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Aghalee Parish News

Sep - Nov 2023

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Thank you, Jennifer!



This year, the theme of Harvest Thanksgiving will be incorporated into the wider event of our Heritage Festival on the weekend of

13th - 15th October.

We are not necessarily asking for fruit, flowers and vegetables; but lots of help is needed in other ways (see later).

Services will be on Sunday 15th Oct;
with visiting preachers:

11am Canon Walter Lavery

7pm Canon Jim Campbell

Harvest Envelopes will be distributed soon.

During our Outdoor Service on Sunday 11th June, a presentation was made to Jennifer Martin in recognition of her many years of service as Parish Treasurer. The Select Vestry and rector would like (on behalf of the whole congregation) to thank Jennifer for her faithful and conscientious service, as well as her guidance to the Select Vestry and careful handling of all the parish financial matters.

Holiday Cover

Rev Paul will be on holiday between 12th - 26th Sept; during which time pastoral cover for the parish & deanery will be provided by several neighbouring clergy . If you need to contact a minister, please ring the rectory number as usual, and details will be on the answering machine - or you can contact the church wardens (numbers above).

Services on 17th & 24th September will be led by our Parish Reader, Mrs June Todd with visiting preachers - Christine Connolly (17th) & Fred Ruddell (24th).



LADIES' Fellowship

On Thursday 15th June, a beautiful sunny morning, we enjoyed coffee at Hillsborough Castle restaurant - with time to chat and catch up with everyone.

Next meetings ...

Tuesday 17th October at 7:30pm

Speaker: Robin Magee

Topic: Work of Open Door

All ladies welcome

Tuesday November 21st at 7:30pm

Anne Lavery is demonstrating making a Christmas wreath

Tuesday 5th December 1pm

Christmas Dinner - Further details for menu will be available at October meeting.

Great to see everyone again and welcome new members as we begin a new season.

Joy Frazer



Sunday 12th November

11:30am in the Church Hall

*please note the slightly later time
(to be confirmed).*



Come for a Cuppa

Tea and coffee is available every Sunday before the service, from 10:15am.

Why not come early and enjoy a chat with friends?

Thank you to each person who helps serve the coffee / tea etc; the rota is available in minor hall & church porch and further help would be appreciated



The Men's Group is a new initiative beginning during the autumn season; meeting initially on

Wednesday 27th September

from 10:30am

in the minor hall at Soldierstown;
and planning to meet monthly.

... a chance for a cup of coffee / tea and an informal chat amongst friends.

All men welcome; why not invite a friend to come with you.

*For info - speak to
Harold Giboney or Donald Frazer*

Heritage Festival

13th - 15th October 2023

History, Flowers, Costumes

Several flyers are included with this magazine, on which you'll find the times and details of the events taking place during our Heritage Festival weekend. Please take note - and plan to be there to help. Please also pass the flyers on to friends and neighbours, and invite them to come along.

*All
hands
on deck,
please!*



Lots of help will be needed things like ...

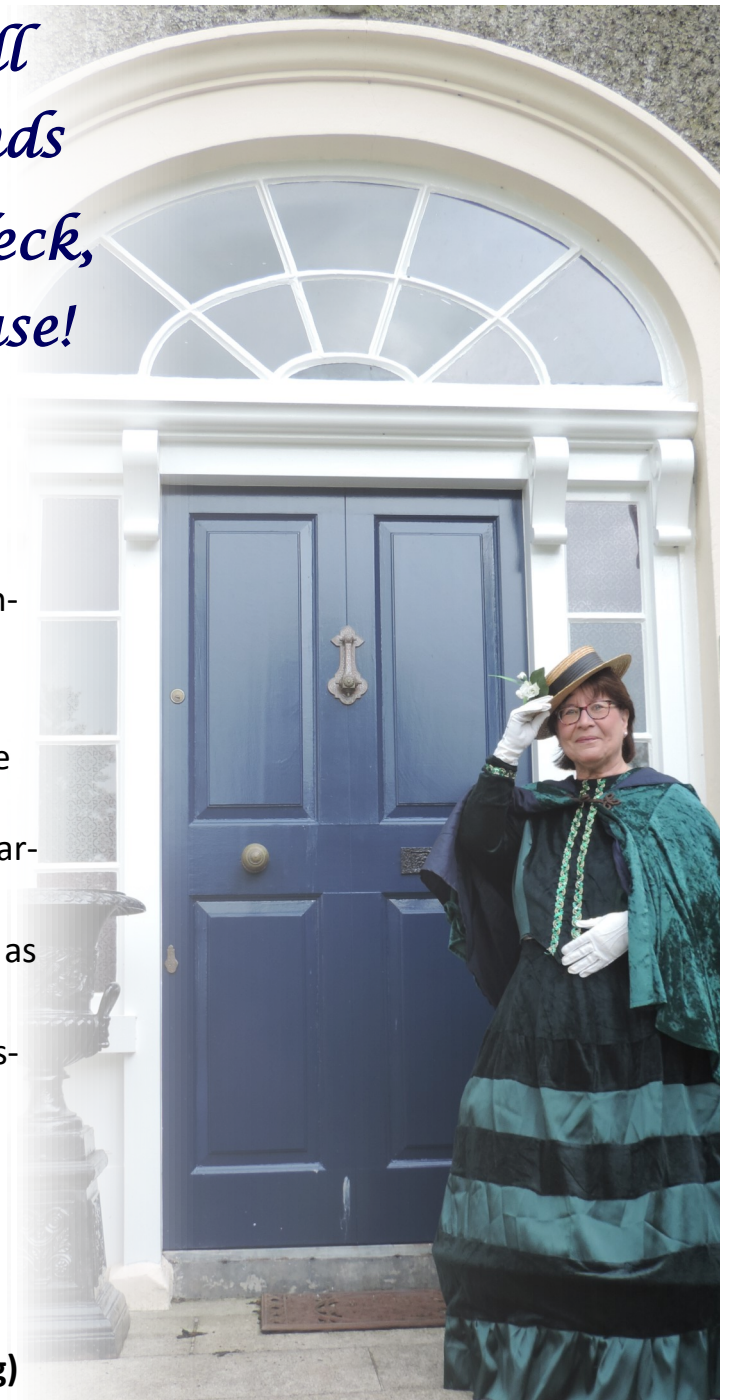
- setting up during the week beforehand
- catering: making traybakes, providing other items, helping to serve refreshments throughout the weekend.
- parking cars & guiding visitors
- stewarding: meeting & greeting people at the door of the church or hall; and chatting with visitors about the history & heritage of our parish.
- setting out and clearing away chairs & tables as needed during the event
- help with the costume pageant - either in costume or behind the scenes.

If you can help please sign the rotas in the church porch or phone / speak to:

Jackie Montgomery (re catering)

Joanne (re costume pageant)

Rev Paul / Church-wardens (set-up/stewarding)





To ensure the success of this event, we will need help from every able member of our congregation - this is your church; please play your part and help out!

We have been very fortunate to receive a substantial grant from the Heritage Fund to enable us to restore the church and to promote our heritage. This event is part of the commitment the Select Vestry undertook, on behalf of the parish, when the grant was accepted. Now that the church has been restored, we hope you will help us honour that commitment, by sharing our heritage with others.

Heritage Training Evening

with Gillian Hunt

(Ulster Historical Foundation)

Tues 5th Sept, 7:30pm in the Youth Hall

For those willing to help us meet & greet visitors at this event or generally in future ...

Gillian will help us to think about we can best welcome visitors and share our heritage with them.

The festival will include floral displays in the church; heritage farming equipment & photographic displays in the church hall, as well as displays from the Lisburn Linen Museum; Lagan Navigation Trust and Ulster Aviation Society (tbc). The minor hall will be transformed into an old-style Heritage Tearoom. The costume pageant will be performed five times during the course of the weekend.

The festival will be officially opened by **Lady Mary Peters** on Fri 13th Oct at 2pm. The preachers at our Sunday services will be **Canon Walter Lavery** (11am) and **Canon Jim Campbell** (7pm).

We are hoping to welcome 1000 - 1500 visitors over the course of the weekend - so as much help as possible will be appreciated, even if you can only be there on one day or for a few hours.

It will be a busy but enjoyable event - thank you in advance for all your help!





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GAMES

FOR GIRLS
FOR FRIENDSHIP
FOR SOCIETY

**MONDAY EVENINGS 7 - 8:30
STARTING 11TH SEPTEMBER
SOLDIERSTOWN PARISH CHURCH , AGHALEE**

Girls Friendly Society

begins again Mon 11th Sept
7pm in the Youth Hall

Church Lads' Brigade

will hopefully begin again
Monday 2nd October
7pm in the Church Hall

New girls & boys welcome



Jigsaw

Connecting God's Big Picture

We would love to get our Sunday School started again during the autumn term; and to see children

worshipping with their families in church. There is always some children's resources available at church every Sunday (just ask the rector or churchwardens).

Also, **a quiet room is available**, for parents with babies & infants. We always love to see children in church - so please do not worry if your child makes noise. The quiet room is simply a facility to be used as needed at those times when a child may be unsettled.

Please make use of it - and speak to the rector or churchwardens if there is any other way we can make it easier for you to attend church with children.

SOLDIERSTOWN TOTS



Tots group begins again on Monday 11th September; meeting each Monday, 10:30am - 12 noon in the Youth Hall at Soldierstown.

Existing members will be welcome back - and new children are always welcome. Mums, dads, grand-parents, carers etc all welcome too!



*Fun, food & new friends
at Soldierstown Tots*



Enrolment / Information Morning

Tuesday 5th September 2023

10.00am - 2.00pm

in St. John's Parish Centre, Moira

Promoting Friendship & Wellbeing for the over 50's in the Moira area

Come and see what Moira Friendship Group is all about We will also have exhibitors providing information & advice on health and well being.



ALL WELCOME!



www.moirafriendshipgroup.co.uk

Email: office@moirafriendshipgroup.co.uk

Tel: (028) 9261 2119



Maintenance of Graves

The Select Vestry wish to remind everyone that maintenance of individual graves is the responsibility of the family concerned. We would further remind you that it is essential to abide by the District Council's recycling policy. Please dispose of dead flowers / spoilt wreaths etc in the correct coloured bin - see the notice clearly



Flower Rota



Thanks to Anne Lavery for co-ordinating the flower rota. If you would be willing to provide flowers for the church—please speak to Anne. The full list is on the notice-board in the church porch.

September:

- 3rd - Mrs S. Murray
- 10th - available
- 17th - Mrs E. Briggs
- 24th - available

Oct:

- 1st -
- 8th -
- 15th - **Heritage Festival**
- 22nd -
- 29th -

Nov

- 5th -
- 12th - **Remembrance**
- 19th -
- 26th -

Christian Aid

We believe in life before death

Thank you to everyone who generously donated to Christian Aid week May 2023. Total £237.00 raised.

Midweek Bible Study & Prayer

... hope to begin again in October; as announced in church later.



Sunday Service is now streamed on our Youtube channel; just go to Youtube and search for 'Aghalee Parish'.



Holy Land Tour 2024

Departing Tues 12th Nov 2024 - 9days/8nights - Cost £2495 per person sharing

There are a few places left on the tour to the Holy Land in November 2024 (34 booked so far, limit ~42). The tour will be led by Rev Paul McAdam and Archdeacon Paul Dundas.

We will be travelling with Faith & Culture Tours (Thompson Travel, Portadown). The tour will depart on Tues 12th Nov 2024 (tbc once flight schedules are confirmed in October), for 9days/8 nights; cost £2495 per person sharing. Accommodation will be in 4* hotels, on a half-board basis.

Starting with 3 nights in the Galilee region, during which time we will visit Nazareth (Jesus childhood home), Capernaum (where Jesus and his disciples lived); the Mount of Beatitudes and other sites associated with Jesus lakeside ministry - also, sail on the Sea of Galilee.

Then travelling through the Jordan valley, visiting a baptismal site on the River Jordan, before spending 5 nights in Jerusalem - during which we plan to visit Bethlehem, the Mount of Olives, the Garden of Gethsemane, the possible sites of the crucifixion and resurrection, the Holocaust museum and the Western Wall of the ancient temple.

A draft itinerary and booking form is available in the church porch or from Rev Paul. Bookings should be made directly with Faith & Culture Tours.



09 - 10 September

European Heritage Open Days

Digital events run throughout the week 4-10



Holy Trinity Church will be open for visitors during this weekend.

Saturday: 9am - 5pm & Sunday 1pm-5pm

A few helpers needed to meet & greet visitors - please let Rev Paul know if you can help!