

# Kilbride HERALD

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

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**Parishioner George Robinson, who has reached the age of 100 years. See page 19.**

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

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# ECO CORNER



**A few years ago at Kilbride we adopted our own Environmental Policy, and we tried to provide a framework to continue that work through worship, teaching, practical action, and reaching out to the community.**

WE'RE STILL DOING IT! Want to help? Contact the Rector or any member of the Select Vestry. We still need your ideas, your practical help, and your prayer support.

## **Some Good Ideas**

Some years ago, parishioners from Knocknagoney got involved in keeping bees. Wadi Kirk in Edinburgh raised funds for water pumps in South Africa by putting a coin in a jar every time they turned on the tap—they raised a fortune! Parishioners of St. Oliver Plunket Parish in West Belfast have installed solar panels on their church roof, enabling them to generate some of their own electricity.

Many Christians have formed a coalition and have launched a huge campaign against Climate Change. Christian Aid, Tearfund and CAFOD (Catholic Agency for Overseas Development), along with other Christian charities, joined WWF and Friends of the Earth to encourage the Government to deliver substantial annual reductions in greenhouse gases, and to make climate change a top international priority.

The Christian Church now has a powerful presence in Environmental Stewardship. The Church's ability to point to projects such as Eco-Congregation shows that Christians are already changing their lifestyle to protect the planet, giving more weight to people's words.

Why are we putting all this into the Herald? **Because it's about time we launched another environmental initiative! So get your thinking caps on and let's see what we can do!**

## *From the Rector*

Dear Parishioners,

During our visits to the Holy Land, we make a point of visiting Jeel al Amal in the town of Bethany, just two miles from Jerusalem. The name is Arabic, meaning Generation of Hope, and it refers to a school and orphanage which was founded in Jerusalem in 1972 by a Christian woman, Alice Sahaar.

Alice, now deceased, was a dragon of a woman, who used her forthright personality to fight for her children in the home. I had the privilege of meeting her on many occasions, and I learned a lot from the way she went about her vocation in caring for her boys.

The orphanage was established in response to a great need among destitute and displaced Palestinian children, and it now cares and provides education for some 200 boys. Classes are offered from kindergarten to sixth grade, giving the children opportunities they could never realise when homeless on the streets.

Of Muslim and Christian background, the children come from all over the West Bank. Some are referred to Jeel by local social agencies; others are brought by families who, for one reason or another, are unable to provide the necessary care as a result of insufficient funds.

Others have been orphaned and live permanently at the home. The measure of the expert care and education afforded to them at Jeel al Amal is evidenced by the many who have gone on to be doctors, architects and lawyers.

Many have also established families of their own and take pleasure in returning to what has been their home, for reunion celebrations.

Jeel al Amal reflects the ongoing difficulties of life in the West Bank. The whole area continues to suffer tremendous political conflict: Israelis live in fear of their security while Palestinians suffer land confiscations, occupation and restriction of movement.

Each year at Jeel al Amal we

meet children who have been through hell. Nevertheless they are always happy and are delighted to receive visitors.

The pilgrims who have been with me to the Holy Land (now numbering about 400) are always happy to join in fund raising for Jeel; the orphanage exists only because of the financial and prayerful support of those who visit. However, many of our own parishioners, although never on pilgrimage to the Holy Land, have also been very supportive of Jeel.

During the course of the next few months there will be some fund-raising activities for Jeel al Amal, in which parishioners of Kilbride are welcome to take part. These will include Beetle Drives, and a series of "Cryptic Clues" competitions.

Do keep a lookout for these opportunities to raise some funds for Jeel al Amal, and enjoy ourselves at the same time.

Your friend and Rector,



## KEYRINGS FOR UKRAINE

In our last edition we had a little article about Joshua and some information about him selling his home-made keyrings and bracelets to raise money for Ukraine.

The choir members of Kilbride generously supported him in the purchase of the said keyrings and bracelets, and Joshua has so far raised £100.

Thank you, choir members, and well done to Joshua. You've worked very hard on these and your industry has paid off. Thanks to you, the Disasters Emergency Fund for Ukraine is £100 better off, and this will make a difference to those who have suffered so badly. Congratulations, Joshua!



## The Services at St Bride's



### [1] Sunday 4 September Trinity 12

11.00am Holy Communion  
6.00pm Prayers for Healing

### [2] Sunday 11 September Trinity 13

11.00am Morning Prayer

### [3] Sunday 18 September Trinity 14

11.00am Holy Communion

### [4] Sunday 25 September Harvest Thanksgiving

11.00am Morning Prayer

*Preacher: Canon David Brown*

*Taste and  
see...the Lord  
is good*



**Thursday 29 September**  
**St Michael and All Angels**  
1100am Holy Communion

### [1] Sunday 2 October Trinity 16

11.00am Holy Communion  
3.30pm Thanksgiving Service  
for 100 years of Policing  
in Northern Ireland  
6.00pm Prayers for Healing

### [2] Sunday 9 October Trinity 17

11.00am Morning Prayer  
3.30pm Masonic Service

### [3] Sunday 16 October Trinity 18

11.00am Holy Communion  
3.30pm Thanksgiving Service  
for 50 years of the Brownies  
at Kilbride

**Tuesday 18 October**  
**St Luke the Evangelist**  
11.00am Holy Communion

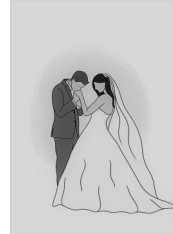
### [4] Sunday 23 October Trinity 19

11.00am Morning Prayer

**Friday 28 October**  
**St Simon & St Jude, Apostles**  
11.00am Holy Communion

**[5] Sunday 30 October**  
**Last Sunday after Trinity**  
11.00am Songs of Praise

Please note that Prayers for Healing at 6.00pm have resumed on the first Sunday in September. (These are held monthly).

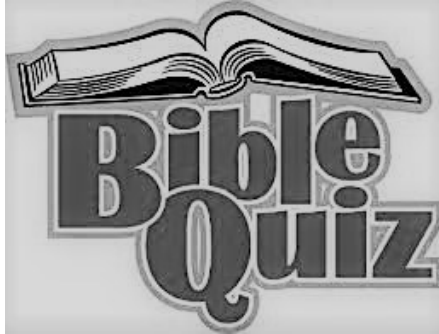


### **A HAPPY DAY AT KILBRIDE**



A big wedding was held a few weeks ago; it was the wedding of Leanne and Padraig, at which the Choir sang (including a solo by David Monahan). Although rain was threatening all morning, it stayed dry until the happy couple got away in a horse and carriage

The nice photo (above) shows Padraig and Leanne signing the register in the side chapel, together with the Rector. We wish them both a long and happy life together in Co. Monaghan.



- 1 Jonah met his death when he was swallowed by a giant fish. True or false?
- 2 Whose head was presented to Salome on a platter?
- 3 In the New Testament, who ordered that all baby boys in Bethlehem under the age of two should be killed?
- 4 According to tradition, which of the disciples died by being crucified upside down?
- 5 Which of Jesus' parables features a traveller who was attacked and left half-dead on the road to Jericho?
- 6 What was the name of the first Christian martyr whose death is described in Acts?
- 7 In Acts, who fell out of a window to his death, but was brought back to life by Paul?
- 8 What was the name of Bathsheba's husband, whose death in battle was arranged by King David?
- 9 Which Old Testament character came to a sticky end when he was caught by his head in the branches of an oak tree?
- 10 Which infamous Old Testament queen died when she was pushed out of a window?
- 11 Which three people escaped death when they were thrown into Nebuchadnezzar's fiery furnace?
- 12 Why was Daniel condemned to death in the lion's den?
- 13 In the Book of Esther, what was the name of the chief minister who plotted to have all the Jews put to death?
- 14 Who was a close friend of David, who died with his father King Saul in a battle against the Philistines?

*Answers on another page.*



## **JUST A THOUGHT...**

### **WHAT KIND OF WORSHIPPER ARE YOU?**



Do you arrive at church early to get a good seat, worried in case someone else sits there? And when you praise God, listen to the readings and sermon, and pray, do you thank God that you are not like those other people who talk whilst people are receiving Communion?

Or are you the person who comes in hurriedly, head down, and sits at the back or in the corners, not wanting to catch anyone's eye? - who focuses intently on all that is going on, then leaves right at the end so you do not have to face anyone?

Most Christians are probably somewhere in between in their approach to worship.

Some Christians profess all the good works they do and how much they contribute to the Church and charity; in other words saying, 'Look what a good Christian I am!' They focus on the rituals of worship and comment when something is not done 'quite right' and self-righteously criticise others as they leave. They wear the outward badge of virtue, like the Pharisee in Jesus' parable in St Luke 18.

Yet many people come to worship, searching for something. They feel unworthy to receive any blessing and long for something to take away their low self-esteem, guilt, sadness or fear. They find comfort in the unity of corporate worship, even without understanding the rituals. These too are the people, like the tax-collector in the parable, whom Jesus came to save.

And somehow the experience of one hour a week of being together at the feet of Jesus has to set the pattern for all the other hours we spend. An experience of blessing as well as forgiveness; an experience to share, a way of life to live.



## TIME FOR A LAUGH

**These are actual excuse notes from parents excusing their children from missing school (includes original spelling).**

My son is under a doctor's care and should not take P.E. today. Please execute him.

Please excuse Lisa for being absent. She was sick and I had her shot.

Dear School: Please excuse John being absent on Jan. 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, and also 33.

John has been absent because he had two teeth taken out of his face.

Please excuse Roland from P.E. for a few days. Yesterday he fell out of a tree and misplaced his hip.

Chris will not be in school cus he has an acre in his side.

Please excuse Ray Friday from school. He has very loose vowels.

Please excuse Tommy for being absent yesterday. He had diarrhea and his boots leak.

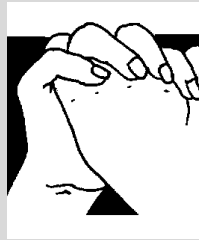
Please excuse Jimmy for being. It was his father's fault.

Please excuse Jennifer for missing school yesterday. We forgot to get the Sunday paper off the porch, and when we found it Monday, we thought it was Sunday.

Sally won't be at school a week from Friday. We have to attend her funeral.

Please excuse Jason from being absent yesterday. He had a cold and could not breed well.

## **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.

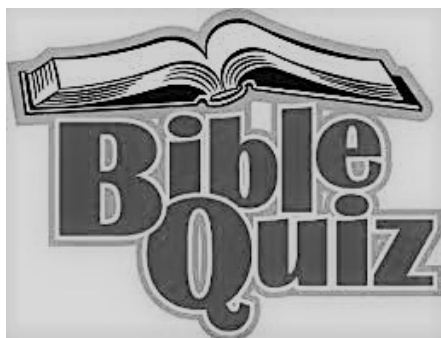
Pray for all MLAs and all who represent our people in public office.

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

***So there's the list, now let's get cracking! We don't have to pray for everybody every day, but in the course of several weeks, we should be able to make good use of these topics in our prayers to the Almighty.***

***You can, of course, add other topics connected with the parish. Tell us about them, so that we can***





### ANSWERS to the Quiz

- 1 False.
- 2 The head of John the Baptist.
- 3 Herod the Great
- 4 St Peter
- 5 The parable of the Good Samaritan
- 6 Stephen
- 7 Eutychus
- 8 Uriah the Hittite
- 9 Absalom
- 10 Queen Jezebel
- 11 Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego.
- 12 Because he continued to worship God and not King Darius.
- 13 Haman
- 14 Jonathan

**Well, how did you do? If you like, we'll have another Bible Quiz in the next edition. But if you want one, ASK!**

### SO YOU THINK YOU'RE CLEVER?

A murderer is condemned to death. He has to choose between three rooms. The first is full of raging fires, the second is full of assassins with loaded guns, and the third is full of lions that haven't eaten in three years. Which room is safest for him?

*Answer on another page.*



Being 'environmentally aware' is not just about reading in the Herald of somebody doing something—it is about EACH ONE OF US taking on the responsibility for our own behaviour.

## PRAYERS FOR THE SICK



**The so-called ‘sick book’ on the table at the back of the church is used by many people.**

The Christian name of a person is written into the book, together with a few details of their condition. The person is prayed for daily, especially at Prayers for Healing at 6.00pm on the first Sunday of the month.

There are a few problems, however, which people might be able to help with.

1 Although the book is used by many people, there are many more who don’t use it. Do they simply not know any sick people? Or do they not believe in the power of prayer? As Christians, we should be eager to take advantage of this system in our parish—*please use the book.*

2 Some people are very keen to place names in the book—but they never update the

information, and we don’t know whether we’re praying for someone who has recovered, or who perhaps has died. *Please update the information regularly.*

3 Some people say they can never find the book. Well really! The book is on the table. Admittedly, sometimes there are many other things on the table, and during the Coronavirus Pandemic we weren’t allowed to stop and look for it, but let’s try again!

4 When writing names in the book, please remember, *Christian name only*, to preserve anonymity.

5 Why not come along on the first Sunday of the month and join us in our prayers for the sick? The service lasts 20—25 minutes, the shortest service you’re likely to get at St Bride’s! And if you think it’s hardly worth coming for such a short time, is that what you really think of prayer? Remember the words of St James: “The prayer of faith will make the sick person well.”

6 Some people scorn prayers



for healing because even when they're prayed for, some people die. That's true, but remember two things: [i] We're praying for the *whole* person, body, mind and spirit—God will always grant healing of some sort. And [ii] God's greatest act of healing is to take people into his greater presence, and for Christians, that is where we're headed, and it should be a wonderful thing to think of—and indeed to pray for.

So for those who use the sick book and those who pray: thank you—and please keep doing it. To those who don't use the book, or those who don't pray for the sick in any way, *we need your prayers.*

By supporting our scheme of praying for the sick, you really can make a difference to people's lives! Go on—take up the challenge!

*I want to start praying for the sick. Where can I find the policy of our parish on this important ministry? Do we actually have a policy?*

**Yes, indeed we do. The policy booklet is being reprinted. Once it is ready, it will be set on the table at the back of the church, hopefully close to the Sick Book. Please take a booklet. If you think your question isn't answered, do please ask the Rector.**

**ANSWER TO THE TRICKY QUESTION ON PAGE 15.**

**The third.  
Lions that haven't eaten in  
three years are dead!**



**ORGANISATIONS**

Most organisations have been given their starting dates. Badminton begins again on Tuesday 13 September.

All organisations should give their starting dates to the Glebewardens. If you forget, don't expect the heating to be switched on!

## ORGANISATION STARTING DATES

If you gave starting dates when we asked for them, they will be listed on this page; if you didn't give the dates, you'll need to.

**Why do we need to give the dates? Can we not just start our organisation when we want?**

No, you can't. The parish hall is in great demand at the moment, both by our own parish organisations, and by outside bodies, and ALL organisations must say when they want to start. This also ensures that you have access to the heating.

If you're just starting back after Covid, you'll probably find that your key no longer works to open the door. You'll need to get a new key from Billy Robinson.

You might also find that someone has taken your evening, or at least part of it, so be prepared to speak nicely to those folks, and if there is a problem, ask for the help of the Glebewardens.

## START-UP OF SCOUTING

Squirrels - 4years to 5years  
(Primary 1)  
Beavers Primary 2 to Primary 3  
Cubs Primary 4 to Primary 6  
Scouts Primary 7 to year 10

**To enrol and for  
further information  
please E mail -  
info1stkilbridescoutgroup.  
doagh@gmail.com**

**BADMINTON** starts back on  
Tuesday 13 September at  
8.00pm.

## OUTSIDE FUNCTIONS IN THE HALL

What do we mean by "outside Functions"? We mean functions that are given permission to be held in the Parish Hall, and which are not organised by the parish. An example could be a birthday party.

These organisations are welcome, provided that they fulfil the requirements of Safeguarding Trust and other insurance matters. **YOU MUST CONTACT THE SELECT VESTRY.**

## **GEORGE ROBINSON HAS REACHED HIS 100th BIRTHDAY!**

**Yes, George was 100 years old on 8 August this year. We offer him our warmest congratulations on this noteworthy achievement.**

George had a big celebration with his family, (all seventy of them!). He also received communications from Her Majesty the Queen, the President of Ireland, the Queen's Lord Lieutenant, Councillor Vera McWilliam, and the Mayor, who kindly called in on the celebrations to offer his personal good wishes.

The Rector also called to see George, and presented him with a certificate of congratulations from the people of Kilbride.

George has many interesting stories to tell about events in his long and interesting life, and he has been happy to relate some of them over these past few days and weeks.

Do we have anyone else in the parish who is as old as George? If you're coming near your 100th birthday, don't forget to let us know in plenty of time!



## Whatever you do, at least begin...

A much-loved A.A. Milne poem starts out something like this:

*There once was a sailor my  
grandfather knew  
Who had so many things that he  
wanted to do,  
That whenever he thought it was  
time to begin,  
He couldn't, because of the state  
he was in.*

Know the feeling? Got something to do? Don't wait until you're not tired. Everybody is usually tired. And don't wait until you have more time. People seldom have enough time.

The Lord said to Jeremiah, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart..." God has things to be done which no one else but you can do. So—begin!

William Tyndale's ambition was to translate the Bible into English so that even the ploughboy could read the scriptures. Betrayed and imprisoned for the work he had begun as a boy, in 1535 he wrote in Latin to the prison



governor of Vilvorde Castle where he was imprisoned, to ask him for a few essentials to help him with his studies.

*"I beg your Lordship, and that by the Lord Jesus, that if I am to remain here through the winter, you will request the commissary to have the kindness to send me, from the goods of mine that he has, a warmer cap; for I suffer greatly from cold in the head...I ask to be allowed to have a lamp in the evening; it is indeed wearisome sitting alone in the dark.*

*"But most of all I beg and beseech you clemency, that he will kindly permit me to have the Hebrew Bible, Hebrew Grammar, and Hebrew Dictionary, that I may pass the time in study."*

How many of us today, imprisoned in such

circumstances, would ask for a Hebrew dictionary?

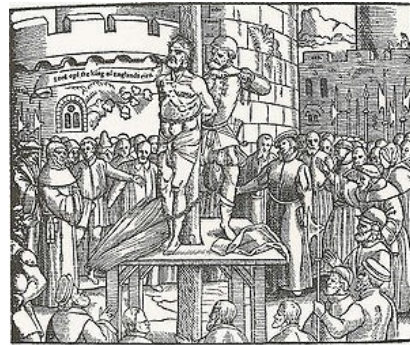
Early in October 1536, Tyndale was led out of the castle towards the southern gate of the town. The sun had barely risen above the horizon when he was brought before the authorities and a final appeal was made that he should recant. Tyndale stood immovable.

A silence fell over the crowd as they watched the lean form and thin face of the prisoner; his lips moved with a final impassioned prayer:

“Lord, open the King of England’s eyes.”

With that, they chained him to a

cross on a pyre and burnt him alive. He began and was still working on what is acknowledged to be the greatest Bible translation of all time whose words have passed irrevocably into our spirits and our own rich language and heritage. It is his story.



**Let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching. [Hebrews 10:24-26]**

There really isn't any reason why those who stayed away from church because of Covid have not returned. The full Body of Christ at worship *needs* all its members; the non-attending individual *needs* to be part of the full parish family, and while the Lord doesn't *need* all our people to worship him, there is every indication that he is pleased when they do!

## **JUST A QUICK WORD ABOUT CHRISTIAN AID**

A huge THANK YOU to everyone who so generously supported Christian Aid Week. The total raised was £1040, of which £520 will support the ongoing aid effort in Ukraine and the remaining £520 will help to support the farmers of Zimbabwe who are facing the effects of the global climate crisis.

On behalf of Christian Aid and those who will be served in your name a very big THANK YOU.

Barbara

### **RECTOR'S NOTE**

This is a truly excellent effort! Remember that there was no door-to-door collection due to Covid, so this collection came from our parishioners who go to church, and others within the parish. Well done!

### **HERE'S AN INTERESTING ARTICLE WHICH WE COULDN'T FIT IN OUR ECO CORNER.**

The website "Belfast Live" recently told us about a Co. Down Oak tree, believed to be the inspiration for the fictional land of Narnia (of C.S. Lewis fame) which could be named Tree of the Year for Northern Ireland. The tree is 300 years old and stands in Kilbroney Forest near Rostrevor. It is estimated to have a girth of 5.97 metres. Any trees in Kilbride which can match this? Let us know!



*Recent Baptisms at St Bride's. Above: Matilda Jean. Below: Hunter William David.*



# A PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

with Canon David Humphries  
and the Rt Revd George Davison, Bishop of Connor

**16—26 May 2023**

*Brochures and Booking Forms are available from the Rector*



Saturday 1 October

## **An Open Day**

in Kilbride Parochial Hall at 11.00am.

View the displays, watch the videos,  
talk to former pilgrims, partake of an Israeli lunch,  
learn more about our pilgrimages.

*For bookings received by 31 October 2022,  
McCabe Pilgrimages are offering a 6% reduction on the price.  
i.e. 6% off the full tour price.  
Further details on request.*