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EDITORIAL

Although we might complain about our climate it makes our gardens possible. Many of us derive a lot of pleasure from the garden. As a place to think, plot, relax, or work off surplus energy, the garden can fulfil many roles. Even those of us who have "Blue Circle Lawns" can still relax among our pots. I think we should dispense with the calendar and adjust our lives around Bob Brooks's articles. Just by reading them you can understand the weather and time of year. Keep going Bob.

CMS Ireland is featured this month and I am indebted to Heather Grindle for the article bringing to our notice the valuable work undertaken by this Group. Purified water, that we have in abundance, is a struggle for many people in the areas that CMS Ireland are working in. Hard to imagine that when we are unhappy about the downpour we are standing under and our umbrella has just collapsed, people elsewhere are praying for rain.

Other articles this month include Billy Adair, The Parish Pages, and the slimmer's friend The Parish Chef. Thanks for the soup Hannah; I can eat the stuffed bacon rolls with a clear conscience.

My thanks to all who have contributed to this issue, and to Linda and Tony who are "putting the magazine together" while I relax on holiday.

Editor..

Our thought and our prayers in the congregation of St Mark's are with John, our Rector, as he is consecrated Bishop of Clogher and goes forward in renewed service of Almighty God. We wish John, Mary and Dorothy happy and rewarding lives in their new home.

Articles for the November edition of 'The Lion' should be with the Parish Office by Thursday, 13 October 2011

FROM THE CURATE

No matter how tired I feel on a Sunday night, an hour or two spent with our Youth Fellowship is (usually!) more pleasure than pain. In fact some of our discussions over the past weeks have set me thinking on a fairly consistent theme of what it means to belong - both to St Mark's, and to the Church.

This year the Youth Fellowship's theme is that of 'Identity', as we examine our place in the church, the community and the world. In a parish which spans so many generations - our oldest parishioner has her 104th birthday this month - it is incredibly encouraging to see the level of commitment which our younger parishioners have to the Church, and to St Mark's in particular. It is great to see the emergence of a new group of 'Twenties and Thirties', at a time when that age group is so often the missing generation in many parishes.

As for the YF - you can't miss them - they are in the Music group, reading lessons at Family services, handing out jelly babies at the back of the church and serving teas in the Heyn Hall after family services. They each have a gift and a role to play, and are always ready and willing to serve where they can.

It is heartening to hear what the YF themselves have to say about 'Church', and what St Mark's means to them. Yes, Church is a building, and with our heritage and CS Lewis connection, it is a building that we're all proud to be connected with, and want to cherish and maintain. Once more this year, St Mark's was open for European Heritage weekend, and while people came to view the architecture and to pursue the CS Lewis trail, many also commented on the warmth of the welcome from those parishioners who came down to organise and support the open days.

But more than that, our young people felt that Church was about fellowship, friendship, our parish organisations, our worship, and about belonging to a community of believers.

This isn't meant to be some kind of an election manifesto for our YF – but it has been interesting, and perhaps sobering, to see how ready our youth are to grasp church as somewhere for mutual support, for building one another up and for encouragement.

As well as our Sunday worship, the 'community' of St Mark's is in full swing now in October. Men's Group, Ladies' Guild and Evergreens all recommence, as do the Wednesday night Bible studies, on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, when we hope to go back to basics with the original and oldest Gospel, that of St Mark.

As I write this, we are just a few days away from the Harvest weekend, and the first of the events organised by the Young Families Committee – the Harvest Baked Potato Lunch. The next event will be a Table Quiz on 28th October, and I would encourage as many as possible to come along, either as individuals, or to enter a team from your organisation or parish group. It's a good way to raise funds for CMSI, but should also be a good night's craic at the start of the half term holidays for parishioners of all ages!

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS



HOLY BAPTISM

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me" (Mark 10:14)

4 September 2011 Luke Daniel Bradshaw of 3 Richmond Avenue, Hollywood

CHRISTIAN MARRIAGES

"What God has joined together, let man not separate" (Matthew 19:6)

30 July 2011 Steven Michael Duddy to Emma Jane Norris of
18 Loughfellow Road, Stratford-upon-Avon, England

1 August 2011 Steven Andrew McGimpsey to Victoria Newbury of
44 Old Mill Rise, Dundonald

ORGANISATIONS STARTING IN OCTOBER

LADIES' GUILD

Opening Service – Monday, 10 October at 7.45pm
Afterwards 'Bring & Buy' sale in the Heyn Hall

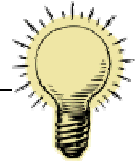
MEN'S GROUP

Tuesday 11 October at 8.00pm

EVERGREENS

Resume on Wednesday, 12 October at 2.30pm

FLOODLIGHTING, COUNTING



OUTDOOR FLOODLIGHTING OCTOBER 2011

Donation for church floodlighting gratefully received from:

- 2 October Mr E & Mrs P Galway of 18 Edgcumbe View in memory of their parents
- 9 October Mr & Mrs J Johnston, 19 Carrowreagh Park, Dundonald
- 16 October Mr & Mrs S Spence of 1 Watermeade Avenue in memory of deceased family
- 16 October Mrs M Hammond of 23 Glen Ebor Park in memory of Jack
- 30 October Ms M Grahame of 33 Clonallon Park in memory of her parents

COUNTING



COLLECTION COUNT ROTA OCTOBER 2011

Convenor: Donald Kerr

Counters: Gladys O'Neill
Ruby Harris
Bernice McMullan

LION STAPLERS – OCTOBER 2011

Friday 28 October @ 9.00am in the Committee Room



Katie Dyer
Mollie Coates

Frances Lloyd
Christine Johnston

Edna Dowling
John Emerson

CALENDAR OF WORSHIP – OCTOBER 2011

Sunday 2	Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity
8.30am	Holy Communion
10.30am	Family Service
6.30pm	Compline & Ministry of Healing
Wednesday 5	
11.00am	Holy Communion
7.30pm	LEO with Intercessions for the Sick
Sunday 9	Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity
8.30am	Holy Communion
10.30am	Morning Prayer
6.30pm	Compline
Wednesday 12	St Philip the Deacon (ransf'd)
11.00am	Holy Communion
7.30pm	LEO with Intercessions for the Sick
Sunday 16	Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity
8.30am	Holy Communion
10.30am	Parish Communion
6.30pm	Evening Prayer
Wednesday 19	St Luke t(ransf'd)
11.00am	Holy Communion
7.30pm	LEO with Intercessions for the Sick
Sunday 23	Fifth Sunday before Advent – Bible Sunday
8.30am	Holy Communion
10.30am	Morning Prayer
6.30pm	Compline
Wednesday 26	Saint Simon and Saint Jude (transf'd)
11.00am	Holy Communion
7.30pm	LEO with Intercessions for the Sick
Sunday 30	Fourth Sunday before Advent: All Saints
8.30am	Holy Communion
10.30am	Morning Prayer
6.30pm	Holy Communion
Wednesday 2 November	
11.00am	Holy Communion
7.30pm	Intercessions for the Sick

FLOWERS – OCTOBER



- 2 Mrs M Bleakley
14 Nevin's Row, Ballyskeagh Road
In memory of her husband Harold Bleakley
- 9 The Skillen Family
In memory of Albert and Violet Skillen
- 16 Mrs Williamson
291 Hollywood Road
In loving memory of her husband Thomas
- 23 Sir Anthony and Lady Hart
- 30 Francis, Clifford, Helen, and family
In memory of our parents Billy and Sadie Bennett

Lesley Donaldson 9065 4866

HARVEST THANKS

I would like to thank all who helped in any way at Harvest Thanksgiving: those who gave gifts of flowers, fruit and vegetable, or donated to the Harvest collection; those who gave their time on Saturday to decorate the Church which, as always, looked and smelt beautiful; and, last but not least, those who helped with the distribution on Monday, the 'dismantlers', 'packers' and drivers, without whom this aspect of Harvest Thanksgiving would not be possible, and I know that the gifts are very welcome. Again many thanks for your continuing support for the work of the Flower Guild.
Lesley Donaldson

PRAYER PAGE

PRAYER FOR BIBLE SUNDAY

Blessed Lord,
Who caused all holy scriptures to be written for our learning:
help us to hear them,
to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them
that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word,
we may embrace and ever hold fast
the hope of everlasting life,
which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY - YOU TOOK MY PARKING SPACE AT CHURCH

One day, a man went to visit a church. He got there early, parked his car and got out. Another car pulled up near the driver got out and said, "I always park there! You took my place!"

The visitor went inside for Sunday School, found an empty seat and sat down. A young lady from the church approached him and stated, "That's my seat! You took my place!" The visitor was somewhat distressed by this rude welcome, but said nothing.

After Sunday School, the visitor went into the sanctuary and sat down. Another member walked up to him and said, "That's where I always sit! You took my place!" The visitor was even more troubled by this treatment, but still He said nothing.

Later as the congregation was praying for Christ to dwell among them, the visitor stood up, and his appearance began to change. Horrible scars became visible on his hands and on his sandaled feet. Someone from the congregation noticed him and called out, "What happened to you?" The visitor replied, as his hat became a crown of thorns, and a tear fell from his eye, "I took your place".

O, to have a little house!
To own the hearth and stool and all!
The heaped up sods against the fire,
The pile of turf against the wall!
To have a clock with weights and chains
And pendulum swinging up and down!
A dresser filled with shining delph,
Speckled and white and blue and brown!
I could be busy all the day
Clearing and sweeping hearth and floor,
And fixing on their shelf again
My white and blue and speckled store!
I could be quiet there at night
Beside the fire and by myself,
Sure of a bed and loth to leave
The ticking clock and the shining delph!
Och! but I'm weary of mist and dark,
And roads where there's never a house nor bush,
And tired I am of bog and road,
And the crying wind and the lonesome hush!
And I am praying to God on high,
And I am praying Him night and day,
For a little house - a house of my own
Out of the wind's and the rain's way.

MOTHERS' UNION



The Mothers' Union Opening Service was held on Wednesday 21st September with Rev Lynne Gibson officiating, and was followed by a short meeting and supper in the Parlour. Elections for the new committee and office bearers were held and the following were elected.

Committee : Heather Grindle, Angela Kerr, Edith McNeill, Hannah Nelson, Phyllis Parke.

Treasurer : Ann Clark

Secretary : Lynn Wilson

Thanks were expressed to Mary Harland who had recently stepped down as Enrolling Member and everyone was very grateful for her contribution to the Branch over the past six years. The committee were very grateful for the members' many suggestions for activities for the coming year, and hope to publish the programme as soon as possible.

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday 19th October. This will be a **card-making night with Linda Nicholson**, our parish clerk, and is open to Mothers' Union members and anyone else who would like to attend. Linda will provide all our equipment, and we are asked to bring £1 to cover costs. **If you are interested in joining Mothers' Union or just feel like being creative and having a cup of tea, we would love to see you in the Parlour at 8pm.**

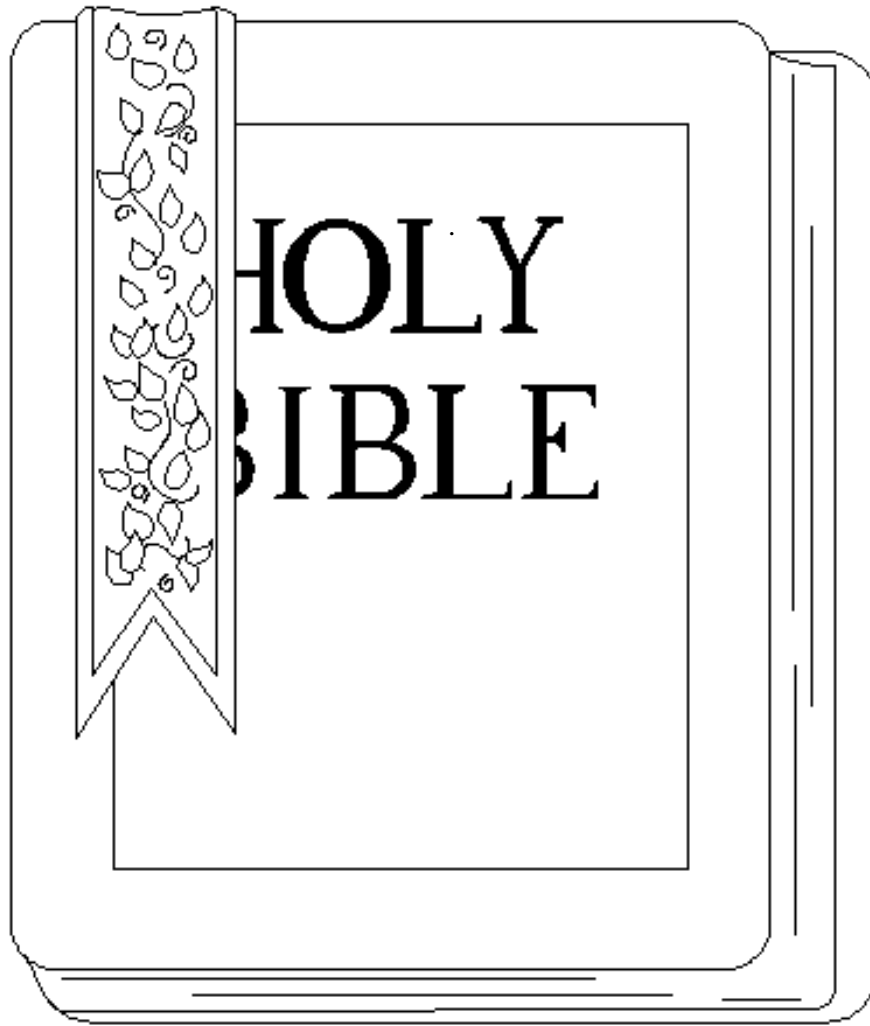
BIBLE TRIVIA



1. Q: What is the first book in the Bible?
2. Q: What is the last book in the Bible?
3. Q: What four books tell about Jesus life on Earth?
4. Q: What is the longest book in the Bible?
5. Q: What is the shortest book in the Bible?
6. Q: How many books are in the Bible? Old Testament?
New Testament?
7. Q: How many tribes did ancient Israel have?
8. Q: How many disciples did Jesus choose?
9. Q: Which NT book has Jesus' *Sermon on the Mount*?
10. Q: In what language was most of the Old Testament given?
11. Q: In what language was most of the New Testament given?
12. Q: Who was Jesus' human mother?
13. Q: Who was Jesus' most famous cousin?
14. Q: What was another name for the Apostle Paul?
15. Q: What was another name for Jacob?
16. Q: What was most likely the first Gospel written?
17. Q: What was most likely the last Gospel written?
18. Q: What was most likely the first of Paul's letters written?
19. Q: What was most likely the last New Testament book written?
20. Q: Which book in the Bible did Jesus directly write?

(How many can you get right without checking out the answers?)

Colouring Page



"Your word is a lamp to my
feet and a
light to my path."
Psalm 119. 105



Autumn has appeared very rapidly so perhaps warm tasty easy to cook meals are on "cooks" minds!

Autumn Butternut Squash Soup

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| 1 medium-sized butternut squash | 1 sweet potato |
| 1 medium-sized onion | 1 ½ litres of vegetable stock |
| 1 teaspoonful of ground cinnamon | ½ teaspoonful of nutmeg |

Halve the butternut squash lengthways keeping the skin on and scoop out the seeds with a spoon. Rub a little butter/oil over the flesh.

Lay halves skin-side-down in a roasting tin.

Peel the sweet potato and cut into large cubes (approx 2 inches) and place these in the roasting tin. Peel the onion and cut roughly into 4 – 6 pieces – hold this aside for now.

Roast the squash and potato in a hot oven, approx 200 °C. After 15 minutes add the onion pieces and continue to roast for a further 30 minutes. Remove the roasted vegetables from the oven. Place hot stock in a large bowl.

Scoop the flesh from the skin of the butternut squash and add this to the stock along with the sweet potato and onion. Add the cinnamon and nutmeg to the liquid.

Use a hand blender or food processor to 'blitz' the soup to a smooth consistency. Reheat if necessary before serving.

Stuffed Bacon Rolls

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| 3 slices of bread (crumbed) | 1 cup grated cooking apple |
| 1 tablespoon finely chopped onion | 1 tablespoon chopped parsley |
| Seasoning | 2ozs soft butter |
| 8 slices bacon | 1 beaten egg |

Method:

Combine breadcrumbs, apple, onion, parsley and seasoning.

Add soft butter and egg and mix well if mixture too wet add more breadcrumbs!)

Shape mixture and place some on each rasher securing with cocktail stick or string. Place on wire rack set on baking tray.

Bake 375 deg for about 30 mins (about 25 in fan oven!)

PARISH CHEF continued

Spiced Apple Crumble

1lb cooking apples

1 cup blackberries.

Rind and juice of one orange

2ozs light muscovado sugar.

For the topping

6ozs plain flour

3ozs butter 3ozs caster sugar

1oz chopped hazelnuts.

Preheat oven 200 deg C . Grease dish with butter.

Peel and core apples and then slice into dish.

Scatter blackberries over. Sprinkle orange rind over the top.

Mix orange juice with muscovado sugar and pour over fruit.

To make topping rub butter into flour, add caster sugar and hazelnuts.

Scatter over top of fruit. Press topping around sides of dish to seal in juices. Bake 30 mins until crumble brown.

Enjoy with custard, whipped cream or ice cream!

The soup recipe this month was a contribution from Hannah Nelson - many thanks!



*Received with thanks from Alpha Bible Group
£100 for Diocese of Yei, Sudan*

26 May 2011

*Received with thanks from Parish of Dundela
£177.48 for Annual Project. "Living Stones" in Brundi.*

25 August 2011

THE YOUNG FAMILIES



The Young Families committee has drawn up a new and varied programme of events for 2011/12. Some events are targeted at young families in the parish, while others are being organised by the committee but are open to everybody – simply aiming to build and encourage friendship and fellowship across the generations in St Mark's.

The first event this year is the Harvest Lunch, to be held after the Harvest morning service on Sunday 25 September. This will be a simple Baked Potato lunch to which all are welcome, with donations in aid of Tearfund's famine relief work.

We will be holding a table quiz on Friday 28 October at 8pm, and would encourage as many individuals and teams as possible to come along. Further details are available elsewhere within the Lion.

Some of last year's events were so successful that they are back again by popular request, perhaps in a different guise.

The Chocolate Fiesta will make a welcome return on Saturday 11 February, and we hope to hold another pottery painting event on Saturday 19 May – this time it will be open to people of all ages!

We hope to round off the year with a Parish picnic on Sunday 3 June after the annual Sunday School prize-giving service.

Keep an eye on future editions of the Lion and in the Church News for details of all events – you will be assured of a warm welcome!

CMSI

CMS Ireland is a Christian Mission Agency, which works in partnership with the Church to share the Gospel throughout the world – in word and deed. This means the sending and receiving of people, the sharing of resources, a commitment to prayer and encouraging opportunities for discipleship. Through a network of Global Partners, Mission Partners, volunteers and churches CMS seeks to build links that support and nurture the Church. CMS believes that God’s mission is the task of the church and tries to find ways of resourcing local Christians as they live out the transformational message of Christ.

These words have been taken from the CMS Ireland website, and for those not familiar with their work, give a really clear vision of the kind of work which is carried out in fourteen countries across the world.

A number of groups and individuals in St Mark’s support the work of CMS, and different projects in different places, so it is easy to lose track of the excellent work which CMS does, world-wide, and of the importance of our support – practical, financial and prayerful – in all that is done.

Many of our small groups within St Marks, and the Youth Fellowship’s teas after the Family Services, support the work of CMS financially. It is helpful to stop and remind ourselves of what is being done, and this month, as it is the 20th anniversary of the UDP project in Nairobi, Heather Grindle has kindly included an update on that project. We hope to include an update on the work in Yei, in the Sudan, in a future month’s Lion.

ALL SAINTS' CATHEDRAL URBAN DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

1. THE GIRLS AND THE CHILDREN

The Urban Development Programme (UDP) of All Saints' Cathedral Nairobi has been supported from the outset by the Church Mission Society Ireland (CMSIreland) and its link churches in Ireland and Belgium.

This support has been given in the form of a Mission Partner (Isabelle Prondzynski), financial assistance for the running expenses of the Programme, help in submitting grant applications to donors in Europe, and occasional visits by the UDP staff to the UDP's Irish and Belgian link churches.



The most recent form of co-operation has been quite different though – the attachment, for a six-week period, of two Irish school

leavers, Emma Dunwoody and Kirsten Brown, both eager to learn what missionary life is like and

eager to contribute their enthusiasm to the Programme. They also wanted to use this transitional time to take a final decision on their intended further studies.



They took to the Tujisaidie Nursery School with as much enthusiasm as the children there took to them. And so, they became

regulars in the school for several days each week, while getting to know the UDP office during the other days.

After their time in Nairobi, they moved on to another CMSIreland project in rural Kenya, but came back to visit the school once more, to have a video taken of their work, before returning to Ireland in August this year.

They will be fondly remembered!

2. Link church help with gutters and water tanks

The past years have been very dry in Kenya. Many animals (both farmed and wild) died because of drought, people were hungry, and the government has appealed for aid.

Water pipes were dry, as the dams ran low, and everyone in Nairobi learnt to live with tiny quantities of water. Those hawking water by the jerrican around the housing estates, made some good money selling the most precious commodity on earth.



The community plot in Kayole already had two tanks, collecting both rainwater and mains water. Supplies are used very sparingly, serving the Nursery School only.

When they run dry, water can be bought by the tanker load from the City Council of Nairobi, which brings it in from further afield.

When we received a donation through a legacy from a member of our link church in Brussels, we

decided to invest this in guttering and water tanks for a number of households.

As they usually do, the communities selected the elderly and disabled members, as well as those with long-term illnesses, to be the beneficiaries of this scheme. Those chosen have to have corrugated iron roofs on their houses, to facilitate water harvesting. The roofs were measured, the gutters ordered, the tanks selected, and various quotes discussed by the Cathedral's UDP Committee so that the most cost-effective one could be selected.

Once the tanks were bought and



the gutters installed, the community members had to buy and connect the last pipe to connect the two parts. This water tank

gives them a safety net against the worst effects of the drought, and they are very happy and grateful.

3. An outing to the Animal Orphanage

Nairobi has a very famous National Park, where the wild animals live in close proximity to the city, in undisturbed and protected land where they can roam freely and where they can come and go as they please -- there is a barrier only at the limits of the city itself.

Within Nairobi National Park, there are two treasures appreciated especially by children, and it is here that we went to visit in June this year.

The Tujisaidie Nursery School, so regularly supported by St Mark's, also benefits from the generous gift of a link church member who supports two outings for all pupils per year, as well as a school uniform for each child in the school.

For the children, the excursion is marvellous -- most of them only ever leave the slum on one of these outings, and they expect the day with eager anticipation. We hire a school bus to drive them and bring them back, and it is wonderful to sit with them, hear the chatter and the amazement as they comment on what they see. The high point on this occasion was passing Wilson Airport. There

were airplanes on the tarmac, as well as several approaching and landing -- Wilson Airport will be a future destination for the children!

The Animal Orphanage cares for abandoned young animals brought in from the wild, until they can be released again. It also cares for animals found being smuggled through Kenyatta International Airport, if these cannot be released.

In the afternoon, we took the splendid Safari Walk, a wooden pathway high above some very large natural enclosures in the old forest of the area, where the orphaned animals can roam about and be watched from above. The children were fascinated and enjoyed every minute of their outing.



When we returned to Kayole, their parents were waiting for them at the school, looking forward to their eager stories of the day's adventures.

**Men's Group: Meeting on Tuesday 11th October
at 8.00pm in the Parlour, Heyn Hall**

Speaker: The Reverend Doctor Robert (Bert) Tosh



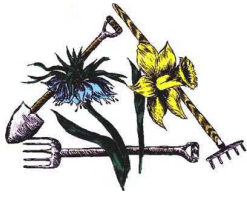
Dr. Bert Tosh has been a minister of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland since 1973. When minister of Charlemont and Birt, Derry, he also taught in Foyle College and was the Presbyterian Church's representative on the BBC Northern Ireland Advisory

Committee. In 1984, he became a full time producer of religious programmes with the BBC and is, at present the Senior Producer for religion and ethics with BBC Northern Ireland, working on Radio Ulster programmes such as Sunday Sequence, Morning Worship and Thought for the Day. He is also a noted scholar of Irish Presbyterian history.

He has produced Morning Service in St Mark's and many of you will already have met or at least seen him. He is a gifted and knowledgeable speaker and one of our parishioners who has heard him talk described it as "highly entertaining".

Answers

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| 1 A: Genesis | 11 A: Greek |
| 2 A: Revelation | 12 A: Mary |
| 3 A: Matthew, Mark, Luke, John | 13 A: John the Baptist |
| 4 A: Psalms | 14 A: Saul of Tarsus |
| 5 A: 3 John | 15 A: Israel |
| 6 A: 66 total, 39 OT & 27 NT | 16 A: Mark |
| 7 A: 12 | 17 A: John |
| 8 A: 12 | 18 A: 1 Thessalonians |
| 9 A: Matthew | 19 A: Revelation |
| 10 A: Hebrew | 20 A: None |



Seasonal Preparation in the garden

The dying leaves of trees and shrubs in October give a greater degree of colour intensity as they begin to fall to the ground and this is a clear sign that winter is not far off. It is a good time to give some thought to improvements in garden layout and to consider additional planting of colourful permanent plants.

The modern Garden Centres of to-day provide for sale an extensive range of trees and shrubs including evergreens with quite spectacular colourful foliage and suitable for large and small gardens. These plants will give an excellent all year round display of golden, purple, copper or variegated foliage and many will surpass almost any floral display in the garden. The plants will already be growing in liners and can be planted out at any time of the year. They require very little attention and such plants are ideally suited for the retired person or those who are in business and have little spare time for gardening.

Careful planning is necessary when deciding what should be planted into the garden. Special consideration must be given to the ultimate size of the plant when it reaches maturity. It is best to list the plants you wish to have and to note their height and spread and other relevant details regarding position and soil type. As a general rule all lightly coloured and variegated foliage plants should be grown in an open position with good light. Most plants require a fertile soil and some require a fertile to rich soil. A few do best in poor soil. All plants for sale in garden centres have attached instructions regarding cultivation and it is best to pay attention to the advice given. Note if the plant requires an acid soil (ericaceous) or a soil which is sweet (alkaline). A plant which has the right growing conditions will thrive, provided it never runs short of water.

Some of our best and most loved hymns come from much longer poems : for example “Praise to the Holiest in the height” and “Firmly I believe and truly” come from Cardinal Newman’s “The dream of Gerontius”, and the lovely “Dear Lord, and Father of Mankind” comes from a strange poem of seventeen verses by John Greenleaf Whittier, entitled “The Brewing of Soma”. Also the ever popular “O for a thousand tongues to sing” comes from an original hymn of eighteen verses, which Charles Wesley wrote to celebrate the anniversary of his conversion. This was written as a hymn, which of course would be sung, but neither Newman or Whittier intended their works to be sung: indeed it is doubtful if Whittier would ever have approved, as he was a Quaker, and Quakers did not sing hymns.

The hymn “Hark what a sound and too divine for hearing” (127) was introduced to Church of Ireland worshippers in 1935, and it too came from a much longer poem by Frederick William Henry Myers (1843-1901). When Myers was a student at Trinity College, Cambridge, he entered the Seatonian Poetry Competition with a poem entitled “St Paul” based on 2nd Corinthians 12v9, and consisting of one hundred and fifty verses! The poem did not win the prize, but nevertheless was published in 1867 when Myers was only 24 years old, and showed him as a writer of deep spirituality.

Later in life Frederick Myers became a School Inspector, a position he held for almost thirty years. He founded the Society of Psychical Research and published several books of poetry and essays.

The hymn comes from the final verses of the original poem 147, 148 and 150 and centres on Christ’s Second Coming as described in Revelation chapter 22. The opening verse is not part of the poem and is thought to have been written by someone else. The four verse hymn as we now have it first appeared in the “Congregational Hymnary” of 1916.

The missing verse 149 was included in the “Fellowship Hymn Book Supplement” of 1921 and reads:

“Flash from our eyes the glow of our thanksgiving,

Glad and regretful, confident and calm;
Then through all life, and what is after living,
Thrill to the tireless music of a psalm.”

Now back to the hymn as we have it:

v1 “Hark what a sound, and too divine for hearing,
Stirs on the earth and trembles in the air!
Is it the thunder of the Lord’s appearing?
Is it the music of his people’s prayer?”

v2 Surely He cometh, and a thousand voices
Shout to the saints, and to the deaf are dumb;
Surely He cometh, and the earth rejoices,
Glad in His coming who hath sworn, “I come.”

We are alerted by this divine sound which raises two questions, both of which are answered in verse 2 – He will come again just as He promised, and the People of God will welcome Him with great rejoicing.

v3 “This hath He done, and shall we not adore Him?
This shall He do, and can we still despair?
Come, let us quickly fling ourselves before Him,
Cast at His feet the burden of our care.”

v4 “Yea, through life, death, through sorrow and through sinning
He shall suffice me, for He hath sufficed:
Christ is the end, for Christ was the beginning,
Christ the beginning, for the end is Christ.”

This is a Christ centred hymn and emphasises the many blessings bestowed on us by His coming – Christ, sufficient for every time and for every need: Christ, the beginning and the end: Christ, the Alpha and the Omega.

The fine tune “Highwood” by Sir Richard Terry makes this a hymn well worth singing, but it requires concentration and deep thought if we are to make any sense of it.

PARISH ORGANISATIONS & REPRESENTATIVES

(in alphabetical order)

Alpha Bible Group	1st Tuesday, 8.00pm	Mrs Hannah Nelson, T: 9065 1916
Bell Ringers	Monday 7.30 - 900pm	Mr John Emerson, T: 9076 1221
Bible Fellowship	Wednesday (excpt 3rd), 8.15pm	The Revd John McDowell, T: 9065 9047
Boys' Brigade	Friday 6.30 - 8.00pm	Mr Harry Whiteside, T: 9029 5908
<i>Junior Section (age 8 - 11)</i>		
<i>Anchor Boys (age 5 - 7)</i>		
Brownies (ages 7 - 10)	Monday 6.30 - 8.00pm	Mrs Louise Orchin, T: 9067 1717
Choir	Thursday 7.30 - 9.00pm	Miss Heather McKaig, T: 9047 2319
Christian Aid		Mr Peter Hunter, T: 9042 2048
Church Missionary Society		Mrs Yvonne McMaster, T: 90422836
Church of Ireland Gazette		Miss June Moore T: 9065 7051
Cradle Roll		Mr Peter Moore, 10 Hopedene Mews T: 9067 3216
Creative Stitching Group	2nd & 4th Tuesday, 7.30pm	Mrs Pat Thompson, T: 9087 6634
Evergreens Club	2nd Wednesday, 2.30 - 4.00pm	Mrs Lynn Wilson, T: 9065145
		Mrs Joan Eakin, T: 9076 8109 and
		Mrs Lorna Symmons, T: 9065 2777
Flower Guild		Mrs Lesley Donaldson, 4 The Cairns, T: 9065 4866
Guides	Monday, 6.30 - 8.00pm	Miss Lois Kennedy, Parish Office T: 90654090
Healer Prayer Group	Wednesday, 7.30 - 8.00pm	Secretary: Mrs Margaret Parrock, T: 9076 8524
Ladies Guild	2nd Monday 7.45pm	Secretary: Mrs Geraldine Whiteside, T: 9029 5908
Men's Group	Monthly 8.00pm as arranged	Revd John McDowell, T: 9065 9047
Mothers' Union	3rd Wednesday 8.00pm	Enrolling Member: Mrs Mary Harland T: 9087 3649
Mums and Chums	Wednesday 10.15 - 11.45am	Mrs Mary McDowell, T: 9065 9047
<i>(Parents and toddlers group)</i>		
Rainbows (ages 4 ½ - 7)	Monday 5.15 - 6.15pm	Mrs Heather Ellison, T: 9065 9278
Sanctuary Guild		Mrs Mary Harland, T: 9087 3649
St Mark's Players (Drama)		Mrs Jackie Parrock, T: 9076 8210
SUNDAY SCHOOL		
<i>Meets each Sunday except 1st Sunday from 10.30 until 11.30am.</i>		
<i>Children are collected from Heyn Hall after the Morning Service.</i>		
Kindergarten (ages 3 ½ - 7)		
Seniors (ages 8 and over)		
Mrs Hannah Nelson, T: 9065 1916		
Mrs Ada Long, T: 9065 6117		
THE WARDROBE YOUTH ROOM		
Youth Fellowship	Sunday 8.00 - 9.30pm	Mr Harry Whiteside, T: 9029 5908
(age 11-18)		

CHURCH SERVICES IN ST MARK'S

SUNDAYS

8.30am	Holy Communion (every Sunday)
10.30am	Family Service (1st Sunday)
	Parish Communion (3rd Sunday)
	Morning Prayer (2nd, 4th & 5th Sundays)
6.30pm	Holy Communion & Ministry of Healing (1st Sunday)
	Compline (2nd Sunday)
	Evensong (3rd Sunday)
	Compline (4th Sunday)
	Choral Eucharist (5th Sunday)
	Praise Service (as announced)

WEEKDAYS

8.30am	Morning Prayer (Mon-Fri)
5.30pm	Evening Prayer (Mon-Fri)
11.00am	Holy Communion (Wednesday)
7.30pm	Healer Prayer Service (Wednesday)

BY ARRANGEMENT WITH THE CLERGY

Holy Baptism * Holy Matrimony *
 Visitation of the Sick at Home/in Hospital *
 Communion for the sick * Spiritual Direction *
 Christian Burial

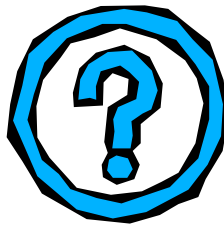


Table Quiz

Friday 28th October 2011

8pm

in the Heyn Hall



Come along for a fun evening

Bring a team of up to 8

Or join with others on the night

Tickets - £5 Under 18's - £2

including supper

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