

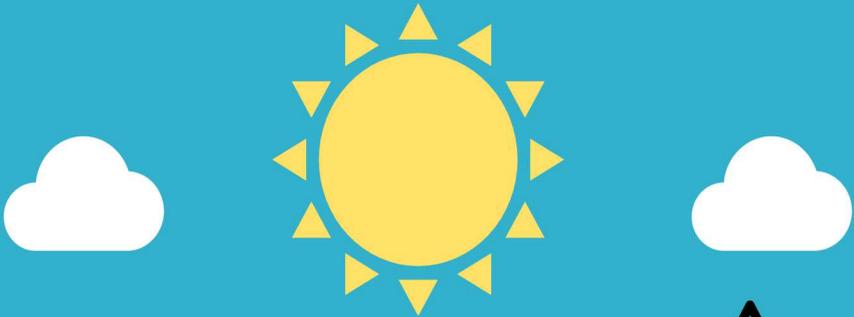
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JULY/AUGUST 2021



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Rector's Letter.....

Dear Friends,

During June it has been a delight to see some of our organisations re-emerging as restrictions lighten. Thankfully the weather has been kind so groups such as the Marksmen, YF3, Sunday School Leaders, Ladies Walking Group and House Group have all met outside. A Holiday Bible Club is planned for August and we very much hope that momentum is gathering for careful reopening of parish groups and activities during the summer and beyond.



Every activity associated with the church whether within the buildings and grounds, or in homes or wider community needs servant hearted participation of willing followers of Jesus. The Lord has given his Church the wonderful privilege of being his ambassadors to the world. We are called to be involved. I wonder if at a time of reopening for the Church and its various activities, if he could be calling you to get involved in a new way?

As I write to you I do so during a week of funeral services for two wonderful ladies who died on the same day and exemplified hearts for service in the local church.

Mrs Carol McMordie served as Hon Secretary to our Parish's Select Vestry for 27 years. What we have in our Vestry Minute Books are evidence of dedicated faithful service to the Lord and his Church. As Hon. Secretary Carol had other responsibilities which she undertook with heart and soul. My abiding picture of Carol is of her intent looking up from her pew and listening as I preached from the pulpit. Carol's smile, strength and encouragement will be missed us all.

Mrs Vicky Baxter joined the church choir as a very young girl. Her father told her that if she was to join, she should do so wholeheartedly, and that is what she did. Vicky sang faithfully from our choir stalls for over 60 years. She cared for the robes and sought to ensure that the choir was appropriately fashioned for leading the Lord's people in worship. Vicky also served as a Guide leader, a church flowers coordinator, a church cleaning team member and as part of the catering team for funeral teas. My lasting memory of Vicky is from her living room, sharing together in Holy Communion, and her lovingly speaking of times past in the life of our Parish.

Carol and Vicky were ladies who treasured worshipping their Lord and serving him in the life of this Parish and beyond. As we remember them, may we praise God for them, his faithful servants and be inspired for service ourselves.

Late this summer, we very much look forward to welcoming a Curate Assistant, Rev'd Sarah Parkinson and her husband Daniel, amongst us as we enter a new and exciting season of opportunity for service of Almighty God. As we do so, I wonder if you might consider offering to help us as we seek to extend the ministry of this Parish?

I close with some words from Ephesians 3 :- *Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.*

Yours in Christ, *Malcolm*

MINISTRY APPOINTMENTS

On Sunday 20th June the very happy news of Curacy appointments was shared in a number of parishes within the Church of Ireland.

I was personally delighted to reveal that Rev'd Matthew Topley (formerly our Deacon Intern) will be Curate Assistant of Drumglass Parish (Dungannon) and that Rev'd Sarah Parkinson will serve her curacy in our Parish from this autumn.

We have very happy memories of Matthew, Erin and Lilly Topley being with us since last September. Despite Covid restrictions, Matthew and Erin's many gifts shone and we know that they have so much to offer in Christ's service as they serve in Drumglass. It is lovely to know that they are remaining in our Diocese and will be in our neighbouring town of Dungannon.

Rev'd Sarah Parkinson has been appointed to serve in our Parish of St Mark's, Armagh. It is such a joy to know that Sarah will serve amongst us and we very much look forward to welcoming Sarah and Daniel to our Parish following her ordination service which will take place in St Mark's on Sunday 29th August (7pm). More about Sarah will be found in a separate article.

Other recent Parish appointments include the following :-

Rev'd Graham Hare, formerly a Deacon Intern of St Mark's and Curate Assistant of Drumglass Parish to become Rector of Drumragh (Omagh) and Mountfield. Graham's institution will take place on Friday 2nd July.

Rev'd David Moses, Bishop's Curate to the Drumgoon Group of Parishes (Co. Cavan) shall become Rector of Keady, Armaghbreague, Derrynoose & Newtownhamilton Parishes (Institution on 17th August)

Rev'd David McComb (part time Stipendiary Curate of Magherafelt Parish) will become Diocesan Curate in the Parishes of Lisnadill and Kildarton from 5th September.

We praise God for each of these appointments and pray that each new ministry will offer much fruit for the Kingdom of God.

TEAM BUILDERS HOLIDAY BIBLE CLUB



The 'Team Builders' Holiday Bible

Club will take place on **Tuesday 10th**

– **Thursday 12th August (10am-12noon)** at the Crozier Hall. With lots of the usual features of Holiday Bible Club such as songs, interactive Bible Talks, games and various activities, this promises to be fun filled programme for children of primary school age (Sept 2021). Due to current restrictions places for attending children will need to be booked in advance. A booking page will soon be available on our Parish Website. Please keep an eye out for notice of its launch whether on Pew News, Social Media or Church announcements. If you are having difficulties with online booking, please feel free to contact Malcolm (37522970) or Caroline (37523197).



Sunday School

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School Leaders recently met and we are very much hoping to reopen Sunday School in the normal form on 12th September. Naturally we shall adhere to all relevant guidelines.

Online Sunday School material shall conclude on Sunday 27th June and resume during August in advance of in person Sunday School resuming. We very much hope that children from our Parish will be able to join us again in the Crozier Hall this autumn!

CONFIRMATION

It is hoped that a Service of Confirmation will take place during the autumn of this year. Preparation classes will commence early in September and young people of Year 10 (Sept 21) and above will be invited to take part. Please do keep an eye out in Pew News for further details during the late summer. A preliminary meeting for candidates and parents is planned to take place after the 10.30am Service on Sunday 5th September to agree a day and time for classes. In the past classes took place from 4pm to 5pm on a weekday that suited as many candidates as possible. Please do help spread the word about confirmation to candidates from our Parish who might be interested.

Rev'd Sarah Parkinson:

We are truly delighted to learn that Rev'd Sarah Parkinson shall join us in St Mark's to serve as Curate Assistant!

Sarah will be remembered by many of us having undertaken a student placement here during May 2019.



Here is a short article written by Sarah in response to her appointment :-

Daniel and I are extremely excited that I have been appointed as Curate Assistant for St Mark's Armagh.

Our home parish is Lisburn Cathedral in the Diocese of Connor and over the past year I have been serving as Deacon in the parish of St Columba's Derryvolgie.

Prior to studying at The Church of Ireland Theological institute I studied Theology at Belfast Bible College, whilst working part-time in a local community pharmacy.

During December 2020 Daniel and I were married. It was small wedding with only a few family and friends due to restrictions. It was a very special service, a few photos and no reception. So, the new Mr & Mrs Parkinson went home with a take away Pizza.

In our spare time I love to read, drink tea and take our dog Rory for walks while Daniel is on the golf course. We will be excited to call Armagh our home and can't wait to settle in and begin our ministry together in St Mark's.

We are so looking forward to welcoming Sarah and Daniel to our church family. We very much hope that they soon know a sense of belonging amongst us. We can be very pleased to know that Sarah and Daniel have sensed the Lord's calling to serve in Armagh and please pray that that they will know every encouragement and blessing as they prepare to move into Ashley Avenue and commence Sarah's ministry as Curate Assistant in St Mark's. Exciting times for the Kingdom ahead!

SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES

The summer brings great opportunities for worship and learning at a number of Christian Conferences for people of all ages. Two of the most prominent are New Wine and New Horizon. Both of these conferences will be available online only due to our current circumstances.

New Wine takes place from 8th – 11th July and New Horizon from 9th -13th August. With great speakers, worship leaders and streams for young people and children, these are great opportunities for spiritual encouragement.

New Wine :- <https://www.newwineireland.org/>

New Horizon :- <https://newhorizon.org.uk/>



CHILDREN'S DAY & PARISH PICNIC

On Sunday 6th June our annual Children's Day Service took place in St Mark's. We are grateful to Mrs Erin Topley, our worship band, our readers and all who participated in this special service. Whether in church or at home via our online provision, we hope that you enjoyed worshipping with us.

After the service a good number of our parishioners went to the Palace Demesne for a picnic. Thankfully the sun shone and this was a lovely occasion just to enjoy each other's company, especially following times of greater restrictions.

YF3

During June, Youth Fellowship met twice in person! Thankfully we have been able to be outdoors for the full duration due to pleasant weather. With games on the little grassed area at the Crozier Hall, bringing our own snacks and a Bible based discussion whilst seated in a big circle, it has been good fun being together in person again. It is hoped that YF3 will meet again on Sunday August 22nd (5pm). Young people of secondary school age are always welcome to come along and join us.

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Thank you to everyone who supports our Drive Through Drop Offs. The continued support of parishioners for our local Food Bank has been amazing. This summer drop off shall be on Saturdays July 10th and August 21st (10am – 12noon). Church envelopes can also be dropped off if desired.

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CD Recordings of Sunday Services are delivered to a number of parishioners. Should you know of any parishioners who do not have internet access and would appreciate a CD being delivered to their home, please contact Caroline . Also, if you no longer require CD deliveries, please also let us know.

SHYOGWE UPDATE

On Sunday 20th June we were most pleased to welcome Rev'd Roger Thompson to our morning services to offer an update on Shyogwe Diocese. If you missed hearing what Roger had to say, please do have a look at the Service which is available on our YouTube Channel. It is very apparent that these are very challenging times for the Church in Shyogwe, but it was lovely to hear of finds that we have given were used to offer food parcels in Rwanda and support the Church as it seeks to adapt to their current situation. It was also lovely to receive the video message of greetings from Bishop Jered! We are very thankful for our partnership with Shyogwe Diocese and look forward to continuing our journey together in the future.

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AYAC Surf Day

Last September we had a fabulous Saturday with the Surf Project in Portrush. This year a similar day is being planned by the Diocesan Youth and Children's Ministry Board (AYAC).

Taking place on 25th September, this is a day open to all parishes of our Diocese including our own. We would love to see you there! To book a places, please contact Mr David Brown (email doycarmagh@gmail.com). Cost £12.50pp.

FLOWER ROTA :

27th June & 4th July : Ann & Roy Williamson

11th & 18th July : Robert & Edna Starrett

29th July & 1st August : Vacant

8th & 15th August : Vacant

22nd & 29th July : Vacant



FONT ROTA :

July : Vacant **August :** Vacant

CHURCH FLOWERS

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INSTALLATION OF CANONS

On Sunday, 4th July (3.15pm) a Service to install recently appointed Canons will take place in St Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin. One of the Canons to be installed will be the Rector who will represent our Diocese on the Cathedral Chapter. If you would like to follow the service online, you may do so from the St Patrick's Cathedral website :-
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10.30am : Morning Service
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7.00pm : Evening Service

11th : The 6th Sunday after Trinity

8.30am : Morning Service
10.30am : Morning Service
Reader : Hannah McCann
7.00pm : Holy Communion

18th : The 7th Sunday after Trinity

8.30am : Morning Service
10.30am : Morning Service
Reader : Don McKee
7.00pm : Evening Service

25th : The 8th Sunday after Trinity

8.30am : Morning Service
10.30am : Morning Service
Reader : Heather Chambers
7.00pm : Evening Service

AUGUST :

1st : The 9th Sunday after Trinity

8.30am : Holy Communion
10.30am : Morning Service
Reader : Ann Williamson
7.00pm : Evening Service

8th : The 10th Sunday after Trinity

8.30am : Morning Service
10.30am : Morning Service
Reader : Michael Dickson
7.00pm : Evening Service

15th : The 11th Sunday after Trinity

8.30am : Morning Service
10.30am : Family Service
7.00pm : Evening Service

22nd: The 12th Sunday after Trinity

8.30am : Morning Service
10.30am : Morning Service
Reader : Wendy Davison
7.00pm : Evening Service

29th : The 13th Sunday after Trinity

8.30am : Morning Service
10.30am : Morning Service
Reader : Don McKee
7.00pm : Evening Service



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