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# PINNACLES ~ MAY 2021

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## Rector's Letter.....

Dear Friends,

During our Wednesday night services (and consequently on Friday nights online) we are currently considering what we can learn from the Book of Jonah.



I wonder when it was that we might have last looked at this short story? It is a story about a running from the will of God and his immense mercy, not only to Jonah who should have known better, but also to the Ninevites whose wickedness had really caught the attention of the holy God. There are many avenues of thought that arise from the book of Jonah. If you'd like to know more, have a look at our YouTube channel and catch up with the sermons on Friday nights, or I can personally recommend 'The Prodigal Prophet' written by Timothy Keller.

What God would have for us to do at times can cause us to want to run! Sometimes we can feel completely ill equipped and under qualified for the role. Other times we wish he would choose someone else due to the sacrifices that will have to be made. Whether we believe that God is calling us into a new form of service, a refined life-style, a deeper devotion to him and people in our lives, or in other ways, it can seem that a lot is asked of us, even more than we can manage.

If what we sense that God is asking of us is great, we can be deeply encouraged by the message of Pentecost. His Spirit has come upon the Church. To his followers Jesus promised in John 14 <sup>16</sup> *And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever—<sup>17</sup> the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.*"

Being a disciple of Jesus Christ is far from easy. It can feel overwhelming. But we are not alone. We serve in honour of the King of Kings and we do so enabled by his Spirit. Let us be open to what the Lord would have for us to do. Let us discuss how we might serve him more with a faithful Christian friend. Let us regularly ask the Lord in prayer, how it might be that he would desire for us to glorify him.

Yours in Christ, *Malcolm Kingston*

## PASTORAL VISITING

As restrictions are easing and the weather is getting warmer, door step visiting has resumed!

If you would like a visit, please do contact The Rectory and an arrangement can very happily be made. If standing near your door, or being outside is difficult for you and you would like to speak on the telephone and/or be prayed for, again, please feel free to get in touch.



We very much value the opportunity to spend time with you whether in person and socially distant or on the telephone.

## THY KINGDOM COME



Thy Kingdom Come is a global prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray from Ascension to Pentecost for more people to come to know they are loved by God, can have their sins forgiven, and come to know and follow Jesus.

In previous years, we have participating in this prayer movement by meeting in St Mark's to pray for 30 minutes each day from Ascension to Pentecost.

This year we shall do so, via Zoom for 20 minutes at 8am from Ascension Day (Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> May) to Pentecost (23<sup>rd</sup> May) (excluding Sundays). Please do know a warm invitation to join us as we pray for a deepening personal relationship with Jesus Christ, for more people to come to faith in Jesus and for the empowerment of the Spirit that we would be effective in our witness. For any further details about this initiative, please contact the Rector.

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*A wee word from Geoff.....*

Thank you St Mark's for your encouragement as we moved to Annalong. By the way, if you can, avoid the rollercoaster of packing and unpacking then give it a wide birth if at all possible! We are 90% sorted and now it's a matter of getting to know people in an era of face masks!

The setting here is stunning as we are sandwiched between the sea and mountains. It's good to experience a full Sunday and get a feel for the church building - the pulpit is a lot lower!

We have received a really warm welcome, but I had to laugh as I was chatting to a young mum the other day who said that in their family prayers her youngest daughter prayed for 'Murphy' the dog but didn't mention the rector! The dog walking options are excellent as the Silent Valley is so close.

Thank you again for your support and friendship during these past 15 months, we value your prayers.

Blessings, *Geoff & Jill*

## **PRAYER MINISTRY PARTNERSHIP**

The Prayer Ministry Partnership continues to pray for all who would welcome prayer for healing. At the beginning of each month a prayer list is circulated to group members which offers the Christian names of those whom we are praying for. Names are added during the month by email circulation until a new list is drafted.

If you, or someone that you know would like to be prayed for, please feel free to mention this to a member of the clergy or someone who you know is a member of the Parish Ministry Partnership. Alternatively, you can let us know via the response form on the 'Prayer and Worship' page of our Parish Website.

If you would like to join the actual prayer group, please again feel free to mention this to a member of the Clergy or a member of the Prayer Ministry Partnership.

Continued thanks are extended to Stanley and Jennifer Towers for their consistent faithfulness in facilitating this very important and valued Parish Prayer Group.





## HOUSE GROUP UPDATE

Up until very recently Geoff led our House Group which has been meeting every 3 weeks on Zoom. As a group we will meet again on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> May as we continue to enjoy learning about our faith together and growing in friendship as we share.

Please know a warm invitation to join us at any time. Hopefully, we will be able to plan an in person gathering (perhaps outdoors) soon! For further details, please feel free to contact Malcolm (37522970 / [malcolm.kingston@btinternet.com](mailto:malcolm.kingston@btinternet.com)).

## BOOK CLUB

Earlier this year, a fortnightly Book Club began meeting on Zoom. We took a bit of a break over Easter and we are very much looking forward to reconvening on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May (7.30pm).

The book that we are discussing at present is 'Jesus – The God who knows your name' by Max Lucado (ISBN 9781400216956).

This is a very accessible book which raises all sorts of interesting avenues of thought! If you would like to join us at any time, please do feel free.

If you are unsure about using Zoom, again, please do get in touch. It sounds harder than it is!! For links and any assistance, please contact Malcolm (37522970 / [malcolm.kingston@btinternet.com](mailto:malcolm.kingston@btinternet.com)).



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Archbishop  
John McDowell



## *Matthew's Musings....*

Where are you looking forward to going once lockdown restrictions ease? To a restaurant with friends? To the caravan with family? Erin, Lilly, and I are looking forward to going to Australia and meeting/catching up with all of our Aussie friends and family!

I wonder, where are we looking forward to going as a church as lockdown eases? What are we looking forward to doing in the months and years ahead?

As the Executive continues to give us updates on our roadmap out of lockdown, giving us guidance on where we can go and what we can do, as a church we need our own roadmap to guide us over the coming months and years too. Where can we go next?

Jesus says to his disciples in Matthew 28:19-20, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you."

The destination of our roadmap out of lockdown as the church is to go and make disciples. We've been able to go into people's homes over lockdown on Youtube and get the message out, but let's all go to our friends and neighbours personally with the Good News.

Let's *baptise* and welcome new believers and their children into the family of God as they find a home among us in St. Mark's.

And let's *teach* them everything that Jesus has first taught us, showing them what living life in all of its fullness with Jesus looks like (John 10:10).

I know Malcom, myself, and others have already been dreaming and planning for what church life could look like post-lockdown, but let's all get involved and play our part in the roadmap, and go and make disciples. If you're unsure how you can play your part, speak to Malcom or myself and we'll be glad to point you in the right direction! As we're counting down the days 'till we can go to our caravans/restaurants/Australia(!), let's also get ready to go to our friends, family, and neighbours with the Good News of Jesus. Let's get ready for our own roadmap out of lockdown!

# DRIVE THROUGH DROP OFF



**22ND MAY  
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## HOME FOR GOOD

On Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> May, Mrs Judith Dawson will offer a special presentation during our 10.30am service on the work of Home for Good.



Judith is a project worker for Home for Good in the Southern Trust area of our province. Home for Good is a Christian organisation which seeks to encourage Christian people to consider fostering and adoption.

In the UK, a child enters the care system on average every 15 minutes. Judith's presentation will be personal and inspiring as it offers a local perspective on a matter which should of great concern to us all.



**CD Recordings** of Sunday Services are delivered to a number of parishioners. Should you know of any parishioners who do not have internet access and would appreciate a CD being delivered to their home, please contact Caroline. Also, if you no longer require CD deliveries, please also let us know.

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## CONGRATULATIONS!

On Monday, April 26th, Rev'd Canon Ian Ellis was consecrated as Bishop for the Diocese of Clogher.

Ian was a Curate Assistant in St Mark's from 1989-91. Ian and Heather are very fondly remembered by many of our Parishioners and we pray that they will know God's richest blessing as Ian serves in the episcopal ministry of Christ's Church.

Also pictured to the left is Archdeacon Brian Harper (former Rector of Mullavilly and right - Dean Kenny Hall, former Rector of Brackaville.



Diocese of Armagh

**ON-LINE TRAINING  
AND SUPPORT DIARY**

Led by the youth and Children's Development Officer two further 'stand alone' zoom sessions, supporting parent and carers, will take place on the dates below.

**13th May : 'Understanding you adolescent...Supporting development, addressing behaviour and building faith'.**

**10th June : 'Nurturing your child's faith at home. Ideas, support and resources for parents and carers'.**

Simply email David Brown [doycarmagh@gmail.com](mailto:doycarmagh@gmail.com) to book in for each one hour session. Please note, all sessions begin at 7.30pm.



Phoebe Ritchie pictured  
at 'The Empty Tomb'  
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### **2nd : The Fifth Sunday of Easter**

8.30am : Holy Communion

10.30am : Morning Service      *Reader : Heather Chambers*

7.00pm : Evening Service

### **9th : The Sixth Sunday of Easter**

8.30am : Morning Service

10.30am : Morning Service

Reader : Ann Williamson

7.00pm : Evening Prayer

### **16th : The Seventh Sunday of Easter**

8.30am : Morning Service

10.30am : Family Service

7.00pm : Holy Communion

### **23rd : The Day of Pentecost**

8.30am : Holy Communion

10.30am : Morning Service

Reader : Michael Dickson

7.00pm : Evening Prayer

### **30th : The First Sunday after Trinity**

8.30am : Morning Service

10.30am : Morning Service

Reader : Wendy Davison

7.00pm : Evening Service

## ***Flower Rota***

2nd & 9th May : Elizabeth McKee

16th & 23rd May : Daphne Galbraith

30th May & 6th June : Florence Magwood

**FONT** : Muriel Scott



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## CHURCH RECORDS

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