

# Kilbride HERALD

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

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2018



The Primate chats to Kilbride parishioners  
after the 150th Anniversary Service.

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

**Rector: The Revd Canon W D Humphries**  
The Rectory, 7 Rectory Road, Doagh, Ballyclare BT39 0PT  
*Phone:* 9334 0225     *E-mail:* wdhumphries@hotmail.com

**Lay Assistants at Holy Communion**  
As per rota

**Rector's Churchwarden**  
Clarence Gibson: 9332 3761

**People's Churchwarden**  
Iris McCormick: 9332 3921

**Rector's Glebewarden**  
Jim Wilson: 2589 8753

**People's Glebewarden**  
Billy Robinson: 07799 863 095

**Honorary Secretary**  
Ivan Topping  
9334 1916

**Honorary Treasurer**  
Lilian Lyttle: 9332 3311

**FWO Secretary**  
Graham Campbell: 9334 0565

**Gift Aid Secretaries**  
Phyllis Glenn: 9334 0884  
Irene Paget: 9332 3579

**Organist & Choir Director**  
Beth Aiken

**Sunday School Superintendent**  
Eleanor Graham: 9334 0000

**Parish Hall Organiser**  
Alex Johnston: 9334 9393

**Caretaker**  
Jean Johnston: 9334 9393

**Parish Website**  
**kilbrideparishchurch.org**  
**Parish Webmaster:** David Holmes

**PARISH OFFICE**  
Open Mondays, 9.00am—12.00 noon.  
**Parish Office Secretary:**  
**Iris McCormick**  
9334 1248

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

**KILBRIDE HERALD**

**Editorial Panel**  
Iris McCormick, Ivan Topping,  
The Rector

***NEXT ISSUE:***

**COPY DEADLINE**  
**Sunday 14 October**

## **From the Rector's Desk**



Dear Parishioners,

I am writing to all who claim membership of St Bride's, as we undertake a review of our giving, and first of all I want to thank you for your personal commitment to the life of our parish in this past year.

There has been much to be grateful for; we've had a very encouraging year, celebrating the 150th anniversary of our lovely church. I also believe that we've got lots to look forward to in the year ahead.

It is good to be part of a living church, but as you know, life costs. Every year the costs increase for our homes, and St Bride's is no different. Just as our costs increase, so do our opportunities to serve our community in Kilbride. If we are to achieve our goals, each of us needs to think and pray about our commitment to give regularly and generously to the work of our parish.

So I am writing to ask you to join

with me, and all of our parish family, as we review our giving. This review, culminating on Sunday 30 September (Harvest Thanksgiving Sunday), is our opportunity to do this together.

I am inviting each person to do three things:

First, please review your own giving, thoughtfully and prayerfully.

Secondly, there are several meetings planned for September. Please come to one, so that you can see our financial situation for yourself.

Thirdly, please plan your giving, so that you can give regularly and weekly.

You will receive other material over the next days. Do read it. We are part of a living church. With God's help and your support we can achieve great things.

I thank you for the thoughtful way in which I know you will consider this matter.

Your friend and Rector,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "David Humphries".

## The Services at St Bride's



**[1] Sunday 2 September  
Trinity 14**

11.00am Holy Communion  
6.00 Prayers for Healing

**[2] Sunday 9 September  
Trinity 15**

11.00am Morning Prayer

**[3] Sunday 16 September  
Trinity 16**

11.00am Holy Communion  
(*Family Service*)

**[4] Sunday 23 September  
Trinity 17**

11.00am Morning Prayer

**[5] Sunday 30 September  
HARVEST THANKSGIVING**

11.00am Morning Prayer  
*and Response to our  
Freewill Offering Review,  
"Giving in Grace."*

*Preacher: Canon David Brown,  
Rector of Knocknagoney*

**[1] Sunday 7 October  
Trinity 19**

11.00am Holy Communion  
6.00 Prayers for Healing

**[2] Sunday 14 October  
Trinity 20**

11.00am Morning Prayer  
3.30pm Masonic Service

**[3] Sunday 21 October  
Trinity 21**

11.00am Holy Communion  
(*Family Service*)

**[4] Sunday 28 October  
Last Sunday after Trinity**

11.00am Morning Prayer

**You will shortly receive an invitation to one of our evenings entitled GIVING IN GRACE.**

**This is so that we can review the whole purpose of Freewill Offering and where the Church's money comes from.**

**Please don't decline the invitation—we really need you there! Thank you for your support.**



## BATTLE OF THE SOMME

**On 1 July a ceremony was held at the Somme Memorial Park in Ballyclare to remember those who died at the Battle of the Somme.**

The Somme Offensive was a battle of the First World War fought by the armies of the British Empire and France against the German Empire.

It took place between 1 July and 18 November 1916 on both sides of the upper reaches of the River Somme in France.

The battle was intended to hasten a victory for the Allies and was the largest battle of the First World War on the Western Front.

More than three million men fought in this battle and one million men were wounded or killed, making it one of the bloodiest

battles in human history. Many members of the 36th Ulster Division lost their lives in this battle.

The Ballyclare branch of the Royal British Legion hold a memorial service each year in order to remember this enormous sacrifice.

It is attended by members of the Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council, as well as Legion members and the general populace, and this year the service was conducted by our Rector.



## THE SIX CHURCHES

In mid-June our parishioners went on a pilgrimage to the “six churches” - the sites of the six churches which were operating consecutively as centres of Christian worship in and around our parish since early Christian times.

This was an opportunity to thank Almighty God for such a Christian witness in Kilbride over 1700 years.

Thankfully we were able to visit all the sites except one—the Graveyard Field, which is farmed by our neighbour Brian McAdam.

However, the Rector has now seen the field, courtesy of our farming neighbour, who was most kind and accommodating in that respect.

For those interested in the history

of the area, here are the locations of the six churches, in chronological order:

Rashee Old Graveyard, where the church was founded by St Patrick himself;

The Graveyard Field, not far from Brook Meadow, where Brian McAdam is farming;

Kilbride Graveyard, beside which the Presbyterians have now built a church, and where Florence Mary McDowell is buried;

The Church of St Mary of Doagh, where a seven-foot-tall wall still stands;

Ballyhamage, now sadly no more than a shell, where a chapel-of-ease was created in the house by The Revd McDowell Johnston, Vicar of Donegore and Kilbride;

And finally St Bride’s Church on Kilbride Road, which has so far stood for 150 years.



*The Graveyard Field, which can be seen from the church grounds*

## PARISH OFFICE READY TO OPEN



The opening of the Parish Office, for which we have laboured for some time, is ready to happen.

Much of the furniture and equipment has been donated, and assistance has been offered and received from various people.

Donated items included filing cabinets and desks, as well as a computer and printer, telephone and other equipment. This was very generous, and has saved us a considerable sum of money.

**What's the point of an office in a church? I never heard of such a thing!**

In the 21st century, things are done differently. We live in a technological age, when administration is faster and more efficient than it ever has been before. The Church is competing with businesses, educational

establishments, and many other modern-day institutions. Do you think that such organisations will have the patience to deal with a parish still in the early 20th century? We must compete adequately in the here-and-now. And if you don't think that other churches have offices, take a look at the pages of the Church of Ireland Directory - it's full of parish offices!

The Parish Office will begin life slowly, but we anticipate an increase in work over the first year, as parishioners and others get used to it.

For the moment it will be open on Monday mornings, 9.00am—12.00 noon, and Iris McCormick is the Parish Office Secretary. The phone number may be found on the front inside page of this edition of the Herald.

Thank you to all who have helped (in any way) with the setting up of the office—we're ready to go!

### **"GIVING IN GRACE"**

**That's the title of our Freewill Offering Review. Please don't forget about it. We need ALL our people on board.**

# FROM THE ORGAN BENCH



We were delighted to resume Choral Evensong at Kilbride in May, and, for those of you in at-

tendance, I am sure that you will join me in congratulating our choir members and guests who sang Harwood's Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis exceedingly well.

We are fortunate that guest musicians from Connor and Down were keen to join us in making great music, and the choir continue to have great fun learning a range of new pieces.

In June, we sang Vaughn Williams' 'Old Hundredth' and Shaw's 'With a voice of singing' for our 150th Celebration Service. Our guest organist on both occasions was Dr Joe McKee OBE from St Columba's, Knock.

Not only has Joe been kind enough to share his musical gifts with us on multiple occasions, but also, over the last three years, I

have had the great pleasure to receive tuition from him as a recipient of the Organ Scholarship Scheme from the Dioceses of Connor, Down and Dromore.

Whilst it is bittersweet that my scholarship period has now reached its conclusion, I am pleased to have expanded my lifetime of keyboard musicianship and training into a curious compassion for the musical expression of the liturgy.

For this extraordinary training experience, I am grateful to the outgoing chair of the Organ Scholarship Board, Canon David Humphries, to the full committee, anonymous donors, fellow organists and, especially, to Joe.

Looking ahead to 2018-19, the choir will continue to sing monthly anthems, participate in our Kilbride Recital Series and present special music at special services and during the days leading up to Remembrance and Easter.



Our next choral workshop to focus on music for the Autumn and Christmas will be held on Saturday, 1st September from 10 am until 3 pm. New members are welcome to come along any time – no previous experience is necessary.

We also welcome those who would like to join to sing for special occasions only. Please see me or speak with our Choir President, Alistair, for further information.

So, how can you help us grow our music programme and outreach at Kilbride? Get involved by singing heartily during the services; informing me of your favourite hymns or anthems that you would like to sing; supporting the choir's efforts; attending our extra services and programmes; bringing along friends and sharing the word about special music; and, recommending performers for our recital series or as new members.



### **Join us on 2 September as we kick off our Junior Choir.**

Starting on Sunday, 2 September, children and teens are invited to come along to choir practice on Sunday mornings from 10:15 – 10:35 in the Parish Room.

Tea, juice and biscuits will be provided for parents, babies and siblings to observe while the kids learn fun music.

We will learn music to sing at some of the Family Services, held on the third Sunday of every month, alongside the Adult Choir. These dates will be 16/9, 21/10, 18/11 and 16/12.

*Beth*



**From the Registers**

### **CHRISTIAN BURIAL**

16 July 2018

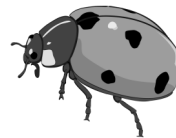
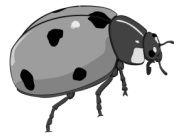
**Mary Crawford**

Camphill Care Home, Ballymena  
(late of Hollybank Road, Parkgate)

You are invited to a

# BEETLE DRIVE

in the Parish Hall  
on Saturday 15 September  
at 7.30pm



*Adults: £5.00*  
*Children: £2.00*  
*(includes refreshments)*

*Come along and bring your friends.*

**FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY!**

# The Big Bash!



JESUS OFTEN TOLD STORIES WITH HIDDEN MEANINGS



ONE STORY WAS ABOUT A RICH MAN WHO DECIDED TO HAVE A PARTY

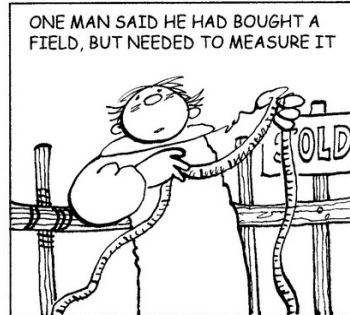


HE SENT OUT LOTS OF INVITATIONS

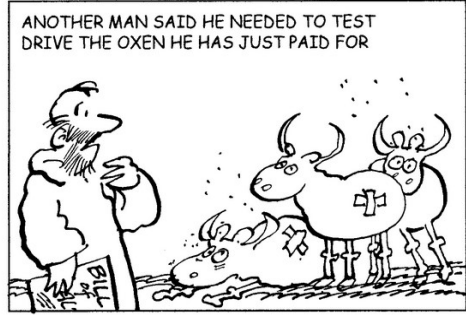


OH! NO!!

BUT PEOPLE STARTED MAKING EXCUSES



ONE MAN SAID HE HAD BOUGHT A FIELD, BUT NEEDED TO MEASURE IT



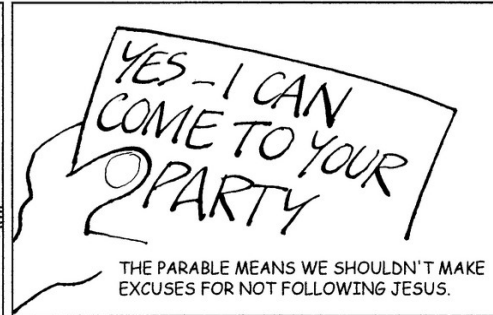
ANOTHER MAN SAID HE NEEDED TO TEST DRIVE THE OXEN HE HAS JUST PAID FOR



ANOTHER MAN SAID HE HAD JUST GOT MARRIED - AND HIS WIFE WOULDN'T LET HIM OUT!



SO THE RICH MAN INVITED ALL THE POOR AND NEEDY INSTEAD.



THE PARABLE MEANS WE SHOULDN'T MAKE EXCUSES FOR NOT FOLLOWING JESUS.

# You might want to know this...

**Christmas Candles.** Spread the festive cheer with Coleman's major selection of Christmas Candles and Accessories.

Giving you great festive fragrances and wonderful gifts, they will have everything you need for a very Merry Christmas.

Their Christmas Candle range includes everything you need. Decorate your home with their glamorous Pillar Candles and Christmas Dinner Candles which add a touch of elegance and celebration. Complete your candle display with Coleman's Christmas Decorations and Christmas Candle Holders.

**Wax Lyrical Candles.** Today Wax Lyrical is the UK's largest fragrance company and their products are British made in the English lakes.

**Scented Candles and Reed Diffusers** are a great idea for Christmas gifts. Coleman's wide selection of home fragrance will enable you to find the perfect gift for that special person.

Coleman's also offer an extensive range of Candles, Reed Diffusers, Gift Sets, Candle Glass, Burners and Votive Refills and you will be able to enjoy our brand new Night Before Christmas Range featuring Candles and Fragrances. They are confident you will find something that you or a loved one are sure to enjoy.



## **A CELEBRATION BANQUET AS THE FINAL ACT**

**As another specific opportunity of thanksgiving for 150 years of St Bride's, parishioners came together for a Celebration Banquet at the Rosspark Hotel, just before the holidays.**

The occasion was a joyful one, with special guests The Revd Clyde and Mrs Mildred Irvine, and Canon Ken and Mrs Kathleen Ruddock. During the banquet these ladies took part in the ceremonial cutting of the cake. Our cake was special indeed, as it bore a beautiful photo of St Bride's Church, made for us by Asher's Bakery.

During the proceedings Tom Andrew entertained us with a few of his special stories, and all evening the craic was mighty! This was a great function to have towards the end of our celebrations.



*Mrs Mildred Irvine and Mrs Kathleen Ruddock cut the cake,  
carefully observed by their husbands.*

## **DID YOU KNOW?**

**We are all familiar with the collar worn by most clergy, but when involved in a service they usually wear robes according to their rank.**

It is the practice for all clergy to wear a cassock. It is usually black for deacons and priests, and purple for bishops.

In some cases where clergy are members of a Cathedral Chapter a different colour of cassock is worn. For example, the Rector wears a blue cassock because he sits on the Chapter of Belfast Cathedral.

It is customary for clergy to wear a

white surplice over the cassock, and a scarf—a strip of black material—and, at least on some occasions, an academic hood. At the Holy Communion and other sacramental offices the scarf is replaced by a stole, which is usually in the liturgical colour of the day.

The custom of wearing robes goes away back in the history of the Church, and derives from the clothes worn at that time. Robes for clergy (and indeed the choir) should always be respected and taken care of, as they are used during divine service, and they add a certain dignity to the worship.

In the modern day some Church of Ireland clergy choose not wear robes. This is very regrettable, and does much to annihilate the Anglican ethos of a service.

**A re-designed Holy Land website  
is now on line:**

**[pilgrimage106.org](http://pilgrimage106.org)**

***- just take a look!***

# ALL ORGANISATIONS PLEASE READ THIS

**We have a serious problem with our waste—people keep putting it in the wrong bins!**

That might seem rather funny, but actually it isn't. In these days when we are trying to encourage our parishioners to be more environmentally minded, it is quite an embarrassment. In fact, recently the Council refused to empty our bins because the rubbish in them was so mixed up.

So here is the present "understanding" which we hope all our organisations will adhere to: The brown bins and the big metal bin are for garden waste—grass cuttings, leaves, etc. The black bins are for everything else.

However, we really want our people to take their evening's waste home with them, and put it in their own bins. It may be that in the not-too-distant future we will be able to have bins for recycling cardboard, plastic, glass, etc. but at the moment we don't have these facilities.

Also, it is very important that bins in the kitchen are emptied every evening.

We're quite serious about this, as it's causing big problems for our small team of helpers, so everybody please take note and do your best. We're certain that with everyone making the effort, we can overcome the problem and start to protect our environment. So think green, and act accordingly.

Thanks very much!

## **A NEW RECTORY FOR THE PARISH**

**As parishioners will be aware, members of the Select Vestry have been trying to secure the purchase of another Rectory.**

This has been achieved after almost two years of hard work by a small sub-committee, and it is probably the biggest decision to be taken by the Vestry for a very long time.

Everyone will be sorry to lose the old Rectory, which has served as both a family home and a house where meetings have taken place and pastoral interviews have been conducted.

However, it is perhaps an appropriate thing that the parish should be served by a more modern Rectory as we move further into the 21st century.

We are waiting for approval from the RCB to buy a new Rectory at Brook Meadow, off the Ballymena Road, and it is also quite fitting that the Rector would be living among the people whom he serves, many of whom live in the area.

The house itself is a four-bedroom detached property,

more modest in size than the old Rectory, but fulfilling all the requirements set out by the Representative Church Body, and it would serve our parish well, hopefully for a long time to come.

If all goes well, the Rector may soon be moving. When this happens, please give him some space for a few weeks, so that he can properly settle into a new home.

**“Our Rector is only one person—he has no family. Surely a one-bedroom flat would be suitable, and we could save some money!”**

In the Church of Ireland, many rules and regulations are laid down for rectories. The rectory must serve as a home for the Rector, but it must also serve as a house with a certain layout of public rooms where parishioners can come. It should also be remembered that while the present Rector is only one person, the next Rector may have a spouse and several children! Where would they go in a one-bedroom flat?

The Representative Church Body (known as the RCB) makes wise decisions about these matters, and we are thankful that they do.



## A WORD FROM THE LADIES' GROUP



The Ladies Group had a very successful year – with singing, movies, craft work, outings, including our favourite – eating out!

And, after all these events, we were able to donate £300 to the Newtownabbey Parkinson's Support Group and £1,000 to our church. A big thank you to our members and all who have supported us.

As the 2018 / 2019 year begins on Wednesday 12 September at 7.30pm in the Parish Rooms, we look forward to seeing everyone again and, of course, welcoming new members.

"Being a Christian isn't for sissies. It takes a real man to live for God—a lot more man than to live for the devil."

- Johnny Cash



The life of our parish is enhanced enormously by a large number of faithful parishioners who do more than worship on Sunday.

They help to keep the parish running smoothly by taking on a whole host of jobs, some small, some large, some practical, some prayerful.

They should know that none of this work goes unnoticed, but is in fact very much appreciated.

In our work for Christ and his Church, none of us looks for any praise or reward, but if it does come, it tends to boost the ego and makes the job a little easier.

Thank you to one and all!

---

Teach us, good Lord, to serve you as you deserve; to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labour and not to seek for any reward, save that of knowing that we do thy will.

- St Ignatius of Loyola



*A parish will never get anywhere unless the people pray, and the more they pray, the more spiritual benefit the parish will obtain.*

*Subjects for prayer are listed on the next pages, and the intention would be to have the members of our parish family praying together, even though we would be in our own homes, or in work, or wherever.*

*It may be that you think a subject isn't here and it should be. Well, there is always a time lag between the time we go to print and the time you receive your copy, but just believe that we're doing our best. You are invited to take up the prayer challenge!*

**Saturday 1 September**

Pray for St Bride's and all of the people; pray especially for those who are housebound or in nursing homes.

**Sunday 2 September**

Pray that through our public worship we may be awakened to the wonder of God's love for us.

**Monday 3 September**

Pray for spiritual renewal in the life of our parish and all its people.

**Tuesday 4 September**

Pray for the Parish Sunday School, the Superintendent Eleanor Graham, and those who help her teach. Pray that the children may be eager to learn and the teachers eager to teach the things of God.

**Wednesday 5 September**

Pray for the success of our Stewardship Campaign, that all our parishioners may respond positively.

**Thursday 6 September**

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

**Friday 7 September**

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

**Saturday 8 September**

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.

**Sunday 9 September**

Pray for the 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 the people.

**Monday 10 September**

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.

**Tuesday 11 September**

Pray for the members of the uniformed organisations and their leaders, that they may feel a growing attachment to the parish as they meet and plan their activities for the coming term.

**Wednesday 12 September**

Pray for the sick and suffering; those who are anxious or depressed; the housebound; the lonely; those who mourn the loss of loved ones, 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.

**Thursday 13 September**

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. And thank him for those who al-

lowed our beautiful church to be built.

**Friday 14 September**

Pray for Alan our Bishop in his great responsibility as Chief Shepherd of the Diocese.

**Saturday 15 September**

Pray for a proper peace in our land, and for a complete end to hatred and sectarianism.

**Sunday 16 September**

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

**Monday 17 September**

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.

**Tuesday 18 September**

Pray for all local politicians, especially our local MLA Steve Aiken, and for a return to local government.

**Wednesday 19 September**

Ask God's continued blessings of the development of the Ministry of Healing in our parish, that more people may realise the important role they can play by praying for those who are ill, especially to-

gether in church on Sunday evenings.

**Thursday 20 September**

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

**Friday 21 September**

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

**Saturday 22 September**

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

**Sunday 23 September**

Pray for the other churches in our parish—Kilbride Presbyterian and Doagh Methodist, that we may all feel united as Christian people.

**Monday 24 September**

Pray for the schools in our parish, especially those where the Rector is regularly invited: Tildarg Primary School, Doagh Primary School and Kilbride Primary School, and ask his blessing on all pupils and staff.

**Tuesday 25 September**

Pray for God's guidance, as to how he wants our parish family to

develop.

**Wednesday 26 September**

Pray for Jean our Sexton, Clarence and Iris our Churchwardens, and Jim and Billy our Glebewardens, in their special responsibility of looking after the things of God.

**Thursday 27 September**

Pray for the former rectors of the parish, The Revd Paul Redfern, The Revd Colin Hall-Thompson and The Revd Clyde Irvine, and offer thanks to God for their ministry, faithfully carried out in this parish.

**Friday 28 September**

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

**Saturday 29 September**

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

**Sunday 30 September**

Pray for all parish volunteer workers, that they may perform their functions with enthusiasm and cheerfulness.



*A Select Vestry team from within living memory.  
Can you name them all?*

*And does anyone recognise this wee house?  
It used to be our parish hall!*



You are welcome to join us for

# **A CLASS ACT**

**on Saturday 29 September  
at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall**

A group of fun-loving ladies who have a programme of west end, folk and contemporary music with a good dose of comedy thrown in.

*Come and join us for some fun!*

**The money we give week by week makes possible the work of this church.**

*It's that simple!*

**This year our church needs  
£2,600 per week  
for the work of ministry, worship,  
service and mission.**

This breaks down as:  
**£1,400** on our share of clergy,  
training and support costs.  
**£800** on our building, including insurance,  
heat, light, etc.  
**£400** on worship and ministry costs to and  
in the community, including our parish hall.

*We're all different,  
and so are our circumstances.  
We must make our own decisions.*

***What can you do?***



# GIVING IN GRACE

Your TALENT is

**GOD'S GIFT TO YOU.**

What you do with it is

**YOUR GIFT BACK TO GOD.**

PARISH OF KILBRIDE : ST BRIDE'S CHURCH