

Castlerock, Dunboe & Fermoyle Parish Magazine



See! The winter is past; the rains are over and gone.
Flowers appear on the earth; the season of singing has come, the
cooing of doves is heard in our land.

Song of Songs 2:11 & 12

April/May/June 13

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...from the Rector

Some of the most powerful and revealing statements made by and about Jesus were said while He was on the cross. One such statement came from the lips of an unnamed Roman Centurion. After he had witnessed the execution of Christ, he worshipped God and said, '*Surely this was a righteous man*' (Luke 23:47). The Romans were unquestionably the most influential and effective empire the world had seen. They were a force to be reckoned with. The Roman Empire was vast and the only way Jews could possibly hope for freedom from its rule was if the promised Messiah would come and defeat the Romans. The Messiah did come, but with a completely different purpose. One of the most powerful things about the cross is that Jesus was able to remain focused and compassionate enough to soothe the thief beside him and to ask forgiveness for those who had put Him there. This had to be one of the hardest requests to His Father.

Jesus knew He was going to die so He was not thinking of how He had got Himself in such a mess. Because Jesus knew who He was and what He was called to do, He was able to look outside Himself and minister to others, even the Roman Centurion could see this was no ordinary man. Even in such pain and anguish Jesus was still able to turn His attention to the hurting, and no one is beyond His gaze. Even though the Centurion knew little about Jesus, his heart was moved and changed by what he saw.

Easter is passed now for this year and what is it that we have understood? Jesus did it for us. He died so we could be free from the slavery of sin, and we can, if we ask. Then what...

Diane

But what happens when we live God's way? He brings gifts into our lives, much the same way that fruit appears in an orchard—things like affection for others, exuberance about life, serenity. We develop a willingness to stick with things, a sense of compassion in the heart, and a conviction that a basic holiness permeates things and people. We find ourselves involved in loyal commitments, not needing to force our way in life, able to marshal and direct our energies wisely.

Galatians 5:22 & 23

Family Matters

Holy Baptism

Alisha Vauls 3rd February 2013
Leon Vauls 3rd February 2013
Layla Nutt 10th February 2013
Eileen Hunter 3rd March 2013
Harry Simpson 10th March 2013

Marriages

Lavern and Nevin Tweed 22nd March 2013

Christian Burial

Robbie Moore 28th January 2013
Molly Alcorn 21st March 2013
Georgina (Sandra) Harman 26th March 2013

Burial Of Ashes

William McCarron 23rd March 2013

Gift of Wedding Kneeler

We are deeply grateful to John & Jean Campbell for the kind gift of a beautiful wedding kneeler hand made by Joan Coulter. The kneeler is such a lovely addition to our church and a blessing to all who use it. It was given in memory of Alan and Tillie Campbell. Thank You. Rector

Gift of Bibles for Christ Church

We are also very deeply appreciative of an anonymous gift of new bibles for Christ Church. The bibles are a wonderful addition to our church and I hope that they will be well used by our own parishioners but also that they will be a blessing to all who visit Christ Church from many different backgrounds and countries. Thank you. Rector

Gift of chairs

Thank you to Jimmy and Marion Bowman who have given us a large number of lovely chairs for Christ Church Hall. Thank You. Rector

A Confidential Prayer Line

Our parish prayer chain is available for anyone who would like to be supported by prayer. Simply call me and I will forward your request to each person on the chain. We will pray for your need every day until you ask us to stop and it will be totally confidential. So far this has been well used, and we are thankful that some of you have benefited.

Renie Hill Tel: 02870849989 Mob: 07780838310

Curate's Corner

A long time ago a group of men and women who had known each other for a number of years were scared. Their best friend and teacher had suddenly been arrested and before they could even find out what was happening he had been charged, tried, sentenced and put to death.

And all this happened in a civilised society under military rule. Imagine what it must have been like for Peter and John, Mary Magdalene and Mary, Jesus' mother, as they woke up on the Saturday morning after the night before, the day we call 'good' Friday. That is if they got any sleep at all that night. Their lives were turned upside down and they were terrified, confused, disappointed, shattered and alone. Nothing would ever be the same again and how on earth could they possibly continue? But then came Sunday!!!

Over the course of the day they discovered the empty tomb, they had an encounter with the risen Jesus and they met others who had also met with their master and friend. It took time for them to realise what had happened, but when it did their lives really were changed forever.

Fear and trembling was replaced by bravery, courage and conviction. Disappointment replaced by understanding and excitement. Peter became the rock on which Jesus really could build his church and because of their certainty we have heard the good news of the empty tomb – and what it means. And the same can be true for us, as once we meet the risen Lord, life will never be the same again.

Peter and John, Mary and the others still faced hardship and tough times. But they were not alone. Nothing could divert them from spreading the good news that Jesus was alive – and because of his death and resurrection, all who accept him will live forever in paradise. No wonder they were changed forever.

So what impact does this Easter message have on you and me?
God bless

Adam

Mothers' Union Notes

The February meeting was entitled '*Farmland Conservation.*' The speaker was Christine Butler, a Christchurch parishioner. To inform us a little about her background, Christine told us that she was born in County Tyrone, where she lived in a natural environment and spent many days of her youth outdoors. Later she studied Environmental Science, researching hazel woodlands.

Much of this research was carried out around Lough Neagh Woodlands. This involved wetland habitats and the study of trees and vegetation. Wetlands and riverbanks are natural habitats for the cuckoo, foxgloves, wild garlic and hog wood. Birds such as the plover, snipe, curlew and yellowhammer are found along riverbanks, but often there are too many rushes, so the birds can't get out. For the past fifteen years Christine has been working for the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development. She is involved in conservation schemes for farmers in County Londonderry. This incorporates the Sperrins, which means 'Spurs of Rock.' Ancient monuments are preserved.

Meadows are quickly disappearing with the loss of natural wild flowers and can never be retrieved. Farmers are encouraged to have field boundaries – stonewalls, hedges, earth banks – these help disease control in animal stock, provide shelter and provide food for wildlife. Hedges are planted using a variety of shrubs and trees such as hawthorn, alder, beech, bucky rose and ash. Farmers involved in conservation schemes are paid for the protection of woodlands e.g.. Rowan trees and bluebell woods. The oak is a most valuable tree and an interesting note is that 'Derry' or 'Doire' means 'A Place of Oaks.'

Christine sadly informed us that the devastating fungus which has attacked the 'ASH' on mainland Britain have arrived here, so we may lose our ash trees. Moor lands are often over grazed, so farmers are encouraged to move their stock for regeneration purposes. Heather is needed for grouse and unfortunately they are disappearing. During the talk we were asked to identify various flowers, shrubs and trees. Some members were very quick to answer. Do you know 'how many eyes has a bee?' The answer is

five. You will find 50,000 – 60,000 in a typical colony. In a lifetime one bee will produce 1/12 teaspoon of honey. Most of the nectar bees collect is found in ivy. There is a decline in bees because of agriculture with so much ploughing and no meadows. 1/3 of the food we eat depends on pollination by bees. Farmers are thus encouraged to plant a pollinated nectar mix to create habitats. Christine's talk was interesting, informative and inspiring and we thank her very much for her talk and pictures. The March meeting took the form of an Irish Night on 19th March at 7.30pm. Liz Mullen welcomed everyone including some parishioners along with MU members. There were over forty present. Liz opened by saying an Irish grace and Irish stew was served.

Diane and her two willing helpers, Olive and Maeve, had made this at the rectory. The abundant and delicious helpings were thoroughly enjoyed by all. A very big thank you to them. It was greatly appreciated. This was followed by Pavlova and apple tart and the meal was rounded off with shamrock shortbread, tea and coffee. Everyone then gathered round for the entertainment. Emma Conn said some Irish poems, which were very much enjoyed. Rhoda Baxter was then introduced along with the pianist, Karen Hamilton. Rhoda delightfully entertained us on the violin in a true Percy French Style, with renditions of a variety of songs and poems. Everyone joined in the singsong with 'The Mountains of Mourne, Come Back Paddy Reilly, Are you right there Michael etc.' Emma then gave us two lovely recitations about St. Patrick, very well received.

Megan McMullan delighted us with some tap and Irish dancing. Liz thanked everyone who had contributed to the success of the evening and small gifts were presented.

Mothers' Union Prayer Group

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| April | Wednesday 10 th in Elizabeth Mullen's home
19 The Fairways, Castlerock @ 10.30am |
| May | Wednesday 8 th in Ann Dark's home
21 Liffock Park, Castlerock @ 10.30am |
| June | Wednesday 5 th in Muriel McLaughlin's home
9 Norwell Park Castlerock @ 10.30am |

*'May the road rise
up to meet you, may
the wind be always
at your back, may
the sun shine warm
upon your face and
rain fall softly upon
the fields and until
we meet again May
God hold you in the
palm of his hand.'*

Children's day

Our children's day is Sun 2nd June in both churches. We look forward to seeing all kids and their families.

Gift day 7th April

Three Sunday Services will be held on the 7th April, the two usual services in each church and one at night that will be a service of thanksgiving. The visiting preacher at this special service will be Dean William Morton, Dean of St. Columb's Cathedral, Derry. Please come to church and take this opportunity to give in this unique and special way.

Are You Paying Income Tax? Gift Aid Scheme

The Gift Aid scheme is designed for individuals who are paying income tax on the money they receive. The church – being registered as a charity – can reclaim the amount of tax, which you have already paid on the money you have donated. You do not have to be employed or self-employed to qualify – we pay income tax on:

- * **Interest deducted at source on savings and investments**
- * **State pensions and/or other pensions**
- * **Rental income**
- * **Capital gains tax on gains**



You must have paid enough tax to cover your donations and to check if you have paid enough tax divide your donation by 4. For example if you give £100 during any tax year you will have paid £25 tax ($£100/4 = £25$). The church can then reclaim the £25, through the Gift Aid Scheme, making your donation worth £125. In order to take advantage of the Gift Aid Scheme you will need to complete a simple form, which you can obtain from either the Treasurers or Records (Richard McAuley or Margaret Millican – Christ Church) or (Emily Hempsey or Amanda McKittrick – St Paul's). This form will cover all donations you make to the church and needs only to be completed once and can stay in force until you notify the Treasurers that you no longer qualify due to a change in your financial circumstances. **It is essential that you notify us if you no longer qualify for the Gift Aid Scheme.**

SUMMER MADNESS

28th June - 2nd July 2013 Glenarm Castle Yr9 and above

Summer madness is coming up and its really not a hassle.
So join us for the fun and games In July at Glenarm Castle.

See Sandra Ferris for more details or Tel: 07789492359

A Service Of The Word Special Preacher: Archbishop Robin Eames Worship Led by the Lowry Singers

This special service for all the Parish will be recorded by BBC Radio Ulster on Sun 2nd June at 3pm in Christ Church and will be broadcast on Sun 7th July at 10.15am. This is an exciting opportunity for our Parish and we look forward very much to a packed church for the recording. More details will be announced at a later date, please pencil this date into your diary.

The local churches together Gathering Dust: Reflecting Glory

1st cent. insights into 21st cent. discipleship: Sun 29th Sept.- 4th Oct.

Sept: Sun 29th 7pm Mark Mem. Hall: Rev. Ken Clarke
Mon 30th 7.30 Mark Mem. Hall: Rev. Desi Maxwell
Oct: Tues 1st 7.30 Mark Mem. Hall: Rev. Desi Maxwell
Wed 2nd 7.30 Mark Mem. Hal;: Rev. Desi Maxwell

Pray for those in need during the bad weather

Please remember to pray and watch out for the most vulnerable especially in this spell of very cold weather. We also remember our farmers and all who have suffered loss of livestock and continue to battle the elements to care for their animals.

Give Me Strength Lord

Lord, you are Holy above all others, and all of the strength that I need is in your hands.

I am not asking, Lord, that you take this trial away. Instead, I simply ask that Your will be done in my life. Whatever that means, that is what I want. But I admit that it's hard, Lord. Sometimes I feel like I can't go on. The pain and the fear are too much for me, and I know that I don't have the strength on my own to get through this. I know that I can come to you, Jesus, and that you will hear my prayer.

I know that it is not your intent to bring me to this point just to leave me in the wilderness alone. Please, Lord, give me the strength that I need to face today. I don't have to worry about tomorrow. If you just give me the strength that I need today that is all I need. Keep me from sinning during this trial. Instead, help me to keep my eyes on you. You are the Holy Lord, and all of my hope rests in you. Thank you for hearing my prayer. Amen

Women's World Day of Prayer

This annual service was held in St. Paul's on Friday, 1st March. Those who meet are from the five local churches, Castlerock Presbyterian, Christchurch, First Dunboe, St. Mary's and St. Paul's with members from each church participating. Women's World Day of Prayer is truly interdenominational and international and it speaks with the voices from all corners of the globe. It takes place in over 170 countries throughout the world. The 2013 service was arranged by the women of France and was entitled,

'I was a stranger and you welcomed me.' France, like other European countries, receives many asylum requests. The presence of these people in a country both enriches the culture and can also cause social difficulties. Behind each request is the story of a life. Some of these stories were shared in the service. Reflective French music was played as women wearing different coloured headscarves entered. These women represented their diversity of backgrounds. The speaker was Rev. Carmen Hayes. The organist was Evelyn Conn. The Church was suitably prepared with displays of pictures of France. This included paintings of the Eiffel Tower from children of our local Primary School. On the windows were displays of fruit and vegetables, bread, cheese, wine and floral displays, all significant to France.

Fruit drinks were served as an aperitif, the typical French way of welcoming visitors.

The French flag hung at the front of the church and the Holy table was set with flowers, a lighted candle and an open Bible. After the service everyone was invited to share a cup of friendship with someone they had not met before. (A cup of tea and a biscuit was served.)

Congratulations to St. Paul's Indoor Bowling Club on winning Section Two of the Coleraine & District Bowling League.

Safeguarding Trust: The Role of the Parish Panel

- * To train leaders in good practice.
- * To ensure that all the necessary administration for the positions of youth leaders within the parish is completed.
- * To interview and where appropriate offer positions in youth work.
- * To be a point of contact for any adult or child who needs someone to talk to.

Parish Panel Members

Rev. Diane Matchett	70848127
Margaret Johnston	70848623
Margaret Oliver	70848103
Andrew Millican	70849894
Mura Sayers	70849515

The panel's role is now legally binding in the church and the panel must report regularly to the Select Vestry

New Select Vestry

Rector's Church wardens: Willie Oliver and David Dalzell

Peoples' Church wardens: Adam Anderson and
Debbie Moore

Rector's Glebe warden: Nelson McFarland

Peoples' Glebe warden: Ian Hempsey

Honorary Treasurers: Richard McAuley and
Emily Hempsey

Christ Church

Robert Blemmings

Gary King

Harold McLaughlin

Richard McAuley

Margaret Oliver

Margaret Boyce

Marie McKinney

St. Paul's

Jack Johnston

Noel Bradley

Brian Simpson

Amanda McKittrick

Diane Moore

Please remember
all of those
serving on our
Select Vestry. I
also want to thank
everyone who
served and
continues to serve
in any way in our
Parish. It is all
very much
appreciated. Diane

Prayer corner

Please pray:

- * For all facing tough choices over the next while
- * For our friends in the parish and community with health issues
- * Confirmation candidates young and old
- * Ministry Team
- * Bishop Ken and his wife Mary
- * Partnership with Shyogwe under the leadership of Bishop Jered and Amos and his family
- * The local Christian churches and their leaders as we seek to plan a series of events together over the next 12 months
- * Kids' club and their leaders and for more people to be part of this brilliant ministry
- * Kathryn, Evelyn, Brian and our Choirs
- * The new Select Vestry, and its continued work
- * For the Holy Spirit to work in and through all our lives

10 second sermons

Gossip is bullying people who are not there

Rwandan update

It has been a real pleasure and blessing to have had Amos with us. He really was a fantastic guest in our house and he and Bob got on brilliantly. Amos loved coke and crisps and loved to laugh and talk. We missed him out of our house.

I want to take this opportunity to thank all who really went out of their way to make Amos feel welcome, so many people were so thoughtful in so many ways. Thank you so much.

CSSM

is going to be taking place a week earlier this year.
CSSM will be running from July 1st - July 12th

If you are a new parishioner and new to the Church of Ireland and would like a copy of "Church of Ireland - Origins, History & Present Day Practice" booklet please see the Rector

Holidays

Rector is on holidays from Monday 15th - Monday 22nd April. In the event of an emergency please contact Adam Quigley on 07776152351

Please continue to pray for those who were confirmed this year

Lee Maguire & Jade Lyttle
Kathryn McMullan & Jacob Cunningham-Bell
Ryan Vauls, Jenna Vauls & Denise Pollock
Louise Hancock & Tony Devlin

10 second sermon

Persistent niggling sin is a bit like leaving the car glove compartment light on. Slowly it saps all the energy so that eventually you can't get going at all.

Note from the Editor

*All material for the JULY/AUG/SEPT edition of the Parish Magazine **SHOULD** be with the Editor Margaret Oliver by Mon 17th June 2013. Please ring 07732489144/ 028 70848103 Email: margaret@oliverexorna.co.uk*

Christ Church Flower Rota

April

7th Easter flowers
14th & 21st Melda Campbell
28th Margaret Boyce



May

5th & 12th Diane McFarland
19th & 26th Sandra Bowman



June

2nd & 9th Elizabeth Mullen
16th & 23rd Beenie Goodman
30th Margaret Oliver



Christ Church Clock Winders Rota

April

7th Philip Kirkpatrick
14th & 21st Henry Campbell
28th Ann Dark



May

5th Ann Dark
12th & 19th Adam Anderson
26th Ian Clarke



June

2nd Ian Clarke
9th & 16th Brian Simpson
23rd & 30th Mark Stuart



Vestry Notes

At the meeting of the Select Vestry held in February, the Register of the General Vestry was renewed and updated with ten deletions and two additions. It was agreed that more parishioners should be encouraged to sign up to the General Vestry Register. The Annual Accounts for Christ Church and St. Paul's were presented and passed. Both churches are in a satisfactory position financially but with major expenditure anticipated there can be no room for complacency. The Select Vestry accepted with regret the resignation of Jack & Margaret Johnston as Sextons of St. Paul's and all present paid tribute to their hard work over the past seven years. At the March meeting Frances McKissick was appointed the new Sexton of St. Paul's. The renovation work continues at Christ Church and as in all old buildings once the work starts more defects are uncovered.

However the work is progressing well with over half of the repointing now completed. Some additional repairs to lead flashings will be needed and it was agreed that now was the appropriate time to try to resolve the problem with the birds nesting in the church tower and to repair the louvers on the tower.

Obviously the priority now is fundraising in both churches and the major effort will be the gift day on Sunday 7th April. Christ Church needs to raise approximately **£25,000** to finance the completion of the repairs and the installation of the access ramp and St. Paul's are hoping to raise money to clear their debt on the Hall extension.

Now for a Wee Joke – or two!!

Adam's Ribs

At Sunday School they were teaching how God created everything, including human beings. Little Johnny seemed especially intent when they told him how Eve was created out of one of Adam's ribs. Later in the week his mother noticed him lying down as though he were ill, and she said, 'Johnny, what is the matter?'

Little Johnny responded, 'I have pain in my side. I think I'm going to have a wife.'

"Dust to Dust"

After church, Johnny tells his parents he has to go and talk to the minister right away. They agree and the pastor greets the family.

"I heard you say today that our bodies came from the dust."

"That's right, Johnny, I did." "And I heard you say that when we die, our bodies go back to dust." "Yes, I'm glad you were listening.

Why do you ask?" "Well you better come over to our house right away and look under my bed 'cause there's someone either comin' or goin'!"

And just something to think about ...People want the front of the bus, the back of the church, and the centre of attention.!!

Another challenge for April - We all have loads of toiletries stored in our cupboards. Don't buy any more in April. Use up what you have!!! (Isn't that a great idea ladies and gentlemen)!

Mallow Cushions

4ozs chocolate

1oz marg.

1 level tablespoonful syrup

4oz marshmallows

2ozs raisins

4oz broken sweet biscuits (Marie)

Melt choc, marg. and syrup. Cut up mallows and stir into melted mixture with raisins and biscuits. Press into 7" square tin. Allow to set. Cover with more melted choc. and cut into fingers.

Happy Birthday

Some ladies got together recently for an afternoon tea party to celebrate the ninetieth birthday of Jean Kennedy. The lovely poem below was written by Lorna Bradley for this special occasion.

'Ode to Jean Kennedy, a lovely lady'

Jean, you've come here for a little celebration, in fact it's quite like a graduation, When a lady reaches ninety years, it's true, We can't let it pass without a bit of a do.

So some of us from St. Paul's are here to say, 'Happy Ninetieth Birthday,' on such a special day, with an afternoon tea party, we'll celebrate in style because you've reached this special mile. We know, Jean, you don't like a fuss, This is just a 'Happy Birthday,' from all of us.

Jean was born ninety years ago, just outside Londonderry in a place called Drumahoe. 'How proud we are of this baby,' her parents said, 'With twinkling eyes and hair so red.'

School days were happy and carefree, with sister Margaret they went off with glee, life was so idyllic in that family home, all living for each other so goes my little poem.

Then Jean set out to work at fourteen years of age, to the Shirt and Collar factory to earn a wage.

At Glendermott Presbyterian Church she could be found at Sunday worship or at the bowls I'll be bound; I'm told, Jean you were quite a good shot, St. Paul's missed out here, or your skills they'd have sought!

Later on the family came to Coleraine to reside, in a house on the Castlerock road they did abide, Reids' Bakery was calling out for employees, And Jean got a position there with great ease.

At work she met Sam, for they all worked together with loaves, buns and sponges, as light as a feather, it was one December at the Reid's Works Christmas Dinner, when Sam realized that Jean was a winner.

This caused much excitement at Reids', it is so, then they were married in the Church at New Row, Jean came to Articlave and

we all got to know Jean, who's been faithful to St. Paul's, it is true, As each Sunday morning she sits in the pew, in the back seat, where she has a good view, And many parishioners on their way in Stop to say, 'How do you do?'

Jean keeps herself busy, knitting blankets and scarves For charities overseas, to send to children who starve, Great pleasure she takes from this worthwhile task, So if you need any knitting, Jean's the one to ask.

Jean likes her holidays or to go out for a run, With Sam, they both had lots of fun, On occasions, she's holidayed in the sun, Off to Majorca or sunny Spain, For it sure is lovely to get away from the rain.

Jean's been to Scotland, England and Wales, to the Highlands, the Lowlands and the Yorkshire Dales, down over the border, to the sea and the sand, to many parts of Erin's green land. With the Young at Heart Club she often did go To a dance, an outing or even a show.

Jean and Mabel were sorry to miss this little do, we're awfully glad it suited you, thank you to everyone for coming along, And perhaps Diane will sing us a song. Or say a word or two, we can't go wrong.

Jean, age doesn't matter, when you're ninety years young, We all know you like a bit of fun, today, as we sing 'Happy Birthday to you', May God go with you in whatever you do?

A Liturgy for Ordinary Radicals

- APRIL** - Try to recycle water from your sink. Remember the 1.2 billion folks who do not have clean water.
- MAY** - Wash some clothes by hand and dry them on the line. Remember the 1.6 billion people who do not have electricity.
- JUNE** - Look through your clothes. Learn about one of the countries where they are manufactured. Do some research to discover the working conditions of the people who made them, and commit to doing one thing to improve the lives of people who live in that country.

APRIL CHURCH SERVICES

Sun 7th	Christ Church - Holy Communion Gift Day Reader: Evelyn Conn	10.00am
	St. Paul's - Morning Prayer Gift Day Reader: Brian Simpson	11.30am
Sun 7th	Christ Church Joint Service of Thanksgiving Preacher: Dean William Morton	6.30pm
Sun 14th	Christ Church - Morning Prayer Reader: Murray Bell	10.00am
	St. Paul's - Holy Communion Reader: Jenny Campbell	11.30am
Sun 21st	Christ Church - Holy Communion Reader: Harold McLaughlin	10.00am
	St. Paul's - All Age Worship	11.30am
Sun 28th	Christ Church - All Age Worship	10.00am
	St. Paul's - Holy Communion Reader: David Dalzell	11.30am

If for any reason readers are unavailable on their allocated Sunday please swap with one of the other readers and inform the Rector. Thank you

Betty Lamb

We were saddened to learn of the death of Betty Lamb one of our summer parishioners and one that this wee community knew and loved so much. There were many from this community who attended her funeral in their home parish of Killyman in the Armagh Diocese. She was an extraordinary individual with a very big heart. I was particularly touched by the playing of the Londonderry Air. Jim and Betty loved this part of the world in Co. Londonderry and we were blessed to have met Betty. We continue to pray for Jim and his family at this sad time.

MAY CHURCH SERVICES

Sun 5th	Christ Church - Holy Communion Reader: Ann Dark	10.00am
	St. Paul's - Morning Prayer Reader: Carly Ann Dunn	11.30am
Sun 12th	Christ Church - Morning Prayer Reader: Victoria Rankin	10.00am
	St. Paul's - Holy Communion Reader: Amanda McKittrick	11.30am
Sun 19th	Christ Church - Holy Communion Reader: Sandra Ferris	10.00am
	St. Paul's - All Age Worship	11.30am
Sun 26th	Christ Church - All Age Worship	10.00am
	St. Paul's - Holy Communion Reader: Noel Bradley	11.30am

Doreen Kyle

Doreen is known by so many of our parishioners and is missed in our congregations on Sunday Mornings. She has now moved to Jordonstown Care Home and doing well. She would welcome visits from her friends up on the North Coast. Please speak to the Rector for details.

Baby Lee Manny Johnston

We are delighted that little Lee has been born to Andrea Collins and Warren Johnston and of course a wee brother for Savanna. Both are doing well and we look forward to seeing them in the near future.

Magazine Costs

If anyone would like to give a small contribution towards the printing costs of the magazine it would be greatly appreciated. Paper and ink are so expensive and it is hoped that the magazine gives information and pleasure to all who read it so a token towards the costs would be greatly appreciated. Please give to Margaret Oliver or the Rector. Thank you so much.

JUNE CHURCH SERVICES

Sun 2 nd	Christ Church - All Age Worship (Children's Day in both churches) St. Paul's - All Age Worship	10.00am 11.30am
	Afternoon recording with the BBC details (p.9)	3.00pm
Sun 9 th	Christ Church - Morning Prayer Reader: Diane McFarland St. Paul's - Holy Communion Reader: John Parke	10.00am 11.30am
Sun 16 th	Christ Church - Holy Communion Reader: Andrea Nutt St. Paul's - All Age Worship	10.00am 11.30am
Sun 23 rd	Christ Church - All Age Worship St. Paul's - Holy Communion Reader: Liz Routledge	10.00am 11.30am
Sun 30 th	Christ Church - Morning Prayer Reader: Ivan Campbell St. Paul's - Morning Prayer Reader: Joelene Campbell	10.00am 11.30am

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COMMUNITY & PARISH CALENDAR

APRIL

Mon 1st Coffee Morning & Cake Sale (Easter Monday)
Christ Church Hall 10am – 1pm
Proceeds in aid of Ballyhackett Primary School

Sun 7th Gift Day. Three Sunday Services (p. 8)

Wed 10th M.U. Prayer Group 10.30am (p. 7)

Sat 13th Causeway Speciality Market

Sat 27th - Sat 4th May - Portrush Music Society Presents -The Hot Mikado – Riverside Theatre, Coleraine **For booking** Tel: 02870123123 or BOOK ONLINE www.riversidetheatre.org.uk

CHARITY PERFORMANCE in aid of Coleraine & District Samaritans – Monday 29th April 2013. Tickets for charity performance are £15.00 (including supper) and can be obtained from:- Impact Printing, Diamond Arcade, Coleraine, McIntyre's, The Promenade, Portstewart, Blue Moon, Main Street, Portrush

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Sat 4th & 5th Bluebell Walk Location: Downhill 2pm to 4pm
Admission: Adult £4.50, Child £2.25, Family £11.25 National Trust members free.

Wed 8th M.U. Prayer Group 10.30am (p.7)

Sat 11th Causeway Speciality Market, Coleraine

Sun 12th -18th North West 200 Race week

Sat 25th Portrush Raft Race Weekend

JUNE

Sun 2nd Children's Day in both churches (p. 8)
BBC Radio Ulster Recording Christ Church 3pm (p.9)

Wed 5th M.U. Prayer Group 10.30am (p. 7)

Sat 8th Causeway Speciality Market, Coleraine

Fri 28th - 2nd July Summer Madness (p. 8)

Two wee quotes

The truth which makes us free is for the most part the truth which we prefer not to hear. **James Bishop**

God still speaks to those who take time to listen - **take time.**