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PINNACLES

SEPTEMBER 2021

St Mark's welcomes a new Curate!
Rev'd Sarah is pictured with her husband Daniel
outside the Curatage at Ashley Avenue.



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. We bring before you our children and young people, may they settle easily into new school routines. We also pray for parents and caregivers as they work through any concerns they may have in these unfamiliar times. May each day be a day of hope, of expectation, of relishing each moment as a gift from you, knowing that our lives are in your hands. In Jesus' name, we pray. **Amen**



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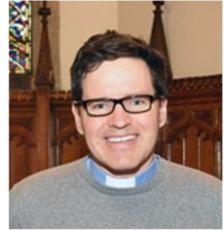
Sunday School

**planned reopening on
Sunday, 26th September
(P1 & P2 : 3rd October)**

**Further details to follow
in Pew News &**

www.stmarksarmagh.org/sunday-school-and-creche

Rector's Letter.....



Dear Friends,

As I write to you, I do so on the last night of summer! It is hard to believe that September is here and the autumn has begun.

Whilst the Church Year begins on Advent Sunday, September always has a new year feel as schools return and organisations reopen after the summer break. As you will see from this edition of Pinnacles, there is a bit of a 'fresh start' to this new season.

We have a new member of our Parish Clergy! It was a delight to host Sarah's Ordination Service on August 29th and we are thrilled that her ministry amongst us has begun. We really hope that Sarah and Daniel feel very much at home here in Armagh and we look forward to 'serving together for Christ's Kingdom' with them.

During September, we are planning a special Parish Weekend (17th-19th) with a few activities to help us to settle into a new term. Please do come along and be part of our worship and some events that we are having including another 'Le Mall 24'.

Also, during this month we are trying to reactivate some of our organisations after a longer than usual interregnum. As you will see in this edition of Pinnacles, some organisations are reopening during September. Perhaps more will follow soon. Please keep an eye out for Pew News updates which are always available in church and on our Parish Website.

In every step that we take as we reopen, I wish to assure you that we will take sensible precautions, in accordance with guidelines, to help reduce any risk to our Parishioners and friends who join us. We very much hope that our services and initiatives are as safe as they can be.

Pinnacles is 'jam packed' this month, there is a lot to look forward to! Two verses that I wish to share with you, by way of encouragement as we enter this new season and term; ¹⁶ *Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts.* ¹⁷ *And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.* (Colossians 3).

I hope that we can speak soon.

Every blessing,

Malcolm

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BOOK CLUB

Meeting fortnightly and resuming on
Thursday 23rd Sept. (7.30pm) via Zoom.

To find out more, please visit the
'Latest News' page of our Parish Website.

WWW.STMARKSARMAGH.ORG

8.30am SERVICE

As of September, the 8.30am Service will again be a weekly Holy Communion Service, but will remain in the Crozier Hall for the foreseeable future. We meet at 8.30am in the Crozier Hall due to the cleaning efforts required between services in the church due to Covid. Each Sunday, the church is cleaned after the 10.30am service in preparation for the 7pm service. We would like to record our sincere thanks to our Sexton, Mr David Mansbridge for all that he does on Sunday, and indeed on any occasion when the church is required for additional services. We would also like to extend our appreciation to the 8.30am congregation for their understanding regarding the use of the hall, until circumstances allow for it to be easier to use the church again for both services in the morning.

YF3

Youth fellowship has resumed in an outdoor, as much as possible, fashion! Young people of secondary school age are more than welcome to join us on any occasion as we meet on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month at The Crozier Hall. Please keep an eye on Pew News for any programme amendments.

HOUSE GROUP

It is hoped that House Group will meet again (in the Crozier Hall) in the near future. If you would like to join in this informal Bible Study Discussion Group, you will be more than welcome. Please keep an eye out in Pew News for the next meeting.

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Refresh Weekend

17th - 19 September 2021

Friday (7pm) : City Centre Treasure Hunt

Saturday (10am-12noon) : Coffee Morning

Saturday (10.30am- Sunday 10.30am) : Le Mall 24

Saturday (11am-12noon) : Teddy Bear's Picnic

Saturday (2-3pm) : Games on the Green

Sunday (8.30am) : Holy Communion

Sunday (10.30am) : Family Service

Sunday (7pm) : Favourite Hymns Service

Everyone is invited!
www.stmarksarmagh.org

Favourite Hymns Service - Sunday 19th September (7pm)

My favourite hymn is : _____

Please feel free to share why this hymn is special to you :

Name : _____

Please return this form to the Church office by

Thursday 16th September or place on the collection plate. Thank You!



Alpha returns to the Crozier Hall this September!

As always, everyone will be more than welcome to join us as we learn and share together about life and faith.

This is an opportunity to listen, ask questions and if you are comfortable, to share experiences. Please know that nobody should feel under any pressure at Alpha. It should be enjoyed by everyone!

Alpha will run from on Tuesday evenings from 21st Sept until 6th December (excluding 2nd and 9th November). We shall also meet on Saturday 6th November during the morning and early afternoon. If you miss occasionally, please don't worry! A sample of the videos used during Alpha is found on our parish website.

If you would like to know more, please do feel free to contact Malcolm, Sarah, or anyone who you know has taken part previously. Again, please know that we would love for you to join us!



See for yourself.
Try Alpha

**Tuesdays at 7.30pm in
The Crozier Hall, Armagh
beginning 21st Sept**

**for more info. :-
www.stmarksarmagh.org**

AYAC NEWS!

- ◆ Thursday 9th September (5pm) : Start of Term Prayer Service for Teachers and Schools Support Staff in St Mark's, Armagh. Special Speaker : Mr Damian Wharton (Scripture Union).
- ◆ Sunday 12th September (7pm) : Youth and Children's Leaders Commissioning service with the Archbishop in St. Mark's, Portadown. All leaders of youth and children's organisations from parishes across our Diocese are invited to attend and be encouraged during this special service.
- ◆ Saturday 25th September : Diocesan Family Day Out to the Surf Project, Portrush. Last September, we enjoyed a wonderful Parish day out to Portrush with the Surf Project. This year, all are invited to join in the fun as part of a Diocesan day out for people of all ages! To reserve places, please contact David Brown (email - doycarmagh@gmail.com). Cost £12.50



Curate's Corner....

Hello everyone, I am Sarah Parkinson and it brings me great delight to be your new curate at St Mark's Armagh. I grew up and lived in Lisburn until 4 weeks ago when my husband Daniel and I (along with our dog Rory) moved into the curatage in Armagh. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Glebe Wardens Don McKee and Don Maclean for making the moving process as smooth as possible and allowing us to call Ashley Avenue our home. We've been spending the past couple of weeks gathering our bearings and searching for the best coffee shops (tea in my case) so if you've any recommendations let us know!

As my first submission to Pinnacles I wanted to give you a short synopsis of who I am and my journey up to this point. After leaving school I completed a degree in Theology at Belfast Bible College while working in my part-time job in a local Pharmacy. Growing up I changed my mind every week what career I wanted to go into. It went from archaeologist to nurse and even a journalist but as a child I never imagined being a minister. After obtaining my undergraduate degree I became the Children's ministry intern in my home parish of Lisburn Cathedral. I felt the call to ordained ministry while studying for my degree. I initially brushed it off labelling it as too academic for me or something I would be unable to do. Over time the call from God became stronger and more evident, so I applied and successfully got through the selection process. I was then accepted to The Church of Ireland Theological Institute, Dublin (CITI).

After studying in Dublin for two years I was ordained as a deacon on 13th September 2020 and served my deacon internship in St Columba's Derryvolgie while writing my dissertation. On Sunday 29th August 2021 after having completed my deacon internship and dissertation I was ordained priest/presbyter by Archbishop of Armagh John McDowell in St Mark's.

I am delighted to have been appointed as curate of St Mark's Armagh, I'm excited to get to know everyone-If you ever fancy a coffee or a chat please don't hesitate to send me a message. *Sarah*

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18th - 19th September 2021

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From 10.30am on Saturday 18th September, a relay of participants walking, running or cycling shall be circuiting a route around the church grounds during a 24 hour period, ending just in time for our Family Service. This event was a tremendous success last year. It was a lot of fun and raised substantial funds for Parish Projects.

We would love for you to join us by signing up for an hour and being part of the relay. All ages are welcomed!

For more details please feel free to have a look on our Parish Website or contact Malcolm (37522970).

CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS

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 Saturdays 18th September (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.
- ⇒ Standing Orders may be initiated via your Bank's online facilities (Sort Code : 980190 A/c No: 02481185) or by using a form obtainable from Caroline.
- ⇒ 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. If you would like to enable this to happen, please contact Caroline who will provide you with the relevant form to complete. If your circumstances change meaning that you are no longer a Tax Payer, please also contact Caroline, so that your Gift Aid declaration can be concluded.

MU RURAL DEANERY SERVICE

The Annual MU Rural Deanery Service will take place on Wednesday 8th September (7.30pm) in Loughgall Parish Church. Preacher : Rev'd Peter Smith. All MU members are invited to attend.



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5th : The 14th Sunday after Trinity

8.30am : Holy Communion 2

10.30am : Morning Prayer

Reader : Christine Somerville

7.00pm : Evening Prayer

12th : The 15th Sunday after Trinity

8.30am : Holy Communion 2

10.30am : Morning Worship

Reader : Tom Galbraith

7.00pm : Evening Prayer

19th : The 16th Sunday after Trinity

8.30am : Holy Communion 1

10.30am : Family Service

7.00pm : Favourite Hymns

26th : The 17th Sunday after Trinity

8.30am : Holy Communion 2

10.30am : Morning Prayer

Reader : Mervyn Adamson

7.00pm : Evening Prayer

Flower Rota for September

5th & 12th September : Elizabeth McKee

19th & 26th September : **VACANT**

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CHURCH FLOWERS

Thank you to all who offer Floral arrangements in our church. If you might like to contribute a floral arrangement (over 2 weeks), please contact David and he will gladly offer any further information and if desired, add your name to the Flower Rota which is found in the church porch. David can be contacted on :07873167120



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HOLY MATRIMONY :

1st July : Fergus Hugh McAleavey & Alana Evelyn Johnston

14th August : David Andrew Gass & Stacey Louise Nesbitt

30th August : Thomas Jackson McConnell & Fridah Godfrey Sanga

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Mabel Hill (27th July)

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Victor Teggart (13th August)

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Ina Stewart (18th August)

Diane Lynas (2nd September)



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