acts 2:14*
- 7 Who had prophesied this? *Acts 2:16*

Your New Vestry for 2024/25 are:

Chairperson	Rev. Malcolm Ferry
Secretary	Mr John Wisener
Treasurer	Mr Alan Robinson
Rector's Churchwarden	Mr James McDowell
People's Churchwarden	Mr David McGeehan
Rector's Chapelwarden	Mrs Alice McAlary
People's Chaplewarden	Mrs Bridie Leese
Rector's Glebewarden	vacant
People's Glebewarden	Mr Billy Waddell
Vestry Members	Prof. Scott Brown
	Mrs Patricia Taylor
	Mrs Jacqueline Todd
	Miss Claire Holmes
	Dr Barry Mitchell
	Mrs Gillian Anderson
	Mrs Helen cushion
	Mr Alan Bennett
	Mrs Jenny McGeehan

O Lord, ...we beseech Thee to bless all who, ...give themselves to the service of their fellow worshipers. Endue them with wisdom, patience and courage to strengthen the weak and raise up those who fall... that they may worthily minister in Thy Name to the suffering, the friendless and the needy... Amen



HELP US TO HELP OTHERS

- > Donate your unwanted furniture
- > Donate your time – we need volunteers to help deliver
- > Donate financially

We can never really know when we or our friends and loved ones might need help. At Restore Ministries we try to restore hope by doing all we can, with as much as we have. Please join

Email address: restoredministriescoleraine@gmail.com

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



Churchwatch 👁️👁️

It is always a pleasure to see people visit our church, and those volunteers who are part of our churchwatch rota also enjoy the experience. It has however been more difficult recently to have enough volunteers to allow the church to be open Wednesday and Friday afternoons. We propose therefore to open the church for visits, reflection and prayer on Fridays from May 2024. There must always be 2 volunteers present, and the times are 1-3pm. If you are willing to help with this, at present approximately once a month, please speak to Barry Mitchell, or contact Laverne in the Parish office. Many thanks in anticipation.



Ballysally foodbank donations

We continue to donate towards the Ballysally Building Together project. Items welcomed are tinned meat and fish, tinned fruit and vegetables, soup, creamed rice, Cereals 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.

Parish office: St. Andrew's Church, Hazeldene Drive, Ballysally.

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Office hours: 9am – 1pm Monday to Friday

If there is a pastoral emergency please contact

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