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RECTOR'S LETTER

The leaders of Kidzone, and before that the Sunday school, have been serving for many years now. It has come to the point where, for the sake of their own spiritual well-being and growth, they can no longer lead the children's work as it has been up to now. As there is no-one available to carry on the work in its present form this requires significant adaptations to our worship pattern so that we can meet the needs of children and their families. So from the first Sunday in September the worship pattern is going to change. There will be Holy Communion at 9.00am, a traditional service of worship in the church at 10.15am and an informal service for all ages in the church hall at 11.30am.

I will preside at the 9.00am Holy Communion each week. I will lead the 10.15am service once a month but on the other 3 Sundays I will travel up to Ballycarry to lead worship there which is moving time to 10.15am also. On the Sundays I am in Ballycarry at 10.15am the services in St. Colman's will be led by Rev. Billy Stewart, Gina Hibbert and perhaps a retired clergyman or woman. Then I will travel back to Carrick to lead the 11.30am informal service. After the 10.15am service and before the 11.30am service tea will be served in the hall each Sunday. People may wish to go to one or more of the services on any Sunday.

The church hall will be set up with an area of seating for worship, a children's area and a crèche area. After the refreshments the beginning of the service will be child focussed and then I will give a talk to the adults and teenagers and while this is happening practical activities will be set-up in the hall for the children to do. These activities will relate to the theme of the worship that Sunday. After the talk everyone will come together again for prayer and the completion of the service. Refreshments will also be available after the service so that people can continue to chat and every two months there will be a shared lunch afterwards.

We hope the later time will be helpful to families and the approach will be much more visual, interactive and informal and parents won't have to feel that their children have to be perfectly quiet. A certain level of noise from enjoyable activity will be normal and expected. Please access the new pattern as best fits you and support this new initiative by inviting those families you may know who would value an opportunity to worship with their children.

May God bless you,

Mike McCann

EASTER VESTRY

The Easter Vestry meeting took place this year on Tuesday 22 April at 8.00pm. The annual accounts were presented and adopted. Copies of the accounts are available in church. The following were appointed or elected at that meeting.

Rector's churchwarden
People's churchwarden
Rector's glebewarden
People's glebewarden

Brian Shields
Isabell Stewart
Harold Love
Colin McVicker

Other Select Vestry members

Sandra Aeppli, Carol Magowan
Audrey Alexander, Ashleen McCann
Angela Cole, Alan Hibbert,
Gina Hibbert, Alison Inch,
Thomas Magill, George Moore,
Pearl Moore, Heather Stewart,

Honorary Secretary
Honorary Treasurer
Gift Aid secretary
FWO recorder
Honorary Auditors

Angela Cole
Alan Hibbert
Chris Sturgess
Fred Cole
Joy Warnock, John Shenoy

PARISH RECORDS

There were no Baptisms, Marriages or Funerals in the parish of Kilroot since the last magazine.

EVENING PRAYER

Sunday 28th June at 7.00pm

NEW HYMN BOOK

From the 1st Sunday in June, June 7th, we will be using a new hymnbook. This book has been chosen because as well as having a very good selection of hymns, old and new, it also has the Collect, Psalm and Readings for each Sunday. With the introduction of a traditional morning service each Sunday from September it will remove the need for hymn sheets. If you wish to buy a copy for the church or your own use they are available at the price of £7.50, the full price is £10. For the musicians among us the full music edition can be obtained for £18, the full price is £20. There is a list at the back of church if you want to order either book. We look forward to using these new books and hopefully to learning some new hymns to enhance our worship.

COLIN WELSH

Colin Welsh, who spent a year working with us while training in Dublin for the Ordained Ministry of the Church of Ireland will be Ordained Deacon on Wednesday 24th June in St Patrick's Ballymena at 8.00pm. Any parishioners who would like to go to the service to support Colin would be very welcome and should speak to the Rector if they need a lift. We remember Colin's ministry among us with thankfulness to God, and wish him (and his puppet friends!) God's blessing in this new stage of ministry as he joins the staff of St Patrick's Jordanstown as curate.

RECYCLE AND HELP THE CHURCH.

There will be a Rummage and Car Boot sale in the church halls on Friday 19th June at 6-30p.m.
Teas, coffee and burgers will also be available.

This will also give you the chance to clear out your garage or attic!

All donations will be gratefully received.

Should you require help with getting items to church you can contact Isabell or Billy Stewart on 93362145 to arrange collection.

CHURCH ACCOUNTS 2008 – no room for complacency

Our Honorary Treasurer, Alan Hibbert, presented the 2008 accounts at the Easter Vestry in April. He divided the accounts into three sections: the main account, the 'Bricks and Mortar' account, and the earmarked account relating to the outreach work in Eden. The main account showed a deficit of £1545.04, while the Bricks and Mortar had a small surplus of £143.89, giving a net deficit of £1401.15. However, he pointed out that the Gift Aid income received during the year actually represented only 9 months, since our claims under this scheme had been moved from the tax year (April-March) to the calendar year. Had we retained the use of the tax year, there would have been a small surplus for the year, rather than a deficit. This is an accounting mechanism and does not represent an on-going loss of gift aid to the parish.

Professor Hibbert was encouraged that, although we had spent nearly £4000 on the resurfacing of the floor in the church, financed by the Bricks and Mortar account, yet that account had shown a surplus for the year. The remaining account, relating to Eden, contains £3000 given to us in September 2007 and again in September 2008 by the Priorities Fund of the Church of Ireland and is earmarked for that work. A final tranche of £3000 will be received in September 2009, after which the parish will need to finance the outreach by other means.

The Treasurer pointed out that, although this is a satisfactory financial picture at the moment, circumstances could easily change the situation. Of particular concern to him is that the Freewill Offering money had not increased over the previous year. This is the core income on which the parish depends for its viability and in the coming months and years, it will be necessary for us all, but especially for those in employment, to give serious consideration to raising substantially their level of giving to the work of God in this parish.

BRAZILIAN EVENTS

As the Brazilian group come towards the end of their time in Ireland they are engaging in Practical mission. From Friday 22 May until Monday 8 June they are in Portugal working with Churches there. On returning they will work with Cregagh Community Church in the Cregagh area of Belfast for a few days and then during the week beginning 15 June they will be in Carrickfergus working jointly with Gateway and ourselves. They will be leading primary school assemblies each day and will be engaged in some street evangelism and some special events.

On the evening of Thursday 18 June from 7.30pm the team will host a Brazilian evening in our church hall. This is an opportunity for you to invite some people you know who are not connected with church to come and enjoy some Brazilian music, dance and drama and a taste of Brazilian food. The group will give their testimony and speak about God with typical Brazilian enthusiasm. It is a chance for you to invite someone to hear about God in an enjoyable and non-threatening way.

OUR BRAZILIAN VISITOR FRED

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Hello, my name is Fred, I am from Goiania, a beautiful city in the centre of Brazil. I am at the last year of Computer Engineer.

I have been here in Northern Ireland for an exchange with the church, to create relationship with you and to work together, and doing a mission school as well, studying things like leadership, evangelism, missiology, marketing in evangelism, etc.

I am very happy to be with you, and I would like to thank you everyone for supporting and for the hospitality. God bless you



Frederico Dietz

GLOBAL DAY OF PRAYER MAY 31ST 2009

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Do join Christians from all over Carrickfergus at this event. JP will also be taking part. Please speak to the Rector if you want to know more.

SUMMER MADNESS

Summer Madness is the Church of Ireland's youth festival which takes place each year as a long weekend after the schools break up for summer. This year that is from the evening of Friday 3rd July until Tuesday 7th July in the King's Hall complex. It's a tremendous event which attracts 2500 people camping with another 1500 day visitors. Although it is targeted at the age group 12 to 30 it attracts people of all ages who enjoy Christian worship in a contemporary style. Mike and Sarah are taking a small number of the young people to camp at the event and would only be too delighted for others to join them either for the whole time or for the day. Sunday is an open day when a lot of visitors come and it is quite an experience to share in Holy Communion with 2000+ people in the Kings Hall. Contact Mike and Sarah directly for details (93362387).

ST COLMAN'S LADIES GROUP

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT MAY 2009

We had a fairly busy year and started in September with our usual short service and a lovely supper supplied by the committee.

On the first of October we had Joan Weir from Divine Healing Ministries. Joan told us about her work with D.V.M. over a lot of years and she also sang for us, she has a lovely voice.

In November we had a Bring and Buy and also a lot of us brought samples or whole dishes of our favourite foods. This turned into a great evening, we raised £91 or so and made it up to £100 which we split and donated £50 each to the Children's Hospice and the Northern Ireland Hospice, both very good causes. Then the food came and it was amazing, I don't remember every single thing but Brenda made gorgeous mini quiche salmon and cheese mmmm! Gina made calorie laden ice cream, so good! And Pearl brought a giant dish of glorious creamy fruit pudding. I made plum crumble and Kate B made a lattice savoury bake, delicious, Miriam made lovely breads – and there was more and more. We all made pigs of ourselves – it was a great success and maybe one to do again, but I will eat no dinner on that night!!

On 19th November I know that several people took a train to Portadown (using their Smartpass) four of them met up with "our Eleanor" in Portadown for lunch, whilst Roberta and Ena, intrepid travellers, took the Enterprise to Newry. So there are some benefits to being over 60!!

On 3 December we had our Christmas Dinner in Papa Brown's and while it wasn't bad, the venue was rather noisy which made it difficult to chat, so we decided we would need to look at other venues in the future and try to find something more suitable, so thinking caps on please.

After the Christmas break, on 7 January, we had Pearl and George to tell us all about their work with Disabled Christian Fellowship. They really have a great heart for their ministry and work very hard. George spoke well and made us laugh so. Heather Stewart is also involved in helping them.

In February I was sunning myself in Tenerife so Katie B (who was only home from New Zealand) stepped in, bless her, and you had a games night, as our speaker Cathy McClintock was

unable to come as she was in India. (She would be willing to come on a suitable night next session).

In March we had Margaret Pitcher from Ballymoney to demonstrate Wet & Wax. Which wasn't about waxing your legs or your upper lip but the art of making beautiful pictures with coloured was and a hot travel iron. It was so clever and really entertaining. As well as being skilled at this art Margaret was a gifted speaker and a lovely water colour painter and wood carver - oh to be so talented! Some of us had a go at the hot wax and really enjoyed it! Sadly we only had 13 members attending that night – such a shame.

On 7 March seven of us went to Islandmagee to the Women's World Day of Prayer. The service was on the theme "In Christ there are many members yet one body prepared by the women of Papua New Guinea. It was very thought provoking and the lady minister gave a very inspiring address.

On 1 April we had Kathleen Rodgers from Jordanstown to speak about her work with soup kitchens in South Africa. She showed us slides and talked about her visit, it was most interesting and something she does in her own right and not for Mothers' Union as I thought. Well done her. We had 19 members that evening.

On 2 April six of us went by invitation to North Street Presbyterian Women's group to hear their speaker Lady Sylvia Herman. She is a very gifted speaker forthright and funny and informative. She told us of her busy life in Westminster travelling there each day and about her husband Sir Jack Herman, who suffers from Alzheimer's disease for 10 years, it was a very good evening. There were about 150 people there and I'm told they raised at least £400 for The Alzheimer's society.

And so we come again to tonight's AGM. I would like to thank you all for your support over the year, please keep coming, the fun and fellowship is so important. Also thanks to our committee for their hard work putting the programme together – it's difficult to find new ideas each year. We all work very well together which is a great blessing and everyone plays their part.

I wish you all good health and Gods blessing and look forward to next season.

Katie Love
Chairwoman

MORE RECIPES FROM THE LADIES GROUP

SMOKED SALMON AND DILL QUICHES (Makes 24)

Roll 2 sheets of shortcrust pastry into 27cm (11 inch) squares. Using a 7cm (2 3/4 in) cutter, cut 12 rounds from each sheet. Line 2 1/2 in patty tins with pastry. Cover the tins and refrigerate for 10 – 15 mins.

Chop 100g (3 1/2 in) smoked salmon and set aside one quarter. Mix remaining salmon with 125g (4oz) light cream cheese, 2 lightly beaten eggs, 2 tbsp mayonnaise, 1 tbsp each of chopped fresh chives and dill, and 1 tsp of finely grated lemon rind.

Fill pastry cases with salmon mixture.

Bake in a pre-heated oven 190⁰ C (375⁰F) for 15 – 20 mins or until golden brown.

Divide remaining salmon over the top and garnish with sprigs of dill.

CORN AND SEMI-DRIED TOMATO QUICHES (Makes 24)

Roll 2 sheets of puff pastry into 11 inch squares. Using a 2 3/4 inch cutter, cut 12 rounds from each. Line 2 1/2 in patty tins with pastry. Cover and put in fridge for 10 – 15 mins.

Cut 12 semi-dried tomatoes in half and set aside. Fry 2 rashers of bacon in 1 tsp butter until cooked and crisp, then place in a bowl with 2 lightly beaten eggs, 1/2 cup (4oz) sour cream, 310g (10oz) can creamed corn and 1 tbsp chopped fresh parsley. (To cream the corn just blitz a can of sweetcorn).

Fill each pastry case with mixture and top with tomato half.

Bake in oven 190⁰ C (375⁰F) for 15 – 20 mins or until puffed and golden.

SOME PRAYERS

Every day I need Thee Lord. But this day specially
I need some extra strength to face whatever is to be.
This day more than any day I need to feel thee near
to fortify my courage and overcome my fear.
By myself I cannot meet the challenge of the hour.
There are times when human creatures need a higher power
to help them bear what must be borne. And so dear Lord I pray,
hold on to my trembling hand and be with me today.

Betty McConnell

A PRAYER OF CONFIDENT TRUST by Charles Henry Brent (1862 - 1929)

We give them back to you, dear Lord, who gave them to us. Yet as you did not lose them in giving, so we have not lost them by return. Not as the world gives, do you give, O lover of souls. What you gave, you do not take away; for what is yours is ours always, if we are yours. As life is eternal and love is immortal, death is only a horizon, and a horizon is nothing save the limit of our sight. Lift us up, strong Son of God that we may see farther. Cleanse our eyes that we may see you more clearly. Draw us closer to yourself that we may know ourselves nearer to our loved ones who are with you. And while you prepare a place for us, prepare us for that happy place that where they are and you are, we too may be: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

“HINDS FEET IN HIGH PLACES”

Billy Stewart writes - A few weeks ago I attended the funeral of a dear friend and the following piece was read at it. It is an excerpt from a book called “Hinds Feet in High Places” by Hannah Hurnard. And it is a book I would recommend that you read. In outline it is very much a modern day story similar to the Pilgrim’s Progress and very easy to read.

He was there – standing on the peak, just as she had known he would be, strong and grand and glorious in the beauty of the sunrise, holding out both hands and calling her with a great laugh. She gave one last flying spring, caught his hands and landed beside Him on the topmost peak of the mountain. Around them in every direction towered other and greater ranges of Snow Mountains, whose summits soared into the sky higher than her sight could follow them. He was crowned and dressed in royal robes.

“At last “ he said as she knelt speechless at His feet, “at last you are here and the night of weeping is over and joy comes to you in the morning “ Then lifting her up, he continued “ this is

the time you are to receive the fulfilment of the promises. Never am I to call you ‘ Much-Afraid’ again. I will write upon you a new name” this is your new name He declared. From henceforth you will be called ‘GRACE AND GLORY” Still she could not speak but stood silent with joy thanksgiving awe and wonder.

He added “now you are to live with me here on the high places, to go where I go and to share My work in the valley below so it is fitting that you should have companions and I will bring them to you now”

At that GRACE AND GLORY regarded Him earnestly and there were almost tears in her eyes as she remembered her faithful companions from the journey, ‘Suffering’ and ‘Sorrow’ whom he had given her before. It had been through their help and gentleness and patience that she had been able to ascend the mountains to the High Places. All the time she had been with her Lord and King receiving her new name she had been thinking of them and wishing – yes actually wishing and longing that they were there too- for why should she receive everything? They had endured the same journey; they had supported and helped her, and had been through the same trials and besetments of the enemy. Now she was here and they were not. She opened her mouth to make her first request, to beg her Lord to let her keep the companions ‘Suffering’ and ‘Sorrow’. But He said “here are the companions I have chosen to be with you henceforth and for ever”. Two radiant and shining figures stepped forward the morning sunshine glittering on their snowy garments making them dazzling to look at. They were taller and stronger than GRACE AND GLORY but it was the beauty of their faces and the love shining in their eyes which caught at her heart and made her almost tremble with joy and admiration. They came towards her, their faces shining with mirth and gladness, but they said not a word.

“Who are you” asked GRACE AND GLORY softly “Will you tell me your names? Instead of answering they looked at each other and smiled, then held out their hands as though to take hers in their own. At that familiar gesture GRACE AND GLORY knew them and cried out with a joy which was almost more than she could bear. “Why you are ‘Suffering’ and ‘Sorrow’. Oh, welcome, welcome. I was longing to find you again.” They shook their heads. “Oh no”, they laughed. “We are no more ‘Suffering’ and ‘Sorrow’ than you are ‘Much-Afraid. Don’t you know that everything that comes to the High Places is transformed? Since you brought us here with you, we are turned into ‘JOY’ and ‘PEACE’. “Brought you here!” gasped GRACE AND GLORY “ what an extraordinary way to express it! Why, from first to last you dragged ME here. Again they shook their heads and smiled as they answered. “No, we could never have come here alone. Suffering and Sorrow may not enter the KINGDOM OF LOVE. But each time you accepted us and put your hands in ours we began to change. Had you turned back or rejected us we never could have come here.

Looking at each other again, they laughed softly and said, “when first we saw you at the bottom of the mountains, we felt a little depressed and despairing. You seemed so afraid of us, and shrank away and would not accept our help. It looked so unlikely that any of us would ever get to the high places. We told ourselves we would have to remain ‘Sorrow’ and ‘Suffering’ always. But you see how graciously our Lord and King arranged for all of us, and YOU did bring us here. Now we are to be your companions and friends forever.”

With that they came up to her, put their arms around her, and all three embraced and kissed each other with a love and thankfulness and joy beyond words to express. So with a new name, and united to the king and crowned with glory, GRACE AND GLORY, accompanied by her companions and friends, JOY AND PEACE, came to the High Places and was led into the kingdom of LOVE.



Disabled Christians' Fellowship Ireland

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Hi Folks

Well doesn't time fly?

It hardly seems a year since my last plea for help for DCF and specifically our Annual Branch Holiday.

Now I know you may well say it hasn't been a year since you heard all about DCF. In fact you may well say we never stop hearing about DCF. But then the sad fact is that people with disabilities never stop needing our help either. However another fact is that I know, through your constant help, support and giving, the people of St. Colman's do care and that is a great encouragement not only to me but to all involved in DCF. So in consequence I know that when I ask again for help you will be a listening and compassionate people.

So how can you help this time?

Well our Annual Branch Holiday is coming up all too fast in June. Our dates this year are 27th June to 4th July and primarily we need your prayers. Any work carried out in God's name needs his blessing and this will only come through the prayers on his people. If you want to make our holiday a constant topic in your prayers please ask me for one of our prayer cards.

Then of course we can't run a holiday, especially for people with disabilities, without personnel. If you are over 16 years of age (and there is no upper age limit) and are reasonably fit why not come along with Heather Stewart, Pearl and myself and enjoy the fun and mayhem of helping on a DCF holiday.

And finally, one of the daily highlights on each day down at Newcastle is the supper. So if you have any baking talents will you please respond to our,

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Which means of course,
SAVE OUR SUPPERS.

If you want to help with the Supper Rescue let either Heather, Pearl or me know and we can arrange dates and times for delivery of your culinary lifeboats for our poor starving holiday makers and helpers.

If you want to join our happy band of helpers please talk to me and I will try and fill you in on any details you might need and encourage you to help in this vital work for God.

Thanks again for all you do for us,

George Moore

FROM MAY'S COLLECTION

HAVE YOU GOT A MINUTE LORD?

I know that you are busy Lord,
As busy as can be,
But have you got a minute Lord,
That you could spare for me?

I'm in an awful muddle,
Though I've tried with all my might,
Please have you got a minute, Lord,
To help me put things right?

I got up very early,
But I didn't see the sun
My mind was filled with all the jobs
I really must get done.

I had no time to stand and stare,
To look up to the sky,
And I failed to see its beauty, Lord,
Right there before my eye.

I didn't stop to listen
To the birds in merry song,
I was so busy choosing,
Which dress I should put on.

But now, I wished I'd listened,
To their songs, so sweet and gay,
But I couldn't spare a minute, Lord,
And so they flew away.

I ate a hearty breakfast,
Far more than was my need
I didn't think of others, Lord,
But only of my greed.

Why did I have to buy so much;
That extra loaf of bread?
Oh how I wish I'd left it, Lord,
For someone else instead.



I didn't hear my neighbour,
Although I heard her call.
I just went on pretending, Lord,
That I hadn't heard at all.

I didn't know that she was ill,
And in such deep despair.
I only know, when needed, Lord,
I had no time to spare.

What is the matter with me, Lord?
For good I long to be.
Yet all my thoughts are centred, Lord,
On me and me and me.

I don't know what to do, Lord,
I don't know what to say.
Please have you got a minute, Lord,
That I might kneel and pray?

For I am truly sorry, Lord,
And now I come to thee.
Please have you got a minute, Lord,
That you could spare for me?

LETTERS TO THE BOATYARD

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As the back cover above explains “ You don’t have to win the lottery to sail round the world: you just have to sell everything you own.

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