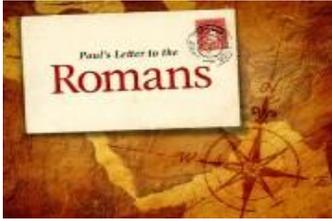


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ROMANS CH. 12 VS. 9 - 21

This lovely passage could almost be described as

“RULES FOR PERFECT LIVING”

What a lot is covered in these verses and it all adds up to one thing. How to treat our fellow men.

Honour others before ourselves and bless those who do us wrong. We are reminded too of the many things which we encounter in everyday life, whether in our homes, our workplace, or indeed in our churches.

Living in harmony, sharing with others in need, practising hospitality, never repaying evil with evil, feeding the hungry even if he is our enemy.

It would indeed be a better world if we kept all these rules, it would certainly be a happier one.

Yet after reading over this passage a few times there is no deep theology here. It is all simply based in **LOVE OUR FELLOW MEN.**

Theology can be confusing, people make it so. It is not meant to be, in fact this Christian message is simple **“LOVE GOD AND OUR NEIGHBOUR”**.

As we begin a New Year it is good to read again what St. Paul has written to the Romans.

Parochial Nominators Update

On Sunday 29th November 2015, Adrian Walker on behalf of the other Parochial Nominators passed on information prior to the service beginning. The text of this message was as follows:

“I want to give you information about your Parochial Nominators and the work we have been doing to bring a Rector to our parish. Your Parochial Nominators, Jean Glass, Heather Fulton, Marc Montgomery and I were called to an informal meeting of the Board of Nomination this week at Church House by Bishop Harold Miller. This preliminary meeting involved your Nominators presenting a Parish Profile document to the Board. That Profile outlined what is special about the parish of Tullylish, what is special about this church family, what is special about this church and more importantly how God’s Kingdom is working in this place.

Can I say that this Parish Profile was a very open and honest assessment of this church family – its strengths and its weaknesses. The profile was agreed by the Board who commended us on the openness and honesty of this document. We also agreed the text for the formal advertisement of the vacancy in the COI Gazette and the COI and Diocesan websites. These adverts will appear on 4th and again on 11th December inviting potential rectors to apply for the vacancy before the 8th January 2016.

In the meantime, as a church family, you can make your Nominators aware of any suitable candidates for rector of this parish. We will listen to, and consider your information. However we cannot enter into any discussion or agreements.

In January 2016 a Formal meeting of the Board of Nomination will take place, when we will be sworn to a confidentiality agreement to maintain the confidence of our discussions in the Board information to the Parish until the Board visits and interviews and recommends an appointment to the Parish for approval by the Bishop.

As this process now moves forward we see four important actions we as a church family need to do.

1. We need to be a church of prayer. You're Nominators and the Board will welcome and seek your support and prayers in the task ahead. Please pray for us and for any Rector who is not yet decided, but may well be called by God to this parish.

2. We need to be a church family who are united and working together as we move forward in this new exciting period of time for Tullylish parish.

3. We have a fund raising event with our Christmas Tree Festival next weekend. This needs the full support of all of our church family. We do these things well. Please support your church and outreach to the community to attend in this final event of Mission 2015. Many people will cross the door of our church and will witness what is special about this place. Wouldn't it be great to welcome and see new parishioners come to our church to worship God.

4. We thank you for your support and financial giving to the renovation and extension to our rectory. This project is integral to a Rector being appointed and we would ask for your continued support and giving to this project. It is on schedule, within budget and due to be completed by the end of February 2016. A further 3-4 weeks will be needed to complete internal fixtures, tiling, floor covering and decoration. Hopefully a new Rector may have some input into those decisions.

I ask again for your support and prayers for the Nominators. That is all I have to say. Let's now concentrate in lifting the roof of this place as we worship God. Thank you"

Christmas Tree Festival

The Christmas Tree Festival Committee would like to thank all the church family, tree sponsor's, contributor's, participants and the hundreds of visitors who helped to make our first Christmas Tree Festival such a success.

It was lovely to witness the volume of people who visited the beautifully decorated and lit Christmas trees in the wonderful atmosphere of our church at All Saints' Tullylish, from Thursday 3 December at our opening service with the Rev Francy McCrea to Sunday 6 December with our closing service with Bishop Harold Miller. Our Junior choir sang "**O Christmas Tree**" at each service.

We were blessed to have a beautiful display of 61 trees, each sponsored by church groups, local schools, societies, local shops and businesses, which were placed along the aisles and beneath the stained glass windows of our church. Each tree, having clearly taken painstaking time to prepare, was innovatively decorated based on the allocated themes of carols and scripture verses with each tree carrying an important message of the Christmas story. This festival provided our church with the opportunity to outreach into our local community to bring together so many people to celebrate the real meaning of Christmas in our year of Mission 2015.

All our visitors had the opportunity to visit our Memory Tree in the church hall and write and place sentiments on the tree. Tea coffee and festive treats were enjoyed by all and provided by our welcoming and hard worked Catering Committee. Thanks go out to all the stewards and caterers whose hard work contributed to the success of the event. And a big THANK YOU to all who donated financially in aid of Marie Curie Cancer Care and to the Rectory Renovation.

Adrian Walker

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS

Looking back over the Christmas Season two events stand out; the Carol Service and the Sunday School Celebrations.

Thanks to our Organist Jonathan, Choir Mistress Jean, Choir Members and Readers the Carol Service was a lovely blend of traditional and modern music.

Carolyn Grossman set the scene for Christmas as she sang 'Silent Night' (Stille Nacht).

How lovely to have so many young people in the Junior Praise Group who gave us a special treat with their rendition of 'Rainbow Christmas'.

The young people from the Sunday School played their part in celebrating Christmas in their own way which added greatly to the meaningful service.

This is an opportunity to thank the Choir, Organist, Choir Mistress, the Sunday School young people and their Teachers for their work not only at Christmas but throughout the year.



HOLY BAPTISM

20th December Louisa Elizabeth Forrest
Daughter of Christopher and Nicola Shaw

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

MARRIAGE

1st January 2016
Tom Smith & Gillian Davison, Chester, England

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

DEATH

4th October Alexander (Sandy) McCullough, 15 Locard Park,
Tullylish, Gilford

“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.

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.

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

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.

We take this opportunity of thanking those who have been of help to us during the past year. We thank Archdeacon Roderic West for his guidance conducting our Select Vestry Meetings. Canon Brian Blacoe and Dougie Barr for taking the Bible Study. Canon Francy McCrea for his preaching Sunday by Sunday and carrying out pastoral duties in hospitals, nursing and private homes.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS GIFT APPEAL

The Salvation Army would like once again to thank the parishioners of All Saints' for their generous contribution to this appeal.

The gifts were distributed to very appreciative boys and girls on Christmas Eve.

URBAN SAINTS

The leaders and young people at Urban Saints are so excited to see what the New Year has in store for Tullylish Urbs! We ended 2015 with a great night carol singing in Gilford while we handed out sweets - a brilliant evening of fellowship and an opportunity to spread a bit of kindness and Christmas cheer to the local Community! A lot more fun, fellowship and surprises are sure to follow in 2016 so we would like to encourage anyone from P7 - age upwards to come along to our Church Hall each Sunday night from 7 - 9pm., where you will be made more than welcome!

Chloe Moffatt

GIRLS' BRIGADE



Each Monday night the girls have been taking part in a varied programme of crafts, games and most of all learning how to 'Seek, Serve and Follow Christ'.

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In October we held a 'Pink Themed Night' which raised £100 for Action Cancer.

We had our Annual Enrolment Service in November when 49 girls were enrolled. Well done to all the girls each one taking part in the service!

The Tinies & Explorer Section finished the session with a 'Princess Party' - a great night of fun and games. The Company Section went Christmas Shopping to Rushmere and finished an enjoyable evening with a visit to McDonalds.

Deborah Mulligan

TUESDAY SOUP & STEW LUNCH GROUP

Soup and stew lunches commenced after the Harvest services.

Numbers have continued to increase from our Church members and the surrounding Communities which has been very encouraging.

We ended the season with a Christmas Special which was very well attended and enjoyed.

The lunch recommences in January 2016 and we encourage people to come along and join us.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

September

At our first meeting of the new season Jim Smart read us poetry and told stories and Mervyn Gilmore told the history of Rev William Forbes. Both men were excellent and it was a very enjoyable night.

October

At our October meeting Mrs Ann Shaw spoke to us about her work with the NSPCC.

Keeping children is the NSPCC's first priority. Many children are unable to recognise abusive behaviour and they may not know how or where to seek help. The NSPCC and Childline are ways to seek help

At the NSPCC every childhood is worth fighting for.

November

Louise and Suzanne spoke to us about their trip to the Holy Land. It was such a special trip walking the path of Jesus They took us through their trip in photos, from the Sea of Galilee where Jesus chose his disciples to where Jesus was crucified at Golgotha.

They had such a wonderful time they both want to return and do it all over again.

Valerie Walker

CROSSLINKS

In February Crosslinks are hosting four events in Northern Ireland featuring prominent writer and Bible teacher Kevin DeYoung. Each focuses on the need for confidence in the word of God and the challenge to engage in proclaiming his word worldwide.

The events are as follows:

Thursday 25th Feb 2016 7.30pm **All Saints Church, Canterbury Street, Belfast BT7 1LB (Challenge to Mission)**

Friday 26th Feb.2016 10am to 12.30pm (lunch included)
St. Saviour's Church, Dollingstown (Taking God At His Word)

Saturday 27th February. 9.15am to 4pm **Armagh City Hotel. BT60 4FR (What is the Mission of the Church)**

Cost £10 (Lunch is not included in price - Cancellations will incur a 10% administration fee)

Book Online www.crosslinks.org/deyoung

Sunday 28th February 2016 10.30am **St. Elizabeth's Church, Church Green, Dundonald BT16 2LP (Sunday Teaching)**

I would like to thank the Parishioners who support Crosslinks your financial help and prayers are greatly appreciated.

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

The Refugee Crisis

CMSI has been asked by interested supporters what their purpose is to the current refugee crisis.

Since August the news has been dominated by stories of people on the move. People fleeing from violence and suffering and risking everything to make uncertain journeys hoping for safety and a new start in life for their families.

This is the response of CMSI to this crisis.

CMSI upholds the clear Biblical teaching that compels God's people to welcome the stranger, to uphold the cause of the marginalised and to seek justice, peace and mercy.

CMSI has a long history of standing with the Church in parts of the world where there is political strife and violence (as in South Sudan and the Democratic Republic of the Congo).

CMSI is actively involved in peacemaking, reconciliation, healthcare and community development. They offer help and hope.

CMSI supports all efforts to build God's Kingdom and build societies where people can feel safe.

This is only a little of what CMSI is doing to help the refugee crisis.

Please remember CMSI in prayer. Thank you for your continued support.

As the Archbishop of Canterbury reminded us in his New Year's Day Message - **Jesus was a Refugee.**

Isabel Whiteside

SERVICES

Sunday 3rd January

11.30 am Family Service - Canon Francys McCrea

Sunday 10th January

11.30 am Holy Communion - Canon Francys McCrea

Sunday 17th January

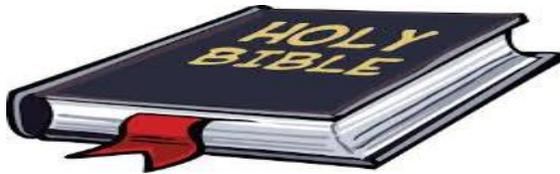
11.30 am Morning Prayer - Dougie Barr

Sunday 24th January

11.30 am Service of the Word - Canon Brian Blacoe

Sunday 31st January

11.30 am Morning Prayer - Canon Francys McCrea



Sunday 7th

11.30 am

Service - Capt. Gary Roberts

6.30 pm Healing Service - Capt. Gary Roberts

February

Family

Sunday 14th February

11.30 am Holy Communion - Canon Francys McCrea

Sunday 21st February

11.30 am Morning Prayer - Canon Francys McCrea

Sunday 28th February

11.30 am Service of the Word - Canon Brian Blacoe

SERVICES

Sunday 6th March

11.30 am Family Service - Canon Francy McCrea
6.30 pm Healing Service - Capt. Gary Roberts

Sunday 13th March

11.30 am Holy Communion - Rev John Scott

Sunday 20th March

11.30 am Palm Sunday - Canon Francy McCrea

Wednesday 23rd March

8.00 pm Holy Week Service - Canon Francy McCrea

Thursday 24th March

8.00 pm Maundy Thursday - Canon Francy McCrea

Friday 25th March

8.00 pm Good Friday - Canon Francy McCrea

Sunday 27th March

11.30 am Easter Day - Canon Francy McCrea

*If you know of anyone ill or in hospital please contact :-
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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

JANUARY

3rd Mrs J Wilson
 10th Mrs J Wilson
 17th Mrs M McCracken
 24th Mrs D Mulligan
 31st Harrison Family

FEBRUARY

7th Mrs R Sinton
 14th Mrs D Acheson
 21st Mrs B Orr
 28th Womens F/Ship

MARCH

6th Mrs K Alexander
 13th Mrs V Walker
 20th Mrs E Hoey
 27th Mrs V Cochrane



CRECHE

JANUARY

3rd	Family Service		
10th	R Coleman	K Aughey	17th I
Grossman S Walker		24th A Mulligan	
A Forbes			
31st	C Moffatt	A McBurney	

FEBRUARY

7th	Family Service	
14th	L Taylor	E Vint
21st	Y Davison	M McCracken
28th	R Coleman	R Sinton

MARCH

6th	Family Service	
13th	R Coleman	I Grossman
20th	A McBurney	S Walker
27th	Easter Sunday	

