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St Bride's—where Faith and Fellowship grow

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WELLY-WANGING AT THE SUMMER FÊTE

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

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Where did you worship this summer?



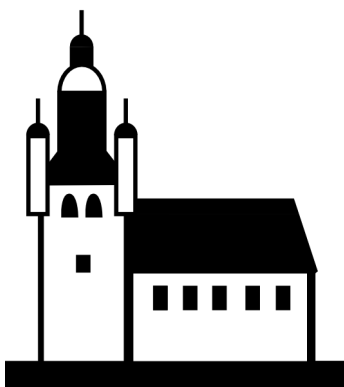
Many of our parishioners will have visited churches far and wide over the summer, in this country and beyond. Maybe

they ranged from a majestic French cathedral with stately liturgy, to a lively charismatic fellowship in Florida, complete with flowered shirts and electric guitars.



Why not spend a minute or two writing a few paragraphs, telling us where you went to worship?

You might want to tell us the name of the church and its location, what quality you most liked about it; whether or not you would make it your local church if you lived in that area—and if not, why not?



If enough of our parishioners were willing to do this, it could make a very interesting exercise!

Just scribble a few lines on a piece of paper and give it to one of the churchwardens. You wouldn't have to sign it if you didn't want to, but it would be nice if you did!

The Services at St Bride's



[1] Sunday 1 September
Trinity 11

11.00am Holy Communion

[2] Sunday 8 September
Trinity 12

11.00am Morning Prayer

[3] Sunday 15 September
Trinity 13

11.00am Holy Communion

[4] Sunday 22 September
Trinity 14

11.00am Family Service

[5] Sunday 29 September
Harvest Thanksgiving
(Back to Church Sunday)

11.00am Morning Prayer

Preacher:

The Revd Amanda Adams,
Rector of Ballyrashane

Monday 30 September
St Michael & All Angels
(transferred, see p.17)

11.00am Holy Communion

[1] Sunday 6 October
Trinity 16

11.00am Holy Communion

[2] Sunday 13 October
Trinity 17

11.00am Morning Prayer

[3] Sunday 20 October
Trinity 18

11.00am Holy Communion

[4] Sunday 27 October
Last Sunday after Trinity

11.00am Family Service

Please note that for several months we are trying a little experiment. The Family Service will move from the third Sunday to the fourth Sunday.

The third Sunday remains as Holy Communion.

The fourth Sunday, now the Family Service, will sometimes be on paper, sometimes from the Book of Common Prayer. This change will enable the Rector to talk a little more informally to our children and young people, and to encourage their attendance at both Sunday School and Church Services.

It will NOT be different in other ways. We would encourage all our worshippers to accept this small change for the sake of our children.

INTERNET ACCESSED BY WATCHMEN

The Watchmen (men's group) met in the parish hall as access to the internet using the WiFi in the nearby parish office was needed.

David Holmes gave a talk on the award-winning parish website showing everyone the content and highlighting the functionality it has, and how it interacts with other websites.

David set up the website in January 2017 with it going 'live' on St Bride's Day, 1st February 2017. He demonstrated the analytics of the software, which gives details of how and where the site is accessed. It was interesting to see that in the last month it had been accessed over 700 times from all over the world, including China, Australia and Canada.

Following the presentation of the



award of Best Parish Website at the Church of Ireland General Synod in Londonderry on 16th May there was a large increase in activity with over twice as many visitors the following day.

The website really does show St Bride's and its congregation in a very positive light but David stressed that to maintain this profile he needs a continuing flow of information and photographs to keep the website fresh and up to date.

This presentation to our men may be repeated again later in the year to give others, who perhaps don't use the internet, an opportunity to see its content.' Watch this space.





From the Registers

Holy Baptism

5 May

Amelia Jennifer

& Sophie Marina

twins of Stephen & Felicity

Foster.

Holy Matrimony

27 June

Jonathan Auld

& Julie Carlisle

Christian Burial

17 March

Sarah Bell

73 Parkgate Road, Kells

Some of our organisations could make better use of "The Herald", and even our Parish Website.

Come on, folks! Nobody's going to do your work for you. These are your instruments—make use of them!

Thanks to Canon Walter Lavery who looked after the parish while the Rector was away, and who conducted the services in his usual dignified manner. Thanks also to David Holmes who assisted him. These two made a good team!

ADVANCE NOTICE

For those who require Christmas dates in advance, please note:

Boys' Uniformed Organisations Christmas Service

Monday 2 December, 7.00pm

Girls' Uniformed Organisations Christmas Service

Thursday 5 December, 7.00pm

Masonic Carol Service

Tuesday 10 December, 7.30pm

The Parish Hall is required for all of these services.

The Police Male Voice Choir

Saturday 21 September

7.30pm

at St Bride's

Admission £10
(includes supper)

*An event not to be missed!
Book the date in your diary!*

SUMMER FÊTE SUCCESS

Welly-Wanging was a popular game at the Summer Fête, as was Horseshoe throwing, Dropping the 20p on the Queen's Head, and the Bouncy Castle.

The Dog Obedience classes were greatly admired, and the Neighbourhood Police drew big crowds as they spoke to local residents about crime prevention. The Scout skittle games and well-constructed swings were highly esteemed and used by the kids.

The Plant Stall proved a huge success, and the Hog Roast was everyone's target as we approached lunchtime. The children preferred hot dogs washed down with plenty of drink, with an ice cream for afters, and inside the parish hall we weren't let down: the Belfast Candle Company had a stall, and the usual cake stall groaning under the weight of cakes, was soon sold out.

Betty sold her scarves, Eleanor her handbags, and books were popular too, while many folk preferred a cup of tea or coffee with lovely scones and delicious traybakes; and we were so lucky with the weather, as the sun shone all day! Needless to say the Fête was a great success, everyone worked hard, and £2,000 was collected in. A big thank you to all who supported the event in any way. Well done, all!



GRAND SUMMER FÊTE











Jonathan Auld and Julie Carlisle who were married by the Rector at the end of June. Assisting was the Revd James Rodgers of Ballynure Presbyterian Church.



‘Lord, teach us to pray.’

St Luke tells us that the disciples asked Jesus to teach them how to pray, after he had just prayed.

In his teaching Jesus had spoken about prayer. But it was neither his teaching nor his preaching on prayer that inspired this request from his disciples; it was his example in prayer.

Also, Jesus had sent his disciples out to preach, yet their request was not, ‘Lord, teach us to preach.’ They had witnessed the mighty miracles he had performed and saw the astonishment of the crowds, but they did not ask him, ‘Lord, teach us to perform miracles.’ No, they asked instead, ‘Lord, teach us to pray.’

The disciples were beginning to learn that there was a direct link between the prayer life of Jesus and his Spirit-anointed ministry. We need go no further than what we find here in St Luke’s account of the Gospel to see the consistent prayer life of Jesus.

As news of his mighty ministry spread far and wide, huge numbers of people gathered to



hear and be healed.

This was ‘high noon’ in the ministry of our Lord, and as the crowds gathered to hear him, he

withdrew to the wilderness and prayer. The Bible tells us that Jesus made a habit of having whole nights of prayer. St Luke also records that immediately following the feeding of the five thousand, the disciples were with Jesus—and he was praying. He prayed early in the morning before the day began; he prayed late in the evening after the hours of demanding ministry; he prayed in secret; he prayed with his disciples, and he often prayed all night. He prayed in homes; he prayed by the roadside; he prayed on mountains; he prayed in boats; he prayed in the wilderness; he prayed in the synagogue; he prayed in Gethsemane; he prayed on the cross.

No wonder that Jesus’ example in praying prompted the disciples to ask, ‘Lord, teach us to pray.’ As we read and study the life and ministry of our Lord, we will likewise be moved to ask him, ‘Lord, teach us to pray.’

BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY

SUNDAY 29 September is "Back to Church Sunday". This is an opportunity for us to invite people back to church. For some reason they've stopped coming. Maybe they just got out of the habit; perhaps they had a row with the Rector, or another rector of the past; it could be that when they came, nobody spoke to them; maybe there is another reason for their termination of church attendance.

Whatever the reason for their current absence, it is our responsibility to ensure that they are welcome at St Bride's, and we must do what we can to make them feel at home and encourage them to come and worship the Almighty with us. *This is our Christian duty!*

What we want to do, therefore, is to make a mental note of someone who used to go to church, but who doesn't go now, or whose attendance is perhaps only once or twice a year, and invite them to come to the Harvest Thanksgiving Service.

Believe it or not, 82% of non-churchgoers have indicated that they would respond to an invitation if it was given. This is the time and the chance for them to get back into a routine, which will be of benefit to us all in our parish family.

There will be more about Back to Church Sunday in the coming weeks at church. Do please take this seriously and don't just leave it to other people. We are all part of the Christian family, and we all have a part to play.





Stop! Stop! There's something else we can do!

Oh, what's that?

As well as invite people to come back to church, we can invite others to come for the first time. There are many people who don't go to church, but who might be very happy to go along if invited.

Well done! That's a brilliant idea! We should definitely do that as well.

So there you are, folks, knock your neighbours' door, and invite them to church as well. We should certainly have a good attendance on that Sunday!

FREEWILL OFFERING ENVELOPES

From January 2020, if your current FWO number is above 130, you will be allocated a new lower number. If your number is 130 or below, your number will remain the same.

Nothing else has changed, only the number, to simplify the system. You don't need to do anything.

Your new number is still linked to your name, so we can still keep an accurate record of your giving.

If you have moved to Standing Order only, and no longer require a set of envelopes, please let Ashley Hurst know.

Also, if your address or contact details change, please let us know. Anyone who is new to the parish and who would like to contribute through FWO or by Standing Order, please speak to Ashley, or to Lillian Lyttle.

If you have any questions in relation to any of this, speak to Ashley Hurst.

DID YOU KNOW?

WHAT ARE THE LITURGICAL COLOURS?

In St Bride's the liturgical colours are used on the lectern, pulpit, holy table, and on the Rector's stoles.

They denote the various seasons in the Church's calendar, so quite simply, they tell us what "mood" the Church is in.

Some churches use many colours, some none at all. We use the four basic colours.

Green is a sort of neutral colour; it is the basic colour during what we call "ordinary time."

Violet (or purple) indicates penitence, and is used during Advent and Lent.

White (or gold) is used for joy and triumph, for example at Christmas and Easter, St Patrick's Day.

Red is the colour of fire and blood, and is used at Pentecost (to remind us of the tongues of

fire which descended on the Christians in the upper room), during Holy Week, and on the feasts of saints who were also martyrs.

So next time you come into church, check the liturgical colours and think about how we should be worshipping on that day.

SMILE LINES

Old Benedictine Habit

A Benedictine monk was returning from a conference abroad and, as is customary, packed his monk's habit in a small case. Arriving at customs the officer asked: 'Anything to declare?' The monk replied: "Only an old Benedictine habit."

"Okay," said the officer, "how many bottles?"

Morals

A new vicar had arrived, to replace the one who always ended his lengthy sermons with: "Now the moral of all this is..."

A few weeks later the Bishop ran into one of the churchwardens and asked how things were going with the new vicar. He got an enthusiastic replay: "Oh Bishop, the new vicar is just great, he hasn't any morals at all!"

ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS

30 September (*transferred*)

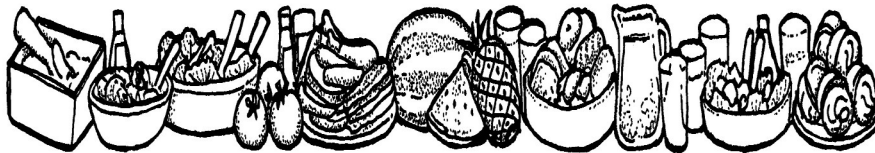
This year we are having a celebration of the Holy Communion on the Feast of St Michael and All Angels, an important day which is observed by the Church of Ireland. The service is at 11.00am.

St Michael is an archangel, whose name means 'who is like unto God?' He makes various appearances throughout the Bible, from the Book of Daniel to the Revelation of St John. In Daniel, he is 'one of the princes' of the heavenly host, and the special guardian of Israel. In Revelation he is the principal fighter of the heavenly battle against the devil.



From early times, St Michael's cult was strong in the British isles. In art he is often depicted as slaying the dragon. He is sometimes found as weighing souls.

The 'All Angels' bit of his feast-day was added in quite recent times, when Gabriel and Raphael were included in with St Michael.





CLIMATE CHANGE

How do we know this is real?

The Earth's climate has changed throughout history. Just in the last 650,000 years there have been seven cycles of glacial advance and retreat, with the abrupt end of the last ice age about 7,000 years ago marking the beginning of the modern climate era — and of human civilization. Most of these climate changes are attributed to very small variations in Earth's orbit that change the amount of solar energy our planet receives.

The current warming trend is of particular significance because most of it is extremely likely (greater than 95% probability) to be the result of human activity since the mid-20th century and proceeding at a rate that is unprecedented over decades to millennia.

Earth-orbiting satellites and other

technological advances have enabled scientists to see the big picture, collecting many different types of information about our planet and its climate on a global scale. This body of data, collected over many years, reveals the signals of a changing climate.

The heat-trapping nature of carbon dioxide and other gases was demonstrated in the mid-19th century. Their ability to affect the transfer of infrared energy through the atmosphere is the scientific basis of many instruments flown by NASA. There is no question that increased levels of greenhouse gases must cause the Earth to warm in response.

Ice cores drawn from Greenland, Antarctica, and tropical mountain

glaciers show that the Earth's climate responds to changes in greenhouse gas levels. Ancient evidence can also be found in tree rings, ocean sediments, coral reefs, and layers of sedimentary rocks. This ancient evidence reveals that current warming is occurring roughly ten times faster than the average rate of ice-age-recovery warming.

The planet's average surface temperature has risen about 1.62 degrees Fahrenheit (0.9 degrees Celsius) since the late 19th century, a change driven largely by increased carbon dioxide and other human-made emissions into the atmosphere.

Most of the warming occurred in the past 35 years, with the five warmest years on record taking place since 2010. Not only was 2016 the warmest year on record, but eight of the 12 months that make up the year — from January through September, with the exception of June — were the warmest on record for those respective months.



Okay, so what has this to do with the Church?

Christians believe that responding to climate change is an essential part of our responsibility to safeguard God's creation. The whole of God's Church should be addressing—in faith, practice and mission—the issue of climate change.

God has appointed us as stewards of his creation. To ignore these ecological and environmental difficulties would be irresponsible.

We must all do what we can to help. Over the next few months we will be compiling and developing our parish's response to the situation. Young and old will have to opportunity to play their part in maintaining and preserving this world, so that our children and grandchildren may live a live free from the results of our thoughtless devastation.



“BEFORE I AM AN ATHLETE, I AM AN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN.”

At 33 years of age, Serbian tennis star Novak Djokovic has won his fifth Wimbledon title, and 16th Grand Slam win, beating Roger Federer in a grueling match, just 3 minutes shy of five hours long. It's a safe bet that this man, who dominated the world tennis elite for so long, was able to find the energy he needed for this latest feather in his cap thanks to his regular Bible reading.

“Before I am an athlete, I am an Orthodox Christian”

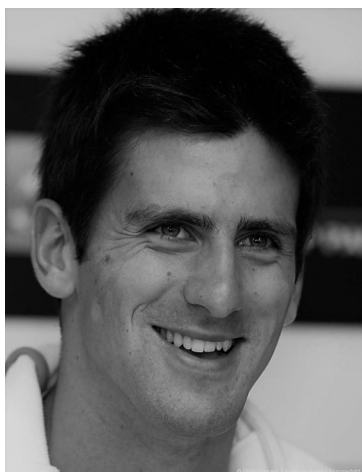
The number 1 tennis player in the world is an Orthodox Christian, and he does not hesitate to say it publicly. It is not uncommon to observe Novak Djokovic invoking Christ during a meeting or wearing a cross around his neck to witness to his faith. For him, his religious beliefs come before his 68 titles, including 12 Grand Slam tournaments earned since the beginning of his career.



“This is the most important title of my life, because before being an athlete, I am an Orthodox Christian,” he said in April 2011, when he received the order of St. Sava in the first degree from the hands of Irenaeus, the Patriarch of the Serbian Orthodox Church. The order of St. Sava is the highest distinction in the Serbian Orthodox Church, and it was given to him especially for having contributed financially to the renovation of religious buildings in his native land, Serbia.

He finances a free restaurant for the poorest

A multi-millionaire thanks to his tournament winnings and numerous advertising contracts, Novak Djokovic willingly puts his fortune at the service of the underprivileged and helps causes that are dear to him.



Judge for yourself. Last December, the Novak Djokovic Foundation, of which he is one of the main benefactors, contributed 94,000 euros for the renovation of a school in Pozega (Serbia).

In October of 2017, the tennis player announced the opening of a restaurant in Serbia offering free food to the homeless and the poor. "Money is not a problem for me. I have earned enough to feed all of Serbia. I think they deserve it after the support I received from them," he said in a statement released at the time.

The fate of the children of his country (where the minimum wage is set at less than 200 euros per month) particularly captures Novak Djokovic's charitable attention. That is why, in 2015, his foundation joined forces with the World Bank to provide young Serbs with access to schooling and care. Welcoming his generosity, UNICEF rightly appointed him Goodwill Ambassador to Serbia in August 2015.

"Novak Djokovic is a true champion for children around the world. He shows that powerful voices and actions can make a difference for children, especially for the youngest," said Yoka Brandt, deputy director of UNICEF.

As a faithful Christian who lived out his childhood in a country rife with violent conflict — the war between Bosnia and Herzegovina lasted from 1992 to 1995 — Novak Djokovic has never lost sight of his roots. And this is surely welcomed by his wife Jelena, whom he began dating in 2005, when they attended the same high school in Belgrade. They made their marriage vows before God in July 2014, and their two children are named Stefan (3 years old) and Tara (4 months old). We can imagine their home life will be an excellent school to learn not only tennis, but also generosity.

This article was first published in the French edition on Aleteia.

HOLY LAND BECKONS FOR KILBRIDE AND FRIENDS

On Saturday 7 September at 2.30 there will be a meeting in the Parish Room for all those going on the next Holy Land Pilgrimage.

Also invited to this meeting are those who intend to go but have not yet booked, and those who are interested in going, but haven't yet made up their minds.

The meeting, to be conducted by the Rector, will last a couple of hours and will finish with Israeli-type refreshments. All interested Kilbride folks and their friends are invited to come to the meeting.



PLASTIC, PLASTIC EVERYWHERE

Did you know that you are eating plastic? On average, each one of us now ingests about five grams of plastic each week – or the equivalent of eating a credit card.

Such is the rather startling news from WWF (World Wide Fund for Nature). Research at the University of Newcastle in Australia has found that we are consuming up to 102,000 tiny pieces of plastic less than 1mm – around 250 grams – each year. Nearly 90 per cent of that is coming from our water, both bottled and tap. Other foods with high plastic levels are shellfish, beer and salt.

The long-term effects of plastic ingestion on the human body are not yet known. In the meantime, Britain has taken 15 billion plastic bags out of circulation, and recently banned microbeads in cosmetics.

The Government is also considering a deposit return scheme for plastic bottles. At present, Britons use 7.7 billion single-use plastic water bottles a year, less than half of which are recycled. This means that 16 million bottles are binned every day in the UK.

IMPORTANT ARRANGEMENTS FOR

HARVEST THANKSGIVING



Gifts for decorating the church. Gifts of flowers, fruit and vegetables will be most welcome, as always. The church will be open on the morning of Saturday 28 September when decorating can take place, and when gifts can be left; you can leave them in the porch, or at the back of the church. Thank you for your help.

Folk to do the decorating. As always we need as many volunteers as possible to help with the decorating on Saturday morning. Please don't leave it to the faithful few - your help is both needed and appreciated.

Decoration of the church. This will take place on Saturday (8th) at 10.00am

Children's gifts. It is the tradition in St Bride's that the boys and girls bring along a gift to the 11.00am service, when there will be an opportunity for them to bring their gift to the chancel steps. A few pieces of fruit would be most welcome; they can be placed in a small basket, or simply in a bag. These gifts will be given to sick people in the parish.

The remaining fruit and vegetables. Fruit and vegetables will be available for purchase on Monday morning. Anyone should feel free to take some and leave a reasonable donation. ***Those coming to take these items should be aware that this is a celebration of Holy Communion in the church at 11.00am.***

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