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Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few.' Matthew 9. 37

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EDITORIAL

Into the new season with the "Winds of Change" at our backs. Inside the magazine, the archive page, will remind us of years gone by and years to follow.

I hope you will all take time to read the account of Summer Madness written by Ellen Deehan. Part of the account has the line "I am walking into a place where I can happily praise God along with thousands of others around me." This to me sums up Summer Madness. Thank you Ellen, for the article, and I hope there will be more.

We have articles from Billy Adair and Bob Brooks is back with advice about our gardens dying down. It seems no time since he was telling us how to nurture them through the spring. Time waits for no-one. The Parish Organisations are coming to life again and there is a note about St Mark's Players on page 24. Is something afoot?

Can I appeal for support for the Parish Groups who are starting afresh. All of these groups would welcome new members. If you are a past member, give it another chance. Also my usual appeal for articles, poems, photographs, memories, or anything else you feel we might use.

Thanks to all who have contributed to this issue. Just remember that your support is invaluable, without you we would not happen.

MOTHERS' UNION



The Mothers' Union Opening Service will take place on Wednesday 21 September at 7.30pm, followed by an opening meeting in the Heyn Hall. All are very welcome to attend.

Articles for the September edition of 'The Lion' should be with the Parish Office by Tuesday, 13 September 2011

FROM THE CURATE

Possibly to the despair of the Editor, I am drafting this letter only after the Rector's final day in the parish. Thanks to the planning, organisation and hard work of all those involved, Sunday 21st August was a memorable day in St Mark's. It was lovely to see so many people at Parish Communion for the Rector's final service, and back in the Heyn Hall for lunch and presentations.

People put down roots and form strong bonds over the years, and it is the great privilege of ordained ministry to be part of people's lives in good and bad times, so this is inevitably a sad and emotional time for John, Mary and Dorothy, and for the people of St Mark's. Yet there is also a sense of gratitude and appreciation for all of John's ministry in St Mark's – and it must be admitted, some pride that we have produced yet another Bishop!

I know that you will keep John, Mary and Dorothy in your prayers as they start on this next exciting stage of God's plan for their lives, and we have included a very old prayer for a Bishop Elect in this month's Lion for use in the weeks leading up to the Consecration Service on 23 September.

I am personally grateful for the opportunity that I have had to work alongside John, and to learn from his wisdom, example and experience, and I suspect that, like many a curate, it will only be in the months and years ahead that I realise quite how much I have gained.

It is a time of endings and new beginnings in many ways. While the ordination service speaks of priests as 'shepherds among the people to whom they are sent', in answering God's call last year to serve as curate in St Mark's, I little thought that I as 'under-shepherd', would make the move to 'temporary caretaker shepherd' after barely a year.

It is, as is so much of ministry, a tremendous privilege and responsibility, and I have been greatly heartened by your words of encouragement, offers of support, and more than anything by your promise of prayer. I know that God always equips us for whatever task He calls us to, and that it is only that prayer which will strengthen me for the task ahead.

St Mark's is a very special parish, where traditional worship, dignified liturgy and choral music are cherished. As the summer holidays come to an end, it is also a joy to have that sense on a Sunday morning of the 'family of the parish' returning once more to regular worship.

This year once again we hope to capture that 'beginning of year' feeling with a Family Service on 4th September, which will incorporate the annual Commissioning of Youth and Sunday School leaders. We are fortunate in St Mark's to have dedicated Sunday school teachers, committed and well-run youth organisations, and young people whose own commitment to St Mark's is clear. So it is fitting that we begin the new session by dedicating our ministry to young people once more to God.

'The family that prays together stays together', the old adage goes. The saying may be a little bit twee, but it is possibly even more important than ever during the interregnum that we continue to build the community of St Mark's on a foundation of prayer and Bible Study. All of our organisations, young and less young, will re-commence over the next few weeks, and all of our weekday activities and services will continue, particularly Holy Communion services on Wednesday morning, and the Wednesday night Late Evening Office with Intercessions for the sick.

This evening service is attended and supported by a small but faithful group, who meet regularly to pray for the needs of the sick. This is a short, reflective service held in the side chapel, and you would be more than welcome to come along – or if you can't, and there is someone for whom you would particularly like prayers to be said, please let me know.

The Bible Fellowship (what was the 'Rector's Bible study') will continue to meet, from October, on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday nights of each month in the Heyn Hall. Please keep an eye on the Church News for details, and for the dates of the Alpha Fellowship and the new monthly Youth Bible Study.

In fact, very much 'Business as Usual', as someone phrased it on Sunday; and as that day's epistle reminded us, we ARE all one body in Christ, made up of those with different kinds of gifts and service, but all for the same Lord. If there is something which you feel you are being called to offer (whether that is reading a lesson, helping in an organisation, or anything else in the service of the church), please do speak to me.

I have been greatly encouraged by those who have offered to help during the vacancy. While the day to day pastoral work and ordering of services rests with me (and rightly so), there is only one of me, and I am glad of the practical support. A personal plea – if you know someone who is ill, at home or in hospital, please do let me know. The chaplain at the Ulster

Hospital is the only one who advises us when parishioners have been admitted, and often we don't hear until people have come home again.

For now, I will continue to take FRIDAY as my day off – and Revd Ivan Betts has kindly agreed to cover pastoral emergencies on that day.

The one exception to Business as Usual is that we will not have a parish barbecue this year – it was felt that it would simply be too soon to organise this after the Rector's leaving do. However – we ARE holding a Harvest Lunch in the Heyn Hall on Sunday 25th September after the morning Harvest Service, and it would be great to see as many as possible there for that, where apart from good food, you can chew over the events of the evening of 23rd in Enniskillen!

As we embark together on this next stage of the journey for St Mark's, amid speculation about what the future may hold, I've been drawn back repeatedly to the verse I had at my ordination as deacon last year, from Jeremiah 29: **For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.**

ST MARK'S RAINBOW GUIDES *from Heather Ellison, Rainbow Leader*



Rainbows are due to start again on Monday 19 September 2011 at 5.15pm in the Heyn Hall. We expect to have 22 girls returning with 4 new girls starting.

Girls start at age four and stay with us until they join Brownies when they reach their seventh birthday.

Our programme consists of games, singing, crafts and a story each week.

We are looking forward to another busy, fun and enjoyable year with the Rainbows.

If you would like further information regarding Rainbows please give me a ring on either 028 9065 9278 (Home) or 07749 370118 (Mobile).

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS



HOLY BAPTISM

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

24 July 2011 Laura Amanda Grace Connolly of 24 Oakland Avenue,
Belfast

14 August 2011 James Hector Tyler Leckey of 53 Cabin Hill Gardens,
Belfast

20 August 2011 Patrick Ferrier Charlton of Dubai, U.A.E.

CHRISTIAN MARRIAGES

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

1 July 2011 Richard Henry Lucas to Katherine Elizabeth Alice
Gregg of 16 Grangewood Road, Dundonald

CHRISTIAN BURIALS

"I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord" (John 11:25)

17 June 2011 Eileen Guthrie Baker late of 5 Victoria Drive, Belfast

5 August 2011 Beryl (Brownie) Hamilton Shute late of 14 Cloverhill
Park, Belfast

FLOODLIGHTING, COUNTING



OUTDOOR FLOODLIGHTING SEPTEMBER 2011

Donation for church floodlighting gratefully received from:

- 4 Mrs Dorothy Adair of 9 Cairnburn Park
- 4 Mrs M Irwin of Apt 14, Butterfield Lodge, in memory of Betty
- 11 Mrs E Dowling in loving memory of parents and brother
- 18 Miss Margaret Hamilton of 25 Bryansford Meadow, Bangor in memory of her mother
- 25 Mr & Mrs L McKeown of 20 The Chanderies, Greyabbey, in memory of family anniversaries

COUNTING



COLLECTION COUNT ROTA SEPTEMBER 2011

Convenor Max Livingstone

Counters Derek Wallace
Walter Mitchell
Brian Moore

LION STAPLERS – SEPTEMBER 2011

Friday 23 September @ 9.00am in the Committee Room



Karen Doyle
Jenny Wallace

Ada Long
Rosemary Simpson

Rosemary Cairns
Gladys O'Neill

CALENDAR OF WORSHIP – SEPTEMBER 2011

Sunday 4 September, Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

- 8.30am Holy Communion
10.30am Family Service with commissioning of Youth Leaders
6.30pm Holy Communion & Ministry of Healing

Wednesday 7

- 11.00am Holy Communion
7.30pm Intercessions for the Sick

Sunday 11 Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

- 8.30am Holy Communion
10.30am Morning Prayer
6.30pm Compline

Wednesday 14

- 11.00am Holy Communion
7.30pm Intercessions for the Sick

Sunday 18 Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

- 8.30am Holy Communion
10.30am Parish Communion
6.30pm Compline

Wednesday 21 Saint Matthew

- 11.00am Holy Communion
7.30pm Mothers' Union Opening Service of Holy Communion with Intercessions for the Sick

Sunday 25 Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity/Harvest Thanksgiving

- 8.30am Holy Communion
10.30am Harvest Thanksgiving – Preacher: Revd Paul Draper, Dean of Lismore, Co Waterford
6.30pm Sung Evening Prayer

Wednesday 28 Saint Michael and all Angels (tsf'd)

- 11.00am Holy Communion
7.30pm Intercessions for the Sick

Sunday 2 October: Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

- 8.30am Holy Communion
10.30am Family Service
6.30pm Holy Communion & Ministry of Healing

FLOWERS – SEPTEMBER



- 4 Miss Margaret Thompson
14 Norwood Avenue
In loving memory of her parents Robert and Bertha Thompson
- 11 Mrs K Cole
Sycamore Grove
In memory of her husband
- 18 Mr and Mrs M Livingstone
24 Wanstead Road
In memory of Mr and Mrs William Livingstone

25 HARVEST THANKSGIVING

Lesley E E Donaldson 90654866

LADIES' GUILD *from Geraldine Whiteside*



Hi everybody, hope you are all well and have had a restful summer.

10th October @ 7.45pm Opening Service and afterwards our 'Bring and Buy' sale in the Heyn Hall.

14th November (Assisi) Animal Sanctuary.

ORGANISATIONS RESTARTING DURING SEPTEMBER

ANCHOR BOYS AND BOYS' BRIGADE

Resume on Friday, 9 September at 6.30p.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School classes recommence on
Sunday, 11 September at 10.30a.m.

RAINBOWS, BROWNIES AND GUIDES

The Rainbows for girls (4½-7 years) resume on
Monday, 19 September 5.15 – 6.15p.m.

The Brownies (age 7-10 years) resume on
Monday, 19 September 6.30 – 8.00p.m.

Guides (age 11-15 years) resume on
Monday, 19 September 6.30 – 8.00p.m.

MUMS AND CHUMS

Resume on Wednesday, 14 September at 10.15a.m.

MOTHERS' UNION

Opening Service – Wednesday, 21 September at 7.30pm

ADVANCE NOTICES

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

Here among long-discarded cassocks,
Damp stools, and half-split open hassocks,
Here where the vicar never looks
I nibble through old service books.
Lean and alone I spend my days
Behind this Church of England baize.
I share my dark forgotten room
With two oil-lamps and half a broom.
The cleaner never bothers me,
So here I eat my frugal tea.
My bread is sawdust mixed with straw;
My jam is polish for the floor.
Christmas and Easter may be feasts
For congregations and for priests,
And so may Whitsun. All the same,
They do not fill my meagre frame.
For me the only feast at all
Is Autumn's Harvest Festival,
When I can satisfy my want
With ears of corn around the font.
I climb the eagle's brazen head
To burrow through a loaf of bread.
I scramble up the pulpit stair
And gnaw the marrows hanging there.
It is enjoyable to taste
These items ere they go to waste,
But how annoying when one finds
That other mice with pagan minds
Come into church my food to share
Who have no proper business there.
Two field mice who have no desire
To be baptized, invade the choir.
A large and most unfriendly rat
Comes in to see what we are at.

He says he thinks there is no God
And yet he comes ... it's rather odd.
This year he stole a sheaf of wheat
(It screened our special preacher's seat),
And prosperous mice from fields away
Come in to hear our organ play,
And under cover of its notes
Ate through the altar's sheaf of oats.
A Low Church mouse, who thinks that I
Am too papistical, and High,
Yet somehow doesn't think it wrong
To munch through Harvest Evensong,
While I, who starve the whole year through,
Must share my food with rodents who
Except at this time of the year
Not once inside the church appear.
Within the human world I know
Such goings-on could not be so,
For human beings only do
What their religion tells them to.
They read the Bible every day
And always, night and morning, pray,
And just like me, the good church mouse,
Worship each week in God's own house,
But all the same it's strange to me
How very full the church can be
With people I don't see at all
Except at Harvest Festival

PRAYER PAGE

A prayer for a Bishop Elect

Most Gracious God, bless,
we humbly beseech thee, thy servant John,
Bishop-elect of the Diocese of Clogher,
and grant that when he shall have been duly consecrated
for his work and ministry, he may, by thy grace,
so diligently and wisely govern and feed those then
entrusted to his care,
that they may ever be faithfully led in the way of
everlasting salvation,
to thy honour and glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

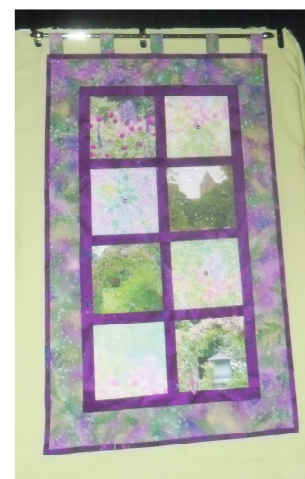
FAREWELL

A large congregation filled our church for Parish communion on the morning of 21 August, our Rector's final service in St Mark's. The Revd John McDowell celebrated Holy Communion and preached the sermon. Brian Kennedy read the epistle and the Revd Lynne Gibson read the Gospel. The Revd Ivan Betts and Joan Frame, Diocesan Reader, assisted at the Ministry of the Sacrament.

The congregation then moved from the church to the Heyn Hall.

The Hall was packed. There was a large number of chairs, and tables with copious refreshments, in the centre, but many of us were happy to stand and speak with friends.

"The Bishop-elect's churchwarden", Brian Kennedy, then called for silence, and spoke with wit and sincerity words with which we all agreed. He spoke of John's inspiring sermons and pastoral care, of Mary's projects, including the DVD "Our Parish", and of her support for John in his ministry, and of Dorothy's service in the music group. He concluded "This is a wondrous and joyous time, because God is calling you to a higher office in the body of the Church". He asked for God's blessing on the family of three.



Presentations were then made. Ellen Deehan gave a farewell present of a Dorothy bag to Dorothy, and a gift voucher and jewellery from the Youth Fellowship. Margaret Mehaffey displayed the beautiful wall-hanging given to Mary, quilted by the Creative

Stitching Group. Arnold Gardiner then presented John with his artistic portrait of St Mark's church, summing up in paint nine years of John's ministry in this church. The Hon. Secretary of the Vestry, Lynn Wilson presented John with a hassock with the logo of St Mark, a winged lion, and Angela Kerr, People's churchwarden, presented John with the gift of a cheque, subscribed by the people of St Mark's.

Finally, John spoke a few words of farewell, expressing his feeling for this parish, which he has served so faithfully.





Hawaiian Chicken

2ozs butter	1/2 teaspoon caraway seed
1 oz plain flour	1/4 pint cream
1 chopped onion	8oz tin pineapple cubes
1/2 pint chicken stock	7oz tin sweetcorn
1 chopped green pepper	2 slices cooked ham
1/2 lb cooked chicken	6ozs cooked rice

Melt half butter and fry onion and pepper.

Stir in flour and gradually add stock. Boil for 1 minute.

Add chicken, pineapple, seasoning and caraway seed. Keep hot.

Melt rest of butter and add corn and ham.

Cook 3 minutes. Add cooked rice and heat through.

Spread this mixture in a serving dish.

Add cream to chicken mixture and pour over the rice. Serve immediately.

Pork with oranges

1lb pork fillet cubed	2 oranges rind and juice
2ozs back bacon chopped	1 pint chicken stock
2ozs seasoned flour	4ozs frozen peas
2ozs butter	1/4 pint cream
	2ozs flaked almonds

Toss pork and bacon in seasoned flour. Brown in melted butter.

Place in casserole with grated orange rind, juice and stock. Cover and cook 160 deg C for 1 1/4 hrs. Add peas and cook further 15 mins.

Add cream and almonds and heat through (do not boil)

This dish may be served with chunky potato wedges or with champ!

Please do not hesitate to get in touch (91463753) if you would like to share your favourite recipes with other Parishioners!



The decline in plant growth has arrived.

The arrival of autumn brings a complete change of colour in the garden. The crimson and gold foliage in the trees and the colourful display of berries set the scene for the decline in growth and the final stages in the flower border.

The annuals in the borders will be past their best in the next few weeks and when they are finally out of flower they should be removed to the compost heap. If the bedding plants in containers are still in flower they should be watered and fed to prolong their flowering period.

New grass should be sown by the end of the first week in September on soil that has been well prepared. Make sure that all weeds have been removed before sowing seed. This is also a good time to repair bare patches. Much of this work involves using replacement pieces of turf or re-seeding small areas. Keep the newly sown areas moist until you see new grass emerging through the soil and growing well.

The summer flowering heathers should be given a light clipping if they have finished flowering and at the same time add a top dressing of garden compost, fine bark chippings or spent compost from your baskets or other containers.

Continue to feed fuchsias and remove dead flowers regularly before they set seed. Most fuchsias will now be at their peak flowering and will continue to flower until the end of autumn or early winter.

The bedding roses that have finished flowering can be cut back to prevent wind-rock. New beds should be prepared to receive new roses which will be available end of November. Roses planted out in November will have made considerable growth before winter really sets in and they will have a head start over roses purchased and planted in spring next year. Keep your soil active this month to remove weeds and to aerate the soil.

I think you will agree with me when I say we live in a noisy world. We are surrounded by noise. Go out for a meal with some friends and you can barely hear what they are saying for the so called background music. Similarly, I regularly met with some colleagues for lunch at Queens, and we found it impossible to carry on an intelligent conversation for the blaring “music”. When we complained we were told “the students like it”. Sit down to watch one of the few informative T.V. programmes and you can’t hear a word the man is saying, as he endeavours to compete with the continuous flow of music. Then we have the marching season, and November and December, when we are deafened by Carols and the like.

And what about noisy Churches? Before his retirement, Dr John Neill, Archbishop of Dublin, wrote in his Diocesan Newsletter complaining about the noise and irreverence he encountered when celebrating the Eucharist in many of his Parish Churches – and St Mark’s is not entirely immune!

It is a fact that we are afraid of silence. Yet “silence is golden”: “there was silence in Heaven” (Revelation 9 v 1), and when we have partaken of the Blessed Sacrament we are asked to observe “the Great Silence” – say nothing and just think.

All this leads to the hymn I would like to consider – “Let all mortal flesh keep silence” (427).

The hymn is based on the Cherubic Hymn from the Liturgy of St James, which dates back to the 4th century and is still used by the Eastern Orthodox Church.

The Bishop of Dunkeld, Thomas Rattney, made a prose translation of the Cherubic Hymn in 1742, which read: “Let us, who mystically represent the cherubim, and sing the thrice-holy hymn to the quickening Trinity, lay by at this time all worldly cares, that we may receive the King of Glory, invisibly attended by the angelic orders”.

Then the priest says or sings: “Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and stand with fear and trembling, and ponder nothing earthly in itself”....

In 1864 the Revd Gerard Moultrie (1829-85), one time chaplain to the Dowager Marchioness of Londonderry, versified this and gave us the hymn in question. It was included in the English Hymnal of 1906, set to the French Carol “Picardy”, by Dr Ralph Vaughan Williams, the music editor, - a touch of genius.

V1 “Let all mortal flesh keep silence
And with fear and trembling stand;
Ponder nothing earthly-minded,
For with blessing in His hand
Christ our God to earth descendeth,
Our full homage to demand.”

The opening is almost word for word with the prose translation: the message is also the same, Christ is mystically present in the Eucharist, we are in touch with Heaven – words are superfluous, silence is golden.

V2 “King of kings, yet born of Mary,
As of old on earth He stood,
Lord of Lords, in human vesture –
In the Body and the Blood –
He will give to all the faithful
His own self for heavenly food.”

Here we are reminded of our Lord’s earthly life, when in the fullness of time God descended to redeem His fallen world in the person of His Son. And the lowly Jesus was really King of Kings and Lord of Lords – a mighty Redeemer. The giving of Himself in the Bread and Wine implies the doctrine of the Real Presence, but for anyone who may feel uncomfortable, perhaps the words attributed to Queen Elizabeth I may help:

“His was the flour that bake it,
He took the Bread and brake it,
And what His word doth make it,
That I believe, and take it.”

V3 “Rank on rank the host of Heaven

Spreads its vanguard on the way,
As the Light of light descendeth
From the realms of endless day,
That the powers of hell may vanish
As the darkness clears away.

V4 At His feet the six-winged seraph,
Cherubim with sleepless eye,
Veil their faces to the Presence,
As with ceaseless voice they cry,
“Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
Hallelujah! Lord most high.”

These final verses seem to open a window and give us a glimpse into Heaven itself, and whilst all mortal flesh keeps silence, the Heavenly Host continue the praise. This hymn is telling us what privileged folk we are when silenced by His Presence we kneel at His altar, and stretch out empty hands to be filled with Himself. At such a time words are inadequate.

A final word from the Saintly Archbishop Michael Ramsey: “The supreme question is not what we make of the Eucharist, but what the Eucharist makes of us.”



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Summer Madness was as good as ever this year and I am more than pleased to share what I learned from it, and how I grew even closer to God. The festival always runs over the first week of the summer holidays providing thousands of Christians with opportunities such as seminars and worship, to strengthen their faith and praise God for his awesome power.

It started on the Friday night when some of the St Mark's Youth Fellowship met at the King's Hall to find their pre-pitched tents and unload the suitcases which contained enough clothes for two months. We then all headed to main stage worship. Walking into the King's Hall for the first worship always excites me and leaves me feeling prepared for the week ahead. It always fills me with so much eagerness to know I am walking into a place where I can happily praise God along with thousands of others around me.

The worship again this year was one of the best. We were led by Ryan Griffith, Rend Collective Experiment and Martin Smith, the lead singer in a band called Delirious. The worship is my far my favourite part as it is not only a wonderful experience to hear so many singing and praising God, but it provides an opportunity of praise and a chance to talk to God. The theme of this year's Summer Madness was 'The Last Word' and it challenged us to think about whether the Bible was relevant to today in many aspects. The first speaker on Friday night spoke about getting 'Back to the Book'. He highlighted how, as Christians, we need to make sure we are still following the life of Christ in everything we do and in order to do this we have to dig deep and become students to the Book. A verse which stood out for me was 2 Timothy 3:16-17 which says "*All Scripture is God breathed*" and this provided me with great encouragement and direction for the week as it made me think of how I was living my life as a Christian and how I interpreted the Bible.

On Saturday morning I went to an early morning seminar which was taken by Rachel Gardner who is one of my favourite speakers at Summer Madness. The seminar was called 'Dating Dilemmas' and in this, Rachel spoke all about love and Christian relationships. She highlighted that love is about what you give and left us with a quote from Song of Solomon which said "*Raging water cannot extinguish love, and rivers will never wash it away*". This actually led me to realise how much God actually loved me and reminded me of how I as a Christian should love others. She left us with some helpful points for a relationship which were incredibly useful to listen to.

Rachel also held three more seminars throughout the week which were called 'Soul Sista'. Rachel is co-founder and Creative Director of the Romance Academy and over these three days, she and her team spoke about unnamed women in the Bible. The first day we learnt about Jephthah's daughter in Judges. Although she is not given a name, she is of great importance and her story talks about promises to God. Through reading this, it made me realise what it actually means to be called by God and made me realise I have to think about the promises I make and how they can affect other people. The second day was led by Suzie who spoke about an unnamed servant girl in 2 Kings 5. Through this, we learnt that sometimes we take words for granted but as Christians, we are the people of change and what we say will affect other people. Through the last seminar, we were reminded that Jesus is God with skin on and the way Jesus treats us is the way God treats us. This made me think of how I, as a Christian, should be treating other people and reminded me of how I should be living my life, in the image of Christ. I found these seminars incredibly helpful throughout the week as even though these women in the Bible were unnamed, they were still of great importance and this really encouraged me to realise that I, even though I am a small being in the world, am a significant part of God's plan.

Summer Madness is not just all about seminars. Every morning and evening, main stage worship is held in the King's Hall. There are various speakers who this year included Duffy Robbins, Simon Guillebaud and Krish Kandiah. Each one was incredibly encouraging, making you think of your relationship with God and your position within Christianity and within society. We were reminded that Jesus was a volunteer victim and he was well prepared to suffer. We were made to think would we have chosen this Christian lifestyle if we knew we would be put in some kind of danger every day. A quote which stood out for me was Isaiah 53:4 which says "*But he took our suffering on him and felt our pain for us*". He was crushed for our transgressions and He died on the cross for us. I found this extremely encouraging and a great reminder. One of the speakers also left us with four ways to live a Christian life: Claim God's promises; Obey God's word; Maintain faith in God's leading and Embrace risks for God's glory. When writing this article, I felt this was very important to share. We were also reminded to use the gifts that God has given us with compassion like Jesus. Personally, I felt this was being said to me as even though I am aware of the gifts God has given me and even though I am thankful for them, sometimes I struggle with how to express and use them properly. After hearing this, I now know that when using them, I must act how Jesus did; full of compassion.

Duffy Robbins, an American speaker, led the Sunday evening mainstage and he left us with three things: God has a plan; Man has a problem; The choice is up to you. If we as Christians want to know God's plan, we have to go back to the source; namely Jeremiah 29:11 and also Jesus. Jesus is also the solution to our problem and it is up to us whether we choose the solution to the problem.

Through the mainstage on Monday morning, we were reminded of how the Bible gives some incredible words of warning, particularly in the Psalms when it tells us to "*walk by faith and not by sight*". We can easily be fooled by what we see but the Bible warns us not to believe or trust anything you hear or see. We were encouraged to watch where we stay and to focus on our fellowship, not our feet. This was particularly encouraging for me as I am getting ready to start University and I need to remember that God has everything planned for me. This meant that I could focus a little bit more on the people around me and worry less about where I am headed.

Summer Madness wasn't just all seminars and worship. Throughout the week there were various activities including five-a-side football and an open mic in the Tearfund cafe which always proves to be incredibly popular. I have to say however that nothing beats the good times of the Bishop's barbeque, free hot chocolate in the paddock, seeing how much food would be spilt down clothes, our very in-depth conversations and very comfortable air-beds in tents. And not to mention the sun, sunbathing and patchy sunburn. I really do have so many memories from this year but I couldn't possibly fit them all into this space. I just hope next year brings as much fun as always.

On behalf of St Marks Youth Fellowship, I would like to thank Jennifer Campbell for coming over from Edinburgh to stay with us for the week, and for making sure we all had enough sun cream. I would also like to thank Matthew Hamilton for being our "responsible leader" and keeping us all under control. I would also like to thank the Select Vestry for giving us money for food. It was greatly appreciated. Although I'm sure we had enough Nutella to last the week.

I learnt a lot from Summer Madness this year but mostly about myself and my relationship with God. I am so thankful that I have this opportunity to go to something like this and praise God along with so many other people. I would like to leave you with a verse that Jasper left us on the Tuesday morning. It is a quote from Colossians 1:15 which says "*Christ is the visible image of the invisible God*". This verse means that we as Christians are the visible mage of the invisible God and this is a great reminder of how we should live our lives.

GOD MAKES A GREAT NATION



At God's command, Abraham left his home in Ur of Chaldea and set out with his family to found a new nation.

THE ARCHIVE PAGE 1975 AND 1995

I find it almost impossible to believe that this will be my last letter to you in the magazine. When I was appointed Rector of St Mark's my wife and I looked forward to spending years with you and I was hoping to be able to minister to you for a much longer period than just over a year. The decision of the Episcopal Electoral College for Derry and Raphoe in selecting me to be the next Bishop of that diocese has meant that I will be unable to see many of the developments the clergy and Select Vestry had planned together for the next few years coming to fruition. As it is, I find the memories of my contacts with your family life in joys and sorrows during the past year represent only a fraction of the involvement I had hoped to have over a period of time at Dundela. Yet what memories I do have fill me with a definite sense of thankfulness to Almighty God for the privilege of sharing so much in a relatively short time. In the worship and pastoral life of the parish, the administration and planning, the work of the organisations and the ordinary human contacts we have shared together I have gained immense encouragement and strength from the love so many have for their parish church. This love and respect is visible in so many different ways and is of such a nature that any Rector is encouraged to give of his utmost in the service of God and the people of St Mark's.

CONSECRATION OF DR EAMES, AS BISHOP

Dr Eames will be Consecrated Bishop on St. Columba's Day, 9th June, at 11 am in Armagh Cathedral. Parishioners of St. Mark's are cordially invited to attend this service and where possible those taking their own cars to Armagh are asked to contact Mr. Furlong or Mr. Barry so that lifts may be arranged.



This is my 198th Rector's Letter in St Mark's Lion Magazine and my last one as Rector. I have been greatly blessed to have been able to serve in St Mark's, Dundela for almost 20 years. Mary and I have been very happy here, and our two children grew up through their school and university days in St Mark's. Both Peter and Gillian were members of the Choir. Gillian was also in the Guides and was a Bellringer. Peter was a member of the Youth Club.

The Services in, St Mark's as we progressed through the Church's Year of Festivals and Sunday Worship, Christmas, Holy Week and Easter have always meant so much to me. Your support in all the things we have organised over the years made possible many successful ventures. I suppose the two greatest highlights of my time in St Mark's were the Centenary Year Services of 1978 and the Week of Mission with The Right Revd John Waine, Bishop of Chelmsford in November 1992.

During my time much work has been done to our buildings including the refurbishment of the whole Heyn Hall and of the inside of the Church. Now as I leave, the greatest work of all is underway with the repair of the Church Stonework.

My thanks to you all for accepting my ministry and allowing me to share in the Name of Christ in your joys and sorrows.

CONSECRATION OF ARCHDEACON MOORE AS BISHOP (from The Curate's Letter)

Ascension Day which comes forty days after Easter is always an important day in the Church's year. This year it had a particular significance for us in St. Mark's, as it was the day that our former Rector was Ordained and Consecrated Bishop in St. Anne's Cathedral. The Consecration was conducted by the Archbishop of Armagh, who was his immediate predecessor in St. Mark's. It was good that so many parishioners and friends attended the service, and supported Bishop and Mrs Moore by their presence and their prayers, on that very important day in their lives

ST MARK'S PLAYERS



St Mark's Players are recommencing on Wednesday 21 September at 8.00pm in the Upstairs Room of the Heyn Hall.

For further information and to register your interest please telephone Eileen on 02890 292830.

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
Flower Guild		Mrs Joan Eakin, T: 9076 8109 and
Guides	Monday, 6.30 - 8.00pm	Mrs Lorna Symmons, T: 9065 2777
Healer Prayer Group	Wednesday, 7.30 - 8.00pm	Mrs Lesley Donaldson, 4 The Cairns, T: 9065 4866
Ladies Guild	2nd Monday 7.45pm	Miss Lois Kennedy, Parish Office T: 90654090
Men's Group	Monthly 8.00pm as arranged	Secretary: Mrs Margaret Parrock, T: 9076 8524
Mothers' Union	3rd Wednesday 8.00pm	Secretary: Mrs Geraldine Whiteside, T: 9029 5908
Mums and Chums	Wednesday 10.15 - 11.45am	Revd John McDowell, T: 9065 9047
<i>(Parents and toddlers group)</i>		Enrolling Member: Mrs Mary Harland T: 9087 3649
Rainbows (ages 4 ½ - 7)	Monday 5.15 - 6.15pm	Mrs Mary McDowell, T: 9065 9047
Sanctuary Guild		Mrs Heather Ellison, T: 9065 9278
St Mark's Players (Drama)		Mrs Mary Harland, T: 9087 3649
		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

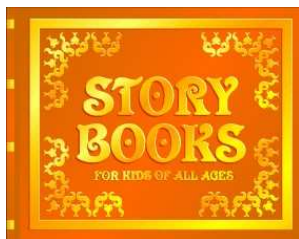
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 Visitation of the Sick at Home/in Hospital *
 Communion for the sick * Spiritual Direction *
 Christian Burial



St Mark's Parish Church 85th Boys' Brigade Company

Meeting Fridays from 6.30pm to 7.45pm

Come and Join in the Fun



Games Craft
Stories Badge Work



**The 85th season starts on Friday 9th September, in the Heyn Hall
Corner of Hollywood Road / Sydemham Ave**