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EVERYONE WELCOME

Rector's Letter.....

Dear Friends,

So are you used to referring to 'The King' instead of 'The Queen' yet? Being honest when singing the National Anthem or leading parts of our prayer book services with references to the late Queen, I have to really focus!



Such was the length of the late Queen's reign, most of us will not remember her Coronation on 2nd June 1953. The King's Coronation Service on Saturday 6th May 2023, will therefore be an event, if at all possible, not to miss.

It is estimated that Queen Elizabeth II's Coronation was viewed by more than 20 million people on their black and white television sets. It was a vast audience, although then was a time when many homes didn't have televisions. Today is a very different reality. With many homes having several televisions and the availability to view on electronic devices, like never before will people from all over the world be see, hear and in some way be part of the Coronation of a Sovereign.

The ceremony will be rich with symbolism and historical custom. Whilst the detail of the service has not yet been released, it will be an enriching experience for us all.

As explained on the Royal Family's Website; "The coronation ceremony is an occasion for pageantry and celebration, but it is also a solemn religious ceremony and has remained essentially the same over a thousand years. For the last 900 years, the ceremony has taken place at Westminster Abbey, London. The service is conducted by the Archbishop of Canterbury, whose task this has almost always been since the Norman Conquest in 1066."

The Coronation of the King, as with those who have preceded him, will be set within a service of Christian Worship that recognises that even earthly Kings should bow to the King of Kings. As we approach the Coronation of The King, let us read and ponder upon the 'Christ Hymn' of Philippians 2 which speaks of the Son of God, undertaking the greatest possible act of humility, and was raised to unimaginable eternal glory, and to whom all will bow. His is a reign that will never end. His is a Kingdom that each of us can be a part of for always.

May God save the King. May we all rejoice in and worship the risen, ascended and glorified King of Kings.

Yours in Christ,
Malcolm

The Well

-Cafe Church-

Sunday 14th May

7pm | The Venue

*Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but
whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst.*

John 4:13-14



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THE BEREAVEMENT JOURNEY

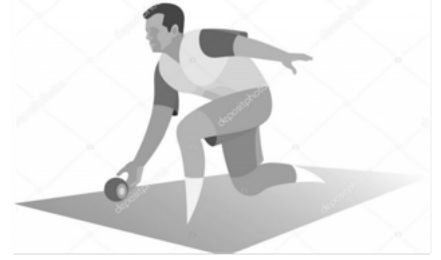
During January and February, a six week programme took place on Thursday evenings entitled 'The Bereavement Journey'. Involving 15 people from our Parish, wider community and beyond, the theme of each evening included :- the pain of grief - how it feels and how to deal with it, coping with change, moving forward and faith questions.

Mindful of how beneficial the programme seemed to be and how we were unable to accommodate all who would have liked to participate, we are considering running the programme again during May and early June.

To this end, if you, or someone you know, would be interested in attending, please contact Dr Bob Brown (Parish Nurse) on :- 07514129195. We shall confirm finer details by contacting all who have been in touch nearer the time of commencement.

THE BOWLING CLUB

The Annual General Meeting of the bowling club was held on 22nd March in the Crozier Hall. During the meeting the Chairman and Team Captain, Winston Montgomery informed members of his intention to 'stand down' after almost 25 years in Club Officer roles.



Both roles are now in the very capable hands of Kenny Latham and positions of Vice-Chairman and Vice-Team Captain filled by Gregory McCarten.

The club has recovered well following a worrying concern regarding membership at the beginning of the season. We have added 7 new members who have played a great part in our recovery. We won our last two matches bringing a successful end to our season and we look forward to commencing again in mid September when we would welcome more new recruits.

Winston

Editor's Comment : Following the announcement of Winston's retirement as Chairman and Team Captain at the AGM, the Rector and those present expressed their sincere thanks to Winston enduring for his many years of faithful service at the helm of our Bowling Club. His enduring efforts on our behalf are deeply appreciated.

THE FIRST THURSDAY CLUB

For our meeting on 4th May our Speaker will be Mr Robert Bell, of S D Bell & Co and he will present "The Story of Tea". They are Ireland's Oldest Independent Tea Importers and Coffee Roasters, and have been importing the World's finest teas and coffees in Belfast since 1887.

This should be an interesting talk, hopefully everyone will be able to attend and new members are also welcome. We meet as usual in the Venue in the Crozier Hall at 2.30pm.

Ann

CHILDREN'S DAY

We are very much looking forward to Children's Day on Sunday 4th June at 10.30am. The children will be taking part during this service as well as receiving their prizes. We would be delighted if you and your family could join us on for this special day!



Also, a friendly reminder to parents/guardians - as the children will be at the front of the church, their children will be visible in the service livestream on YouTube.

Sunday School will resume in September 2023 and we wish all the children and leaders a lovely summer break.

UNITED SERVICE

The Evening Service on Sunday, May 21st (7pm) will take the form of a United Service in St Mark's along with our friends Armagh Methodist and 1st Armagh. Everyone is welcome to attend as we join in fellowship with our neighbouring churches.

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Curate's Corner....

Dear Friends...

From Easter Sunday until Pentecost at the beginning of services we usually say a greeting along the lines of "Christ is Risen" and the congregation respond "The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia". It is meant to be said with gusto and enthusiasm for the tomb is empty!

You may have experienced that Easter joy again this year, where the truth of the resurrection felt fresh and real. Perhaps you sensed the immediacy of it, like the women at the tomb when they were told that Jesus was not there because He had risen from the dead. However somehow Easter, even more than Christmas, tends to fade from consciousness after the big day. Ask yourself are you feeling joyful? Many of us are aware throughout the 40 days of Lent of the penitential spirit of the season and the acts of self-denial or sacrifice that we've undertaken. However, are we equally conscious of the 50 days of Easter and the call to joy? Are we even clear that joy like self-denial during Lent is something we must pursue?

We don't just look forward to feeling joyful on resurrection Sunday. That joy we felt should not be fleeting. Rather we should be continuing to rejoice. Yes we live in a broken and anxious world. Two years ago Easter plans were disrupted by the pandemic. Perhaps for us, this Easter has been overshadowed by Russia's invasion of Ukraine, not to mention economic worries including inflation and the cost of living. And let's not forget violence and war in other countries such as Yemen, Sudan and Afghanistan. Then there are the individual crosses that we all carry such as financial worries, marital problems, difficult relationships with parents or children, health problems and more. We live every day in the shadow of Good Friday, but it is also possible to live in the light of Easter.

Easter is not just one day or even just an eight-week season. Easter is our identity, it is who we are as disciples. Pope John Paul II correctly once said "We are an Easter people and Alleluia is our song!"

Despite everything that is going on in our lives, how do we continue to pursue Joy not only in this Easter season but throughout the year? Our joys as well as our sorrows in life matter to God. When bad things happen, we often tell ourselves and one another that God has a plan, that God works for good in all things, and he does. However, at the same time let us never forget that there is great meaning in joy too. Every good gift in this world speaks to us of God's goodness and love.

Let us ask God for the gift of joy. Many of us perhaps asked God for help during Lent as we made sacrifices, so why should we not ask him to fill us with Easter joy?" The source of our joy is faith. If you want joy, nourish your faith, feed your spiritual hunger. Give yourself permission to do things that give you joy.

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! (Philippians 4:4)

Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again! Alleluia!

Blessings

Sarah



Opportunities in our Parish for faith encouragement and for friendship

Worship

Worshipping and serving God together is the essence of being 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 are available on page 12. 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 in the Crozier Hall. 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. With a break for exams, our year's activities conclude with an annual trip to Summer Madness.

Home Group

This is an informal gathering of people who meet in a house every three weeks on Tuesday 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 will still 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 out more about any of the above, or any opportunity within our Parish and beyond, please feel free to contact Malcolm (37522970), Sarah (07974252013) or Caroline (37523197). Further information, including weekly Pew News Sheets, is available from our Parish website.

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HOLY COMMUNION UPDATE

Arising from the reopening of churches amidst the Covid pandemic, temporary provision was offered by the House of Bishops for the use of individual cups for Holy Communion services. Last spring, it was deemed to be safe to return to using the common cup, therefore the option of the sharing of the chalice was reintroduced, whilst permission to use individual cups remained. Since then, in St Mark's we have been offering communicants with the choice of the common chalice, or individual disposable plastic communion cups.



It was always the intention of the House of Bishops that one day, all parishes would return to the usage of the chalice exclusively. To that end, correspondence has recently been circulated to clergy stating that individual cups should not be used following Pentecost Sunday (June 4th).

At present we have enough little cups to be able to continue offering them until some point between Easter and Pentecost. Therefore it is my intention to offer the chalice only when our current stock of individual cups runs out. If communicants would feel more comfortable by receiving the bread only, that is perfectly acceptable. The Bishops' Communication stated that *"... Those who remain for their own reasons nervous about receiving from the common cup should be respected, and they should receive in one kind only, with an assurance that the Church teaches that the sacrament can be fully received in one kind."*

I hope that parishioners feel reassured concerning this matter. Should you have any queries or concerns, please feel free to contact Sarah or myself.

Malcolm

May Service Rota

7TH : THE 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

8.30am : Holy Communion
10.30am : Holy Communion
Reader : Maureen Watt
7.00pm : Coronation Commemoration

21ST : THE 7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

8.30am : Holy Communion
10.30am : Family Service
7.00pm : United Service in St Mark's

14TH : THE 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

8.30am : Holy Communion
10.30am : Morning Prayer
Reader : Linda Pierson
7.00pm : Evening Prayer
7.00pm : THE WELL

28TH : THE DAY OF PENTECOST

8.30am : Holy Communion
10.30am : Morning Prayer
Reader : Wendy Davison
7.00pm : Holy Communion

Mark Dunne and Sarah McDowell

pictured after their wedding on Friday 31st March.



May Flower Rota



7th & 14th May : Vacant
21st & 28th May : Vacant
FONT : Mrs June Wilson

READERS

We very much appreciate those who read God's word to us from the Bible during our morning services.

If you would be interested, we would be delighted to add new readers to our list to read from time to time.

From young people to the not just as young, we would be delighted to have you!

Please speak to Caroline or Mervyn Adamson for further information.



COFFEE & DESSERT EVENING

David Brown, Armagh Diocesan Youth & Children's Officer will be hosting a 'COFFEE & DESSERT' evening exploring the issues around

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It is a delight to be able to share with you that Rev'd Sarah Parkinson has been appointed as an Archbishop's Chaplain. We all know that Sarah offers so much to the life and ministry of our Parish and it is a most pleasing that her gifts and diligence have been recognised by the Archbishop of Armagh in his nomination of Sarah as a Chaplain.

Sarah will continue to serve in our Parish in her usual manner and at special services, such as Institution Services or very prominent services in the Cathedral, she may be invited to assist the Archbishop.

As a Parish, we congratulate Sarah and continue to thank her for her very dedicated service as our Parish's Curate Assistant.

Malcolm



PARISH BBQ

On Friday 9th June (7pm) a Parish BBQ is planned to take place at The Crozier Hall. As always, we would love for you and your friends to come along to what is always a very enjoyable evening! Tickets will be soon be available from Select Vestry Members and the Parish Office. For those who would like to stay, the meal will be followed by a Table Quiz. Proceeds raised will be for Parish Funds.

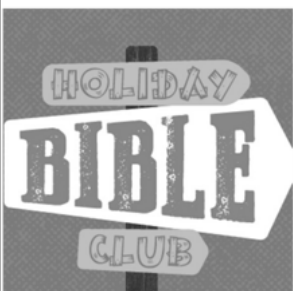


EXAM PRAYER FLIP CHART

Exam time can be a very stressful time for young people, as well as their families. To offer support at this time, during May, the Exam Prayer Flip Chart will be available in the church. Please feel free to add the Christian name of young people on the Flip Chart for each day of their exams and they will be remembered in prayer on the relevant mornings.

FLOURISH UPDATE

As reported in the April 2023 edition of Pinnacles we are seeking to develop the currently unused green space between the Crozier Hall and the Orange Hall. Encouraged by the Diocesan 'Flourish' initiative, the idea is to create a space that offers a positive environmental benefit and offers an attractive feature to view from the existing area adjacent to The Windsor Room. If you would like to help us to transform this area, please do get in touch! In Pew News there will be updates of how all parishioners and their friends can get involved.



HOLIDAY BIBLE CLUB : 7th –11th August 2023

Join us for Epic Explorers as we become intrepid explorers on an adventure island. On the way they will discover who Jesus is, why he came, and what it means to follow him. There will be lots of games and activities to keep kids engaged! Keep your eyes peeled on our socials, Pinnacles and Pew News for consent forms and more details coming soon!



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Pinnacles notes for June are due in
the Church Office no later than
Monday 22nd May.
Thank you in advance.

CHURCH RECORDS



HOLY BAPTISM

16th April :

Darcy Evelyn Pepper
Junior Gass Tyler Gass Leanna Gass



HOLY MATRIMONY

31st March : Mark Dunne and Sarah McDowell

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25th April : Debbie Ann White

27th April : Frederick Henry (Philip) Wright

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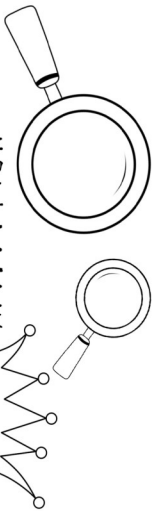


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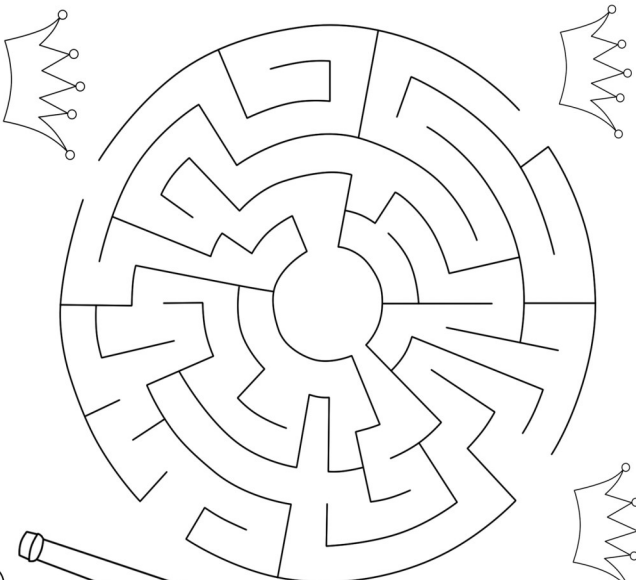


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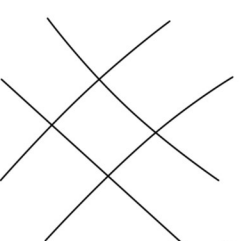
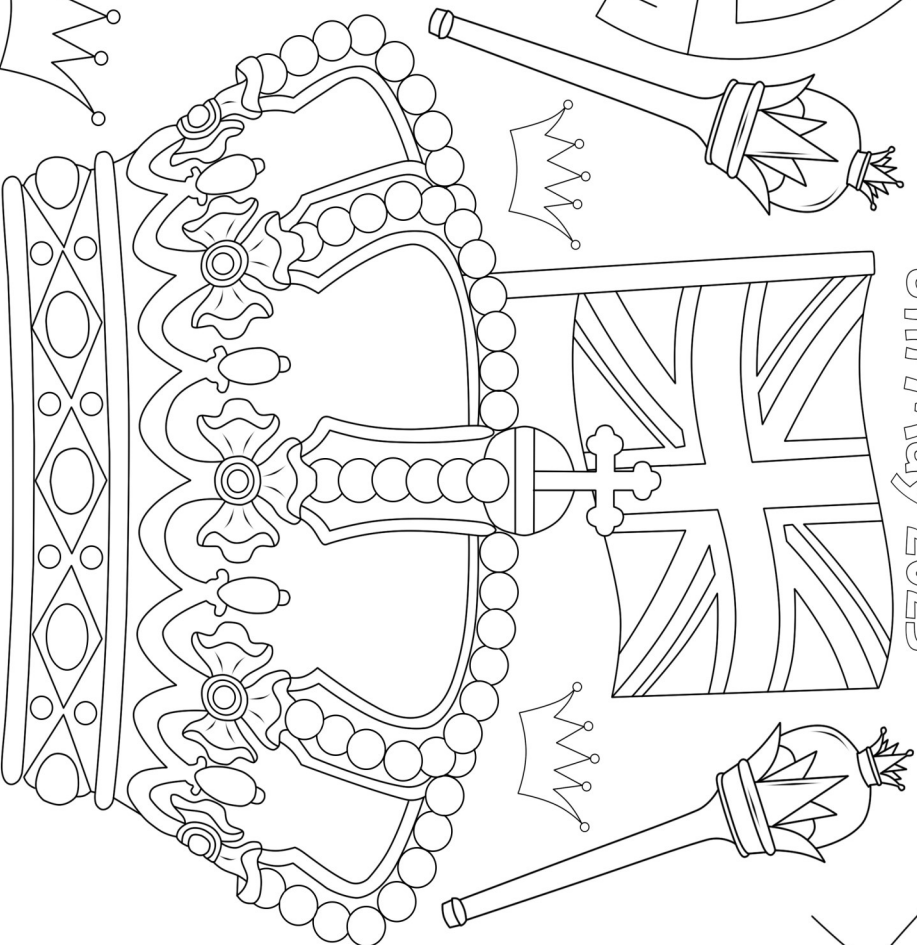
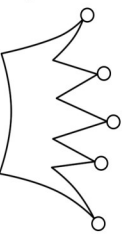
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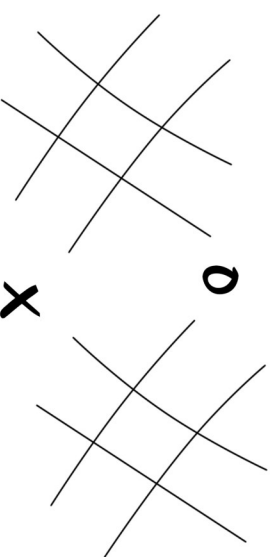
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D	I	F	A	M	I	L	Y	F	B	H
T	A	H	C	K	L	Z	I	L	N	R
F	W	K	B	E	W	U	A	B	D	O
N	E	I	A	D	L	Y	T	S	P	N
W	R	N	S	Y	O	A	O	S	S	A
O	T	G	D	R	T	G	O	F	I	S
R	U	D	K	X	U	Z	B	D	A	U
C	H	A	R	L	E	S	L	X	C	W
Y	C	E	L	E	B	R	A	T	E	S
I	S	C	E	P	T	R	E	L	V	D

Alive

ST MARK'S WOMEN'S
MINISTRY



**THE CROZIER HALL
7:30PM**

*For more updates
see Pinnacles
& Pew News*

19TH JANUARY

~~Zumba Class
8:15pm
£2 each~~

23RD FEBRUARY

~~Bible Study:
Martha &
Mary
Working &
Worshipping~~

16TH MARCH

~~Adelphi Faith
Study~~

20TH APRIL

~~Bible Study
The Samaritan
on the
Water of life~~

11TH MAY

Bible Study
Anna
The
Faithful Witness

15TH JUNE

Summer
Special
Event



KEEPING IN TOUCH

Name : _____

Address : _____

Telephone Number : _____

Email Address : _____

⇒ I would like to be added to the Parish Membership List :

⇒ I would like to receive a visit from a member of the Parish
Clergy /Pastoral Visiting Team :

⇒ I would to receive Parish Information via occasional email
communications :

⇒ I would like to receive Parish Giving Envelopes :

⇒ I would like to receive a Gift Aid Declaration Form :

At present we only hold the Names and Addresses of Parishioners.

*Consent is required for our Parish to store your telephone number and email address.
If you would be willing for us to hold this information, please complete, where relevant,
and return via the Church Collection Plate or to the Church Office at your convenience.*

CHILDREN'S DAY SERVICE

Sunday 4th June 2023

10.30am



**WE WOULD LOVE FOR YOU AND
YOUR FAMILY TO JOIN US FOR
THIS SPECIAL SERVICE!**