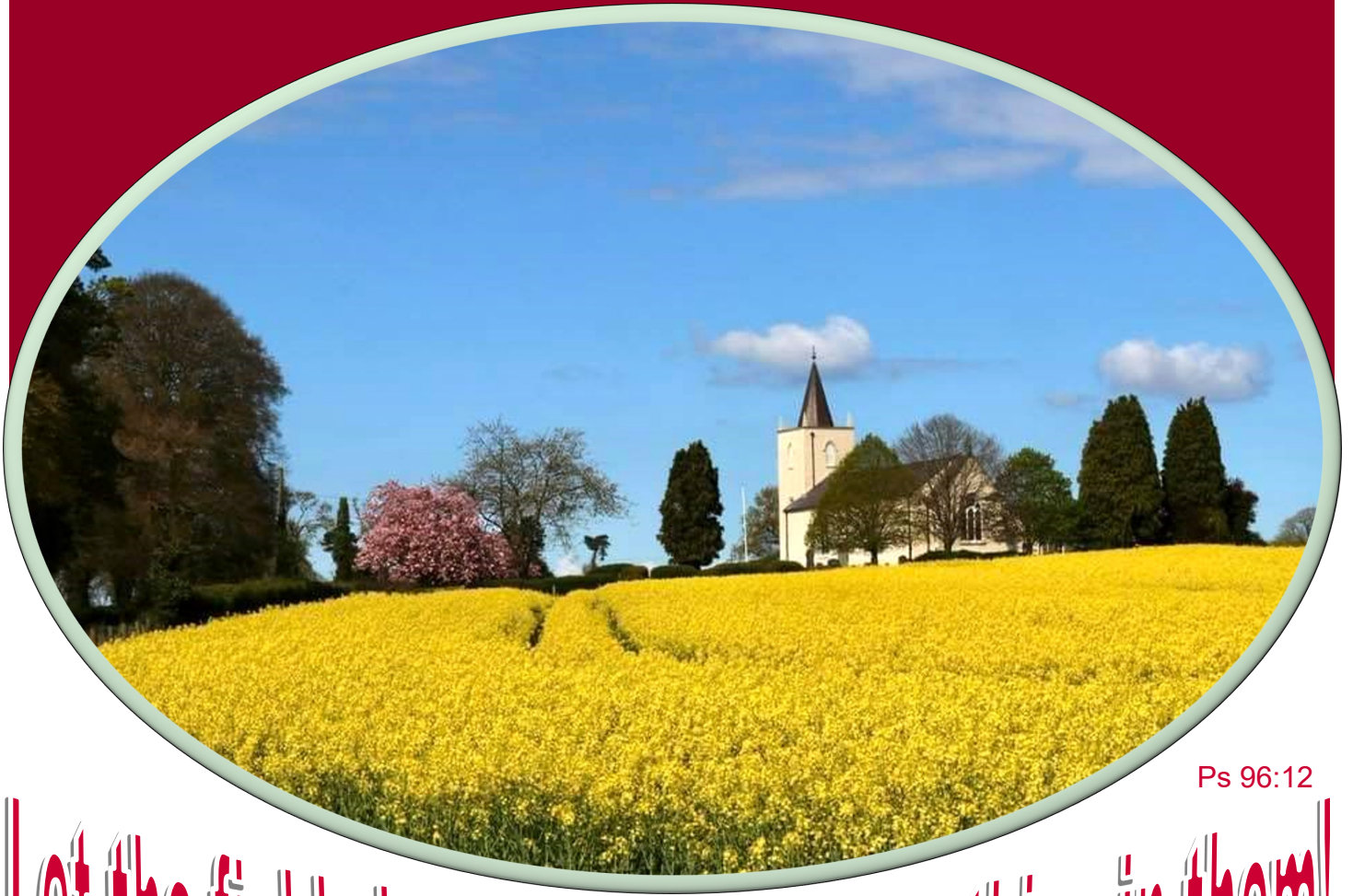


Broadwater Beacon

Aghalee Parish News
June - Aug / Summer 2022



Ps 96:12

Let the fields be jubilant, and everything in them!



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Dear friends,

As usual, this magazine will provide you with details of some of the things that are happening within our parish and diocese. As we emerge from the pandemic - or at least learn to live with Covid in a more manageable way - we are slowly but surely resuming our church services and other organisations in a more normal fashion.



If you have not yet resumed attending church weekly; I would now strongly encourage you to do so. We would love to welcome you back to church - worshipping with other members of our parish family on a weekly basis.

The restoration work on the church building is still on-going; so our services will continue to be held in the church hall over the summer months. Unfortunately the completion of the work was delayed longer than we expected - some extra months were needed to allow for the proper drying and finishing of the plaster-work. It is hoped that this will be achieved soon, and then the remaining work will include final paint-work; fitting carpets, curtains, and audio-visual equipment; and re-installing the organ.

If the remaining work can be completed over the summer months, it is hoped that we will be able to move back into the church building in the early autumn - possibly in time for our harvest services.

As other activities resume, it has been necessary to cut back the amount of time given to producing material for our online worship etc. However, online services will continue in a limited form - and, once we return to the church building, I hope we'll be able to stream the services so that our housebound members can join in online. I'm currently appealing for a few volunteers with basic computer skills who can help make this possible!

Finally, may I take the opportunity to wish you God's blessing for the summer months.

Rev Paul McAdam

Holiday Cover Arrangements

Rev Paul will be leading the group to Oberammergau (11-18 Aug) and then off-duty for a couple of weeks from 19th Aug - 3rd Sep.

During this time, emergency pastoral cover will be provided by Rev Joanne Megarrell, rector of Moira; phone (028) 9261 1268.

Sunday services on 14th, 21st & 28th August will be led by Mrs June Todd and Canon Charlie Leeke.



Christians

Against Poverty

can help those who are feeling the weight of debt, struggling to find work or just need a bit of help budgeting. They can provide free Debt Help, Job Clubs and CAP Money Courses. CAP can provide a home visit, work out a realistic budget to prioritise your essential bills and can negotiate affordable payments with creditors.

Ph: 0800 328 0006

Web: capuk.org

... or for CAP NI ...

Email: northernireland@capuk.org

Phone: 028 9527 7964

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

BELIEVE

A Confirmation Service

will be held on

Sunday 19th June, 6:30pm

We look forward to welcoming Bishop David McClay on his first visit (first service) to the parish. The Bishop will confirm eight of our younger members ...

Louise Crone

Ben Hendron

Sophie Hull

Marielle Hunter

Sam Laird

Emma Siciliano

Marco Siciliano

Emma Sproule

Please remember these candidates, and all who are preparing for confirmation elsewhere, in your prayers.

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.**



Sunday 29 May is Vocation Sunday in the Diocese of Down and Dromore when we invite people to consider whether God is calling them to a ministry in the church.

On that Sunday parishes and the diocese will share a video sermon by Revd Simon Genoe, one of our Diocesan Directors of Ordinands, preaching from Romans 12: 1–8.

In Down and Dromore we have many lay training opportunities as well as an Exploring Ordination Group.

Find out more by visiting the Training section on the diocesan website:

<https://www.downanddromore.org/training>



Volunteers are always needed in many areas of parish life. Volunteering is one way to respond to God's call to ministry and service within His church ...

In particular, volunteers are needed who have some technical or computer skills and could operate the audio/visual equipment in church or help with administrative work. Experience of producing / using PowerPoint would be invaluable; as would a working knowledge of MSOffice. However, only basic knowledge is needed - training/guidance can be provided.

If you can help - please speak to the rector or churchwardens.



Pentecost Service & Jubilee Lunch.

Following the service on Pentecost Sunday (5th June, 11am) there will be a soup-lunch in the church hall to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. The Jubilee Bank Holiday weekend happens to coincide with Pentecost, the major Christian festival in the church year which celebrates the coming of the Holy Spirit. The preacher at our Pentecost service will be Canon Charlie Leeke. In the service we will pray for the continuing presence of the Holy Spirit to be with us; and we will also give thanks for the 70-year reign of Queen Elizabeth II.

Since both the service and the lunch will be in the hall, we will have to be a little flexible with the practical arrangements - so it is hoped that as many as possible will join in and help out. If you plan to attend the lunch, please sign the sheet in the hall porch. This will help us assess the numbers for catering purposes - but everyone is welcome on the day.

Thank you in anticipation to those who are providing the food. If you are not providing food, a small donation would help cover expenses.

Also - a tree will be planted in the rectory garden as part of the 'Queen's Green canopy' campaign;

see <https://queensgreencanopy.org/>

Jubilee Prayers

Gracious God, we give you thanks for the reign of your servant Elizabeth our Queen, and for the example of loving and faithful service which she has shown among us. Help us to follow her example of dedication and to commit our lives to you and to one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Lord God, the Ancient of Days, you are sovereign over all your people; Give to Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth enduring wisdom and faith in the service of the people of this land and of you, her Lord and master. Grant that her faithful witness may be to others a source of hope, that they may come to know more fully your Son Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.



Christian Aid

We believe in life before death

As usual at this time of year, we are making a special appeal on behalf of Christian Aid. Using the envelope enclosed with this magazine (or available in the church hall porch); you can place your donation in the basket at any service - or pass it on via Joy Frazer or Rev Paul. Thank you in anticipation!

Let's help more families fight back.

Look at that rainbow of crops below. That's what is possible with your gift this Christian Aid Week. Bowls and bowls of life-saving, life-changing beans, corn, grains, and much more.

Our work to support people fighting poverty worldwide has shown us the impact of simple solutions like drought-resistant seeds, water taps and training. They enable families like Jessica's to grow better futures for themselves, before it's too late.

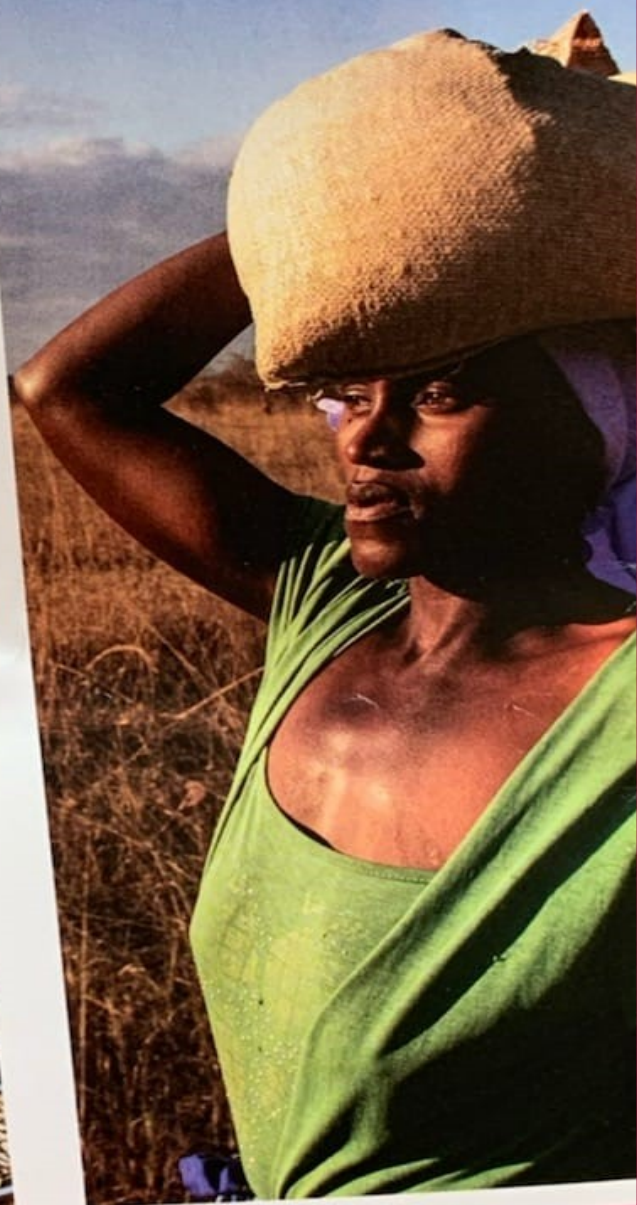
Jessica's life doesn't have to be a fight for survival.

She can turn her dry, dusty land into a flourishing field. She can make sure her children's tummies are full of nutritious food. And she can stand strong against the drought she faces.

Jessica carries maize to make porridge for her family.



Please give today, and help loving mums like Jessica provide food - and hope - for their families.



Ladies Fellowship

Tuesday 15th March: Joy Frazer opened meeting with prayers, remembering family members bereaved and those in ill health.

Ladies sang a lovely hymn, Ancient Words, new to us all but became more familiar when the Choir sang it beautifully on Easter Sunday.

Jennifer Orr lead us in prayer with Psalm 31. This was a very poignant Psalm as Ukrainian Christians prayed this as war was breaking out around them.

Our speaker for the evening on the topic 'Spring flower arrangement' was unable to attend. However, ladies took home miniature daffodil bulbs, hope they enjoyed watching them blooming.



June Todd closed our evening with prayers of intercession followed by supper and chat.

Tuesday 27th May:

Finishing our meetings for the summer Ladies & friends met at the Linen House, Lisburn for evening meal.

Wishing everyone God's Blessing over summer months.

Joy Frazer



From the Parish Registers

Christian Burial

25th Apr Victor McClintock

*We offer our sincere condolences
and prayerful sympathy to his wife
Elma and daughter Alison; and to
all Victor's family circle.*



We hope to relaunch 'Jigsaw' (Sunday School) from September depending on availability of leaders and children attending.

Meanwhile, activities for children will always be available during our services each Sunday, at the children's table. We'd love to welcome the whole family - all ages - to worship with us regularly.

Mothers' UNION

Christian care for families

At their recent meeting, our Mothers' Union members put their creative craft-skills to work, making fidget-blankets for people living with dementia.

Also, the Mothers Union All-Ireland Council are currently promoting services throughout the island which offer help and support to the lonely; including the following in our local area:

Age-NI: Provides a listening ear to the lonely

Phone: 028 9024 5729

Web: www.ageuk.org.uk/northern-ireland

Belfast Central Mission Befriending Services:

Phone: 028 9024 1917

Web: belfastcentralmission.org

For further information - pick up a leaflet from the church hall porch.



Annual General Vestry

At the meeting held on Tuesday, 26th April 2022, the following were elected to serve on the Select Vestry for the coming year

Church-wardens: Sylvia Thompson (Rector's) & Roy Hanna (People's); pictured between the outgoing wardens, Norman McAlister & Irene Culbert.

Glebe-wardens: Noel Murray (Rector's) & Donald Frazer (People's)

Plus 12 elected members -

Noel McAlister (secretary); Jennifer Martin (treasurer); Irene Culbert; Larry Donaghey; Sheila Duncan; Helen Laird; Jim McLorn; Jackie Montgomery; Stephen Montgomery; Gavin Murray; David Twigg; John Watson.

The annual financial statement (2021) was also presented at the meeting and is now available to General Vestry members / subscribers; if you have not yet received your statement with this magazine, or previously, please ask the churchwardens or treasurer (see cover for contact details).

The Select Vestry members also act as Charity Commission Trustees for the parish. The annual Trustees Report and Accounts are available on request or from the Charity Commission NI website.





There are a few spaces remaining on the group holiday to Austria/Oberammergau (11-18 August 2022); to see the world-famous Oberammergau Passion Play. The holiday will be based in the Fischerwirt Hotel on the shores of lake Achensee in the Austrian Tyrol region.

During our stay we will travel to Oberammergau to see the Passion Play, staying there for 1 night before returning to Achenkirch for the remainder of our stay. The trip will include an itinerary of coach excursions and walks in the beautiful Inn Valley, as well as visiting Rattenberg and Innsbruck.

The cost of this holiday is £1,835 pp. Price includes: flights (Dublin-Munich); accommodation (6 nights Achenkirch / 1 night Oberammergau - incl breakfasts and dinners); a Grade 1 Passion Play ticket, McCabe Passion Play guide book and lunch on performance day; airport transfers, and excursion programme with local guiding. Also included are gratuities to guides, drivers and hotel staff. Travel etc arranged by McCabe Pilgrimages.

A brochure with full details is available from Rev Paul McAdam (028 9209 0989)



Girls' Friendly Society & Church Lads' Brigade

Despite all the Covid restrictions, both GFS & CLB were able to meet for a few evenings before Easter; and will hopefully return to normal again in September.

We would like to acknowledge our appreciation of the block-grant funding received from the Education Authority, which enables GFS & CLB to purchase resources and equipment for their program of activities. Amongst other items, the CLB purchased new sports bibs and art-aprons. As you can see - the boys are ready for sports and for arts & craft!

