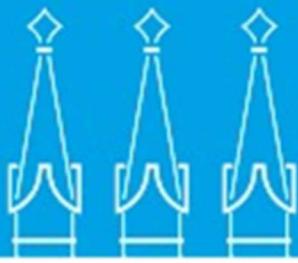


# PINNACLES

KEEPING YOU IN TOUCH WITH  
ST MARK'S PARISH CHURCH, ARMAGH, IN 2019



## Holiday Bible Club Fun

## September



Dear Friends,

I hope that you have had a very pleasant summer! During recent months many of us will have been on our travels, enjoying our gardens (in between showers), visiting family and friends and generally taking a break from the norm. Whilst the summer is now over, the beauty of autumn awaits us, as well as the increased pace of activity again.

The pace of activity at Stormont has been almost stagnant for over two and a half years with little prospect of gaining momentum. As a consequence, so many discussions and decisions are not being made, frustrating politicians, civil servants and the public alike. As a consequence, during July a House of Commons Bill for the purposes of budgets and planned Assembly elections, was amended to also include the introduction of same sex marriage and much greater access to abortions in Northern Ireland next year, if the Assembly is not reinstated by October 21st. My personal view matches the Church of Ireland's position on both issues. Following the Westminster decision Bishop Ken Kearon, who chairs the Church of Ireland's Church and Society Commission, said: "*While the absence of an Assembly is very regrettable, it is equally regrettable that MPs at Westminster are seeking to use the opportunity to introduce Northern Ireland-specific legislation on two of the most controversial issues facing the Province.*" He said that the position of the Church of Ireland on both issues was well-known. Regarding abortion, unrestricted access was rejected, he said, and, on same-sex marriage, the Church held that marriage was defined as between a man and a woman. (1)

I know that some readers of this letter will disagree with the Church and my views on these, and other matters of social concern. We can disagree, agreeably. However, if legislation is to change, I firmly believe it should be done in consultation with the public and by the people who were elected to speak on our behalf. By virtue of the fact that this will only take effect if the Assembly is not reinstated makes it apparent that even those who proposed the amendments recognise that these are actually matters for our Assembly to decide upon.

With so much at stake at present, including the implications of Brexit and an increased fear of violence in our community, there is a growing urgency for our Assembly to be reinstated. As a Church, we can offer voice in matters of social concern. We can and should contribute to public debate. But we can also pray for our politicians. Paul wrote in 1 Timothy 2v1&2 : "*I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people—for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.*" May we earnestly pray for an unlocking of our political impasse and the opportunity for considered debate and decisions for the benefit of our society and for healing in our land.

Yours in Christ, *Malcolm*  
(1) Church Times 12th 2019



Hopefully you have all had a good summer, enjoying life with friends and family. Our new season begins with the Rural Deanery Service on THURSDAY 19<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER at 7.30p.m. in Lisnadill Parish Church. Do come along. Cars will leave the Crozier Hall at 7p.m.

As usual members are asked for towels/tea towels/tissues/toilet rolls and black bin bags for Womens Aid Centres.

Look forward to catching up with you all.

Take care and God Bless  
Elaine and Betty

#### FIRST THURSDAY CLUB

We would like to welcome our members back after the summer holidays, hopefully suitably refreshed. For our first meeting on the 5th September the speaker will be Elaine Devlin of ABC Borough Council and her topic will be about Healthy Eating & Exercise.

We hope you will find this talk interesting and informative, we meet as usual in the Venue at 2.30 pm and new members are welcome.

The members' yearly subscription still remains at £5 per person and will be collected at this meeting.

Ann

#### ST MARK'S BOWLING CLUB

We resume our Bowling Season on Wednesday 11th September at 8pm when the new schedules for the friendly games will be issued.

I trust that everyone had a lovely summer and are fit and ready for the incoming bowling season.

As always, new members are always welcome to join us!

Anne

#### YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Youth Fellowship resumes on Sunday, 15th September (5pm) in the Venue. All young people of year 9+ are invited to come along, have fun and learn together. For further information, please speak to the Rector or contact the Church Office (37 523197)

# Got questions about life?

Alpha

#TryAlpha  
Alpha.org

Unanswered questions about Christian faith?

Unsure what you actually believe, but would like to know more?

Alpha is a very special opportunity to wonder, explore and learn!

TUESDAY EVENINGS  
FROM SEPTEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup>  
7.30PM, CROZIER HALL

EVERYONE WELCOME

[www.stmarksarmagh.org](http://www.stmarksarmagh.org)



#### SUNDAY SCHOOL AND CRECHE

Sunday School and Creche will resume on Sunday 8th September as part of the 10.30am service. The children will leave for Sunday School during the service.

All children of P1 age+ will be very welcome to attend.

Every year, a new registration form must be completed for each child to comply with Safeguarding Trust Regulations.

The registration of all Sunday School children will take place on Sunday 8th September in the Crozier Hall after the 10.30am service.

Many Thanks, Christine

#### SAFEGUARDING TRUST

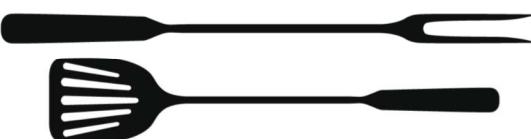
Child Protection Training will be offered in the Crozier Hall on Thursday, 26th September.

All leaders and helpers of our Children's and Youth organisations are invited to attend, especially if they have not been present at a Safeguarding Trust evening before or in recent years.

Thank you to all who serve in our children's and youth activities. We really do appreciate all that you do for the benefit of our young people.

THE PARISH OF ST MARK'S, ARMAGH  
invites you to a

BBQ



FRIDAY  
SEPTEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup> 2019 - 7PM  
CROZIER HALL

A short table quiz will follow the meal for those who wish to stay.

Tickets are available from Select Vestry Members and the Parish Office

## From the Registers Holy Baptism

30th June Tommy Robert Nicholl  
30th June Charlotte Patricia Margaret Crowe  
11th August Isabella Alana Rainey  
11th August Alfie Lee Irwin

'We receive and welcome you as a member of the body of Christ'

## Service of Thanksgiving for the life of

17th July Anne (Nancy) McDevitt  
19th July Annie Elizabeth (Elsie) Singleton  
23rd July Margaret Robertson McCarter

Jesus said, 'Blessed are those who mourn for they will be comforted'

**This Autumn there are a number of events to be enjoyed courtesy of the Armagh Diocesan Youth & Ministry Board (AYAC)**



### Start of Term Prayer Service :

A special service for teachers and support staff is being planned to take place in St Mark's, Armagh, on **Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> September (5pm)**. This special service will feature interviews with current schools' staff and the guest preacher will be Mrs Judith Cairns (CEO, Love for Life). This is a service for all and please feel free to offer an invitation to teachers and school staff whom you know. Refreshments will be served in the Crozier Hall before the Service from 4.15pm. Further details can be found on the Diocesan Website.

### Mental Health First Aid training :

Starting on 18th September, AYAC have organised four nights of training for a Mental Health First Aid Certificate. This training will be delivered by the Southern Trust in the Crozier Hall. If you would like to know more of what is entailed, please contact Mr David Brown (AYAC Development Officer) on doyarmagh@gmail.com or 07557655860

**Afternoon Tea :** A Youth and Children's ministry resource fair will take place in the Crozier Hall, Armagh on **Saturday, October 5th from 11am to 3pm**.

This will be an excellent opportunity for current and prospective leaders of youth and children's organisations to come together for food, learn of new resources available from exhibiting Christian agencies, attend workshops and meet people undertaking similar roles in other parishes. Admission £5 per person and further details are available from the Diocesan Website.

## Christians Against Poverty Money Course

The intention of the CAP Money Course is to help anyone to get more in control of their finances, so they can spend wisely, save, give and prevent debt.

This course, devised by the award winning debt counselling charity, Christians Against Poverty, will be on offer in the Crozier Hall on **Thursday evenings, 3rd, 10th and 17th October (7.30pm)**.

The very enjoyable and enlightening CAP Money Course is for everyone who would like to know more how to manage their income and expenditure and use what we have with greater care.

For planning purposes, it would be helpful for those wishing to attend to contact the Church Office

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## Cycle Ride

**Saturday 21st September**

Under 18 participants must be accompanied by a parent/guardian

**Route:** 10am start Edenvilla Park, Portadown to Oxford Island Nature Reserve. Distance - 16 miles return

Edenvilla Park is situated adjacent to the junction between Carrickblacker Road and Batchelors Walk.

The route follows a cycle path and a short stretch of quiet road. (facilities and café available at Oxford Island)

For further Information, please contact Freddie (37 524427) or Stanley (37 527546)

## Parish Directory

### The Gate Lodge

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Armagh BT61 9DT

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**Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday**  
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Tel 028 3752 3197

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Mrs Caroline Nesbitt  
sec.stmarks@gmail.com

**Hon. Secretary of Select Vestry**  
Mrs Wendy Davison

**Hon. Treasurer**  
Mr Arnold Courtney

**Sexton**  
Mr David Mansbridge  
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### Rector

**Rev Malcolm Kingston**  
St Mark's Rectory,  
14, Portadown Rd, 37 522970

**Hon. Senior Associate Priest**  
Very Revd Robert Townley

**Pastoral Assistants**  
Ms Barbara Wilson  
Mr Alex Stinson

**Diocesan Reader**  
Mr Paul Turton

**Parish Readers**  
Mr Ronnie Watt  
Mrs Adele Geddis  
Mrs Barbara Campbell  
Ms Barbara Wilson

**Rector's Churchwarden**  
Mr Mark Speers  
**People's Churchwarden**  
Mrs Elaine Woods

**Fabric Fund Treasurer**  
Mr Freddie McCann

**Ladies Catering Team**  
Ms Edith Nichol 0755 2683 232



**'St Mark's,  
Armagh'**

## Safeguarding Trust Panel

Freddie McCann 3752 4427  
Shirley Wells 3751 5123  
Malcolm Kingston 3752 2970

We implement good practice for child protection in St. Mark's

# Noticeboard : September 2019

## Sundays in September

<b>1st</b>	<b>The ELEVENTH SUNDAY after TRINITY</b>	<b>Green</b>
8:30am	Readings: Jeremiah 2:4-13, Hebrews 13: 1-8,15-16, Luke 14: 1, 7-14	
10:30am	Holy Communion Two	
7:00pm	Holy Communion Two	
	Reader: Elaine Cardwell	
	Evening Prayer Two	
<b>8th</b>	<b>The TWELFTH SUNDAY after TRINITY</b>	<b>Green</b>
8:30am	Readings: Jeremiah 18: 1-11, Philemon 1-21, Luke 14: 25-33	
10:30am	Holy Communion Two	
7:00pm	Morning Prayer Two <b>Sunday School &amp; Creche Resume</b>	
	Readers: Danielle & Grayce Turton	
	United Service in St Mark's	
<b>15th</b>	<b>The THIRTEENTH SUNDAY after TRINITY</b>	<b>Green</b>
8:30am	Readings: Jeremiah 4: 11-12, 22-28, 1 Timothy 1: 12-17, Luke 15: 1-10	
10:30am	Holy Communion One	
7:00pm	<b>'Back to Church' Family Service</b>	
	Holy Communion Two	
<b>22nd</b>	<b>The FOURTEENTH SUNDAY after TRINITY</b>	<b>Green</b>
8:30am	Readings: Jeremiah 8: 18 -9: 1, 1 Timothy 2: 1-7, Luke 16: 1-13	
10:30am	Holy Communion Two	
7:00pm	Morning Prayer Two	
	Readers: Don McKee, Adele Geddis	
	Evening Prayer Two	
<b>29th</b>	<b>The FIFTEENTH SUNDAY after TRINITY</b>	<b>Green</b>
8:30am	Readings: Jeremiah 32: 1-3a, 6-15, 1 Timothy 6: 6-19, Luke 16: 19-31	
10:30am	Holy Communion Two	
7:00pm	Morning Prayer Two	
	Readers: Nathaniel Turton, Winston Montgomery	
	Healing Service	

## CALLING ALL FORMER MEMBERS OF ST MARK'S CLB

A special evening to reacquaint friends old and present associated with St Mark's Church Lads' Brigade during the 1960s, is being planned to take place in the Crozier Hall on **Monday 23rd September from 7pm - 9pm.**

This will be an informal opportunity for former members and their families to view displays held in archives and reminisce together.

Please plan to join in what should be a relaxed and sociable evening, and of course spread the word!

For further details, and if you have any old photos, please contact Adrian Stinson (37515128 / email : [adstinson@gmail.com](mailto:adstinson@gmail.com)).

**October Pinnacles**  
**Notes to the Church Office,**  
please by  
**Monday 23rd September**

## HOUSE GROUPS

House Groups will resume on Thursday, 3rd October (8pm) and this year during our informal discussions, we shall be studying the Book of Esther.

On this occasion, all who attend House Groups, as well as those who might consider joining in, are asked to meet together as we plan for the new term.

The original format of Tuesday evenings will resume on December 10th, which follows the completion of Alpha. New members are always welcome and further details are available from Malcolm.

## Wheels & Squeals

Parent, Minder  
Baby & Toddler Group

Resumes 18th September  
from 10.30am –12noon in the  
Crozier Hall

TOYS - ACTIVITIES - SNACKS

## September Flowers

1st September : Vacant  
8th & 15th : Vacant  
22nd & 29th : Vacant

FONT: Sandra Lockhart



## September : Team 5

Bindy Crozier, Heather Clarke,  
Betty McCann & Ann Stinson

## FWO COUNT

1st Sep: Team 1   8th Sep: Team 2  
15th Sep: Team 3   22nd Sep: Team 4  
29th Sep: Team 3

## UNITED SERVICE

On Sunday, September 8th (7pm), we look forward to welcoming our Methodist and Presbyterian friends to our quarterly United Evening Service.

On this occasion we will enjoy a dramatic presentation by Mr Alan Cousins of the life of the great

missionary to China,  
Hudson Taylor.

Everyone will be most welcome to join us as we share in worship together.



Crozier Hall

**Thursday 5th & Friday 6th  
September**

**1.30 –4pm & 5.15 –8pm**



**Resumes 6th September  
7.30–9pm in the Crozier  
Hall. All year 6+ welcome!**