

May/June 2024 CONTACT Magazine



Presence at the Gate & BBQ
Maundy Thursday, 28th March 2024



**“CONNECTING WITH THE LORD,
ONE ANOTHER AND THE COMMUNITY”**
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Worship for May

Sunday 5th May – Easter 6

8.30 am Holy Communion – Acts 9: 1-19 & Luke 24: 44-53

11.30 am Morning Worship – ‘Fulfilling our Purpose’ -
Apostle Paul [Acts 9: 1-19]

Sunday 12th May – Sunday after Ascension - Vocation Sunday

11.30 am Morning Worship – ‘The Promise of the Holy Spirit’
[John 14: 15-31]

6.30 pm Healing Service with prayer and the laying on of hands

Tuesday 14th May

9 am - 9 pm Church open for prayer from 9.00 am – 9.00 pm

[Sign up to take an hour to pray in the church for our parish,
community and nation]

Sunday 19th May – Pentecost Sunday

11.30 am All Age Worship – ‘The Gift of the Holy Spirit’

6.30 pm Café Church in the coffee bar – ‘The Gifts of the Holy Spirit’
Speaker: Rev Stephen McElhinney, Mission Director, SAMS

Sunday 26th May – Trinity Sunday

11.30 am Family Communion – ‘The Fruit of the Spirit’
Gals 5:16-26 & Matt 7: 15-20

Worship for June

Sunday 2nd June – Trinity 1

8.30 am Holy Communion with Hymns

11.30 am Morning Worship & Children’s Day – Refreshments after the
service

Sunday 9th June – Trinity 2

11.30 am Morning Worship – 2 Cor 4: 1-12 ‘Motivation for ministry’

6.30 pm Evening Prayer

Sunday 16th June – Father’s Day

11.30 am Morning Worship

Sunday 23rd June – Trinity 4

11.30 am Family Communion – 2 Cor 6: 1-13 & Mark 4: 35-41

Sunday 30th June – Trinity 5

11.30 am Morning Worship – ‘People seeking Jesus for healing’
Mark 5: 21-43

Rector's Corner



We are called to be stewards of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and these past couple of months have reminded me of our heritage and the opportunity it has to change lives and shape our witness. This was borne out by around 150 children, teenagers and adults at the Messy Climb at Lisburn High Rise. After all the fun of climbing and some food, we gathered for a short act of worship with songs and the story of Zacchaeus. In that afternoon, the Gospel was proclaimed to those gathered. On Confirmation

Sunday, 8 of our young people testified to living for Jesus but also all gathered as a testimony to the Gospel in worship, the sharing of the stories of faith of the young people and in sharing Holy Communion together.

We are stewards of all that has been entrusted to us including our buildings. As the Vestry has sought to purchase 76 Woodland Park and sell Number 74, I want to thank all who have pledged interest free loans to allow this process to go smoothly. Over £160,000.00 was pledged and I pray now that the process will be completed quickly to allow Gareth, Sarah and the family to move next door. It is our hope that we have saved the parish a considerable amount of money as we had planned to do an extension at 74 Woodland Park. We have installed new TV's in our halls and at the balcony in the church. We also hope to have the church porch painted in the springtime and some freshening work has been done to the rectory as we have been living in it 18 years.

We are stewards of creation and I love the beauty of our church setting amongst the trees in the midst of a city. It is a place of tranquillity, meeting God in his creation. On a practical level, we encourage the proper disposal of materials such as food, paper cups and plates in the appropriate bins either inside the halls or in the bins outside.

We are stewards of the children and young people entrusted to us as a parish and in our organisations. Each volunteer must do the diocesan safeguarding training and have an Access NI completed. The diocesan safeguarding team will be doing an audit of our procedures and processes on Monday 13th May and we would value your prayers as we prepare for that evening.

Holy Week

We met on Palm Sunday for morning and evening worship and on the Tuesday we opened the church for private prayer. The Messy Easter on

Wednesday night was very informal as many crafts were made to speak of the story of Jesus in his final week. The contrast between the wet Maundy Thursday and the sunshine of Good Friday for the walk of witness was stark to say the least. I pay tribute to the team who set up the gazebos, cooked the sausages and served the community on a very wet and cold day. The involvement of the Abaana choir from Uganda was truly inspirational on Good Friday walk of witness. The darkness of the Good Friday service was deeply felt by those attending as we sought to grasp the cost of Jesus suffering for us and bringing salvation for the world through the crucifixion narrative, hymns and the song, 'Were you there when they crucified my Lord?' which was sung by the parish and men's choir. Our two communion services on Sunday witnessed to the hope of resurrection in the songs and as we reflected on the women going to the tomb to complete the burial rights. Light came into the darkness of that day slowly but it brought 'hope' to them and to the world. In our land and world, there is deep darkness but the hope of the resurrection steadies us and gives a pathway of purpose in these days. The promise of the presence of the risen Jesus sustains us like the 2 disciples on the road to Emmaus.

Easter Vestry

We met on Tuesday 16th April in the hall for this annual meeting. I pay tribute to all who have served as trustees for the parish in the last year especially our two outgoing churchwardens Vera Hewitt and Alex Henderson. I have valued their friendship over the last 3 years in these roles but above all their willingness to serve through Covid times.

We were presented with the 2023 accounts by our Honorary Treasurer, David Bodell. I am grateful to all who give generously against a backdrop of increased costs, the large number of funerals each year and a changing attitude to 'church'. We are able to pay our way with the staff we have [only one of 3 parishes in the Diocese currently who have a full time curate!!] as well as having attended to a number of projects last year including the windows in the hall.

I shared some of the stories of 2023 and looked ahead as we continue to seek to grow a healthy church, building on many good examples in our worship, witness and organisations but always seeking to see where the Lord is leading us. Please do pray for the new vestry in all that lies ahead in the next year as we seek to be faithful to the Gospel.

Easter season to Pentecost

We have been exploring some of the Easter stories on a Sunday morning and on a Wednesday night at Prayer Fellowship. It is easy to move to the next thing after Easter and yet this season allows us to think through what the presence and power of the resurrected Jesus means in our lives today. It challenges us about our own journey as a disciple and all we share together.

We will produce a **prayer resource** for the 10 days between Ascension Thursday, the 9th May and Pentecost Sunday on the 19th May. We will set aside **Tuesday 14th May for 12 hours of prayer** for our parish, community and world. We would ask parishioners to sign up for 1 hour of prayer that day and for all who take time that day to use the prayer resource during those hours as we draw near to Jesus in prayer. On Pentecost Sunday we will have our all age service at 11.30 am and then Café Church in the hall at 6.30 pm with the Rev Stephen McElhinney as our speaker. Stephen is the Mission Director of SAMS and we will look at mission and the ‘gifts of the Spirit’ that evening. Our curate Gareth will be doing a 3 week teaching series on the Holy Spirit on the 12th, 19th and 26th May.

If you have any **smartie tubes** for the work of the Leprosy Mission, please return them to the parish office or on a Sunday. We are looking at cycling 150 kilometres on a gym bike and people to take up the challenge for a 30 minute slot. More details of the day and times will be announced.

I draw attention to the **‘Yarns from the Bible’ exhibition** in St Catherine’s, Killead from the 3rd - 12th May. Our senior’s group are going on the 9th May and hopefully will catch up with our former curate Derek Harrington as well that morning. If you want details of the times each day, ring 07762458282.

Children’s Day will be Sunday 2nd June at 11.30 am with some food after the service and maybe some fun as well. We will have our 8.30 am Holy Communion Service with 2 hymns that morning as well. Father’s Day will be on Sunday 16th June with a service at 11.30 am.

Diocesan Synod

We are privileged to host this annual diocesan meeting of clergy and lay people with around 200 people expected during the morning and afternoon on Thursday 13th June. We will need volunteers to help with welcome and

catering in particular but also some help to be ready to move tables or car parking duty. Please contact the office if you can help during the day for a couple of hours. I value your prayers in all the planning for that day and that it would be a dry day as well. Pray for Bishop George as he leads the communion service, chairs the synod sessions and speaks. Pray for the business of the day and all who gather.

I finish these notes as we continue to pray for drier weather for our farmers but for all of us. I note these words of the apostle Paul, whose life was transformed by the risen Jesus and who later wrote words to encourage the believers in Rome with these words:

‘Love from the centre of who you are; don’t fake it. Run for dear life from evil; hold on for dear life to good. Be good friends who love deeply; practice playing second fiddle. Don’t burn out; keep yourselves fuelled and aflame. Be alert servants of the Master, cheerfully expectant. Don’t quit in hard times; pray all the harder. Help needy Christians; be inventive in hospitality.’ [Romans 12: 9-13]

Yours in Christ

Paul

Family Matters

Bereavements in the Parish

Mary (May) Kathleen Herron
John (Jackie) Maguire Moore
Margaret Elizabeth (Liz) Ferguson

Magazine Online

Please note that the
parish

'Contact Magazine'

is also online to read at the parish website:

www.christchurchlisburn.co.uk

Annual General Vestry Elections

held on
Tuesday, 16th April at 7.30 pm in the Main Hall

Church Wardens

Rector's Church Warden - Paul Armstrong
People's Church Warden - Emily Thompson

The following were elected:

Select Vestry

Ivan Anderson

Valerie Christy

Tom Doran

Beth Harris

Thomas Ringland

Janice Thompson

Johnston Boyle

Jack Craig

Mervyn Dougherty

Stephen Long

Eric Thompson

Kevin Thompson

Honorary Secretary

Stephen Long

Honorary Treasurer

Vacant

Gift Aid Secretary

William Cardwell

Christian Aid Week

12th - 18th May 2024

With your help, Christian Aid can work towards a world where families can escape the trap of poverty and fulfil their ambitions.



If you would like to make a donation to Christian Aid, there are envelopes available in the church porches. Your envelope containing a donation can be put on the collection plate during the month of May or early June.

Lisburn Foodbank May/June Shopping List



If you would like to donate any of the below items to Lisburn Foodbank, please leave the items in the main church porch. In particular, the Foodbank requires tins of spaghetti.

Diluting Juice
Spaghetti Hoops
Gravy
Shampoo

Rice Pudding
Tinned Vegetables
Tomato Ketchup
Washing Up Liquid

Pot Noodles
Tinned Meats/Meals
Salt and Pepper

Wednesday Walking Group

If you want to stay fit, join Christ Church Wednesday Walking Group. We meet on Wednesday nights at 7.00 pm at Smithfield Square Car Park for a walk which is followed by a coffee at The Haslem Hotel.

If you would like further information on the Wednesday Walking Group, contact David or Jennifer Henry on 028 9266 6223.

Men and women of all ages are welcome to come along.

Lent Appeal - Leprosy Mission NI

If you have taken a smartie tube to fill with coins for the Leprosy Mission, can you please return your smartie tube to the Parish Office or one of the church wardens as soon as possible. Many thanks.



Worship for July and August

Our main morning worship during July and August will be at

10.30 am

followed by refreshments in the coffee bar

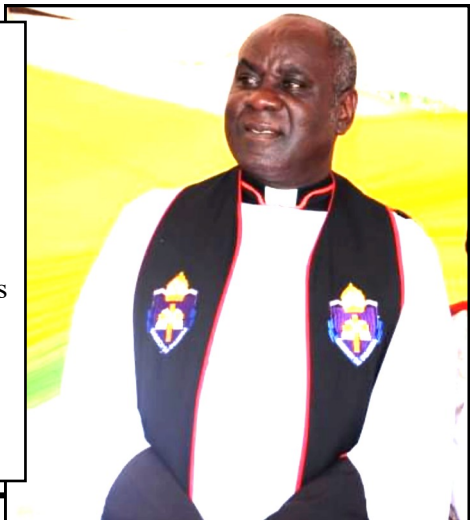
Confirmation Group

Eight candidates were confirmed on
Sunday, 10th March at 10.30 am
in Christ Church



New Bishop of Luwero, the Rev Canon Wilson Kisekka

Rev Canon Wilson Kisekka
was ordained and consecrated as
Bishop of Luwero Diocese
on
Sunday 24th March
in
St Mark's Cathedral, Luwero



Prayer Points for May/June

- ◆ The appointment of Bishop Wilson Kisekka as the new Bishop of Luwero in Uganda and his service of ordination on the 24th March. His leadership in these early months and as we communicate with him on the development of our partnership.
- ◆ The continued development of our ministry with children and young people through KLIC & JAM each Sunday morning, a creche as well, our monthly Messy Church, Christ Church Youth and our parish organisations. Giving thanks for the Service of Confirmation on Mothering Sunday and praying for these young people and using their gifts in parish life.
- ◆ Our services and outreach during Holy Week in drawing people closer to Jesus. Sharing in the walk of witness on Good Friday with other churches in Lisburn.
- ◆ All opportunities to gather and have fellowship as the family of God through worship, small groups, community groups and parish organisations. All our volunteers who lead and help.
- ◆ The work of the new Select Vestry in shaping the mission of the church and managing our property and finances.
- ◆ Generosity to the Lent Appeal for the work of the Leprosy Mission NI through the breakfast and smartie tubes.
- ◆ For Bishop George in his leadership in the Diocese and especially with the recent clergy meetings on growing healthy churches. For all the planning as we host Diocesan Synod on Thursday 13th June.
- ◆ For the staff of Fields of Life in Lisburn and Kampala and praying for Bridget and Rachel in their roles in schools and the community. Praying for Madame Esther as principal, the staff and pupils in this learning environment at St Apollo as they have begun a new school year.
- ◆ For the work of Open Doors in supporting Christians where they are persecuted especially in Afghanistan, Myanmar, Pakistan and Nigeria at this time.
- ◆ For Bishop Aime Joseph and Mama Benigne from Gitega Diocese and Bishop Seth from Matana, Burundi.
- ◆ The gift of technology to livestream our services on a Sunday. For all who have led worship each Sunday particularly members of the choir, praise group and men's choir under the leadership of Ross. The work of the AV team. With gratitude to all who are on the welcome team and who provide refreshments on a Sunday, on Tuesday mornings and at funerals.

(Prayer Points continued from previous page)

- ◆ School assemblies in Central and Old Warren PS and the continuing work of TLG in Central PS with Karen and Alex. The celebrations of 90 years in Central and 50 years in Old Warren Primary Schools and the event with Play it by Ear to mark these milestones on the 24th April.
- ◆ For our pastoral care to those who have had a bereavement, who are in hospital, undergoing treatment, waiting on an appointment, had a wedding or baptism. For the ministry of hospital chaplains. For our engagement with parishioners in nursing and residential care through our pastoral visitors and a ministry of music in these places as well.
- ◆ Thankfulness for the NHS, its staff in hospitals, the community and care homes. For all who sustain our community at this time including our farmers, those in education, our emergency services, shop owners, utility suppliers and the church.
- ◆ For peace in our world especially in Israel/Gaza, Ukraine, Niger, Yemen and Sudan.
- ◆ For governments and world leaders in shaping care for God's world in the light of the COP27 meeting in Egypt and recent disasters because of drought, floods, fires and earthquakes. For dry weather in our land.
- ◆ For the return of Stormont in February and the work of the Executive as they build a community of hope and respect amidst the challenges of increasing energy, food and fuel prices alongside health and education.
- ◆ The leadership of Jon Boucher as the new Chief Constable of the PSNI and all who serve our community.



Bible Verse of the Month

‘But those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.’ *Isaiah 40:31*

Mark

When the late Dean of York was asked why he called his stumpy tailed fox terrier ‘Mark’, he explained: “The New Testament contains the life stories of our Lord by Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. Mark’s is the shortest tale!”

Daily Bible Readings

May

Wed, 1st May	Psalm 119: 1-8	Isaiah 30: 15-21	John 14: 1-14
Thurs, 2nd May	Psalm 96: 1-3, 7-10	Lev 19: 1-18	John 15: 9-11
Fri, 3rd May	Psalm 57: 8-12	Lev 19: 26-37	John 15: 12-17
Sat, 4th May	Psalm 100	Lev 23: 22-44	John 15: 18-21
Sun, 5th May	Psalm 98	Isaiah 45: 11-13, 18-19	John 15: 9-17
Mon, 6th May	Psalm 149: 1-5	Lev 25: 1-17	John 15: 26-16:4
Tues, 7th May	Psalm 138	Lev 25: 35-55	John 16: 5-11
Wed, 8th May	Psalm 148: 1-2, 11-14	Lev 26: 1-20	John 16: 12-15
Thurs, 9th May	Psalm 93	Dan 7: 9-14	Luke 24: 44-53
Fri, 10th May	Psalm 47: 1-6	1 Sam 2: 1-10	John 16: 20-23
Sat, 11th May	Psalm 47: 1-2, 7-10	Numbers 11: 16-17, 24-29	John 16: 23-28
Sun, 12th May	Psalm 1	Exodus 1-10, 29-30	John 17: 6-19
Mon, 13th May	Psalm 68: 1-6	Joshua 1: 1-9	John 16: 29-33
Tues, 14th May	Psalm 15	Isaiah 22: 15-25	John 15: 9-17
Wed, 15th May	Psalm 68: 27-35	Isaiah 4: 2-6	John 17: 11-19
Thurs, 16th May	Psalm 16: 1, 5-10	Zech 4: 1-14	John 17: 20-26
Fri, 17th May	Psalm 103: 1-20	Jer 31: 27-34	John 21: 15-19
Sat, 18th May	Psalm 11: 4-8	Ezekiel 36: 22-27	John 11: 20-25
Sun, 19th May	Psalm 104: 26-37b	Ezekiel 37: 1-14	John 15: 26-27, 16: 4b-15
Mon, 20th May	Psalm 19: 7-14	Proverbs 1: 20-33	Mark 9: 14-29
Tues, 21st May	Psalm 55: 7-9, 24	Proverbs 3: 11-20	Mark 9: 30-37
Wed, 22nd May	Psalm 49: 1-2, 5-10	Proverbs 4: 1-27	Mark 9: 38-41
Thurs, 23rd May	Psalm 49: 12-20	Proverbs 6: 1-19	Mark 9: 42-50
Fri, 24th May	Psalm 103: 1-4, 8-13	Proverbs 7: 1-27	Mark 10: 1-12
Sat, 25th May	Psalm 141: 1-4	Proverbs 8: 1-36	Mark 10: 13-16
Sun, 26th May	Psalm 29	Isaiah 6: 1-8	John 3: 1-17
Mon, 27th May	Psalm 111	Proverbs 9: 1-12	Mark 10: 17-27
Tues, 28th May	Psalm 98: 1-5	Proverbs 10: 1-12	Mark 10: 28-31
Wed, 29th May	Psalm 147: 13-21	Proverbs 15: 16-33	Mark 10: 32-45
Thurs, 30th May	Psalm 100	Proverbs 17: 1-17	Mark 10: 46-52
Fri, 31st May	Psalm 113	Zeph 3: 14-18	Luke 1: 39-49

Daily Bible Readings

June

Sat, 1st Jun	Psalm 63: 1-6	Proverbs 25: 15-28	Mark 11: 27-33
Sun, 2nd Jun	Psalm 139: 1-5, 12-18	1 Sam 3: 1-10	Mark 2: 23-3:6
Mon, 3rd Jun	Psalm 91: 1-2, 14-16	Eccles 1: 1-18	Mark 12: 1-12
Tues, 4th Jun	Psalm 90: 1-4, 10-17	Eccles 2: 1-26	Mark 12: 13-17
Wed, 5th Jun	Psalm 123	Eccles 3: 1-15	Mark 12: 18-27
Thurs, 6th Jun	Psalm 25: 3-11	Eccles 3: 16-4:3	Mark 12: 28-34
Fri, 7th Jun	Psalm 119: 161-168	Eccles 5: 1-20	Mark 12: 35-37
Sat, 8th Jun	Psalm 71: 7-16	Eccles 6: 1-12	Mark 12: 38-44
Sun, 9th Jun	Psalm 138	1 Sam 8: 4-11	Mark 3: 20-35
Mon, 10th Jun	Psalm 121	1 Kings 17: 1-6	Matt 5: 1-12
Tues, 11th Jun	Psalm 112: 1-9	Job 29: 11-16	John 15: 12-17
Wed, 12th Jun	Psalm 16: 1, 6-10	1 Kings 18: 20-39	Matt 5: 17-19
Thurs, 13th Jun	Psalm 65: 8-13	1 Kings 18: 41-46	Matt 5: 20-26
Fri, 14th Jun	Psalm 27: 8-16	1 Kings 19: 9, 11-16	Matt 5: 27-32
Sat, 15th Jun	Psalm 16: 1-7	1 Kings 19: 19-21	Matt 5: 33-37
Sun, 16th Jun	Psalm 20	1 Sam 15: 34-16:13	Mark 4: 26-34
Mon, 17th Jun	Psalm 5: 1-5	1 Kings 21: 1-16	Matt 5: 38-42
Tues, 18th Jun	Psalm 51: 1-9	1 Kings 21: 17-29	Matt 5: 43-48
Wed, 19th Jun	Psalm 31: 21-24	2 Kings 2: 1, 6-14	Matt 6: 1-6, 16-18
Thurs, 20th Jun	Psalm 97: 1-8	Isaiah 63: 7-9	Matt 6: 7-15
Fri, 21st Jun	Psalm 132: 1-5, 11-13	2 Kings 11: 1-4, 9-20	Matt 6: 19-23
Sat, 22nd Jun	Psalm 89: 25-33	2 Chron 24: 17-25	Matt 6: 24-34
Sun, 23rd Jun	Psalm 133	1 Sam 17: 57-18:5, 10-16	Mark 4: 35-41
Mon, 24th Jun	Psalm 85: 7-13	Isaiah 40: 1-11	Luke 1: 57-66, 80
Tues, 25th Jun	Psalm 48: 1-2, 8-13	2 Kings 19: 9b-21a, 31-36	Matt 7: 6, 12-14
Wed, 26th Jun	Psalm 119: 33-40	2 Kings 22: 8-13, 23: 1-3	Matt 7: 15-20
Thurs, 27th Jun	Psalm 79: 1-9, 12	2 Kings 24: 8-17	Matt 7: 21-29
Fri, 28th Jun	Psalm 137: 1-6	2 Kings 25: 1-12	Matt 8: 1-4
Sat, 29th Jun	Psalm 125	Ezekiel 3: 22-27	Matt 16: 13-19
Sun, 30th Jun	Psalm 130	2 Sam 1: 1, 17-27	Mark 5: 21-43

Walk of Witness

Friday, 29th March
in
Lisburn
City Centre

*Right: Abaana Choir
carrying the cross*



(Walk of Witness continued)

Below: Gareth leading



Easter Messy Church



Children making Easter crafts in the church hall on Wednesday, 27th March at Messy Church

Presence at the Gate and BBQ

Maundy Thursday,
28th March



Easter Flower Arrangements

Christ Church was adorned with beautiful Easter flower arrangements and thank you to all who provided the arrangements.





AFTER EASTER.....SO WHAT NOW?

As we celebrated our Church worship on Easter Sunday, we all witnessed these words: Hallelujah!!! Christ Is Risen Today,so what now? Where do we go from here? Is the rest of the year just going to be one big anti-climax. For the rest of the year, everyday life just pales by comparison to the Resurrection of Jesus.

Not long after the Resurrection, Jesus tells His Disciples. "But you will receive power when The Holy Spirit comes upon you. You will be witnesses to me In Jerusalem, in all Judaea and Samaria, to the uttermost parts of the earth."

A witness is one who testifies to what he or she has seen or heard. Some have more to say than others. Some were right there as Jesus performed miracles, some were a distance away, yet each testimony was important to get a true picture of each event.

I was reading a book recently and in one of the chapters it said this, "Someone first told you about Jesus; who have you told lately?" Sharing what you know about God's love is one of the best ways to lead others into a lasting relationship with Jesus Christ. It is also a good way to keep the spark of Easter glowing.

In John 1 Chapter 1 verses 5 - 7 it says this: "This is the message which we have heard from Him and announce to you that God Is Light, as He is The Light, we have fellowship with one another, and The Blood of Jesus Christ, His Son, cleanses us all from sin."

From this day forth, let each one of us exhibit The Fruits Of The Spirit in your dealings with others; Love Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, and Self Control.

In closing, I quote Ezekiel 36 : 25 - 27. This is God's promise to those who serve Him.

"I will sprinkle water on you and make you clean from all your idols and everything else that has defiled you. I will give you a new heart and a new mind. I will take away your stubborn heart of stone and give you an obedient heart. I will put My spirit in you and I will see to it that you follow My laws and keep all the commands I have given you."

*Wesley Dickinson
Prayer Fellowship*

Quotes

Lord, fill my mouth with worthwhile stuff, and nudge me when I've said enough! - *Anon*

Christianity can be condensed to four words: admit, submit, commit, transmit. - *Bishop Samuel Wilberforce*

Going to church doesn't make you a Christian any more than going to McDonald's makes you a hamburger. - *Anon*

A coincidence is when God performs a miracle and decides to remain anonymous. - *Anon*

Here are two things I have learned: There is a God. And I'm not Him. - *Anon*

Your worst days are never so bad that you are beyond the reach of God's grace. And your best days are never so good that you're beyond the need of God's grace. - *Anon*

Science can add years to your life, but only Christ can add life to your years. - *Anon*

Until you are free to die, you are not free to live. - *Anon*

Heavenly Humour

When George visited his new Sunday School, the teacher greeted him and asked his age. The little boy held up four fingers.

"Oh, you're four," said the teacher. "And when will you be 5?"

George stared at the teacher and after a few seconds replied, "When I hold up the other finger."

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Signing the register at a wedding, the groom had difficulty in making his pen work. "Put your weight on it," said the vicar. So the groom complied: 'John Smith (12 stone, 4 pounds)'

Mission to Seafarers

The Mission to Seafarers Chaplain Rev Mark Reid who visited the Acorn Club recently has said that you can help Seafarers all over the world by knitting woollen hats or purchasing them. If you wish to knit, below is a pattern to follow.

We look forward to having Mark speak on Sunday, 4th August at 8.30 am and 10.30 am.

Knitting Pattern for Woollen Hats

You will need:

Double knit or 4 ply wool
Size 8 (4mm) Needles
2 oz of wool



Cast on 120 stitches.
Rib (2 plain 2 purl) for 12 inches

Next Row: Knit 2 together to end of the row. Purl next row.
Repeat these two rows once more.
Knit 1 row.
Purl 1 row.
Pull thread through all stitches and sew up seam.

They would also welcome the following toiletries:

Toothbrushes	Toothpaste	Shaving Cream
Razors	Soap	Shower Gel
Shampoo	Face Cloths	Combs
Deodorant		

Please bring the items to the Parish Office during the last week in June (Tuesday, 25th to Thursday, 27th) or to the Parish Church Porch on Sunday, 30th June.

22,000 UK seafarers and almost two million worldwide work on 74,000 ships transporting over 90% of the world's goods and fuels. Many face serious challenges: money worries, lack of facilities on board, long periods from home, danger from conflict, piracy, shipwreck and abandonment (when unscrupulous vessel owners abandon their ships because of financial or legal problems), loneliness and mental health issues.

Acorn Club Outing

Thursday, 9th May
leaving
Christ Church Car Park at 10.00 am sharp by bus
to
St Catherine's, Muckamore and Killead
for a

Bible Exhibition - Yarns from the Bible
and
Lunch at The Rabbit Hotel

GFS

The Leaders of the Girls Friendly Society would like to thank everyone who attended the Quiz night on Friday 1st March. It was a great night of fun and fellowship with lots of desserts to eat!

A total of £335 was raised for Branch funds. We appreciate your generosity.

Indoor Bowling Club - Singles Final

Two finalists,
Archdeacon
Paul Dundas
and
David Henry,
competing for
the Singles Cup
on
Monday,
15th April.

The final was
won by David
Henry.



Mothers' Union

We had a very good turnout of ladies for our meeting in March when the speaker was Fiona Storer who spoke to us about her life and witness through knitting.



Fiona is registered blind but still manages to do some wonderful knitting depicting scenes from the Bible. She was accompanied by her husband and dad who thanked us for making them feel so welcome.

Jesus loves the children
The people first to meet, He calls away,
Children come to welcome any one
Jesus came and put the record straight,
We must be like children! Oh! How great!
Read Mark Chapter 10



The house owners protest -
"In the courtyard to make a place for
us!"
The king orders the figs to be
cut down, together with every tree
and have the ground leveled. "I will
blow it and you will see the ruins."
We make ourselves for his house
and we will praise him
every day for ever.
As we eat each other's
bread, we will
sing: "Good food
and drink!"

Be still
Mary sits in concentration listening to His every word
Martha fusses in the kitchen, thinking it is all absurd.
She is getting agitated. Now she has to have her say.
"Why is Mary sitting there? She hasn't done a turn all day."
Jesus speaks aloud to Martha in a soft and soothing tone.
"Mary has done what I wanted, let it not be her alone.
All my words are so important. Listen now to what I say.
Always keep them in your heart. Think about them every day."
Read Luke 10

(Mothers' Union continued)



Also in March, our Branch was well supported at the Good Friday Service in church and I am grateful to Gwen, Barbara and Evelyn for doing the Bible readings so eloquently.

As I write this, we look forward to a busy week in MU when we are going to 'Guys and Dolls' in the Island Centre on Wednesday 17th April, the Area

Coffee Evening in Magheragall Parish on the 18th and the Diocesan Festival Service in St Anne's Cathedral on Sunday 21st.

Every 3 years we have a fundraiser for Mums in May and we are again indebted to Moira Thom who will host this evening in her home on May 10th. On May 19th we have the 'Diocesan Big Sing' in All Saints, Antrim - something different for us and Not to be Missed !!

Our projects are ongoing and a big thank you to all who knit, sew, make up wash bags and activity bags for children in church. We are a very busy

Branch who enjoy good craic and fellowship and are always ready to welcome new members.

Blessings to you all,
Valerie

Knitted items from Betty Davis and Snugglies for the Premature Baby Unit from Jayne Logan



A selection of Syringe Driver Bags made by Jayne Logan for the Marie Curie Hospice



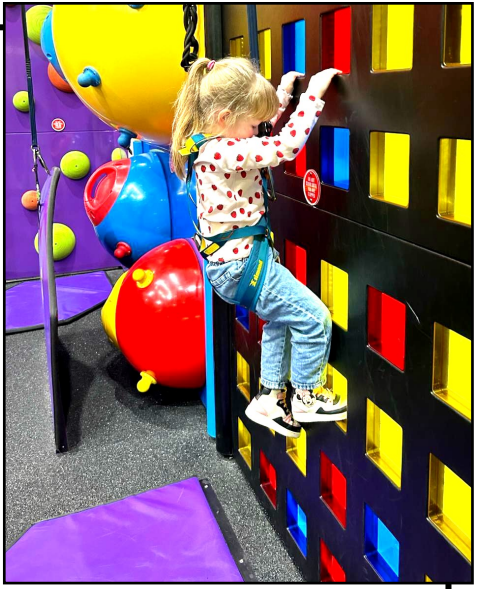
Craft Club



Above left: Margaret with a Happy Bag which she made for Christ Church
Above right: Linda and Helen with some of the syringe driver bags which they made for the Hospice
Below: Alison with her Highland Cow which she knitted



Messy Church Event at Lisburn High Rise 3rd March 2024



*(Messy Church Event at
Lisburn High Rise
continued)*



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Bible Word Search - In the Beginning

(Genesis 1: 1-5)

Find the words below in **bold** in the grid!



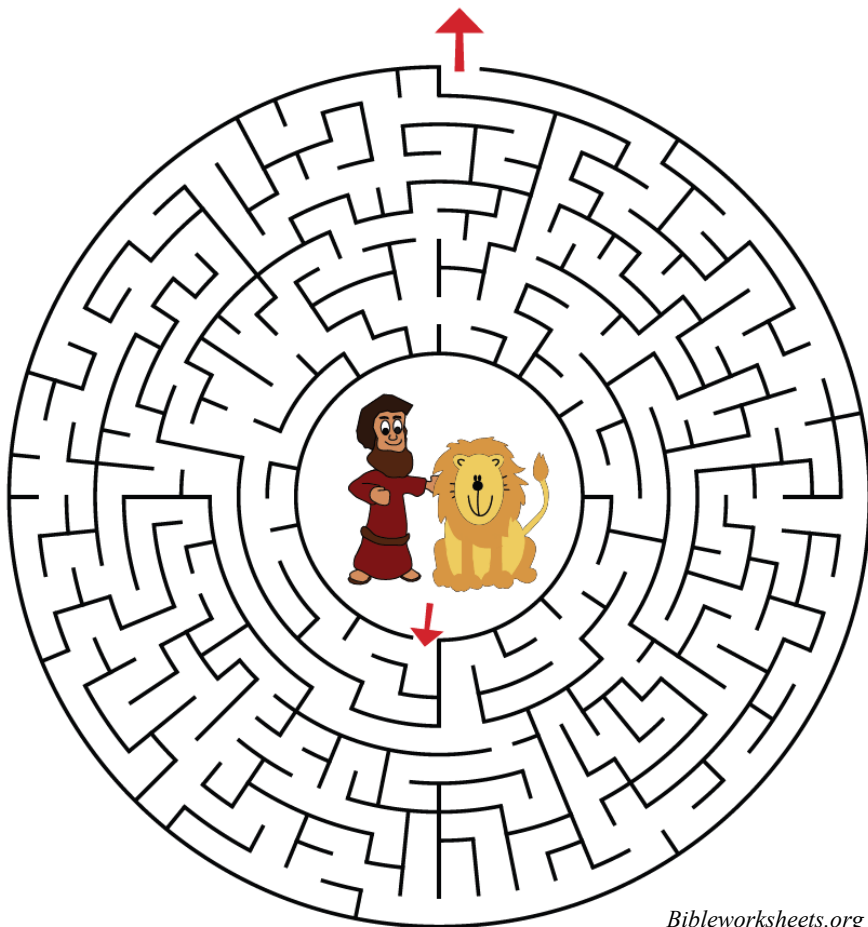
In the **beginning** God created the sky and the earth. The earth was **empty** and had no **form**. **Darkness** covered the **ocean** and God's **Spirit** was **moving** over the **water**.

Then God said, "Let there be **light!**" And there was light. God saw that the light was **good**. So he **divided** the light from the darkness. God **named** the light '**day**' and the darkness '**night**.' **Evening** passed, and **morning** came. This was the **first** day.

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Flower Rota

Thank you to everyone who has provided flowers for the Holy table this year.

There are still some vacancies on the Flower Rota and in particular during the months of June, July and August.

If you would like to put flowers on the Holy table, please add your name to the Flower Rota in the main church porch.

Alternatively, you can email christchurchparishlisburn@gmail.com or telephone the Parish Office on 028 9267 3271



A Poem about Climate Change

STOP THE ROT!

Stop the rot, oh please, oh please
The earth can't take it anymore
Ice caps are melting
The penguins are OK but the polar bears will go bye
Oh help, oh help!

Stop the rot oh please, oh please
The earth is on fire
Forests are dying and animals too
The land is beginning to disappear
If we don't stop the rot, the end is near.

Turn the lights off when we're not in the room
That will help the earth to cool
Re-use and recycle, that will help too
Planting trees when you chop, chop, chop
Otherwise the earth will continue to rot.

A.W.D.H
(By an 8 year old boy)



Hard to find

Curate's wife: I'd like to open a joint account.
Bank staff: With your husband?
Curate's wife: Definitely not. With someone who has some money!

Destination?

Susan, 95-years-old and in excellent health, confided that she was terribly worried: "Everyone of my friends has already died and gone on to heaven. I'm afraid they're all wondering where I went!"



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Thursday, 23rd May

**‘Painting Stones’
&
‘Word Search’**

Thursday, 20th June

‘Summer Party with Entertainment’



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New members welcome

Flower Rota

05 May	Karen McKenna
12 May	Helen and Wesley Dickinson
19 May	Vacant
26 May	Vacant
02 Jun	Norman and Naomi Nortcliff
09 Jun	Vacant
16 Jun	Vacant
23 Jun	Vacant
30 Jun	Vacant

‘I want to know one thing, the way to heaven: how to land safe on that happy shore. God himself has condescended to teach the way; for this very end he came from heaven. He has written it down in a book! Oh, give me that book! At any price, give me the book of God! I have it: here is knowledge enough for me. Let me be a man of one book.’

(John Wesley)

Sunday Coffee Rota

Co-ordinator: Florence Crangle - Tel: 028 9210 7433

05 May	Anne Reynolds and Lynn Shanks
12 May	Billy and Beth Harris
19 May	Stevie and Rosie Long
26 May	Robin and Sheila Smythe
02 Jun	Rosemary Bodell and Florence Crangle
09 Jun	Jim and Barbara Watson
16 Jun	David and Jennifer Henry and Shirley Hanna
23 Jun	Oonagh Soden and Florence Crangle
30 Jun	Jane Hawthorne and Emma Jane Marks

Tuesday Coffee Rota

Co-ordinator: Ann Robinson - Tel: 07901236346

07 May	Lynn Shanks, Oonagh Soden, Thelma Rutledge
14 May	Evelyn Greer, Beth Harris, Betty Cummings
21 May	Myrtle Watterson, Colleen Watterson, Florence Young
28 May	Gwen Gibson, Evelyn Macklin, Roberta Rosbotham
04 Jun	Helen Dickinson, Roberta Doherty, Dorothy Morrow
11 Jun	Vera Hewitt, Laureen Birrell, Lottie Millar
18 Jun	Roberta Thompson, Rosemary Bodell, Annie Stevenson
25 Jun	Valerie Christy, Pauline Graham, Lynda Lashford

Welcoming Rota

If unable to do door duty, please swap with someone else on the Rota.

	<u>East & Nicholson Doors</u>	<u>Baptismal Door</u>
05 May	Karen McKenna	Jack Craig
12 May	Myrtle Watterson	Colleen Watterson
19 May	Alex Henderson/Vera Hewitt	Rosemary Bodell
19 May	Wesley Dickinson (Main Porch)	
26 May	Naomi Littler	Ann Robinson
02 Jun	Stephen McKenna	Lewis Grant
09 Jun	Florence Crangle	Bertha Thompson
16 Jun	George Megarry	Annette Megarry
23 Jun	Jack Craig	Kelly Cummings
30 Jun	Thomas Ringland	Beverley Ringland

Christ Church Sunday Services

Morning Worship

11.30 am

Evening Prayer

(3rd Sunday)

6.30 pm

Holy Communion

1st Sunday at 8.30 am

4th Sunday at 11.30 am

All Age Worship

3rd Sunday at 11.30 am

Marriage & Holy Baptism

By arrangement with the Rector

Sunday School (KLIC & JAM)

All families to All Age Worship
on

3rd Sunday at 11.30 am

1st, 2nd, 4th & 5th Sunday - 11.30 am during worship

Note From The Editor

All material for the July/August issue **MUST** be in the
Parish Office by

Monday, 17th June

Parish Office Opening Hours

Tues - Thurs 9.00 am - 3.00 pm

Mon & Fri Closed

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Archdeacon

Paul Dundas

Tel 07740589465

Robin Smythe

Tel 07521159350

Beverley Ringland

Tel 07734877740

Church Organisations

SUNDAY

- Sunday School** Mrs Bertha Thompson
KLIC c/o Parish Office Tel: **9267 3271**
3rd Sunday - Church Service - 11.30 am
1st, 2nd, 4th, 5th Sunday during 11.30 am
Worship
- JAM Group** Mrs Beverley Ringland
c/o Parish Office Tel: **9267 3271**
- CCY** c/o Rev Gareth Campbell Tel: **07842070108**
7.30 pm - 8.45 pm

MONDAY

- Indoor Bowls** Mr Johnston Boyle Tel: **07802889412**
7.30 pm

TUESDAY

- Badminton** Mr Garth Anderson 7.30 pm Tel: **9243 8971**
- Teaching Series** Archdeacon Paul Dundas 7.30 pm

WEDNESDAY

- Tots Together** (Parent and Toddler Group)
Mrs Rosie Long Tel: **07909915909**
10.00 am - 11.30 am
- Craft Club** 10.30 am - 12.30 pm
Mrs Ann Elliott Tel: **07815743795**
- Prayer Fellowship** Mr Wesley Dickinson 7.30 pm
Tel: **07918672467** or **9262 2021**
- Missionary Prayer Fellowship**
Mr Wesley Dickinson 7.30 pm Tel: **9262 2021**
(4th Wednesday Monthly)

WEDNESDAY

(continued)

Girls Friendly Society

Mrs Rosie Long	Tel: 07909915909
Teddy Bears 3-5 years	6.45 pm
Candidates 5-7 years	6.45 pm
Junior Members 7-11 years	6.45 pm
Members 11-15 years	6.45 pm

Walking Group

Mr & Mrs David Henry	Tel: 9266 6223
(Meet at Smithfield Square Car Park for a walk and a coffee at The Haslem Hotel)	Tel: 07712839625 7.00 pm

THURSDAY

The Ladybirds (Women's Bible Study Group)

(2nd & 4th Thursday monthly) 11.00 am

<u>Acorn Club</u> Mrs Margaret Little	Tel: 9267 1119
<u>(For Seniors)</u> (1st Thursday monthly)	2.30 pm

<u>CLB</u> Mr Tommy Ringland	Tel: 9263 8252
(4 - 11 years)	6.45 pm

<u>Choir</u> Mrs Gwen Gibson	7.30 pm Tel: 9260 1625
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FRIDAY

Mothers' Union

Mrs Valerie Christy	Tel: 9268 3590
(2nd Friday Monthly)	

SATURDAY

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