

BROADWATER BEACON

Aghalee Parish News

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***Christ has indeed been raised from the dead;
the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.***

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Dear friends,

In this magazine you will find details of our Lent and Easter services, as well as some other events and activities happening within our parish and diocese. As always, plans may be subject to change - so please see our Facebook page or Sunday notices for the latest information.

In recent weeks we have seen the easing of Covid-19 restrictions across the nation - a very positive sign that things are moving in the right direction as we emerge from the pandemic. However, there is still a need for caution and to follow public health guidance within the parish. Although we are beginning to re-introduce some parish activities, it may be a while yet before things are completely back to 'normal'.

Most importantly - I would want to strongly encourage you to now begin attending our Sunday services once again, if you have not yet done so.

If you have not yet returned to church, Lent and Easter provides an opportunity to do so. The online services will continue for those who are unable to attend, but I would love to see as many people as possible returning to worship in-person each Sunday morning. Unfortunately, due to the on-going restoration work, we are not yet able to return to worshipping in the church building; but I hope, in the weeks ahead, that I can welcome you to our services in the church hall - each Sunday at 11am. Some covid guidelines still apply

- **Social-distancing still applies** - seats are set at least ~1m apart - in pairs, or family groups - so that each household can remain socially distant from others.
- **Wearing of masks is still advised.** Masks must be worn while entering and leaving, and while singing; but may be taken off while you are seated e.g. during sermon or prayers.
- You will be asked to **sanitise your hands at the door**, using hand-gel.
- Service sheets are placed on the seats in advance - and these should be taken with you at the end of the service, so that no-one else needs to hand them out or gather them up.
- Envelopes / offerings can be placed in a basket in the porch as you enter / leave.
- **Please note:** If you, or a member of your household, are experiencing symptoms of Covid-19, or have tested positive - then, please, do not attend until clear.

In recent days, we have become very aware of a new crisis - **the outbreak of war in Ukraine**. You will find prayers in this magazine which I would encourage you to use in private prayer for this situation.

No-one really knows how the conflict in Ukraine may unfold, but we pray for a quick resolution, and for peace and justice for all involved.

Lent and Easter remind us that God is present with us, even in the worst of circumstances, working for the good of His people; and that He can bring good out of evil. Whatever the weeks ahead bring, may we hold firmly to that promise in every situation and at all times.

Rev Paul McAdam

Prayers in a time of war.

The following prayers in a time of war in Ukraine have been provided by the Church of Ireland's Liturgical Advisory Committee for use in parishes throughout the island.



O Lord our Governor, whose glory is in all the world:
We commend to your merciful care the people and government of Ukraine
that, being guided by your providence, they may dwell secure in your peace.
Grant to their leaders and all in authority,
wisdom and strength to know and to do your will.
Fill them with the love of truth and righteousness,
and make them ever mindful of their calling to serve their people;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit
may so move every human heart in the nations of the world,
that working and witnessing together, we may live in justice and peace
and change the hearts of those who would make for conflict and war;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O God, who has knit together in one family all the nations of the earth:
remove far from us the evil of war.
Pour out upon the leaders of the nations your spirit of peace,
restrain the passions of those who plan aggression,
strengthen the hands of those who strive for justice and peace
and hasten the time when the kingdoms of this world
shall become the kingdom of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Almighty Father, whose will is to restore all things
in your beloved Son, the king of all:
Govern the hearts and minds of those in authority,
and bring the families of the nations,
divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin,
to be subject to his just and gentle rule;
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Lent, Holy Week & Easter Services



The Seven “I AM” Statements of Jesus

John 6–15



1. I AM the bread of life
6:35, 48



2. I AM the light of the
world 8:12; 9:5



3. I AM the gate 10:7



4. I AM the good
shepherd 10:11, 14



5. I AM the resurrection
and the life 11:25



6. I AM the way and the
truth and the life 14:6



7. I AM the true vine
15:1, 5

LENT MIDWEEK

Each Wednesday evening during Lent (including Wednesday of Holy Week), there will be a short informal service in the Parochial Hall at 8pm (opposite Graham's chip shop in Aghalee village).

Our midweek theme will focus on the 'I am' sayings of Jesus (see opposite).

Covid restrictions permitting - we hope to have a cuppa after each service.

All welcome.



HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday:

11am in the Church Hall

Holy Wednesday

8pm in the Parochial Hall

Maundy Thursday

7:30pm in the Church Hall

Good Friday

7:30pm in the Church Hall



Easter Sunday

11am in the Church (or Hall)

*Family Service
with Holy Communion*

Celebrant:
Canon Charlie Leeke

*Christ
is
Risen!*



Sunday 27th March,

11am in the Church Hall

An All-Age Family Service

We especially invite any families
with babies & primary-aged children

*We will endeavour to make our
Mothering Sunday and Easter Services
as all-age & inclusive
as Covid guidelines allow.*

From the Parish Registers

Christian Burial

*3rd Dec Joseph (Joe) Robert Lewis
19th Dec Maurice Stewart
13th Jan Alan Martin
22nd Jan Ellen Maria (Nell) Hull
30th Jan Samuel John Green
19th Feb Margaret Elizabeth
(Hazel) Lavery*

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



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Service in
Soldierstown Church Hall

Friday 4th March, 8pm

All Welcome.

The **confirmation service**, originally planned for March, will now be held on

Sunday 19th June - time tbc

The confirmation course will continue as planned - meeting on Sunday afternoons 6th & 20th March, 3-4pm in the Youth Hall; with the remaining sessions after Easter.

Please remember those who are preparing for confirmation in your prayers:

Louise Crone
Ben Hendron
Sophie Hull
Marielle Hunter
Sam Laird
Louis Magill
Emma Siciliano
Marco Siciliano

Prayer:

God of all grace and power, we ask your blessing on those who are now preparing for confirmation. May your Holy Spirit so work in their hearts and minds that they may fully commit themselves to Jesus Christ and acknowledge him as Lord; and grant that they may continue in the faith and fellowship of the Church all their days. **Amen.**



Speaker:

Rev Linda Cronin
(Glenavy Parish)

We are delighted to be hosting the annual World Day of Prayer service for our area (which also includes Maghaberry, Moira & Magheralin); and we look forward to welcoming members of other churches.

World Day of Prayer is a world-wide, women-led ecumenical movement; it unites Christians of all denominations right around the globe. Each year the service is prepared by women of different nations - this year it has been prepared by women from N.I., England and Wales. The theme is -

“I KNOW THE PLANS I HAVE FOR YOU”

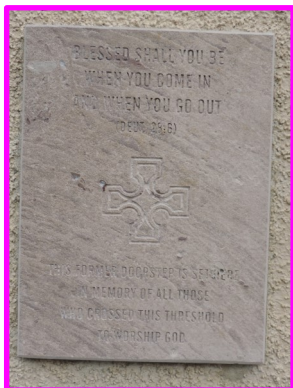


Heritage Project & Restoration Update

The photo (right) will, hopefully, give you some idea of what the church will look like once the work is completed. We had hoped that all would be ready by February / March; but it will be just a little longer until we can move back into the church for services.



The reredos panelling in the chancel has been restored with back-panels replaced.



The stone which was once the door-step of the church has been set into the wall beside the door; the inscription reads - *'Blessed shall you be when you come in and when you go out (Deut 28:6); This former door-step is set here in memory of all those who crossed this threshold to worship God.'*

We gratefully acknowledge the support of the National Lottery Heritage Fund in enabling this project.

We wish to thank all those who have contributed in any way to the on-going project. A full list of items presented, or donations made towards particular items of work, will be compiled and published later in the project - so that all our generous donors shall be acknowledged.



RADICAL DISCIPLESHIP RADICAL MISSION IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF PATRICK

Diocesan Celebrations for St Patrick's Day Thursday 17th March

Bishop David invites you to join him and others from across the diocese as we celebrate St Patrick's Day with a Festival Service in Down Cathedral and a complimentary 'Picnic in the Pews' afterwards.

You are also very welcome to attend the Holy Communion Service at Saul and to make the pilgrimage walk from Saul to Down Cathedral.

The preacher at the Festival Service will be Simon Guillebaud - the founder and International Director of the Great Lakes Outreach which is working to bring transformation to the people of Burundi in Central Africa. The author of several books, Simon has a large social media following and shares frequently on challenging and radical topics.



*Simon
Guillebaud*

PROGRAMME

9.15AM Holy Communion at Saul

Preacher: Capt George Newell (Leadership & Mission Dev. Coordinator, New Wine Ireland)

10.15AM Pilgrimage walk from Saul to Downpatrick (~ 2.1 miles - bus available, see below)

11.45AM Festival Service in Down Cathedral

Preacher: Simon Guillebaud, Author & founder of Great Lakes Outreach, Burundi.

Wreath laying at St Patrick's Grave.

1.15PM Complimentary 'Picnic in the Pews'

TRANSPORT TO SAUL : From 8.15am private buses will leave from the Mall (Downpatrick) for the communion service and pilgrimage. The last bus for the communion service leaves at 8.45am. The last bus for the pilgrimage leaves at 9.45am. The last bus from Saul to the Cathedral leaves at 10.40am

*It is hoped that a group from the parish will attend -
please contact Rev Paul (028 92090989) for further details or if you need a lift.*



On six days during March / Lent, Bishop David and others will be completing the 'Bishop's Big Bike Ride' around the diocese and visiting every parish.

Bishop David will be visiting us at Holy Trinity Church on Monday 14th March at approx. 10am. Watch out for cyclists on the road from Magahaberry (from 9:40am); and then heading on towards Moira and beyond.

You are welcome to meet the cyclists at the church; and encourage them on their way.

Bishop David writes: I would like to share with you what I am hoping this initiative will achieve. Firstly, I am hoping that it will help raise the profile of the **Bishops' Appeal Fund - in particular, raising significant funds for two Bishops' Appeal projects.** One is a **Christian Aid project in Honduras**, working with their local partner organisation in eight communities that are particularly vulnerable to climate change. The second is a **Tearfund project in Jordan**, helping mobilise the Anglican church there to work amongst Jordan's poorest communities.

Another reason ... I believe this is a season where all of us need to be willing to embrace things that will stretch us and take us out of our comfort zones. Covid-19 has very significantly impacted every aspect of our lives and the work of our churches. I am hoping that by undertaking the *Bishop's Big Bike Ride*, we will inspire others to be creative and adventurous in the months ahead.

Thirdly - I am hoping and praying that by helping us focus on the needs of others, our parishioners will become increasingly aware that it is our privilege as followers of Christ to be generous. I am hoping and praying that in some small way this initiative will help to light fires of generosity across the diocese enabling us to be generous in how we support ministry and mission in our parishes, our communities, our diocese, and in the worldwide church.



Finally, I am hoping and earnestly praying that after two years of us becoming more and more conscious of ourselves and of our own safety we might choose to become more acutely aware of the needs of others. While Covid-19 has made these past two years very difficult we have also learned many valuable lessons, not least the privilege that is ours in all our parishes to give and love and serve in many and varied ways.

Yours in Christ -

+David

Please note: In Aghalee Parish, we usually hold a special collection for Bishops Appeal during Advent / December. However, if you would like to make a donation to this diocesan appeal, you can place it on the collection plate at any service in an envelope clearly marked 'Bishop's Big Bike Ride.' ... or visit - bishopsappeal.ireland.anglican.org/give



Wine and Design

Enjoy a glass of wine whilst learning to paint! We'll provide the canvases, art supplies and a glass of wine as a local artist guides you through the evening!

**1900 hrs on Fri 25 Mar 22 at The Masonic Hall,
11 Belsize Road, Lisburn, BT27 4AL.**

Contact 07715 042571 to book your space!

£15 for painters (price includes all supplies and a glass of wine) and £10 for spectators.

A raffle including a major prize will be held during the night for £5 per ticket!

Payment will be accepted on the night of the event

This event is held in honour of Phyllis Hewitt, therefore all proceeds will be donated to the Pulmonary Fibrosis Trust.

This event will be held in memory of the late Phyllis Hewitt - wife of Michael Hewitt who worships with us at Soldierstown.

Phyllis died of IDIOPATHIC PULMONARY FIBROSIS - a condition in which the lung/tissue becomes damaged or scarred and breathing becomes increasingly difficult. The word 'idiopathic' means there is no known cause, no known cure and the condition is terminal.

Proceeds in aid of the
Pulmonary Fibrosis Trust.

For information:

Visit - pulmonaryfibrosistrust.org

... or contact **07715042571**

Donations can be made via -
Justgiving.com/fundraising/keris-evans/pulmonaryfibrosistrust

ANNUAL GENERAL

VESTRY MEETING

Our AGVM will be held on

Tues. 26th April, 7:30pm

(to be confirmed)

- in the Church Hall.

for presentation of the annual financial statement and the election of church-wardens, select vestry etc.

There will be no further business.

Covid guidance will be applied as necessary; social-distancing etc

LADIES FELLOWSHIP

are planning to meet ...

Tuesday March 15th, 8pm

April No meeting (Easter)

Tuesday May 17th 8pm

Full details as announced later



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Parish**

Follow Aghalee Parish
on Facebook
to keep you up to date with all
the parish news.

Revised Graveyard Rules & Fees

The Diocesan Council recently revised the graveyard regulations to be applied throughout the diocese; and our parish rules and fees have been updated accordingly. The full details are available on request from the rector or graveyard warden, Mr John Watson. The following is a summary of rules and fees which now apply ...



ALLOCATION OF INTERMENT SPACES

Burial Space - Size: 8ft x 4ft / 2.4 metres x 1.2 metre

Fee for allocation and registration of each new space:

To be paid by bona-fide *subscribing parishioner £450
To be paid by a *non-parishioner or non-subscriber £1000

Re-Allocation / Duplicate Papers: Where an individual wishes to transfer the allocation of a grave space, an application must be made to the clergy and churchwardens . **An administration fee of £40 applies for endorsement or duplication of papers.**

CHARGES FOR PERMISSION TO ERECT HEADSTONE AND SURROUNDS:

Headstone only:

To be paid by a *subscribing parishioner £50
To be paid by a *non-parishioner / non-subscriber £150

Surrounds (including headstones)

To be paid by a *subscribing parishioner £100
To be paid by a *non-parishioner / non-subscriber £350

N.B.: Surrounds are not permitted in the new section of the graveyard.

CHARGES FOR OPENING INTERMENT SPACE

To be paid by a *subscribing parishioner £100
To be paid by a *non-parishioner / non-subscriber £250 - £500

... the latter consists of £250 opening fee plus an additional 'churchyard maintenance fee' of £50 per year since last subscription / last opening; to a maximum of 5 years / £500 total fee).

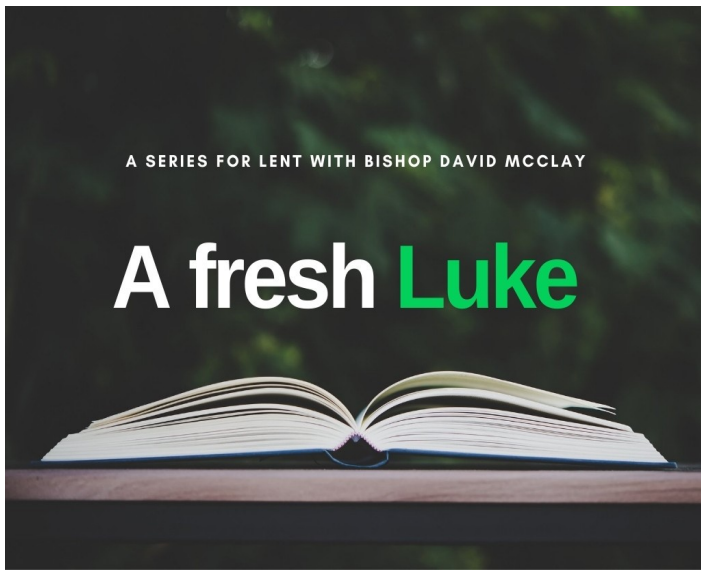
FOR INTERMENT OF ASHES IN EXISTING GRAVE

To be paid by a *subscribing parishioner £50
To be paid by a *non-parishioner / non-subscriber £100 - £150
... may include £10 p.a. 'churchyard maintenance fee' (similar to opening fees, see above)

N.B. payment to the gravedigger is in addition to above and should be arranged separately.

**'Subscribing parishioners' are understood to be those who subscribe to parish funds in such a manner that a receipt could be given for the past financial year; or subscriptions identified in the most recent Annual Financial Report.*

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 beside the church gate.*



Daily Devotions for Lent

During the season of Lent, the diocese is providing a series of daily devotional videos. Bishop David McClay has filmed forty devotionals for Lent that take a fresh look at the Gospel of Luke and the lessons that will shape our living. The videos will be shared each day on our parish Facebook page

www.facebook.com/AghaleeParish

or via diocesan social media:

see - www.downanddromore.org

Beginning on Ash Wednesday (2nd March) and each day, except Sundays; the bible readings for each day are as follows (you may wish to read the passage before watching the video each day) ...

1	Luke 1:1-4	14	Luke 8:22-56	28	Luke 18:15-17
2	Luke 1:5-24, 67-80	15	Luke 8:22 to 9:27	29	Luke 18:18 to 19:10
3	Luke 1:25-56	16	Luke 9:28 to 10:12	30	Luke 19:11-48
4	Luke 1 57-80	17	Luke 10:13-37	31	Luke 20:1-26
5	Luke 2	18	Luke 10:38 to 11:4	32	Luke 20:27-40
6	Luke 2	19	Luke 11:1-36	33	Luke 20:41 to 21:4
7	Luke 3	20	Luke 11:37-54	34	Luke 21:5-36
8	Luke 3:23 to 4:13	21	Luke 12:1 to 13:30	35	Luke 21:37 to 22:23
9	Luke 4:14-30	22	Luke 13:31-35	36	Luke 22:24-65
10	Luke 4:38 to 5:32	23	Luke 14:1-35	37	Luke 22:66 to 23:25
11	Luke 5:33 to 6:49	24	Luke 15	38	Luke 23:26-56
12	Luke 7	25	Luke 16	39	Luke 24:1-35
13	Luke 8:1-21	26	Luke 17:1-19	40	Luke 24:36-53
		27	Luke 17:20 to 18:14		



Dial-in Devotions

028 9227 0147

*Readings, hymns & prayers
from Aghalee Parish Church*

Calls charged at standard network rate.

Notes for the next Broadwater Beacon

should be with the rector by

Sunday 13th May.

This magazine is produced quarterly, for Mar/ June/Sep/Dec. However, details may change or may not be available so far in advance —so please see the weekly notices and our parish Facebook page for updated information.

For those who don't use other forms of social media - you can still listen to a shortened form of our Sunday service on the devotional phone-line.