

# Broadwater Beacon

Aghalee Parish News  
Sept - Nov 2022



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*Praise  
God  
for the  
Harvest*



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# Prayers for the Royal Family

Almighty God,  
we bring our thanks and praise today  
for your servant, Her late Majesty,  
Queen Elizabeth the Second;  
We thank you for her happy and glorious reign,  
for the choicest gifts you poured upon her as our Sovereign;  
for her faithful service to her people and to you, her God;  
for the example she left us and for the witness she bore.  
In your mercy, may she rest in your eternal peace,  
with all those who have gone before us in your kingdom;  
and may we know your comfort in our sadness and grief. **Amen.**



O GOD, who provides for your people by your power,  
and rules over them in love;  
Bless your servant our King, Charles III,  
that under him this nation may be wisely governed,  
and your Church may serve you in all godly quietness ;  
and grant that he, being devoted to you with his whole heart,  
and persevering in good works unto the end,  
may, by your guidance, come to your everlasting kingdom;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

Almighty God, the fountain of all goodness,  
we humbly beseech thee to bless His Majesty King Charles III,  
the Queen Consort Camilla, the Princes William and Harry  
and all the Royal Family:  
Endow them with your Holy Spirit;  
enrich them with your heavenly grace;  
prosper them with all happiness;  
and bring them to thine everlasting kingdom;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Merciful God, whose wisdom is beyond our understanding,  
We pray for all those who have recently been bereaved  
and especially we remember the Royal Family:  
Lord, surround them with your love,  
that they may not be overwhelmed by their loss,  
but have confidence in your goodness  
and strength to meet the days to come.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**





## **HARVEST THANKSGIVING Sunday 9th OCTOBER**

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**11:00am Harvest Family Service**

*A family-oriented service;  
we hope children will attend with families.*



*A soup lunch will be served in the hall after  
the morning service - please sign the sheet in  
the porch to help us estimate numbers; but all  
are welcome on the day.*

*If you're not helping to provide food, a small  
donation is always appreciated!*

**6:30pm Evening Prayer**

**Preacher: Rev Angus McCullough**  
*Magheragall Presbyterian*

*... followed by a wee cuppa!*

### **DECORATING ...**

As always - flowers, foliage, fruit and  
vegetables will be needed; and volunteers to  
decorate or help with soup lunch.

*Full details as announced in church.*

As Harvest approaches, the Select Vestry are asking for a generous response to our annual Harvest Appeal. Once again this year, the appeal is in aid of the restoration of Holy Trinity church, and the wider Heritage Project promoting the history and heritage of our parish area.

You will be aware that completion of the restoration work has been delayed for a few months - this is due to some problems arising with the slow drying out of the plaster.

However, having recently met the architect, the Select Vestry are optimistic that the work can be completed by the end of this year. The other aspects of the Heritage Project will continue throughout 2023 (see the Heritage Project Update).

We would appeal for your continued generosity to enable us to complete this project and to meet the remaining costs. We are well on the way to raising the funds needed - but we're not quite there yet!

The parishioners of Aghalee have always shown great generosity in the past. I hope that you will continue to do so - to ensure that our church property remains in good condition for the benefit of all our members and the wider community. It reflects well on our parish; and it brings glory to God.

On behalf of the Select Vestry - I'd like to thank you in anticipation of a generous response to this Harvest Appeal.

Please place your contribution in the envelope provided with this magazine, and put it on the collection plate at our harvest service, or any service in the weeks ahead. (Spare envelopes are available in the church hall.)

*Thank you for your generosity  
to our Harvest Appeal*



At Harvest season, we give thanks to God for the food we enjoy. However, it is also a time when we should remember those who are less fortunate than us. This year, we are more conscious than ever that many people in our local community are facing hardship due to the increase in energy prices and the rising cost of living.

With that in mind, I would like to commend two local charities which provide practical help to those in need -

**Christians Against Poverty and Foodbank (Lisburn/Craigavon).**

CAP provide support and guidance for those struggling with financial difficulties - if you, or anyone you know, could use their help - please contact CAP, using the details below.

*A collection box for Lisburn Foodbank will be placed in the church hall porch from Harvest Sunday onwards. If you would like to make a donation - please simply place it in the box any Sunday. Norman Crone (who volunteers at Lisburn Foodbank), will then ensure that the donations are collected regularly and taken to the Foodbank.*

**HOW FOODBANKS WORK:** Every day people in the UK go hungry for reasons ranging from redundancy to receiving an unexpected bill on a low income. A simple box of food makes a big difference, with foodbanks helping prevent crime, housing loss, family breakdown & mental health problems.

**FOOD IS DONATED:** Schools, churches, businesses and individuals donate non-perishable, in-date food to a foodbank. Large collections often take place as part of Harvest Festival celebrations and food is also collected at supermarkets. .



**FOOD IS SORTED & STORED:** Volunteers sort food to check that it's in date and pack it into boxes ready to be given to people in need. Over 40,000 people give up their time to volunteer at foodbanks.

**PROFESSIONALS IDENTIFY THOSE IN NEED:** Foodbanks partner with a range of care professionals e.g. Citizen's Advice, doctors, health visitors, social workers and police - to identify people who are genuinely in need, and issue them with a foodbank voucher.

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**CAP**

**Christians  
Against Poverty**  
helps those who are facing financial difficulties or debt, struggling to find work or just need a bit of help budgeting.

CAP can provide a home visit, work out a realistic budget to prioritise your essential bills and can negotiate affordable payments with creditors. If you, or anyone you know, face financial problems - contact CAP ...

Ph: 0800 328 0006

Web: [capuk.org](http://capuk.org)

... or for CAP NI ...

Email: [northernireland@capuk.org](mailto:northernireland@capuk.org)

Phone: 028 9527 7964

Address: 103-113 Ravenhill Road,  
Belfast, BT4 2DH

**CLIENTS RECEIVE FOOD:** Foodbank clients bring their voucher to a foodbank centre where it can be redeemed for three days' emergency food. Volunteers meet clients over a warm drink or free hot meal and are able to signpost people to agencies able to solve the longer-term problem.

**A TYPICAL FOOD PARCEL INCLUDES:** breakfast cereal; soup; rice; pasta; pasta sauce; tinned beans; tinned meat; tinned veg; tinned fruit; tea/coffee; sugar; biscuits & snacks.

**URGENTLY NEEDED ITEMS:** UHT milk; sugar; coffee; custard; rice pudding; diluting juice; jam; biscuits; small boxes of washing powder; nappies; washing-up liquid.

For info: <https://lisburn.foodbank.org.uk/>



**Sunday 13th November**

**11:30am in the Church Hall**

*please note the slightly later time*

*(to be confirmed).*

## *From the Parish Registers*

### *Holy Baptism*

31st July **Anna** Caroline Montgomery

– daughter of Adam & Rebecca

7th Aug **Daisy** Rose Nedza

– daughter of Caroline & Jack

14th Aug **Elliot** Charles Ian Cowley

– son of John & Sheelagh

### *Christian Burial*

26th May **John** Nelson Russell

7th June **Henrietta** Luney

6th Aug **Olive** Laird

27th Aug **Samuel (Sammy)** Glover

13th Sept **Evelyn Mary (May)** Bird

*We offer our sincere condolences  
and prayerful sympathy  
to all who mourn the loss  
of a loved one.*

## ROLL OF HONOUR

As a part of the Heritage Project, David Twigg has been collating the details of those parishioners who lost their lives in the various wars and conflicts of the 20th century and beyond and who are listed on the Parish War Memorial. We are grateful to David for his research on this; but there is one piece of the jigsaw missing - David writes:

*The details of the 12 parishioners killed during the First World War are well documented in volumes compiled by the Church of Ireland and are available in Belfast Cathedral. The details of those who lost their lives in 'The Troubles' are well researched in an official publication 'Lost Lives.' The Irish Guards have provided details of Guardsman Trevor Bell's death in Aden in 1967.*

*The Parish War Memorial lists four men who lost their lives as a result of the Second World War. They are:*

**Ernest Houston** who died in India in 1946 following service in the RAF.

**Norman Mallon** killed serving with the Irish Guards in the Netherlands in 1944.

**George Martin** killed serving with the Royal Ulster Rifles in France in 1944.

*The 4th WW2 casualty is listed as 'Charles Faloon – RN Ret'd'.*

*So far research with the Commonwealth War Graves Commission (CWGC) and the Belfast War Memorial Museum has failed to identify this man.*

*It has been suggested that a man of this name was living in Alvin Reid's house, which is now part of the Beeches Nursing Home, before the outbreak of the war. It has been confirmed that a man of this name was not a victim of the Belfast Blitz*

**If anyone can help to identify this man and the cause or date of his death, please contact David Twigg (ph: 028 9265 0216)**



# SOLDIERSTOWN TOTS

Our Mums & Tots group is beginning again under a new name - 'Soldierstown Tots'. The new name (which was already in use any way!) reflects the fact that the group is for all TOTS (all pre-school children) and their grown-ups. Mums are still welcome, of course - but so are dads, grannies, grandas, carers, child-minders etc! **Soldierstown Tots** will meet in the Youth Hall behind Holy Trinity Church (Soldierstown) each Monday morning from 10:30am - 12noon. There will be lots of toys, games, songs, snacks, fun and friendship. All TOTS and their responsible adults are welcome! For info: Contact Ina Watson - 07759404964.

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The Bible talks about the Church as a body with many parts - each part (i.e. each person) playing their part, using the gifts and talents that God has given them to serve Him.

In most areas of parish life, we rely on volunteers freely giving their time and talents in service to God and His church. Indeed, very little would happen in parish life, without the generosity of our volunteers.

### *Thank you to all who help in any way!*

However, if we are to see our parish continue to develop - more help is always needed.

Volunteers are currently needed in the following areas ...

- Counting the Free-Will offering
- Sunday morning tea-rotas
- Catering team for parish events
- Leadership of CLB / Sunday School
- furthering the Heritage Project
- operating A/V equipment for services
- delivering magazines
- reading lessons.

If you can help with any of these please speak to the church-wardens or rector.



## Parish

## Choir

Choir practice have begun again, in preparation Harvest; meeting each Thursday in the Church Hall at 7:30pm.

The choir are always looking for new members - so, all singers welcome!

Please speak to Vivien for more info.

**Sunday School** - leaders are meeting soon to make plans for Sunday School; meanwhile activity sheets are available on the children's table every Sunday.

Families are encouraged to attend with children; especially for Harvest and other family services.

(see back cover for service schedule)

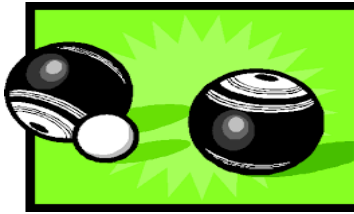
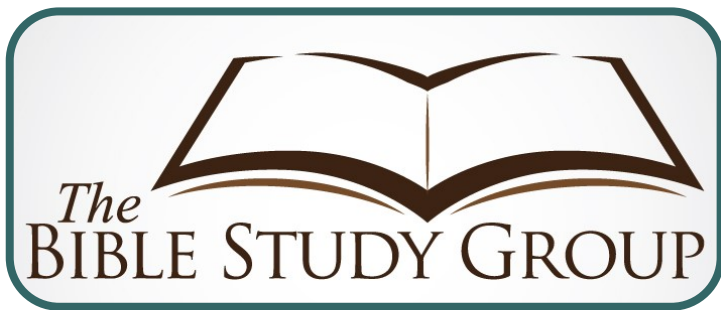


## Jigsaw

Connecting God's Big Picture



A cup of tea / coffee is available every Sunday before the service - from about 10:15am. Why not come early and enjoy a chat with friends.



## Soldierstown Bowling Club

The bowling club will begin their new season on Wednesday 21st September at 8pm in the main church hall. Anyone interested in bowling will be made most welcome. The club plays in the Lisburn Zone league and, at present, all matches are being played 'away'. Therefore, the club are not in the hall every Wednesday evening - however, further information can be obtained from - *Jim McLorn (Ph: 07816067913)*

We hope to begin the midweek fellowship / Bible Study Group again on **Wednesday 12th October**, and to continue each Wednesday evening at 8pm (full details as announced later). The venue is the Parochial Hall (opposite Graham's Chip Shop in Aghalee; not at Soldierstown). Everyone is welcome.

## GROWING GOD'S KINGDOM WITH GIFTS & LEGACIES -

The Diocese of Down & Dromore have recently produced a series of leaflets on various subjects - including ...

**'Honouring the Memory'**: Giving to God's church in memory of a loved one.

**'Invest in God's Kingdom'** - by leaving a legacy; with information about how to remember the church in your will.

Please pick up a copy from the table in the hall porch.

It's very easy to just walk past posters on the notice-board or leaflets on the table; but there is usually a lot of useful information there - so why not stop occasionally, browse and pick-up. A variety of leaflets on other subjects are available.



## Girls' Friendly Society

GFS will begin again on Monday 3rd October, 7-8:15pm in the Youth Hall.

We welcome girls from 3 years upwards to come along and join in the fun and games, craft-work, bible stories, and much more.

**New members welcome!**

Contact: *Elizabeth Hull (07813542076) or Alison Walker (07894008995)*



## Church Lads' Brigade

CLB are appealing for volunteer leaders who can help out - 2hrs per week; ~20 weeks p.a. If you can help, please speak to Rev Paul.

If we have a complement of leaders, CLB will aim to begin again from Monday 10th October; each Monday evening 7-8:15pm in the church hall. CLB is open to boys aged 4 (P1) upwards; all sections meet together and **new members are always welcome.**



# Heritage Project & Restoration Update

The restoration work to Holy Trinity Church has been delayed in recent months due to some problems arising with the slow drying out of the plaster. Although there has been no further work carried out during the summer, Select Vestry representatives have met several times with the builder and architect, to keep matters under review.

Following the most recent meeting, we are optimistic that the work can resume soon on the finishing touches to plaster and paint-work. Once that work is complete, it will take just a few more weeks to complete the organ restoration; to install the audio-visual equipment; and to fit carpets and other fittings.

Meanwhile, some progress is being made with other aspects of the Heritage Project...

**Heritage Archive:** we continue gathering old photographs of parish events and activities - please bring your old photos to the 'Bring & Share Photo Evening' on 27th Sept (see opposite). We've also been gathering information and articles about the heritage of the parish area.

**Heritage Talks / Information Evenings:** We are planning a series of evening talks about local heritage topics. Raising awareness of our local heritage is a major aim of our project; we would, therefore, encourage all parishioners to attend these evenings - and to spread the word and bring others with you.

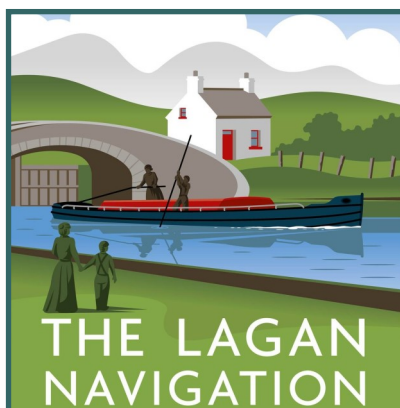
*The first talk will be given by Brenda Turnbull of the Lagan Navigation Trust - telling the story of the Lagan Navigation and the role it has played in our local area (details below).*

**Computerising grave & burial records:** The information from the register of graves has been transferred to computer for future storage and easier access. Work has also begun on transcribing the register of burials.

**Interpretation Panels & Information Leaflets:** Leaflets have already been drafted and we are currently working on the design and information for the interpretation panels which will be erected to tell the story of our parish heritage.

**Heritage Festival:** Plans are underway for a weekend-long Heritage Festival to be held late next year; to round off the entire Heritage Project. More details soon.

**Concert:** The concert by Kerygma Choir which was planned for October has now been postponed until spring 2023.



Aghalee Parish Heritage Project  
invite you to an evening with  
**The Lagan Navigation Trust**

Speaker: Brenda Turnbull (LNT)  
in Soldierstown Church Hall  
on Tuesday 15th November at 7:30pm

*All Welcome.*





## *Bring & Share Old Photos Evening*

As part of our Heritage Project, we would like to create an archive of old pictures of parish organisations, activities or events

Do you have any old photos that could be included in our archive? Please look out your old photographs and bring them along to our 'photo-sharing' evening –

**Tues 27<sup>th</sup> Sept, 7:30pm  
in the Church Hall**

when you can show your pics to others – and allow us to scan them to computer. We will try to scan as many as possible on the night - but if you can allow us to hold on to them for a while, that would be appreciated. All photos will be returned to their owners (please ensure that your name is marked on photo wallets / albums etc).



## *Safeguarding Trust*

the Church of Ireland's Code of Good Practice.

The Rector, Select Vestry and organisation leaders are committed to uphold good practice in the parish's ministry with children and young people.

Should you have any concerns regarding child welfare in the parish, please contact a member of the Parish Panel :

- **Rev Paul McAdam (92 09 09 89)**
- **Mrs Ina Watson (9261 1279)**
- **Mrs Joy Frazer (9265 1857)**

Alternatively, you may contact the following statutory agencies:

- **Social Services: Gateway Team  
Lisburn Ph: 0300 1000 300  
Craigavon Ph: 0800 7837 745**
- **PSNI Public Protection Unit Ph: 101**
- **N.S.P.C.C. Ph: 0808 800 5000**

The Select Vestry has responsibility, in regard to 'Safeguarding Trust', for matters such as insurance and the safety & condition of parish premises.

Should you have a concern which you feel is the responsibility of the Select Vestry, please contact the secretary or one of the churchwardens (see front cover for contact details).



**ABOVE:** Many of our members were among the group of 34 who travelled to Austria during August and attended the Passion Play at Oberammergau. Pictured here at Stams Abbey near Innsbruck.

**BELOW:** Eight of our younger members were confirmed by Bishop David McClay at a service held in the Church Hall on 19th June. Also confirmed, Ainslie McMullan (Shankill Parish; front centre); and included in picture is Rev Mark Harvey (rector of Shankill)





On Sunday 5th June, we were able to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee - remembering Queen Elizabeth II under happier circumstances. Here's a selection of photos from our Jubilee lunch and the tree-planting in the rectory garden...



Thank you to everyone who helped organise our Platinum Jubilee event

## Services for Sept - Dec 2022

25/09/2022	Trinity 15	Morning Prayer
02/10/2022	Trinity 16	Holy Communion
09/10/2022	HARVEST THANKSGIVING	11AM HARVEST FAMILY SERVICE 6:30PM HARVEST EVENING - Preacher: Rev Angus McCullough Magheragall Presbyterian
16/10/2022	Trinity 18	Morning Prayer
23/10/2022	Trinity 19	ENROLMENT SERVICE (TBC)
30/10/2022	Trinity 20	Morning Prayer
06/11/2022	Trinity 21	Holy Communion
13/11/2022	REMEMBRANCE	11:30AM REMEMBRANCE SERVICE
20/11/2022	Sunday before Advent	Morning Prayer
27/11/2022	ADVENT SUNDAY	ADVENT FAMILY SERVICE
04/12/2022	Advent 2	Holy Communion
11/12/2022	Advent 3	Morning Prayer
18/12/2022	Advent 4	11AM NATIVITY SERVICE 6:30PM CAROL SERVICE (TBC)
25/12/2022	CHRISTMAS DAY	10AM CHRISTMAS SERVICE

**All Services - Sunday @ 11am (unless stated otherwise)**  
**Our online service is available on Youtube each Sunday.**  
**All are welcome to worship with us.**

### Beacon Distribution

Broadwater Beacon is distributed to every household listed as members/subscribers of Aghalee Parish - your name should be on a sticker on the front cover. If you did not receive a named copy, then your household may not be on the parish list. Please let the rector know about any changes needed to the parish records; so that our list of parishioners / subscribers can be updated.

Notes for next magazine should be with the rector by Sunday 20th November 2022.

### Grave Maintenance

The Select Vestry wish to remind everyone that maintenance of individual graves is the responsibility of the family concerned; and that it is essential to abide by the District Council's recycling policy. If you are placing wreaths or flowers etc on graves; please remember to remove them as they deteriorate.

Please dispose of dead flowers / spoilt wreaths etc in the correct coloured bin - see the notice clearly displayed beside the bins at the church gate.

*Thank you for your co-operation.*