

St Patrick's Parish News



Teamwork

TEAM



Together Everyone Accomplishes More

Spring 2024

GENERAL

EASTER VESTRY

MEETING



General Vestry/Church AGM

St Patrick's Church Hall

Thursday 24th April 2024

At 8pm



**EVERY 2ND AND 4TH THURSDAY
OF THE MONTH
AT THE RECTORY
(49 RECTORY GARDENS) AT
8PM**



The Rector writes.....

I write this following the restarting of the growth groups; it was wonderful to come together, to read, pray and encourage one another. Last Sunday, I watched as our children ran around the hall playing. On Wednesday, the Together at Ten congregation came together for communion and continued chatting over coffee afterwards. These experiences got me thinking about two questions: what makes our Church family special, and secondly, how is Church culture formed? The answer to both of those questions is the same: the people.

The Church is directed and formed by its 'family' - the people who make it such a vibrant community, embracing all generations, and encouraging one another to walk with God. And I see this at Together at Ten, at Morning Call, and in the growth group meeting.

Our Church charter is set out in Hebrews 10:14-15: *"...let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another - and all the more as you see the Day approaching..."*.

As a Church family, we are expected to be a community which supports and encourages one another, urging those in it to grow in their relationship with God and to be more like Jesus Christ. This requires us all to play a part in the family. We need to use our abilities and talents to this end.

Our Church is formed and shaped by the behaviour of its members; if we want our church to grow, it falls to all of us to nurture the growth, to encourage others and to be servants to all. Mahatma Gandhi once said *"...be the change you hope to see..."* and claimed *"...we but mirror the world. All the tendencies present in the outer world are to be found in the world of our body. If we could change ourselves, the tendencies in the world would also change. As a man changes his own nature, so does the attitude of the world change towards him..."*. In other words, make the change you want to see.

Our Church is special because the people in it make it special, and I pray that more people will find their place and encourage others to grow to be more like Jesus.

Your Friend and Rector

together

WE CAN MAKE
A DIFFERENCE

Andrew

Parish Register

Holy Baptism

21st January 2024

Myles Andrew Reuben Duddy

Son of Sam and Laura Duddy







We ended last term with 'Breakfast with Santa', our Christmas party in the Sports' Hut, and, last but not least, our nativity.

After a well-earned break, we got off to a busy start in January learning about the Pharisee and the Tax Collector, the Widow's Coins, the ten lepers, King Hezekiah and Jonah. We had lots of fun with games and crafts and made heart-shaped pancakes for Valentine's Day!

As we approach Easter, we will be learning about '*The Great Parade*' and Jesus' entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday; '*An Important Meal*', Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples; '*A Dreadful Day*', Good Friday, Jesus' death on the cross and, finally, '*A Happy Day*', Easter Sunday when Jesus was raised from the dead.

If you would like to help your child to practise some of their learning, then here are a few ways:

	Chat about what your child learnt in Sunday Club on the way home or on the way to school.
	When together at meal times, ask your child what they learnt from the stories at Sunday Club.
	Quiz your child on what they remember about the Bible stories they were told. How can these stories help us in our lives?
	' <i>The Lion Storyteller Bible</i> ' is a great Bible to use or you can find short video clips on Youtube.

Thank you as always for your continued support.

Special thanks to our young helpers, Megan, Lauren, Alexis and Katie who come faithfully each week.

Lyndsay, Anne, Stephen, Joanne and Pauline

"...Train up a child in the way he should go and, when he is old, he will not depart from it..." Proverbs 22:6



SPY

(St Patrick's Youth) is our Youth Fellowship organisation for young people from 11 years old and upwards. We meet on the 2nd and 4th Sunday evening of each month from 7:30pm to 9:00pm.

We are delighted to say that our numbers are continuing to grow, and we currently have between 20-25 young people who attend faithfully each meeting.

We celebrated the end of last year with our Christmas outing to Raceview Karting followed by pizza in the church hall. A group of young people and leaders also attended the Diocesan Christmas Event 'A Very Connor Christmas' in Portglenone Parish Centre. This was a great opportunity to meet up with other young people across the Diocese for an evening of fun and fellowship.

We recently had Francis from the 'Fearless' project come and talk about 'Summer Madness' which we hope some of us will be able to attend once again in July.

Thank you as always for your continued support.



Please remember to pray for all of our children and young people within our Church family, Sunday Club and SPY.

Derek, Mavis, Gavin, Stephen, Steven, Emma and Pauline



YOUTH BIBLE STUDY

'SPY in the Morning' is a bible study group allowing young people to explore Christianity and ask questions. We start with coffee, tea, snacks and chat, and then look at what the bible says.

This term we are looking at the Youth Alpha programme so if, you are aged 11 to 15years, come along every 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month from 10.00am to 11.00am.

Our AGM was held in January and the guest speaker was our Deacon, Revd Mel Sloan. Her account of her journey to ordination was extremely interesting and inspiring, and we appreciated her giving up her valuable time to be with us.



The Christmas pyjama appeal resulted in sixty-eight pairs of being donated for the Women's Aid refuge in Ballymena. Thank you all for your generosity. Some members visited the refuge to hand over the pyjamas. We hope we can find new ways to continue supporting the work of Women's Aid in the future.

On Advent Sunday, the Rector signed the Church Pledge in support of the Mothers' Union RISE UP Against Domestic Abuse challenge. Our commitment to advertising helplines and support services for those suffering abuse and our support for Women's Aid meant that St Patrick's was awarded the Bronze Award of the challenge. We are the first church in Ireland to achieve this – something of which we should all be proud. We hope to continue responding to the challenge and to achieve the Silver Award in due course.



In 1887 Annabella Hayes set up the first branch of the Mothers' Union in Ireland. A celebration of Annabella Hayes Day was held over Zoom in February with guest speaker Baroness Ritchie, the All Ireland Mothers' Union Chaplain, Archdeacon Stephen McBride and Rev Claire Thompson of All Saints' Parish. The service can be viewed at <https://www.connormothersunion.org/our-founder>

Mothers' Union meets on the 4th Wednesday of every month (except July and August) at 8pm in the Stoney Room. All are welcome.

In March we will join in the Holy Week service in the church.

Forthcoming MU Events

Diocesan Festival Service - 21st April at 3.30pm at Belfast Cathedral.
'The Joy of Crochet' with a guest speaker – 24th April (details to be announced).

Spring Diocesan Council - 25th April at 7.30pm (venue tbc).

Songs of Praise - 19th May at 3pm in All Saints' Parish Church, Antrim an opportunity for members and friends to join in singing some favourite hymns. The offering will be for the 'Mums in May' Fund which supports projects throughout Ireland.

Holy Communion Service - 6th June at 7.30pm in All Saints' Parish Church, Antrim.

You can find out more about what is happening in Mothers' Union, in Connor Diocese, Ireland and Worldwide by going to

www.connormothersunion.org or www.mothersunion.ie



**24 HOUR
DOMESTIC &
SEXUAL ABUSE
HELPLINE
0808 802 1414**

If you, or someone else,
is in immediate danger,
ring 999, otherwise
you can reach the police
24/7 on **101** or at
www.psni.police.uk



Extract from Belfast Cathedral 120 – Chairs Appeal

“...On Sunday 2nd June 2024 St Anne’s Cathedral Belfast will mark the 120th Anniversary of the Consecration of the Nave of the cathedral on 2nd June 1904. We have launched our Cathedral 120 Chairs Appeal to replace the old wooden chairs of the Nave with 500 quality comfortable, moveable and stackable new chairs. I am therefore writing to ask if you would donate a chair. The cost per chair is £150 (or for a personal donation by an individual £120 & Gift Aid). The names of all to be remembered through the gift of a chair will be recorded together in a memorial plaque placed in the nave of the cathedral...”.

The Select Vestry agreed to pay for three chairs.



**Your Church
needs
YOU**

- ☐ We need able-body volunteers to help look after the Church grounds and, most importantly, enjoy the craic and comradery that comes with it.

Can you help with cutting grass, weeding, guttering.

It's a great way to support the Church and take an active role in our church family.

Please speak to the Glebe Wardens or the Rector.



Foodbank

Thank you to all who have contributed to our foodbank appeal over the last few months. However, the need remains great, so please keep your donations coming, using the foodbank boxes in the church porch or in the church hall foyer. Those who run the North Ballymena Foodbank, based in Ballyloughan Presbyterian Church, really appreciate our support.

The new year brought a new topic for our Rainbow Unit – Take Action and Making Change! Over the past few weeks the girls have been learning about charities, looking after our environment and ways to welcome others and show kindness.



In learning about charities, the girls brought in a range of goods to donate to the local foodbank. They learned the types of goods we can donate to help charities raise funds or support those in need. Thank you, girls, for your generosity.

Another highlight was making pizza. The girls stretched out their own dough, added sauce and a selection of toppings. They learned that everyone has different tastes, likes and dislikes, but can all have fun together and celebrate the things that make us unique.

We also celebrated World Thinking Day: the theme this year focused on Climate Change, and we learnt about recycling. The girls learnt how to make paper from egg cartons. It was great fun, and the girls will get to use the paper they made during a craft night in future.



We also had a visit from Wee Critters, meeting and handling(!) a cockroach, tarantula, toad, snake, a pygmy tortoise, mouse, barn owl and skunk! The girls were great with many of them conquering their uncertainty about the weird and wonderful critters they saw. It was great fun thanks to Alan.

Lori

SPONSORED WALK

As part of the fundraising for seven guides/rangers from Broughshane going on international camps in summer 2024, the Rector has agreed to take part in a sponsored walk to the top of Trostan, the highest point in Antrim, on Saturday 13th April. Please sponsor him on this venture – forms can be found in the church porch, with Andrew or any leader.



St Patrick's (Broughshane) Brownie Guide Unit



The Brownie Unit was very busy in December with Christmas floral arrangements and a cinema trip with Cullybackey Girlguiding units to see Disney's 'Wish'. It was so lovely to see the different creative arrangements that the girls created.



After the Christmas break we got straight back into planning activities for the new term and the girls picked some fantastic topics. We have learnt about past and future ways of transport, our solar system, recycling and we played memory games. 'Trash Fashion' was one of our favourite evenings with the girls performing a catwalk at the end with their creations.

One of our Brownies achieved her Bronze Award this term, which takes a lot of hard work and dedication to achieve.



World Thinking Day crept up very quickly and it was a great way to 'travel' the world with the Brownies. The rest of the term is packed full of creative activities, along with Mother's Day and Easter crafts to look forward to.

Laura, Emma, Geraldine & Laura

Guides

St Patrick's (Broughshane)

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We finished the Winter term by making cards and decorations to sell at the Broughshane Christmas fair to help raise funds for girls going on international trips in the summer. We made another cinema trip to see 'Wish' and had some fun and games.

This term we have been tapping into our creative side with UMA 'Take Action - Awful Adverts': we had to try and come up with a good marketing approach for the sale of a single shoe and a pen that had run out of ink. We went on an adventure and made breakfast which we would be able to eat in space. There was not a zip lock bags in sight, so it was quite a challenge, and we probably wouldn't have passed a real space test.



We designed a TV show with us as the main character - some were comedies, others, dramas. We collected leaves and created wax patterns that we then transferred onto candles to take home. We celebrated Chinese New Year by making Chinese lanterns and dragons. We learnt how to write our name in Chinese and about some of the foods and symbolism that is attached to them.

We will be holding a fundraising Table Quiz in The Thatch on Wednesday 20th March at 8pm. Please come along if you can. Teams of no more than six with a charge of £5 per head.

Thank you to the local businesses which have donated prizes or are sponsoring rounds, and also to quiz masters Robert and Sally McBurney - it's sure to be a great evening's entertainment.



If you would like to join us or know more, please reach out.

Yours in Guiding
Hannah, Emma, Carrie, Geraldine

Slemish Look Wider Group – Ranger Guide Unit

In December we made Christmas cards and gifts to be sold at a craft fair in Houston's Mill raising funds for those going on International Camps. We completed interest badges, uploaded evidence for DofE Gold award, and finished the year with a games night.



We started January with a planning meeting. We completed 'Change the Chat'; an activity based on Chinese whispers. 22nd February is World Thinking Day, a day special in Guiding when we remember our founder and celebrate being part of a vast international community. We completed activities from countries around the world, including making Worry dolls from Guatemala and playing Achi, a West African game.

As part of our fundraising for three Rangers heading overseas in the summer, Geraldine, Cathy and mums and the girls spent two days in Tesco in Ballymena raising over £500. We thank those parents who took part and also Ronny in Tesco.

Cathy & Geraldine



GIRLGUIDING LEADER RECEIVES MAJOR AWARD

We congratulate Geraldine on receiving the Laurel Award. It is the second-highest honour in Girlguiding and is awarded for an outstanding contribution to guiding.

Geraldine was presented with the award on Saturday 17th February by the Chief Guide Tracy Foster at a surprise reception in Lorne. Geraldine has dedicated her life to Girlguiding for over fifty-five years and is a truly unique person.

She supports and develops leaders, while making sure the girls have access to all the opportunities Girlguiding provides.

We thank her for everything she has done to nurture Guiding in Broughshane and beyond.



Hannah and Cathy



Kindness

doesn't cost a thing,
yet it's the richest gift
you can give.



TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE
IN SOMEONE'S LIFE, YOU
DON'T HAVE TO BE BRILLIANT,
RICH, BEAUTIFUL, OR PERFECT.
YOU JUST HAVE TO CARE

St Patrick's Broughshane Beavers



Beavers started this term by finishing the Cooking Badge. They made mini pizzas and fruit salads. Big thanks to our young leader, Christopher, for organising the fruit salad activity.



At the end of January, Beavers undertook three science experiments as part of the Experiment badge. They made lava lamps, colour wheels and cress salad heads. We followed this by celebrating Burns night with our own Highland Games.

Beavers threw haggis, tossed a caber and learnt a Scottish jig. We finished the celebration with hot chocolate and Scottish shortbread.

In February, we marked Valentines Day by decorating heart cookies and making love bugs. We also learnt about Scout founder, Robert Baden



Powell, and Beaver Scouts from Australia, New Zealand, Hong Kong and Canada.

We are looking forward to continuing work on the Communicator badge in March and joining the rest of the District for a District Beaver Hike in April.

Mags & Lyndsay



St Patrick's Broughshane Scout Group



In November the Cubs, Scouts & Explorers travelled by train to the SSE Arena to see a Friendship Series 2024 ice hockey match.

The Explorers selected to complete Silver & Gold DofE

expeditions in the Dordogne in France in July have attended three district training nights in preparation. Bronze DofE certificates were presented to four Explorers this term, making five in total for this year. Well done all.



*Derek McKillop
Explorer Leader*

Safeguarding Trust Panel

Sandra Adams
Andrew Campbell (Rector)
Andrew Kennedy
Victoria Thompson

Sunday Club (Primary Schoolers) Lyndsay Williamson	Rainbow Guides Lori Hartman	Beavers Margaret Carson Lyndsay Craig
SPY Andrew Campbell	Brownie Guides Emma Taggart Laura Barr Geraldine Linford	Cubs Carrie Harish
Mothers' Union Cathy Doig	Guides Hannah Aldridge Geraldine Linford Emma Taggart	Scouts Derek McKillop
Tots Cathy Doig Emma Erwin	Ranger Guides Cathy McCaig Geraldine Linford	Explorers Derek McKillop

We don't
always have
to agree with
one another
but it's
important
that we learn
to respect
each other.



Never stop doing little
things for others.
Sometimes those little
things occupy the
biggest part of their
hearts.



Who's Who at St Patrick's	
Rector	Andrew Campbell
Hon. Secretary	Richard Reade
Hon. Treasurer	Sarah Gamble
Church Wardens	(Rector's) Dennis Taylor
	(People's) Beth Clyde
Glebe Wardens	(Rector's) Alan Brown
	(People's) Steven Young
Fire Warden	James Linford
Sanctuary Flowers	
Catering Committee	Suzanne Beckett
Heating	Derek Mills-Westley
Magazine Editor	Geraldine Linford

Select Vestry

Rector, Church Wardens, Glebe Wardens, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer, Suzanne Beckett, Anne Brownlee, Tommy Douglas, Emma Erwin, Geraldine Linford, Gavin Mark, Kathryn McGall, Jonny Nelson, Julie Thompson, Stephen Tuff.

One day you will
wake up and there
won't be any more
time to do the things
you've always wanted.
Do it now!

**"In a world that can shake
you upside down,
don't let your smile
become a frown.
Know your worth
and straighten that crown!"**

Church Services

Sundays



Holy Communion: 1st Sunday of the month at 11:30am

Morning Prayer: 2nd & 4th Sunday of the month at 11:30am

Morning Call: 2nd & 4th Sunday of the month at 10:00am
in the Church Hall with Tea and Coffee

Family Service: 3rd Sunday of the month at 11:30am

Facebook and YouTube Weblinks are available on
www.stpatricksbroughshane.com/online-sunday-service

Radio: Church Services are broadcast on short wave 27.60 Frequency 27 MHz

Wednesdays

Together at Ten: Holy Communion (Form1) at 10:00am

Services will continue to be available on Facebook, YouTube, the website and by telephone after 1pm on Sunday on **028 2517 0014**
(calls are charged at local rate)



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Articles for the Summer 2024 edition
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Please email them to

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