

# Kilbride HERALD

*St Bride's—where Faith and Fellowship grow*

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*- where Faith and Fellowship grow*

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## What's in the Herald this month?

There's a big project on the Hollybank Road [page 6]

We have some great info on getting back to church. Have you been absent for a few months? Read this on page 10.

Did you ever hear of a man called Jesse Boot? He did a lot of good for all of us. [page 14]

Page 16 has a report on the Webinars that some of us took part in. Don't know what a webinar is? You will when you've read this!

**ALL THIS PLUS MUCH MORE! READ ON...**



**Happy couple JP and Laura are pictured outside the church door on their wedding day last April.**

Due, probably to the Pandemic, they are the only couple to be married in St Bride's so far this year. They have been regular attenders at church for some time, and they have become known by many of the other regular worshippers in Kilbride.

At the intimate family wedding (due to pandemic regulations), Fr Joe Rooney (Ballyclare) assisted the Rector, and was made very welcome by all.



## The Services at St Bride's



### **[1] Sunday 4 July**

Trinity 5

11.00am Holy Communion

### **[2] Sunday 11 July**

Trinity 6

11.00am Morning Prayer

### **[3] Sunday 18 July**

Trinity 7

11.00am Holy Communion

### **Thursday 22 July**

**Feast of St Mary Magdalene**

11.00am Holy Communion

### **[4] Sunday 25 July**

Trinity 8

11.00am Morning Prayer

### **[1] Sunday 1 August**

Trinity 9

11.00am Holy Communion

### **[2] Sunday 8 August**

Trinity 10

11.00am Morning Prayer

### **[3] Sunday 15 August**

Trinity 11

11.00am Holy Communion

### **[4] Sunday 22 August**

Trinity 12

11.00am Morning Prayer

### **Tuesday 24 August**

**Feast of St Bartholomew**

11.00am Holy Communion

### **[5] Sunday 29 August**

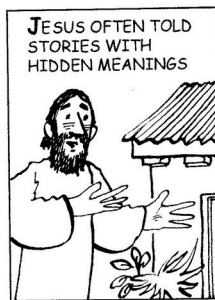
Trinity 13

11.00am Songs of Praise

Please note that Prayers for Healing do not take place on the first Sundays of July and August. They resume on Sunday 5 September at 6.00pm.

There are two Holy Days which we celebrate over the summer: the Feast of St Mary Magdalene on Thursday 22 July and the Feast of St Bartholomew on Tuesday 24 August. Holy Communion on each of these days is at 11.00am.

As usual on the fifth Sunday of the month, we have Songs of Praise (on the fifth and last Sunday of August, Sunday 29).



JESUS OFTEN TOLD STORIES WITH HIDDEN MEANINGS



ON ONE OCCASION JESUS TOLD THE STORY ABOUT SOME PARTY INVITATIONS



HE EXPLAINED THAT WHEN YOU ARE INVITED TO A MEAL



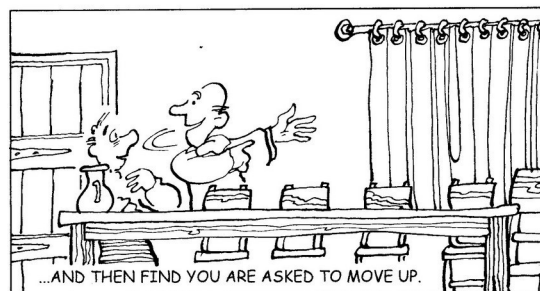
DON'T RUSH TO SIT IN THE BEST SEAT....



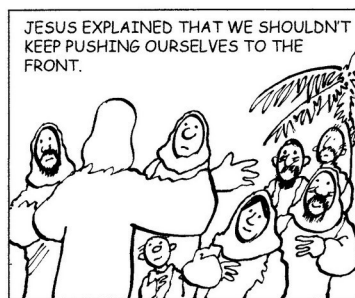
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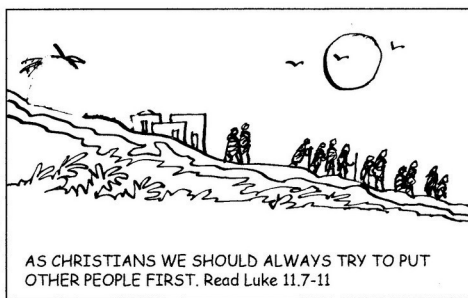
IT'S MUCH BETTER TO TAKE THE LOWER SEAT



...AND THEN FIND YOU ARE ASKED TO MOVE UP.



JESUS EXPLAINED THAT WE SHOULDN'T KEEP PUSHING OURSELVES TO THE FRONT.



AS CHRISTIANS WE SHOULD ALWAYS TRY TO PUT OTHER PEOPLE FIRST. Read Luke 11.7-11



# ECO NEWS

## BIG PROJECT ON HOLLYBANK ROAD

**A few years ago our parish adopted an official Environmental Policy. Perhaps you remember it, perhaps you've forgotten all about it.**

Well, quite a few of our folk have been working away on many different aspects of the policy, always looking for ways to make public another aspect of Christian living.

This year, another opportunity comes knocking. On Hollybank Road, farmer Frank Ellison is lending a nine-acre field for local ecological development.

The organiser behind this project is Bertie Stirling. Apart from the fact that Bertie lives in Burnside, he is a representative of A Rocha UK, and he has been working hard on this scheme.

**(For more information on "A Rocha" see the end of this article).**

The nine-acre field will be used for tree-planting, a wildlife pond, and many other ventures to enthuse young people and octogenarians alike.

Our own Rector is already very much signed up to the endeavour. He is already representing the interest to the Board of Governors at Doagh Primary School, and it is his intention to encourage interest in our uniformed organisations and our Sunday School.

We are very fortunate that a project like this has come into our area, and credit must go to Frank Ellison for the use of his land.

There will be a very small ceremony on Monday 19 July in the afternoon, but our involvement will come later. Do please commit this matter to prayer as we watch it grow.

## WHAT IS “A ROCHA”?

**A Rocha UK (ARUK) is a Christian charity working for the protection and restoration of the natural world and committed to equipping Christians and churches in the UK to care for the environment.**

Responding to the biblical mandate to care for the earth, and demonstrating the Christian hope for God’s world, A Rocha is working with:

*Churches through an Eco Church programme.*

*Christian environmental leaders through interdenominational convening work.*

*Families and individuals through A Rocha’s Wild Christian scheme and community, supporting people to enjoy, nurture and defend nature in their own homes and communities, and by campaigning.*

*Christian land managers through the Partners in Action network. This network includes A Rocha’s own nature reserves, Foxearth Meadows and Wolf Fields, which are also demonstration sites to inspire and enable others to manage small or larger areas of land for the benefit of people and nature.*

A Rocha UK is part of the worldwide family of A Rocha organisations committed to nature conservation as an expression of Christian mission. The group works collaboratively with others who share a passion for nature, a healthy environment and a just transition to a low carbon world, ever more critical in a time of climate and biodiversity crises.

### **Where did the name come from?**

The name “A Rocha” is not Irish, as many folk seem to think. It is from the Portuguese language, meaning “The Rock”. The organisation was founded in Portugal in 1983.

# CROSSWORD

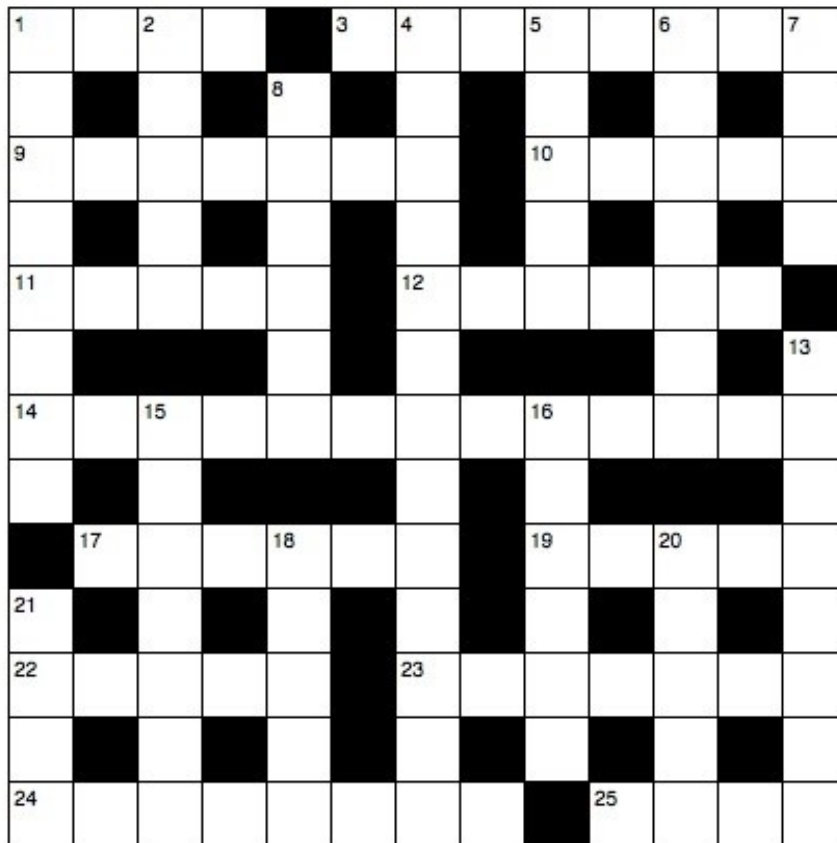
## ACROSS

- 1 Sent out three times on a reconnaissance mission from Noah's ark (Genesis 8:8–12) (4)
- 3 'The vilest — who truly believes, that moment from Jesus a pardon receives' (8)
- 9 Described by the 19th-century MP Sir Wilfred Lawson as 'the Devil in solution' (7)
- 10 'Whoever — his life for my sake will find it' (Matthew 10:39) (5)
- 11 King of Gezer (Joshua 10:33) (5)
- 12 Gideon's home town (Judges 6:11) (6)
- 14 The area under the jurisdiction of a primate, for example, Canterbury, York (13)
- 17 To him God promised that David would be king (1 Chronicles 11:3) (6)
- 19 A descendant of Aaron who was not allowed to offer food to God (Leviticus 21:20) (5)
- 22 'If any of you — wisdom, he should ask God' (James 1:5) (5)
- 23 I gain me (anag.) (7)
- 24 Relating to the armed forces (1 Chronicles 5:18) (8)
- 25 Title given to 2 Down (abbrev.) (4)

## DOWN

- 1 Greek coins (Acts 19:19) (8)
- 2 Church of England incumbent (5)
- 4 What Epaphroditus was to Paul (Philippians 2:25) (6-7)
- 5 Mother of David's sixth son (2 Samuel 3:5) (5)
- 6 'We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in — ' (2 Corinthians 4:8) (7)
- 7 It destroys treasures on earth (Matthew 6:19) (4)
- 8 It threatened Paul in Jerusalem (Acts 21:35) (3,3)
- 13 Well-known Reference Bible that espoused dispensationalism (8)
- 15 Where the choir sits in a parish church (7)
- 16 Real do (anag.) (6)
- 18 'Martha, Martha... you are worried and — about many things' (Luke 10:41) (5)
- 20 'One man considers one day more sacred than another; another man considers every day — ' (Romans 14:5) (5)
- 21 A place with twelve springs and 70 palm trees where the Israelites camped (Exodus 15:27) (4)





The solution is below, if you really need it!

**ACROSS:** 1, Dove; 3, Offender; 9, Alcohol; 10, Loses; 11, Horem; 12, Oprah; 14, Archbishopric; 17, Samuel; 19, Dwarf; 22, Lacks; 23, Imagine; 24, Military; 25, Revd.

**DOWN:** 1, Drachmas; 2, Vicar; 4, Fellow-soldier; 5, Eglah; 6, Des-pair; 7, Rust; 8, The mob; 13, Scofield; 15, Chancel; 16, Ordeal; 18, Upset; 20, Alike; 21, Elim.

# Back to Church

## SUNDAY SERVICES AND ALL ORGANISATIONS

We would respectfully suggest a careful reading of these pages.



Over the next weeks and months things will gradually be getting back to 'normal'. These notes are taken from official sources within the Diocese of Connor, and from

declarations made by the NI Executive.

The notes are simplified as much as possible, in order to avoid confusion.

### **Sunday Services**

We will continue to ensure that all our safety measures are in place throughout the summer and into the autumn season—worshippers should sanitize their hands upon entry; two metre distancing between households should continue; face coverings must be worn. Those engaging in conversation outside the church after the service must continue to wear masks and to stand two metres apart.

### **Organisations**

Sunday School will go back to normal meetings from the beginning of September.

All our organisations will be able to meet from September. The organiser of any gathering must take all reasonable measures to limit the risk of transmission of the coronavirus. A person responsible must be able to provide both a copy of the risk assessment and an account of the reasonable measures/mitigations taken.

Leaders should ensure that hand sanitiser is provided throughout the hall complex.

Numbers attending the organisations may have to be limited.

A record must be kept of all those attending an organisation on a particular day. This is so that the Contact Tracing Programme may be brought into operation if necessary.

**This is not as difficult as it seems. In fact, some of our organisations have already been 'walked through' this procedure with the Glebewardens.**

Every organisation will have the opportunity to attend a preparation meeting before

they begin their weekly meetings. It may well be the case that a return to hall meetings might have to be phased in gradually.

Members of Select Vestry have been working very hard in order to make sure that everything is ready for our groups to begin.

#### **Your Questions**

*The church down the road started their organisations meeting this month. What's wrong with us that we can't do that too?*

What resumes and when, is a decision for each church to make. Our priority is keeping people safe. We want to make sure that when we resume we will have everything organised.

*We want to start now. Can we have a meeting in a private home?*

Unfortunately not! That is not permitted by diocesan authorities because private homes are covered by different government regulations.

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### A Challenge

Please don't look at these rules as chores which are hard to do. This is just a little bit of a challenge, and at Kilbride we're well used to challenges!

In fact, this is simply a 'looking forward' to getting the parish up-and-running again, and our priority is to keep everybody safe! **To all who are learning about these responsibilities, we're with you in this, and we'll be supporting you and learning with you. God bless you in all your endeavours!**

### HOLY COMMUNION

This is just a wee reminder that at the Holy Communion the Sacrament will be administered in one kind only. (In light of the pandemic, wine will not be administered at present). This does not make any difference to the validity of the Sacrament.



Bread will be in the form of wafers, which is clearly the cleanest and safest way of administration.

### RECTOR'S VISITS TO THOSE WHO ARE SICK



There are rules and regulations laid down for visiting the sick.

The following is a simplification.

Recently the Rector has been able to visit some parishioners, but not all.

He *may* be able to visit in some hospitals by appointment, but not all.

He *may* be able to visit some nursing homes by appointment, but not all.

He *may* be able to visit some people in their homes, but not all.

Sorry folks, this is just the way it is until things improve.

Nevertheless, please continue to let the Rector know about those who are ill.

# ARE YOU COMING BACK TO CHURCH?

**Now may be the best time to test things out.**

The summer is here, so numbers at church may well be down for a few weeks.

You've probably got your two jabs which will add protection.

Wearing a mask will help protect you and others.

Facilities are in place for you to sanitize your hands.

You will be well spaced out from other worshippers.

You will receive the usual Kilbride welcome!

There are many reasons why people go to church, and the most important is to worship God with other Christians. But whether we like it or not, church-going is a *habit*—a habit which is only too easy to break. You may have been away for a long time, and we fully understand the reason for that.

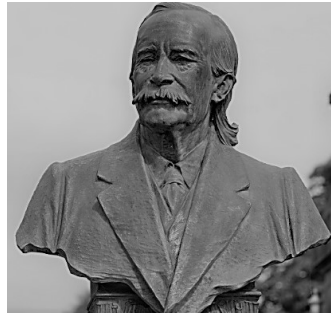
We will support and encourage you as you resume that habit, so why not begin again now? The congregation will be pleased, the Rector will be pleased, and God will certainly be pleased!

***We want you back!***



## THE BEGINNINGS OF BOOTS THE CHEMIST

**Jesse Boot, the British pharmacist and philanthropist, died 90 years ago, on 13<sup>th</sup> June 1931. He turned the Boots Company started by his father John – a former agricultural worker – into a chain of chemists branded ‘Chemists to the Nation’.**

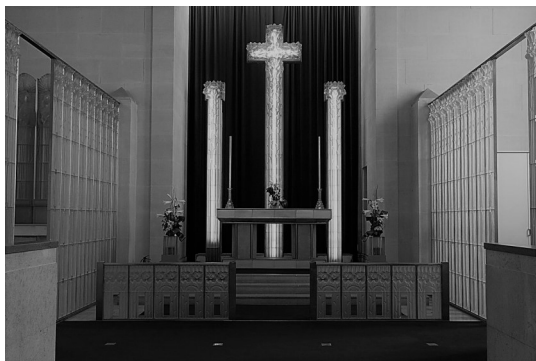


The 1<sup>st</sup> Baron Trent, as Jesse became in 1929, sold his controlling interest to American investors in 1920, but Boots continues to be a familiar name to all Britons. Ironically John Boot had offered his close friend and business associate John Harston the opportunity of going into business with him, but Harston had felt it was not a good investment.

Jesse Boot was a great benefactor to the City of Nottingham. He gave land for what is now the University of Nottingham and was presented with the Freedom of the City of Nottingham in 1920.

He met his wife, Florence Rowe, in a Wesleyan Chapel in Jersey while he was recuperating from illness. She was also an astute businesswoman, who helped to develop the Boots business, and her home island of Jersey benefited from the couple's generosity.

After her husband's death she commissioned the glass artist René Lalique to refit St Matthew's Church, Millbrook (on the island) as a memorial to him.



*St Matthew's Church, Millbrook, Jersey, the only remaining example of Lalique's heavy clouded glass.*

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FROM THE

# PARISH REGISTERS



## HOLY MATRIMONY

22 April 2021

**John Paul Taggart, Ballyclare**  
and  
**Laura Martin, Ballyclare**



*...just humour him - he's hoping it'll  
help him reach the young people in his diocese...*

# WEBINARS

## ON LAND AND NATURE

### **What is a WEBINAR and how does it work?**

Basically, a webinar is a video collaboration tool which makes real-time communication possible. In other words, we all go on something like ZOOM to learn about important issues concerning church grounds, etc. Parishioners recently took part in Churches Count on Nature. This is a nationwide project open to all churches, run in partnership by Caring for God's Acre, A Rocha UK, the Church of England Environment Programme, and the Church in Wales. In the good old C of I we haven't got one of these at the moment, but we were certainly able to cash in on these other organisations that do have one.

A special series of webinars was organised. The subject covered different aspects of land and nature.

Some of our people found help with managing trees and grasslands, introductions to ecology and biological recording, pointers for outdoor worship and Eco Church, and lots of helpful examples.

All webinars were free to attend (on line); our thanks go to the speakers who were volunteering their time.

**The webinars were aimed at a wide range of people; from individual clergy, church wardens and parishioners** who wanted to make changes to their churchyards, to **diocesan staff/volunteers** working in roles with an environmental aspect to them. Webinars were an hour long, with around 40-45 minutes of content and then time for some questions at the end, submitted through the 'Q&A' feature of Zoom.

Every weekday during Churches Count on Nature week (5-13 June) there were webinars at noon and 4pm. On Monday and Wednesday, there were evening webinars at 6pm. Each one covered a different facet of land, nature, and ecology, from the practical to the theological.

### **Who in Kilbride do we think should have been be interested?**

ALL OF US! But particularly members of Select Vestry, Churchwardens, Glebewardens, Grass-cutters, young people, those who like to



walk around the church grounds, and many more!

Here's a summary of what we saw.

*Monday 7th June:*

**Nature and climate : twin crises, shared solutions.**

**Forest Church**

**The National Burial Grounds Survey.**

*Tuesday 8th June:*

**Finding our faith in trees**

**5 steps to good management of your churchyard or burial ground**

*Wednesday 9th June*

**Practical examples from Bristol Dioceses of churchyards managed for nature**

**Blooming and beautiful : flower-rich grasslands**

**Bats in Churches**

*Thursday 10th June*

**Devon Living Churchyards Project**

**Eco Church : Land**

*Friday 11th June*

**A beginner's guide to biodiversity and ecology**

**Biological recording for Churches Count on Nature and the Beautiful Burial Ground Project**

Next year we hope to get a huge number of our people involved!

**So you see, there's plenty of environmental work being carried out by the churches, and Kilbride is definitely one of those. Come on folks, don't ignore this vital aspect of Christian Stewardship! Re-read pages 6&7 and make the decision to encourage others by your involvement.**

# OLYMPIC GOLD



**This month should see the start of the Tokyo Olympics, having been postponed from last year due to the Coronavirus pandemic. A number of New Testament letters refer to Olympic sport including Hebrews: ‘Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith’ (Hebrews 12:1-2).**

The Christian life is compared to a long-distance race, but despite the struggles and obstacles, there is a great crowd of witnesses cheering us on. We have a heavenly Father who loves us and a Saviour who has run the race before us. If we keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, He will enable us to finish the race.

During the 1992 Barcelona Olympics, the British athlete Derek Redmond was running in the semi-finals of the 400 metres. About 250 metres from the finish his hamstring tore. He fell to the ground in pain and stretcher bearers came over to him. However, Redmond was determined to finish the race and so he started hopping toward the finishing line.

Suddenly Jim Redmond, Derek's father, ran out of the stands towards him. “You don't have to do this,” he told his son. “Yes, I do,” said Derek, to which his father said, “We're going to finish this together.” They completed the lap with Derek leaning on his father's shoulder. As they crossed the finish line, the spectators rose to give Derek a standing ovation.

Although he didn't win an Olympic medal, Derek Redmond finished the race with his father at his side. Let's not forget the encouragement we have to finish the race!

# KEEP MOVING!



The story is told of a college graduation where there were a large number of graduates waiting to receive their degrees. Speed was of the essence, and so as the Chancellor presented their diplomas, he simply smiled each time and whispered: "Congratulations, *keep moving.*"

It's actually good advice for all of life, and for your Christian life as well. Discovering the reality of God's love for yourself is life-changing, but – *keep moving!*

There is so much more that God has in store for you! Paul in 2 Timothy says "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day...."

So, wherever you have reached in your own faith pilgrimage, congratulations, but *keep moving!*

**T**HE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS LIKE A NET THAT WAS CAST INTO THE SEA AND CAUGHT FISH OF EVERY KIND. WHEN IT WAS FULL, THE FISHERMEN PULLED IT ASHORE, AND SITTING ON THE BEACH, THEY PUT THE GOOD FISH IN THEIR BUCKETS & THREW THE USELESS AWAY.

# OUR PARISH ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

The Rector, Select Vestry and Parishioners of the Parish of Kilbride recognise that concern for all components of the environment is a fundamental responsibility of all.

We are dedicated to carrying out all our functions and activities in a way which minimises negative impacts on the environment.

We are committed to ensuring that all activities undertaken on parish premises or on behalf of the parish will be in strict compliance with legislation.

It is an objective of the parish to co-operate with all statutory, voluntary and community bodies in our attempt to reduce our impacts on the environment.

In keeping with this policy we will:

- Monitor and improve energy use
- Monitor water use and reduce wastage
- Set targets for reduced waste generation
- Promote recycling within the parish
- Minimise the risk of water, land and air pollution
- Include environmental considerations in Select Vestry business decisions
- Update staff, parishioners and contractors on policy
- Generally apply sustainability objectives in all activities
- Attempt to continually improve our environmental performance

The Parish Environmental Policy will be made widely available to parishioners and others through the Herald, the parish website and other means as appropriate.

Ivan Topping, *Hon. Sec.*

W.D. Humphries, *Rector*