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PINNACLES

March 2021



***This is the day that the LORD has
made, we will rejoice and be
glad in it.***

Psalm 118: 24

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MORNING PRAYER MEETINGS FOR LENT
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A SERIES FOR LENT 2021

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Rector's Letter.....



Dear Friends,

After what seems like a very long winter, there does seem to be a sense of optimism now that we have entered Spring. Walks in warming sunshine, brighter evenings, spring flowers, the sound of the lawnmower, the progress of vaccine administration, the reopening of some school classrooms, and the possibility of some restrictions being relaxed during April all contribute to an improving mood.

In an online BBC article posted on the anniversary of the first Covid case in Northern Ireland comparing our current reality to this time last year, it began; *'Northern Ireland is now in a much better place in terms of dealing with Covid-19.'* (27th February 2021).

The main basis for that statement is that over 27% of people in Northern Ireland have received their first dose of the Covid Vaccine. Experts tell us that the progression of the vaccination programme is the pathway towards a freer future with features of life which we all yearn for again.

We can look forward with anticipation, there is much to look forward to!

But, we have to be realistic. Freedoms must be measured, caution is still required, advice needs to be heeded. As a community we have to be careful not to squander progress gained and contribute to any further suffering. Better days are on the horizon, let us not act too hastily.

Romans 8 speaks of the spiritual freedom that we can presently know through faith in Jesus. Because of the death and resurrection of Jesus, spiritual freedom is the experience of believers present and future glory is assured. However, in our lifetime, followers of the Lord Jesus will struggle with the reality that whilst we are free spiritually, we are restricted by our being part of the created and fallen world. Covid, or no Covid, followers of Christ are people who live with restrictions!

Continued overleaf ...

However, as Romans 8 articulates, the freedom that we know in Christ presently will be matched by true physical freedom. Waiting is required and Paul likens this waiting reality to being like birth pains. However, one day the whole created order will be liberated, freedom will be experienced in its truest sense. Suffering, even death will be no more.

As Christians, we are always people of hope. We know freedom in Christ today and will know the fullness of freedom to come. As people of living and certain hope present we await the certain hope of freedom fulfilled in the future; "But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently." (Rom. 8v25)

Yours in Christ,

Malcolm Kingston

GENERAL VESTRY MEETING

The annual General or Easter Vestry Meeting shall take place on Monday 22nd March (7.30pm) via Zoom. This is a meeting to which all parishioners are invited to attend. During the meeting some short reports shall be offered and the Parish's Select Vestry membership for the year ahead shall be nominated and elected. Please do join us if you can. Login details are available from Caroline, Parish Clergy and current Select Vestry Members. If you are unfamiliar with Zoom and would value some assistance, please do get in touch and we shall help you to get set up and ready to go!!



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SERVICES UPDATE

According to our most recent update, services shall continue to remain online only (except for weddings and funerals limited to 25 people) until 1st April (Maundy Thursday).

It is very much hoped that churches may reopen for public worship with safety measures in place on Good Friday (2nd April). We very much look forward to being in St Mark's worshipping together at our earliest permissible opportunity!

Here are proposed details for services during the weeks ahead :-

- ⇒ Sundays 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th March : Services from 10.30am & 7pm online
- ⇒ Wednesdays 10th, 17th & 24th March : Lent Services from 7.30pm online
- ⇒ Wednesday 17th March : Holy Communion on St Patrick's Day from 9.30am online
- ⇒ Monday 29th March – Maundy Thursday 1st April (8pm) : Holy Week Services from 8pm online
- ⇒ Good Friday, 2nd April : 3 Hours Service from 12noon – 3pm online
- ⇒ Good Friday, 2nd April : Holy Week Service from 8pm online (and in church if guidelines permit)
- ⇒ Easter Sunday, 4th April : Dawn Service from 6.30am online
- ⇒ Easter Sunday, 4th April : Morning Service at 10.30am and Evening Service at 7pm online (and in church if guidelines permit)



Updates will always be offered in Pew News which is available from our Parish Website. Our Parish Facebook and Instagram accounts will also provide the latest details of services and events in our Parish. Please do know a very warm invitation to join us in worship!

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LENT PRAYER MEETINGS

During Lent short prayer meetings are taking place on Wednesday mornings from 8am – 8.30am via Zoom. We would love for you to join us at any time! Participants may pray aloud, or silently from your hearts. To obtain a link to join this time of prayer, please contact Caroline or any member of the Parish Clergy.

CHURCH GIVING

The vast majority of our Parish income is received through church envelopes and for all contributions to church funds, we are incredibly grateful.



However, in the context of services being suspended envelopes containing cash shall not be receivable.

If you would like to donate using your church envelope with cash, please save these gifts until church services resume and collections are made in the normal fashion.

Cheques payable to 'St Mark's, Armagh' may always be posted to the Church Office. Standing Order, or Bank Transfer donations are also very much welcomed. For the necessary Bank Mandate Forms, or Account / Sort Code details, please contact Caroline (Parish Administrator) on 07514129195 or email sec.stmarks@gmail.com

Parishioners may also utilise the Online Donations facility offered on our Church Website.

When giving online or by Bank Transfer, a reference to the donor's name will be available to the Parish Administrator, so that records can be maintained for church accounts and Gift Aid.

Again, please know that your support for Parish Funds is deeply appreciated. Thank you one and all.



'Pause and go'

On Monday mornings, very short devotions based on verses or a chapter of the Psalms entitled 'Pause & Go' are offered on our Instagram page. If you are not on Instagram, don't worry as you will be able to access such posts on the 'Recent Posts' page of our Parish Website. Thank you to Geoff and Matthew for preparing these short items to be a blessing to us all.



Pause *and* go.



**Congratulations, best wishes and blessings to
Very Revd Shane Forster
who has been conferred as Dean of
St Patrick's Cathedral Armagh
(via Zoom)**



In a short online service (via Zoom) on Sunday 14th February 2021, Canon Shane Forster, previously Rector of Ballymore Parish in Tandragee, was conferred to his new position as the Dean of St Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh.

Archbishop John McDowell paid tribute to Shane's abilities and skills as a clergy person and also his hard work as Executive Chaplain to successive Archbishops of Armagh. Prayers were said for God's blessing on the Forster family and the ongoing ministry and witness of our Cathedral Church.

The necessary Declarations were made by Canon Shane Forster, by Canon Colin Moore as Provincial Registrar and Canon Norman Porteus, the Precentor of the Cathedral.

The service ended with The Blessing and the traditional round of applause for the new Dean.

As a Parish we wish Canon Shane God's richest blessings as he begins a new chapter in his ministry.



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THE VENUE

During the current lockdown, David, our Parish Sexton, has been spending wet days indoors redecorating The Venue in the Crozier Hall. When organisations are reopened, we very much hope that you enjoy The Venue's new look!



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Studies

for 2021

IN 2ND CORINTHIANS



with
Archbishop
John McDowell



HOUSE GROUP

On Tuesday 2nd March 14 of us gathered around our computers to wrestle with the story of The Woman at the Well in John 4.4–26.

This woman didn't have a lot going for her, she was a woman thirsting to be loved, to be seen, to be accepted, to be included, to be forgiven, to be known. Jesus broke 'expected norms' to reach out to this woman.

On Tuesday 23rd March our evening is entitled 'Living Simply' and we will consider how to resist the pull of acquiring more, consuming more and doing more. We will look at the spiritual practice of simplicity using Luke 12.13-34 and see the importance of living with freedom, joy and balance. 'Living Simply' is more than a lifestyle choice – it involves cultivating an inner life of love and trust in God.

BOOK CLUB

A recent addition to our Parish programme has been our Zoom based Book Club. At present we are reading 'Jesus - The God who knows your name' by Max Lucado. (ISBN 9781400216956). This book is available via the Faith Mission Bookshop Website (£12.99), other outlets and on Kindle. Between our fortnightly meetings, we read a few chapters and then we come together to discuss some of the themes arising from the book. New members are always welcome to join us for this interactive initiative and this month we shall meet on Thursdays 4th & 18th March (7.30pm). For Zoom login details, please contact Caroline or any member of the Parish Clergy.



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Curate's Corner...



Read Luke 5:17-26

"18 Some men came carrying a paralysed man on a mat and tried to take him into the house to lay him before Jesus. 19 When they could not find a way to do this because of the crowd, they went up on the roof and lowered him on his mat through the tiles into the middle of the crowd, right in front of Jesus."

My dad arrived at the door with a small box in his hands, he had just bought hair clippers. I opened the box, put them together and then plugged them in and everything seemed to be working. I told him I would call down later and try them out! Now the weak point of this story is that my only experience of clippers is cutting hedges and let's be honest there's a fair bit of give and take with a hedge! So, I called later that day and with a bit of excitement flicked the switch and embraced the hair clipper challenge! There's a line in a song that says 'the first cut is the deepest' well that song came to mind, but we made it and hopefully a professional will sort things out soon!

I've been thinking about a handful of men in Luke chapter 5 who had a bigger challenge than cutting hair. We know little about them, but they're the kind of mates you want to have as the challenge they encountered didn't stop them getting to Jesus. Rather they just interrupted a teaching session that he was giving!

It got me thinking, are we willing to be interrupted by God? As 'Lockdown Lent' continues let's not fall into the trap of locking down our hearts. Let's remain open to God. Sometimes in our lives, when we least expect it, God has a tendency to interrupt what we're doing. Often we view God's interruptions as an inconvenience, or as an annoying set of circumstances, or just bad timing. This Lent, let's be open to God's interruptions and value them as God enables us to refocus on the things that really matter.

"We must stop regarding unpleasant or unexpected things as interruptions of real life. The truth is that interruptions are real life."

C. S. Lewis

Blessings, *Geoff*

'AWAKEN YOUR SENSES'

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HOLY WEEK & EASTER

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Good Friday : 12noon - 3pm

Easter Sunday : 6.30am, 10.30am & 7pm

All online.

For further details, including the possibility
of some in church services :-

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'Drive Through
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Saturday 20th

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(10am -12noon).

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Following government guidelines on Covid-19, the Church Office will remain closed until further notice.

I shall be working from home and can be contacted on **07514129195** or by email : sec.stmarks@gmail.com

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of any help to you during this continued period of lockdown. *Caroline*

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