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RECTOR'S LETTER

To some of you I am a bright young thing but in just around a year I will hit the big FIVE-O. It makes you think! What has life been about and what should it be about in the future? My dad didn't make it to the age I am so I am in uncharted territory.

For some Christians it seems possible for them to say "I'm going to heaven and life is challenging and the world is hard to fathom so I will retreat into my own spiritual journey." It sounds lovely but it is a dead end. Jesus never retreated. He took time for quiet reflection, yes, but then he was always active until his life here ended. Why? Because he had a job to do. The enemy wanted above all things for him not to accomplish his task. We have job to do too and the enemy would love it if we all said "it's too hard. I am going wait for God to do it."

It's important to spend time with God but there are people around us who need us to show them that God loves them and they won't find out unless we go and do it. I don't want to get to the pearly gates and be asked why did I not do more? I am not advocating workaholism but we rest and then we work, that is the Sabbath principle. Even for those who are housebound and immobile there is the work, the work of loving their families, both near and far, and the work of prayer. This parish needs our prayer so that God can do what we, in and of ourselves, cannot do

A survey was done of those who were over 95 years old and they were asked looking back what would they do differently? Three things topped the list:

- 1) Reflect more
- 2) Risk more
- 3) Do more things that would live on after they were gone

This seems pretty good advice to me.

I am sure God pondered deeply sending his Son, it was a tremendous risk and the consequence, the salvation of the world will live on until this temporal world is over. Praise God for his amazing love!

May God bless you,

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS - PRAYER GROUP/HOME GROUP

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| 17 th February | Prayer group in Billy and Isabell's home |
| 24 th February | Home group in Mike and Sarah's home |
| 3 rd March | Ladies' group in the church hall |
| 10 th March | Prayer group in Billy and Isabell's home |
| 17 th March | Home group in Mike and Sarah's home |
| 24 th March | Prayer group in Billy and Isabell's home |

SUNDAY SERVICE ARRANGEMENTS

21 February

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| 9.00am | Holy Communion |
| 10.15am | Morning Prayer |
| 11.30am | Informal All-Age worship |

28 February

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| 9.00am | Holy Communion |
| 10.15am | Holy Communion |
| 11.30am | Informal All-Age worship |

7 March

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| 9.00am | Holy Communion |
| 10.15am | Morning Prayer |
| 11.30am | Informal All-Age worship |

14 March

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| 9.00am | Holy Communion |
| 10.15am | Morning Prayer |
| 11.30am | Informal All-Age worship |

21 March

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| 9.00am | Holy Communion |
| 10.15am | Morning Prayer |
| 11.30am | Informal All-Age worship |

28 March

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| 9.00am | Holy Communion |
| 10.15am | "Story of the Cross" |
| 11.30am | Informal All-Age worship |
| 7.00pm | United Healing Service at St. Nicholas' Roman Catholic Church |

4 April

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| 7.30am | Sunrise service at Carrick Castle. |
| 9.00am | Holy Communion |
| 10.15am | Holy Communion |
| 11.30am | Informal All-Age worship |

VISIT OF DAVID JARDINE

Gateway Church, St. Nicholas' Roman Catholic Church and St. Colman's Church have jointly invited Rev. Bro. David Jardine, of Divine Healing Ministries to come to Carrickfergus in March.

David will conduct two teaching evenings on the "Prayer of Surrender" as follows:

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| Thursday 18 th March | 8pm | St. Colman's Church hall |
| Thursday 25 th March | 8pm | Gateway Church, Governor's Place |

At 7pm on the evening of Palm Sunday, 28th March, David will lead a healing service at St Nicholas' Roman Catholic Church, Minorca Place.

Everyone will be most welcome so please invite others to come to any or all of these evenings

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER 2010

There are a number of special events organised for the run-up to Easter.

1) Palm Sunday March 28th

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| 10.15am | "Story of the cross" - readings to tell the story interspersed with special music from the choir |
| 7.00pm | Healing service led by Rev. Bro. David Jardine in St. Nicholas' Roman Catholic Church, Minorca Place |

2) Wednesday of Holy Week, March 31st, and Maundy Thursday, April 1st Holy Communion at 10.30am with a short address.

3) Good Friday, 2nd April, "The Three Hours" from 12noon until 3pm. Traditionally Christians have tried to set aside this time to reflect on the passion of our Lord. The church will have number of areas set aside for reflective interaction. On each half hour there will a short time of corporate bible reading, meditation and prayer. You are welcome to be present for the whole time but you may simply want to call in for even one of the half hour slots.

4) Good Friday evening A short 45 minute United Service in St. John's, Ballycarry, beginning at 7.30pm.

5) Holy Week Teaching Mission A United Mission under the auspices of Mission Carrick will take place in North Street Presbyterian Church, at 7.30pm each evening from Monday 29th March to Friday 2nd April. Desi Maxwell will be the speaker. His theme will be "Journey to Jerusalem (Lessons on Mark's Gospel chapters 8 to 10). There will be communion on the Thursday evening.

8) Easter Sunday

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| 7.30am | Easter Sunday Sunrise Service. at Carrick Castle. A light breakfast will be available afterwards at St. Nicholas Church Hall. |
| 9.00am | Holy Communion |
| 10.15am | Holy Communion |
| 11.30am | Informal All-Age worship |

EASTER VESTRY

The Easter Vestry will take place this year on Wednesday 14th April at 8.00pm in the main Hall. Everyone may attend with registered members eligible to vote. The evening will include a review of the year, consideration of the parish accounts for the year ended 31 December 2009, the election of a new select vestry and the filling of other positions.

PARISH RECORDS

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

The following funeral took place:

4 February 2010 Johnny Bunting Formerly of 2 Magills Avenue

We extend our prayerful sympathy to those who are bereaved.

GIVING TO THE CHURCH

The list of Freewill offerings for the past year is on a sheet at the back of this magazine. We would like to thank all who have contributed to the Church in this way, as well as those who make use of Standing Orders.

The total sum received in 2009 is almost the same as for 2008, and in times of economic difficulty, we are grateful to everyone who has contributed. However, just as everyone experiences rising costs, so does the Church. We would therefore ask everyone to consider their level of giving to the work of the Church, and if possible increase their weekly contribution.

REGULAR GIVING

Freewill offering envelopes for 2010 have been being issued. If you do not have envelopes and would like some delivered to you for 2010 please contact Fred Cole (93364209) who will be glad to facilitate this.

Some people may prefer to give by standing order. Contact the Treasurer Alan Hibbert (93329160) if you would like the paperwork to do that.

GIFT AID

Our thanks to all those who returned gift aid forms. We have had a very good response. Even if you returned one in the past please send in a new form so we can have a complete set of updated forms. If you inadvertently have lost the one you received recently please contact Chris Sturgess, our Gift Aid Secretary, who will be glad to forward a replacement to you. He can be contacted on 028 93362741.

BISHOP'S LENT SEMINARS 2010

The Rt Rev Alan Abernethy will deliver this his third series of Equipping the Saints seminars on the following dates:

Seminar 1

Monday 15th February – St Peter's Parish Church, Belfast ;

Tuesday 23rd February- Dunluce Parish Centre, Bushmills;

Wednesday 3rd March- Drummaul Parish Church, Randalstown;

Seminar 2

Monday 8th March- Dunluce Parish Centre, Bushmills;

Tuesday 16th March - St Peter's Parish Church, Belfast;

Wednesday 24th March – Drummaul Parish Church, Randalstown;

Each Seminar being repeated at the different venues

The first seminar, on Monday 15th February, was inspirational. If you missed this do try and make it to Randalstown on Wednesday 3rd March when the seminar will be repeated. If anyone needs transport to any of these seminars please contact Rev Billy Stewart.

The topic of the seminars this year is 'Jesus is Lord'. In session one, Bishop Alan will reflect on the birth, life, ministry and teaching of Jesus. The seminar will also examine how we are called to fulfil His mission and ministry.

In the second seminar, Bishop Alan will reflect on the final week of Jesus's life, his death and resurrection, as well as again examining how we are called to fulfil His mission and ministry.

All seminars get underway at 7.30pm, finishing at 9.30pm. Booking is via the Bishop's secretary Rosemary Patterson. Follow this link to book online:

www.connordiocese.org.uk/seminars

Speaking of his annual seminars, Bishop Alan said: "I enjoy them and they help me feel somehow I am fulfilling my ministry of teaching."

Each day's a new beginning

**Each day's a new beginning
So start it with a smile.
Enjoy the art of living,
Do things that are worthwhile,
Like loving and forgiving
And having time to spare
To make some person happy
By showing that you care.**

SOME MEMORIES OF THE LADIES GROUP CHRISTMAS DINNER



The members enjoyed a delicious four-course meal with all the trimmings, and plenty of fun and laughter. We all agreed that the food, prepared by various members of the group was far better than in any outside restaurant, and a lot cheaper too! A big 'Thank you' to the men who served the meal and washed up for us!

COFFEE MORNING AND BRING AND BUY SALE FOR HAITI

The coffee morning and bring and buy sale held on the morning of Saturday 30th January raised the grand total of £1054 for this worthwhile cause, and also gave those who attended a good morning of fellowship and fun. Our grateful thanks to all who supplied food and items for the sale. A big thanks also to all who helped in any way.

Isabell and Billy Stewart

OCCASIONAL DONATIONS

For the season of Lent the Vestry have decided that we will support the CMS Ireland annual project. Information about the project will be shown to both congregations and there are activities for the children to do as well. A particular interest in this project comes from the fact that the medical superintendent of Kiwoko hospital is Dr Rory Wilson, a GP from Ballyholme Parish, Bangor. Rory is known personally to some of us and was the original leader of the Body Builders Holiday club in Dunmurry, young leaders from which help us run our Summer Holiday Club 'Circus'. It is probably true to say that without Rory's work in Dunmurry there would be no 'circus' in Kilroot!

The CMS Ireland Annual Project for 2010...Hands On! Kiwoko...



'Hands on!' is supporting the work of the Children's ward in Kiwoko Hospital. In particular, helping to provide medical care that many children would not otherwise be able to afford – giving the children of Uganda a helping hand. Through the Annual Project they hope to raise £30,000 that will make a big difference to the work in Kiwoko.



Rory and Denise Wilson



5th Carrickfergus Scout Group News.

Cubs restarted

On Tuesday 18th January 5th Carrickfergus Cubs restarted after an absence of 2 years. Thanks to some targeted leaflet drops at local primary schools by members of the congregation we had 13 young people on the first night and have had around 15 each night since. These young boys and girls have been enjoying some ice-breaker games, looking at dangers, hazards and perils, and looking at some of the traditions in Cubs as well as having bucket loads of fun!

Thank you to all those people who assisted in getting the word out about Cubs restarting and ensuring our success so far.

Volunteer rota for Beavers

One thing that has become apparent is the need for Beavers in 5th Carrickfergus Scout Group. Beavers are for boys and girls between the ages of 6 and 8 and probably would only run for 1 hour or so per week. A volunteer has come forward who is keen to learn more about this section, and we would really like to build up a leadership team to ensure the success of Beavers in St. Colman's. Due to the age range, the section will probably meet on a Tuesday from 5pm until 6pm. Could you help out, even on a rota basis, to provide structured fun and activities to these young people? No previous experience of Scouting is required. Please contact David Branagh if you are interested.

Investiture coming up

With so many new members starting at the same time one thing that will happen in the near future is their investiture into Scouting. At this time the young people will become full members of the Scout Association and commit to their Promise and Law, which includes "doing a good turn every day". Plans are underway to make this occasion memorable for all those participating and we will hopefully have some photographs in due course.

The big adventure.

Also on the forthcoming programme, especially as the nights begin to get lighter, are some of the outdoor adventurous activities that Scouting is famous for, including camping of course.

Thank you once again to all those who have helped get Cubs back on feet in St. Colman's and I look forward to reporting of the similar relaunch of other sections in the near future. If you would like to be part of this modern, adult led youth organisation addressing a need in our local community through any particular skill you have, or time you can spare please get in touch.

5th Carrickfergus Scout Group

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