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June 2022



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Rector's Letter.....

Dear Friends,

This month we very much look forward to commemorating the Platinum Jubilee of the reign of Her Majesty The Queen. For 70 years, The Queen has been an exceptionally faithful Monarch of our nation and Commonwealth. What an example she is to us all!

Her Majesty The Queen is the longest reigning Monarch in British history. Today, only a few of our Parishioners were born before her. At the age of 96 years she has been blessed with remarkable health and has always demonstrated an immense desire to serve. On the occasion of the her 21st birthday, in a speech broadcast on radio to the Commonwealth from Cape Town, the then Princess Elizabeth said; *"I declare before you all that my whole life whether it be long or short shall be devoted to your service."* Service has indeed characterised the Queen. For all that she has offered and demonstrates still we can be immensely grateful.

The Duke of Cambridge articulated much of the national and intergenerational admiration extended to Her Majesty when he said; *"I think I speak for my generation when I say that the example and continuity provided by The Queen is not only very rare among leaders but a great source of pride and reassurance."*

On numerous occasions The Queen has spoken of who it is that gives her example and reassurance; The Lord Jesus Christ. In her Christmas broadcasts, The Queen has freely spoken of Jesus Christ being 'an inspiration', 'a role model' and 'an anchor' in her life.

As you will see in this edition of Pinnacles we are planning to celebrate The Queen's Platinum Jubilee with two events to come along and to enjoy, as well as a special service to commemorate The Queen's Platinum Jubilee. As well as attending our events, we very much hope that you will be able to join us in St Mark's as we gather to thank the God whom The Queen worships and serves for 70 years of faith and service.

As we commemorate the The Queen's Platinum Jubilee, may we be inspired to worship the Lord whom she trusts in and serves, and may we too be characterised by devotion and service.

Yours in Christ,
Malcolm

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**SATURDAY 18TH JUNE
(10AM - 12NOON)
CROZIER HALL**

Holiday Bible Club | 9th- 12th August 2022 | 10am-12 noon

You'll be glad to know that the holiday season is fast approaching. Perhaps you're excited for a break or you're already counting down the days till the children go back to school (teachers included). Well never fear for Holiday Bible Club is here! This year we will be running Space Academy for all primary school aged children. We'll be looking at the faith of Daniel and how we can use our faith in our everyday lives. There'll be games, drama, craft and much more. We'd love you to come along and hear about the most amazing force in the galaxy!

A consent form is found on page 15 of this booklet or forms may be downloaded from the Parish website : www.stmarksarmagh.org

We hope to see you there!!

1st Tuesday Holy Communion

On the 1st Tuesday of the month (11.30am) a service of Holy Communion takes place in St Mark's. This service has recently begun to be offered especially for people who find it difficult to attend on Sundays at the normal service times and prefer only to travel during daylight hours. It is hoped that in time this short service will be followed by a light lunch in the hall and that it will continue during summer months. Weekly Wednesday evening services will continue as normal at 7.30pm until 22nd June when they will conclude for the summer and recommence in September.

As always, everyone is invited and will be most welcome to join us in worship.



Her Majesty The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Celebratory events are being planned in our Parish commemorate Her Majesty The Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

Our programme includes a Barbecue on Wednesday 1st June (7pm), an Afternoon Tea hosted by the 1st Thursday Club on Saturday 4th June (2.30pm) and a special service on Sunday 5th June (7pm). Tickets for the BBQ are available from the Parish Office and via our Parish Website.



A bus is available to transport local people to and from the Afternoon Tea. To avail of the bus, please contact the Parish Office. We also hope to have a small display of parishioners' memorabilia associated with the Royal Family. If you have anything that you might be willing to lend to us for the display, please again telephone and leave a message at the Parish Office (37523197). Please know a very warm invitation to join us as we celebrate!

CHURCH GIVING

Thank you to everyone who contributes to our Parish Funds. We are truly grateful for your support. Here are available opportunities which you might like to consider for contributions. For any queries, or to obtain any necessary details please feel free to contact The Parish Administrator, Mrs Caroline Nesbitt (028 37523197 / sec.stmarks@gmail.com).



- ⇒ Church Offering Envelopes may be received at Sunday services or at the 'Drive Through' on Saturday 18th June (10am – 12.00pm). Please access the church grounds via Victoria Street.
- ⇒ Cheques Payable to 'St Mark's, Armagh' may be delivered to our Parish Office at your convenience. If you have Offering Envelopes, please write your envelope number on the reverse side.
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- ⇒ Donations by debit / credit card can be made via our Parish Website (Parish Donations page).
- ⇒ Gift Aid. If you are a UK Tax Payer, St Mark's can benefit from an additional 25% on top of your contributions, at no extra cost to you.

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Summer Opportunity??
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The graphic features a dark grey background with abstract geometric shapes and patterns. On the left, there are several overlapping circles and squares, some with white dots. In the center, the text 'NewWine' is written in a sans-serif font, with the tagline 'Local churches changing nations' underneath. Below this, 'SLIGO' is written in large, bold, white capital letters, followed by '2022' in a smaller, lighter font. To the right of the text, there are two circular inset images. The top one shows a group of people, and the bottom one shows a man playing a guitar and singing into a microphone. The overall design is modern and artistic.

NewWine
Local churches changing nations

SLIGO
2022

WEEK A
9TH - 12TH JULY 2022

WEEK B
14TH - 17TH JULY 2022

Service of Commissioning for a Parish Nurse

**Sunday 26th June
at 10.30am
in St Mark's, Armagh**

Please join us as Dr Bob Brown is commissioned to serve amongst us as a Parish Nurse.

We would be delighted if you might join us as we pray for Bob and develop a vision for this new and exciting ministry.

We are very pleased to be able to share with you that from this summer we shall have a Parish Nurse!

Dr Bob Brown serves on our Select Vestry and is in the process of completing training to undertake this role through Parish Nursing Ministries UK.

He will be commissioned to serve in our Parish during the service on **Sunday 26th June (10.30am).**

Bob will join our Parish ministry team on a part time and voluntary basis. The specifics of what his role will involve are being developed, but we very much hope that this pastoral initiative will be of support and assistance to parishioners and beyond.

Please come along to his commissioning service to find out more and we look forward to sharing initiatives that Bob will facilitate during incoming months.

Alive AND Active

An activity to get us moving followed by
tea, coffee & something sweet
in The Crozier Hall.

Thursday 9th June

MALL WALK 7PM MEETING @ CROZIER HALL

Thursday 23rd June

ZUMBA CLASS 8PM @ CROZIER HALL £2 EACH

Thursday 7th July

OBSERVATORY WALK 7PM MEETING @ OBSERVATORY CAR PARK

Thursday 21st July

*GOSFORD WALK MEETING 7PM MEETING @ GOSFORD CAR PARK BESIDE THE
PLAYGROUND*

Thursday 4th August

PALACE DEMESNE WALK 7PM MEETING @ PALACE MAIN CAR PARK

Thursday 25th August

PILATES CLASS £5 EACH 7PM MEETING @ CROZIER HALL

Summer Madness

A group from St Mark's will be camping at Summer Madness in Portglenone, from 1st to 5th July. More campers are always welcome!!! Please visit the Parish website for further details (www.stmarksarmagh.org)

Please pray for a very significant time for our young people as they worship, learn, and have lots of fun together. Please also pray for good weather!



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Curate's Corner...

Dear Friends

Every story whether fictional or non-fictional has a beginning, a middle and an end. Regardless of genre or author these three parts are what makes up a story.

Perhaps you have a favourite story. I've shared before that my favourite story as a child was a book by Sam McBratney called 'Guess how much I love you'. It is a story of two hares; Nutbrown and little nutbrown and the book uses a larger measure on each page to signify how much they love each other. For example, "I love you as high as I can hop". I'm not sure why it was my favourite as a child, whether it was the pictures or the actual story, but regardless it also had a beginning, a middle and an end.

As we prepare to celebrate her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee there have been documentaries on TV, news articles and books published on her life. They've all been about the mark that she has made, her faith and the legacy that she will leave. This got me thinking about my legacy, my story, what will people say?

Recently one Sunday morning I shared the story of Saul (Paul) who like every one of us had a story. As I prepared for the sermon, I began to look at Paul's beginning, his middle and his end and it got me thinking about my life story and what people will remember about my beginning, middle and end. For a few moments I want us to reflect on those three sections of beginning, middle and end.

The Beginning

Our story ultimately begins with our creator. No matter how old you are, our story must begin with the grace shown by Jesus on the cross. Paul tells us about this beginning to our story in 2Corinthians 5V17 *"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come the old has gone, the new is here"*

The Middle

Just like every story has a beginning, every story has a middle. For the child of God, and even looking at Paul's life and ministry, the middle is, and was so important.

So how do we ensure that we have a good middle of our story? The Psalmist said it best in *Psalms 119:9-16*:

By carefully reading the map of your Word. I'm single-minded in pursuit of you; don't let me miss the road signs you've posted. I've banked your promises in the vault of my heart so I won't sin myself bankrupt. Be blessed, God; train me in your ways of wise living. I'll transfer to my lips all the counsel that comes from your mouth; I delight far more in what you tell me about living than in gathering a pile of riches. I ponder every morsel of wisdom from you, I attentively watch how you've done it. I relish everything you've told me of life, I won't forget a word of it.

In order to have a middle of our story that honours the God that gave us a beginning, we need to heed the words that were given to a young man in this Psalm. By guarding our hearts according to God's word, not wandering from his commandments and storing up his word and promises in our hearts.

The End

When I think about the end of my life here on earth, I don't think about my physical body, I think about that moment when I will stand before God, my creator. It will be a time for reward, or a time for rebuke. That to me will be the end of my story, at least here on earth.

In Matthew 25:14-21 Jesus tells a parable that gives us a glimpse of that ending time for each one of us. In this passage when the first man was faithful to what the Master has asked, he was given a reward. You see his beginning and middle determined his ending. The words of his master "Well done you good and faithful servant"

This is the ending I want to hear as the conclusion to my story. What about you? I'm sure the answer is yes, but again let me say this, the ending to your story will be determined by your beginning and your middle. What story do you want to be told of your life?

Every Blessing.

Sarah



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A huge thank you from Bishop Jered Kalimba,
the diocesan team and from all at CMSI.

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Live Stream Update

We are currently working towards the updating of our live stream equipment for St Mark's. Perhaps you value our streamed services and might like to make a donation to help us fund this initiative? If so, please feel free to send your donation to our Parish Office (44 Victoria Street, Armagh. BT61 9DT) or contribute online via the 'Parish Donations' page of our Website. Thank you!

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5th : The Day of Pentecost

8.30am : Holy Communion 2
10.30am : Holy Communion 2
Reader : Mervyn Adamson
7.00pm : Queen's Jubilee Service

12th : Trinity Sunday

8.30am : Holy Communion 2
10.30am : Morning Prayer 2
Reader : Ann Williamson
7.00pm : Evening Prayer 2

19th : The 1st Sunday after Trinity

8.30am : Holy Communion 1
10.30am : Family Service
7.00pm : Holy Communion 1

26th : The 2nd Sunday after Trinity

8.30am : Holy Communion 2
10.30am : Commissioning Service
Reader : Don McKee
7.00pm : Evening Prayer 2

Flower Rota for June

5th June : Anne Attwell
12 & 19th June : Bertie & Elizabeth Speers
26th June & 3rd July : Ann Williamson
FONT : Vacant

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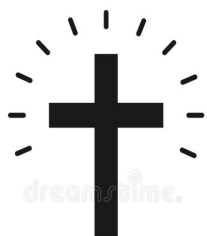
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Service of Thanksgiving for the life of

10th May : Derek Elliott



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Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____ September 22 Primary Class: _____

GP Name & Telephone: _____

Emergency Contact name & Number:

Please state any medical conditions or allergies:

I consent to my child's photograph being taken for St Mark's Church publicity both online & in print:

Yes ☐ No ☐

I confirm that I have given consent for my child to attend the Space Academy Holiday Bible Club from August 9th -12th 2022. In the event that my child is taken ill or injured during the period of the above named activity so that surgical operation or medical treatment becomes necessary, I hereby authorise the leader in charge to sign on my behalf any written forms of consent required, provided that the delay necessitated to obtain my signature might endanger his / her health or safety.

Yes ☐ No ☐

Signed: _____ Date: _____

To assist us with our planning, we would be very grateful if you could return this Registration Form to the Church Office prior to the Holiday Bible Club. If this is not possible, please bring this form along to the Crozier Hall on the first day of your child's Holiday Bible Club attendance. Thank you.





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