

# St. Columba's Connections

CHURCH OF IRELAND DERRYVOLGIE

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## Letter from the Rector

Over the last few months we have had a fantastic time. During Lent we looked at the different 'Characters around the Cross' and our Holy Week services explored the 'Name above Names.' Both of these went really well as each one built on the previous eventually climaxing in the hope and joy that is Easter Sunday.

Easter is beginning to disappear from the conscious of the media but as Easter People we must always be prepared to declare that 'Christ is Risen He is Risen Indeed, Alleluia.'

This little phrase has much power as we allow its truth to permeate every aspect of our lives. It offers us hope and strength to face what may come with a new energy and vitality that only the power and victory of the risen Christ can bring.

No other thing, person or tradition can bring life into the hearts of individuals and communities – only Jesus Christ came to 'give us life and life in all its fullness'

Every Blessing  
James



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## Select Vestry

The Select Vestry for Derryvolgie Parish was elected at

The Annual General Easter Vestry Meeting held on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2019 at 7.30pm.

### The following were elected:

Rector's Church Warden:	Andrew Sproule
Rector's Glebe Warden:	Lyn Perry
People's Church Warden:	Maureen Atcheson
People's Glebe Warden:	Stewart Gavin
Honorary Secretary:	John Atcheson
Honorary Treasurer:	Colin McDonald

### Other Members (in alphabetical order):

Frank Bailey	Noreen Kavanagh
Laura Coburn	Mark McDowell
Rhona Gavin	David Pedlow
Jim Hamilton	Derek Shuter
Rodney Ingram	George Summers

The Select Vestry is responsible for the 3 'F's - Finance, Fabric and Furnishings within the Parish. The Select Vestry of St Columba's Church meets on the second Monday of each month from September to June inclusive.



**SUNDAY CLUB** At Easter there was a lovely treat for all our children - beautifully hand knitted chicks with a Cadbury's cream egg hiding inside. It must have taken some time to knit and sew up so many! Thank you Hilda for your thoughtfulness and generosity!

Days away and caravan season have arrived and so our year will end on Prize Day 9<sup>th</sup> June. But please keep coming - it is so good to see and hear our wonderful young ones, and the committee room, with a box of toys and a speaker to hear the service, is always available if you wish to take them out for a short time. If you would like to help in Sunday Club next term, please speak to the Rector, Noreen or Ann.

**Noreen Kavanagh**







## The Big FABulous Quiz!

Our Youth Club ended on 12<sup>th</sup> April with a quiz night for FAB families and our church family! Questions were mainly aimed at our primary age youth club children but young and 'more experienced' entered into the spirit of a fun night with mini eggs and crisp to munch and tea and biscuits at the end,

and of course prizes for first 3 places! Everyone seemed to have a good time and there were generous donations to fund materials for our youth club. We look forward to seeing all our young people when FAB returns in September and of course at the holiday Bible Club Week during beginning on the 19<sup>th</sup> August.



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## **THE BIG FAB HOLIDAY CLUB**

*an interactive club for children in  
primary school that will include: craft,  
games, stories, singing & so much more*

**19 - 23 AUGUST - 6.30-8.00PM**

if you would like more info please visit [www.derryvolgie.com](http://www.derryvolgie.com) or LIKE  
our page on Facebook to stay up to date.

## **The BIG Breakfast & Mother's Day Craft Fair**

Well what can I say... the smell of bacon was amazing! But so too was the support our event got from friends, family and the local community as a whole! Although a quiet start to the morning, it was soon to liven' up with our popular fry drawing the men in, whilst the ladies had a casual browse at all things hand made in our craft fair, with some new crafty faces amongst a loyal few taking up 20 stalls of locally crafted goodies!

The raffles were equally as successful with many happy winners taking home prizes alongside cuddly bears! (I am a 'proud' owner of two monkeys now in my house, a Jacob sized one and a giant sized cuddly one!)

A great day of fundraising whilst enjoying a good bit of fellowship! Hard to beat! Thank you to all who volunteered their time and efforts. It really didn't go unnoticed!

**Laura Coburn**

## **Baptism Service of Harry James Patrick Sloan**

Congratulations to Jamie, Clare, Emma and all the family on the baptism of their beautiful son Harry James Patrick Sloan which took place on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2019! Welcome to our Church family, Harry!





## Derryvolgie Men's Group

**MARCH** - The Men's Group took us to Ulster Rugby's Kingspan Stadium. It was a Saturday evening. The weather was fine and the atmosphere was very enthusiastic. We were pleased to be greeted by the music of the Lisburn Community Choir. Some of our members got a bit carried away by the singing and could be heard giving spirited, if not always tuneful renditions, of "Stand Up For The Ulstermen!" The match was Ulster versus the Southern Kings from South Africa. The visitors put up a valiant display but Ulster came out fairly easy winners. While the score has faded into the dim distant past, the enjoyment and fellowship of the evening remain. Thanks to Stewart for organising the visit.

**APRIL** - We stayed in the committee room in church. Our visiting speaker was Dave Linton from Lurgan. Dave is the founder of Madlug, a charity which is also a business. Madlug stands for Making A Difference Luggage. Dave's story of how he came to set up Madlug impressed us all. His earlier work as a youth worker brought him into contact with children who were being taken into care. In UK, it is estimated that some 93,000 children are in care, one every 15 minutes. Dave explained that he could not help but be distressed when he saw children being handed over into care with all their belongings packed into a black plastic bin bag.



In 2015, he set up Madlug. With £500 as a starting fund, he came up with the idea of providing bags for children going into care. His approach was based on the idea of "Buy one, Give one." Every bag sold by Madlug is matched by a bag given free to a child going into care. Dave's aim is to give that child dignity by avoiding the need for their life's possessions to be put in black plastic bags. We all took away his message that "No child should carry their life in a bin bag." Madlug's story is a fine example of how charity and business can combine for a humanitarian purpose. It is a local charity. The Men's Group were pleased to support its work. Should you wish to find information about the Madlug story or should you wish to see the range of bags available for purchase, see [www.madlug.com](http://www.madlug.com)

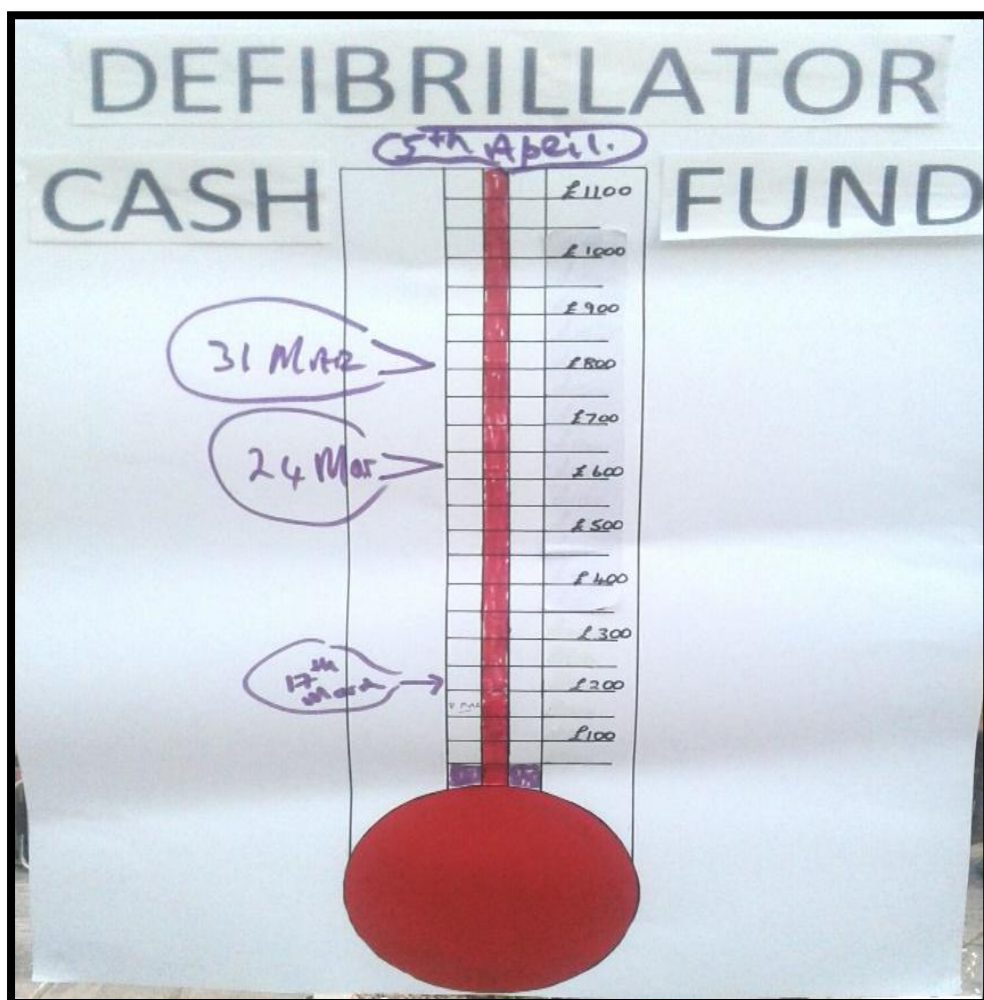
## **DEFIBRILLATOR FUND - Thank you**

***"Above all else, guard your heart. For it is the wellspring of life" (Proverbs 4.23)***

The Men's Group would like to thank all those who supported their Defibrillator Fund. Generous donations were received from parishioners and from those groups who use the church facilities. Quiz sheets sold in the community added to the Fund. Our plan now is to purchase a defibrillator as soon as possible and to have it installed in the reception area of the church.

While we hope that we never need to use the defibrillator, it will be reassuring for all those who use the church buildings to have access to it in the event of an emergency. Once again, sincere thanks from the members of the Men's Group.

**Derek Shuter**





## CAMEO – Derryvolgie Ladies Group

**MARCH** - Once again we had a full house on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March for an evening of "Singing for Mental Health" with Kirsty Orr.

The evening began with an introduction to Kirsty's musical background and an overview of the choirs she now leads. We then learned about the fascinating benefits of singing both for our physical and mental health.

It was surprising to learn how being part of a choir promotes togetherness, improves listening skills both in a choir setting and

everyday life, strengthens lung muscles, can regulate the heart rate and helps combat depression and loneliness.

If anyone thought the evening would pass without a dose of audience participation, they were in for a shock. By the end of the evening, DVG ladies group embarked on various vocal warm-up exercises, finishing off the evening with a lively version of Sweet Chariot and When the Saints go Marching in.

**\*\* Lisburn Harmony Earlybirds Ladies choir meet on the second Monday of every month (10.30am – 12noon) at Seymour Street Methodist Church. \*\***

**APRIL** - Richard Gill joined CAMEO for our April meeting and gave a very detailed account of the level of scams taking place in Northern Ireland every day. As individuals there are steps we can take to ensure our personal information is kept safe, including the safe disposal of any paperwork which contains personal information and remaining vigilant if any unexpected calls are received asking for personal information.

**MAY** – On 6<sup>th</sup> May, we enjoyed the company of Sheena Morton and her friends Eileen & Gina. Sheena demonstrated her wonderful book folding expertise and after a short introduction, each of the ladies who attended received a 160 page book (the number of pages required for a perfectly formed hedgehog). The scene which unfolded resembled an episode of Blue Peter with the addition of much chat and laughter. Our thanks to Sheena, Eileen and Gina for taking the time to join us this month at CAMEO.

**Dinner at Lisburn Golf club:** Will take place on **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June**, should you wish to join us, please see menu and sign-up sheet at entrance to Church or contact Nuala on 07923838526.


**Nuala Barr**

## ST COLUMBA'S DERRYVOLGIE SEEING CLEARLY AN OVERVIEW OF THE BIBLE

This five week study will take a look at the big picture of the bible. From the Old, through to the New Testament, and everything in between. Why was it written? What are the big themes? What is the over arching story that is told? How can I read it for all it's worth?



**Each Wednesday 22 May - 19 June at 7.30pm**

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From: [TedEBear@newhomederryvolgie.com](mailto:TedEBear@newhomederryvolgie.com)

To: Derryvolgie church

Hello, everyone. My name is Ted Bear but everyone calls me Big Ted. On a Saturday at the end of March, my friends and I found ourselves in your church. It was the morning of something called a Craft Fair and Big Breakfast. This was our first time at such an event. We were surprised to be given special seats just inside the main door. It was great to see all the people but it was even better to get the smell of cooked breakfasts which wafted across from the kitchen. It reminded me of the special breakfast we, bears, had on the morning of our Teddy Bears' Picnic. The biggest surprise of all was to see people offering money to take us home with them. As you can see from the photo, I have landed in the lap of luxury in my new Derryvolgie home. I have got texts from my teddy bear colleagues and they all seem to have landed on their feet, or, to be exact, on their rather large bottoms, as well. We just want to send you our thanks

Regards, Big Ted



# Praying for Harmony Hill Primary School

St Columba's Derryvolgie in partnership  
with Harmony Hill Primary School  
are offering a space where we can come  
together to pray for the school.

Tuesday 21 May

9.15am

St Columba's Church

So if you are a parent, carer, grandparent or  
someone who has a vested interest in the  
school, you are welcome to come along.

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If you would like further information please contact Rev James Boyd  
02892671662 or [revjamesboyd@gmail.com](mailto:revjamesboyd@gmail.com)



## Congratulations Robinsons Family!

Becoming a British Citizen requires study about lots of aspects of the British Isles now and through history, many born here would find it tricky! Congratulations to Vanessa on being presented with hers last month. A great day for the whole family.





## **Congratulations Noreen!**

Well done to Noreen who received her BEM at Hillsborough Castle in September. Noreen and her daughter Joy have been invited to a garden party at Buckingham Palace

next week! Take plenty of photographs Noreen and enjoy the celebrations, we look forward to hearing all about it on your return!

Hi everyone,

Greetings from Paraguay. The last few months have had lots going on. The young people who went to the diocesan camp in January wanted to have a mini-camp here in

Concepción, and we had that at the end of Holy Week. It went really well and some new young people came at the invitation of their friends which was brilliant. Some of the young people were involved in the organisation of it and it was lovely to see them starting to use their gifts for God.

At the beginning of May we were delighted to have the visit of Bishop Ken Clarke, 'Fanta' and your previous rector Stephen. Their visit was really encouraging as they gave talks on 'a church with a big heart' and on 'making disciples' and visited the different areas of ministry of the church. They happened to be here for a Paraguayan public holiday called 'Worker's Day' and as a church we had a special meal together for that.

Over the last months there has been a lot of torrential rain which has had a negative effect for a lot of people as many have been flooded out of their homes, are stranded in communities which have been cut off due to the rain (and in some cases provisions can't get in) or have lost crops. Please pray for those affected by this and that the government will find ways to provide the help needed to those in most need. Thank you for your support and prayers.

God bless, Claire.

# 9 JUNE - 10.30AM

# ICE CREAM SUNDAY

A day when we will celebrate all that is great about Sunday Club and enjoy free ice-cream for everyone

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## Toddlers' Together

After the Christmas break, Toddlers started back in the New Year with lots of familiar faces and a few new ones! We enrol new members almost every week and now have 40 adults and 65 children on the register. Many exciting activities have taken place including homemade pancakes on Shrove Tuesday, various other Easter activities plus the Great Teddy Bear Hunt where each child searches out and keeps a teddy! Other activities planned over the next few weeks include Father's Day card making, with a chocolate bar for each daddy, a visit from Sign 2 Music, a Sports day with ice cream and our last day will be a fancy dress party with lots of party food! Toddlers together is on every Tuesday morning at 10.00am. We look forward to seeing you all there.

St Columba's Derryvolgie  
Sunday 16 June 2019

**Yes**  
**DAD JOKES ARE**  
**ACCEPTED TODAY**

Join us as we celebrate all that is significant about the men in our lives.  
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**SMALLS**  
**FOR ALL**

<https://www.facebook.com/SmallsforAll/>

## WHAT DO WE COLLECT?

Brand **NEW** pants for boys & girls (aged 3-15)

Brand **NEW** pants for women (UK size 8-14)\*

**NEW** or gently worn bras (inc nursing & sports but not teen, cropped or bikini)

\*While we collect all colours and sizes, the greatest demand is for black ladies' pants (full, midi, mini or high leg) in sizes 8 to 10-12

For more info contact Shirley Boyd on 07742620149

## Parish Register: Deaths

Brendon Kane – 4<sup>th</sup> March 2019

John Wolsley – 15<sup>th</sup> April 2019

Alma Smyth – 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2019

## Sunday Tea Rota

Each Sunday a time of informal fellowship with a cuppa follows our Service. If you would like to join the Rota, please give your name to Rhona. Although many members like to bring little "extras" (which are yummy and always welcome!) It is only necessary to provide biscuits and milk. Thank you to everyone for your continued support.



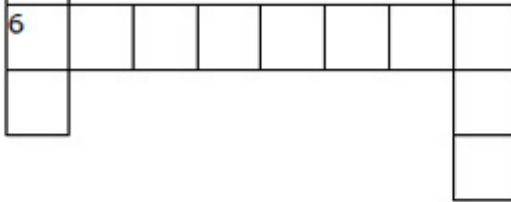
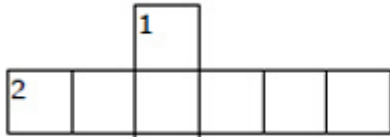


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# Connections

Corner

## Pentecost



### ACROSS

2. A being that cannot be seen, like a ghost
4. The place where God lives
5. Something that can be heard
6. Means of communication used by the people of a particular country



LANGUAGE  
SPIRIT

HOLY  
SOUND

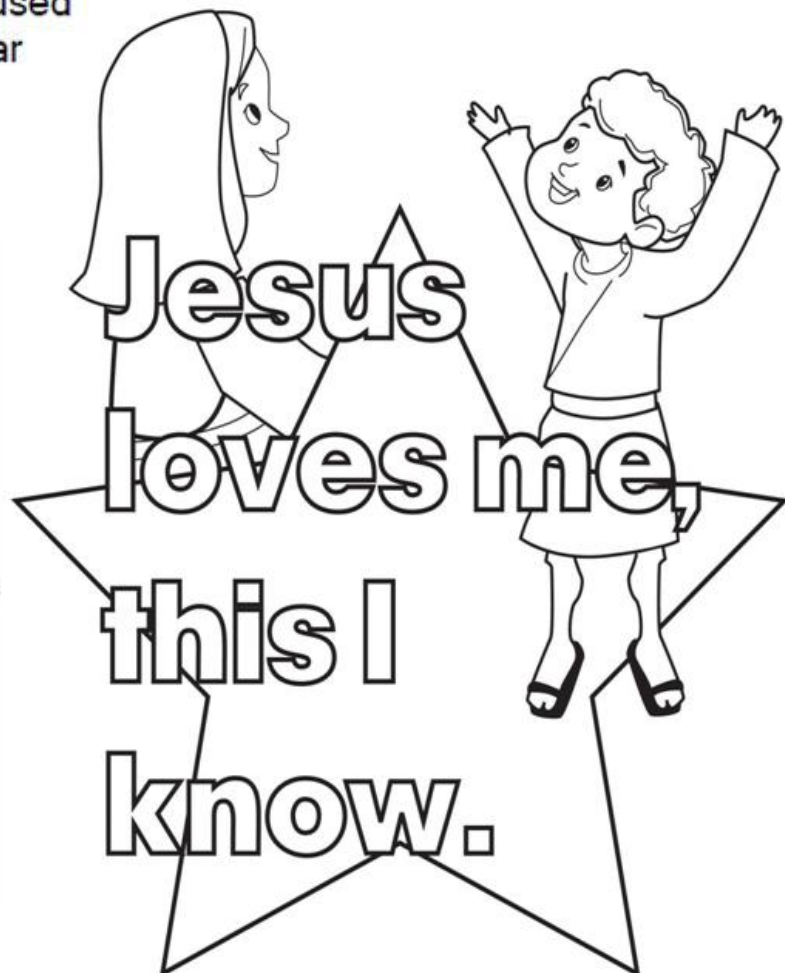
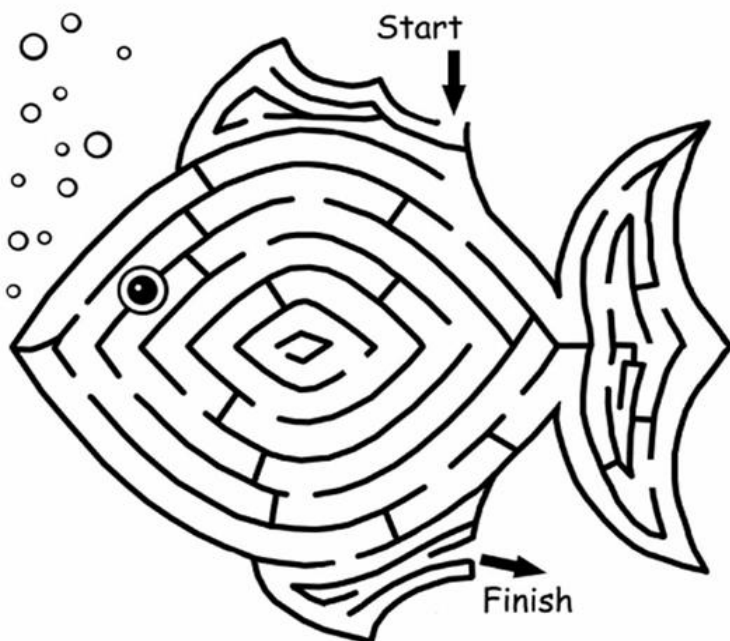
FIRE  
HEAVEN

WIND  
SPEAK

### DOWN

1. A destructive burning
3. Blowing air, especially that which would move the leaves on a tree
4. Something that is pure and good, such as God's Word
5. To say words, to use the voice

**I like to follow Jesus!**



**From now on, you will fish for people.  
Luke 5:10b**