



PINNACLES

DECEMBER/JANUARY

“ ... And he will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.” (Is. 9v6)

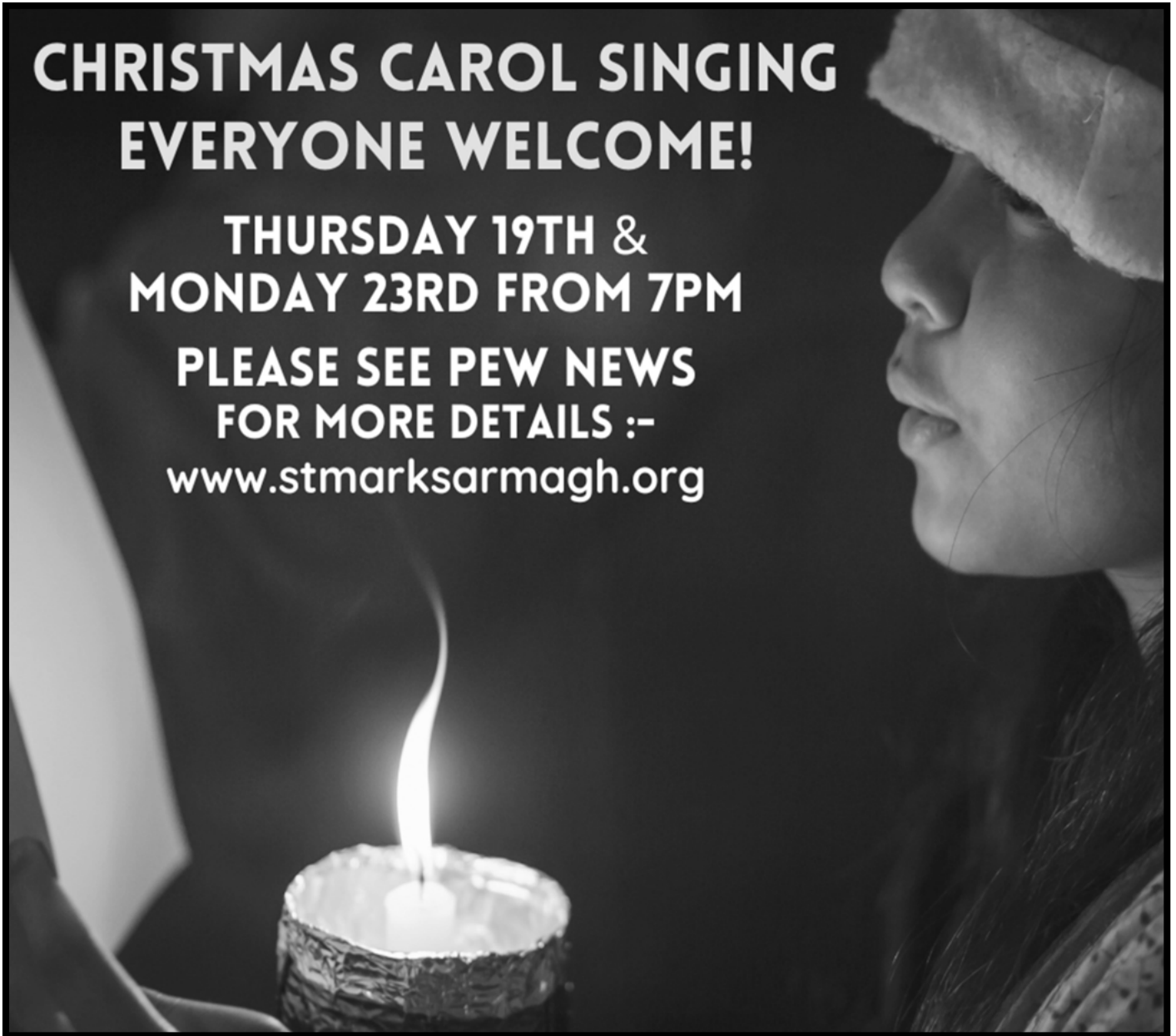
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**THURSDAY 19TH &
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St Mark's, Armagh

Day of Prayer

Saturday 18th January from 10am - 4pm

***Please feel free to call in for as long or as short as you
would like to pray for needs personal, local and global***

Everyone Welcome



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Rector's Letter.....

Dear Friends,

Who would you describe as the most truthful person that you know? Whose words would you say that you truly believe?



In a world where there are many untrustworthy voices, knowing that there are honest people in our lives is highly important to us. It is good to know that from certain people, words said are most often accurate and truthful. Whilst even those of greatest integrity cannot be perfectly true all of the time, over time particular people gain our consideration of trustworthiness and for them we can be very thankful.

Our "Joy to the World" Christmas Tree Festival will focus upon words from Scripture of our need for a Saviour, his birth, life, death and resurrection and the hope of what is to come. The trees will be decorated to help us consider words fulfilled and to be completed. Scripture points to a time and the words of the hymn 'Joy to the World' will become realised in that *"He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove the glories of his righteousness and wonders of his love."* The fullness of the Kingdom of God is something to look forward to. Under the reign of the King who was laid in a manger, a wonderful and unending reality awaits.

This Christmas I pray that each of us will rejoice in the message of Christmas. Even though our experience may be challenging at present, I hope that we can all be reassured by what it is that we celebrate, that the Saviour has come into the world. Trusting in the words written of the Lord Jesus *"let ev'ry heart prepare him room"* (1) and may we be encouraged by the words of the angel Gabriel when he delivered the news to Mary that she would be the mother of the Lord Jesus; *"For no word from God will ever fail."* (Luke 1v37)

Yours in Christ,

Malcolm

(1) 'Joy to the World' by Isaac Watts

BOWLING CLUB

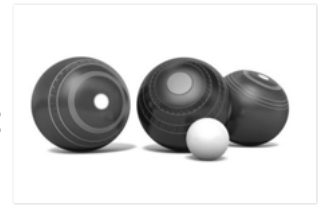
Since the commencement of the bowling season, we have played 4 matches against local teams, the results are as follows :

Richhill Presbyterian : Lost

1st Armagh Presbyterian : Win

Kilmore / Diamond C of I : Lost

The Mall Presbyterian : Lost



There are no results from the indoor tournament as it is still being played.

We are very much looking forward to the Christmas Tree festival and the Bowling Club members are delighted to be decorating a tree.

Anne

FIRST THURSDAY CLUB

For our next meeting on 5th December 2024 we shall meet at 2pm in the Church to view the Christmas Tree Festival and then afterwards we will be having tea in the Crozier Hall.

Our first meeting of 2025 will be held on 2nd January. As a post Christmas treat, there will a light Luncheon in the Crozier Hall at 1.30pm supplied by Heather Crozier, Caterer. We hope you can all attend.

Please note change of meeting times on both days.

Ann

LADIES WALKING GROUP

We continue to meet each Thursday morning at 10.00am outside the Crozier Hall to undertake local walks around Armagh, finishing with a visit to a local coffee shop. Occasionally trips to other locations are organised. Walks are suitable for all abilities and new members are very welcome.

1ST TUESDAY HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE

Our monthly Holy Communion Service will take place a week later than usual on Tuesday 10th December at 11.30am. This is due to the Christmas Tree festival taking place during the first week of December. Tuesday 7th January (11.30am) will be our first monthly Holy Communion Service of 2025. Following each service, it is our intention to go to the Charlemont Hotel for a light lunch. Everyone is welcome to join us.



MIDWEEK SERVICES

Our Wednesday night services, along with a study series meet at 7.30pm in the Crozier Hall. Typically these services last up to 45mins and include a short Bible. Study with some discussion. Until Ash Wednesday, we will continue to meet in the Windsor Room of the Crozier Hall and following our meetings there is the opportunity for some refreshments and fellowship together. During the month of December we won't meet, however we will recommence on Wednesday 15th January. As always, everyone will be very welcome to join us at any time.

FOOTBALL

Our Monday night football sessions continue . All over 18s are welcome to join our WhatsApp group from which members can receive updates and indicate availability to play. To be added, please contact the Parish Office (37523197 / sec.stmarks@gmail.com).

HOLY COMMUNION AT HOME

During Monday 16th December to Friday 19th December, I will be visiting parishioners who would like to receive Holy Communion at home. Those who usually receive Holy Communion at home in the approach to Christmas and Easter will be contacted soon to make arrangements. However, if any parishioners who have not received communion at home before and are unable to attend church due to health reasons, would value this opportunity, please telephone The Rectory (37522970). Whether to offer Holy Communion, or to simply to bring Christmas Greetings, I look forward to visiting as many homes of Parishioners who are unable to attend church as possible, during the weeks ahead. *Malcolm*

UNITED SERVICE

On Sunday 26th January (7pm) we look forward to joining with Methodist and Presbyterian friends in 1st Armagh Presbyterian Church for a United Service. If you are able, please do come along and join us and note that there will not be an evening service in St Mark's on the same evening.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE

Some dates for the diaries of future Brides and Grooms! During February, on four Mondays (3rd, 10th, 17th & 24th) a Marriage Preparation Course is planned to take place in The Venue, Crozier Hall. This is a very relaxed opportunity which we very much hope that you will enjoy. Invitations to those whose weddings will take place in St Mark's from the Spring of 2024 to 2025 will be sent out in due course. To indicate your intention to attend, and for further information, please contact Malcolm.

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Intended for young people of secondary school age, Youth Fellowship usually meets on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month (5pm - 6.30pm) in The Venue. However our dates for December are the 1st and we finish up with a Christmas Special on 22nd. In January we will meet again on 19th as on Sunday 5th January, the Royal School Celebrate Service will take place at 6.30pm. As always, new members to Youth Fellowship are more than welcome!

MEN'S GROUP

At our last meeting (21st November) the Men's Group very much enjoyed the faith story of Mr Dean McCullough (former Portadown, Glenavon and Loughgall football player). It was an inspiring story and particularly set in a sporting context, it was of great interest to us all. The next Men's Group event is a trip to the Kingspan Stadium to watch Ulster play Exeter Chiefs on 17th January. Tickets have already been purchased for this event, but February event will be open to everyone to come along to when we hope to have a presentation on 'Men's Health'. More details will follow in the February edition of Pinnacles.

GLOW

Each year Glow (Parish Youth Club) takes a break from our fortnightly Friday nights in the Crozier Hall with a trip to the Pantomime in the Marketplace Theatre. We are very much looking forward to this annual night out on Friday 6th December. After Christmas Glow will reopen on Friday 10th January (7.30pm). Young people of School Year 6 and above are always welcome to come along and join in the fun!

ADORO CONCERT

Tickets for the Adoro Concert have sold very well and at the time of preparing for this edition of Pinnacles there are just some left. Last year's concert was incredibly memorable and we are very much looking forward to the return of the Adoro Choir. This promises to be a very joyful Christmas Concert!

Since Adoro's last visit, the Choir's Director, Mr Ashley Fulton has been awarded the MBE for his services to music in Northern Ireland. We very much look forward to welcoming Ashley and his choir back to St Mark's.

If you like to join us, please don't delay in booking your tickets whether via our Parish Office or online (see link on our Parish Website).



ADORO
CHRISTMAS 2024
ALL
*Bells
IN
Paradise*
DIRECTOR ASHLEY FULTON MBE
WED 18TH DEC 2024 - 7.45PM
IN ST MARK'S, ARMAGH
Tickets available from our Parish Office
or via : www.stmarksarmagh.org



Habitat
for Humanity

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY ROMANIA TEAM

From Saturday 2nd - 9th August a team from our Diocese will travel to Romania to participate in Habitat for Humanity house building project.

Members of this team include Thomas Stewart, Katie Dickson, Adam Donnelly, Katie Megarity and Malcolm Kingston.

According to Habitat for Humanity, the housing situation in Romania is one of the most difficult in the EU where 5.5 million people are in need of renovating their homes, over 40% of the population is living in overcrowded conditions (EU average is 16.8%) and 42.5% of the population live in a house without a bath or toilet. Significant funds have to be raised to enable the team to go and participate in this very worthwhile trip, therefore please do keep an eye out for fundraisers in the new year. All financial help and prayerful support will be very much appreciated.

CHOIR PRACTICES

A great highlight of any Christmas is the Service of Nine Lessons and Carols and our Parish's Carol Service will take place on Sunday 22nd December (7pm). To prepare for this special service, as well as participation during the Christmas Tree Festival, Choir Practices are underway on Wednesday evenings (6.30pm). New members are always more than welcome! For further information, please feel free to speak to any of our musicians and choir members.



We are grateful to Mrs Edna Mullan for her continued help as she leads our Choir

CONFIRMATION

On Sunday 24th November 15 young people from our Parish, as well as a member of the St Patrick's Cathedral congregation, were confirmed in St Mark's. We very much hope that the young people enjoyed the preparation, and were very much blessed as they participated in the service and will know a real sense of belonging in the Church throughout the future. Thank you to their families for the faith encouragement of the candidates, to the Sunday School teachers for their faithfulness in consistent contribution to children and young people's faith development and to Valerie for her assistance during Confirmation preparation.



DAY OF PRAYER

Our annual Day of Prayer will take place in St Mark's on Saturday 18th January (9am - 4pm).

In place will be a number of exhibits to help guide us as we personally pray for needs global, local and personal. Please feel free to drop in, for even just a few minutes. This is an opportunity for people of all ages to take part in and further details will be available in Pew News in the approach to the Day of Prayer.



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Thank you to everyone who have been involved in Sunday School this term. To children and young people, parents and grand parents, teachers and leaders - thank you one and all! Sunday School is such a vital activity of any church and for all who make it possible, we are very grateful. With Christmas approaching we have two very special events to look forward to.

A **CHRISTMAS PARTY** is planned to take place in the Crozier Hall on Tuesday 17th December (6.30pm - 8pm). All children and young people from Sunday School are invited to come along and join in the fun!



The Sunday School **NATIVITY SERVICE** is always a highlight and we very much look forward to the children and young people's participation in our Service on Sunday 22nd December (10.30am). Sunday School will return in the new year on Sunday 5th January. At any time, new members are more than welcome to join us.

SCHOOL SERVICES

On Friday 20th December (10am) we shall host The Armstrong Primary School's Annual Carol Service. This is an incredibly joyful service focused upon the great wonder and meaning of Christmas. Everyone will be very welcome!

On Sunday 5th January (6.30pm) The Royal School Armagh Scripture Union's 'Celebrate' Service will again take place in St Mark's. This is always a most encouraging service which is led by pupils and staff. Again, everyone will be most welcome!

HOSPITAL VISITS

If you or a member of your family or a friend from our Parish are in hospital, please do let Malcolm know at your earliest convenience.

We are always very glad to visit and pray with our parishioners in hospital and value the phone calls to let us know.

FAMILY SERVICE READERS

During Family Services we would love to have children and young people reading the Bible passage in Church.

Please pass on contact details for parents / guardians of any willing volunteers to the Parish Office

(Tel. : 028 37523197)

Email : sec.stmarks@gmail.com).

COFFEE ROTA

The Coffee rota for 2025 can be found on the noticeboard in the Church porch. Volunteers are always appreciated to serve tea/coffee in the Crozier Hall after our monthly family services. For any help you can offer -

THANK YOU!

DRIVE THROUGH DROP OFF

(FOR ARMAGH FOODBANK)

SATURDAYS
21ST DECEMBER
& 18TH JANUARY
(10AM - 12NOON)
CROZIER HALL



Marksmen



Wednesdays 10:30am
The Venue (Crozier Hall)

*A time to gather together with Tea, Coffee & treats
to chat about anything & everything*

Opportunities in our Parish for faith encouragement and for friendship

Worship

worshipping and serving God together is the essence of being in Church. Please know a very warm invitation to join us at any time. Sunday worship takes place in St Mark's at 8.30am, 10.30am and 7pm. What types of services are happening and when they are available can be found on page 18. Weekly midweek services are offered on Wednesday evenings at 7.30pm (please see Bible Fellowship below). On the second Sunday of each month an informal Cafe Church Service entitled 'The Well' takes place in the Crozier Hall. We also have a monthly Holy Communion Service on the first Tuesday of each month in St Mark's at 11.30am. This service is followed by a light lunch. We would love for you to join us in worship on any occasion!

Creche

On Sundays when Sunday School meets, during 10.30am Services, a Creche facility is offered in the Beresford Room of the Crozier Hall. All children of preschool age are invited to come along and enjoy the fun!



Sunday School

During the school term we meet during the 10.30am Services and we have lots of fun learning about God and his love for us! Children in School Year 1 to 10 are invited to join us at any time. A programme for when Sunday School meets is available from our website.



GLOW

Our Parish Youth Club meets fortnightly on Fridays (7.30pm) in The Crozier Hall. Intended for young people of School Year 6 and above, we have a range of regular and special activities and trips.

YF3

Youth Fellowship meets on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month from 5pm - 6.30pm. It is intended for young people of secondary school age and as well as learning from the Bible, we enjoy crazy games and some time just to chat together.

Home Group

This is an informal gathering of people who meet in a house every three weeks on Thursday evenings (7.30pm) to think about a Biblical passage and talk about it together. Sweet treats and a time to chat also feature!

Bible Fellowship

Bible Fellowship will take place in the context of our mid week services on Wednesdays at 7.30pm in the Church. We have group discussion and everyone is always welcome to join us.



Prayer Ministry Partnership

The Prayer Ministry Partnership is a prayer group within our parish who pray for those who would appreciate prayerful support for healing or for any need. A monthly prayer list (Christian names only) is compiled and circulated to those who have committed to be involved in this ministry of prayer. If you would like to join this group please feel free to get in touch. If you would like your name added to the prayer list, please feel free to contact us, or use the response form on our Parish website (Page entitled Prayer and worship).

Parish Choir

Our 10.30am Services, as well as occasional evening services, are greatly enriched by the contribution of our Parish Choir. People of all ages and who enjoy singing are warmly invited to come along and be part of this very important ministry of leading the sung worship of Almighty God. Our choir are a very friendly group and will offer much assistance as new members get settled in. Choir practices generally take place in the approach to important festivals such as Harvest, Christmas and Easter.



Alive

Alive is a group for ladies of all ages! Meeting monthly on Thursday evenings (7.30pm). Alive features either a focus on a Biblical person or involve an activity. There is also plenty of time for refreshments and a catch up!

Marksmen

Each Wednesday morning (10.30am) a group of men gather to chat about anything and everything! With tea, coffee and scones, this always a very enjoyable time of friendship together. Occasional speakers and trips are organised.



1st Thursday Club

Meeting on the 1st Thursday each month (2.30pm) this group of ladies enjoy topical speakers, activities and occasional trips. Each meeting offers something of great interest and provides an opportunity to catch up with friends of old and create friendships that are new.

Ladies Walking Group

Meeting outside of the Crozier Hall on Thursdays at 10am, a group of ladies undertake local walks and conclude with a treat in a local coffee shop. Occasional trips to other locations also feature.

Drive Through Drop Off

On the 3rd Saturday of each month, the opportunity to drop off groceries for our local Food Bank is available from the front of the Crozier Hall. From 10am-12noon please feel free to drop off and have a chat!



Please know a very warm invitation to our services and activities. To find out more about any of the above, or any opportunity within our Parish and beyond, please feel free to contact Malcolm (37522970) or Caroline (37523197).

Further information, including weekly Pew News Sheets, is available from our Parish website. (www.stmarksarmagh.org)

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CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

We are very much looking forward to our Christmas Tree Festival taking place from Thursday 5th to Sunday 8th December. With over 70 trees on display, our Church will be incredibly festive! We are very grateful to everyone who is decorating trees. With creativity, each help share the message of the Christmas story. As those attending journey around the trees, guided by their programme, we hope that they will be very much blessed as we reflect on the wonder of promises fulfilled in the Incarnation and how God becoming one of us in Jesus is of immense Joy to the World.



The Festival shall open on Thursday 5th (12noon) with a short ceremony featuring Mr Gary Dickson (co-presenter of Downtown Breakfast), Ms Karen Brown (Cancer Fund for Children Volunteer) and The Armstrong Primary School choir.

Services on the Sunday shall be at the usual times and will include The Archbishop preaching at our 10.30am service and an Advent Carol Service at 7pm. During the festival there shall be some musical items at varying times featuring local choirs and musicians. To see who is playing and at what time, please visit the Festival page on our Parish Website. Proceeds raised from this event will be for Parish Funds with a significant proportion being given to the Cancer Fund for Children.

During the Christmas Tree Festival Tea / Coffee and festive treats will be served in The Crozier Hall. Refreshments will be available on Thursday (1pm-5pm), Friday (10am-5pm), Saturday (10am-5pm) and Sunday (2pm-5pm). If groups would like to have a light lunch in the Hall, please book using this telephone number (07386293846). In the Hall we shall also have some tables available for local traders to sell Christmas crafts and seasonal items. To express an interest in booking a table and to get further information, please visit the Christmas Tree Festival page on our Website.

We would love more volunteers to help with running this event! If you would be interested in assisting with Stewarding during the Christmas Tree Festival, please telephone the Parish Office (37523197) or email ctf.stmarks@gmail.com

Please help spread the word and encourage people to come along and enjoy this very special event as we approach Christmas!

BISHOPS' APPEAL ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS APPEAL

With this edition of Pinnacles you will have received a Bishops' Appeal envelope. This year, Bishops' Appeal is focused on supporting those who are in great need in the Middle East. The Advent and Christmas Appeal asks that, if you can, give something to those most affected including people fleeing Gaza as refugees, those needing emergency medical care, temporary accommodation, practical help, food, medicines, support and care. As we move towards Advent and Christmas, it is appropriate to focus on those in great need in the Holy Lands region through our generosity and continued prayer.



St Mark's Women's Ministry

Alive

Baby Basics with Archdeacon Elizabeth Cairns
Thursday 9th January (7.30pm)
in The Windsor Room, Crozier Hall
Everyone very welcome!

St Mark's Armagh

HOME GROUP



For more information please
contact Sarah or Malcolm

**Please keep an eye on Pew News for
evenings when we shall meet in January**

Join us in a local home as we gather together to connect, share in
God's word and grow in our relationship with Jesus

Everyone welcome!

The Well

• Cafe Church •

Sunday 15th December

Sunday 12th January

7pm

The Venue, The Crozier Hall

*Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks
the water I give them will never thirst
John 4:13-14*

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AYAC MINI REDSIDENTIAL

A Diocesan Mini Residential for young people of secondary school age is planned to take place from Saturday 1st March (afternoon) to Sunday 2nd (afternoon).

Our speaker this year is Mr Simon Henry who some of the young people will know from Summer Madness Main Stage.

There will be lots for all to enjoy over

the course of the weekend. All young people from our parish and their friends are welcome and further details are available from Malcolm.



**Armagh Diocesan
Youth & Children's Ministry Board**

Saturday
01
March

AYAC Mini Residential
@ Cleenish Centre, Co. Fermanagh

Sunday
02
March

**Young people of secondary school
age from Parishes in our Diocese
and their friends are invited to join us!**

**Further details will be available soon via
Pew News, Sunday School, Youth
Fellowship & GLOW!**

ALPHA

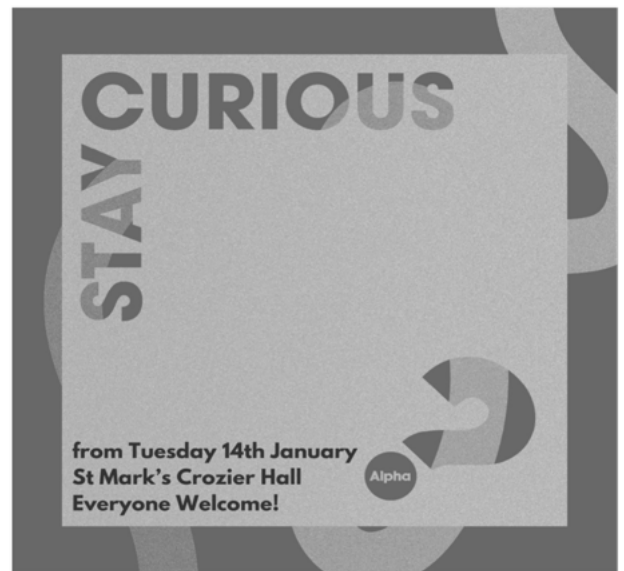
As always, everyone will be more than welcome to join us as we learn and share together about life and faith at Alpha. This is an opportunity to listen, ask questions and if you are comfortable, to share experiences. Please know that nobody should feel under any pressure at Alpha. It should be enjoyed by everyone!

Alpha begins on Tuesday 14th January and will conclude on Tuesday 18th March. We shall also meet on one Saturday (date TBC) during the morning and early afternoon.

If you miss occasionally, please don't worry!

A sample of the videos used during Alpha is found on our parish website.

If you would like to know more, please do feel free to contact Malcolm, Sarah, Bob or anyone who you know has taken part previously. Again, please know that we would love for you to join us!



KEEPING IN TOUCH

Name : _____

Address : _____

Tel Number : _____

Email Address : _____

⇒ I would like to be added to the Parish Membership List:

⇒ I would like to receive a visit from a member of the Parish Clergy /Pastoral Visiting Team :

⇒ I would like to receive Parish Information via occasional email :

⇒ I would like to receive Parish Giving Envelopes :

⇒ I would like to receive a Gift Aid Declaration Form :

At present we only hold the Names and Addresses of Parishioners. Consent is required for our Parish to store your telephone number and email address. Please complete above if you would be willing for us to hold this information.



*Jade Warnock & Ian Irwin
pictured after their wedding on
Saturday 16th November*

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Very Revd Robert Townley

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Parish Reader : Ms Barbara Wilson

Parish Visitor : Mrs Maureen Watt

Rector's Churchwarden :
Mr Ivan Hamilton

People's Churchwarden :
Mr Gregory McCarten

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Opening Hours



**Monday, Tuesday,
Thursday & Friday 9-1pm**

Outside of these times, a message can be left on the answerphone (37 523197) or alternatively an email may be sent to : sec.stmarks@gmail.com

It would be very much appreciated if

**Leprosy Mission and
CMSI Boxes**

could be returned to the Church Office at your earliest convenience.

Thank you in advance.



CHURCH RECORDS



Holy Matrimony :

Jade Warnock & Ian Irwin
(16th November)

**Service of Thanksgiving for the
life of :**

Kyle Robert Derrick Rountree
(20th November)

Lavinia (Venie) Burden
(27th November)

*Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord.
They are blessed indeed, says the Spirit for they
rest from their labours. Rev. 14v13*

FLOWER ROTAS

The flower rotas for 2025 are now on display in the Church Porch.

If you might like to contribute a floral arrangement (over 2 weeks), please sign the rota or speak to David who will gladly offer any further information.

Thank you to all who offer floral arrangements to enhance the beauty of our Church!



December/January Service Rota



DECEMBER :

1ST : THE 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8.30am : Holy Communion 2
10.30am : Holy Communion 2
Reader : Linda Pierson
7.00pm : Evening Prayer

8TH : THE 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8.30am : Holy Communion 2
10.30am : Morning Prayer
Reader : Jonny Howe
7.00pm : Evening Prayer

15TH : THE 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8.30am : Holy Communion 1
10.30am : Morning Prayer
Reader : Heather Chambers
7.00pm : Evening Prayer
7.00pm : The Well

22ND : THE 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8.30am : Holy Communion 2
10.30am : Nativity Service
7.00pm : Nine Lessons & Carols
7.00pm : The Well

CHRISTMAS EVE - 24TH DECEMBER

11.00pm : Holy Communion 2

CHRISTMAS DAY - 25TH DECEMBER

8.30am : Holy Communion 2
10.30am : Christmas Family Service

29TH : THE 1ST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

8.30am : Holy Communion 2
10.30am : Covenant Service
Reader : Maureen Watt

NO EVENING SERVICE

JANUARY :

5TH : THE 2ND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

8.30am : Holy Communion 2
10.30am : Holy Communion 2
Reader : Wendy Geary
6.30pm : RSA Celebrate Service

12TH : THE 1ST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

8.30am : Holy Communion 2
10.30am : Morning Prayer
Reader : Graham Lavery
7.00pm : Evening Prayer
7.00pm : The Well

19TH : THE 2ND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

8.30am : Holy Communion 2
10.30am : Family Service
7.00pm : Evening Prayer

26TH : THE 3RD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

8.30am : Holy Communion 2
10.30am : Morning Prayer
Reader : Tom Galbraith
7.00pm : United Service in 1st Armagh
Presbyterian Church



Flower Rota

1st December : Ray Donald

8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th December : Christmas Decorations

5th & 12th January : Vacant

19th & 26th January : Vacant

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Nativity	Presents	Reindeer
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Holly	Christmas Tree	Snow



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SUNDAY 22nd

8.30am : Holy Communion

10.30am : Nativity Service

7pm : 9 Lessons & Carols

CHRISTMAS EVE

11pm : Holy Communion

CHRISTMAS DAY

8.30am : Holy Communion

10.30am : Family Service

SUNDAY 29th

8.30am : Holy Communion

10.30am : Covenant Service

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