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SATURDAY 9TH NOVEMBER (10AM - 12NOON) CROZIER HALL

Rector's Letter

Dear Friends,

If you were Confirmed, I wonder what stands out from your preparation course? If you came from another church tradition, you may not have been confirmed, but perhaps you participated in a similar type of service with a comparable course of preparation. If so, from that time of preparation what do you remember?

I remember quite enjoying my Confirmation preparation. In our family's Parish of Cleenish, we were blessed in having a very gracious Rector during my youth, who like his successor, had a very significant influence upon the development of my faith. I am very thankful for the ministry of them both. Like for me, what possibly stands out for you when you look back to that time was learning the Apostles' Creed. Back then I learned the Creed in the 'old words' meaning that the charming terms such as 'thence' and 'quick' still spring to mind! As current and past Confirmation Candidates will know, step by step we recite the Creed a lot. I am sure that the Apostles' Creed will be a recall memory of their preparation, as I believe it is of great value. If our Candidates are ever asked what Christians believe, they should be ready to go!

A question that the Archbishop will ask the candidates during their Confirmation Service is "Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?" To this question candidates—reply "With the help of God, I will" Being part of a worshipping community is part of what candidates are signing up for at Confirmation. Confirmation is not a farewell to the Church having graduated from Sunday School. It is a time for professing Christian faith and owning it for ourselves. Being actively part of a worshipping Church family is an expression of a living faith and is vital for our spiritual growth.

If you were confirmed, or participated in a similar service in the past, you made a decision. Perhaps you are living out what you signed up for. Perhaps, if we are honest, we have slipped. If so, please know that the invitation is always open to come back, receive the grace of God, and join in. Ours is a God of Amazing Grace. A Service of Confirmation will take place in St Mark's on 24th November. Please pray for the candidates as they prepare to profess their decision to be a follower of the Lord Jesus. Maybe this is a service that we might like to come along to, and in our hearts and minds determine to revisit our promises, receive his grace, and with the help of God, choose to love and honour him.

Yours in Christ,

Malcolm

BOWLING CLUB

After a short break, we are back on the mats and enjoying the fun and friendship.



Recently, we began an internal tournament as we have 3 beautiful cups to play for, the first being the 'Hettie Frazer' cup

which was won by Mr Kenneth Latham. Over the coming weeks the 'play off' will continue for the remaining cups.

We are looking forward to a match against neighbouring 1st Armagh soon. Results will follow in next months notes.

As always new members are welcome to join us each Wednesday at 8pm in the Crozier Hall

Anne

FIRST THURSDAY CLUB

The First Thursday Club will meet as usual in the Venue at 2.30pm in the Crozier Hall on Thursday, 7th November. Our meeting will be entitled 'Preparing for Christmas'. New members are always welcome.

Ann

LADIES WALKING GROUP

We continue to meet each Thursday morning at 10.00am outside the Crozier Hall to undertake local walks around Armagh, finishing with a visit to a local coffee shop. Occasionally trips to other locations are organised. Walks are suitable for all abilities and new members are very welcome.

1ST TUESDAY HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE

On Tuesday 5th November, a monthly Holy Communion Service will take place in St Mark's at 11.30am. Following the service, it is our intention to go to the Charlemont Hotel for a light lunch. Everyone is welcome to join us.



MIDWEEK SERVICES

Our Wednesday night services, along with a study series meet at 7.30pm in the Crozier Hall. Typically these services last up to 45mins and include a short Bible Study with some discussion. When in the Crozier Hall there is also the opportunity for some refreshments before or after the service. Why not come along and give it a go? As always, everyone will be very welcome to join us at any time.



FOOTBALL

Our Monday night football sessions continue. All over 18s are welcome to join our WhatsApp group from which members can receive updates and indicate availability to play. To be added, please contact the Parish Office (37523197 / sec.stmarks@gmail.com).

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The children have settled well into the new term at Sunday School and are enjoying learning about Jesus.

There will be no Sunday School on 10th (Remembrance Sunday), 17th (Family Service and 24th November (Confirmation Service).

We are looking forward to the Confirmation Service on 24th November at 10.30am. We ask you to remember all the young people in prayer as they prepare for this service and take this important step in their faith journey.

The children will soon begin preparing for the Sunday School Nativity and they are also busy making decorations for the Christmas Tree Festival.

Christine

CRECHE

Creche is available today and each Sunday except for Family Services. All children of preschool age are very welcome! Creche meets in the Beresford Room of the Crozier Hall from 10.15am. For further details about Creche contact Claire (37522970).

GLOW

Friday nights in the Crozier Hall are always action packed with Glow!! We meet on alternate weeks (7.30pm-9pm), usually in the Crozier Hall, unless we are away on a trip. On Friday 25th October we went to The Rink, near Portadown and completed the evening with a trip to McDonald's. During November we shall meet on Friday 8th and 22nd for games and activities in and around the hall, before our annual trip to the Pantomime in the Market Place Theatre on December 6th. All young people of School Year 6 and above are invited to come along and join in!

YF

For a number of reasons YF shall only meet once this month (3rd November) from 5-6.30pm in The Venue, Crozier Hall. YF usually begins with some games before moving into discussion and activities relating to a Bible



Passage(s). After a time of learning together we then relax with food and a time just to chat and catch up with each other. All young people of secondary school age are invited to come along. Please know a very warm welcome awaits!

HOME GROUP

Home Group is an informal time of learning together from God's Word in the homes of some of those who come along to our meetings. Last month we began a series entitled 'What happens next'. The study guide that we are using is based upon the book of the same title by Max Lucado which considers what the Bible has to say about the end of this age. Our first meeting offered much discussion and many questions! New members of the Home Group are always welcome and to find out more, please feel free to speak to Malcolm.



Saturday, 9th November 2024 to book a place on the bus, please see the sign up sheet in the Church Porch.

Cost: £20pp

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REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

On Remembrance Sunday (10th November) an Act of Remembrance shall take place at the War Memorial on The Mall at 11am. A parade shall then proceed from the War Memorial to Armagh Methodist Church. Our Morning Service shall take place at approximately 11.45am during which there shall be an Act of Remembrance. Everyone will be most welcome to join us on this very important occasion.



SERVICE OF LIGHT & REMEMBRANCE

A special service will take place in St Mark's on Sunday, November 24th (7pm) as we pray for those whose loved ones have entered their eternal rest, particularly during the past year. Families who would like also to be added to those specifically prayed for are invited to telephone the Rectory where a message may be left if no one is home. Everyone will be most welcome to attend this special service as we reflect together.

MEN'S GROUP

The new season of our occasional Men's Group recently met in the Crozier Hall when we enjoyed reliving our youth with Youth Club activities such as table football, table tennis, Mario Kart and Dodgeball! A draft programme was agreed and our next meeting will take place on Thursday 21st November at 8pm, on this occasion our guest speaker will be Mr Dean McCullough who will share his testimony and speak on the theme of Christians in sport.

HOSPICE COLLECTION

The annual Diocesan Hospice Collection envelopes shall be available during services and from the Parish Office from Sunday 3rd to Sunday 24th November. Contributions forwarded from our Parish benefits the Southern Area Hospice in Newry which faithfully offers gracious care to people from our area and region. Thank you to everyone who support this very worthy collection, and indeed all of our Parish Appeals.

WEDDINGS IN ST MARK'S

Did you wedding take place in St Mark's? If so, would it be possible to send us a photo of you and your spouse standing at the church door (sec.stmarks@gmail.com)?

If your wedding predated digital photography and you would need it scanned, please feel free to call into the Parish Office. If you are currently engaged and will be married in St Mark's, please grab a mobile and ask someone to take your photo at the church door.



The purpose of gathering these pictures are for a 'Marriage and Engagement' Tree during the Christmas Tree Festival.

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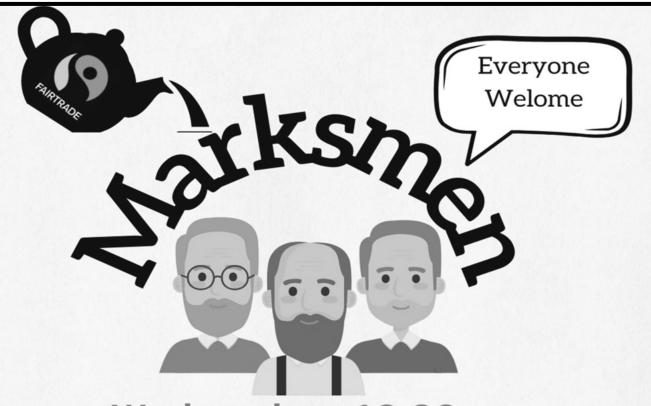
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St Mark's Women's Ministry



'What is Parish Nursing?' with Dr Bob Brown
Thursday 14th November (7.30pm)
in The Venue, Crozier Hall
Everyone very welcome!

Opportunities in our Parish for faith encouragement and for friendship

Worship

Worshipping and serving God together is the essence of being in Church. Please know a very warm invitation to join us at any time. Sunday worship takes place in St Mark's at 8.30am, 10.30am and 7pm. What types of services are happening and when they are available can be found on page 19. Weekly midweek services are offered on Wednesday evenings at 7.30pm (please see Bible Fellowship below). On the second Sunday of each month an informal Cafe Church Service entitled 'The Well' takes place in the Crozier Hall. We also have a monthly Holy Communion Service on the first Tuesday of each month in St Mark's at 11.30am. This service is followed by a light lunch. We would love for you to join us in worship on any occasion!

Creche

On Sundays when Sunday School meets, during 10.30am Services, a Creche facility is offered in the Beresford Room of the Crozier Hall. All children of preschool age are invited to come along and enjoy the fun!



Sunday School

During the school term we meet during the 10.30am Services and we have lots of fun learning about God and his love for us! Children in School Year 1 to 10 are invited to join us at any time. A programme for when Sunday School meets is available from our Website.



GLOW

Our Parish Youth Club meets fortnightly on Fridays (7.30pm) in The Crozier Hall. Intended for young people of School Year 6 and above, we have a range of regular and special activities and trips.

YF3

Youth Fellowship meets on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month from 5pm - 6.30pm. It is intended for young people of secondary school age and as well as learning from the Bible, we enjoy crazy games and some time just to chat together.

Home Group

This is an informal gathering of people who meet in a house every three weeks on Thursday evenings (7.30pm) to think about a Biblical passage and talk about it together. Sweet treats and a time to chat also feature!

Bible Fellowship

Bible Fellowship will take place in the context of our mid week services on Wednesdays at 7.30pm in the Church. We have group discussion and everyone is always welcome to join us.



Prayer Ministry Partnership

The Prayer Ministry Partnership is a prayer group within our parish who pray for those who would appreciate prayerful support for healing or for any need. A monthly prayer list (Christian names only) is compiled and circulated to those who have committed to be involved in this ministry of prayer. If you would like to join this group please feel free to get in touch. If you would like your name added to the prayer list, please feel free to contact us, or use the response form on our Parish Website (Page entitled Prayer and Worship).

Parish Choir

Our 10.30am Services, as well as occasional evening services, are greatly enriched by the contribution of our Parish Choir. People of all ages and who enjoy singing are warmly invited to come along and be part of this very



important ministry of leading the sung worship of Almighty God. Our choir are a very friendly group and will offer much assistance as new members get settled in. Choir practices generally take place in the approach to important festivals such as Harvest, Christmas and Easter.

Alive

Alive is a group for ladies of all ages! Meeting monthly on Thursday evenings (7.30pm). Alive features either a focus on a Biblical person or involve an activity. There is also plenty of time for refreshments and a catch up!

Marksmen

Each Wednesday morning (10.30am) a group of men gather to chat about anything and everything! With tea, coffee and scones, this always a very enjoyable time of friendship together. Occasional speakers and trips are organised.



1st Thursday Club

Meeting on the 1st Thursday each month (2.30pm) this group of ladies enjoy topical speakers, activities and occasional trips. Each meeting offers something of great interest and provides an opportunity to catch up with friends of old and create friendships that are new.

Ladies Walking Group

Meeting outside of the Crozier Hall on Thursdays at 10am, a group of ladies undertake local walks and conclude with a treat in a local coffee shop. Occasional trips to other locations also feature.

Drive Through Drop Off

On the 3rd Saturday of each month, the opportunity to drop off groceries for our local Food Bank is available from the front of the Crozier Hall. From 10am-12noon please feel free to drop off and have a chat!



Please know a very warm invitation to our services and activities. To find our more about any of the above, or any opportunity within our Parish and beyond, please feel free to contact Malcolm (37522970) or Caroline (37523197).

Further information, including weekly Pew News Sheets, is available from our Parish Website. (www.stmarksarmagh.org)

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CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

Plans for the Christmas Tree Festival are coming along nicely! Thank you to everyone who has committed to decorating trees and has offered help in any way.

The Christmas Tree Festival will be a team effort during the weekend and there are lots of opportunities for you to be involved. To help with catering, please see the sign up sheets that shall be placed in the Church Porch. To help

with Stewarding in the Church, please see the Church Website and indicate your interest. If you would prefer to contact the Parish Office to sign up please feel free!

The Festival shall open during the following times :-

Thursday 5th December: 12noon - 9pm

Friday 6th December: 10am - 9pm Saturday 7th December 10am - 7pm Sunday 8th December: 2pm - 5pm.

Refreshments shall be on offer in the Crozier Hall during the following times :-

Thursday: 1 - 5pm Friday: 10am - 5pm Saturday: 10am - 5pm Sunday: 12noon - 4pm

Group lunches are bookable by telephoning the following number :- 07386293846.

The Festival shall open on Thursday 5th (12noon) with a short ceremony featuring Mr Gary Dickson (aka Gary Myles), a representative from the Cancer Fund for Children and The Armstrong Primary School choir. Services on the Sunday shall be at the usual times and will include The Archbishop preaching at our 10.30am service and an Advent Carol Service at 7pm. During the festival there shall be some musical items at varying times featuring local choirs and musicians.

If at any time you would like to join our planning group, your participation will be very much welcomed! We will next meet on Wednesday 13th November, following the midweek service in the Windsor Room of The Crozier Hall (around 8.15pm).

Please do plan to come along to the Festival and tell all of your family and friends!

The Armed Man

A Mass for Peace by Sir Karl Jenkins performed in celebration of the composer's 80th Birthday

Armagh City Choir

Conductor: Michael Harris

Orchestra Leader: Philip Walton

Soloist: Anastasia Bevan

St. Patrick's Church of Ireland Cathedral, Armagh.

Saturday 23rd November At 7.30pm



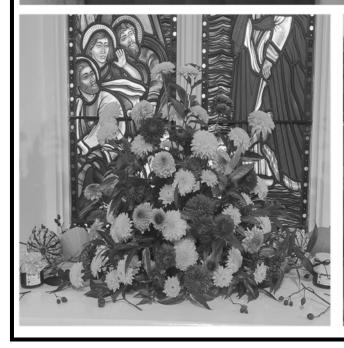
HARVEST WEEKEND

During the weekend of Friday 18th - Sunday 20th October, we very much enjoyed our Harvest Thanksgiving Services in St Mark's, as well as a Ladies Breakfast in the Crozier Hall. Thank you to Edna and the choir for leading us in sung worship during our services, to our decorators of the church and to David for all of his hard work getting the church and hall ready for the Harvest Weekend.













CHI-ME & PILATES

The Autumn programme of Chi-Me & Pilates continues in the Crozier Hall on Tuesday evenings at 7pm.

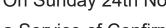
This low impact and low intensity class can help to improve mental wellbeing whilst improving strength, flexibility, joints, balance and co-ordination. Other potential health benefits may include improved heart function and normalised blood pressure.

If you are interested and would like to hear more about it, please speak to Arnold Courtney.

Pinnacles notes for December/ January are due in the Church Office by



Thank you in advance.



CONFIRMATION

On Sunday 24th November (10.30am) a Service of Confirmation shall take place in St Mark's. During the past 2 months, 15 young people have been participating in our preparation course and we very much look forward to sharing in their Confirmation Service during which they will profess their faith and declare commitment to the Lord Jesus. Please do pray for our young people as are confirmed and, if you can, join us for what can also be a very special service of dedication and commitment for us all.





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It would be very much appreciated if

Leprosy Mission and CMSI Boxes

could be returned to the Church Office by Friday 6th December

Thank you in advance.



CHURCH RECORDS

Holy Baptism:

27th October : Sarah Dunne Andrew Taylor

Reuben Samuel Hawthorne

Service of Thanksgiving for the life of :

James Irwin (Jimmy) Rolston (29th September) William John (Billy) Pierson (29th October)

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord. They are blessed indeed, says the Spirit for they rest from their labours. Rev. 14v13





November Service Rota...

3RD: THE 4TH SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT 10TH: THE 3RD SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT

8.30am: Holy Communion 8.30am: Holy Communion

10.30am: Holy Communion **11.45am (approx.)**: Morning Prayer

Reader: Uel Megarity (after the Act of Remembrance at the Cenotaph)

7.00pm: Evening Prayer Reader: Mervyn Adamson 7.00pm: Evening Prayer

7.00pm: The Well

17TH: THE 2ND SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT 24TH: THE KINGSHIP OF CHRIST

8.30am : Holy Communion 8.30am : Holy Communion

10.30am : Family Service 10.30am : Confirmation Service

7.00pm: Holy Communion Reader: Graham Lavery

7.00pm: Service of Light & Remembrance



FLOWER ROTA FOR NOVEMBER

3rd November: Vacant



24th November & 1st December :

Ray Donald

FONT: Vacant

HOSPITAL VISITS

If you or a member of your family or a friend from our Parish are in hospital, please do let Malcolm know at your earliest convenience.

We are always very glad to visit and pray with our parishioners in hospital and value the phone calls to let us know. Thank You.



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After such a wonderful concert last year, we are eagerly looking forward to the return of the fabulous Adoro Choir on Wednesday 18th December (7.45pm). Featuring sacred Christmas music, as well as festive favourites, all so beautifully presented, truly, this is an event not to be missed. Tickets are available from Select Vestry Members, the Parish Office, as well as via Eventbrite (see our Parish Website for a link). Please do book early to avoid disappointment!

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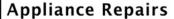
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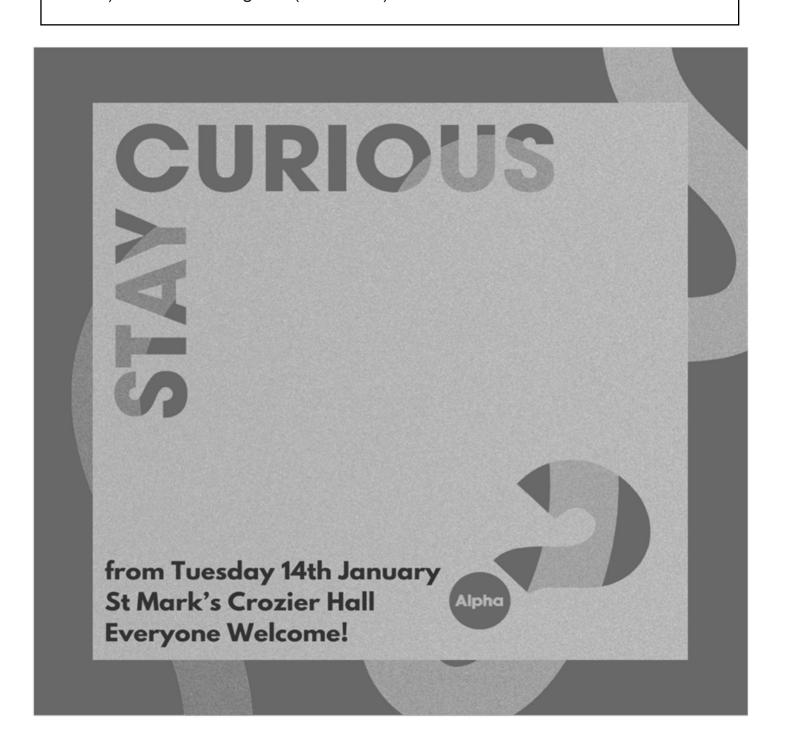
THE BEREAVEMENT JOURNEY

The Bereavement Journey is a special opportunity for learning about the process of grief, and through this working together over seven weeks to develop ways of coping as well as collective support.

The programme is for everyone who has been bereaved in any way and at any time. Meeting on Thursdays (7.30pm) from 9th January, anyone who would like to attend will be very welcome to join us in The Venue, Crozier Hall.

The programme features weekly videos which help us discuss different themes associated with bereavement. Participants are invited to contribute to the discussion, however nobody should feel pressured into speaking at any time.

We very much hope that the up and coming Bereavement Journey will be of help to all who come along as they seek to understand and cope with their experience of grief. For more information, please feel free to contact Dr Bob Brown (07514 129195) or Malcolm Kingston (37522970).

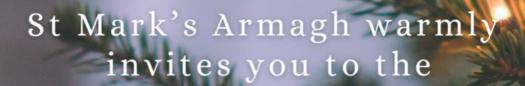






MATCH THE POPULAR HYMN WITH ITS CORRESPONDING VERSE IN THE BIBLE

 ¹ . AMAZING GRACE	A. ROMANS 12:1-2
 ² . HOW GREAT THOU ART	B. REVELATION 4:8
 ³ . IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL	C. ISAIAH 53:5-6
 ⁴ . JOY TO THE WORLD	D. GALATIANS 6:14
 ⁵ . ROCK OF AGES	E. ISAIAH 33:6
 ⁶ . THERE IS A FOUNTAIN	F. 1 CORINTHIANS 15:20-22
 ⁷ . HOLY, HOLY, HOLY	G. PSALM 145:3
 ⁸ . THE OLD RUGGED CROSS	H. PSALM 98:4-9
 ⁹ . BLESSED ASSURANCE	I. ROMANS 11:33-36
 $^{ m 10}$. TO GOD BE THE GLORY	J. PSALM 18:2
 11 . THE SOLID ROCK	K. 1 JOHN 5:13
 ¹² . I SURRENDER ALL	L. EPHESIANS 2:8-9
 13 . A SHELTER IN THE TIME OF STORM	M. PSALM 94:22
 ¹⁴ . JESUS PAID IT ALL	N. ISAIAH 43:2
 ¹⁵ . CHRIST AROSE	O. ZECHARIAH 13:1



Joy to the World Christmas Tree Festival

Thursday 5th December: 12noon - 9pm
Friday 6th December: 10am - 9pm
Saturday 7th December: 10am - 7pm
Sunday 8th December: 2pm - 5pm

includes Opening Ceremony and musical items provided by musicians, schools and local choirs. Sunday Services at the usual times.

Refreshments will be served in The Crozier Hall For groups please telephone: 07386293846

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