

CONTACT MAGAZINE

ALL SAINTS' PARISH CHURCH



WINTER 2012

RECTOR'S LETTER

Dear Friends, as many of you know that I have decided to step down as the Leader and Rector of All Saints', Tullylish on 31st March 2013. This is because on Thursday 6th December 2012 I received a call from the Parish of Kill O' The Grange, Dublin, to become their new Rector. When the invitation came that evening, I was stunned, but felt in the very core of my heart, that this was God's call and plan for the next step of my ministry, and the next chapter of my life.

In and of myself, I'm not at all sure that I am ready, but over these past few weeks, I have come to the somewhat painful conclusion that leaving All Saints' is something that God is calling me to do, even if a large part of me feels as if it is the last thing that I want to do. It is of course no small comfort that I also believe that when I leave All Saints', Tullylish at the end of March, the God who has walked with All Saints' over 150 years and more, will not only walk with me, but will also walk with you as a Parish and Church Family as He makes it clear who He will use to help Him write the next chapter of All Saints', wonderful ministry, history and story.

Do you know, that a congregation never knows what they are getting when they get a new Rector, and really you had no idea what you were getting almost 9 years ago when you got me! I remember well that first Sunday in June 2004, standing very insecure, unsure, nervous, and wondering would you ever come to like me?

As you all know I came from Donaghadee Parish Church where I spent 3 years as the curate assistant, and so Tullylish was my first appointment as Incumbent of a Parish.

My greatest desire then was that God would use me amongst you, that He would continue to bring about change in me, and that I may continue to have an ever increasing heart of passion and compassion, of love and care for His people, and that I may have power and truthfulness in everything that I do in His Service.

I think at this point of my life I could say that I have been able to serve God and have a fruitful ministry in His service with you, and amongst you as a Church Family. That has largely come about because of your affirming love and responsiveness as individuals, in small groups, and as a whole congregation, and for that I am profoundly thankful, both to you and to our God.

I have much more to say concerning your love of me and for me, and of how God has blessed me abundantly in this place and throughout this community in my ministry for Him. I will leave that to my final sermon on the 31st March 2013.

To all my brothers and sisters at All Saints', Tullylish, I want to say THANK YOU for your love, affirmation and sharing your faith in Jesus with me. - With all my love.

Arthur



HOLY BAPTISM

Hannah Sarah
Daughter of Edward & Helen Campbell

Emma Jayne
Daughter of Stephen & Amanda McBurney

WELCOME

We welcome Lydia Briggs into our Church family and ask God's Blessing on Stephen, Diane & Caleb.

"Suffer the little Children to come unto Me for of such is the Kingdom of God"

MARRIAGE

2 November 2012
Elaine King & Neil Ervine

We wish this young couple every blessing in their future life together

DEATHS

Ellen Hampton, Huntly Road, Banbridge

"Blessed are those who mourn for they shall be comforted"

CARING THOUGHTS

We continue to remember those in our Church Family who are ill, housebound, lonely and dependant on carers. Our thoughts and prayers are with them that they will know the presence of the Lord and find peace and healing.

For those who have lost loved ones we ask God's special grace.

A Prayer for the New Year

I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year:
Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown.
And he replied:
Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God.
That shall be to you better than light, and safer than a known way.

Carol Service & Sunday School Celebrations

As we look back over the Christmas Celebrations in AST two things stand out - the Carol Service and the Sunday School.

The Choir gave us a feast of lovely well known hymns and carols highlighted by 'O Holy Night' with Jane playing the violin, all of which set the scene for Christmas.

Our thanks are due to the Choir, our Organist Jonathan, Choir-mistress Jean and those who read lessons, for making the same very special.

We take this opportunity of thanking all those concerned for their faithful service not only at Christmas but throughout the year.

What a treat the Sunday School gave us as they too set the scene for Christmas. Even the youngest children sang with great gusto and responded to the Rector's Christmas Message. Their joy was evident and made the service very special.

Again, thanks to the Sunday School teachers who not only prepared the young people for the celebrations, but for their dedication all year round.

Girls' Brigade Enrolment Service

The Girls' Brigade enrolment service was very well attended.

The Company was immaculately turned out and was supported by parents, friends and former Brigade Members.

Miss Sonia McCullough was the special speaker and gave an interesting talk.

Such a service gives us a glimpse of some of the work the Captain and Leaders do throughout the year, their commitment to the aims of the Girls' Brigade is very evident.

The Parish is greatly indebted to Deborah and her Officers and Leaders for their work.

Boys' Brigade Reunion Service

The special preacher at this service was The Reverend Percy Patterson.

It was very appropriate that Percy attended this service since it was he who formed the Company in 1969.

Although no longer in existence in the parish, the influence of the Brigade on boys is very evident as several past-members spoke about their experiences and enjoyment during their time in the Company.

The parish is greatly indebted to all Captain's Officers and Boys who played a part in working to further the aims of The Boys' Brigade.

Rev Patterson dedicated a number of Mission Praise Hymn Books and a Table in a token of remembrance and thanksgiving for all those who served in The Boys' Brigade in Tullylish.

CMS Ireland

A "THREEFOLD CORD" describes the unique partnership between the Dioceses of Down and Dromore, Albany USA and Maridi in Southern Sudan. All the dioceses are linked through CMSI and the respective Bishops met together in Maridi in October this year along with a party from CMSI.

For years, Southern Sudan has suffered in a war which has killed millions and destroyed the infrastructure of the country. Since the South gained independence a few years ago a measure of peace has been restored. Although the economy is weak, issues such as health, education and agriculture are slowly improving. The Church is strong and helps families, especially women and children to enjoy a quality of life in their lives. CMSI has mission partners in Southern Sudan and has been responsible for a lot of the improvements using funds from the churches in the Dioceses to which they are linked.

Bishop Harold Miller was greatly impressed with the welcome the team received while visiting churches, schools, health clinics etc. Among those who travelled with the team were the Reverend Rory Corbett Dermatologist and N.S. Minister (who works in Donaghcloney Parish) and Trevor Buchanan an eye specialist, both of whom will use their professional skills in an attempt to relieve some of the suffering caused by the rare disease, RIVER BLINDNESS which is so prevalent, especially amongst children. All who travelled agreed the stories they hear of suffering were horrendous, yet despite the hardship a light shines and faith in God is strong, burning brightly in the lives of these people. Please remember Southern Sudan and the Diocese of MARIDI in your prayers.

KIWOKO HOSPITAL UGANDA

Plans are already being made for a team of people to travel to Uganda in May 2013, on Mission experience. If interested contact **Isabel Whiteside**.

The CMSI Annual Bible Quiz is in circulation; copies may be obtained from **Isabel Whiteside**.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

We held our Annual Christmas Dinner on 13 December at The Planters in Waringstown.

The evening was thoroughly enjoyed by all and our thanks to the staff for the excellent food and service. Thanks also goes to Joan who entertained us with her humorous monologues..

Wishing all our members a very Blessed and Happy and Healthy 2013.

Suzanne Livingston

COOKERY BOOK

The Women's Fellowship Cook Book is on sale for £5.00. Please see Daphne Acheson should you wish to purchase a copy.

POSTAGE STAMPS

Please continue to leave these in Church or give to Betty Jones for Leprosy Mission or Isabel Whiteside for CMSI.

HOLY HUMOUR

BEING THANKFUL

A Rabbi said to a precocious six-year-old boy, "So your mother says a prayer for you each night? That's very commendable. What does she say?"

The little boy replied, "Thank God he's in bed!"

THINKING?

Have you ever stopped to wonder
what this life is all about?
Why you're here and where you're going
when your lease of time runs out?
Maybe you've been far too busy,
trying hard to reach your goal.
Would you let me ask you, kindly,
"Have you thought about your soul?"

You may reach your highest portals
and your dreams may all come true.
Wealth and fame may be your portion
and success may shine on you.
All your friends may sing your praises,
not a care on you may roll.
What about the great tomorrow,
"Have you thought about your soul?"

Don't forget your days are numbered,
though you may be riding high.
But, like all of us poor mortals,
some day you'll just up and die.
Your success and fame and glory,
won't be worth the bell they toll.
Let me ask you just one question,
"Have you thought about your soul?"

If you've never thought it over,
spend a little time today.
There is nothing more important,
that will ever come your way,
Than the joys of sins forgiven
and to know you've been made whole
In the Name of Christ the Saviour,
"Have you thought about your soul?"

SERVICES

Sunday 13th January 2013

11.30 am Holy Communion
Speaker: Rev Arthur Young

Sunday 20th January 2013

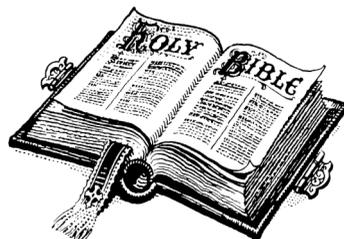
11.30 am Morning Prayer
Speaker: Rev Arthur Young

Sunday 27th January 2013

11.30 am Service of the Word
Speaker: Rev Arthur Young

Sunday 3rd February 2013

11.30 am All Age Worship
Speaker: Rev Arthur Young
6.30 pm Healing Service
Speaker: Rev Gary Galway



Sunday 10th February 2013

11.30 am Holy Communion
Speaker: Rev Arthur Young

Sunday 17th February 2013

11.30 am Morning Prayer
Speaker: Rev Arthur Young

Sunday 24th February 2013

11.30 am Service of the Word
Speaker: Rev Arthur Young
8.00 pm RBP Annual Praise Service
Speaker: Rev Arthur Young

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Sunday 3rd March 2013

11.30 am **All Age Worship**
Speaker: **Rev Arthur Young**
6.30 pm **Healing Service**
Speaker: **Rev Arthur Young**

Sunday 10th March 2013

11.30 am **Holy Communion**
Speaker: **Rev Arthur Young**

Sunday 17th March 2013

11.30 am **Morning Prayer - St Patrick's Day**
Speaker: **Rev Arthur Young**

Sunday 24th March 2013

11.30 am **Morning Prayer - Palm Sunday**
Speaker: **Rev Arthur Young**

Wednesday 27th March 2013

8.00 pm **Youth Service**

Thursday 28th March 2013

8.00 pm **Holy Communion - Maundy Thursday**
Speaker: **Rev Arthur Young**

Friday 29th March 2013

8.00 pm **Good Friday Service**
Speaker: **Rev Arthur Young**

Sunday 31st March 2013

11.30 am **Holy Communion - Easter Sunday**
Speaker: **Rev Arthur Young**

FLOWER ROTA

JANUARY

6th Mrs J Wilson
13th Mrs J Wilson
20th Mrs M McCracken
27th Mrs D Mulligan

FEBRUARY

3rd Harrison Family
10th Mrs R Sinton
17th Mrs D Acheson
24th Mrs B Orr

MARCH

3rd Women's Fellowship
10th Mrs K Alexander
17th Mrs V Walker
24th Mrs E Hoey
31st Mrs E Curran



CRECHE

JANUARY

6th Family Service
13th Family Holy Communion
20th A Mulligan R Coleman
27th M McCracken K Aughey

FEBRUARY

3rd Family Service
10th J Ruddock Y Davison
17th L Humphries E Vint
24th L Taylor R Coleman

MARCH

3rd Family Service
10th J Sinton I Grossman
17th S Walker R Sinton
24th S Lappin R Coleman
31st Easter Sunday

