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

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## *From the Rector*

Dear Parishioners,

**In the course of this year we've been remembering the Battle of Britain, described by Winston Churchill in August 1940 as '*one of the decisive battles of the war... never in the field of human conflict was so much owed by so many to so few.*'**

It was a dramatic turning point in the history of the Second World War. The occasions for Remembrance this month will provide us with times of gratitude for what was achieved in the darkest moments of war.

However, this year we are very aware of our own struggles with the worldwide Coronavirus pandemic. We face an unseen enemy, but the effects on our lives and society are as almost as devastating as world war.

Remembering is not just about focusing on past events. It is also about making present past

events, as we give thanks for all that took place.

The Battle of Britain was fought by the Few and won in the skies over the English Channel. In our battle with the virus, we can call to mind the victory of our Lord: '*Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, descended from David.*' (2 Timothy 2:8).

Jesus secured the victory over death by His cross and glorious resurrection, so that we don't need to fear death, but trust in His loving purposes for our lives.

*'They shall grow not old as we that are left grow old: Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them.'*

Your friend and Rector,

## 31 OCTOBER—ALL HALLOWS EVE

**Hopefully this edition will have reached you before Halloween, so you can read this article in preparation. Modern Halloween celebrations have their roots with the Celtic peoples of pre-Christian times.**

In those long-ago days, on the last night of October, the Celts celebrated the Festival of Samhain, or 'Summer's End'. The priests, or Druids, performed ceremonies to thank and honour the sun. For there was a very dark side to all this: Samhain also signalled the onset of winter, a time when it was feared that unfriendly ghosts, nature-spirits, and witches roamed the earth, creating mischief. So the Druid priests lit great bonfires and performed magic rites to ward off or appease these dark supernatural powers.

Then the Romans arrived, and brought their Harvest Festival which honoured the Goddess Pomona with gifts of apples and nuts. The two festivals slowly merged.



When Christianity arrived still later, it began to replace the Roman and Druid religions. 1<sup>st</sup> November - All Saints' Day - was dedicated

to all Christian Martyrs and Saints who had died. It was called 'All Hallows' Day'. The evening before became an evening of prayer and preparation and was called 'All Hallows' Eve', The Holy Evening, later shortened to 'Halloween'.

For many centuries, however, fear of the supernatural remained strong. During the Middle Ages, animal costumes and frightening masks were worn to ward off the evil spirits of darkness on Halloween. Magic words and charms were used to keep away bad luck, and everybody believed that witches ride about on broomsticks. Fortune telling was popular, and predicting the future by the use of nuts and apples was so popular that Halloween is still sometimes known as Nutcrack Night or Snap-Apple Night.

**Today, Christians have learned to turn to prayer instead of charms to overcome the powers of darkness. And the deeper, true meaning of All Hallows' Eve, should not be forgotten.**

**As Christians, we all draw closer to Christ when we remember and give thanks for our loved ones and for others who have gone before us through the gates of death.**



Thanks to Jean and Alex who are sanitizing the church, and to those who are sanitizing on the Sunday rota. This work means that the church is always ready during the week and that we can have two services on a Sunday, with a sanitization in between. All of this is a really big help!

When you received your copy of the Herald this month, the chances are that it was delivered by a distributor, so many thanks to all those distributors, who are now volunteering again. We're a step closer to "normal"!

## The Services at St Bride's



**[1] Sunday 1 November**  
**Feast of All Saints**

10.00am Holy Communion  
11.00am Holy Communion

**[2] Sunday 8 November**  
**Trinity 22**

10.00am Morning Prayer  
11.00am Morning Prayer  
*and Act of Remembrance*

**[3] Sunday 15 November**  
**Trinity 23**

10.00am Holy Communion  
11.00am Holy Communion

**[4] Sunday 22 November**  
**Sunday next before Advent**

10.00am Morning Prayer  
11.00am Morning Prayer

**[5] Sunday 29 November**  
**Advent Sunday**

10.00am Morning Prayer  
11.00am Morning Prayer

**[1] Sunday 6 December**  
**Advent 2**

10.00am Holy Communion  
11.00am Holy Communion

**[2] Sunday 13 December**  
**Advent 3**

10.00am Morning Prayer  
11.00am Morning Prayer

**[3] Sunday 20 December**  
**Advent 4**

10.00am Holy Communion  
11.00am Holy Communion

**Thursday 24 December**  
**Christmas Eve**

11.30pm Midnight Holy Communion

**Friday 25 December**  
**11.00am Family Service**

in the context of  
Holy Communion

**[4] Sunday 27 December**  
**St John, Apostle & Evangelist**

10.00am Morning Prayer  
11.00am Morning Prayer

### PLEASE NOTE

The Service Rota has been planned on the assumption that Coronavirus Regulations will still be in place. If this changes, there may be some alterations to the Christmas services, in which case you should listen out for announcements in church.

# GENERAL VESTRY

The General Vestry rarely meets outside the season of Easter, but this year we were unable to meet at Easter because of the lockdown we were in at that time.

We received an instruction from the Church of Ireland to meet last month, and we duly set matters in motion. The meeting was held on Tuesday 22 September in the church, after a service of Holy Communion.

## APPOINTMENTS AND ELECTIONS

**Rector's Churchwarden**  
Clarence Gibson

**People's Churchwarden**  
Dianne Hurst

**Rector's Glebewarden**  
Jim Wilson

**People's Glebewarden**  
Billy Robinson

### **Honorary Secretary**

Ivan Topping

### **Honorary Treasurer**

Lillian Lyttle

### **Other Select Vestry members**

Carol Ireland, Kate Henry, Hazel McDonald, Ashley Hurst, Patricia Robinson, Steve Aiken, Nigel Cinnamon, Raymond McDonald

### **Parochial Nominators**

Nigel Cinnamon  
Ivan Topping  
Kate Henry  
Clarence Gibson

### **Supplemental Parochial Nominators**

David Holmes  
Jim Wilson  
Lillian Lyttle  
Barbara Rea

### **Diocesan Synodsmen**

Ivan Topping  
Iris McCormick

### **Supplemental Diocesan Synodsmen**

Barbara Rea  
Hilary Rea

Please remember to pray for all those who have been appointed or elected to office.

## WE'RE BACK TO SINGING IN CHURCH



From the first Sunday in October we've been back to singing at our services. Amidst all the difficulties this has been a very positive step, and one that we are all glad of.

We must be careful, of course, not to overstep the mark, and to continue to observe the regulations.

For example, we must sing with our masks on, and avoid singing with great gusto. For the past few weeks our organist has been the very talented Timothy Wilson, and we are grateful to Timothy for his services at this time.

## HARVEST REVIEW

Harvest Thanksgiving services went off very well, with a larger than usual congregation, and the preacher was Canon Shane Forster, the Rector of Tandragee (Ballymore).

The Rector and Churchwardens did the decorating themselves, as others could not be admitted to the church because of social distancing regulations. So there wasn't as much decorating as usual, but the spirit of praise and thanksgiving was in abundant supply nevertheless.



**Thank you so much to those who have made the effort to get their FWO envelopes to church, especially when they can't come themselves.**

**This is a critical time for us, and we need to be able to pay the bills.**



#### PLEASE NOTE

If you wish to phone the Rectory, the only number which will work is:

**9332 2979**

All other numbers are now defunct.



#### PASTORAL MINISTRY

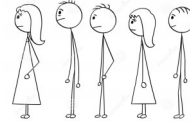
This is just a wee reminder that pastoral ministry in the parish has had to undergo a few changes, hopefully temporary, because of Coronavirus.

The Rector will not be visiting in hospitals, nursing homes, or privately in your home.

It will still help him to be told of illness when it occurs, as a telephone ministry may be possible.

#### FITTING EVERYONE IN

Over the past month we've had a larger number of people coming to church.



That being the case, we've organised two services—one at 10.00am and the other at 11.00am.

We can't take many more at 11.00am, as we are observing the Coronavirus regulations, allowing only 30 worshippers plus choir.

We would love to welcome back all our people, so if you're coming back, please come to the 10.00 service.

Please remember that changes have been made in line with Coronavirus protocols, so all precautions are now being taken.

Coronavirus is going to be with us for some considerable time, so we need to try to get back to a system where the parish is fully operational.

If you are unsure of anything, please phone the Rector or a Churchwarden, and ask as many questions as you like.

## MORAL QUESTIONS FROM THE PANDEMIC

You may have missed it at the time. The movie 'Contagion' didn't make much of an impact when it was released for public viewing in 2011. Perhaps it was thought to be unrealistic.



It was about a highly contagious, unknown virus, transmitted by an infected bat to a pig in a Chinese marketplace. From there it spread like wildfire round the world.

It was fiction then of course, but not so far-fetched as to be distant from reality, as we now know. Deadly viruses, and the plagues they cause, have been part of world history since time began. In the early days, when travel between continents was infrequent, their spread was slower and usually confined to local regions.

The way the film's imaginary plot develops bears an uncanny resemblance to what we have experienced this year. Panic buying empties supermarkets, whole populations adopt social distancing, scientists work flat out to identify the virus and then search for a means to combat it. Meanwhile, millions are infected, and quarantines are imposed.

The story progresses far beyond the reality which is familiar to us. The irresponsible use of social media and false rumours of a cure lead to the looting of pharmacies.

Emergency food supplies are ransacked, law and order break down. Troops police the streets. Then there's a breakthrough: a vaccine is discovered. But that raises a new moral problem: who will get it first and what would be a fair distribution system?

The movie is still available via Netflix, or you can buy a DVD online. Despite the inevitable carnage of the pandemic and the suffering it portrays, it contrives to have a relatively happy ending.

In real life, we haven't got that far yet. But, please God, we will. After all, most deadly diseases are now under control and both vaccination and immunisation are part and parcel of everyday life; old 'uns take it for granted that their GP will summon them for an anti-flu jab each winter.

But we may face an ethical dilemma when it comes to a vaccine for Covid-19. If there's an initial shortage, who should get it first? Should money come into it? Are Christian principles applicable? There's no doubt that Christian people need to take this very seriously.



### A SPIRIT GUEST?

When new neighbours moved in next door, they held a House Warming party and invited the entire road. My husband and I were glad to go along, as we had a five-year-old daughter, and so did they.

But next morning I was taken aback when my daughter told me that the mother had taken her into the kitchen and given her 'a spirit guest', which my daughter had really enjoyed. Now she wanted me to get her 'a spirit guest.'

I was wondering how to contact the local rector for exorcism when I realised that my daughter meant 'asparagus'!

## **TIMOTHY AT THE CONSOLE**

**Organist Timothy Wilson, who will be with us for a few months, began his duties at the beginning of October.**

We are fortunate to have Timothy for this period, and we look forward to the continuity he will provide for the Choir, and for us all as we continue our return to a more complete form of worship of God.

Timothy has been a friend of our Rector since their very early days, and he has a wealth of experience as an organist and choirmaster in the Church of Ireland.



Our Rector has identified Timothy as being in the 'top bracket' as a church musician, and on his first week with us his organ skills were very apparent.

Timothy is now retired, having been the Principal of Ben Madigan Preparatory School in Belfast. He lives with his wife Ruth in Jordanstown.

From time to time the Rector receives donations from parishioners, to be used for the benefit of the Jeel al Amal Orphanage in the Holy Land. This is an orphanage and school for boys in the town of Bethany, where the Rector takes all his pilgrim parties.

The money is passed on through the McCabe Educational Trust, and the following letter was recently received. It is reprinted here to show those who have donated that their gifts are gratefully received.

Anyone can make a donation by writing a cheque made out to "Kilbride Parish Church" and marking "Jeel" on the back.



Dear Canon Humphries,

On behalf of our trustees, I am writing to thank the people of Kilbride for your most generous gift of £410 to the Trust. We greatly appreciate this in what are hard times for all charities.

I note that you would like the proceeds of this passed on to the Jeel al Amal Orphanage and School in Bethany. It will be a great pleasure to do so as they are in particularly hard times financially just now. Please do pass our thanks and best wishes to the members of the congregation and all others who have helped to make this donation possible.

With thanks and every good wish,  
Yours sincerely,  
Iain F. Paton (Secretary)



**An enormous THANK YOU to all the parishioners who so generously supported Christian Aid Week this year.**

**Although there weren't the usual red envelopes or house-to-house collections, the people of Kilbride donated the amazing sum of £895.00 to this most worthy cause. (Last year the Church Collection was £395.63 and the house-to-house £400.99 making a total of £796.62). Sincere thanks also to Lillian Lyttle who very kindly collected and banked all the donations.**

**The following is part of a "thank you" letter received from Vicky Flanagan, Church and Community Officer for Christian Aid.**

*"Thank you for being part of the amazing movement of people who come together each May at Christian Aid Week. Although Coronavirus meant that it was very different this year you helped to ensure it was still life-changing.*

*Thank you for your donation of £895.00. Throughout Christian Aid Week you helped to bring in an incredible £230,000. Along with your prayers and actions, this will help people around the world to live life in all its fullness. We continue to deliver hygiene kits, provide food and other essentials, share vital health messages and much more in over 20 countries worldwide.*

*With your help you have protected your global neighbour battling the spread of this illness. You have protected with soap, clean water and medical supplies. Your gifts, actions and prayers have reached out and protected some of the poorest communities in the world. Thank you once again for your life changing support."*

**- Barbara**

## VIDEO MINISTRY



**Our video ministry has been very successful, and has produced around forty videos since they began at the start of Lockdown.**

These videos, engineered with the expertise of David Holmes, were intended as an aid to our worship and as a means of contact with many of our own parishioners who are unable to get to church.

Some people are dismissive of these efforts, saying that many of our people don't have the facilities to view them.

Well, that's certainly not what we've discovered! Our research shows us that viewing numbers are high, even among our own people. Of course there will be some who don't have access to the Internet, but in placing these

videos on line, we are helping a considerable number of people, and we are making contact with many more.

Some people say that it would be better if it were a full service, rather than just a few minutes.

Respectfully, we don't think so. Again, our research shows us that folk are happy to watch for a few minutes, and not all would want to see it done another way; the majority of people would find it hard to concentrate on the content for 45 minutes to an hour.

Remember, this is not intended as entertainment—it is an aid to our worship.

Therefore the videos will continue for the time being, and in the same format. We hope that all who view them will continue to be blessed, until they can return to worship in church, which we hope will be soon.

**This would be quite a fitting opportunity to thank all those folk who have participated in the videos by reading lessons or prayers, particularly some of our young folk. You've all done a great job!, so thanks very much!**



## **FREEWILL OFFERING**

### **PAYMENT OPTIONS 2021**

During lockdown, when church was closed, many people decided to set up a standing order, thank you so much for that!. If you have set up a new standing order during lockdown, you may or may not want to continue contributing through envelopes, in addition to your standing order, so we have set out the options below. Any queries, please contact Lillian or Ashley (phone numbers on front inside page).

1) Envelope only – continue to bring your envelope to church or post through the letterbox of the parish room. If you can't get to church or to the parish room, please contact Lillian and other arrangements can be made to get your envelopes.

2) Standing order only – let us know if you have recently changed to standing order and no longer want to use envelopes.

3) Standing order and envelopes - you can continue to use envelopes as well as contributing by standing order. The amounts you give will be added together and recorded under your number.

If we don't hear from you, we will assume you still want envelopes for 2021.

If you change you address or contact details, please let us know.



## POPPY APPEAL 2020



**Look out for the Poppy Appeal again this year, but not so much via street collections. Instead, the Royal British Legion will focus on contactless donations, as a safer way forward during the pandemic.**

One such method will be 'point of sale donations'. This means that when you shop at your supermarket and reach the till or online, you may be invited to round up your total to the nearest pound to help the Poppy Appeal.

A spokesman for the Royal British Legion said: "The Poppy Appeal 2020 is very much still going ahead", but that "the safety and wellbeing of our volunteers, staff and members is paramount.

This means that collectors who fall into the vulnerable category have been advised "not to take part in activity on behalf of the Poppy Appeal that would expose them to any additional risks while coronavirus is still present."

**And yet the need is still huge:**

**"Members of the Armed Forces Community are suffering significant hardship as a result of the Covid-19 outbreak and we at the Royal British Legion will do everything we possibly can to support them."**

All in the month of

**NOVEMBER**

It was:

500 years ago, on 28<sup>th</sup> Nov 1520 that the Portuguese navigator Ferdinand Magellan sailed into the South Pacific and named the waters the Pacific Ocean.

200 years ago, on 28<sup>th</sup> Nov 1820, that Friedrich Engels, German socialist philosopher and social scientist who collaborated with Karl Marx to found modern communism and co-write the Communist Manifesto.

100 years ago, on 11<sup>th</sup> Nov 1920, that following World War 1, Britain and France held ceremonies to dedicate a national monument known as the Tomb of the Unknown Warrior. The British monument is at Westminster Abbey in London.

80 years ago, on 5<sup>th</sup> Nov 1940 that Franklin D Roosevelt became the only US President to win a third term in office.

80 years ago, on 14<sup>th</sup> Nov 1940 that German Luftwaffe bombers virtually destroyed the city of Coventry, including its medieval cathedral.

80 years ago, on 15<sup>th</sup> Nov 1940 that all the Jews in Warsaw were transferred to the Warsaw Ghetto – about 400,000 of them.

60 years ago, on 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov 1960 that a British jury cleared Penguin Books of obscenity for publishing D H Lawrence's novel Lady Chatterley's Lover. This event is often considered the beginning of the permissive society in Britain.

40 years ago, on 21<sup>st</sup> Nov 1980 that American TV soap opera Dallas revealed 'Who shot J.R.' after keeping viewers in suspense for eight months.

30 years ago, on 7<sup>th</sup> Nov 1990 that Mary Robinson became the first female President of Ireland.

30 years ago, on 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov 1990 that Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher announced her resignation. She was succeeded by John Major on 28<sup>th</sup> Nov.

25 years ago, on 20<sup>th</sup> Nov 1995 that Princess Diana admitted that she had committed adultery, and spoke openly about her separation from the Prince of Wales in a frank interview for the BBC.

20 years ago, on 7<sup>th</sup> Nov 2000 that George W Bush was elected as the 43<sup>rd</sup> President of the USA, though the result of the election would not be known for over a month because of disputed votes in Florida.

15 years ago, on 30<sup>th</sup> Nov 2005 that John Sentamu became Archbishop of York. He was the first black archbishop in the Church of England.



The Preacher at the Harvest Thanksgiving Services,  
Canon Shane Forster,  
who is Rector of Ballymore (Tandragee).

**COVID-19** (the disease caused by the novel coronavirus)  
*What you can do*

A 2x3 grid of icons illustrating COVID-19 prevention measures. Each icon is in a colored square with a white icon and text below it.

- Top-left (light blue): Two people in profile facing each other with a red 'X' over the space between them. Text: "Avoid close contact with people who are sick".
- Top-middle (light green): A person with lines indicating they are touching their eyes, nose, and mouth. Text: "Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth".
- Top-right (orange): A person lying in bed. Text: "Stay home when you are sick".
- Bottom-left (yellow): A person coughing or sneezing into their elbow. Text: "Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue".
- Bottom-middle (teal): A hand holding a spray bottle. Text: "Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects".
- Bottom-right (purple): Two hands being washed with soap suds. Text: "Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds".