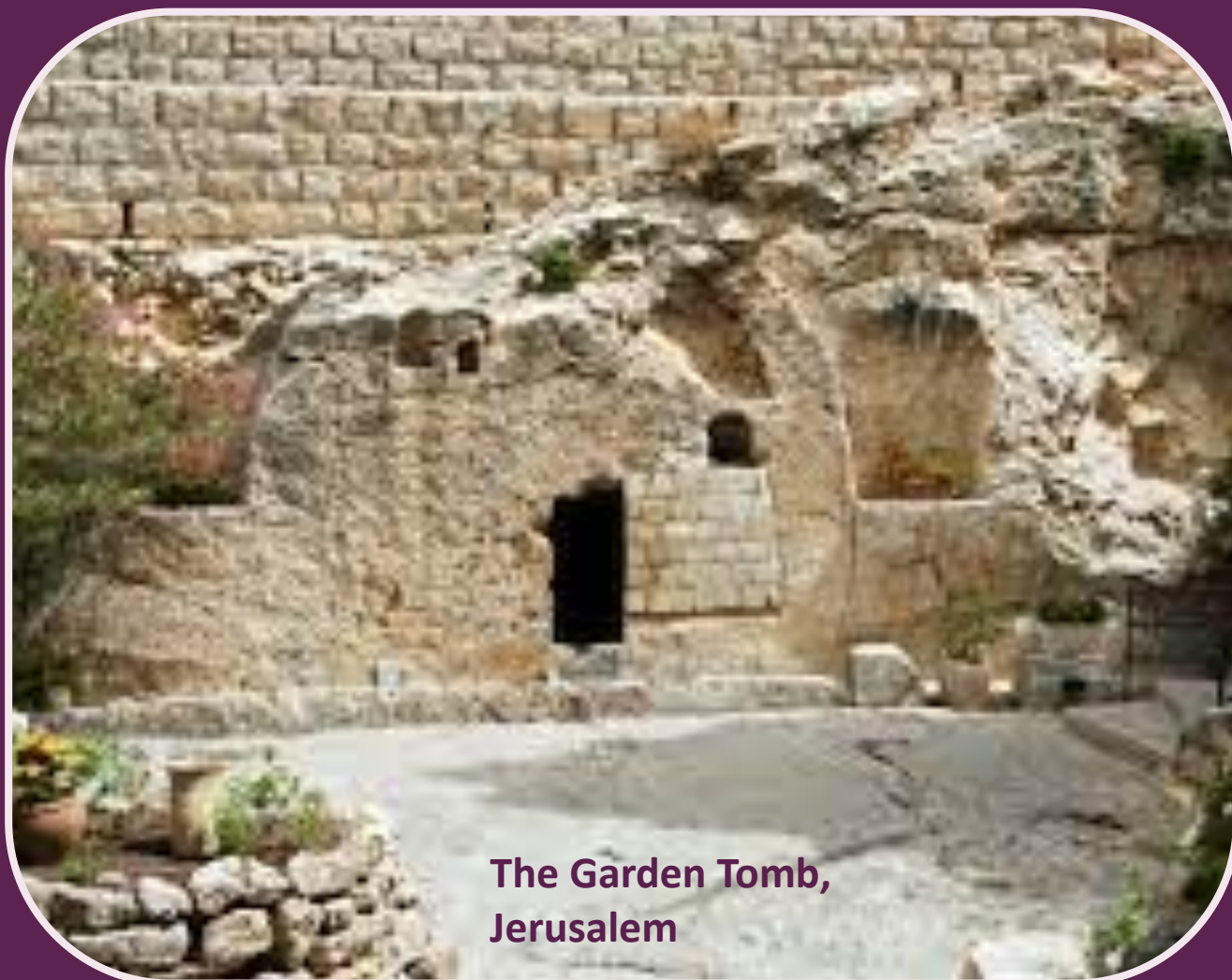


Broadwater Beacon

Aghalee Parish News - Easter 2023



The Garden Tomb,
Jerusalem

Christ is Risen! Alleluia!

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Dear Friends,

With this magazine, I can at last bring the good news that, after lengthy restoration work, Holy Trinity Church will be re-opened again in the very near future. Finishing touches are being put to the work at present, and the Select Vestry are confident that we will be moving back into the church by the end of March.

Indeed, it is planned to hold our dedication service on Sunday 26th March at 11am; and this will be preceded by a concert by the choir Kerygma on Friday 24th March. We hope that these two events will mark a really special weekend in the life of our parish. You will be very welcome to join us at either event.

We really look forward to, and pray for God's blessing on, this new stage in the life of our parish.

As we move back into the church building during the next few months, I would greatly encourage anyone who has not yet returned to church following the pandemic, to do so. We would love to welcome you back to worshipping with us. This is an ideal time to renew your commitment to attending church and worshipping God.

In this magazine, you'll find details of our services for the remainder of Lent, Holy Week and Easter. I hope you will be able to join us for some of these services.

Rev Paul McAdam



Sunday 19th March,
11am in the Church Hall

An All-Age Family Service

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

Church Restoration & our Heritage Project are



SERVICE OF DEDICATION

Following restoration work,
Holy Trinity Church will be
re-opened and dedicated
by Bishop David McClay

on Sunday 26th March, 11am.

followed by refreshments in the hall

All welcome

Lent, Holy Week, Easter

Pilgrim, Lent Course

each Wednesday in Lent
8pm in the Parochial Hall



Palm Sunday, 2nd April

11am Morning Prayer



Holy Wednesday, 5th April

8pm, in the Parochial Hall, Aghalee
Conclusion of the Pilgrim Course



Maundy Thursday, 6th April

7:30pm in Holy Trinity Church,
Holy Communion

Good Friday, 7th April

7:30pm in Holy Trinity Church,
Good Friday Service

Christ is Risen!

Easter Sunday



Sunday 9th April 11am

A family oriented service

including Holy Communion

pilgrim

A COURSE FOR THE CHRISTIAN JOURNEY

Each Wednesday in Lent,

@ 8pm in the Parochial Hall, Aghalee

A **Pilgrim** is a person on a journey. The Bible is a book full of journeys. God's people are always travelling. God's call to Abraham was to leave his own land for a great journey of faith. God's call to Moses was to lead God's people on a journey from slavery in Egypt to freedom in the Promised Land. Jesus took his first disciples on a journey from Galilee to Jerusalem. One of the earliest names for Christians was 'followers of the Way'.

Pilgrim is a course for the Christian journey. The aim of the course is to help people to become or to continue as disciples of Jesus Christ. It is suitable for all stages of the faith-journey; whether you have been walking with Jesus for a long time, a short time - or have not yet begun the journey. It aims to encourage participants to explore more deeply what it means to be a disciple of Christ; and to do so with a small group of fellow-travellers in a supportive and encouraging atmosphere.

The **Pilgrim** course has been developed within the Church of England in recent years and used widely throughout the UK and further afield. The full program consists of 8 units - each unit being a course of six sessions.

During Lent we will follow the first unit of **Pilgrim**, entitled '**Turning to Christ**'.

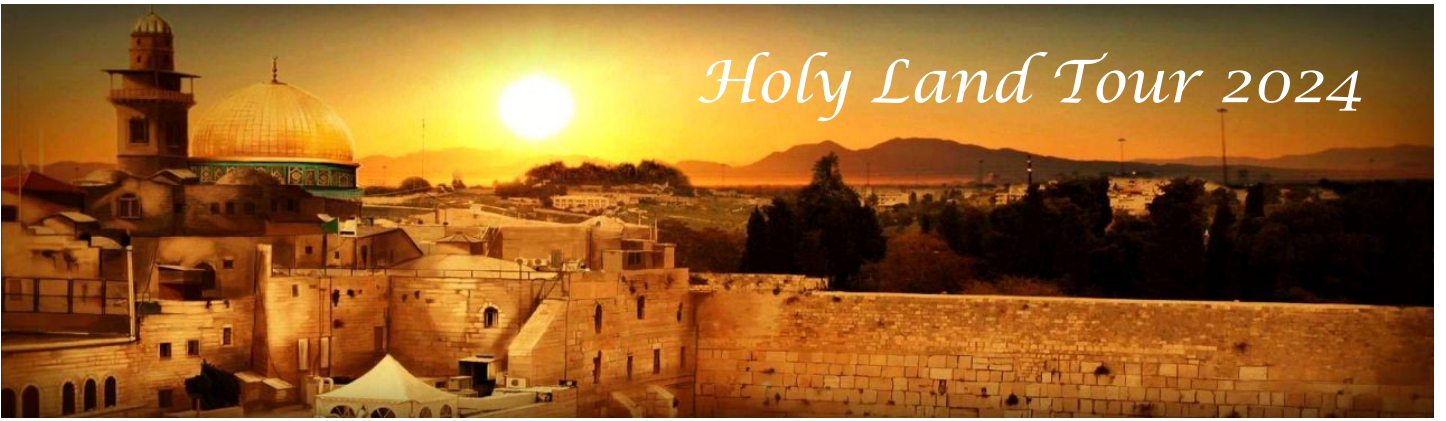
Our six Wednesday evening sessions will focus on the questions which are traditionally asked at baptism - Do you turn to Christ? Do you believe in God the Father / Jesus Christ / the Holy Spirit? etc

Each session will last about one hour and will follow the pattern - a hymn & opening prayers; an introductory video; a bible reading and reflection, with some questions to think about (feel free to join in the discussion or just to listen); and some closing prayers. Each evening will conclude with refreshments and a chance to chat with friends.

All are welcome. I hope you will consider joining us on our **Pilgrim** journey each Wednesday evening throughout Lent.

Rev Paul McAdam.

Holy Land Tour 2024



Rev Paul is making provisional plans for a tour-group to visit the Holy Land in November 2024 - travelling with Faith & Culture Tours (Thompson Travel, Portadown). The tour will depart on Tues 12th Nov. (tbc depending on flights), for 9days/8 nights; cost ~£2500 per person sharing. 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 hope 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.

Accommodation will be in 4* hotels, on a half-board basis.

Full itinerary will be available soon.

Interested? For further information, or to express interest, please speak to Rev Paul as soon as possible.

No deposit or commitment needed at this stage. An information evening will be held after Easter.

**AGHALEE PARISH
HERITAGE PROJECT**

*You are invited to
an evening with*

Kerygma
The Good News Choir

**Holy Trinity Church,
Soldierstown**

**Fri 24th March
7:30pm**

All welcome.

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ANNUAL GENERAL VESTRY MEETING

Our AGVM will be held on
Tues. 18th April, 7:30pm - in
the Church Hall.

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



Heritage Festival

History, Flowers, Costumes

13th - 15th October 2023

Please put this date in your diary and plan to be involved.

A celebration of all aspects of the heritage of our wonderful Parish;
Involving the whole Parish, we hope, and including everything
from flowers, to food, to farming, to the fashions
worn by our ancestors.

Focusing on our close relationship with
the Broadwater and The Lagan Navigation.

Planning meetings are on the last Tuesday of each month;
if you can help us plan for this this event
and other aspects of our Heritage Project,
you would be very welcome to join us.

Help is needed now and everyone will be needed at the time!

We currently need volunteers who could research
old photographs and maps of the area,
as well as historic census information.

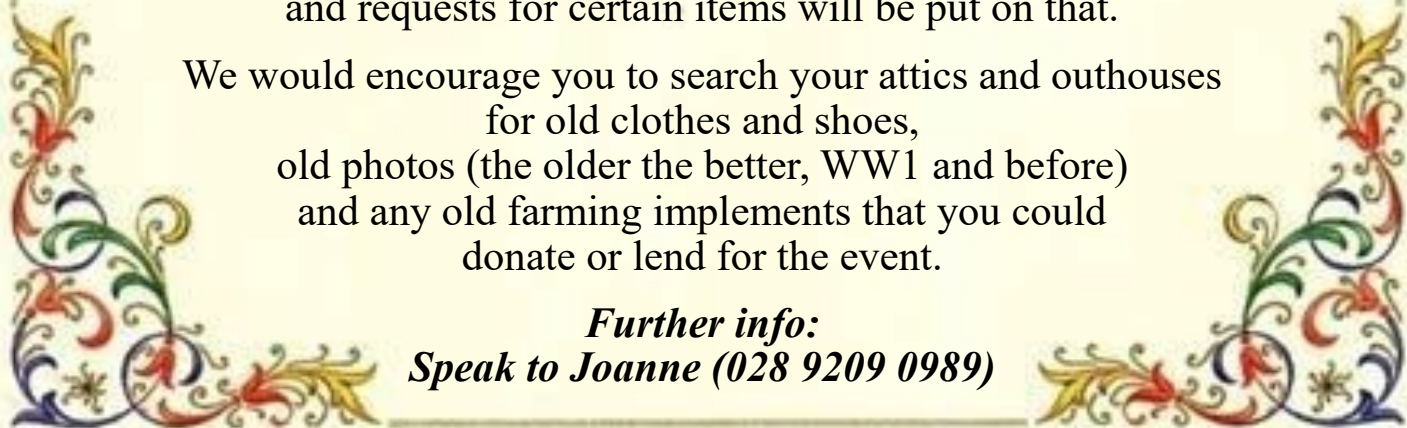
We're also looking for people who may be gifted at making scale models;
or who have a keen eye for planning and design details.

Closer to the time and on the weekend itself,
volunteers will also be needed to help with catering,
setting up, stewarding, etc.

Joanne will be requesting clothing items for a pageant.
A board will be put at the back of the church
and requests for certain items will be put on that.

We would encourage you to search your attics and outhouses
for old clothes and shoes,
old photos (the older the better, WW1 and before)
and any old farming implements that you could
donate or lend for the event.

Further info:
Speak to Joanne (028 9209 0989)



Mothers Union



Fidget pads, made by our Mothers Union members, were recently donated to Aughnacloy House, Lurgan. The different fabrics and textures provide sensory stimulation, especially for elderly residents and those with dementia.



Choir Dinner

Our choir members recently presented gifts to Enid Maxwell and Willie Hunter - both of whom have stepped down from the choir after many years of faithful service and singing

Although Willie was unable to be present, the choir were also able to enjoy an evening out with Enid, at Lurgan Golf Club.

We thank both for their contribution to the choir and parish.



Ladies Fellowship

A meeting will be held in the church hall on Tuesday 16th May at 7:30pm to discuss and plan a program for the next year from Sept (2023-2024). Ladies all welcome; please come and share ideas!

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 displayed beside the bins at the church gate.



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Thank you for your co-operation.



Bishop David warmly invites you to the diocesan St Patrick's Day celebrations on Friday 17 March. The highlight will be the Festival Service at Down Cathedral from 11.45am, followed by a complimentary 'Picnic in the Pews'.

The day begins at 9.15am with Holy Communion at Saul followed by the Prayer Pilgrimage to the Cathedral

where our guest speaker will be The Most Revd Laurent Mbanda, Archbishop of Rwanda.

Our theme is 'Reconciliation', a topic familiar to Archbishop Laurent who has been at the forefront of helping many in Rwanda deal with the impact and aftermath of the 1994 genocide.

Bishop David says: "I have asked Archbishop Laurent to help us to look together at how we can deal with some of the pain that continues to be part of life for many of us because of what we call 'The Troubles'. All of us have a responsibility to continue to support, understand and pray for those who have been impacted by loss and trauma and I hope that this special day of worship and prayer will be a source of healing for many."

The archbishop was himself a child refugee from the ethnic tensions that erupted into organised massacres in Rwanda in 1959. He fled to Burundi with his mother at the age of five and has written about his experiences in *From Barefoot to Bishop: A Rwandan Refugee's Journey*.

There will be a bus shuttle operating between the Mall in Downpatrick and Saul. For more details and a full programme please visit downanddromore.org/news/events.

Programme

9.15am Holy Communion at Saul

*Preacher: The Very Revd Henry Hull,
Dean of Down*

10.15am Pilgrimage from Saul to Downpatrick

11.45am Festival Service in Down Cathedral

*Preacher: The Most Revd Laurent Mbanda,
Archbishop of Rwanda*

1.00pm Wreath laying ceremony at St Patrick's Grave

1.15 pm Complimentary 'Picnic in the Pews'

Transport to Saul

From **8.15 am** private buses will leave from the Mall for the communion service and pilgrimage.

The last bus for the communion service leaves at **8.45 am**.

The last bus for the pilgrimage leaves at **9.45 am**.

The last bus from Saul to the Cathedral leaves at **10.40 am**.