

*Church of the Holy Spirit
Manse Road, Mossley*



The Dove Magazine

May / June 2024 Edition

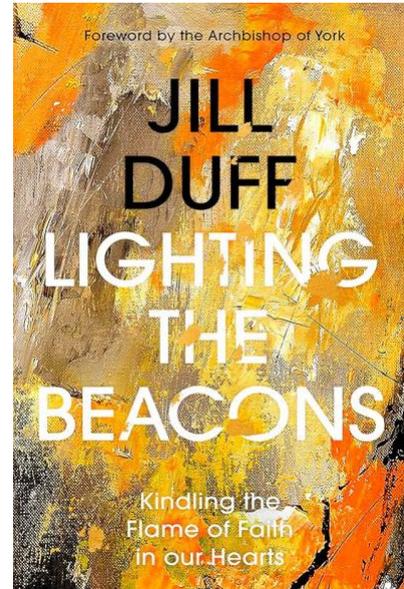
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From the Rectory Study

Do you like to read? One thing that many of you will know is that I love a good book. I have a reasonable collection of books in the Rectory. There are Bible commentaries, biographies, different novels and poetry books. I also have a quite a number of books on Christian mission and ministry, and this particular collection continues to grow!

Just after Easter I read an excellent book called '*Lighting The Beacons*' and it was written by Bishop Jill Duff. Once I started, I could hardly set it down. It offered such positivity, hope and optimism, and it issued a challenge for us as Christians to shine our faith boldly and brightly within our local communities. I made reference to this book during the Easter Vestry meeting on Wednesday 10th April and I drew our attention to one particular insight that Bishop Duff offered. In her penultimate paragraph, she writes: *"This book has been about inspiring faith. Childlike faith. The faith of giants. Whether you are a flickering candle, a warm stone or a blazing beacon. My hope is that each of us, warmed by fresh fire of the Spirit, finds new faith to see visions and courage to dare to dream dreams. Dreams of the heavenly places where we live, the spheres of influence in which we find ourselves, the communities we belong to...to see that heavenly blueprint begin to break in as a reality..."*



As I read these words and reflected upon them, I was inspired and challenged. I was inspired to give thanks to God for all the wonderful ministries that take place within Mossley Parish and all the parishioners who give so willingly of their time. I was challenged to think more fully about our local community and the exciting possibilities that exist for us to shine our Christian faith clearly and courageously.

As I prayed about this, a lesser-known verse from the Old Testament came to my mind and I also shared this at the Easter Vestry meeting. We find it in 1st Chronicles 4:10 and it is often referred to as the Prayer of Jabez. *"Jabez cried out to the God of Israel, "Oh, that you would bless me and enlarge my territory! Let your hand be with me, and keep me from harm so that I will be free from pain." And God granted his request."*

We need to seek God's continued guidance in all that we do – as individuals and as a Parish. Note how Jabez specifically asked that God's hand would be with him. As we journey towards summer, and beyond, let us commit ourselves to seeking God's guidance for our Parish. Let us confidently trust God and seek to walk faithfully in His ways.

Your friend and Rector,

Peter Jones

CHRISTIAN BURIAL

29th March Pat Meighan 32 Rathmore Manor

SUMMER EVENING SERVICES

Please note that there will be no evening services during July but they will resume at 6pm on Sunday 4th August.

THY KINGDOM COME

From Thursday 9th May until Sunday 19th May we will be having a special focus on prayer with the Parish. Details will be released on Sunday 5th May during our morning service.

ONLINE SERVICES

Although we are meeting for in-church worship on Sundays, Online Services and Bible Studies will still be available. You can find these on:

1. The Parish Facebook Page.
2. The Parish Website (www.mossley.org)
3. YouTube (www.youtube.com). On YouTube simply search for Church of the Holy Spirit Mossley and this will lead you to the videos.
4. For an audio service telephone 02893270073. Calls will be charged at a local rate but for many people will be included in your call package.

WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday

9am Holy Communion

11am Morning Service

6pm Evening Service

The particular services for each week, at 11am and 6pm, are outlined on Page 4 of this magazine.

Wednesday

We have a short service of Holy Communion each Wednesday at 10am. This usually lasts thirty minutes.

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Winifred Clarke	Julie Parkinson
Jacqui Eccles	Valerie Porter
Ken Jackson	Julie Robinson
Leeanne Kelly	Jim Sloan

Sunday Services and Lesson Readers

Sunday 5th May Sixth Sunday of Easter: Rogation Sunday 11am Morning Prayer	NT	John 15:9-17	Harry Brolly
6pm Evening Prayer	NT	Revelation 3:14-22	Winifred Clarke
Sunday 12th May Seventh Sunday of Easter 11am Holy Communion	OT G	Exodus 28:1-10 John 17:6-19	Jacqui Eccles Preacher
6pm Service of the Word	OT	Isaiah 61:1-11	Caroline Rogan
Sunday 19th May Day of Pentecost 11am All-Age Service	NT	Acts 2:1-21	Club J / Ignite
UNITED EVENING SERVICE		CARNMONEY PRES.	
Sunday 26th May Trinity Sunday 11am Morning Prayer	NT	John 3:1-17	John McQuillan
6pm Holy Communion	OT G	Ezekiel 1:4-10 Mark 1:1-13	Bob Lee Preacher
Sunday 2nd June First Sunday after Trinity 11am Morning Prayer	OT	1 Samuel 3:1-10	Eugene Marron
6pm Evening Prayer	NT	Luke 7:1-10	Jacqui Eccles
Sunday 9th June Second Sunday after Trinity 11am Holy Communion	OT G	1 Samuel 8:4-11 Mark 3:20-35	Albert Patterson Preacher
6pm Service of the Word	NT	Luke 7:11-17	Winifred Clarke
Sunday 16th June Third Sunday after Trinity 11am Service of the Word	NT	Mark 4:26-34	Winnie Millar
6pm Healing Service	NT	Romans 9:14-26	Caroline Rogan
Sunday 23rd June Fourth Sunday after Trinity 11am Morning Prayer	NT	Mark 4:35-41	John Nesbitt
6pm Compline	NT	Luke 8:26-39	Jacqui Eccles
Sunday 30th June Fifth Sunday after Trinity 11am Healing Service	NT	Mark 5:21-43	Julie Parkinson
6pm Holy Communion	OT G	Jeremiah 11:1-14 Luke 9:51-62	Bob Lee Preacher

Easter General Vestry Meeting

On Wednesday 10th April we held our Easter General Vestry meeting in the Parish Centre. It was encouraging to see such a good attendance at this meeting and we were able to enjoy a time of fellowship afterwards. Many thanks to all who helped with the supper.

During this meeting the financial accounts of the Parish were presented, the workings of the Select Vestry were discussed and the Rector offered some reflections on the past year, while also looking forward to the year ahead. We would like to offer our sincere congratulations to all who were appointed to the Select Vestry for 2024-25.

Rector's Churchwarden	Alan Bowes
People's Churchwarden	John Nesbitt
Rector's Glebwarden	Bob Lee
People's Glebwarden	Stephen Beck

GENERAL

EASTER VESTRY

MEETING



Select Vestry

David Boyd, John Caldwell, Winifred Clarke, Jacqui Eccles, Ken Jackson, Leeanne Kelly, Pamela Marron, Elaine Maxwell, Julie Parkinson, Valerie Porter, Julie Robinson, Jim Sloan.

Newtownabbey Churches Fellowship



In the last edition of this magazine, we reflected on the blessed time that we had at Bible Week 2024. Plans are already underway for Bible Week 2025! It was also great to be able to gather with other churches for the Sunrise Service on Easter Sunday at Belfast Zoo. Our sincere thanks to St. Brigid's who hosted the breakfast this year.

As we seek to grow together in faith, the Newtownabbey Churches Fellowship will be holding a United Praise Service on Pentecost Sunday (19th May) in Carnmoney Presbyterian Church at 6.30pm. Please do plan to come along.

Safeguarding Trust

Our Parish is committed to the Church of Ireland Safeguarding Trust policy. Should you have any concerns regarding the welfare of children in the Parish, please contact a member of the Parish Panel:

Rev Peter Jones	028 90 832726	Carolyn Caldwell	028 90 844040
John Nesbitt	07954150067	Joan Mackey	028 90 775366

Summer Fair

Saturday 11th May is approaching very quickly and we are looking forward to the return of our Summer Fair in Mossley Parish. From 10am until 1pm there will be plenty for all the family in the Parish Centre.

There will be gift stalls, craft stalls, baked goods, sweets & treats, a tearoom, games and so much more. There is even a rumour doing the rounds that we will have our very own Coconut Shy Fairground Game!



Sincere thanks to everyone who has volunteered to help out. Your support is gratefully received. We would love to be able to fill the Parish Centre again, as we did as Christmas, and it's such a blessing to see everyone have a great time.

ENTRY:
ADULTS £1
(INCLUDES FREE RAFFLE)
KIDS ENTRY FREE

**MOSSLEY PARISH
CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
NEWTOWNABBEY**

**SUMMER
FAIR**

**Saturday 11th May
10 am – 1 pm**

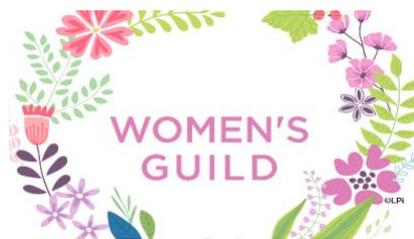
Various Stalls – Handmade Goods
Baked Goods – Tombola – Hampers
Bric-A-Brac– Raffles – Tea Room
BBQ – Teddy Bear's Picnic – Wiggle It
Kids Activities & Lots More...

Everyone Welcome

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Women's Guild

As our last few months of the year approach, time seems to be passing even quicker and plans are well under way for our end of year summer trip – details can be found at the bottom of this article.



Since the last magazine we have held our Barn Dance and everyone had a brilliant night! A massive thank you to all who helped with the set-up and tidy-up, everyone who helped make the sandwiches and traybakes, and the Committee for serving the tea on the night. We would also like to express our sincere thanks to Dorothy and Mervyn for providing the music and keeping us all in step. It was really encouraging to see the hall filled with so many people and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. I was even asked when the next one will be!!

We had a bit of a change of plan for April's meeting and Peter was able to step in and talk about the history of our Parish. We reflected on the early days when services were held in the Orange Hall and we saw how the Parish grew and developed. In the autumn a history of Mossley Parish will be released in book form and this will offer even more insights and reflections.

Summer Trip

We are heading to Tobermore Parish where we are going to be served morning tea/coffee and a scone. We will then be dropped off at Cookstown where we will enjoy the market and shopping, after which we are booked in at The Royal Hotel for afternoon tea and a mocktail.

Saturday 15th June 2024

Leaving Church car park at 9.30am

Cost: £36.00

Back to Church car park for 5-5.30pm

If you would like to go on the trip, please let the Committee know and payment will be required as soon as possible.

See you all in May,
Leeanne



Prayer Fellowship

This morning, I caught myself singing the old song Que sera sera.....

*Que sera, sera
Whatever will be, will be.
The future's not ours to see.
Que sera, sera
What will be, will be*



Do you ever wonder if that message is true, or how you ended up where you are? Often life takes us in a very different direction to the one we planned or anticipated. Illness, bereavement, redundancy or a relationship breakdown can alter the future we expected or hoped for and we can feel disappointed in the direction of our lives.

Or perhaps we have had much more success in life than we ever anticipated and are living a life we might only have dreamt of. Either way, we like to tell ourselves we are in control of our lives, the "world is our oyster," and we can achieve whatever we set our minds to.



In Matthew 6 Jesus says, *"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes?... Seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore, do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own."*

God has placed us in this area of Newtownabbey. He has given us a specific school to attend or place of work. He has even placed us in the Church of the Holy Spirit, Mossley. Too often we think of the Church as being only what happens inside the walls of the church building. We forget that the Church is the people of God and everywhere we go, we carry His presence and power. We are not here by 'chance' and every moment is a precious gift from God.

On Wednesday evenings at 7.30pm there is an opportunity to meet together in the Pentecost room - to say thank you to God and to pray for each other, our church family, our community and the wider world. It is one hour in the week, when we can all step aside from our busy lives and focus on God and one another. Please be assured of a warm welcome. We hope you can join us.

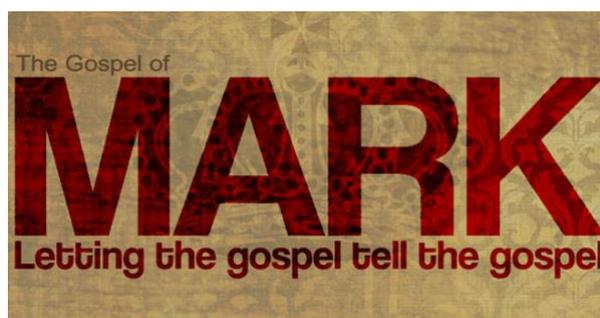
Badminton Club

The Badminton Club has now concluded for the summer but will restart in September. During the past year it was great to see everyone having fun and playing badminton on Thursday evenings. All new members will be made very welcome in September.



Bible Study

Since September we have been looking at Mark's Gospel and our series is almost complete. On Tuesday 14th May we will meet in the church building for our end of year Holy Communion service. This is always a special occasion as we reflect on the past year and meet around the Lord's table together.



It really is hard to believe that we have undertaken twenty-eight studies during the past year and these have covered a wide range of issues and topics. We have looked at familiar passages and discovered many new insights. There has been much for us to engage with and we have been consistently challenged to draw close to God and remain entirely committed to Him.

When our journey began, back in September 2023, we were introduced to the work of the biblical scholar Ralph Earle. As he reflected on Mark's Gospel he offered this observation: *"It might be said that, while Matthew and Luke furnish us with colorslides of the life of Christ and John presents a studied portrait, Mark gives us a moving picture of the Master's ministry."* As we have reflected on the ministry of Jesus, we have been reminded of the enormity of his love and care for all of us.

Sincere thanks to everyone who has attended the Bible Study Group in-person during the past year, and to everyone who joins us online. It really is a privilege and a blessing to study God's Word together. We will enjoy the summer break but it won't be long until September and we will embark on a new study series together.

Guild of Lesson Readers

The reading rota for the next two months can be found on Page 4 of this magazine. Any changes to allocated readings can be made by speaking to either of the churchwardens.

We are always on the lookout for more readers! If you would be interested in reading lessons during church services, even if you have done so before, please speak to either the Rector or Rev Louise.



Parish Magazine (July / August 2024)

We plan to have the next edition of the Parish Magazine ready for release on Sunday 30th June. Could all articles and notices please be with the Rector before Tuesday 25th June? It would be great to have a wide variety of articles and photos from all parish organisations.

Community Lunches



The soup and cheese lunches will finish for the summer on Wednesday 26th June and will recommence on Wednesday 11th September. Thank you to everyone who supported the lunches and from month to month our numbers have continued to rise.

If anyone would like to help us by making soup (once or twice a year) or on a Wednesday by serving or helping in the kitchen, it would be very much appreciated. If anyone can help, please contact Kay or myself before the end of June.

The soup and cheese lunches will continue on the second and fourth Wednesday in the month from September and the cost will remain at £4.

Have a lovely holiday (home or away) and we look forward to meeting up again in September.

Many thanks,

Kay Thompson – 07969835916

Hilary Gillies – 07840243427

Tea Brew

We all enjoy being able to gather for a cup of tea / coffee after our 11am service each Sunday. Sincere thanks to everyone on the Tea Brew rota and Mrs Winnie Millar who organises the monthly rota.

If you haven't yet come along for a cuppa after the service, you will be made most welcome!

May 5th, 12th, 26th

Elsie Christie & Vikki Moore

June 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th

Leeanne Kelly & Pamela Marron

Mossley Parish Tea Brew will be hosting a Soup & Cheese Lunch on Sunday 19th May after the 11am Service. The proceeds from this lunch will be in aid of N.I. Children's Hospice. Your support for this wonderful charity would be very much appreciated.

You are invited to a

SOUP & CHEESE LUNCH

EVERYONE WELCOME

SUNDAY 19TH MAY 2023 (AFTER THE 11 AM SERVICE)
MOSSLEY PARISH CENTRE

NO NEED TO BOOK JUST COME ALONG - DONATIONS CAN BE GIVEN AT THE DOOR

Northern Ireland Children's Hospice

PROCEEDS RAISED AT THIS EVENT WILL BE IN AID OF THE NI CHILDREN'S HOSPICE

Church of the Holy Spirit Mossley, Manse Road, Newtownabbey
Charity Reg. NI30262

Choir Notes

The choir enjoyed a well-earned break after the Easter services but practices resumed on Thursday 18th April at 7.30pm in the Church. We enjoyed singing our Easter anthem '*Resurrection Day*' and look forward to what Jane has in store for us during the rest of the year.



We have good craic and chat at choir practice and in the choir room. Just lately we have been discussing how the words to some familiar old hymns have been changed so that they are 'politically correct.' We don't like it! Nobody asked us if we wanted them changed. Who are these people? Did they ask for permission from the author of some beautiful old hymn? Valerie's suggestion was that we stand at the City Hall with a large banner proclaiming 'Hands Off Our Hymns!' Oh, what fun that would be - if only!!!

Jane finds it really frustrating when the first word of the hymn is changed. Apart from making the hymn difficult to locate in the index of the Church Hymnal, changing "*Thou, whose almighty word*" to "*God, whose almighty word*" changes the context from directly addressing God to talking about Him.

If you would like to join our choir we will welcome you with open arms, especially if you are a man (I am very aware that last statement is so politically incorrect, I don't care) we would be so glad to see you.

Enjoy the Spring, which to me seems to be taking forever and most importantly of all,

Keep Singing!

Joan



Thank you, Joan.

The Choir were devastated to hear that Pat Meighan passed away at the end of March. Pat was an alto in the choir for over 40 years. She served as Choir Secretary and enthusiastically supported everything the choir did, especially the choir concerts, competitions and not forgetting selling ballots for the choir hampers at the Summer and Christmas Fairs! The choir would like to send their deepest sympathy to June, Keith, Danielle and the Meighan family at this very sad time. Thank you to the choir members and our 'borrow-a-bass' John for joining with us to lead the singing at Pat's funeral. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the choir for all their hard work in recent months preparing '*Resurrection Day*' for Easter Sunday. Special thanks to Jacqueline for coming to practices to learn the Anthem and singing with us on Easter Day. As Joan has said, we would be delighted to welcome some new members, particularly contraltos, men and junior singers.

Jane

Bric-A-Brac



What would a Saturday morning be without a visit to the bric-a-brac sale in Mossley Parish Centre? It is wonderful to see so many people coming from near and far to grab a bargain, and then enjoy a cup of tea or coffee. Please do pop over to the Parish Centre any Saturday morning.

The sales continue to do very well and we are thankful to the bric-a-brac team who give so willingly of their time and show such devotion and commitment.

We continue to receive generous donations of bric-a-brac and many items have sold very quickly! It is always good to get new items and if anyone has a donation of bric-a-brac, please contact Alec Orr (02890836286).

We would also like to appeal for volunteers who could offer some of their time in helping to set the bric-a-brac out on a Friday afternoon or putting it away around noon on Saturdays. If you can help, even on a rota basis, please speak to the Rector or Alec Orr. All help would be greatly appreciated!

Online Services

We continue to offer Online Services and Bible Studies. These are made available on YouTube, Facebook, our website and the dial-in facility. During Holy Week we were able to offer extra services and these were well engaged with. This year our Palm Sunday service was one of the most viewed services that we have released and it was so encouraging to receive messages of thanks from parishioners and other people from further afield.



Since our last magazine, our online provision has been viewed 1400 times and this equates to the equivalent of 186 hours of watch time. This is very encouraging and sincere thanks to everyone who makes this possible. If anyone would like to learn more about the livestream system or be willing to help on a rota basis, please speak to the Rector or Rev Louise.

Dove Tots



Dove Tots has continued to meet each Friday at 10am. Just before Easter we had a brilliant Easter Party and it was great to see so many children with their parents / carers. Recently, we had a great time with Jo Jingles and everyone loved all the tasty treats. Thank you to everyone who comes along! We look forward to all the exciting things that we have planned for the next few weeks before our summer break.

Bowling Club

Things in the Bowling Club have continued well over the past few months. The numbers of members attending each club night have remained constant, with an average of 17 bowlers each Wednesday. All of our friendly matches have now been played and it was great to meet up with other bowlers and renew friendships.

Stephen Slinger, who has been the League Convenor for nearly 20 years, has decided to retire. On behalf of everyone at Mossley Parish Bowling Club, I would like to thank Stephen for his hard work and dedication during his many years as League Convenor. To date, no replacement has been appointed and we remain uncertain as to what will take place with the league in September.

We held our AGM in March and the Club's trophies were presented to the various winners (who were present) by our Bowling Club President, Rev. P Jones.

The Jean Rea Cup.....Cynthia Markwell

The Harry Morrow Trophy.....Russell White

The Pairs Competition.....Russell White & Freda Luney

The Men's Jubilee Shield.....Derek Randall

The Club Chairman's ShieldMinnie Brown

Plans are now starting to come together as we celebrate fifty years of bowling in Mossley Parish. On Sunday 17th November a special church service will take place to mark this significant occasion. We would like to ask all parishioners, current and former bowlers of the Club, if they have photographs, memorabilia or anything connected with the Bowling Club, to contact the Bowling Club as we would like to organise a memory book or board.

This year's Fun Bowls will start on Wednesday 1st May at 7pm. Following on from last year, Junior Bowls for boys and girls aged eight and above will take place during July and August from 6pm to 7pm each Wednesday evening.

Before closing, the Bowling Club deeply regrets the passing of one of its founding members, Pat Meighan, and would like to extend to the family circle our sincere sympathy at this sad time.



Youth Club

The Youth Club continues to meet on Saturday evenings from 7pm until 9pm, costing £1 per night. It has been really encouraging to see so many children in the Parish Centre and they always have a great time. We would like to offer our sincere thanks to all the leaders who give so willingly of their time.



Youth Club will conclude for the summer break on Saturday 25th May but we still have a few action-packed evenings to enjoy before then! There will be plenty of arts & crafts, as well as football, badminton, pool, the Wii, Xbox and board games. The tuck shop remains as popular as ever and we sell out of Mentos literally every week!

If anyone would like to help out as a leader, even on a rota basis, this would be of great assistance. If you are interested you would be welcome to come to Youth Club any Saturday night and join in the fun! Please contact the Rector for further details.

Kidz Klub



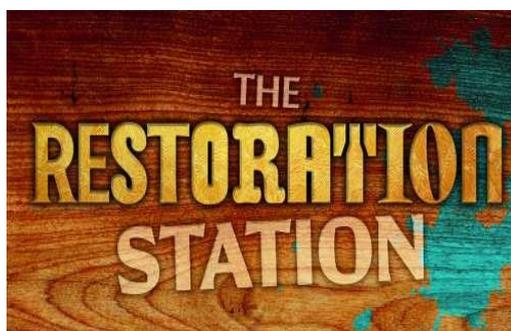
On the first Saturday night of each month Kidz Klub meets in the Parish Centre. This is a club for children between the ages of 4 and 7. Each night, Kidz Klub begins at 5.30pm and finishes at 6.45pm. There are games, crafts and other activities for the children to enjoy. For further details please speak to Elaine Maxwell.

The final night of Kidz Klub before the summer break will be Saturday 4th May.

Holiday Bible Club 2024

We are really looking forward to our Holiday Bible which, this year, is called *The Restoration Station*.

The Restoration Station will begin on Monday 19th August and continue until Thursday 22nd August. As ever, there will also be a family fun night with BBQ and inflatables on Friday 23rd August.



Each night we will meet at 6.15pm in the Parish Centre and finish up at 7.30pm. During the week we will be looking at some stories from John's Gospel and the children will learn about how Jesus is the Great Restorer. We will also play games, take part in challenges and learn more about the Bible. We always have great fun together!

Girls' Brigade



We have had an incredibly busy year at GB. We have learned a lot about our Ulster Scots heritage. It was great to have the opportunity to show off our new skills at our recent Parent's Night.

Our Scripture course, this year, was based on God's promises to us and the girls had good fun sharing in this and creating their own promise boxes.

Congratulations are due to Shannen Kelly who successfully completed the set requirements and achieved her Brigader Brooch. This marks the end of badge work for Shannen but we are looking forward to welcoming her back as a leader in September.

Danielle and Emma are continuing to work towards their Queen's Award. This is the most prestigious award available from Girls' Brigade. The girls have successfully completed the practical element of the award and have both passed the written exam with flying colours. There is also a volunteering section to the award and currently the girls are entertaining and playing board games with the residents of a local fold. Many thanks to Kim Jones and Louise Bowes for their role as mentors to the girls.

Congratulations are also due to all our cup winners this year. They were all very much deserved. We would like to thank Michelle Wylie for her help with the presentation. Thanks also to Peter for making a special appearance and to Bob Lee for providing our sound. Special thanks must go to Louise Bowes and Trevor McKitterick for giving up their valuable time to come down and teach the Scripture courses, although I do think they really enjoyed it!

Next Monday (29th April) will see the conclusion of our current session. We will finish with a beach themed party. Looking forward to it!!

We hope you enjoy the summer break and we will see you all when we return on Monday 9th September

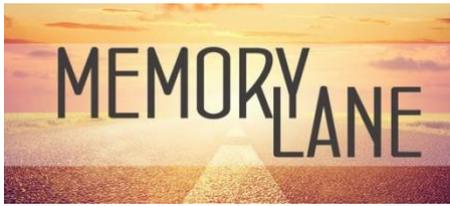
Seek, serve and follow Christ

Smile Lines

"There will be a meeting of the Board immediately after the service," announced the minister. And so, after the close of the service, the Church Board gathered at the back of the church for the meeting. But there was a stranger in their midst – a visitor who had never attended their church before. "My friend," said the minister gently, "Didn't you understand that this is a meeting of the Board?"

"Yes," said the visitor, "and after today's sermon, I suppose I'm just about as bored as anyone else who came to this meeting."

Memory Lane



Our Memory Lane service on Thursday 4th April was extra special! This was our first anniversary and we enjoyed a special birthday cake. Many thanks to everyone who has been part of Memory Lane during the past year.

Memory Lane continues on the first Thursday of every month at 2.30pm in the church building. If you know of anyone who is living with dementia, their carers, family or friends, please do invite them to come along to our worship service and they will be made very welcome. Refreshments follow after the service.

Flower Rota

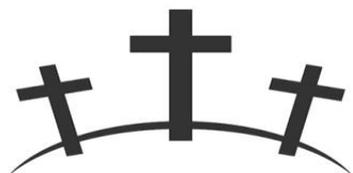
We are blessed to have beautiful flowers in our church building every week. Sincere thanks to those who work so faithfully in providing beautiful displays and everyone who donates so generously in memory of loved ones.

28 th April	Karen Henry
12 th May	25 th Anniversary of the Flower Guild
26 th May	Celia Catherwood
9 th June	John Nesbitt
23 rd June	Liz Holmes
July / August	Silk



A Cloud Or The Shadow Of His Wings

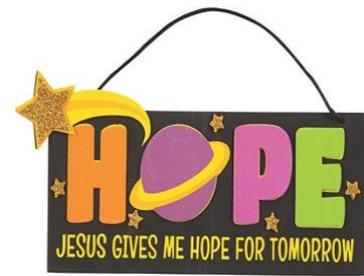
1. O Lord I have a burden
which I've brought in prayer to you.
And I told you all about it,
so I know you share it too.
2. O Lord I have a burden
which I'm sharing now with you.
And I know you care and love me,
but, it is still 'my burden' too.
3. Lord, I still have a burden
and I don't know what to do.
Could it possibly be, Father,
I could leave it all with you?
4. My son, I bore all burdens
on the cross of Calvary.
So the burden that you carry,
Just leave it all with me.



Written by David Nunn

Club J / Sunday School & Creche

In Sunday School and Creche, we've explored how the Bible expresses gratitude for significant people. On Mothering Sunday we gave thanks for mothers. We've also looked at the story of Palm Sunday and Jesus's triumphant entry into Jerusalem before turning our attention to the Easter story. In our times together we have been reminded of the hope that we have when we place our faith and trust in Jesus.



This year our March Family Service was on St. Patrick's Day and it featured Club J children reading prayers and Ignite Youth reciting a poem which celebrated the profound impact of St. Patrick's ministry in Ireland. Thank you to Club J and Ignite for participating in our Family Services. It truly is a blessing to have you involved in the life of the Church. Your contributions enrich our community and inspire us all.

*Let's
Celebrate!*

On Sunday 19th May we're excited to be leading our annual Children and Youth Sunday during the 11am service. This special day is always a highlight in our Parish calendar as it showcases the hard work and dedication of our young members. They have been diligently preparing a variety of items which I know you all will be eager to see. Please mark

this important date in your diary and extend an invitation to all your family and friends. It is encouraging for everyone, especially our young people, to see the congregation come together in support and celebration of their efforts. During the service, we will also acknowledge the attendance and participation of the children and young people through our annual prize giving.

Every blessing,

Kim

Heavenly Father,

We come before you with hearts full of gratitude as we conclude another year together at Club J and Creche. We thank you for the dedicated leaders who seek to create a vibrant, interactive environment for our children to explore your Word. We are grateful for the parents, grandparents and carers who faithfully bring their children each week.

As we prepare for our upcoming Celebration Service, we ask you to bless this special event and be with all the young people as they take part. We pray for your protection over each child this summer and look forward to welcoming them and others back to Club J and Crèche in September.

We ask all of this in Jesus's name. Amen.

Antrim & Newtownabbey Street Pastors



On Sunday 14th April we held our annual church service which was kindly hosted by Glengormley Presbyterian Church. It was well attended and the preacher was Rev Andrew Irvine from Belfast (Belfast City Chaplaincy, Chief Executive Belfast Mission). Andrew is well known to us as he was one of our founder members. We had representatives from various churches, PSNI, and Antrim & Newtownabbey Police and Community Safety Partnership at this service. After the service quite a few people remained for a cup of tea / coffee and a chat. It was a blessing to be able to share with the wider Street Pastors team, particularly those who serve on different nights and we don't usually get to meet up with them all that regularly.

During the past month there has been a resurgence of youths, some as young as twelve years of age, gathering in Lillian Bland Park. Quite a few of these youths come from areas beyond Glengormley. Some have been dropped off by parents on the understanding that they are "hanging out" with friends who they have met through social media. Others have arrived by bus, train and taxi. The Police have had to be called to attend to one or two who have taken significant volumes of alcohol. In the main, most are well-behaved and will talk to us. Only a few have no time (or regard in some cases) for anyone else. Some other agencies employed by the Council have tried to encourage them "off the streets" by persuading them to go to the Drop-In Centre in Glengormley until it is time for them to go home. Most are away before 10.30pm.

It would be very easy to say that their parents should be looking after them. But should we, as Christians, be leaving them to their own devices rather than seek to be a positive influence to them? It is now well over ten years since Street Pastors started out on the streets of the Borough and we regularly encounter a young person who will say *"I remember you. When we were hanging out at the Pavilion you were there for us."* Such comments bring a sense of satisfaction and encourage us to persevere as Street Pastors. Perhaps, one day, those young people could become Street Pastors themselves.

In the near future we will be starting another training session. If you would like to join Street Pastors please come and see me. You can join as a Street Pastor or a Prayer Pastor, or request an application pack by emailing newtownabbey@streetpastors.org.uk

Thank you for your prayers and continued support.

God Bless you all,

Bob

Mossley Mission Group

We are hoping to hold a couple of events in the late summer / autumn with the hope that these will raise funds that we can forward to Tansen and SAMS. As such, we will be having a meeting of Mossley Mission Group on Thursday 23rd May at 7.30pm in the Carnall Room. Anyone who has an interest in mission work and would like to get involved with the work of Mossley Mission Group should speak to the Rector or Rev Louise.

SAMS Ireland released a prayer resource for use during Lent and we were delighted that many parishioners provided prayer support for South American church initiatives and outreach projects throughout the Lenten season. We need to continue to pray for South America as there is increased political and economic instability in several nations.

Argentina, in particular, is experiencing severe economic hardship and this has led to large protests in Bueno Aires. The current economic crisis in Argentina is the worst that has been experienced in over two decades. It has been established that the salary of the average registered worker has fallen 19% in real terms since December. Please also pray for the ongoing process of electing a new Bishop in Paraguay.



In February 2024 Dr Rachel Karrach celebrated thirty years of service in Nepal and almost twenty years as hospital director in Tansen. We were delighted to hear that her service was recognised on Saturday 23rd March when she was presented with the Kamal National Virtuous Award 2080 (Nepali year for 2023-24) in recognition of her ‘tremendous’ contribution to

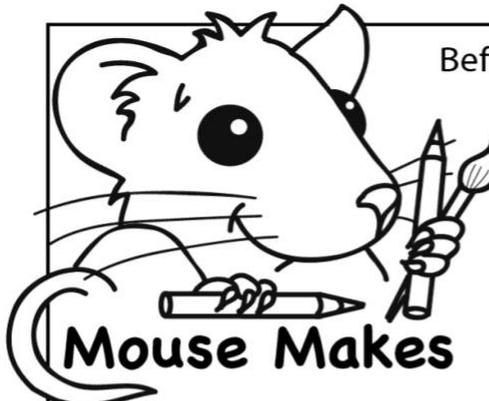
health services. This award is presented by The Academy for Education, Health and Literature.

The work on the new Tansen Maternity Ward is progressing well. A recent update from Tansen gave us some specific details.

“First, we had to build a new space for the admin offices, on a roof! This is getting close to finished – there has been huge recent progress with the walls and concrete roof completed in March. We hope the interior will be completed ready for admin to move in this month. Then the old admin offices will be converted into space for 18 extra beds for maternity patients, doubling the existing capacity.”

We would like to thank you for your ongoing prayerful and financial support towards our mission partners. If you don’t have a mission box and would like one, please speak to the Rector, Rev Louise or Ken Jackson.

Challenge Time



Mouse Makes

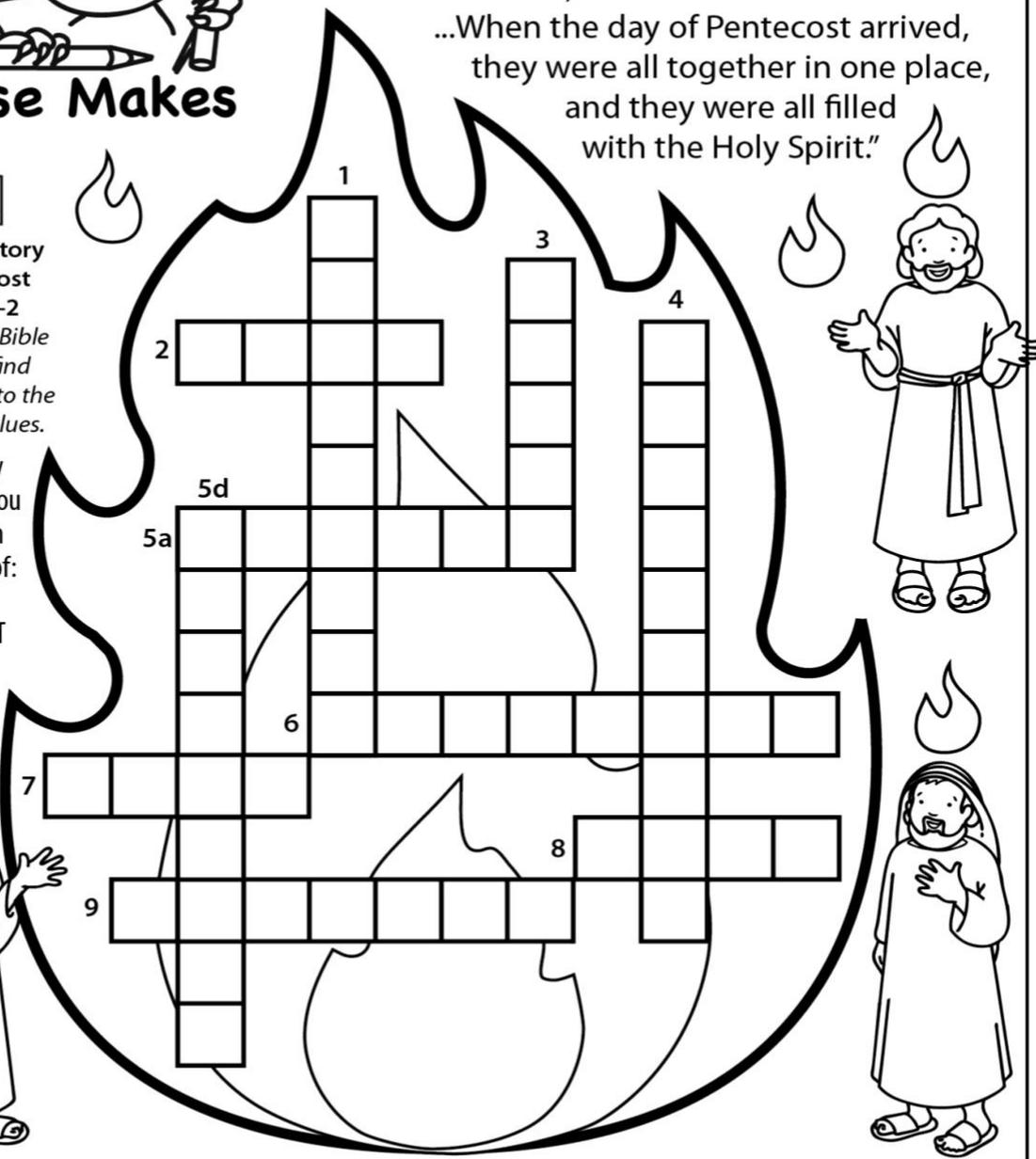


READ the story of Pentecost in Acts 1-2
Look up the Bible verses to find the answers to the crossword clues.

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

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."



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*