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ALL SAINTS' PARISH CHURCH
TULLYLISH



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EASTER

Easter, of course, is the most special day of the Christian year:
THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST.

Why does the date move around so much?

Because the date of Passover moves around, and according to the biblical account, Easter is tied to the Passover.

Passover celebrates the Israelites' exodus from Egypt and it lasts for seven days, from the middle of the Hebrew month of Nisan, which equates to late March or early April.

Most people will tell you that Easter falls on the first Sunday after the first full moon after the Spring Equinox, which is broadly true.

The earliest possible date for Easter in the West which last fell in 1818 and won't fall again until 2285. The latest is 25th April, which last happened in 1943 and is next due in 2038.

We wish all in our Church Family a Happy and Blessed Easter.





A PRAYER FOR OUR CHURCH **DURING THE VACANCY**

Almighty God, the giver of every good gift, look graciously, we beseech you, on our Church. And so guide with your heavenly wisdom the minds of those to whom it is committed the choice of a Minister for this parish. That we may receive a faithful pastor who will feed your flock according to your will, and make ready a people acceptable unto you through Jesus Christ our Lord.

CAPTAIN COLIN TAYLOR

Our thoughts and prayers are with Captain Colin Taylor who was appointed Evangelist-in-Charge of the parishes of Dromara and Garvaghy on Wednesday 26th February.

Captain Taylor has been very supportive of us in All Saints' during our vacancy and a number of our parishioners attended the introduction service conveying prayerful support.

SYMPATHY

We convey our sincere sympathy to the Reverend Derrick Wilson, a former Rector, on the death of his Mother and assure him and his family of our thoughts and prayers.

HOLY BAPTISM

Jack Joshua
Son of John and Nicola O'Neill

Amelia Annie Jennifer
Daughter of Philip and Louise Magee

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

MARRIAGE

14th February 2014 Ian Moffatt and Liz Clarke

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

DEATHS

1st January 2014 Albert Curran, 17 Locard Park, Gilford

8th March 2014 Samuel Curran, 14 Lenaderg Road, Banbridge

“Blessed are those who mourn for they shall be comforted”

CARING THOUGHTS

We are aware that many in our church family are ill, housebound, lonely and dependent on carers. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time, especially those who are in hospital. We pray you will know the presence of the Lord and find peace and healing in HIS PRESENCE.

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

If you know of anyone ill or in hospital please contact William Robinson 38831343 or Noeleen Wilson 38831969.

URBAN SAINTS

At Urban Saints this year we are really striving to build stronger and deeper relationships with all the young people. Therefore this term we have decided to create Small Groups of three or four young people and two leaders, and within these Small Groups we will be spending time discussing questions and praying during our sessions on Sunday nights. Also, we have decided to set aside certain nights solely for Small Group activities, where we will not have Urban Saints in the church hall, but rather will do something else with only the people in our Small Groups. We have already had a few of these nights, and they have been a great success, really enabling us to get to know one another on a deeper level. Again, anyone in P7 or older is very welcome!

Chloe Moffatt

GIRLS' BRIGADE

As it comes to the end of another GB year our Officers and Girls' have been busy preparing for the Annual Parents Night on Monday 7th April.

We take this opportunity to thank everyone who has helped and supported us over the past session.

Our Annual Soup Lunch will be held on Sunday 4th May after Family Service with the proceeds in aid of GB funds.

Deborah Mulligan



WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The first Meeting of 2014 was held on 9th January and due to illness Vivienne Abernethy was unable to be with us. In her absence Jayne Ruddock came along and spoke of her trip to South Africa in which she joined other girls from around the world to celebrate 120 years of the Girls' Brigade.

In February Marion Hayes came along to speak. She brought with her the most beautiful handmade cake-stands made from china plates and cups which were very effective.

Our March Meeting was taken by Colin Davies from MAF. He explained how he had started Spud Bears Ministry as the result of his experience overseas with orphanages and street children.

He brought along some bears to demonstrate. They are fitted with special electrics which enable them to read Bible stories and teach health care about malaria. This was indeed a very enjoyable evening.

Suzanne Livingston

A THOUGHT

God's ways are behind the scenes:
But he moves all the scenes which he is behind
We have to learn this; and let Him work, and
not think much of man's busy movements:
They will accomplish.

BOWLERS MAKE HISTORY

All Saints' Tullylish Indoor Bowling Club have written themselves into the West Down Zone history books again this season when they became the first team ever to win the Division One League title, the Down Shoes Cup and the Presidents Cup for the third year in succession, in fact had it not been for a narrow defeat in the Presidents Cup in the 2010/2011 season it would have been four years of winning everything as the League and Down Shoes Cup were already secured that year too. To win all three competitions in any season is a fantastic achievement but to successfully defend all three for the past two years is simply quite remarkable and may never be witnessed again.

The Club put their success down to two things, commitment by all its members and the friendship and fellowship within the team, a combination that has paid dividends for many seasons now. In the past thirteen seasons the League has been won nine times (the other four years were as runners-up!!), the Down Shoes Cup has been secured six times and the Presidents Cup six times also.

There is a wide range of age groups within the team promoting the fact that you are never too young or indeed never too old for this enjoyable sport!! Anyone who is interested in playing will be made very welcome next season (commencing again at the end of September) as we look to re-write the history books once again!!

E Campbell





You will have seen our banner “Mission 2015 For Him” on display in our church. The Mission logo is “For Hm, For You.” The year of Mission is first and foremost “For Him”, all to the glory of God but also “For You”, for the people God has called us to be and to serve.

Bishop Harold met with over 800 select vestry members including our own vestry during 2013. He delivered a message of how he would like the diocese to be transformed and empowered in the run up to Mission 2015. He wanted parishes to face outwards and not be consumed by our own parochial needs but to see everything through a ‘mission filter’, questioning our welcome, our worship activities, use of money and outreach in creating growth in the church and parish. He wanted us to consider and concentrate on three main themes.

- Children (passing on the faith to a new generation);
- Community (how you perceive the needs and issues of your local community and how you are responding to them); and
- Church (how outsiders are impacted and encouraged to come among you in worship).

The purpose of Mission 2015 was further reinforced during Bishop Harold’s Bible Week in August 2013 when he took the opportunity to create biblical foundations for the mission and for a Year of 24/7 Prayer in 2014. He brought us the teaching from the Book of Acts on the Preparation of Prayer, the Pouring out of the Spirit of Pentecost, the Preaching of Penitence and the Practical Practice

Year of 24/7 Prayer 2014

In preparation for Mission 2015 at midnight on 31st December 2013 the Diocese of Down and Dromore launched the Year of 24/7 Prayer from the Titanic slipway, Belfast. This was the start of the unbroken chain of prayer throughout the diocese during 2014 to lay the foundations for a Year of Mission in 2015.

All of the parishes are taking part each agreeing to pray continuously for 24 hours for between 3 to 7 days. Each 24 hour period will be divided up into prayer slots with at least one person interceding in a prayer room in the diocese. Since New Year's Eve 24/7 prayer has been taking place in churches throughout Belfast and North Down.

At this very moment someone somewhere is praying through word or thought speaking with passion for God's presence in a 24/7 prayer room in our diocese.

A 'prayer scroll' from the initial launch at the Titanic Quarter has been delivered to each parish as it takes up the mantle of participation in 24/7 Prayer.

This scroll documents the prayer journey throughout the diocese and is a symbol of each parish's commitment to sustain prayers and the dates on which prayer was maintained in the parish. Each parish has the opportunity to write any messages or stories of encouragement from their time of praying when the scroll is in their possession and a prayer of blessing for the next parish to receive the scroll.

So far 24/7 Prayer has been described as a blessing to our parish's with these examples of positive feedback.

"Peace and tranquillity, feeling closer to God"

"A time of stillness and quietness before God"

"I truly felt God's presence"

"A time of togetherness and encouragement for all God's people, young and old"

All Saints' will be taking part in 3 days of prayer at a date to be arranged later in the year. Our 24/7 Prayer coordinator will be Dougie Barr.

Bishop Harold will also be visiting every parish in the diocese during 2014 to hear about their plans for mission.

As we await the arrival of the prayer scroll to All Saints' Tullylish our prayers that feed us inwardly will hopefully propel us outwardly in compassionate acts of kindness and in mission.

Adrian Walker

GIFT AID

How Gift Aid works

The Gift Aid scheme is for gifts of money by individuals who pay UK tax. Gift Aid donations are regarded as having basic rate tax deducted by the donor. Charities (The Church) take your donation - which is money you've already paid tax on - and reclaim the basic rate tax from HM Revenue & Customs (HMRC) on its 'gross' equivalent - the amount before basic rate tax was deducted.

Basic rate tax is 20 per cent, so this means that if you give £10 using Gift Aid, it's worth £12.50 to the charity. For donations between 6 April 2008 and 5 April 2011 the Church will also get a separate government supplement of three pence on every pound you give.

How to make a donation using Gift Aid

In order to make a Gift Aid donation you'll need to make a Gift Aid declaration. The charity will normally ask you to complete a simple form - one form can cover every gift made to the same charity for whatever period you choose, and can cover gifts you have already made and/or gifts you may make in the future.

A Gift Aid declaration must include:

- your full name
- your home address
- the name of the charity
- details of your donation, and it should say that it's a Gift Aid donation

Gifts made jointly by people living together

You can use Gift Aid for gifts you make jointly if you tell the charity how much each of you is giving and if you each make a Gift Aid declaration.

Making sure you've paid enough tax to use Gift Aid

You can use Gift Aid if the amount of Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax you've paid for the tax year in which you make your donation is at least equal to the amount of basic rate tax the charity or CASC and any other charities you donate to will reclaim on your gift. A tax year runs from 6 April one year to 5 April the next. If you make a number of Gift Aid donations, you will need to consider the tax you've paid on each donation on an accumulative basis. If you don't pay enough tax you will need to pay any shortfall in tax to HMRC.

You don't necessarily have to be working to be paying tax. Apart from tax on income from a job or self-employment, the tax you've paid could include:

- tax deducted at source from savings interest
- tax on State Pension and/or other pensions
- tax on investment or rental income (including tax credits on UK dividends)
- Capital Gains Tax on gains

Other taxes such as VAT and Council tax do not qualify, nor does any non-UK tax.

How to check if you've paid enough tax

To work out if you've paid enough tax to cover your donations, divide the donation value by four. For example, if you give £100 in a particular tax year you will need to have paid £25 tax over that period. ($£100/4 = £25$). (Note that this calculation is based on the basic rate tax of 20 per cent) If you don't think you've paid enough tax this year, you may be able to carry back your donation to the previous tax year. See the later section 'Carrying back Gift Aid donations to the previous tax year'

If you would like to consider gift aid your donation to the church, please contact Sam Walker or the Church wardens for a form

CROSSLINKS

Raymond and Jackie Givan from Ballymena were invited by the Bishop of Nebbi to work alongside the Church of Uganda at Goli in supporting the local medical work, discipling believers and in outreach work.

Raymond is a practising GP with an MA in Theology and Jackie is a registered Nurse. Having visited Goli on two occasions they have been involved in both medical work and outreach into the local community and prison. They see a great need to help strengthen the local church and to encourage the dedicated medical staff to deliver much needed basic healthcare in the area.

They would value our prayers and also to remember their Family at home.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Parishioners who support Crosslinks in our Parish in Prayer and financial support. The donations from the mission boxes for 2013 were £206.00 and I would also like to thank the Select Vestry for an additional £250.00 making a total of £456.00.

Laura Moffatt

POSTAGE STAMPS

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

C.M.S. IRELAND

CELEBRATING 200 YEARS OF MISSION

As C.S.M.I. continues to celebrate 200 years of C.M.S. in Ireland, plans are being made for an evening of celebration, worship and thanksgiving. This event will be held on Friday 16th May at 7.30pm in Armagh City Hotel. The evening will include contributions from our Mission Partners and representations from the nine countries which are involved with C.M.S. The keynote speaker will be Archbishop Bernard from Burundi.

The emphasis of this anniversary is one of thanksgiving for the past, looking up at the present and looking forward to the future. Since we in our Church are supporters of C.M.S.I. we are indeed privileged to be a small part in such a worthwhile organisation.

Please continue to pray for C.M.S.I. especially for the people in South Sudan. After 6 years of comparative peace violence has returned again and thousands have been killed and over 800,000 homeless having fled the country. They need all the help we can give.

The Missionary Box collections amounted to £500 and the Annual Quiz £266. The winner was Mrs Mabel Gibson, Dromore, (Noeleen's mother).

Thank you for your support, prayerfully and financially.

Isabel Whiteside

SERVICES

Sunday 6th April

11.30 am Family Service - Rev Terry Kerr
6.30 pm Healing Service - Rev Brian Blacoe

Sunday 13th April

11.30 am Palm Sunday - Rev David Coe

HOLY WEEK

Wednesday 16th April

8.00 pm Youth Night - Dougie Barr & Urban Saints

Thursday 17th April

8.00 pm Holy Communion - Rev Brian Blacoe

Friday 18th April

8.00 pm Good Friday - Rev David Coe

Sunday 20th April

11.30 am Easter Day - Rev John Scott

Sunday 27th April

11.30 am Service of the Word - Dougie Barr

Sunday 4th May

11.30 am Family Service - To be Announced
6.30 pm Healing Service - To be Announced

Sunday 11th May

11.30 am Holy Communion - To be Announced

Sunday 18th May

11.30 am Morning Prayer - To be Announced

Sunday 25th May

11.30 am Service of the Word - To be Announced

SERVICES

Sunday 1st June 2014

11.30 am Children's Day - To be Announced

Sunday 8th June 2014

11.30 am Holy Communion - To be Announced

Sunday 15th June 2014

11.30 am Morning Prayer - To be Announced

Sunday 22nd June 2014

11.30 am Service of the Word - To be Announced

Sunday 29 June 2014

11.30 am Morning Prayer - To be Announced



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If the date you are allocated does not suit please contact:

Ray Coleman on 028 38881422 or mobile 07759494980

FLOWER ROTA

APRIL

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| 6th | Mrs T Curran |
| 13th | Mrs L Moffatt |
| 20th | Mrs N Wilson |
| 27th | Mrs H Aughey |

MAY

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| 4th | Mrs E Woods |
| 11th | Mrs H Hanna |
| 18th | Mrs E Herron |
| 25th | Mrs R Sinton |

JUNE

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| 1st | Mrs A Barr |
| 8th | Mrs E Hamilton |
| 15th | Mrs L Moffatt |
| 22nd | Mrs S McCracken |
| 29th | Mrs P Fulton |



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APRIL

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| 6th | Family Service | |
| 13th | I Grossman | L Humphries |
| 20th | K Aughey | E Vint |
| 27th | S Walker | J Ruddock |

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| 4th | Family Service | |
| 11th | R Sinton | A Forbes |
| 17th | A Mulligan | R Coleman |
| 25th | Y Davison | L Moffatt |

JUNE

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| 1st | Children's Day | |
| 8th | C Moffatt | L Taylor |
| 15th | R Coleman | J Ruddock |
| 22nd | M McCracken | K Aughey |

MAY

