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St Bride's—where Faith and Fellowship grow

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A new People's Churchwarden for Kilbride

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

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INFORMATION CONCERNING THE STATE OF PASTORAL CARE DURING THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

HOSPITAL VISITS BY THE RECTOR

There is no uniform advice for all Health and Social Care Trusts in Northern Ireland. Each Trust has made its own rules. In the hospitals of most trusts, visits are being made by the Church of Ireland chaplains, who normally pass information to the Rector. The Rector, however, is unable to visit the hospitals because of the risk of passing on or receiving Covid 19.

NURSING HOME VISITS BY THE RECTOR

Again, there is no uniform practice throughout the Trusts. If there have been cases of Covid 19 within a nursing home, the Rector is unable to visit. If there have been no cases of Covid 19 in a nursing home, the Rector *may* make application for a visit, depending on other regulations.

PASTORAL VISITS TO THE HOME BY THE RECTOR

To avoid passing on or receiving Covid 19, these are still unlikely, except, perhaps, in the case of a death, or perhaps serious illness, which has not been the result of Covid 19.

These notes are carefully worded and unfortunately cannot be more precise. We are living in difficult times, and at the moment the best means of pastoral contact is by telephone. *Please note that the telephone system works both ways*, and the Rector is always pleased to receive telephone calls at the Rectory, particularly if he is able to help.

To contact the Rector, parishioners may phone either of two numbers:

028 9334 0225 or 028 9332 2979

PLEASE READ THIS PAGE CAREFULLY

You need to know the content.

It is anticipated that September will see people coming back to church. Maybe not *all* will come back yet, but we believe that numbers will increase somewhat.

That gives us a little problem. Bearing in mind the Lockdown regulations for churches, at the moment the church is nearly full!

So, as a temporary measure, we'll have two services from the first Sunday in September, 10.00am and 11.00am.

Now here's the hard bit: If you've been coming to church at 11.00 these past few weeks, please continue to come at 11.00.

If you're just starting to come back to church, we would prefer you to come at 10.00am, as we know that's the service where we can probably fit you in.

You see, we can only fit approximately 30 people into church.

That's ridiculous—I won't be told when I can come to church!

The Covid regulations regarding numbers and distancing are very strict, and we'll be following them to the letter and trying to work within them. All we are asking is that you help the parish as best you can.

But if the church is "full", why can't you let the rest of the people into the hall, where they can hear the service through the Public Address System?

Because this would involve a large number of volunteers to sanitize the hall both before and after the service, just as we're doing for the church.

Here's a quick reminder of the procedure for all those who come to church. When you come, please wear your mask—fit it before you enter the church.

Inside the door, sanitize your hands with the liquid provided. A church-warden will then show you to a seat. **You must sit in the seat which**

is indicated; you must NOT stand at the back of the church.

When you sit down, pick up the service sheet (in the pew) and use the pencil provided to place your name and phone number on it. (This is so that we can trace all those who have been at a particular service, in case of a Covid 19 event). Leave your service sheet in the pew, or place it in the box on the back table at the end of the service.

These understandings are really quite simple. We are just as upset as you are that we have to adhere to them, but we—and the other churches—are doing it to keep us all safe.

We hope that in time, everything will go back to the way it was, but what we don't know is when that time will come. So let's all follow the advice we're given and keep everybody safe.

As the posters say:

WE'RE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER!

SUMMARY:

Each and every Sunday from Sunday 6 September:

10.00am Service

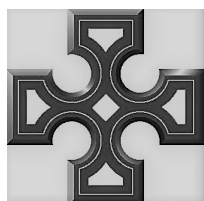
(If you're just coming back to church, please go to this one)

11.00am Service

(If you've been coming for the past few weeks, please go to this one)

The Choir will be present at one service—11.00am
Sunday School children and their families should go to
the 11.00am service.

The Services at St Bride's



**Please read the notes
on page 4,
which explain the
temporary changes
in the
service schedule.**

**[1] Sunday 6 September
Trinity 13**

10.00am Holy Communion
11.00am Holy Communion

**[2] Sunday 13 September
Trinity 14**

10.00am Morning Prayer
11.00am Morning Prayer

**[3] Sunday 20 September
Trinity 15**

10.00am Holy Communion
11.00am Holy Communion

**[4] Sunday 27 September
Harvest Thanksgiving**

10.00am Morning Prayer
11.00am Morning Prayer

*Preacher: Canon T S Forster,
Rector of Ballymore*

**[1] Sunday 4 October
Trinity 17**

10.00am Holy Communion
11.00am Holy Communion

**[2] Sunday 11 October
Trinity 18**

10.00am Morning Prayer
11.00am Morning Prayer

**[3] Sunday 18 October
Trinity 19**

10.00am Holy Communion
11.00am Holy Communion

**[4] Sunday 25 October
Last Sunday after Trinity**

10.00am Morning Prayer
11.00am Morning Prayer

**It should be noted that
there may be restrictions in
decorating the church for
the Harvest Thanksgiving
on Sunday 27 September.
It is hoped that we will be
given some advice on this
by the Diocese, and details
will be given to parish-
ioners in due course.**

News in Brief

KILBRIDE JOINS MANY CHURCHES

Lockdown had one good result: it was a major driver for churches to embrace digital opportunities and engage with parishioners online.

In recent months, more than half of churches (55 per cent) have been able to engage parishioners through regular online worship. Our own parish of Kilbride is one of these!

What's heartening are the many examples of churches that have very quickly adapted to launch online communication when physical work was not an option.

Our parish has been creative in meeting the needs of the parishioners, and reaching others we have not previously been able to engage.

Now that's a bit of hope for the future!



From the Registers

HOLY BAPTISM

21 August

Isla Hanna
Bruslee

29 August 2020

Lauren Roberta Alexandra
Wilson
Ballyclare

HOLY MATRIMONY

6 August 2020

Gavin Knipe, Templepatrick
and
Kerry McLeod, Ballyrobert

CREMATION

29 July 2020

Heather Grimason
Doagh

BURIAL

12 August 2020

David Suittor
Burnside

THANKS AND WELL DONE TO HAZEL

Hazel McDonald has resigned her position as the People's Churchwarden. Hazel kindly took on the job at the Easter General Vestry of 2019, but when her term of office was due to finish at Easter 2020, there was no meeting of the General Vestry due to Lockdown.

This meant that Hazel had to continue in office, as did all the members of the Select Vestry. It was proving rather difficult for Hazel to do this, due to Raymond's ill health, so she reluctantly resigned.

Hazel has done an excellent job in this role, and has worked steadfastly and with dedication; we are sad to see her go, but we do understand.

DIANE STEPS INTO THE JOB

After Hazel's departure, and with no immediate prospect of a General Vestry meeting, the Select Vestry met, observing social distancing and all the other procedures, to appoint and elect a replacement until such time as the General Vestry members could make their own appointment.

The person appointed is Diane Hurst. We are pleased and delighted that Diane was able to take on the job, and we look forward to a new era as Clarence (Rector's Churchwarden) and Diane carry out their important work together.



ECO NEWS

Masks and Plastic Gloves

There is growing concern in the Government, among campaigners, and among scientists over how coronavirus has sparked an increase in single-use plastics.

Not only are millions of disposable masks and gloves now 'out there', but there has been also a huge increase in disposable cutlery, sachets and containers.



One study by UCL estimates that in the UK alone, if every person used a single-use face mask every day for a year, it would create an additional 66,000 tonnes of contaminated waste, and 57,000 tonnes of plastic packaging.

Two environment ministers, Lord Goldsmith and Rebecca Pow, have said: "We are actively thinking across the Government and NHS whether we can safely reuse PPE and we are aware of other countries who have begun looking at the potential to decontaminate and reuse it."

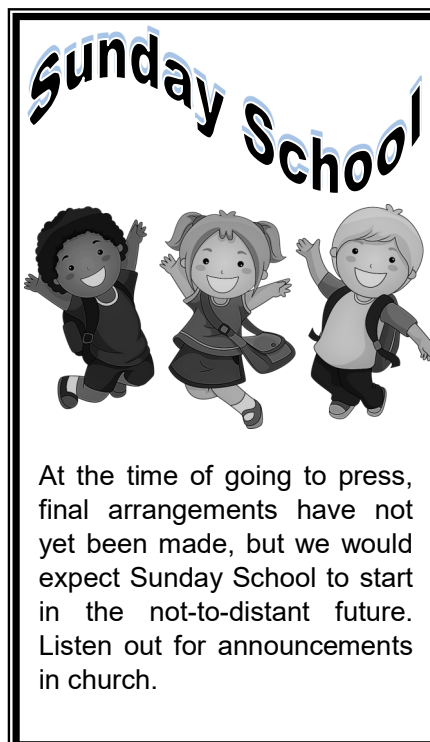
Scientists warn that it could take up to 500 years for polypropylene face masks to degrade. Meanwhile, according to some estimates, 129 billion masks and 65 billion plastic gloves are being used each month worldwide.

A BIG THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO CUT THE GRASS

A special **Thank You** this month to our great team of grass-cutters. They do a hard job, and sometimes they have to cope with temperamental machines, or refix the belt, or go and get petrol.

It can be a hard old slog at times, but the grass is always cut and looking well.

We hope the grass-cutters are never taken for granted. Many thanks, folks, you do a great job!



GETTING BACK TO WORK?

When he had agreed with the labourers for a penny a day, he sent them into his vineyard. Matthew 20:2

For many of us it is time to get back to the workplace, as restrictions are easing. But can we be forced to go back to the workplace if we are concerned about how safe it is?

Many employment contracts include a requirement for the employee to work at a specific place and during a certain time. Most people are entitled to written terms of employment and this would include information on where to work. Refusing to turn up for work could lead to disciplinary action. The coronavirus epidemic has changed things, so that now an employee is entitled to ask questions about how safe the workplace is. If you have concerns about going back to work, you should speak to your employer about them. These issues might include worries about using public transport, worries with childcare or other caring responsibilities and how safe the work place is.

Employers have a duty of care towards employees, to look after both their physical and mental health, to comply with equalities legislation and not discriminate against those who have protected characteristics, such as a disability. Under the government's COVID-19 return to the office guidance, all businesses have a duty to conduct a COVID-19 risk assessment. You can ask what has been considered to make the workplace a safe place. Some employees have a right to ask about flexible working hours, such as coming in before or after the rush hour or working some days at home. You must give reasons and you should consider any compromise if it is refused. The employer is entitled to say no if there is a good business reason.

The key point is what is 'reasonable'. Your employer will want to get back to normal business and it is in everyone's interest to have a productive successful business. **As always this is a light-hearted guide to a complex subject, and always get professional advice.**

THIS MONTH IN HISTORY

It was 400 years ago, on 6th September 1620, that 102 English Puritans (now known as the Pilgrims) set sail aboard the Mayflower from Plymouth, for a new life in America. After a perilous journey they landed in what is now Provincetown Harbour, Cape Cod, Massachusetts on 11th November. They had intended landing in Virginia, but were unable to reach it because of heavy seas.



150 years ago, on 20th September 1870, Rome was captured. Italian forces defeated the Papal States and captured the city of Rome at the end of the wars of Italian Unification. The Papal States were dissolved. Rome was annexed, and it became the capital of Italy in 1871.



125 years ago, on 28th September 1895, Louis Pasteur died. This French biologist, microbiologist and chemist was one of the main founders of the field of medical microbiology. Best known for originating the pasteurization of foodstuffs to eliminate microorganisms that cause disease. Pasteur saved the French beer, wine and silk industries and developed vaccines against anthrax and rabies.

65 years ago, on 22nd September 1955, Britain's first independent television channel, ITV, was launched. It ended the BBC's monopoly. Regional franchises were rolled out across

the whole country by 1965, including UTV (then Ulster television) in 1958. UTV became the first indigenous broadcaster in Northern Ireland.



60 years ago, on 27th September 1960, Sylvia Pankhurst, suffragette leader, died.

50 years ago, on 19th September 1970, the first Glastonbury Festival was held, at Worthy Farm near Pilton, Somerset. About 1,500 people attended (compared to 135,000 today). It became an annual event from 1981 and is now the world's largest greenfield festival. The first festival was billed as the Pilton Pop, Blues & Folk Festival.



40 years ago, on 22nd September 1980, the Solidarity movement was created in Poland, with Lech Walesa as its leader. It was the first independent trade union in the Soviet bloc.

25 years ago, on 3rd September 1995, the auction site eBay was founded (as AuctionWeb).

20 years ago, on 17th September 2000, Paula Yates, TV presenter (*The Tube*, *The Big Breakfast*) died of a heroin overdose, aged 41. Wife of the musician Bob Geldof, she was also noted for her relationship with the musician Michael Hutchence. She was the daughter of Hughie Green, host of the talent show *Opportunity Knocks*, though she did not discover this until late in life.

A surgeon, an architect and a politician were arguing as to whose profession was the oldest. Said the surgeon: "Eve was made from Adam's rib, and that surely was a surgical operation."



"Maybe," admitted the architect, "but prior to that, order was created out of chaos, and that was an architectural job."

"But," the politician pointed out in triumph, "somebody had to have created the chaos in the first place!"

"THOUGHT FOR THE DAY" VIDEOS CONTINUE BY POPULAR DEMAND

Our short videos which were begun in order to help folk with their worship during Lockdown have continued on Sunday mornings at the request of many people, including quite a few who are not parishioners.

These have been produced by the Rector and David Holmes, hence the name "Double D Productions".

Two other individuals have recently featured in the short programmes, namely Jacob




Charlton who read passages from the Bible very clearly and lucidly, and a feline friend of the Rector called Darwin, who hasn't done very much at all except sleep!

These videos will continue for the time being; they are certainly proving to be a useful source of outreach, and they also serve to put the parish of Kilbride "on the map." Thank you to David, Jacob and Darwin.

The parable of the Fish and the Nets

JESUS OFTEN TOLD STORIES WITH HIDDEN MEANINGS



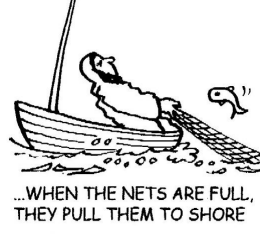
ONCE JESUS SAID THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN WAS A BIT LIKE CATCHING FISH!



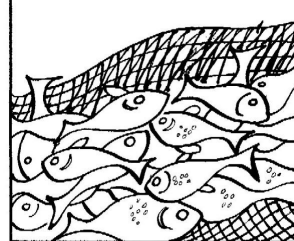
WHEN PEOPLE GO FISHING THEY THROW THEIR NETS INTO THE LAKE...



...WHEN THE NETS ARE FULL, THEY PULL THEM TO SHORE




ONCE ON SHORE THE FISH HAVE TO BE SORTED OUT.




THE GOOD FISH GO INTO BUCKETS




THE BAD FISH GET THROWN AWAY!



JESUS EXPLAINED THAT WE TOO WILL BE SORTED LIKE THE FISH. WE CAN CHOOSE TO DO GOOD OR BAD THINGS WITH OUR LIVES.



BUT EVEN IF WE MAKE TERRIBLE MISTAKES - WE CAN ALWAYS BE FORGIVEN - THAT'S JESUS' PROMISE.





**Gavin & Kerry,
who were married in St Bride's last month.**