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Rector's Letter.....



Dear Friends,

A television programme that we have very much enjoyed in recent weeks is 'Race across the World'. I wonder if you have seen it? If you haven't, there are several series available on BBC iPlayer. I would definitely recommend it!

What I really enjoy about this programme is the sense of adventure that it involves. Paired contestants from the UK are dropped off in a part of the world that they probably have never been to before. They are given a sum of money which would equate to the cost of a flight to the end destination. However, in the race, the contestants are not allowed to fly. They can only travel overland, via a number of check points, in a race to the ultimate destination. I don't want to spoil the programme for you, therefore I shall say no more!

The contestants race positions offer only part of the interest that this programme brings. The series also records the personal stories of each person involved and what it is that they learn about themselves, and the person that they are racing with, amidst what is a considerably challenging experience.

Having just recently commemorating Pentecost, I am mindful of the journey that we take with the disciples of Jesus as we read through the Gospels and into Acts. As readers we meet the prominent disciples in their calling to follow Jesus. We read of the miracles that they observed, as well as the teaching experiences that Jesus afforded to them. We learn of their successes and failures. We observe their absolutely devastating experience of the Lord's crucifixion, but rejoice with them in the immense wonder of his resurrection. As we conclude the Gospels and open the book of Acts, we share in their waiting on either side of Jesus' ascension and then marvel at the incredible release of the mission of the Church at Pentecost. Something akin to 'Race across the world', the Apostles are set on a mission which has been the feature of the Church ever since as it seeks to share the Gospel message to cultures all over the world. We are part of this continuing mission. Whilst we are not in competition with each other, as followers of Jesus, together we are in the race that will finish on the day of his return.

In the time that we have to take part, let us run our part of the race of faith with dedication and anticipation. Let us pray and be involved. In the words of Paul *"... let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith."* (Hebrews 12). As you will read in this and subsequent issues of Pinnacles, initiatives to help us grow in our faith are available to us this summer and beyond. Opportunities to serve are also available to us all year through. Let us not spectate, may we be involved!

Yours in Christ, *Malcolm*

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 16. 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 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 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!

Marksman

Each Wednesday morning (10.30am) a group of men gather to chat about anything and everything! With tea, coffee and scones, this is 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!



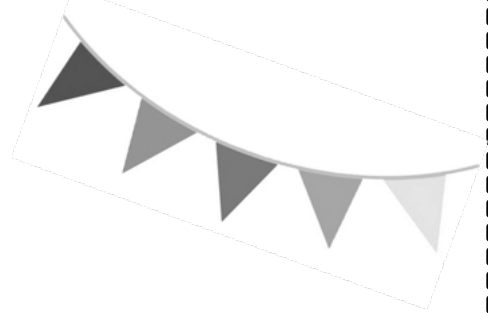
Please know a very warm invitation to our services and activities. To find out more about any of the above, or any opportunity within our Parish and beyond, please feel free to contact Malcolm (37522970), Sarah (07974252013) or Caroline (37523197). Further information, including weekly Pew News Sheets, is available from our Parish Website.

www.stmarksarmagh.org

Parish Fete & Auction

We are very much looking forward to a Parish Fete and Auction which will take place on **Saturday 22nd June**. Included in our plans are :

- * Auction (2pm)
- * Vintage vehicles
- * The Late Joey Dunlop's motorbike (Honda RS 250)
- * Exhibition of Royal Memorabilia (kindly displayed by Rev'd Derek Kerr)
- * Teddy bears Picnic (11am-12noon)
- * Vendors Stalls
- * Parish stalls including Plants, used children's clothes, Cakes & Bric-a-brac
- * Balloon modelling (12noon – 1pm)
- * Bouncy Castle
- * Café & BBQ
- * Face Painting
- * CR Hockey Skills (1pm– 2pm)
- * Fete Games with prizesand more!



&



As you can see from the list above there should be something to interest all ages! Please do help spread the word and plan to come along.

To help us make the day an immense success, all help would be very much appreciated.

Sign up sheets are found in the church porch. Donations for the Auction, Bric-a-brac, Cakes and Children's clothes stalls will be gratefully received at the Crozier Hall each evening of the week beginning 17th June (from 6.30pm – 9pm). Alternatively, items can also be received at the Parish Office during the same days from 9am – 1pm. Contribution of Plants will be gratefully received for the Parish plant stall. Please contact the Church Office if you are able to help with providing plants (Tel : 02837 523197). For the Auction we cannot receive large furniture or electrical items. If you need any guidance, please telephone The Rector (37522970).

Thank you to everyone who will contribute to, and support the Parish Fete and Auction in any way!



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The Well Playlist

The Well Café Church is for all ages and all stages of faith, it takes place on the second Sunday evening of each month at 7pm in The Venue (The Crozier Hall). We gather together for a time of contemporary worship, teaching and fellowship with one another all around tea, coffee and treats.

If you'd like to listen to some of the contemporary worship songs that we sing at The Well you can scan the codes provided which will take you to our playlist on either Apple Music or Spotify.



The Well

• Café Church •

Sunday 9th June
7pm

The Venue, The Crozier Hall

*Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks
the water I give them will never thirst*
John 4:13-14

www.stmarksarmagh.org

Curate's Corner....

Dear Friends,

I was reminded this week that babies born during the pandemic will be starting school this September. You can imagine the shock on my face! In many ways lockdown feels like not so long ago but in another frame of mind it feels like a distant memory from another lifetime. I was driving to visit my parents in Lisburn last weekend when I passed a local shop where we used to get our groceries, Daniel exclaimed "Remember having to queue outside that shop just to get milk". Nowadays If there's a queue at the checkout we immediately get disgruntled, we don't like having to wait for something. We live in a culture where we want something and we want it now. Perhaps our tolerance for waiting and lessons learned during the pandemic have left. Perhaps you're waiting for something? The long awaited summer holiday? Exam results? A family wedding? A response from that dream job you applied for? We are all counting down to something and waiting either patiently or impatiently for it to come to pass. We all have times when we feel the ache, the longing, the discomfort, of waiting. Waiting tests not just our faith but our thinning patience.



A long season of waiting can indeed be painful and isolating, but it seems these seasons are simply a part of life, we cannot avoid them.

For a moment ponder the hours upon hours we spend waiting each week. Maybe, it's for the little things: waiting on the traffic light to turn green, the next episode to become available, the tea to brew, the queue to move faster. Sometimes, the waiting is unbearable and bewildering, like when you're waiting for God to heal someone you love.

Perhaps you want to push through the hard times, be strong, but instead, you find yourself paralysed in a waiting room miles from where you want to be. Waiting can feel like a weakness, especially in a culture that places a high value on making things happen and making them happen now. But waiting is not a weakness. It's actually empowering. There is something miraculous happening while we wait.

Psalm 27:14 says:

"Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord"

In The Message the same verse is paraphrased as:

"I'm sure now I'll see God's goodness in the exuberant earth. Stay with God! Take heart. Don't quit. I'll say it again: Stay with God."

God is strengthening *our hearts* while we wait!

Waiting when we have little control can feel vulnerable and dangerous. Yet sometimes, when we least expect it, we realise God might be doing something good in the middle of the wait. If you are feeling weary from waiting, remember that God may have you right where you need to be for reasons you can't quite yet see.

Sarah

YOUTH TRIP TO NEWCASTLE

On Tuesday 25th June, a trip for young people of secondary school age has been planned to celebrate the end of exams! The plan is to meet at the Crozier Hall at 4pm, travel to Murlough Beach for some games, then go can into Newcastle for a chip shop tea, ice cream and the dodgems! So that transport can be arranged, it would be really helpful if you could let Malcolm know if your son / daughter / ward would like to come by Friday 21st June.

A Consent Form is available from the Church Office or Parish Website :
www.stmarksarmagh.org



SUMMER MADNESS
28TH JUNE - 2ND JULY
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for more info :
www.stmarksarmagh.org

SUMMER MADNESS

It is still possible to book in for Summer Madness! We would love for more young people from our parish, as well as their friends, to come along and be part of our group. For more info. please visit our Parish Website, or speak to Christine Rountree, Michael Dickson, Ellie Dickson or Malcolm & Claire Kingston.

St Mark's Armagh



For more information
please contact Sarah

Tuesday 11th June
7:30pm

Join us in a local home as we gather together to connect, share in
God's word and grow in our relationship with Jesus

Everyone welcome!

BACK PACKERS HOLIDAY BIBLE CLUB

We are very much looking forward to this summer's Back Packers Holiday Bible Club which will take place from August 12th - 16th (10am - 12noon) in the Crozier Hall. Children of Primary School age (September 2024) are invited to join in the fun!

With a travel theme there will be plenty of exploring, fun and games, crafting and more as Back Packers journey through European Cities. As we do so, we will also be travelling with Jesus as he arrives in Jerusalem to his cross and glorious resurrection.

Consent Forms are available from our Parish Website and if you would like any further information please feel free to contact the Church Office (Tel. 02837 523197)

If you happen to have any props which are travel and Europe themed and potentially useful to us for decorating the Hall, we would be very glad to hear from you!

A group shall be meeting to prepare decorations on Wednesday 19th June (7pm). All help is very much welcomed.

Please do save the dates and encourage children along to our Holiday Bible



REACH MENTORING

This year, Reach mentors have worked in 46 schools across the ABC Council area and into Dungannon, mentoring over 700 young people experiencing difficult life circumstances.

However, without the support of over 70 volunteers in 2023/24, this work would simply not have been possible. Reach are currently accepting applications for volunteers for the next academic year.

To find out more about Reach mentoring do, please speak to the Rector or visit the Reach Mentoring website : <https://www.reachmentoring.co.uk/>

Application forms can be found on the Reach website also.

MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL

Each Monday night (8.15pm) a group from our Parish, as well as friends from other churches, meet to play football. For the month of June, we shall be playing at an outdoor venue each week. New players are always welcome to find out more, please speak to Mark Speers who is contactable via the Parish Office. Football will conclude for the summer on Monday 24th June.



THE FIRST THURSDAY CLUB

Our June meeting will take place on Thursday 6th June and will take the form of an Annual General Meeting, with some light entertainment afterwards. We hope that all our members will attend this meeting and participate in the proceedings, it will be held as usual in the Venue at the Crozier Hall at 2.30pm and everyone is welcome.

Ann

Please save the dates

Joy to the World!

Christmas Tree Festival



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December 2024

More info. coming soon!

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1ST TUESDAY HOLY COMMUNION SERVICES

A Holy Communion Service will take place in St Mark's on Tuesday 4th June at 11.30am.

Following the service it is our intention to go to the Charlemont Hotel for a light lunch.

As always, everyone is welcome to join us at any time.

If anyone would like to transport, please feel free to contact Malcolm or Sarah.



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BOWLING CLUB

We recently completed a tournament among ourselves.

The winner being Winston Montgomery and the runner up Harry Scott. Well done to both gentlemen!

Wishing all our members safe and happy summer and I looking forward to seeing you all at Bowling Club in September. *Anne*

Co. Armagh Memorial Wall : Remembrance Service

An annual service of remembrance for those named on the Co. Armagh Memorial Wall is planned to take place in St Mark's on Sunday 23rd June (3pm).

A very warm invitation is extended to anyone who would like to attend this service and refreshments will be offered in the Crozier hall afterwards. On this occasion there will not be a service in St Mark's at 7pm, however Evening Services will resume as normal on 30th June.

MEN'S GROUP

On Thursday 13th June (7pm) we are hoping to have a BBQ with a demonstration outside of the Crozier Hall. Mens of all ages are invited to come along and join us. To help us with catering needs, please telephone The Rectory (37522970) in advance. During the summer months it is hoped that we will arrange a walk in the Mourne. More details shall be available in the summer edition of Pinnacles



Armagh Rail Disaster Remembered

Sunday 9 June 2024
9.45am

Rail Disaster Memorial, The Mall, Armagh

A short act of remembrance for those who lost their lives following the rail disaster of 12 June 1889

<https://www.armaghmethodist.org/railway-disaster-1889>

CRICKET MATCH

MIXED TEAMS WITH OUR FRIENDS FROM THE MALL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

ON THE MALL

DATE TO BE CONFIRMED

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KEEPING IN TOUCH

Name : _____

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

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

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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. Please complete above if you would be willing for us to hold this information.

June Service Rota...

2nd : The 1st Sunday of Trinity

8.30am : Holy Communion
10.30am : Children's Day Service
7.00pm : Evening Prayer

16th : The 3rd Sunday of Trinity

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

30th : The 5th Sunday of Trinity

8.30am : Holy Communion
10.30am : Morning Prayer
Reader : Mervyn Adamson
7.00pm : Evening Prayer

9th : The 2nd Sunday of Trinity

8.30am : Holy Communion
10.30am : Morning Prayer
Reader : Heather Chambers
7.00pm : Evening Prayer
7.00pm : The Well

23rd : The 4th Sunday of Trinity

8.30am : Holy Communion
10.30am : Morning Prayer
Reader : Maureen Watt
3.00pm : Co Armagh Memorial Wall Service

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Leah Magee and Simon Mitchell
Pictured following their wedding
on Friday 3rd May

FLOWER ROTA

9th & 16th June : Bertie Speers
23rd & 30th June : Vacant

FONT : Ian McMordie



Thank you to everyone who provides flowers for our Church. If you would like to contribute please add your name to the lists in the Church Porch.

Safeguarding Trust Parish Panel

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For any Safeguarding concerns or enquiries,
please feel free to contact us



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Pinnacles notes for June are due
in the Church Office no later than

Thursday 20th June

Thank you!



CHURCH RECORDS

Holy Baptism

5th May : Charlie Guy Gillis Noot

12th May : Ivy Jean Edna Gillespie-Miller

Service of Thanksgiving for the life of :

Ethel Elizabeth Megarity (3rd May)

Winifred Anna Dickson (9th May)

*Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord. They are
blessed indeed, says the Spirit for they rest from their
labours. Rev. 14v13*

HOSPITAL VISITS

If you or a member of your family
or a friend from our Parish are in
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Thank You.

BACKPACKERS REGISTRATION FORM

Please sign one consent form per child attending

Child's name:

Address:

Date of Birth:

Primary class Sept 24:

GP Name & Telephone:

Emergency contact name & number:

Please state any medical condition/allergies:

I consent to my child's photograph being taken for St Mark's
publicity both in print & online ☐ Yes ☐ No

I confirm that I have parental responsibility and have given consent for my child to attend the Backpackers Holiday Bible Club from August 12th-16th 2024. 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.

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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HOLIDAY CLUB

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St Mark's Holiday Bible Club
Mon 12th - Fri 16th August (10am - 12noon)
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