

Kilbride HERALD

St Bride's—where Faith and Fellowship grow

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**Dorothy serves an Israeli lunch to the pilgrims.
Read about our Holy Land Open Day, *page 16*.**

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

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From the Rector

Dear Parishioners,

Since 1921 the Royal British Legion has been responsible for organising national, regional and local ceremonies of remembrance to reflect the nation's concern that the human cost of war should not be forgotten. These centre around the Two Minutes Silence of Armistice Day, begun in 1919, and they include:

The annual Poppy Appeal—the nation's symbol of Remembrance


The Two Minutes Silence at 11.00am on 11 November when the nation pauses to honour those who gave their lives for peace and freedom.

The annual Festival of Remembrance at the Royal Albert Hall to pay tribute to all those who have given their lives for our peace and freedom.

The Parade and Service at the Cenotaph in Whitehall on Remembrance Sunday organised by the MOD in conjunction with the Legion.

As usual, our own Act of Remembrance will take place at Morning Prayer on Sunday 13 November. It would be hard to over-stress the importance of this Act in the life of our nation, and I would appeal to all our parishioners to be present in church for that service.

Your friend and Rector,



“WELL DONE” TO THE RAINBOWS

The Rainbows are to be warmly thanked and congratulated for making a substantial donation to parish funds.

This was unexpected and greatly appreciated. Everyone has to keep going in these very difficult times, but so has the Church. Yes, one or two other organisations give us money, but we already know that, and we're grateful for it, but for a uniformed organisation to make a donation is a very rare thing.

We would like donations from all our organisations. The parish hall is used, week in, week out, throughout the year. The heating and lighting is used, and occasionally misused, but rarely, if ever, do some organisations make a donation.

Every organisation should give this some consideration; thanks to those organisations who do give us some money—and especially the Rainbows!

WE WISH YOU A DAY OF LITTLE THINGS TO REJOICE IN:

A fresh pot of coffee and a friend to share it with.

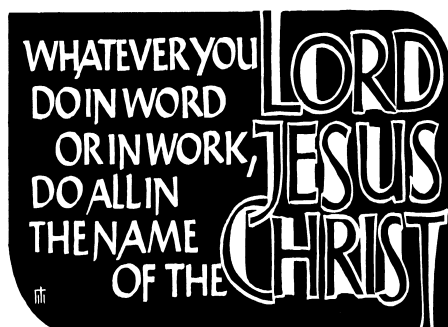
An unexpected phone call full of good news.

Green traffic lights on your way to work.

The fastest check-out line at Asda.

A good singalong on the radio.

Your keys right where you look for them the first time.



Saturday 10 December
5.30pm in the Parish Hall

The Great Christmas Tree Switch-On

Our uniformed boys and girls will join us this year, with families from the parish, and from Doagh and the surrounding villages.

Santa Claus will also be visiting us—maybe in a sleigh, a tractor, a double-decker bus—who knows!

We'll sing a few carols in the hall, a reading from the Christmas Story, some prayers, and then a special guest will join us outside to switch on the tree lights.

Santa Claus will then appear, and we'll all go back inside for supper.

Come and join us, young and old alike. Help us celebrate Christmas!



The Services at St Bride's



Tuesday 1 November Feast of All Saints

11.00am Holy Communion

[1] Sunday 6 November 3rd Sunday before Advent

11.00am Holy Communion
6.00pm Prayers for Healing

[2] Sunday 13 November Remembrance Sunday

11.00am Morning Prayer
& Act of Remembrance

[3] Sunday 20 November Sunday next before Advent

11.00am Holy Communion

[4] Sunday 27 November Advent Sunday

11.00am Morning Prayer

[1] Sunday 4 December Advent 2

11.00am Holy Communion
6.00pm Prayers for Healing

[2] Sunday 11 December Advent 3

11.00am Morning Prayer

Tuesday 13 December 7.30pm Masonic Carol Service

[3] Sunday 18 December Advent 4

11.00am Holy Communion
6.00pm A Service of Nine Lessons
and Carols
(*The Parish Carol Service*)

Saturday 24 December Christmas Eve

11.30pm Midnight Eucharist
(*The First Communion of
Christmas*)

[4] Sunday 25 December Feast of our Lord's Nativity (Commonly called Christmas Day)

11.00am Holy Communion &
Family Service



[1] Sunday 1 January Christmas 1

11.00am Holy Communion
(*No Prayers for Healing*)

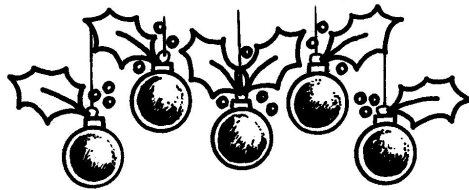


Friday 2 December
7.30pm in the Parish Hall



Christmas with the Rector

A quiet, relaxing Christmas with a cup of tea thrown in. The singing of carols interspersed with little stories and poems. Some good fun as well!



COFFEE IS GOOD FOR YOU!

Drinking two to three cups of coffee a day may help you live longer. According to a recent study by the Baker Heart and Diabetes Research Institute in Melbourne, Australia, coffee can slow down cardiovascular disease.

The coffee can be decaffeinated, ground or instant, scientists say. They believe that the benefit of the drink comes from chemical in the coffee beans themselves, regardless of the amount of caffeine present.



100 Years of Policing In Northern Ireland

Following the partition of Ireland a new police force for the newly formed Northern Ireland was established on 1st June, 1922. The Royal Ulster Constabulary (R.U.C.) replaced the previous Royal Irish Constabulary (R.I.C.). Following the Patten Report the police force was reformed and renamed as the Police Service of Northern Ireland (P.S.N.I.) on 4th November, 2001.

To commemorate this significant anniversary a special service was held in our own St Bride's Church to recognise the contribution and sacrifice made by police officers in Northern Ireland over 100 years. This was the main service for the borough of Antrim and Newtownabbey and the Mayor of Antrim and Newtownabbey, Alderman Stephen Ross, was in attendance together with other councillors and local M.L.A., Dr Steve Aiken O.B.E..

It was an honour for St Bride's to host this important event and the service was well attended by many past members of the R.U.C. and their spouses. The lessons were read by former officers and the music was led by the P.S.N.I. Ladies Choir.

The preacher was the Rev. Campbell Dixon, M.B.E., a former officer in the R.U.C. and later the P.S.N.I. for 33 years before retiring in 2004.

He was ordained in 2007 and has served in St. Patrick's, Jordanstown, St Anne's Cathedral and St Mark's, Ballysillan. In his sermon he reminded everyone of the



strong sense of duty held by officers in the police force and of the great losses and suffering endured throughout its long existence in Northern Ireland with more than three hundred members making the supreme sacrifice.



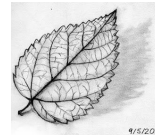
REMEMBER

CHRISTIANS WHO SUFFER

Churches and Christians across the UK are being invited to remember the suffering of Christians persecuted and imprisoned for their faith in countries around the world.

According to Open Doors, the 2022 rankings are as follows. The top 20 countries where it is most dangerous to be a Christian are: 1 Afghanistan; 2 North Korea; 3 Somalia; 4 Libya; 5 Yemen; 6 Eritrea; 7 Nigeria; 8 Pakistan; 9 Iran; 10 India; 11 Saudi Arabia; 12 Myanmar; 13 Sudan; 14 Iraq; 15 Syria; 16 Maldives; 17 China; 18 Qatar; 19 Vietnam; and 20 Egypt.

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WILDFLOWER GARDEN AT KILBRIDE

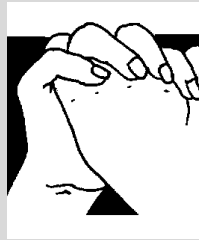
Earlier this year the Cub Scout section and Beaver Scout section in 1st Kilbride Scout Group prepared a small flower bed and sowed some wild flower seeds.

This has been a great success as both beds have produced a wonderful display of colour in recent weeks. Indeed so successful has this exercise been that the area devoted to wild flowers along the roadside fence may well be extended next year. Stop and take a look if you happen to be passing the church hall in the next week or two. Well done to those responsible!

Here's a photo of the flower beds. Unfortunately you can't make out the lovely colours!



Prayers for our Parish



In the past few weeks we've been concentrating a lot on prayer. We invite you to use these next few pages in your daily devotions. There are many prayer topics here—designed to help those who have a genuine desire to pray for our parish and its people.

Here is a way in which we can all play a valuable role in God's work. Will you take up the challenge?

Pray for our parish and all its people, that through our public worship we may be awakened to the wonder of God's love for us.

Pray that more and more of our people may see the necessity of weekly worship in church with their Christian brothers and sisters.

Pray that our worship may constantly undergo renewal, and that it may never become mere ceremonial observance.

Pray for our Rector, who has the cure of souls in the parish, and who requires your prayers in order to adequately perform his role.

Pray for all those who lead the worship, especially the Rector and David Holmes, that through their own preparation for the task, and in the way which they perform it, they may encourage all our people to worship in spirit and in truth.

Pray for those who take lightly our Lord's command to partake of the Sacrament of Holy Communion, and ask that ways may be found to show the importance of participation in this respect.

Pray for Timothy our Organist, and the Choir, that they may always be aware of their high calling, and give of their very best at all times.

Pray that we may be a truly friendly and welcoming parish family, and that no visitor or stranger in church may ever feel alienated or ignored.

Thank God for the spiritual



growth and renewed vision which has gradually come about in our parish, and for the success of every effort to bring us closer to God.

Pray continued spiritual renewal in the life of our parish and all its people, and for the success of every effort to bring us closer to God.

Pray for a willingness to change according to the promptings of the Holy Spirit, in whatever department of parish life that change is required.

Pray for George our Bishop, living in our parish, that he may have strength to manage the daily problems of parishes and people. Pray for his wife Nadine and his children in their daily lives, and in the role to which God has called them all.

Pray for all those who have the care of our young people, especially parents, godparents and guardians. Pray that they may be given strength and motivation to keep the promises made at the baptism of their children, to bring them up in the Christian faith by their prayers, teaching and example.

Pray for the parish Sunday

School, and for teachers Eleanor, Ashley and Angela. Pray that the children may be eager to learn, and the teachers eager to teach the things of God.

Pray for God's guidance as to how he wants our parish to further develop.

Pray that those whom God is calling to work with the young may be open to the promptings of the Holy Spirit and offer their services in love and sacrifice.

Pray for Doagh primary School, Kilbride Central Primary School, Tildarg Primary School, the Thompson Primary School, and other schools around the parish, that the family atmosphere may continue, and that teacher-pupil relationships may flourish.

Pray for members of the Select Vestry, elected and appointed to look after the fabric, furnishings and finance of the parish, that they may use the gifts of God to carry out their work to his glory and to the benefit of all people.

Pray for each and every home in our parish, that they may be images of God's kingdom. Ask God's blessing on families—on every man, woman and child, and pray for the maintenance of family life.

Pray for all those struggling with an ever-widening of family problems, that they may have strength and guidance to overcome them.

Ask God's special blessing on those families which are broken and divided, and pray that their members may still be united in the family of our parish.

Remember those who live alone, both senior citizens and younger people, that they too may feel part of the family of God in the Parish of Kilbride, and share the love of a family.

Ask God's continued blessings on the development of the Healing Ministry within our parish family, that more people may realise the important role they can play by praying for those who are ill, especially together in church once a month.

Pray for the sick and suffering; those who are anxious or depressed; the housebound; the lonely; those who mourn the loss of loved ones, those suffering from Coronavirus, and all in special need of God's healing blessings. Pray that they may be granted healing of body, mind and spirit, and the awareness of God's comforting presence at all times.

Pray for all parish volunteer workers, in whatever capacity, that they may perform their function with enthusiasm and cheerfulness, and that we may never take their work for granted.



Thank God for all the faithful souls who have lived, worked and died in our parish, and who have worshipped him in our parish church. Thank him for the founders of St Bride's Church, and for those who allowed our beautiful church to be built.

Thank God for allowing us the privilege of worshipping him and witnessing for him in our parish, and thank him for our fellow-parishioners, and for the sense of fellowship which exists among us.

Pray for the vital work of Environmental Stewardship which exists within the parish, that we may willingly adhere to the principles of our Environmental Policy and encourage others to join the cause.

Thank God for all in Holy Orders who have served our parish in times past, and especially for the Revd Paul Redfern, the Revd Colin Hall-Thompson, the Revd Clyde Irvine, the Revd Roy Cox, and the Revd Bob Raynor, former



rectors of our parish.

Pray for a greater sense of peace in our land, and for an end of hatred and

sectarianism.

Ask God how we, as individuals and as a parish, can best make our contribution permanent and lasting peace, and a greater understanding of our beliefs and cultures.

Ask forgiveness for our part in the bitterness of our society, and pray for the visible unity of the whole Christian Church, which we know to be our Lord's will.

Pray for other churches within our parish; the congregation at Kilbride Presbyterian Church and at Doagh Methodist Church, and the Christian group meeting in the Torrens Hall.

Pray for local councillors, other local leaders, and all who have a voice in the community, that words may never be spoken hastily or without thought.

Pray for the members of the PSNI, that they may always work for a greater sense of trust with the public.

Pray for the members of the security forces, magistrates, and all connected with Law and

Order.

Pray for all MLAs and all who represent our people in public office.

Pray for the love of Christ in the hearts of all our people.

"We must repent of our prayerlessness and make prayer a priority."

- Billy Graham

OUR GRASS-CUTTERS DO AN EXCELLENT JOB!

Although we're grateful for this, and we sometimes tell them so, the best way to thank them is to do an occasional cut ourselves.

So if you can take an occasional stroll over the church lawns, do it with a lawnmower! A little bit of encouragement will go a long way.



**HERE'S A LIST OF SERVICES AND SPECIAL EVENTS
BETWEEN NOW AND THE END OF THE YEAR**

You might need this to keep things in order!

Sunday 13 November

Morning Prayer & Act of Remembrance

Friday 2 December

Christmas with the Rector (7.30pm in the Parish Hall)

Saturday 10 December

The Great Christmas Tree Switch-On (5.30pm in the Hall & Grounds)

Tuesday 13 December

Masonic Carol Service (7.30pm)

Thursday 15 December

Doagh Primary School Carol Services (Times to be announced)

Sunday 18 June

The Parish Carol Service (6.00pm)

Saturday 24 December

Midnight Eucharist (11.30pm)

Sunday 25 December

Family Service in the context of Holy Communion (11.00am)

OPEN DAY FOR HOLY LAND HELD AT KILBRIDE

Last month an information day for prospective pilgrims wanting to find out more about the planned pilgrimage to the Holy Land next May, was held at Kilbride.



The leadership team for this trip will be our Rector and the Bishop of Connor, The Rt Rev. George Davison. Our Rector has led a great many pilgrimages over the years and has vast experience of the many Biblical sites in Israel.

The purpose of the information day was to give more detail regarding where the pilgrimage would visit, transport, accommodation and cost. There was a very informative display set up to look at, with many artefacts brought back from previous trips.

There were approximately 30 visitors to the church hall which began at 11 o'clock and a number of former pilgrims from St Bride's were on-hand to tell of their experiences on their visit to the Holy Land. An Israeli-style lunch was then served giving everyone a literal taste of what the food in the Middle East is like.

The Bishop spoke briefly in anticipation of our pilgrimage which is only seven months away, and our Rector then gave a talk on the pilgrimages explaining in detail the finer points of what anyone going next year would experience first hand.

A number of people signed up at the end of the session while others went home to write their cheques for the deposit!



Above: Valerie talks to the Bishop while Christine views some lovely photos of Holy Land sites.

Below: A group listens to the Rector imparting some wisdom!



MASONS AT KILBRIDE FOR CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS

Members of the Provincial Priory of East Ulster made their way to St Bride's last month to give thanks to Almighty God for 100 years of their existence.

The Grand Master, Robert Quigley, was present, as were other Masonic dignitaries including the Prior of East Ulster and the Prelate.

The Revd Ken Gamble preached a stirring sermon, giving information about the Freemasons which many non-members would be interested to know, and explaining how the organisation sees itself as a Christian one.

After the service all retired to the Parish Hall for tea, sandwiches, scones and stickies, kindly provided by the ladies.

Many folk remarked on how beautiful St Bride's Church was, and how well they had been received.

The Freemasons usually have a Carol Service at St Bride's, the next one to be held on Tuesday 13 December at 7.30pm.

A PRAYER OF REMEMBERING AND LOOKING FORWARD

Loving Father,



Here we are in November, the month of short days and mist and

remembering. And this year we have so much to remember. The year our Servant Queen left us and came to be with you, the King of Kings she had served so faithfully. Remembering celebration and sadness Lord, as we thank you for Queen Elizabeth, but looking forward too as we prepare for Advent.

As we work towards Christmas, yes, we remember your coming as a baby in Jesus, but even more reassuring in these difficult times we can hold on to your promise that You will come back again as our glorious King, when there will be no more death or mourning, crying or pain – when You will make all things new, when all shall be well!

Come Lord Jesus! Amen.

GOD SAVE THE KING!

‘And wherever you may live in the United Kingdom, or in the realms and territories across the world, and whatever may be your background or beliefs, I shall endeavour to serve you with loyalty, respect and love, as I have throughout my life.’

These are the King’s words from his TV broadcast following the death of Queen Elizabeth. They reflect the Queen’s own commitment to serve the nation for 70 years. They also express the continuity of monarchy: *‘The Queen is dead. Long live the King!’*

However, continuity doesn’t mean that things remain the same. The King will face different challenges to the Queen, but the same God works His purposes through each of them. At his death, King David spoke these words to his son Solomon: *‘Be strong and observe what the Lord your God requires: walk in obedience to him...Do this so that you may prosper in all you do and wherever you go.’* (1 Kings 2:2,3) These are words for our new King and ourselves, as we seek God’s will in a time of uncertainty.

The King has demonstrated his ability to get alongside people to *‘see the value of each person as God sees them.’* (Archbishop of Canterbury). He is also in touch with the important issues of the day. He has provided young people with opportunities to change their lives. He understands the life of the poorest in our society, and he is passionate about the state of our planet. Let’s pray for our king, as he faces new challenges and opportunities:

‘I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. (1 Timothy 2:1,2)

RECORD INQUIRIES ABOUT JESUS CHRIST

Thousands of people, who have little or no contact with church, want to know about Jesus and the Christian Faith because of a British website and postcards.

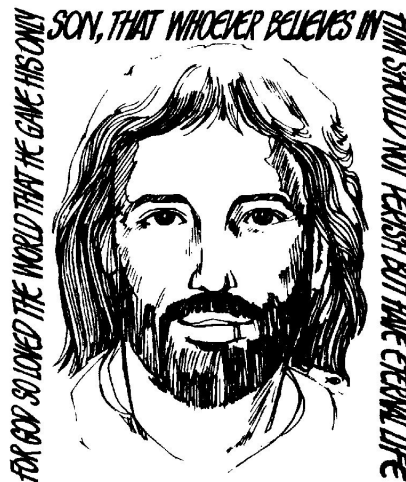
Around 1000 people a day visit the evangelistic website www.rejesus.co.uk, and it's estimated that around 200 of these are 'enquirers' who are seeking to explore and discover the Christian faith for themselves.

Rejesus has a variety of creative content to suit different people. It is accessible evangelism because it invites people to look, discover and experience in their own time, place and speed.

The website offers follow-up help from the Christian Enquiry Agency. Rejesus is a UK evangelistic website for people to explore Jesus, his followers, and what the Christian faith means today. It is regarded as 'the best of the Web' by the BBC. It is classed as a charity whose members include many of the Christian denominations and agencies.

Why not take a look, and encourage your friends to do the same!

www.rejesus.co.uk

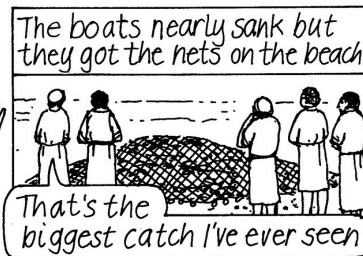
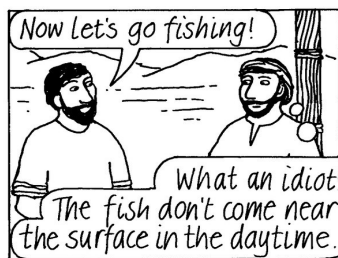
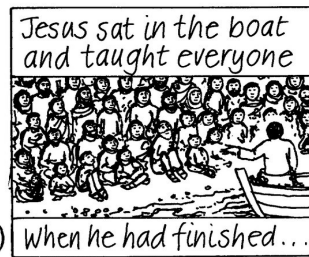


Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in
Lk 5:1-11, Mt. 4:18-22, Mk 1:16-20

On the shore of Lake Galilee, Jesus was trying to teach people but there were so many that he couldn't be heard.



BROWNIES IN FOCUS

It was back in 1972 that 1st Kilbride Brownie Pack was formed, and to celebrate this fiftieth anniversary a special service was held in St Bride's.

Current members of the pack attended and many former members were able to join them to enjoy a service of celebration conducted by the Rector. The Brownie Pack was formed during the incumbency of Rev. Clyde Irvine and his wife Mildred was the driving force in getting the new section established. It was wonderful to be able to have both of them at the service where they were reunited with many former Brownies and their leaders from across the fifty years of its existence.

A special cake was baked for the occasion and Mrs Irvine and the youngest Brownie in the pack at present had the honour of cutting it. Tea, tray bakes and of course the anniversary cake were enjoyed with a cup of tea or in the Parish Hall after the service.

The service was also the perfect opportunity for a very special presentation to a member of 1st Kilbride Guide Group. Rachael Eatock was presented with the Queen's Guide Award, the highest award attainable in the Guide Movement and one that very few girls achieve.

Rachael is one of only four across the county to have earned the award this year and she is the first Guide from 1st Kilbride ever to have been awarded this prestigious badge.

The former Northern Ireland Commissioner for Guides, Brenda Herron, was delighted to be asked to make the presentation to Rachael in St Bride's. Rachael's mother Fiona also achieved this award during her time in Guides and she is still a leader in the Movement.



Above: Cutting the cake; Mildred Irvine and the youngest Brownie do the honours.

Below: Rachael receiving the Queen's Guide Award from Commissioner Brenda Herron, with leaders Barbara and Claire.

Back Page: A colour photo of the event shows several important folk, taken after the service.





Above: The Revd Campbell Dixon (Preacher at the Thanksgiving Service for 100 years of policing) with the Mayor of Antrim & Newtownabbey Borough, the Rector and standard-bearers.

Below: VIPs at the Brownies' Thanksgiving Service.

