

# Kilbride HERALD

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

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**Good support for Beetle Drive**

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

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**HOLY BAPTISM**  
 This is by arrangement.  
 Please contact the Rector at the  
 phone number in the top panel.

**The Rector would be grateful  
 for information about  
 hospital admissions  
 and discharges.**

**KILBRIDE HERALD**

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***NEXT ISSUE:***

**COPY DEADLINE**  
**Sunday 10 June**

## From the Rector's Desk



Dear Parishioners,

On Sunday 10 June at 3.30pm, a Service of Thanksgiving will take place at St Bride's, when the preacher will be the Archbishop of Armagh. The Thanksgiving Service is to mark the 150th anniversary of the Consecration of St Bride's.

With 150 years of worship and witness on the present site, we have much cause to be thankful to Almighty God.

Some special guests will be present, including some clergy from the Rural Deanery, as well as former Rectors and civic leaders.

Please accept this letter as my personal invitation to attend the service; I look forward to seeing you there.

Your friend and Rector,

**I gave my information in on the Herald deadline date and I was told there was no room! That's disgraceful!**

No, it is not disgraceful—just think about it. The deadline is the *absolute* deadline—we must have a deadline, otherwise people would be handing in information when the Herald is in print. However, we build up the Herald by including the copy as soon as we get it. When it's full, it's full, so the earlier we get the information, the better. If you keep it until the deadline, there's a good chance that the Herald is already full.



**But why could the editors not have added another page?**

Well, first of all, to include your information on another page would mean including an extra *four* pages—and we simply can't afford to include an extra four pages just to make space for your article, no matter how important it is to you or your organisation!

**Oh, I see! So if I have an article for the Herald, the earlier I get it in, the better.**

Exactly!

**Ah, now I understand!**

## The Services at St Bride's

### [1] Sunday 6 May Easter 5

11.00am Holy Communion  
6.00pm Prayers for Healing

**Thursday 10 May**  
**Feast of the Ascension**  
11.00am Holy Communion

**[2] Sunday 13 May**  
**Sunday after Ascension Day**  
11.00am Morning Prayer  
3.30pm Choral Evensong

**[3] Sunday 20 May**  
**Feast of Pentecost**  
11.00am Holy Communion  
(Family Service)

**[4] Sunday 27 May**  
**Trinity Sunday**  
11.00am Morning Prayer  
*Preacher: Canon Ken Ruddock*

**[1] Sunday 3 June**  
**Trinity 1**  
11.00am Holy Communion  
6.00pm Prayers for Healing

### [2] Sunday 10 June Trinity 2

11.00am Morning Prayer  
3.30pm Service of Thanksgiving  
for 150 years  
of St Bride's Church  
*Preacher:*  
*The Most Revd Richard Clarke,*  
*Archbishop of Armagh*  
*and Primate of All Ireland.*

### [3] Sunday 17 June Trinity 3

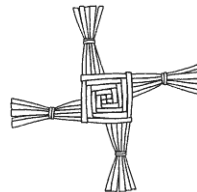
11.00am Holy Communion  
(Family Service)

### [4] Sunday 24 June Trinity 4

11.00am Morning Prayer

### [1] Sunday 1 July Trinity 5

11.00am Holy Communion  
*NB: No Prayers for Healing.*  
*This service will resume in*  
*September.*



**Don't forget the big service—Sunday 10 June at 3.30pm.**

## **FAMILY FUN AT ST BRIDE'S**

All heads went down for a full beetle at the family Beetle Drive held in the Parish Hall last month.

There was an evenly spaced number of children and adults as senior folk tried to keep up with the kids in throwing the dice and recording the scores on their cards. There's no doubt that everybody loves a good Beetle Drive, and a large number of folk went home with prizes! There were even some visitors present, and they were made very welcome. Many thanks to those who organised and provided supper—let's do it again soon!



**Here is a prayer which you might like to use daily during the 150th year of St Bride's:**

Grant, O God, that our church may be as a city set on a hill, a witness to your love, a powerhouse of prayer, and a joy and help to all who worship within its walls. Here may the tempted find strength and the sorrowful comfort. Here may the aged find consolation and the young be inspired. Show your mercy upon us, and grant us your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.



# STEW LUNCH

## IN HONOUR OF ST PATRICK

The Sunday nearest to St Patrick's Day was the day of our Stew Lunch. A goodly number of people filled the Parish Hall for stew, apple tart and ice cream, followed by tea/coffee.

The food, provided by Kathryn, was absolutely delicious, especially the stew, which was very welcome on one of the coldest days of the winter!

After lunch Clarence was the auctioneer at a hilarious Dutch Auction, and the item being auctioned was won by Joshua. What was it? Have a look at the photo below!



# **FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

## **Members of the new Select Vestry, appointed and elected at the Easter General Vestry**

### **Rector's Churchwarden**

Clarence Gibson

### **People's Churchwarden**

Iris McCormick

### **Rector's Glebewarden**

Jim Wilson

### **People's Glebewarden**

Billy Robinson

Ivan Topping (Hon.Sec.), Lilian Lyttle (Hon. Treas.),  
David Holmes, Stephen Aiken, Nigel Cinnamon,  
Rodney Wilson, Kate Henry, Raymond McDonald,  
David Hamill, Avril Nicholl, Patricia Robinson, Neil Paget.

*Most of the members of the Select Vestry have been elected by  
you (with two appointed by the Rector). Please pray regularly  
for them, that they may be able to do their jobs efficiently and  
well, and make the right decisions at the right time.*

## **NEW RECTORY PROGRESS UPDATED - AND MUCH MORE - AT THE EASTER GENERAL VESTRY**

**On the evening of Tuesday 20 March parishioners gathered to receive Holy Communion before assembling in the Parish Room for the Easter General Vestry.**

One of the items on the agenda was the Rector's Address, which was wide-ranging and encourag-

ing to all those at Kilbride.

The Rector thanked Church Wardens, Glebe Wardens, Secretary and Treasurer for their dedicated service to the Parish Family, and continued:

"I usually only mention by name a very small number of people, normally only those who are



*The General Vestry: Almost ready to start.*



appointed or elected to tasks within the parish. But there are of course, many others, whose work perhaps goes unnoticed by some, but whose dedication and endeavour helps to make this parish move like a well-oiled machine.

“And while none of us desires the praise of men, but works to the greater glory of God, I nevertheless offer my respect and deference to them all for the work that they do.”

Also mentioned in the address were the many functions and activities undertaken throughout

the year past, in celebration of PROJECT 150, concerning the 150th anniversary of the Consecration of St Bride's.

Speaking of the spiritual side, the Rector continued: “On the spiritual side, our parish is in reasonable health. In the most important feature of our parish life, our public worship, there is a growing enrichment in terms of quality and depth, and it is fairly wide-ranging in its style and content.

“I firmly believe that most of our regular worshippers come to church because they *want* to



*The General Vestry: The meeting begins.*

worship God with their fellow Christians, and not out of some misguided sense of social routine. I am most grateful for this encouraging trend, and I pray that it might be extended by the inclusion of many more of our people within the worshipping community, and by increased numbers of people who can be counted upon to show loyalty and love both to God and to their fellow parishioners."

The Rector also acknowledged that the Church of Ireland was going through a period of great challenge and excitement, and that we in the parish of Kilbride were moving onward towards greater growth and fellowship. He concluded, "We are making valiant efforts to show forth the love of Christ throughout this Parish of Kilbride where we serve, and we will continue to do so, in fellowship together, as long as the Holy Spirit enables us."

### **HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE 2019**

For those thinking of going on pilgrimage next year, we can tell you that the dates are Tuesday 14—Friday 24 May. You can even book now if you want!

## **PALM SUNDAY AT ST BRIDE'S**

**On the first day of Holy Week (Palm Sunday) we re-enacted the events of that day as the whole congregation went on procession from the Parish Hall to the Church.**

Parishioners waved branches, obtained from the trimming of the conifers, and the children of the Sunday School dressed up as citizens from the time of Jesus.

As usual, Alan and Kerry McLeod brought along Annie the donkey who made a significant contribution to the proceedings, and all sang "All glory, laud and honour" as the procession progressed.

The Rector was at pains to point out that this annual re-enactment is not a gimmick, but a valuable visual aid which will help the children to remember what Palm Sunday is all about.





*Palm Sunday at St Bride's: Teaching the children.*



*The new exit and access ramp for those with disabilities at the rear of the Parish Hall. This was provided to ensure compliance with the law!*

## DID YOU **KNOW?**

The Book of Common Prayer (also known as the Prayer Book) is the traditional service book of the Church of Ireland and is central to its faith.

Most copies of the book are green in colour, and you will find one in the book rack in front of you when you sit in church.

Compiled in the 16th century by Archbishop Thomas Cranmer, the Prayer Book has always been at the heart of our worship.

The Prayer Book is able to make holy the principal events of our lives—birth, marriage and death. It is loved for its wonderful language, and it always speaks to our human condition.

In days gone by, every parishioner would have brought his/her own Prayer Book to church. No book of services is based more closely on the teaching of the Bible, with words often drawn directly from Biblical passages.

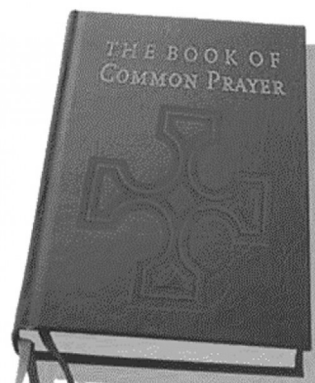
The Prayer Book contains the

Collects—the special prayers for every week and season in the year.

The Book of Common Prayer continually honours God's awe and majesty while also reminding us that He is a loving Father, close to each of us. It recognises the seriousness of sin and also the assurance of pardon for all who turn to God in faith.

The Prayer Book is used in every part of the Anglican Communion (of which the Church of Ireland is part). It appears in over 150 different languages.

Methodists and Presbyterians have borrowed from the Prayer Book, and the Book's marriage and burial rites have also found their way into those of other denominations.



## **LADIES' GROUP MEETING**

**Last March Colin Davis came to our meeting and gave a talk on his charity, Spud Bears Ministry.**

His mission is to supply hospitals and orphanages in the developing world with cuddly and talking teddy bears, to help bring comfort and God's love to the children when they are most afraid.



The name Spud Bears came from one little 8-year-old girl called Lanni. When Colin told her he was from a place called Ireland, she said that she knew we eat a lot of potatoes there. He told her we called these spuds, and so she decided to call the little bear he gave her Spud Bear. He was so sad to hear that Lanni had died a short while after he returned home, so he decided to name the ministry after her teddy bear, Spud Bear.

So far Colin has sent out over 2,500 teddies to children in Uganda, Tanzania, Ghana and Ecuador. He has also sent over 100 talking Spud Bears to share the Gospel, and for education and preventative health care. All the ladies present were very impressed with Colin's talk, and we are hoping that at some time in the future we can hold an event in support of his ministry.

**At the time of going to press, the Exhibition on the History of Doagh is doing very well. We'll have a full report for you in the next edition of the KILBRIDE HERALD.**



**From the Registers**

### **HOLY BAPTISM**

11 February  
**Sienna Amelia  
 Buckley-Mullin**  
 Burnside

11 February  
**Khaleesi Sheree McVitty**  
 Ballyclare

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### **CREMATION**

19 February  
**Myra Hanan-Porter**  
 Crumlin

### **LADIES PLAN BIG OUTING THIS MONTH**

The Ladies Group are planning an outing to Harrisons of Greyabbey on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2018.

The coach will leave the Parish Hall at



4.00pm, allowing time to browse around the Farm Shop, Nursery and Gift Shop before dinner at 6.00pm followed by a Gospel Evening with Warren Smyth (one of Ireland's finest Country Gospel singers and presenter of Downtown Radio's 'Keep it Country' show).

The coach will return to the Church Hall at approximately 10.30pm. Price: £26.00 includes Coach & Dinner. Forms are available at the back of the Church, or speak to Heather McLeod or Lillian Lyttle. Everyone welcome.

### **15 APRIL 2018—KILBRIDE RECITAL SERIES**

As part of our regular music programme featuring local and guest musicians, you are very welcome to join us for a recital of classical and popular works performed by members of the Organ Scholarship Scheme of the Dioceses of Connor and Down & Dromore, and Kilbride Parish Choir.  
 Sunday 15 April, 3.30pm.

# **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**



**Wow! What a lot of dates to remember!**

Yes, there are quite a few this month, so let's get them into some sort of order:

**Wednesday 9 May**

AGM of the Ladies' Group

**Sunday 13 May**

Choral Evensong, 3.30pm

**Tuesday 22 May—Friday 1 June**

The Rector's Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

**Saturday 9 June**

Car Boot Sales commence

**Sunday 10 June, 3.30pm**

150th Anniversary Thanksgiving Service

**Wednesday 13 June, 7.00pm**

Pilgrimage to the Six Churches

**Friday 22 June, 7.45pm**

Project 150 Celebration Banquet at the Rosspark Hotel  
(further information in due course)

## **A LITTLE PILGRIMAGE**

No, not to the Holy Land—the Rector will advertise that in due course. This pilgrimage will be around the Parish of Kilbride and just beyond, and it will only take a couple of hours.

Thanks to the late Revd R R Cox, most of us are aware that over the years since the time of St Patrick, there have been six churches to serve the people of this area.

We will be conducting a pilgrimage to the sites of each of the six churches, in order to offer thanks to Almighty God for the Christian witness of the people of every age since that time.

We will begin at St Bride's and go to the Old Burial Ground at Rashee where the first church stood—founded, we believe, by St Patrick.

Then we will move across the parish to a field at the far end of Posy Hill, the site of the second



*The old mort house at Rashee, said to have been built from the stones of the ruined first church.*



church.

We will also visit the sites at Kilbride Graveyard, Doagh Graveyard, Ballyhamage House, and back to St Bride's.

A few points of note: Some of the ground is rough—that can't be helped, and it won't suit everyone.

Also, we need to take as few cars as possible, so don't be upset if you are encouraged to go in another car; many of the roads on which we will travel are very narrow, and we don't want to annoy other drivers by trying to park, thus blocking access.

We need to know how many people will come on this pilgrimage, so please put your name on the list in the porch (ask the Churchwardens for it).

We hope to have a blessed and spiritually refreshing time as we take on this pilgrimage.

## **THE SIX CHURCHES PILGRIMAGE**

**Wednesday 13 June  
7.00pm at Kilbride**



To realise how short life really is, think of a life span of seventy years as a single day—from 7.00 in the morning until 11.00 at night. If

your age is:

15, the time is 10.25am

20, the time is 11.34am

25, the time is 12.42pm

30, the time is 1.51pm

35, the time is 3.00pm

40, the time is 4.08pm

45, the time is 5.16pm

50, the time is 6.25pm

55, the time is 7.34pm

60, the time is 8.42pm

65, the time is 9.51pm

70, the time is 11.00pm

This little exercise reminds us that we don't have a lot of time to do the works of God. Let's get busy, and make every day count for him.



**This year Christian Aid Week (Sunday 13th - Saturday 19th May) will mainly focus on the plight of the people of Haiti, one of the poorest countries in the world.**

A devastating earthquake rocked the island in 2010 which was then followed by two major hurricanes in 2016 and 2017.

As a result of these disasters many people were internally displaced i.e. they fled their homes but did not cross any international borders. (It is estimated that about 40 million people worldwide are internally displaced due to natural disasters, conflict, fear and drought.

This figure does not include the millions of refugees who have crossed international borders.)

Christian Aid has been working in Haiti, through local partners, since the 1980s. The work they

have done has saved many lives and has helped build hundreds of houses.

At the moment there are around 38,000 people still living in tents in Haiti, and according to the United Nations in Haiti, there are still around 2 million people in need of humanitarian support.

Christian Aid believes in life before death. As in previous years envelopes will be placed in Church. Please give generously. We will also be collecting house-to-house on Monday 14th May.

**If you would be willing to help with this collection, please contact  
Barbara Rea  
(tel:93322207)**



# PENTECOST



At Pentecost, we remember the gift of the Holy Spirit to the first disciples. It was a powerful experience, when along with wind and fire, 'all of them were filled with the Holy Spirit' (*Acts 2:4*).

Power is experienced in two ways: it can be either unleashed or harnessed. The energy in petrol can be released explosively by dropping a lighted match into it. However, in the engine of a car, it will transport people in a controlled way! The Holy Spirit works in a similar way. At Pentecost, He exploded onto the scene and 3000 people were added to the Church, because of Peter's preaching. He also equips us with His gifts to engage in the mission and ministry of the Church.

However, the Spirit's power also enables us so to grow in our faith. He assures us of God's love and acceptance in our lives, despite our fears, doubts or failures: 'God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us' (*Romans 5:5*). The Holy Spirit is also committed to producing the character of Jesus in us, enabling us to live as Jesus would in our place i.e. job, family and time: 'the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.' (*Galatians 5:22,23*).

'Let the church return to Pentecost, and Pentecost will return to her. The Spirit of God cannot take possession of believers beyond their capacity of receiving Him' (*Andrew Murray*)



There was no more dozing off after the vicar started serving the extra-strength coffee *before* the service

Sunday 10 June 2018  
3.30pm

# **A Service of Thanksgiving for 150 years of St Bride's Church**

*Preacher: The Most Revd Richard Clarke,  
Archbishop of Armagh & Primate of All Ireland*

*All welcome*

