

News from the Parishes

Church of the Ascension, Annahilt

Magherahamlet Parish Church



October 2023

Giving in Grace

**“Excel in this grace of giving”
2 Corinthians 8:7**

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The Rector writes.....

The Select Vestry Focus for 2024

Giving in Grace

My dear Parishioners

As Rector and leader of the parish I have begun work with the Select Vestry to plan for the future and how best we can serve God in Annahilt.

Some of our plans have already come to fruition with the appointment of a new Organist and the provision of toilet accommodation at the Church. Other plans and our future ministry now take up our time as we discern God's purpose for us. This includes asking each parishioner to consider their financial giving to the work of the church.

A rich ruler is told to give his wealth to the poor (Mark 10:17-29) and Jesus tells us to do the same (Luke 12:33). Christians don't just give to a need, we need to give. Why? Because our giving is the overflow of God's gift to us in Jesus: 'You know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich' (2 Cor. 8:9).

Giving to church should be more than simply getting the money in. Giving is not a tip we offer to God for spiritual services rendered, like a tax on church life to pay as you pray!

Everything we have is owned by God (Psalm 24:1; Lev. 25:23, Hag. 2:8) but promised and gifted to his people. That is why each Sunday, as we give our gifts, we say, 'all things come from you and of your own do we give you' (1 Chron. 29:14). As a lovely French proverb says, gratitude is the heart's memory. And each time we give, we remember that what we keep and all we have is a gift from God. Money is a good servant but a terrible master; like saltwater it can't satisfy our thirst and will always leave us wanting more.

What we do with our money reveals our hearts, but generous giving can also release our hearts from the gravitational pull of wealth. Giving is more than a personal commitment. Giving is a shared act of worship because we travel together as God's people.

It is often said that Martin Luther believed we needed three conversions: of the heart, head and wallet – and that the last was the test of the reality of the first two conversions.

As a Select Vestry, we will be encouraging each person to see their giving as more than merely meeting needs, rather, generously giving in love. This is the hallmark, the litmus test, of the faithfulness and accountability to which each person is called (2 Cor. 4:2; Luke 16:1-15).

On Sunday 22 October 2023 I will be preaching specifically on the subject of Christian

Stewardship. This will give me the opportunity to present the theological foundation for the Parish Financial Renewal Campaign.

Each household will be receiving information on Giving in Grace and I encourage you to attend church that Sunday and to begin the journey with the Select Vestry. Thank you for your prayerful support for me and for the work that the parish of Annahilt is called to do.

Blessings for 2024

Your sincere friend and Rector

Robert Howard

The King's Accession Day

The first anniversary of the death of Queen Elizabeth II and the Accession of King Charles III was observed at Services in both Annahilt and Magherahamlet on Sunday 10 September.

We also remembered all who suffered life changing injuries and bereavement following the terrorist atrocities in the United States on 11 September 2001.

A prayer for King Charles III following the Anniversary of his Accession:

Lord God, the Ancient of Days,
you are sovereign over all your people;
Give to His Majesty, King Charles
enduring wisdom and faith
in the service of the people of this land
and of you, his Lord and master.
Grant that his reign may be one of faithful witness
And prove to others a source of hope,
that they may come to know more fully
your Son Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.

Reflections on Harvest Time in Annahilt

In Annahilt we gave thanks for the blessings of Harvest on Sunday 24 September. Although much of the summer weather was less than the best, this year harvest yields were generally bountiful. As a result, the twin themes of celebration and thanksgiving was very evident throughout each of the services.

There were beautiful displays of flowers, along with fruit and vegetables. During the years of the Pandemic restrictions there were real difficulties distributing fresh harvest produce afterwards. However, last year and this year we were once again able to resume donating it to the Northern Ireland Hospice. Other parishioners continued the more recent practice of giving non-perishable food items which were later donated to the Foodbank.



There was a lovely atmosphere of worship on Sunday. In the morning, a Celebration of the Holy Communion was presided over by the visiting Preacher, the Right Revd Dr Ian Ellis, Bishop of Clogher, assisted by the Rector, Canon Robert Howard. The special music featured an anthem 'God in his love for us', sung by a united Choir of both Annahilt and Magherahamlet, accompanied by our new Choir Leader, Mr Tim Howe, who presided at both the Organ and Piano. There was also a sung version of the Lord's Prayer, a musical setting of the 'Gloria in excelsis' and an alternative setting of the sung 'Amen'.

In the evening, an uplifting Service of Praise, Readings and Thanksgiving was conducted by the Rector. Again, Tim accompanied the united Choir from Annahilt and Magherahamlet, joined on this occasion by his wife Hailey. They led the congregational singing in very familiar Harvest hymns as well as some not so well known ones. The Anthem 'Fairest Lord Jesus' was sung in addition to the morning anthem. A Vesper was also sung following the Blessing. This order of service was introduced to Annahilt for

the first time last year and continued to be very well received by all present. It was wonderful that the Harvest Supper could take place again with most of the congregation in the Parochial Hall afterwards. We are very grateful to the Choir who provided and served the supper in addition to the role they played in the Services providing the special anthems and leading the congregations in the singing.

At the conclusion of each Service the Rector thanked all those who had provided gifts and those who assisted with the decoration of the church. He expressed particular appreciation of the playing of Mr Tim Howe at his first Harvest Festival since officially taking up duty as our Organist. In addition, he expressed gratitude to the Rector's Churchwarden, David Brown, who co-ordinated the seating arrangements in addition to his normal duties, also to Colin Hassard, who deputised as People's Churchwardens and also type set the Orders of Service. Finally he expressed appreciation of the Bishop of Clogher's Ministry of the Word and Sacrament at the morning service.



SUNDAY SCHOOL IS BACK!

WHEN? Annahilt at 10.00am Magherahamlet at 11.00 am

WHERE? Parochial Hall

After the summer break, we are delighted that Sunday Schools are back in the respective Parochial Halls at 10.00am in Annahilt and 11.00am in Magherahamlet.

It will be great to see everyone again and any children in P1-P7 who would like to come along will be very welcome. We will be having fun as always learning Bible stories, making crafts and playing games.

If you are thinking about sending your child and have any queries, please contact the Rector.

Perseverance

Philippians 4:13 God gives me strength

Prayers for climate change

Creator of our common home,
You fill the earth and sea and sky with life
Forgive us our neglect of your creation
The choking waste of our pollution
The damage done by careless habits
And our indifference to future generations.
Help us to amend our lives
To refuse more plastic if we can't reuse it
To lift our voice for lasting change
And to live well and gently on the earth
To the glory of your Son, the Living Word
Through whom you made this fragile world.

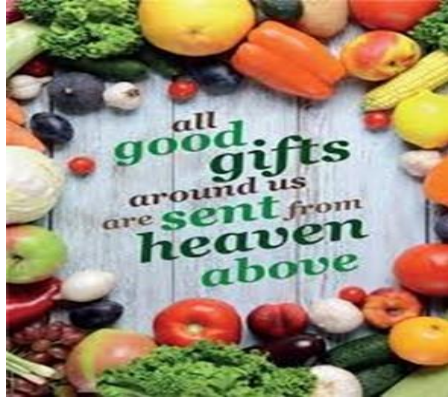
Amen.

Creator God,
We acknowledge that as your handiwork, we stand alongside all that you have made.
Trees and rivers, mountains and valleys, soaring birds and scuttling creatures, all are held within your care.
May we grow in our love and appreciation for the fabulous variety around us and may our awe and wonder draw us closer to the natural world and through it to you, the God of all things.
We pray in Jesus name,

Amen.

God of life, we praise you for the beauty of creation, its richness and variety; yet, through greed and ignorance, we scar your world with plastic waste and throw so much away.
Make us more like Jesus, treading gently on our common home, and breathe your Spirit on us, that we may care more deeply for your Earth.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.



Decoration of Magherahamlet Church for Harvest

Saturday 21 October

From 2.00 pm

Gifts of flowers, greenery, corn, and other non-perishable foodstuffs will be gratefully received

Your assistance with the decoration will also be greatly valued

Magherahamlet Harvest Appeal

Harvest Thank Offering envelopes are included with this magazine. Once again we have the opportunity of thanking God for all his love and goodness, especially in the realms of nature. We can also do this by making as worthwhile and generous a thank offering as possible. The Thank Offering envelope may be returned at either of the Harvest Services.

Magherahamlet Harvest Supper

Unfortunately, due to public health restrictions we were unable to host the traditional Harvest Supper over the years of the pandemic restrictions. In 2023 when circumstances improved, with great pleasure, the Harvest Supper was resumed and this year it will occur again in the Parochial Hall following the Evening Service on Sunday 22 October at 7.00 pm.

It is hoped that parishioners, visitors and friends will avail of this occasion for engaging in face-to-face fellowship and conversation which was not possible over the various lockdown periods.

Children's Harvest Offerings

The younger members of the congregation are asked to bring a non-perishable item of food (eg a packet of biscuits or a tin of fruit) to the 12 noon service on Harvest Sunday. They will have the opportunity of making their own Harvest Offerings during the service.

Church Services in the Parishes of Annahilt and Magherahamlet

'I was glad when they said to me: "Let us go to the house of the Lord"' Psalm 122 v1

Sunday 22 October

Trinity XX

10.00

Morning Prayer

Annahilt

Launch of Freewill Offering Renewal Programme 'Giving in Grace'

Magherahamlet Harvest Festival

Sunday 22 October 2023

12.00 noon

Harvest Parish Communion

Service Sheets

Preacher: The Right Revd Andrew Foster
Bishop of Derry and Raphoe

7.00pm

Harvest Praise

Service Sheets

Readings, Anthems & Hymns to celebrate Harvest

Supper afterwards in the Parochial Hall

Sunday 29 October

V Sunday before Advent

10.00

Morning Prayer & Litany

Annahilt

12.00

Morning Prayer & Litany

Magherahamlet

Sunday 5 November

Festival of All Saints

10.00	Parish Communion	Annahilt
12.00	Parish Communion	Magherahamlet

Sunday 12 November

Remembrance Sunday

10.00	Morning Prayer & Act of Remembrance	Annahilt	<i>Service Sheets</i>
12.00	Morning Prayer & Act of Remembrance	Magherahamlet	<i>Service Sheets</i>

Sunday 19 November

II Sunday before Advent

10.00	Parish Communion	Annahilt
12.00	Morning Prayer	Magherahamlet

Sunday 26 November

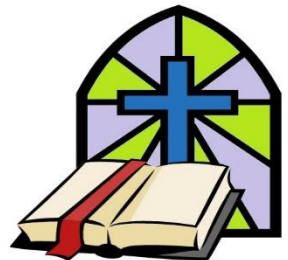
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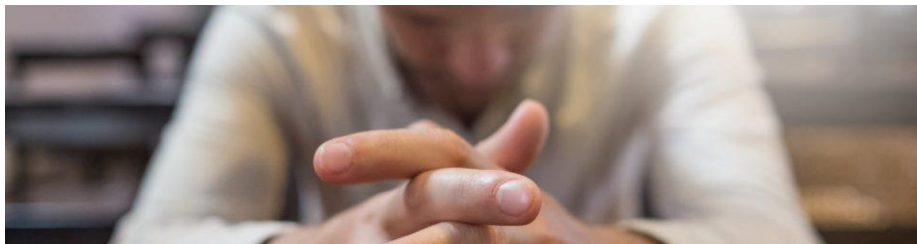
Feast of Christ the King

10.00	Hymns and Readings for Advent	Annahilt
12.00	Hymns and Readings for Advent	Magherahamlet

In Memoriam

On the Sunday after All Saints Day (5 November) at the 10.00 am and 12 noon services in Annahilt and Magherahamlet respectively, we will remember by name those from each parish who have died during the past year.





Archbishops call for prayers for peace in the Holy Land

The Archbishop of Armagh, the Most Revd John McDowell and the Archbishop of Dublin, the Most Revd Michael Jackson have asked all members of the Church of Ireland to pray for peace in the Holy Land, following the outbreak of renewed conflict. The Archbishops' statement – provided in full below – accompanies the release of emergency humanitarian funds to our sister church in the immediate region, the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem:

The rapidly escalating and degenerating situation in Israel and Palestine awakens within us our deep compassion for our brothers and sisters of all faiths in the Land of the Holy One. Where lives are lost through military attack and response, humanity in its entirety is diminished. We all grieve.

The Patriarchs and Heads of Churches in Jerusalem have called for peace and justice amidst unfolding violence. They have unequivocally condemned any acts that target civilians, regardless of their nationality, ethnicity or faith. They have called on the international community to redouble its efforts to mediate a just and lasting peace in the Holy Land.

The Church of Ireland Bishops' Appeal for World Aid and Development is releasing €10,000 (equivalent to £8,650) in emergency funds to the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem. The Diocese includes 7,000 Anglicans worshipping within 28 congregations in Israel, Palestine, Lebanon, Syria, and Jordan. It is responsible for more than 30 institutions, including hospitals, schools, clinics, rehabilitation centres, guesthouses, and retirement homes. The Diocese runs Al Ahli Arab Hospital in Gaza which provides medical care and support to all people, regardless of their faith or ethnicity.

We urge the people of the Church of Ireland to pray for peace in the Land of the Holy One and pray for wisdom for those in positions of authority to work towards an end to all violence. We uphold to God in prayer all who are affected by the current conflict. All human life is the gift of God. The Church of Ireland, in its daily prayers, prays for people suffering in conflict, those who seek to bring care and relief, and the peace of the world.

A Prayer for the Peace of the World (Book of Common Prayer)

Almighty God, from whom all thoughts of truth and peace proceed; Kindle, we pray thee, in every heart the true love of peace; and guide with thy pure and peaceable wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth; that in tranquillity thy kingdom may go forward, till the earth is filled with the knowledge of thy love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



PRAYER WARRIOR

Do you have a concern or problem and would like someone to pray for you? If so, please contact the Rector (Tel 028 9263 8218) who will be willing to help. This is completely confidential and no details will be passed on to anyone else unless you want them to.

Festival of Remembrance 2023



Each year, the Royal British Legion's Remembrance Festival focuses on a different aspect of honouring those who have served the Crown and country in the armed forces. This year the theme is Service, not just of those deployed on active service, but the unseen service of those who love them. We're encouraged to remember the impact that their absence, and their homecoming, can have not just on the service personnel but on their loved ones.

Those are the hidden costs of serving in the armed forces. Those at home, whether they be spouses, children, parents or partners, carry a load of anxiety for their loved one. There's the weight of managing without them and then of re-shaping lives and routines around them when they return. If they return, of course. If not, there's the burden of grief which will be carried life-long.

If they do return, they're forever changed by what they've experienced in combat or on peacekeeping duties. They may carry physical and mental scars, and not know how to express them except among their comrades, who don't need words because they just get it, because they've seen and heard and smelled the same things. That can have an impact on loved ones too.

The true story is told of a man who had been a prisoner of war in Burma during World War II. He'd seen and experienced unimaginable things but would never talk to his wife about them. He didn't want to. He didn't want those images to be spoken of in his home back in England. They weren't to invade that precious space, that haven. But that didn't mean he'd forgotten, or that those memories didn't trouble him. He and his wife learned to live with them, and with the fact that some things just remained unspoken. Many others would identify with this or similar stories.

Perhaps in this year's season of Remembrance, as well as remembering and giving thanks for the sacrifice of those who fought and died in service of our nation and of

peace, we can also remember to pray for those still serving now, for those who love them and support them, and for healing of the seen and unseen scars of war.

God of healing and of peace, in whose service is perfect freedom, we hold before you those who serve our nation in His Majesty's Armed Forces, and those who love them.

We pray that during times of separation you would protect their relationships.

We pray that during times of reunion you would ease the transitions and be present in homecomings.

We pray for healing of bodies, minds, and spirits broken by experiences of combat, and for healing of grief for those who will never return.

Hold and guard all who serve on behalf of others, and their loved ones, we pray.

Amen.

A Prayer to be said by families visiting a war grave or memorial:

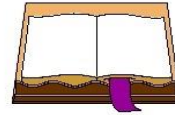
Lord Jesus, we believe that you stood beside *N and his fellow soldiers* as they fought to bring peace to your world.

We believe that you have stood among us as we have tried to imagine the fear and pain and loneliness of the wounded and the dying on the battlefield.

We believe that you stand beside us now, as we remember and honour *N*.

In your great mercy, bless our good memories, comfort us when we grieve for the life that might have been, and strengthen us in all we do to seek the peace and freedom which are your desire for the world. **Amen.**

From the Parish Registers



Christian Burial

'In Christ shall all be made alive''

30 July 2023

Priscilla Elizabeth Lester, Gardiner's Road, Lisburn.

Following a Service in the Church of the Ascension and Cremation Roselawn Crematorium burial took place at Clogh Parish Churchyard

Priscilla Elizabeth Moore was born on the 25th August 1935 at Cladone, Clones, County Monaghan. Priscilla was the third daughter of John and Harriet Moore who were farmers.

Priscilla loved being outside, especially with her father, she loved animals, horses, donkeys, cats, dogs, loves which she carried throughout her life. But her main companion when a child was Bob, an old English sheepdog who was always at her side and her skipping rope was never too far away either. Bob would loyally wait for Priscilla to return each day from Fortview school in Clones.

When Priscilla's time came to enter the world of work, her first job was in retail working in her uncle's shop in Monaghan, Woolworths. Again, something she continued in adult life when she moved to the Lisburn area.

Priscilla loved most sports, including playing badminton and Irish dancing. When younger she was also talented at amateur dramatics. However, she really didn't take much to being told what to do or be closed in.

Priscilla met Edwin Lester and on the 28th October 1955 they were married and set up their home at Scribby, Rosslea. They were blessed with four children, Moore, Lavinia, Edwina and Nicolas. In the late 60's the family moved to the Lisburn area, firstly to Large Park, Hillsborough before settling at Glebe Road Annahilt.

A heavy blow hit the family in 1976 when Moore, a PT instructor in the Parachute Regiment, had an accident in Germany which resulted in the 21 year old being paralysed from the neck down, yet with the unwavering support of his family and beyond all expectations, Moore lived as full a life as possible for the next forty plus years.

Then just four years later in 1980 at just 20, Nicolas was killed in a car accident. Great sadness reverberated throughout the entire family circle, creating very deep wounds especially in the lives of Edwin, Priscilla, Lavinia and Edwina.

Yet the family bonds were very strong on both the Moore and Lester sides, a phenomenon which continues to this very day.

A great constant in Priscilla's life were her sisters, and the visits back to County Monaghan to see Cynthia and Milly (now deceased) and over to England to see Pam were frequent and reciprocated.

Priscilla loved her style with one great niece likening her to a princess! Yet if you asked her where she got something, the reply was sure to be 'Marks and Spencer.' She had even managed to master her laptop and shop online on their site!

One of Priscilla's other nieces summed her up like this: "She was a stylish, caring, no nonsense woman, that loved her kids and grandkids and would say how proud she was of you all."

And that was how it was, 6 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren, all cherished in her own way. One granddaughter said this; "Saying goodbye to Granny, I would say I love you and she would always respond and I love you."

Latterly, Priscilla, now living at Gardiners Road, was never very far away from Moore, and despite advancing years and her own health issues, she would visit and help Moore as often as she could.

We extend our deep sympathy to them all especially Priscilla's daughters, Lavinia and Edwina, her grandchildren, Nadine, Nichola, Leah, Jamie, Jonathan and Rachel, her great-grandchildren Max, Teddy, Lola, Ava and Reuben, her sister Pamela and Priscilla's companion Alec.

Flowers for the Churches

Annahilt

Magherahamlet

1
October



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8
15
22
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Mrs A Edgar

Mrs M McCauley

Harvest

November

5
12
19
26

Remembrance Sunday

Remembrance Sunday

Mrs M McCauley

Mrs A Edgar

Church Cleaning, Annahilt

Month
October

20-21
27-28

Mrs S Chapman

Mrs J Guiney

Mr S Chapman

Mrs H Cardosi



November

3-4	Mrs H Hill	Mr T Hill
10-11	Mrs A Maxwell	Mr R Maxwell
17-18	Mrs L McCambley	Mrs E Harrison
24-25	Mrs J Bolas	Mr A Bolas

December

1-2	Mrs E Crawford
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Church Hall Cleaning, Annahilt

2023 - 2024

	week commencing
Susan Wilson	02/10/23
Shirley Robinette	16/10/23
Gail Gibson	30/10/23
Linda Hassard	13/11/23
Maire Brown	27/11/23
Lesley McKeown	11/12/23
Louise McGregor	25/12/23
Heather Bradford	08/01/24
Heather Cardosi	22/01/24
Jennifer Guiney	05/02/24

Mothers' UNION

Christian care for families

Dear Mothers' Union Members and Friends,

On the 16th October the aim of our Mothers' Union meeting in Annahilt was for members to assemble and pack 40 Soap Bags which are to be delivered on 15 November to the Emergency Departments of Craigavon and Newry Hospitals by the Mothers' Union Action and Outreach Coordinator, Claire Stewart. Womens' Aid Centres will also benefit from these donations.

Our next meeting will take place on Monday 20th November at 8pm when we will have the opportunity to participate in making a Christmas Table Centre decoration as well as other Festive Crafts.

We will meet again on Tuesday 5th of December at 7.30pm for our Christmas Party (NOTE the change of Day and Time) Visitors will be made very welcome. Please feel free to bring a friend or neighbour. We are looking forward to seeing you there.

We extend our deep sympathy to Edwina Crawford and her extended family circle on the recent death of her dear mother, Priscilla Lester.

At their meeting on 18th October Magherahamlet members came together to make up floral decorations for the Harvest Festival.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 15th November at 8.00 pm in the Parochial Hall. Sinead Dornan will speak to us about Avon Cosmetics.

Several of our members have recently celebrated significant birthdays. We congratulate them all and give them our very best wishes.

With very kind regards and every blessing

Beth
Esme

Avril / Sally
Frances / Avril B



Mothers' Union - Midday Prayers - October 2023 **United in prayer: Prayers from MU members**

Monday: United in prayer

What does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

Micah 6:8

Heavenly Father, as we meet as members of Mothers' Union, may we know your presence and hear your word.

Teach us to know how best to serve you, not just in the needs locally, but in those of the wider world. Fill us with your Spirit, that we may have the strength to follow your way.

We pray with sure hope and assurance.

Amen.

Beryl Strange: Wales Province

From Dear Lord Prayer Book

When a believing person prays, great things happen!

James 5:16 (NCV)

Tuesday: United in prayer

TUESDAY HARVEST

Jesus said "what a huge harvest but how few the harvest hands, so on your knees ask the God of the Harvest to send Harvest hands". Luke 10 v2 (the Message) PRAYER is a time for allowing God into our minds, our hearts, and our lives. Father God, we kneel before you now with our arms outstretched to receive your blessings to refresh us.

Thank you for all your creation, Lord, as season follows season giving us continuity and hope in the beauty that surrounds us, help us to look up Lord. Psalm 19v1 says "The heavens proclaim the glory of God; the skies display his craftsmanship - The beauty of sunrise and sunset. The trees, flowers, park displays and fields growing crops for food."

We pray for all our members and their families that they would know how much they are loved by you our Heavenly Father.

Amen.

Prayers by members Lynda Howells & Ann Gibbons

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Wednesday: United in prayer

Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.

Luke 11:9

Father, guide and give wisdom to our Worldwide President and all those who hold leadership positions in Mothers' Union as they plan for the future and sustainability of this great organisation.

Father, we earnestly knock on your door, asking you to send your Holy Spirit into Mothers' Union; fill us with your Spirit, re-energise us, re-enthuse us daily as we work in your field.

Father, our vision is of a world where everyone will experience your love and we look to you to make that a reality.

We ask this with hearts full of gratitude, through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour.

Amen.

Frida Sakala Kazembe; Zambia

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Thursday: United in prayer

I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is proclaimed throughout the world.

Romans 1:8

Heavenly Father, we thank you for all the good things you do for us and for building our Union.

We ask you to keep guiding us and increasing our numbers in all the countries where Mothers' Union has a presence and those countries where we are not yet represented.

We ask you to strengthen existing members that they should not tire of serving you and that they will have the strength to do more in their communities so that our presence will be felt and will help our church communities.

We pray for our MU leadership in all countries and we ask all this through your son Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Priscilla Mphande; Malawi
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Friday: United in prayer

FRIDAY REVIVAL

Psalm 56 “WILL YOU NOT REVIVE US AGAIN THAT YOUR PEOPLE MAY REJOICE IN YOU?”

The foundation of Mothers’ Union is prayer.

Father God, as Mary Sumner was obedient to your call, may we follow her example of obedience love and care. We live in a hurting world, but our prayer and actions can bring the light of hope of Jesus wherever we go. As our aims remind us to help and support families whose lives have met with adversity.

We are called to support families especially those who are struggling. We pray that they would receive the help they need to live in safety, free from worry and with hope for the future.

We pray for all the children throughout our world, that they would be allowed to grow up free from fear.

We recommit ourselves to you Lord Jesus to go out in your name, to be your hands, your feet, to speak your words of love and encouragement to those we meet wherever you send us.

We continue to pray for revival throughout our world “COME LORD JESUS COME”.

Prayers by members Lynda Howells & Ann Gibbons

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Saturday: United in prayer

The Lord is good. His unfailing love continues forever, and his faithfulness continues to each generation.

Psalm 100:5

Lord of all, we give thanks for the far-reaching vision of our founder, Mary Sumner.

We look back with praise and gratitude for her witness and the way she has inspired so many people. Our members worldwide have been beacons of hope for their communities, both with prayer and practical help, bringing joy and reflecting the love of our Saviour Jesus Christ.

We pray that we will be able to continue her vision, ensuring that the role of Mothers' Union will flourish and grow as we unite to be helping hands across the world.

Amen.

Daphne Burton; Canterbury Province

Dear Lord Prayer Book

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Thank you.....

To all who contributed to recent special collections:

	Annahilt	Magherahamlet
Children's Day Collection	£38.50	£165.60
Mission to Seafarers	£265.00	£117.00
Moroccan Earthquake relief	£135.00	£226.00
Harvest collection and envelopes	£1000.00	

Financial matters

Gift Aid

For those parishioners who currently Gift Aid their subscription-are you still a tax payer? If not, please contact the Parish Treasurers to update Parish records.

If you are a tax payer and do not currently Gift Aid your subscription (FWO) the Parish could benefit from an additional 25% income at no cost to you. Again, please contact the Treasurers.

2023 FWO/Weekly Giving

Parishioners can contribute via weekly envelopes, monthly/annual Standing Order or a combination of both or by cheque/annual direct payment. If you wish to change/amend or add to your method of giving please contact the Treasurers by **20th November** prior to preparation of the 2023 envelopes.

Contact details

While we try to keep contact details up to date, sometimes parishioners move house and we don't have your new address.

Some no longer have or use landline telephone numbers and only use mobile numbers. It would be helpful if your details have changed, if you could contact Patricia (Annahilt) on 028 92665310, Mobile 07713 257 691, email patriciaapc@btinternet.com or Hillary (Magherahamlet) on 028 44811361, email hillary.edgar01@btinternet.com with up to date details. The vast majority of contact numbers we hold are landline numbers.

Your contact details are only used for Parish purposes.

Annahilt Harvest Envelopes

If you were unable to attend Annahilt Harvest Services but would still like to contribute to the collections towards the various Mission organisations, please send your envelope to Patricia at 35 Cabra Road, Hillsborough, BT26 6NB.

Voluntary Magazine Subscription

If you wish to avail of the opportunity of making a voluntary contribution to the cost of printing "News from the Parishes", please use the envelope provided and return it to church at your earliest convenience.

Lunch Club

The Lunch Club meet in the Pheasant at 12.30pm on the last Friday of the month and the dates are:

Friday 27 October

Friday 24 November

Numbers are creeping up and it is a very relaxed and enjoyable occasion, giving retired and semi-retired members an opportunity to connect with each other. If you would like the opportunity of enjoying a lunchtime meal in the company of established friends or perhaps some new ones, do come along. Please contact Violet Swarbrigg (Telephone 028 9263 8952) for further information.

Parish of Annahilt

is holding a

Christmas Fair

Friday 24 November 2023

7.00 pm – 9.00 pm

Parochial Hall

All welcome





in
The "Pheasant"

Thursday 2nd November 2023

7.45pm

Admission £5
Pay at door

Proceeds in aid of Annahilt Parish Church Development Fund

LISBURN FOODBANK

The Lisburn Foodbank is providing an essential service to those within our community who are experiencing difficult times, often due to circumstances beyond their control.

The Foodbank provides emergency food and support to local people in crisis in the Lisburn area.

Parishioners may leave items for the Foodbank in the basket in Annahilt Church Porch, on the **FIRST** and **SECOND** Sunday of each month.

A particular request from the Foodbank is for items listed below:

- Long life milk
- Sugar
- Custard
- Rice pudding
- Small diluting juice
- Jam
- Biscuits
- Porridge

YOUR HELP WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED.

Parish Website: AnnahiltAndMagherahamlet.org

Parishioners are reminded that the website annahiltandmagherahamlet.org has been created to provide information on church related activities and organisations for parishioners and the wider community. Although circumstances have changed considerably since the various lockdown periods the website continues to host online services each Sunday. It also contains a list of upcoming church services and news from our group of parishes, as well as downloadable versions of the parish magazine. The site will be continually developed, so if you have any submissions, suggestions or requests relating to the website, these can be sent to admin@annahiltandmagherahamlet.org.



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Any contributions for the next edition of the Parish Magazine should be left with the Rector or Roger Maxwell (roger.maxwell1@btinternet.com) by Sunday 19 November 2023.