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Stepping Out

It seems such a long time since I wrote the last magazine at the end of November. Since then, we've celebrated Christmas and New Year, said farewell to our former Archbishop and welcomed a new one; organisations have had their Christmas dinners, had a break and restarted. For parishioners, lives have changed through bereavement, illness, new births, engagements and forthcoming wedding plans, unemployment or career changes.

In the year ahead, we will moving in to a new rectory, there will be both A levels and GCSE's and the potential start of a university career. Those things are expected but there will undoubtedly be things that are also unexpected.

In the parish, we hope to move forward with the Church21 project and identify some areas of development, we are planning two concerts in the next two months and a service of rededication of the rectory.

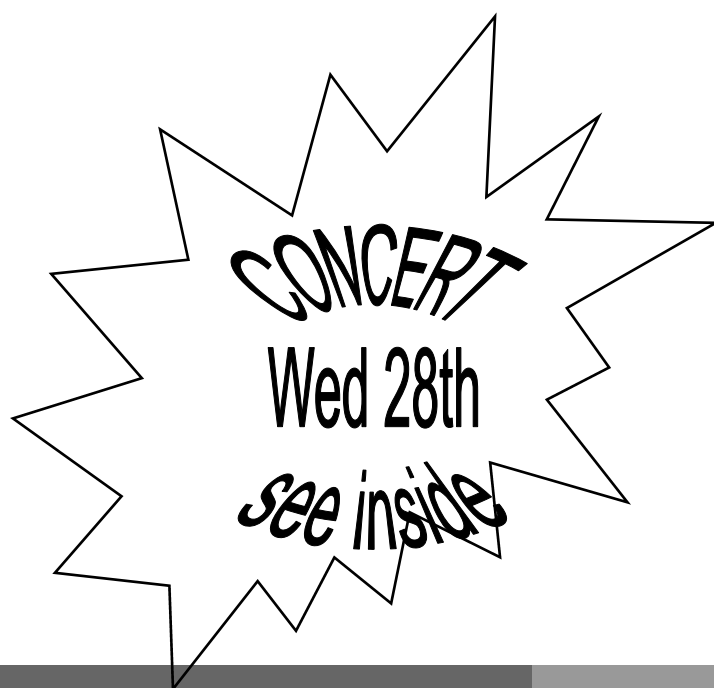
We step forward cautiously into 2007. Although we can plan many things and have expectations for the future, everything can change so quickly. This does not mean we are fearful of the future, but rather that we are hopeful. Hopeful that, whatever lies around the corner, it cannot separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. Be faithful, be joyful, be holy, be loving, and let the peace of God rule in your heart.

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GENERAL VESTRY

The list of church members entitled to vote at our Annual General Meeting will be open for revision as usual in the last two weeks of February. You must be over 18 and not a member of any other Church of Ireland parish. Being entitled to vote gives you the opportunity to encourage the Select Vestry by your support. It also allows you to be nominated to serve on the Select Vestry. Please contact the churchwardens for further information about the list.



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DATE	FLOWERS	CRECHE	SCRIPTURE	NOTES
Feb 4th	Gwen Kane	Gladys Shortt Yvonne Neill	Robert Chapman	11am Holy Communion
Feb 11th	Shirley Jenkinson		Andrew Irwin	11am Family Service
Feb 18th	Hilary Beattie	Beverley Stewart Amanda Stewart	Ian Howard	11am Holy Communion
Feb 25th	Maureen Milligan	Judith Wilson Nicola Wilson	Jonathan Harper	7pm Holy Communion
March 4th	Roberta Rafferty	Tanya McKittrick Mandy Wright	Heather Harper	11am Holy Communion

Refreshments after the family service will be served by Beverley Stewart, Wendy Kitchen, Amanda Stewart & Wendy Hazley.

The tea and coffee is an important part of our Family Service, giving us the opportunity to meet and chat and get to know each other. By being part of the team serving the refreshments, you are fulfilling a key role in our Sunday morning programme. It involves setting up the hall beforehand, preparing the boilers etc, serving the tea and clearing up afterwards. If you would like to be part of this at least once in a year, please contact Amanda on 38841916.

February

- Thurs 8th 10:30am Ramblin' Rose
 Thurs 15th Over 55 Club
 Tues 20th 8pm Mothers' Union
 Wed 21st 7:30pm ASH WEDNESDAY
 Tues 27th 10:30am Holy Communion
 8:00pm-9:30pm Bible Study Group
 Wed 28th Country and Gospel Concert

LENT 2007

The program for Lent will follow our usual pattern with Holy Communion celebrated every Tuesday morning at 10:30am followed by tea and coffee. Transport is available for anyone who would like to attend.

There will also be three bible study groups on alternate Tuesdays (Feb 27th, March 13th & 27th).

Baptism Anniversaries

3rd: Ellie Roberts

From the Registers

Baptisms:

Dec 10th: James Alistair Fredrick, son of Alistair & Wendy Rafferty
 Dec 10th: Samantha, daughter of Kenny Milligan & Elaine Topley
 Jan 7th: Jamie Neil, son of Neil & Ann Rafferty

Burials:

Jan 1st: Martha Irwin, Brackagh
 Jan 24th: Reggie Neill, (Magherlin Parish)
 Jan 25th: Evelyn Elizabeth (Betty) McIntyre

FINDING A CHALLENGE IN LENT

This month will also see the start of Lent (Ash Wednesday Feb 21st). This is also a time to think positively, not negatively. We need to move away from the distractions of giving up chocolate and sweets and start thinking about the major issues in our life—affluence and poverty, apathy, anger, grudges and divisions. It is a time to remind ourselves of the suffering of Jesus and to reflect his sacrifice in our lives in a meaningful way which will bring us closer to Christ in faithfulness and holiness. I'm sorry, but giving up Mars Bars seems extremely trivial.

Why not consider one of the following:

Renew a lost friendship.

Restore a broken friendship or family link.

Show your love for others in a practical and sacrificial way using time, money or belongings. Arrive 10 minutes earlier in church to reflect and pray.

Use the church during the week for prayer or reading a portion of Scripture. You could also do this at home or park your car on the way home from work for 10 minutes.

Find an extra way of service in church—e.g. the tea rota/creche/flowers etc. or enquire about some practical work (power hosing the paths, cleaning the chairs etc).

Add to your service in the community. Visit a residential home or an elderly neighbour and make a regular commitment to them.

Identify something in your lifestyle that you don't like (an attitude or behaviour) and start to change it. Ask a critical friend to help if necessary.

With a little thought, Lent can be meaningful time of change and commitment, inspired by the love and commitment of Christ.



A RUBBISH JOB—but someone's got to do it!

We urgently need someone to manage the output of rubbish from the church and parish centre. The job would entail putting the bins out on the right days; ensuring that the brown bin only contains compost materials and the grey bin contains nothing that might be recycled (the general public tend to put anything they like into our brown bin!); recycling the service sheets after church (preferably by shredding) and ensuring that everyone using the parish centre sorts their waste properly rather than just leaving it in a bin bag at the back door. It may also involve trips to the various recycling locations in Portadown or Tandragee This is

an important "behind-the-scenes" task which will require regular commitment. If you think you could manage it, please contact the rector.

This month at the Rectory?

I doubt if the expected "moving" date at the end of February will be met, but I could be pleasantly surprised. Work has progressed very quickly and at a high standard. The inside and outside plastering are completed (but slow to dry), most of the plumbing and electrics are in place. All that remains to be done are the floors, decorating, kitchen & bedroom furniture, doors, second fixes for plumbing and electrics, exterior ground work and drive! I'm sure we'll discover a few more things along the way.