

Kilbride HERALD

St Bride's—where Faith and Fellowship grow

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*St Bride's Hockey Fans,
young and not so young.*

PARISH OF KILBRIDE : ST BRIDE'S CHURCH
- where Faith and Fellowship grow

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From the Rector's Desk



Dear Parishioners,

The Principal of the Church of Ireland Theological College in the long ago days of my training was the late Canon James Hartin.

“Canon Jim” was well known for many words of wisdom, but one phrase he used frequently when talking about the Church of Ireland was “unity in diversity”. This is a very suitable way to describe not only the Church, but also the God whom we worship.

Many Christians attend church regularly and take part in corporate worship. Many also worship privately in quiet places both indoors and outside. Yet how many think about who they are worshipping and what this means as to how they live as Christians?

There is God the Father: holy, infinite, all-powerful and our Creator. There is God the Son, divine yet fully human, who taught the love of God to all people and showed us a new way to live. And we have God the Holy Spirit, a constant presence of power, who helps us to understand and enables us to worship fully with

body, mind and spirit. This is our Trinitarian God—creator, redeemer and sustainer, who is one, yet three distinct beings, each unique and diverse, united together as one. The heart of God is diversity with mutual interdependence and love. This is the God all Christians honour and worship, the one that we have chosen to follow and be more like.

Now, if the heart of God is diversity, then the heart of the Christian Church needs to be the same. St Paul in his first letter to the Corinthians writes that the Church is one body made up of many parts, all unique and valuable, yet all dependent on each other. We are being called to mirror this Trinitarian model.

The different ways in which we worship, giving praise and thanks to God, are therefore to be celebrated. Likewise human variety in race, gender, temperament, age and culture.

Canon Jim was right. There is one God, one Faith and one Church which needs to be united in its glorious diversity.

Your friend and Rector,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "David Humphries".

The Services at St Bride's



[1] Sunday 3 March
Sunday next before Lent
 11.00am Holy Communion
 6.00pm Prayers for Healing

Wednesday 6 March
Ash Wednesday
 11.00am Holy Communion

[2] Sunday 10 March
First Sunday in Lent
 11.00am Morning Prayer

[3] Sunday 17 March
Second Sunday in Lent
 11.00am Holy Communion
(Family Service)

[4] Sunday 24 March
Third Sunday in Lent
 11.00am Morning Prayer

[5] Sunday 31 March
Fourth Sunday in Lent
Mothering Sunday
 11.00am Songs of Praise

[1] Sunday 7th April
Fifth Sunday in Lent

11.00am Holy Communion
 3.30pm Service to mark the
 Centenary Celebrations of
 Parkgate Masonic Lodge
 6.00pm *N.B. No Prayers for
 Healing tonight*

Tuesday 9 April
 7.30pm Holy Communion
 before the Easter General Vestry

HOLY WEEK



[2] Sunday 14 April
Palm Sunday
 10.55am Morning Prayer
and Palm Sunday Procession

Monday 15 April
Monday in Holy Week
 8.00pm Compline

Tuesday 16 April
Tuesday in Holy Week
 8.00pm Compline

Wednesday 17 April
Wednesday in Holy Week
 8.00pm Compline

Thursday 18 April
Maundy Thursday
8.00pm Holy Communion

Friday 19 April
Good Friday
8.00pm A Devotion with
Readings, Hymns and Prayers

[3] Sunday 21 April
FEAST OF THE
RESURRECTION
11.00am Holy Communion



[4] Sunday 28 April
Easter 2
11.00am Morning Prayer
Preacher:
The Revd Bro. David Jardine
"Equipping for Life"

{1} Sunday 5 May
Easter 3
11.00am Holy Communion
6.00pm Prayers for Healing



Saturday 9th February was
National Pizza Day.

Seriously, did you celebrate?
No surprises for guessing that it
has come over to us from the
USA, and started here just last
year, in 2018.

Hundreds of pizza restaurants
around the country cooked up
special pizzas to celebrate the
day.



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has kindly been sponsored
by Fisherwick
Masonic Lodge



FAREWELL TO BETH

Beth left us as Organist & Choir Director at the end of 2018, taking up a similar post in the Parish of Dundela in East Belfast. The choir will certainly miss her expertise—as will all the worshipping congregation, as she brought much inspiration to our worship.

Since then we have been fortunate enough to secure the services of several very good organists in a temporary capacity while we are engaged in the search for a permanent replacement.

We will still see Beth from time to time as she and her family are continuing as parishioners of Kilbride.

EASTER GENERAL VESTRY

Tuesday 9 April
Holy Communion at 7.30pm

The meeting of the Easter General Vestry will be held in the Parish Room on Tuesday 9 April following a celebration of the Holy Communion (in church) at 7.30pm.

This is always an important meeting, and it is somewhat disappointing to the Rector—and indeed to others—that so many Registered General Vestrypersons fail to attend. We hope for better this year.

During the meeting the delegates receive the Financial Report from our Treasurer and elect a new Select Vestry.

All this takes place after a celebration of Holy Communion, at which we ask the Holy Spirit to preside over the gathering and guide all present through the meeting.



Some weeks ago we had Jim Drennan playing the organ for us; now we have Valerie Ireland. She'll be staying for a while. Our thanks to both for sharing their talents in the public worship.



ICE HOCKEY TICKETS FOR KILBRIDE



Above are the young people in the Sunday School and their families who had a very enjoyable afternoon in the SSE Arena as they watched two ladies' ice hockey teams from Clarkson University and Northeastern University in the United States go head-to-head in the 'Ulster University Friendship Series'.

These teams represent the elite of ice hockey in the US as Clarkson University from New York are the 2018 NCAA Champions and Northeastern University from Boston, the 2018 Hockey East Champions.

Eleanor kindly arranged for some tickets to be made available for our parishioners, and these are the folks who took up the offer. Hope you had a good time!

Graham Campbell has retired from his post as Freewill Offering Secretary, a job which he has carried out for many years with great devotion and enthusiasm. We offer our sincere thanks to Graham for this superb service. His work is being taken up by Ashley Hurst, who very readily agreed to do the job, and we trust that Ashley will receive all the support that we gave to Graham.

WATCHMEN OFF TO A GOOD START

WATCHMEN is the name of our new men's group, established in January. The group has got off to a good start, with a dozen at the first meeting and eighteen at the second. Men of all ages are welcome, and we usually meet in the Parish Room on the first Wednesday of the month.

Our second meeting was held at "War Years Remembered", a museum of the First and Second World Wars (located in Ballyclare). We had a superb guide (the founder of the exhibition) whose knowledge and enthusiasm were second to none.

This event was organised for us by David Holmes, who as you know, has a great interest in those who fought in the wars, especially natives of Kilbride.



Gas masks at the ready.

SOME IMPORTANT INFO ON THE HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

The next pilgrimage for which you can book is 12-22 May 2020. The brochure is currently available, and if there isn't one on the table at the back of the church, just ask the Rector or the Churchwardens. The price is held, for the third year running!

Regarding the 2019 pilgrimage, some people left it too late to book. If you want to go you should really book as soon as you can. At some stage El Al Security require the names of those going, and once we give in the names, that's that. So don't delay making your booking—there are already ten people booked for the 2020 pilgrimage!

MARRIAGE IN CHURCH?

Can you get married in church?

Yes.

Even if you are not baptised and never go to church?

Yes.

Even if you are already living together?

Yes.

And if you have been divorced?

There are some circumstances in which divorced people can marry again in a church. Christians believe that marriage is for life, but everyone knows that there are circumstances in which marriages sadly come to an end.

If you're divorced, any rector would welcome a conversation with you about whether it will be possible for you to marry in church. However, he or she will ask some frank questions about your past and your hopes for the future before letting you know whether it is possible.

All these answers apply to St Bride's. Those who are active members of any other denomination may want to be married in the church in which they worship. Other circumstances might apply in these cases and it may be that a Registrar needs to be present to fulfil legal requirements. But church leaders always enjoy talking to people about getting married, and it is best to start by having



that conversation.

A wedding service in St Bride's costs approximately £350. There are additional expenses if you want to have an organist, special flowers, a choir and so on. However, many find that the actual service is less expensive than any other part of the event.

If you are planning to get married in church, do speak to the Rector in plenty of time.

RURAL DEANERY MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES

Many of our parishioners attend the Rural Deanery Midweek Services during Lent. You will also be very welcome at this year's services, which are on Wednesdays at 7.30pm in the following locations:

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| March 6 (Ash Wednesday) | Connor |
| March 13 | Ballynure |
| March 20 | Drummaul |
| March 27 | Muckamore |
| April 3 | Kilbride |
| April 10 | Antrim |

DID YOU **KNOW?**

The Lambeth Quadrilateral is the basis of Anglican Faith. (In the Church of Ireland, we are all Anglicans).

It upholds four things which we regard as being very important:

[1] the Holy Scriptures as containing all things necessary for salvation;

[2] the Creeds (and in particular the Apostles' Creed and the Nicene Creed) as a sufficient statement of faith;

[3] the Sacraments of Holy Baptism and Holy Communion; and

[4] the historic episcopate.

All these are fairly easily

understood except, perhaps, the last.

In the Anglican Church we hold to the teaching of Apostolic Succession — a line of succession of bishops dating back to the Apostles.

This line of succession is important to us because in it we can see the unbroken line of bishops, through which our priests and deacons are ordained, and through which the Sacraments are validly administered.

The Lambeth Quadrilateral is of considerable magnitude in our relations with the other Churches. It is as though we present the teaching and say, 'This is what we believe, and we put it forward for prayer and discussion towards the search for closer unity.'



OUR OBSERVANCE OF HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

As we continue to follow the life and ministry of our Lord, Holy Week contains the greatest tragedy and sorrow of the year.

Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday, when we celebrate the first joy of this season, where Jesus was welcomed by crowds who worshipped him and laid down palm branches before him.

But that was only one side of the story. By now many people were filled with hate for Jesus, and they wanted to see him 'out of the way,' calling him a blasphemer.

The events of Holy Week include the Last Supper, our Lord's arrest and trials, and then his Crucifixion.

Easter Day, and Jesus' triumphal Resurrection, follow on closely after Holy Week. This is the greatest feast of all for the Church, and our mood swings from one extreme to the other.

Compared to Christmas and our Lord's birth, a much smaller number of Kilbride folk observe the events of Holy Week and

Easter. We would encourage everyone to come out to church during these eight days, to keep them holy.

Yes, of course we are all busy at this time, and our evenings are filled with many different things. But what are these things compared to our Lord's sacrifice on the Cross? There are few things more important than our observance of worship and devotion in Holy Week and Easter.

The services at this time are deliberately kept short, so that we are never away from our normal routine for long.

Do come and join us each evening in Holy Week, and on Easter Day, making our devotions complete.



Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

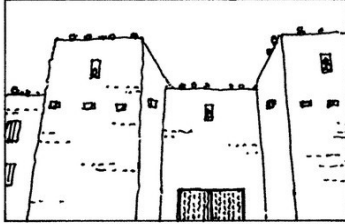
It can be read in the Bible in
Joshua chapter 6 verses 1-27

Joshua led the Israelites across the river Jordan. They camped near the town of Jericho and prepared to fight.

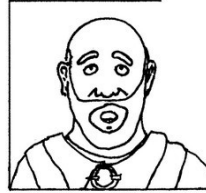
The people in Jericho locked the town gates.



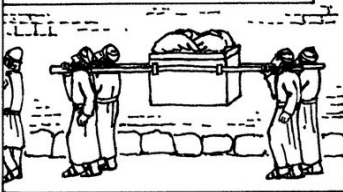
They thought they were safe.



God told Joshua what to do.



On the first day, the priests carried the sacred chest,



they blew trumpets, and walked round Jericho once.



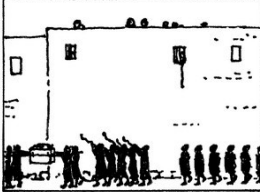
The army followed not saying a word.



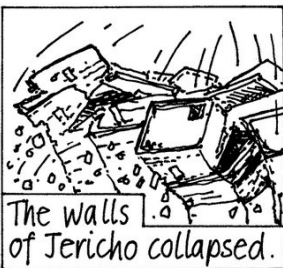
They did this for 6 days.



On the 7th day they walked round 7 times.



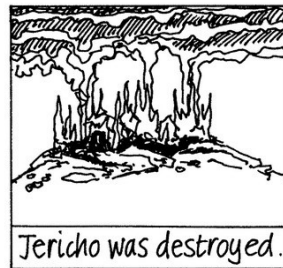
The army gave a victory shout!



The walls of Jericho collapsed.



The army rushed into the town and captured it.



Jericho was destroyed.

CHRISTIAN AID NEWS

On Friday 21st December, a group of Kilbride Parishioners and friends joined with members of Ballyclare Presbyterian Church to sing carols at the International Airport for Christian Aid.

There was a wonderful atmosphere in the Arrivals Hall as travellers headed home to many favourite carols. In fact, many people commented that it was lovely to be welcomed back home to such great and hearty singing! Folk were extremely generous and in total we raised the sum of £738.00.

This was a commendable effort for such a worthy cause and a BIG thank you is due to all who helped out that evening.

The annual Christian Aid Supporters' Conference will be held in St.Patrick's Church, Jordanstown on Saturday 9th March from 10.00am to 1.00pm. If you would like to attend please speak to Barbara Rea (Tel. 93 322207.)



The carol singers at Belfast International Airport.

*Kilbride Parish Church
Country Gospel Concert*



Featuring

'LIVE ISSUE'

Friday, 29th March 2019 at 7:45 pm

Theatre at the Mill, Mossley

*Tickets available on line at theatreatthemill.com,
by calling the box office on 028 9034 0202
or in person at the Theatre box office.*

Cost - £12.00

Proceeds in aid of church funds

Live Issue

Ok folks, here's some detail on the Country Gospel Concert at the Mill Theatre.

First of all, we've booked the Mill for one night only, and we'd love to get 400 people through the door!

Secondly, the concert features LIVE ISSUE, who are well-known Country Gospel singers. They've sung in the USA as well as the UK and here at home in Northern Ireland, and they're good!

It's the easiest thing to book a ticket. Just phone the Mill, book and pay over the phone, and just collect your ticket on the night of the Concert when you go to listen to the show. That means you don't have to pay a special visit to the Mill in order to get your ticket!

You'll find more details about the concert in the usual Council literature. Why not make it a very special night out and bring your friends along too?

So don't forget -

**Friday 29 March
7.45pm at The Mill**

SPRING FASHION SHOW

St Bride's, in conjunction with Blythwood Care, are holding a Fashion show on Friday 12 April 2019 in Coleman's Garden Centre at Templepatrick, at 7.30pm.

Come along, bring your friends and enjoy a great night out.

A hot supper will be served during the interval and after, there will be an opportunity to browse and buy anything that has caught your eye.

Tickets are £15 and available from members of St Bride's Ladies Group.





EQUIPPING FOR LIFE

Equipping for Life is a faith-based organisation, founded by Brother David Jardine in 2018. Its aim is to encourage Church people to give their services free of charge to serve those who live in areas that are deprived and may have suffered a great deal during the Troubles.

One area where the organisation is already involved is sending volunteers into schools to help children with their reading. This is going very well, and as volunteers are recruited, the project will grow and develop.

What makes **Equipping for Life** different is that all of the work is surrounded in prayer. This spiritual dimension is very important. Also, most of what is done is on a one-to-one basis, so that people can be given personal attention. Volunteers have begun working in the Greater Shankill area, but before long a move will be made into other deprived areas.

Brother David will be speaking on the whole project in our church very soon. If you think you have a heart for this work and would like to offer your practical skills or to pray for the ministry, do let the Rector know.

Do we have a Bible Study Group at St Bride's? Yes, of course we do! It doesn't meet all year round—we meet in little blocks of weekly gatherings, usually on a Thursday evening in the Parish Room.

A few weeks ago we finished a series of discussions on our neighbours the Jews, which truly fascinated our people—so much so, that some requested another series on the development of the Jews through the Old Testament. We'll see what we can do! We'll let you know when they're starting—come and join us!



DONATIONS TO CHARITY

At the beginning of the year, various members of the Select Vestry visited the offices of the charities we supported, handing over the cheques. Here are some photos:



Ivan at Women's Aid



David & Kate at Air Ambulance



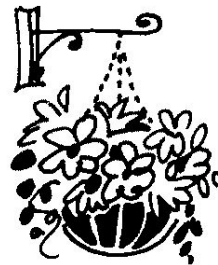
*Iris & Lilian at
Children's Cancer Unit*



Ivan at Simon Community

CHRISTIAN BURIAL

8 February
Annie Lewis
63 Anderson Park, Doagh



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*"The people devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers."
[Acts 2:42]*

**Worshipping God
Building the Church
Reaching the People**



Watchmen at "War Years Remembered"