

# Parish News

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# The Church of the Holy Name

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Mission Partners	Gary & Mary Reid, Cecilia Val Di Viezo
Parish Panel	Rev'd Dr Isobel Hawthorne-Steele, Mr Roger Martin & Mrs Christine Jones.
Churchwardens	Roger Martin (Rector's) Lorna Brown (People's)
Glebewardens	Harry Donnelly(Rector's) Vacant (People's)
Select Vestry	Jenny Robinson, Doreen Faulkner, Fiona Gray, Erin Hill, Lynn McClurg, Catherine Evans, Christine Jones, Sandra Gourley, Leslie Gourley.
Hon Secretary	Mrs Doreen Faulkner
Hon Treasurer	Mrs Erin Hill
FWO Secretary	Mrs Christine Jones
Gift Aid Manager	Mr Roger Martin
Gazette Representative	Mrs Joan Robinson
Hon Auditor	Mr Harry Knott

## Weekly Events (subject to Covid19 restrictions)

<b>Sunday Services</b>	10.30am Family Communion (1st Sunday) 10.30am Service of the Word (2nd Sunday) 10.30am All Age Worship (3rd Sunday) 10.30am Morning Prayer (4th Sunday) 10.30am Service of the Word (5th Sunday)	
<b>Wednesday</b>	2.00pm Knitting Group—Crafty Ladies 7.00pm Sewing Group (fortnightly)- Sew Good Friends	
<b>Thursday</b>	7.30pm to 9pm Prayer available in church 7.30pm Select Vestry (3rd Thursday)	
<b>Parish Office</b>	Wed 10am - 12noon, Thursday 9.30am - 1.00pm, Friday 9.30am - 1.00pm <b>T: 028 90867322</b> (temporary number) <b>Email: Greenislandparish@hotmail.co.uk</b>	
<b>Services are currently online and can be found at:</b> <a href="http://www.greenisland.connor.anglican.com">www.greenisland.connor.anglican.com</a> <a href="https://facebook.com/greenislandparish">facebook.com/greenislandparish</a>		

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**Register of Deaths:**

5th Jan 2021     Mrs Noreen Patton.  
18th Jan 2021    Mrs Charlotte Moore.  
21st Jan 2021    Mrs Anna Pye.  
16th Feb 2021    Mr John T Field

We recognise the trauma and pain of those bereaved during these unprecedented times when there are imposed restrictions on funeral services. We intend to hold services of celebration for the life of loved ones at a later date.

**PASTORAL VISITS**

Visiting those who are seriously ill (either at home or in hospital) is one of the main priorities in any minister's pastoral work. In order to do that, it is vital that clergy are informed about those who are ill – especially in hospital. If you need pastoral care, then please do get in touch either with the Rector, Rev'd Dr. Isobel Hawthorne-Steele (07788553376) or our Lay Pastoral Care Team, led by Roger Martin (07884182838).

Anyone going into hospital should be asked their religious denomination, but unfortunately this does not always happen. It is therefore important that you take the initiative to let us know if you or a loved one will be—or has been—admitted to hospital.

Coronavirus regulations have impacted on how the Church provides pastoral care, and this means that visits to hospital or parishioners' homes have been understandably curtailed. We can, however, talk over the phone or use modern methods of communication such as WhatsApp video. With regard to hospital visits, the Rector will inform the relevant hospital chaplain, who will be pleased to visit and pray with you.

**The Rev Writes**

Dear Parishioners,

Time passes so quickly, it seems like yesterday that I was welcomed at the Christmas morning service. My first announcement was to close the church. That was a quare start to my new ministry! Anyhow, since then I have been trying to make as many as possible doorstep, telephone calls, text messages and written letters. It has been lovely to chat with old friends and making new friends is also very encouraging. If I haven't got to you please be patient I will get there eventually. In the mean-time, if you need pastoral care or just wish to chat, please ring me. I am so thankful for a great team of people who work so hard in our church and I thank God each day for their continued support. The one question on everyone's lips is 'when are we going to open the church again?' Well, I hope it won't be too long. As soon as we get the green light, we shall get the message out.

As we cope with lock-down I would urge you to keep positive and look forward to better times. I know only too well how difficult it is to stay strong when we are faced with the loss of a loved one. Most of you knew my sister Frances who sadly died last May due to covid-19. The searing pain of not being able to be with our loved ones during their illness and then not being allowed to give them a proper farewell or grieve with family members. Is so painful. Where do we turn to for help? Well Psalm 121 Tells us that "our help is found in the Lord" and I can firmly attest to this.

May I suggest that during this lock-down we all turn to the Psalms to find comfort and strength to get through.

We can relate to many of these songs & poems. There is a psalm for every occasion, some tell of the real hardship and struggles we face in life, some of the deep heartache we feel at times, others express anger directed at God demanding answers as to why such awful tragedies happen. Some psalms express the fear we can feel especially in the darkest of nights. Some speak of loneliness. There are some that express regret and guilt.

One of the great things about the Psalms is the light they shine on our troubles and if we look closely enough we find God speaking directly to our

situation bringing hope and joy as we realise the love he has for each of us is so deep, he stretches out his arms and enfolds us, protecting us, crying with us and giving us a glimpse of his eternal promise of us having life worth living when we walk with him. Put your trust in him – his word never fails.

Ps 80:30. “As for God, his way is perfect, the LORD’s word is flawless; he shields all who take refuge in him.”

God Bless and keep you safe and may you look to him to help you stay firm in your faith.

*Rev Isy*

### GOOD MORNING GOD

You are ushering in another day  
Untouched and freshly new,  
So here I come to ask you God  
If you will renew me too?  
Forgive the many errors,  
That I made yesterday, and  
Let me try again dear God,  
To walk closer in thy way.  
But father, I am well aware  
I can't make it on my own.  
So take my hand and hold it tight  
for I can't walk alone.  
ANON.



<b>Greenisland Parish Magazine</b>	
	<b>Easter Vestry Meeting</b>

## **Annual Easter Vestry Elections 2021**

The Easter Vestry meeting is as the name suggests is normally held around Easter, at this time no date has been agreed but it is hoped that subject to Covid 19 restrictions it will be held around the Easter period.

At this meeting we will be electing;

- (1) The people's churchwarden
- (2) The people's glebewarden
- (3) The Select Vestry

A short report of the church's activities over the past year will be presented as well as appointments and elections to the above positions. These are important positions for people to hold within the church.

Prior to the Easter Vestry meeting the Select Vestry will meet to review the list of registered members of the parish (likely to be middle of March). Such registration is open to any adult who makes a recorded financial contribution to parish funds, and it entitles them to take part in the annual meeting known as the Easter Vestry.

The rules state that all applications for registration must be received within the four weeks prior to the date of the meeting of the Select Vestry to review the membership, application forms will be available on the website or from the Parish Secretary. So if you would like to attend the meeting or serve on the Select Vestry you need to be registered. You only need to do this once, so if you are not already registered please consider becoming registered.

All registered Vestry members are encouraged to attend the Annual Easter Vestry as we appoint people to the above positions.



**Holy Week at Greenisland Parish Church**

Mon 29<sup>th</sup> March Bible Study 7.30pm

Wed 31<sup>st</sup> March Reflective Service 7.30pm

Thurs 1<sup>st</sup> April Agape meal & contemporary service 6pm

Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> April Tenebrae Service 7.30pm

**EASTER SUNDAY**  
Dawn Service meet at Knockagh Monument @ 6.30am

Holy Communion 9am  
Easter Family Service 10.30am

**THE HOLY WEEK story**

If we are still in lock-down – we shall be on Zoom or livestream. We shall keep you posted

**What is a Tenebrae Service?**

The Tenebrae service works like this: It starts out with the church in candlelight. There are as many candles as there are readings, plus a large white Christ candle. The readers go up one at a time, read their assigned selections, and extinguish one of the candles, until only the Christ candle remains. Then someone reads the first part of Psalm 22, which Jesus quoted on the cross. Then the Christ candle is put out, leaving the congregation in near darkness to signify the total devastation of the Crucifixion.

At this point, the service ends. There is no benediction and everyone leaves in silence. (The lights are turned up but remain dim so that people can see their way out) The purpose of the service is to recreate the betrayal, abandonment, and agony of the events of Good Friday, and it is left unfinished, because the story isn't over until Easter Day.





# Kάλλος

(Greek spelling of KALOSS meaning  
Beauty & Wellbeing)

## A Space To Reflect On Life

Providing a space to reflect on life & take -  
A STROL. (stroll)

The idea is to create an area to the back of the church where we could possibly have picnic tables and benches where people can come and have a cup of tea and chat. The area would be planted with native plants, flowers and colourful shrubs.

We also intend to have a leaf composite area. Any ideas that lend itself to a nature garden would also be welcome.

Another idea is to use this space as a garden of reflection and remembering loved ones who have passed away. We could do this perhaps, by having a shrub or flower planted in their memory, and we could look at ideas of having name plates made and displayed.

The key thing is to make this a community project that is created by the community for the community. We would hope that all groups and community representatives are involved in the practical end. For example, making the benches, tables, planting, creating leaf compost etc (there is a host of jobs to be done) and of course looking after it! This way we believe people will have a sense of ownership.

This is something that we think will be of great benefit to our community and we really hope you will get involved. If you have any ideas or would like to be involved, please email your name and contact details to Rev Isy email: [Revisy28@gmail.com](mailto:Revisy28@gmail.com) or text 07788553376. Alternatively, you could leave a note with one of the staff in our community shop.

### **World Day of Prayer Service**

Due to Covid19 restrictions, The World Day of Prayer Service has been postponed. We shall keep you posted about any new dates on our website/Facebook. Meantime you can access other WDP services on zoom – you just google WDP and you can choose which service to join.

The theme this year is 'Build on a Strong Foundation' and the Service Booklet has been prepared this year by the people of Vanuatu.

### **Open Door Service**

During the Covid19 pandemic the monthly Open door service has been cancelled. It is hoped that this will re-commence later this year and details will be announced in Church and on the website.



The Open Door service is normally held monthly and starts with worship (a Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion service) followed by refreshments in the Parish Centre.

### **Prayer Evenings**

Prayer is an essential part of our relationship with God, he promises that he hears our prayers and he will answer them. Prayer time is our private meeting with God, it is a time when we can help develop our relationship with him and draw closer to him.

Every Thursday evening from 7-30PM to 9PM Tony Jones leads prayer time. If you would like prayer for someone text or email Rev Isy.

# Easter Word Search

B M A L M H B B K I N G R N R  
N O I T C E R R U S E R E O O  
A P O S T L E S E Y S C D I O  
S E C I F I R C A S H J E T S  
N S N A M O R O O R R E M A T  
R C D S G T T R I I K S P V E  
O Y R A M B C S S V Z U T L R  
H L O V E L T E M M M A S I A Y  
T C R O W N N Y L O H S O S Z  
X C R U C I F I X I O N N K Q

**K****I****D****Z****O****N****E**

APOSTLES  
CHRIST  
CROSS  
CROWN  
CRUCIFIXION  
HOLY  
JESUS  
KING  
LAMB  
LOVE



MARY  
REDEMPTION  
RESURRECTION  
RISEN  
ROMANS  
ROOSTER  
SACRIFICE  
SALVATION  
SAVIOR  
THORNS

- Q 1. What has a face and two hands but no arms or legs?  
Q2. What has to be broken before you can use it?  
Q3. What type of cheese is made backwards?  
Q4. What gets wetter as it dries?  
Q5. What begins with T, ends with T and has T in it?

Answers at the bottom of this page

Answers  
1. A clock 2. An egg 3. Edam 4. A towel 5. A teapot

# THE EMOJI EASTER STORY



EASTER IS ABOUT JESUS COMING TO PAY FOR OUR SINS BECAUSE HE LOVES US SO MUCH! JOHN 3:16



JESUS HAD TO DIE ON THE DAY WE NOW CALL GOOD FRIDAY TO PAY FOR ALL THE TIMES WE SIN AND DISOBEY GOD. MARK 15:37-38



AFTER JESUS DIED HE WAS IN THE TOMB FOR 3 DAYS BEFORE SOMETHING AMAZING HAPPENED. MARK 15:42-47



ABOUT THE TIME SUN WAS COMING UP ON THE THIRD DAY, SOME OF JESUS' FRIENDS WENT TO THE TOMB NOT KNOWING WHAT THEY WOULD FIND. LUKE 24:1



WHEN JESUS' FRIENDS GOT TO THE TOMB THEY FOUND AN ANGEL WHO TOLD THEM JESUS WAS ALIVE! LUKE 24:2-7



ALL OF JESUS' FRIENDS WERE SURPRISED AND HAPPY WHEN THEY FOUND OUT HE WAS ALIVE AND SAW HIM FOR THE FIRST TIME! JOHN 20:14-17



SOON AFTER JESUS CAME BACK TO LIFE, HE WENT BACK TO HEAVEN AND HIS DISCIPLES WATCHED HIM GO. LUKE 24:50-53



BEFORE JESUS WENT BACK TO HEAVEN HE TOLD HIS DISCIPLES TO TELL EVERYONE THE GOOD NEWS THAT ANYONE WHO BELIEVES IN JESUS AS THEIR SAVIOR CAN LIVE WITH HIM FOREVER IN HEAVEN. MATTHEW 28:16-20

Why shouldn't you tell  
an Easter egg a joke?  
*It might crack up!*

Knock. Knock-  
Who's there?  
Hatch  
Hatch who?  
God bless you too!



Due to the Covid19 pandemic and the restrictions in place to control the spread of the virus and try to keep us all safe, the Sunday club and other Kids activities have been temporarily suspended. We hope that the current suspension will not dampen your enthusiasm and that those who can will return to Sunday club when it recommences.

### Good Samaritan Word Search

R	O	B	B	E	R	S	H
Y	T	H	R	E	E	L	E
I	S	N	Q	N	N	I	L
Y	E	N	O	M	N	B	P



HELP  
ROBBERS  
INN  
MONEY  
THREE



"Dear GOD, Thank you for the baby brother, but what I prayed for was a puppy"

"Dear GOD, I think about You sometimes even when I'm not praying"



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## CHILD PROTECTION

The Safeguarding Trust Panel is responsible for overseeing the implementation of the Church of Ireland's child protection policies.

If you are concerned about the safety of children during worship, Sunday School, or parish events, then please bring your concerns to the attention of the Panel as soon as possible.



The members of the Safeguarding Trust Panel are:

Mrs Christine Jones:

028 90 867 322

Mr Roger Martin:

07884182 838

Rev'd Dr Isobel Hawthorne-Steele

07788 553376

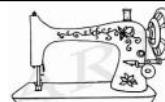


## HOME GROUP

Monday 8pm with Isy  
In the Zoom Room.



## crafty Ladies and Sew Good Friends



Subject to Covid19 restrictions Crafty ladies meet every Wednesday afternoon 2pm – 4pm and

Sew Good Friends meet every other Wednesday evening 7pm – 9pm.

Come along and have some fun time knitting, crocheting or sewing and enjoy a cuppa.

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<b>7<sup>th</sup> March ( World day of Prayer) (Lent 3)</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>	
<b>14<sup>th</sup> March (Mothering Sunday) (Lent 4)</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Service of the Word</b>	
<b>21<sup>st</sup> March (Lent 5)</b>	<b>9.00am</b> <b>10.30am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b> <b>All-age Worship</b>	
<b>28<sup>th</sup> March (Palm Sunday)</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Morning Prayer</b>	
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> April (Good Friday)</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>	<b>Tenebrae Service</b>	
<b>4<sup>st</sup> April (Easter Sunday)</b>	<b>6.30am</b> <b>9.00am</b> <b>10.30am</b>	<b>Dawn Service at Knockagh Monument</b> <b>Parish Easter Holy Communion</b> <b>Easter Family Service</b>	
<b>11<sup>th</sup> April (Easter 2)</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Service of the Word</b>	
<b>18<sup>th</sup> April (Easter 3)</b>	<b>9.00am</b> <b>10.30am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b> <b>All-age Worship</b>	
<b>25<sup>th</sup> April (Easter 4)</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Morning Prayer</b>	
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> May (Easter 5)</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>	
<b>9<sup>th</sup> May (Rogation Sunday)</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Service of the Word</b>	
<b>16<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>9.00am</b> <b>10.30am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b> <b>All-age Worship</b>	
<b>23<sup>rd</sup> May (Whit Sunday)</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Morning Prayer</b>	
<b>30<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Service of the Word</b>	