

# PINNACLES

# SEPTEMBER

# HOLIDAY BIBLE CLUB FUN!









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(FOR ARMAGH FOODBANK)

SATURDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER (10AM - 12NOON) CROZIER HALL



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# Rector's Letter ....

Dear Friends,

As I write this letter, it is in amidst a time when going back to school is very much on the horizon!

Going back to school takes a fair degree of coordination. Uniforms need to be checked and perhaps updated, stationery might require replenishing, shoes need to be bought or shined, a new bag, water bottle or lunch box may need to be considered. And then there is the return to the routine of getting up in time for the morning drop off or collection by the school bus!

I wonder if children who might be reading this letter are secretly looking forward to the return to school? School holidays are great, but I hope that you aren't dreading the return to school as much as you might claim to be! If you are moving school this September, I pray that you will really enjoy your new school. Just a top tip - check what time school ends. When I moved from Primary to Secondary School, I forgot that I no longer finished at 3pm and on my first day I stood at the school gates wondering where everyone was. My new school involved a new home time of 3.30pm. When I realised my mistake, thankfully my teacher understood!

For many of us, the summer time is a wonderful time to relax and not have the same degree of rushing around, but the autumn brings an opportunity to create a new normality, a pattern to establish for the months ahead and to follow. As you will see from this edition of Pinnacles, September involves the weekly activities of our Parish resuming and we hope there is a range of opportunities for people of all ages to grow in their Christian faith and enjoy time spent together. Perhaps this is a month during which you come along to something that you haven't been to before?

In our Services of Worship, we often sing or say the words of Psalm 95 (Venite) where we are encouraged to be a worshipping people. As the Psalmist bids; "Come let us worship and bow down and kneel before the Lord our maker. For he is the Lord our God; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture."

If you haven't been along to church services for a while, please know that there is the warmest invitation to come at any time. The Refresh Weekend offers the perfect opportunity to create or rekindle our intention to be part of services of worship. Truly, please do come along at any time! We would love for you to join us in worship together!

Yours in Christ,

Malcolm

### FIRST THURSDAY CLUB

Hoping everyone enjoyed their summer holidays and will come back refreshed for our first meeting of the year on Thursday, 4th September. We will be meeting as usual in the Venue in the Crozier Hall, at 2.30pm and will collect the subscriptions for the incoming year.

We will discuss what we hope to do throughout the year and of course any suggestions will be gratefully accepted.

Ann

# LADIES WALKING GROUP

Each Thursday morning at 10.00am a group of ladies meet outside the Crozier Hall and 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 always very welcome.

### 1ST TUESDAY HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE

On Tuesday 2nd September, 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.

#### **BOWLING CLUB**

The Bowling Club will resume on Wednesday 17th September at 8pm in the Crozier Hall. We look forward to seeing our members after the summer break. New members will be made especially welcome!

Anne

### **MIDWEEK SERVICES**

Our Wednesday night services, along with a study series will recommence on Wednesday 10th September (7.30pm) in St Mark's. After Harvest, Wednesday night services shall relocate to the Crozier Hall until the Spring, when we shall return to the church.

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**

Now the football season has returned it is time to dust off our trainers and return to Monday night football from 1<sup>st</sup> September at Redrock Presbyterian Church's astroturf pitch at 8.15pm!! 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)



# **SPONSOR A SQUARE**

As you may know, the path of the churchyard between St Mark's and The Crozier Hall are in need of being replaced. The Select Vestry are very aware of our need to progress this project, but are prevented from doing so for financial reasons. To this end, we have launched a 'Sponsor a Square' initiative whereby anyone who is willing can help by sponsoring a square for the paths to be relaid. Roughly speaking we are seeking sponsors for a square metre of the concrete paths and are suggesting a donation of £100. To Sponsor a Square, all of the necessary information is available from our Parish Website. On the Website you can select which path you would like to sponsor a square for and include an acknowledgement if you would like to do so. To donate to this project you may do so also via our Parish Website. If you would like assistance with Sponsoring a Square, please feel free to contact or visit the Parish Office and Caroline will be very glad to help you. Thank you to everyone who supports our parish financially. All donations for the ministry and well being of our Parish are deeply appreciated.



All donations for the replacement of pathways in our Churchyard between St Mark's Church and The Crozier Hall are sincerely appreciated. For more information, please visit:- www.stmarksarmagh.org

#### MARKSMEN

Marksmen will resume on Wednesday 10th September at 10.30am in The Venue, Marksmen are a group of men who 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. All men welcome!

#### **EARLY MORNING PRAYER**

On Tuesday 23rd September a new weekly opportunity to meet and pray together is being planned to take place in the Parish Office from 7.45am. What is planned is that on Tuesday mornings, we shall pray together for around 20 minutes, and then finish with croissants and other breakfast foods, along with tea and coffee. Breakfast is therefore included for anyone who can join us!! As we pray, we will be thanking God for all of his blessings, and praying for needs local and global. Everyone will be very welcome! There will be occasions when we shall not be meeting, therefore please keep an eye on our weekly 'Pew News' just in case!



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#### **CHI ME & PILATES**

Chi Mi & Pilates will resume on Tuesday 9th September at 7pm in the Crozier Hall group. 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.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

We would be delighted to see children of Primary School age and above come along to and enjoy Sunday School. We shall resume on Sunday 14th September, and will begin in church before leaving during the service to go to Sunday School in the hall. More details, including the Sunday School programme are available from our Website. Please do encourage children along, truly we would love to see them!

#### CRECHE

Creche is available in the Beresford Room of the Crozier Hall, during the whole of 10.30am services, on the same Sundays as Sunday School meets. The Sunday School programme is available from our Website and will let you know when Creche is taking place. If you have any queries regarding Creche, please contact Claire (37522970). We very much hope that our Creche facility will be of much assistance to those who would like to avail of it.



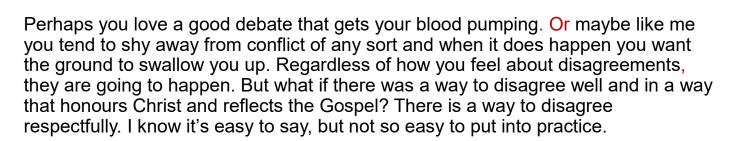
# Curate's Corner...

Hi Everyone!

No doubt you have heard the saying "Let's agree to disagree'. Disagreements are a part of life. Whether it's in sport, which coffee shop is the best, parenting or politics we all have disagreements. Even Jesus during his earthly ministry had many disagreements and I am sure we can all recall him turning the

tables over in the temple as a result of him disagreeing with the money changers

and merchants (Matthew 21:12-13 & Mark 11:15-18).



<sup>10</sup>" I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another in what you say and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly united in mind and thought"

1 Corinthians 1:10 (NIV)

It may seem that arguments are everywhere but it need not destroy our unity. We are called not to allow these things to divide us and tear us down. Rather, we are to "make every effort to keep the unity." We do not have to give up our beliefs and opinions to keep the peace, but we should be willing to treat others with love. Sometimes we can fall into the trap of wanting to win or be right when disputes arise. However, we should not allow our appetite for winning to cause us to sin and act unlovingly towards others, as we are called to love our neighbours as ourselves (Mark 12:31). The fact that someone else does not share our opinions or beliefs does not give us permission to stop loving them or treat them with hostility.

So if you are involved in a disagreement at the moment know that there is a better way to respond, a Christlike way that honours God who is full of grace. If you would like to know more about how to deal with disagreements in life then please take a look at "The Well Café Church" section of Pinnacles.

Every Blessing,

Sarah

# THE PARISH OF ST MARK'S, ARMAGH INVITES YOU TO A





# AT THE CROZIER HALL ON THURSDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER (7PM)

Tickets will be available from Select Vestry members & The Parish Office

A quiz will follow the meal for those who would like to participate www.stmarksarmagh.org



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### THE WELL

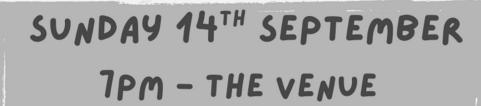
PIZZA & PP

As alluded to in Curate's Corner during the next couple of sessions of The Well we will be focusing on the art of disagreeing. As disciples of Jesus, we often wonder, "What would Jesus do?" It helps, when we're trying to discern what Jesus would do, to look at what Jesus *did* do. If you would like to know more about how we disagree in a faithful and Christlike way then you are welcome to come along to The Well Café Church. Over the next couple of sessions we shall be looking at how we change our culture of disagreement, one difficult conversation, at a time and learning about the art of disagreeing.

After having a short break over the summer to give rest to volunteers and reinvigorate ideas, we shall be back on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm in The Venue (The Crozier Hall). We shall be kicking off with some pizza followed by a time or worship and teaching. Everyone is welcome to attend The Well, whether you are full of faith, have a little faith or just want to discover more please spread the word and come along!

# The Well

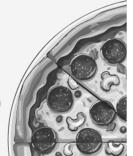
Cafe Church



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# 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 17. 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. (<a href="www.stmarksarmagh.org">www.stmarksarmagh.org</a>)

### REFRESH WEEKEND

During the second weekend of September, we have a few special events which we hope that you might come along to and enjoy. On Thursday 11th September, there will be a Parish BBQ in the Crozier Hall (7pm). Tickets are available from Select Vestry members and the Parish Office.

On Friday 12th September, GLOW Youth Club resumes in the Crozier Hall. Young people of Year 6 and above are invited to come and join in the fun!

On Sunday 14th September, a Refresh Morning Service is planned for 10.30am during which Sunday School and Creche will reopen. Some treats may be served following the Service! At 7pm, as well as the usual evening service in St Mark's, 'The Well' Cafe Church will take place in The Venue of The Crozier Hall. Please do come along and join in what is happening during the Refresh Weekend. We would be delighted to see everyone!



# REFRESH WEEKEND 11<sup>TH</sup> - 14<sup>TH</sup> SEPT

# THURSDAY, 7PM: Parish BBQ

(Tickets available from the church office)

FRIDAY, 7.30PM:

Youth fun night with GLOW

**SUNDAY, 8.30 AM:** 

**Holy Communion** 

**SUNDAY, 10.30 AM:** 

Refresh Morning Service (Including Sunday school & Creche)

SUNDAY, 7 PM:

The Well Cafe Church in The Venue, Crozier Hall

SUNDAY, 7 PM:

**Evening Prayer** 

# EVERYONE WELCOME!







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## **DEEP SEA DIVERS**

During the week beginning August 11th, weekday mornings in the Crozier Hall were action packed! With an 'under the sea' theme Holiday Bible Club, we very much enjoyed songs, Bible stories, drama, games, crafts and a memory verse. It really was a fabulous week and we had so much to thankful for. A special thank you is offered to Hannah Irvine and her team of leaders, as well as everyone who encouraged children to come along and take part. Holiday Bible Club is always a wonderful week of praise to God and learning of him and leads us nicely into a new term of activity in our Parish. For your diaries - next year's Holiday Bible Club is scheduled for 10<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> August 2026.

## **MEN'S GROUP**

After a really enjoyable programme of outings and events in the Crozier Hall, the Men's Group will soon recommence for the term ahead. At the time of writing a programme has not yet been formulated, but details shall be available soon through our weekly Pew News sheets in church and future editions of Pinnacles. Men of all ages are invited to join us on any occasion!

### **GLOW**

Our Parish Youth Club returns to the Crozier Hall on Friday 12th September (7.30pm). With games, activities and occasional trips on offer, we very much hope that young people from our Parish, as well as their friends, will come along, join in and enjoy! Glow meets fortnightly from 7.30pm - 9pm and is intended for young people of School Year 6 and above. A programme for the year ahead will soon be available. Reminders of what is happening will be found in the weekly 'Pew News' Sheet and for further details, please contact the leader in charge, via our Parish Office (37523197 / sec.stmarks@gmail.com).

### YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Our Parish Youth Fellowship (for young people of secondary school age) will recommence on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> September (5pm) in The Venue (Crozier Hall). We generally meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of each month, however sometimes we have to adjust due to other events!! During Youth Fellowship we typically play games, undertake an interactive Bible Study and enjoy time to chat with tasty treats! There are also annual highlights for young people to come along to such as the Diocesan Mini Residential and Summer Madness. Pease keep an eye out in Pew News for future Youth Fellowship gatherings and related events!



# SAVE THE DATE

Whilst December seems a long way off just now, a date that you might like to add to your diary is the 'Gloria' Adoro Christmas Concert on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December (7.45pm). As all who have attended previous Adoro Christmas Concerts know, it is becoming an annual highlight!! A link for online tickets shall soon be

available from our Parish Website and paper tickets shall be available this autumn.

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# **LADIES WALKING GROUP**

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St Mark's Armagh



Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September 7:30pm

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New Members always welcome!

For more information please contact Sarah or Malcolm



# St Mark's Armagh

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Mrs Valerie Hamilton

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Mr Jonny Howe

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# Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 9am-1pm

Outside of these times, a message can be left on the answerphone (37 523197) or alternatively an email may be sent to:sec.stmarks@gmail.com

# A 'Back to School' Prayer.

Dear God, at the start of a new school year, we pray for school principals, teachers and the wider team behind the scenes, as they work through the practical implications of running a school.

Lord give our children a thirst for knowledge, wisdom and understanding. May their hearts be ready to learn this year, at home, school and church. Open their ears, and may they crave for knowledge and seek it out.

In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen

# **CHURCH RECORDS**

**Burial of Ashes:** 

8th July: Roger Briggs

# Service of Thanksgiving for the life of :

Beatrice Best (16th July)
Mary Kathleen Neville (28th July)
Kenny Norman George Mitchell
(31st July)



Blessed are those who mourn for they will be comforted Matthew 5 : 4

# September Service Rota...

#### 7TH: THE 12TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

8.30am: Holy Communion 10.30am: Holy Communion Reader: Robert Cardwell

7.00pm: United Service in Armagh

**Methodist Church** 

#### 21ST: THE 14TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

8.30am: Holy Communion

10.30am: Family Service

7.00pm: Evening Service

#### 14TH: THE 13TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

8.30am: Holy Communion 10.30am: Morning Service

Reader: Jonny Howe

7.00pm: Evening Prayer

7.00pm: The Well

#### 28TH: THE 15TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

8.30am: Holy Communion

10.30am: Morning Prayer

Reader: Heather Chambers

7.00pm: Holy Communion

7.00pm: AYAC Praise Service in The

**Crozier Hall** 

### FLOWER ROTAS FOR SEPTEMBER

7th & 14th September: Vacant

21st & 28th September:

Vacant

Font: Sandra Lockhart



# Pinnacles notes for

October are due in the Church Office

no later than Monday 22nd

September Thank You!



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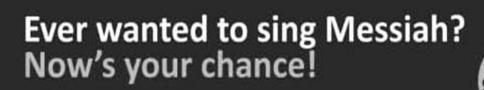
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### **DIOCESAN ROMANIA TEAM**

On Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> August, six members of our Parish joined six members of other churches from our Diocese to travel to Romania and assist with building houses with Habitat for Humanity. The team worked together with immense effect and took part in securing sheeting for floors and walls, putting up plasterboard, plastering external walls, inserting window frame insulation and more! The building that the team worked on consisted of four two storey houses, each making up a quarter of building, with each having their own external door. Whilst working under the supervision of very patient builders, the team worked alongside members of families who will, in time, move into their new home. The vision of Habitat for Humanity is for "A world where everyone has a decent place to live." The team were able to visit the highly inadequate apartment where one of the families associated with this project currently live and see how much they will benefit from moving into a home which is much better suited to their needs and will one day be their own. It was a great joy to be involved in a project that will very clearly transform the lives of those who will benefit from this project.









