

News from the Parishes

Church of the Ascension, Annahilt

Magherahamlet Parish Church



April and May 2026



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The Rector writes.....

My dear Parishioners

One of the things that I have been reflecting on is how the events of Easter changed the perspective of Jesus' disciples. Holy Week is an intense time when we walk with Jesus through the events of his final week on earth prior to his crucifixion. We think about His triumphal entry into Jerusalem on a donkey. We see him confronting the moneychangers in the temple precincts and how he engages in debate with those who are curious about Him and what He is about. We get drawn into the atmosphere of the Last Supper and all that it represented as Jesus celebrated it with His disciples and we are moved when we see Him wash His disciples' feet. We feel the sting of betrayal as Jesus leads a posse of soldiers into the Garden of Gethsemane and Judas betrays his master with a kiss.

There are the harrowing events of Jesus' trial and how He is mercilessly tortured and mocked by soldiers, before His agonising crucifixion and death. Sometimes we draw a line at that point, unable to deal with or process more of this intense sequence of events.

However, there is a remarkable twist that changes everything. Three days after Jesus' crucifixion when women go to anoint His body with spices, they discover the stone is rolled away and the tomb is empty. There is an angel or angels there, depending on which Gospel account you read and they are saying, "He is not here, He has risen just as He said He would." What's more, we are invited to share in his victory over the grave as His followers. Death has been defeated.

I don't pretend to follow elite or high level sport extensively. Yet, each year I do keep a close eye on The Six Nations Rugby Championship. In such a competition results are everything and I delighted in Ireland achieving 'The Triple Crown this year. Unfortunately, in any sport where results don't meet expectations, we see managers being sacked and demands being made for coaches' resignations after a few defeats and you see confidence dropping among the players. They become afraid to play and express themselves in case they make a mistake and the opposition take advantage. When chances present themselves to attack or increase a lead, nervous teams tend to hang back and try to defend their lead. The opposition often sense that fear and try to sow seeds of doubt and secure different advantages that will dent the team's confidence. It's remarkable at times the way a coach can instil belief, give a team confidence and shape and structure and help them to manage the difficult periods of a game.

When I think of difficult seasons in my own life or in the lives of people I know and care about, Easter offers a transformational message. It tells us we are not alone in those seasons and while they will present challenge, difficulty and sometimes despair

and great sadness, they will not have the final word. Jesus' resurrection speaks of a new dawn, about light in the darkness and hope triumphing over despair. It's a powerful message right now with our world in such a state of turmoil and unrest. In these confusing days, we allow Jesus to take us by the hand and to lead us forward, to reassure us that when the world is doing its worst, He is able to do more than we can ask or imagine.

I do hope that you can join us for some of our special services and celebrations during Holy Week, on Easter Day and over the weeks following. May I particularly draw your attention to an invitation from the Minister and Congregation of Legacurry Presbyterian Church to me and the parishioners of Annahilt and Magherahamlet to join them for a 'Sunrise Service' in Legacurry Church Grounds on Easter Day 5 April at 6.45am. Breakfast will be served afterwards in the Church Hall. I am really looking forward to this and do hope, despite the early hour, that parishioners and friends will also come and that we will be well represented.

Christ is risen, Alleluia!

With very best wishes.

Your sincere friend and Rector

Robert Howard

Parish of Annahilt – Easter General Vestry Meeting – Monday 23 March 2026

In his remarks from the Chair, the Rector reported that in 2025 the Parish's official membership (those households who are subscribers) stood at 110 family units. However, there are additional households who have called on the Rector's ministrations although they have no formal link with the Parish. There were three baptisms, no marriages and seven funerals. He welcomed those who had joined the Parish in recent times and expressed sympathy with the bereaved.

We were deeply saddened by the deaths of two of our most respected and faithful parishioners, Bert and Ruth Carlisle. They were devoted attendees at worship and devout communicants. They were both Select Vestry persons involved in the organisation of many parochial activities. Bert was a long standing member of the Church Choir. He also was one of the Parochial Nominators who represented Annahilt Parish on the Board which appointed the present Rector. He was also synonymous with the organisation of the Burns Night Supper and other fund-raising events. Ruth was Branch Leader of the Mothers' Union and superbly organised the catering over the Flower Festival to mark the 150th Anniversary of the Church of the Ascension. We will greatly miss both of these hospitable, generous and kindly souls.

We also deeply regret the passing of Les Clarke, a very effective Glebeward, Select Vestry person and also a Parochial Nominator. He loved singing and became a most enthusiastic member of the Parish Choir. Les also thoroughly enjoyed the social aspect of Parish life and made some very good friends. He too will be greatly missed, not least by his wife Mary to whom we extend our deep sympathy.

Each of the following parochial activities implemented the advancement of religion in our community.

Worship and prayer were paramount during 2025 which contributed to the spiritual well-being of participants and the reinforcement of Christian values.

Special services in Church included on to mark the 80th Anniversary of VE Day. The traditional Harvest Festival Services were held on the last Sunday in September. The special visiting preacher was the Bishop of Cashel, Ferns & Ossary, the Rt Revd Adrian Wilkinson. Following the evening service the traditional Harvest Supper was held in the Parochial Hall. It was great to have so many present to welcome Bishop Wilkinson who had travelled a considerable distance to be amongst us. For the first time the Lurgan Salvation Army Band participated in the evening service. The annual Christmas Carol Service took place on 14 December. The long-standing Christmas arrangement between our Parish and Legacurry Presbyterian Church was resumed this year now that a new Minister at Legacurry was in place. It was a great pleasure to have the Revd Mark Hawthorne visit us for the first time and preach at the First Communion of Christmas on Christmas Eve. A Crib Service took place on the Sunday before Christmas, 21 December. The Baillie's' Mills Band again joined us and facilitated us with both congregational

carols and other seasonal music. It also was a very special event.

The Parochial Hall is a very useful facility which has again more than proved its worth in advancing Christian activity in our parish. Its use will no doubt continue to develop in a post-covid situation. The Jesus And Me (JAM) Group meets on the first Sunday in each month during the Church Service. The Parish Indoor Bowling Club ran its normal schedule of activity. Meetings of The Mothers' Union Branch also took place. One Sunday each month (from September to June) following the Church Service, light refreshments were served in the Parochial Hall in support of 'Christian Aid'. The Wednesday Club met monthly with an encouraging attendance of senior parishioners and other retirees in the community.

The traditional Christmas Fair at the end of November took place which was both a great social and financial success. The monthly collection of items for the local food-bank continued and proved to be of immense benefit for those in our community who are less fortunate than others.

The Report following the 2019 Quinquennial Inspection of the Church and Rectory was on the agenda of the Select Vestry and its recommendations continue to be acted upon. The routine maintenance of the Parochial Hall and the Rectory continued throughout the year. The Select Vestry remain committed to the upkeep and development of all parochial property and assets for the future benefit of the Parish and the public.

Various steps were taken throughout the year to ensure that the Parish is compliant with new GDPR regulations.

Drawing his remarks to a close the Rector thanked all those who contributed to Parish Life throughout the year. He particularly acknowledged Mrs Barbara Oliver who had recently retired from the role of co-ordinating the arrangement of flowers in Church. During the meeting the Trustees Annual Report was presented by the Honorary Treasurer, Miss Patricia Halliday, the annual and triennial elections were held and light refreshments were served.

Parish of Annahilt

Easter General Vestry Triennial Elections 2026

Rector's Churchwarden	Stephen Chapman
People's Churchwarden	David Brown
Rector's Glebewarden	Ivan Bradford
People's Glebewarden	Gareth Simpson

In addition to the above Officers, the following were elected to the Select Vestry:

Mrs E Crawford
T Gibson

Miss P Halliday
C Hassard
Mrs L Hassard
W Mathers
G Spence
Mrs S Wilson

Parochial Nominators

Colin Hassard
Stephen Chapman
William Mathers

Supplemental Parochial Nominators

1. Mrs Aileen Maxwell
2. Mrs Edwina Crawford
3. Miss Patricia Halliday

Diocesan Synod Representative

Miss Patricia Halliday

Supplemental Diocesan Synod Representative

David Brown

Additional Diocesan Synod Representative (age 18-30)

Ms Katy Dunn

Independent Examiner

Kenneth Watterson

The following Office Bearers were appointed by the Select Vestry:

Hon Secretary	Colin Hassard
Hon Treasurer	Miss Patricia Halliday
FWO Treasurer	Trevor Hill
Health & Safety	Roger Maxwell
Parochial Insurance	Aubrey Campbell
Graveyard Secretary	Ivan Bradford
GDPR / Website Coordinator	William Mathers

Parish of Magherahamlet - Easter General Vestry Meeting, Wednesday 25 March 2025

In his opening remarks, the Rector reported that in 2025 the Parish's official membership (those households who are subscribers) stood at 65 family units. However, there are additional households who have called on the Rector's ministrations, especially during illness, on occasions of bereavement or at various times of crisis although they have no formal link with the Parish.

Each of the following parochial activities implemented the advancement of religion in our community.

The traditional Harvest Festival Services were held on the fourth Sunday in October. Our former Bishop, the Rt Revd Harold Miller, presided at Parish Communion and preached at the Morning Service on his first official visit to Magherahamlet since his retirement. The Rector officiated at the evening service, after which a Harvest Supper was served in the Parochial Hall and was very well supported. In December it was wonderful to continue the traditional United Carol Service in the community, last year held in Magherahamlet Parish Church. This was the first time the event was held in the Parish Church since the pandemic restrictions were lifted. The music was led by a united Choir of Magherahamlet & Annahilt as well as some Spa Presbyterian members.

The Parochial Hall is a very useful facility which has again more than proved its worth in advancing Christian activity in our parish. Its use will no doubt continue to develop in a post-Covid situation. Sunday School continued to meet on Sunday, prior to the Church Service. The Parish Badminton Club also ran its normal schedule of activity. The Club also held a Coffee Morning in support of the Parish. Meetings of The Mothers' Union Branch also took place. There was also an excellent Vintage Tea event to mark the 80th Anniversary of VE Day at which entertainment was provided by Dunmore Silver Band.

The Report following the 2019 Quinquennial Inspection of the Church and Rectory was on the agenda of the Select Vestry and its recommendations continue to be acted upon. The routine maintenance of the Parochial Hall and the Rectory continued throughout the year. The Select Vestry remain committed to the upkeep and development of all parochial property and assets for the future benefit of the Parish and the public.

Various steps were taken throughout the year to ensure that the Parish is compliant with new GDPR regulations.

The Rector thanked all who served in Parish life over the year, He paid particular tribute to George McCurry who was retiring from grass cutting after 10 years and to

Mrs Carol Shields who stepping aside as Independent Examiner after 36 years.

During the meeting, the Trustees Report for 2025 was presented by the Honorary Treasurer, Ms Abbie Stanford. The annual and triennial elections were held. Light refreshments were served.

**Parish of Magherahamlet
Easter General Vestry Triennial Elections 2026**

Rector's Churchwarden	Ms Abbie Stanford
People's Churchwarden	Mrs Avril Burrows
Rector's Glebewarden	Norman Hughes
People's Glebewarden	George Jennings

In addition to the above Officers, the following were elected to the Select Vestry:

Miss V Begley
W Chambre
W Kelly
G McCurry
Mrs S McCurry
Mrs F Magorrian
Mrs L Vladeanu
M Vladeanu

Parochial Nominator
Mrs Sally McCurry

Supplemental Parochial Nominator
Ms Abbie Stanford

Diocesan Synod Representative
Mrs F Magorrian

Supplemental Diocesan Synod Representative
Miss V Begley

Additional Supplemental Diocesan Synod Representative (age 18-30)
J Milsopp

Independent Examiner
Mrs Caroline Knox

The following Office Bearers were appointed by the Select Vestry:

Hon Secretary Magorrian	Mrs Frances
Hon Treasurer Stanford	Ms Abbie
FWO Treasurer McCurry	Mrs Sally
Assistant FWO Treasurer Burrows	Mrs Avril
Health & Safety	Mrs Linda Vladeanu William Chanbre

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

HOLY WEEK

Sunday 29 March

Lent VI (Palm Sunday)

10.00	Parish Communion	Annahilt	<i>Service Sheets</i>
12.00	Service of the Word		Magherahamlet
<i>Service Sheets</i>			

Throughout Holy Week, Monday 30 March to Good Friday 3 April there will be a series of addresses given by the Rector.

Monday

8.00 pm	Evening Service	Magherahamlet	<i>Service Sheets</i>
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John 18 vv 1-13

Tuesday

8.00 pm	Evening Service	Annahilt	<i>Service Sheets</i>
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John 18 vv 12-27

Wednesday

8.00 pm	Evening Service	Magherahamlet	<i>Service Sheets</i>
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John 18 vv 28-40

Maundy Thursday

Commemoration of the Institution of the Lord's Supper

8.00 pm	Holy Communion	Annahilt	<i>Service Sheets</i>
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John 19 vv 1-16

followed by light refreshments in the Parochial Hall

Good Friday

8.00 pm

Tenebrae Service

Annahilt

Service Sheets

John 19 vv 17-42

Sunday 5 April

Easter Day

6.45 AM

Easter Sunrise Service Legacurry Presbyterian Church Grounds

followed by Breakfast in Church Hall

10.00

Parish Communion

Annahilt

Service Sheets

12.00

Parish Communion

Magherahamlet

Service Sheets

Sunday 12 April

Easter II

10.00

‘Risen with Christ’

Annahilt

Service Sheets

An Easter Devotional of Readings, Anthems & Hymns

12.00

‘Risen with Christ’

Magherahamlet

Service Sheets

An Easter Devotional of Readings, Anthems & Hymns

Sunday 19 April

Easter III

10.00

Parish Communion

Annahilt

12.00

Morning Prayer

Magherahamlet

Sunday 26 April

Easter IV

10.00

Morning Prayer

Annahilt

12.00

Morning Prayer

Magherahamlet

Thursday 30 April

2.00 PM

Holy Communion
Preacher: The Bishop

Magherahamlet

followed by Mothers' Union Indoor and Senior members Tea Party in Parochial Hall.

Sunday 3 May

Easter V

10.00

Parish Communion

Annahilt

12.00

Parish Communion

Magherahamlet

Sunday 10 May

Easter VI (Rogation Sunday)

Launch of Christian Aid Week

10.00

Family Service

Annahilt

followed by Light Refreshments in the Parochial Hall

12.00

Family Service

Magherahamlet

Sunday 17 May

Sunday after Ascension Day

10.00

Parish Communion

Annahilt

12.00

Morning Prayer

Magherahamlet

Sunday 24 May

Pentecost

10.00

Parish Communion

Annahilt

12.00

Parish Communion

Magherahamlet

Sunday 31 May

Trinity Sunday

10.00

Morning Prayer & Litany

Annahilt

12.00

Morning Prayer & Litany

Magherahamlet

Sunday 7 June

Trinity I

10.00

Parish Communion

Annahilt

12.00

Parish Communion

Magherahamlet

Sunday 14 June

Trinity II

10.00

Morning Prayer

Annahilt

12.00

Morning Prayer

Magherahamlet

Decoration of the Churches for Easter

Decoration of the Churches for Easter will take place on Saturday 4 April 2026, in Annahilt at 9.30am and in Magherahamlet at 2.00pm

Gifts of flowers and greenery together with assistance with the decoration will be very gratefully received



PRAYER WARRIOR

Do you have a concern or problem and would like someone to pray for you?

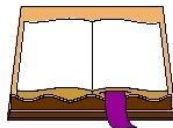
If so, contact the Rector (Tel 028 9263 8218) who will be willing to help.

This is completely confidential and no details will be passed on to anyone else unless you want them to.

From the Parish Registers

Christian Burials

'In Christ shall all be made alive'



Robert James Terence (Terry) Hasley, Lisadian Nursing Home, formerly of Ballycrune Road.

Following a Service at Douglas's Funeral Home Church, burial took place at Annahilt Parish Churchyard

Terry was the son of the late Jim & Ann Hasley and was brought up at Ballycrune where he lived his whole life until his health declined. He originally attended the local Ballykeel/Lougherne Primary School, followed by Anahilt Primary school and completed his education at Ballynahinch Technical College. His first job was at Smith Patterson in Lisburn followed by a period at JC Patterson. He then was employed at McNaughton and Blair, Boucher Road, Belfast over many years until he retired.

When Terry was visiting his mother, who was ill in hospital, he met his future wife, Evelyn, who at that time was nursing her. They became engaged and were married in 1969 and set up home together at Terry's homestead at Ballycrune.

They made Annahilt Parish Church their spiritual home and were very regular attendees at worship. He faithfully assisted in the maintenance of the Churchyard by cutting grass.

Terry and Evelyn both had delightful senses of humour. All who knew Terry will remember how he set aside funds for the proverbial 'rainy day', or as he would have put it 'I'm frugal'!

Terry loved cars and motor sports and keenly followed the Circuit of Ireland. When looking after his own car he would jack it up, take the wheels off and spend two days cleaning it!

At a function held by friends to mark his retirement, he was presented with a degree in 'Lane Management'. This was very appropriate as he spent his days retirement on his Lane!

Sadly Evelyn predeceased Terry some years ago. In more recent years, Terry bore an extended period of declining health with dignity and grace. He was very appreciative of the care and attention he received initially at Annahilt Residential Home by Naomi and Staff, and more recently at Lisadian Nursing Home by Grace and Staff.

We extend our sincere sympathy to Terry's family circle especially his cousins, Bertie

and Brian, his sister-in-law Betty, brother-in-law Tom and their son Colin.



Christian Aid Week 10th – 16th May

Christian Aid Week this year will focus on the cost-of-living crisis faced by many people around the world, particularly in areas of Africa, Asia, the Middle East and Latin America and the Caribbean.

Christian Aid is on a journey to build a world free from poverty and based on dignity, equality, justice and love. 783 million people around the world will not have a meal today and according to the United Nations Organisation, hunger is currently the leading cause of death in the world. While the world's farmers should be able to grow enough food to feed everyone on the planet, the overlapping crises of conflict, climate change and economic inequality have created a cycle that has undermined food security worldwide.

Even here in Northern Ireland we have experienced some of the effects of conflict as the war in Ukraine and in Iran has triggered a global increase in food and fuel prices.

Donations from Christian Aid can help transform lives, like those of Aurelia and those whom she knows and loves. They were born in Guatemala. Once their lives were a constant struggle, but are now much better with help funded by Christian Aid

Every donation to Christian Aid can help make a difference and transform lives just like Aurelia's.

If you would like to make a donation towards Christian Aid's work, you may use the one of the envelopes which will be placed in Church. Envelopes may be returned at any of the church services in May. Alternatively, there will be a coffee morning in favour of Christian Aid Week, after our church service in Annahilt on Sunday 10th May and we would love to see you there.

Christian Aid Envelopes will be distributed in Church and may be returned to Church at Services on any of the following Sundays 10, 17, 24 & 31 May.

Alternatively, donations may be made directly to either of the Parochial Treasurers, Patricia Halliday (Annahilt) or Abbie Stanford (Magherahamlet).

Flowers for the Churches

Annahilt

Magherahamlet

April

5 Mrs A Harrison -Mittchell

Mr G Jennings

12

19

26



Mrs S McCurry

May

3 Mrs J Bradford

10

Mrs F Magorrian

17

24

Mrs M Keown

31 The Rector

Church Cleaning, Annahilt

Month

April

3-4 Mrs S Chapman

Mr S Chapman

10-11 Mrs H Hill

Mr T Hill

17-18 Mrs S Chapman

Mr S Chapman



24-25	Mrs J Guiney	Mrs H Cardosi
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May

1-2	Mrs S Chapman	Mr S Chapman
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9-10	Mrs L McCambley	Mrs E Harrison
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16-17	Mrs S Chapman	Mr S Chapman
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23-24	Mrs E Finney	Mr P Finney
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30-31	Mrs S Chapman	Mr S Chapman
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June

5-6	Mrs E Crawford	
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12-13	Mrs S Chapman	Mr S Chapman
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19-20	Mrs A Maxwell	Mr R Maxwell
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26-27	Mrs S Chapman	Mr S Chapman
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The number on the rota of volunteers who clean the Church of the Ascension has significantly declined. It would now be unviable except that one couple has offered to clean the Church every 2nd week.

It really would be very helpful if there were additional volunteers who would ease the burden on those who already faithfully fulfil this important role. If you would be willing to help, please contact the Rector (Tel 028 9263 8218) or the Secretary to the Vestry, Colin Hassard (Tel 028 9263 8263)



Dear Mothers' Union Members and Friends,

In March both our Branches met together in Annahilt when we were delighted to welcome Mrs June Butler as our special guest speaker. June visited us as the All-Ireland Zonal Trustee on the MU Worldwide Board. She spoke to us about the work of Mothers' Union in Ireland and worldwide, emphasising the importance of local membership. What she said was very helpful to members in the consideration of our way ahead in Mothers Union.

Magherahamlet Branch was represented at the Diocesan Festival Service in Banbridge on 23 March.

The Diocesan MU Indoor Members' Holy Communion Service & Tea Party afterwards will be held this year in Magherahamlet Parish Church on Thursday 30 April at 2.00 pm. Indoor and Senior members are encouraged to take up this opportunity of an enjoyable and very pleasant day out. If anyone requires transport, please contact Beth or Sally.

By the time you read this we are in the last week of Lent known as Holy Week. As you know, it is traditional not to have normal parish activities in Holy Week. It's as if we put down our routines, pause and come towards completing the Lent journey together at our special services on Wednesday 1 April in Magherahamlet and on Maundy Thursday 2 April in Annahilt when we remember the last night of Jesus' life and the Last Supper with his disciples. Hopefully as many of us who can, will gather together on those dates at 8.00pm in church as a group; individuals yes, but bound by our common aims in Mothers' Union of promoting marriage and family life with all of its joys and challenges within the context of the Christian faith.

With kind regards to everyone and best wishes for a blessed Easter

Beth	Avril
Esme	Sally
Susan	Frances
	Virginia

Mothers' Union Midday Wave of Prayer April 2026

1 April: Toamasina in Madagascar; Mukono in Uganda; Ikwerre & Ife East in Nigeria; Down & Dromore in All Ireland and Delhi in India

2-4 April: Umzimvubu in South Africa; Lweru in Tanzania; On the Niger in Nigeria; Cape Coast in Ghana; Ontario in Canada and Limerick & Killaloe in All Ireland

6-8 April: Cueibet in South Sudan; Gahini in Rwanda; Wusasa & Ibadan in Nigeria and Christchurch in New Zealand

9-11 April: Nord Kivu in DR Congo; Kigali in Rwanda; Kiteto & Kubwa in Nigeria; Perth in Australia and Kuranagala in Sri Lanka

13-15 April: Yirol in South Sudan; Ruvuma in Tanzania; Nike & Benin in Nigeria; Canberra & Goulburn in Australia and Dogura in Papua New Guinea

16-18 April: Kindu in DR Congo; Mount Kenya West in Kenya; Egbu in Nigeria; Te Pihopatanga O Aotearoa in New Zealand; Cork, Cloyne & Ross in All Ireland and Eastern Himalayas in India

20-22 April: Kinshasa in DR Congo; Victoria Nyanza in Tanzania; Ahoada & Warri in Nigeria; Oxford in England and Port Moresby in Papua New Guinea

23-25 April: Kisangani in DR Congo; Kagera in Tanzania; Awka in Nigeria; Sunyani in Ghana; Manchester in England and Popondota in Papua New Guinea

27-29 April: Port Sudan in Sudan; Muhabura in Uganda; Niger Delta West & Yewa in Nigeria; The Northern Territory in Australia and Chennai in India

30 April: Aru in DR Congo; Kigezi in Uganda; Ikeduru in Nigeria; Ho in Ghana; York in England and Guyana & Suriname in Guyana

Annahilt Wednesday Club

In February, as well as our speaker, Robert Apsley, we had a visit from Councillor Gretta Thompson the Council Age Friendly Champion and Gareth McCausland the Age Friendly Coordinator. The committee were delighted to be presented with an Age Friendly Certificate in recognition of the vital role they play in bringing people together. For many older residents of the community, particularly those living alone the Wednesday Club provides friendship, laughter and a real sense of belonging. Reducing social isolation helps build healthier, happier communities for everyone.



The speaker at the April Wednesday Club meeting on 22nd will be the Rector, Rev Canon Robert Howard when his talk will be based on the 100th Anniversary of the birth of Queen Elizabeth II (21st April).

On 20th May we will have Thomas McCaw and Thomas Raju from Fernhill Cottage Gardens at the Spa, who will share gardening tips and do some planters or pots. They are no strangers to Annahilt Parish as they are members of Magherahamlet Parish and sing in the combined choirs at special services in Annahilt Parish.

The final event of the current season will be the “End of Season” party in the hall on Wednesday 17th June. We do need people to **book** for this one for catering purposes.

Lunch Club

The next time we meet will be Friday 23 April 2026 in the Pheasant at the usual time of 12.30pm.

Subsequent Lunch Club meetings will take place on the following dates:

29 May

26 June

The Lunch Club 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 07866914651) for further information.

Finance

Gift Aid on FWO giving.

With the freeze on Income Tax thresholds in recent years many people are once again paying Income Tax on their pensions/income. If you have started to pay income tax again, please consider "Gift Aiding" your giving. This does not cost you anything and the Parish will benefit from the tax relief. Please contact Patricia (Annahilt) or Abbie (Magherahamlet) who will explain it in greater detail and get you to sign the appropriate form.

Parishioner Contact Details

Once again we appeal to Parishioners to update us with your current landline and mobile contact numbers and email addresses. Under Data Protection law we have to hold "up to date" and accurate information. Our contact details are later in the magazine.

If you have an email address send it to info@annahiltandmagherahamlet.org and we will update our records.

Annual Report

The Annahilt Annual Report is available to read on the website. Anyone who would like a paper copy should contact Patricia who will print one for you.

Honorary Treasurers

Annahilt

Patricia Halliday - 028 92665310, mobile 07713 257691
email patriciaapc@btinternet.com

Magherahamlet

Abbie Stanford - 028 4481136, mobile 07753746940
email abigailstanford@btinternet.com

Thank you.....

To all who contributed to recent special collections:

Annahilt

CMS Coffee Morning	£165.00
Leprosy Mission	£158.00

Donations to Annahilt Parish in lieu of flowers in memory of Les Clarke amounted to £ 960.15. We are most grateful to all who subscribed and to Les's wife, Mary, and the family circle for thinking of the Parish in this way.

Magherahamlet:

The Bible Society	£33.00
Star NI	£349.00
Dean's Sit Out (Black Santa)	£150.00
Romania Orphanages	£128.00
Leprosy Mission	£111.50

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.

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

- Fairy Liquid
- small packs of toilet roll
- large nappies (sizes 6 and 7)
- baby wipes
- shower gel
- soaps
- washing powder

YOUR HELP WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED.

Recording of Annahilt Church Services

Free recordings (CD format) are available weekly of the Church services or requested special services.

These CDs are delivered free of charge. If you would like to receive a CD copy, please contact Shirley Robinette on 07974093382

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. The website also continues to host online services most weeks. In addition, the website 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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Parish Magazine

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 17 May 2026.

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