

## News from the Parishes

Church of the Ascension, Annahilt



Magherahamlet Parish Church



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July and August 2020

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## The Rector writes....

My dear Parishioners

It is hard to believe this is our fourth magazine since ‘the lockdown’ began. After 16 weeks there is now a significant ‘opening up’ although the crisis is certainly not over. I hope everyone is keeping well and positive in these challenging days. One person described ‘the lockdown’ very powerfully when she said that while we are all in the same boat, we have very different cabins.

I’m conscious that for some, ‘the lockdown’ has been a very positive experience when they have had the opportunity to get many jobs and projects completed, which they wouldn’t normally have had time for. They have had the chance to spend more time with their immediate family and it has brought people closer together. For others it has been a much more challenging experience. There are some who have been unwell and had to self-isolate and look after themselves when they have felt absolutely awful. Many with underlying medical conditions have had to cocoon at home for the past 3 months and feel the sense of isolation acutely. While some were very content in their own company, others would have loved to have regular interaction with others and desperately missed that human contact. Some too have been in very uncertain positions regarding their income and employment and this has caused enormous stress and anxiety as people now try to return to a ‘new normal’. I wonder what you are enjoying the most now that we are at last permitted to go about again. Maybe it’s the freedom to go and see some of the people you love the most in the world, to share a meal or a cup of tea or coffee with them and give them a big hug. Maybe it is getting back to a sport you play.

The one question many people have been asking me is, when are we going to be able to return to attending Services in our beautiful church buildings? Unfortunately, it’s a question I cannot answer at this point even though the Stormont Executive has approved a return to in Church worship. I can inform you that we recently received a document from the Diocesan Authorities encouraging us to think about all the restrictions and conditions that we have to comply with whenever we open our doors again. The document stressed it was at an **undetermined** date. Putting in place all these measures is going to be quite a process. We will be considering the document carefully at Select Vestry level. However, we will not be opening the doors before we believe it is safe to do so and we have done all in our power to comply with the guidance and ensure everyone’s safety as far as is humanly possible.

This is quite a responsibility and we would ask for your prayers and your patience as

we do all that we can to achieve that. It will involve discipline and co-operation on all our parts as we observe social distancing. Our numbers will probably be initially restricted as we adhere to the 2 metre rule. However, I understand that families can sit together when we are permitted to assemble again. We won't be allowed to have prayer books or hymn books and we will have to wipe down hard surfaces between services. It appears that we will not be allowed to sing initially and that we will be encouraged to wear face masks. It is not easy to make plans with a definite timeline only gradually emerging and I understand if people are feeling impatient with this. We will be continuing for the foreseeable future to provide online services and to make it possible for those without internet access to be able to hear a recording of the Sunday service by CD.

During this summer season I am normally wishing those who might be going away a pleasant holiday, safe travelling and encouraging them to support the local congregation wherever they happen to go. It's a good opportunity to experience worship that may be different to our own and to enjoy that experience. While I suspect many of us won't be straying too far this summer, everyone certainly has plenty of choice when it comes to online services. I know many have been taking the opportunity to tune into services from different places on a Sunday over recent months and that's a great thing to do. At this juncture we will continue to distribute the Parish Magazine by post to ensure that it is received by all parishioners, especially those without internet access. We want to reassure every person of our ongoing prayers in these days.

As the restrictions begin to lift I am very happy to come and pray with those who might like a conversation either in the garden or indoors if they are comfortable with that and provided no members of the household are shielding or showing signs of feeling unwell, especially with possible symptoms of COVID-19.

In a time of continuing uncertainty when we don't yet have definite answers to many people's questions about the reopening of church, we are reminded that while the doors are closed, the church is very much open for business. We want to encourage people on their faith journey using resources on our website, through the experience of public worship recorded weekly and sharing devotional resources in this magazine. We are very grateful to people for phoning regularly and providing pastoral support to each other and praying for one another. It's lovely to hear how faithfully people have been doing this and how much it means to people. We will endeavour to communicate with people as soon as we know more about when it is safe and permissible to gather together again.

Please pray for the Bishop and others who are trying to make important decisions based on Government advice. The weight of responsibility upon those in positions of

responsibility is very great at this time.

Many people in the coming months will be preparing to move on to a new stage in their education, maybe moving to second level or third level. Our thoughts and prayers are with you as you prepare for that transition. We're conscious too that many may be nervous about returning to church initially as they are asked to continue 'shielding' by their doctor because of underlying medical conditions. Please do comply with the guidance you have been given and be assured that services will continue to be available online for the foreseeable future. We would not wish you to feel anxious or unsafe when we do return. Most unfortunately, some restrictions have had to be imposed in some areas of the United Kingdom again soon after relaxing them. Hence we will be moving forward with caution.

In all of the present anxiety and uncertainty we are glad to place our hope in the one who has promised to be our anchor in the storm, Jesus of Nazareth, and we look to Him for steadiness and reassurance and we continue in our mission to make Him known and share His love with others.

On a personal note may I take this opportunity on behalf of my siblings Rosemary Mark & Mandy, and on my own behalf of expressing a deep and heartfelt 'thank you' to everyone in the Group of Parishes for all your kindness and consideration to us following the recent death of our dear mother.

We have been absolutely overwhelmed by the volume of cards, letters, emails, telephone and other messages which we have received from parishioners and friends paying tribute to Mum and expressing your sympathy in our great loss. These have been an immense comfort to us and we are deeply grateful.

It is some five years since my mother and father came to live in these parts when their health declined. They genuinely settled here and felt very much at home. For as long as they were able, they were very happy participating in the worship and other activities in both parishes. The last time my mother was in Church was on Ash Wednesday evening, determined to be present when our new Bishop was making his first visit.

My mother was especially appreciative, as indeed I was, of the friendliness and support shown to her by so many in Annahilt & Magherahamlet in the three and a half years following my father's death in 2016. She was also very aware & grateful for the thoughts and prayers of you all especially over recent months during her periods of illness.

Unfortunately, on account of the particular circumstances of the present time the Funeral was private. In due course it is hoped to have a Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving to which all will be welcome.

In the meantime, may I renew my most grateful thanks to you all. You have truly reached out to me and my family, something I will remember and appreciate as long as my memory lasts.

Your sincere friend and Rector

Robert Howard

### **Congratulations...**

....to Colin and Lynne Carlisle, Magherahamlet on the recent celebration of their Silver Wedding Anniversary

### **Children's Day in Annahilt & Magherahamlet**

This year's annual Children's Day Services on Sunday 21 June were relayed online. The preacher this year was the Rector.

The Rector congratulated the Sunday School Teachers & Young People who had met by zoom during the recent lockdown. He also expressed a general 'thank you' for the work of all the Sunday School teachers and everyone who assisted with Children's Ministry in the Group of Parishes over the past year.

The customary Distribution of Sunday School Attendance & Church Loyalty Prizes will take place at a later date.

## **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"'*

*Unfortunately, it is not possible to worship together in either the Church of the Ascension, Annahilt or Magherahamlet Parish Church during the present World-wide Medical Emergency. However, we do invite you to join in worship online at [www.annahiltandmagherahamlet.org](http://www.annahiltandmagherahamlet.org)*

Sunday 5 July **Trinity IV**

10.00 Parish Communion

Sunday 12 July **Trinity V**

10.00 Morning Prayer

Sunday 19 July **Trinity VI**

10.00 Parish Communion

Sunday 26 July **Trinity VII**

10.00 Morning Prayer

Sunday 2 August **Trinity VIII**

10.00 Parish Communion

Sunday 9 August **Trinity IX**

10.00 Morning Prayer

Sunday 16 August **Trinity X**

10.00 Parish Communion

Sunday 23 August **Trinity XI**

10.00 Morning Prayer

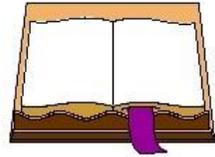
Sunday 30 August **Trinity XII**

10.00 Morning Prayer & Litany

Sunday 6 September **Trinity XIII**

10.00 Parish Communion

## From the Parish Registers



### Christian Burial

*'In Christ shall all be made alive'*

6 June 2020

Violet Grace (Vi) Howard, Annahilt Rectory, Ballykeel Road, Hillsborough

*Burial took place in St Luke's Churchyard, Douglas, Cork*

When circumstances permit, it is hoped to have a Service of Thanksgiving when anyone who would like to join in the opportunity of giving thanks for Violet's life will be very welcome.

### Devotional Resources for the Coronavirus Situation

***The following pages contain some prayers and Bible readings that may be of help at this time:***

God of all hope we call on you today. We pray for those who are living in fear: Fear of illness, fear for loved ones, fear of other's reactions to them. May your Spirit give us a sense of calmness and peace. We pray for your church in this time of uncertainty, for those people who are worried about attending worship, for those needing to make decisions in order to care for others, for those who will feel more isolated by not being able to attend. Grant us your wisdom. Holy God, we remember that you have promised that nothing will separate us from your love – demonstrated to us in Jesus Christ. Help us turn our eyes, hearts and minds to you. Amen.

Loving God, if we are ill, strengthen us. If we are tired, fortify our spirits. If we are anxious, help us to consider the lilies of the field and the birds of the air. Help us not to stockpile treasures from supermarkets in the barns of our larders. Don't let fear cause

us to overlook the needs of others more vulnerable than ourselves. Fix our eyes on your story and our hearts on your grace. Help us always to hold fast to the good, See the good in others, and remember there is just one world, one hope, one everlasting love, with baskets of bread for everyone. In Jesus we make our prayer, He is the one who suffered, died and was raised to new life, in whom we trust these days and all days, Amen.

*Matthew 6:25-27 25 'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? 26 Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? 27 Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?*

### ***Prayers for the sick and lonely and those caring for them***

Loving Jesus, you are compassionate to those in need and heal the sick in body and mind. Look kindly on those who are fearful at this time. Help us all to put away all thoughts and actions that separate us from you and from one another. Give us grace to live our lives, confident in your promise that you are with us always. Amen.

Almighty God, healer of the sick and strength of the weak, look with mercy on all those who suffer at this time. Bring healing to those who are sick, bring peace to those who are anxious, bring strength to those who care for them, and bring wisdom to our leaders that our whole society may journey together through this difficult time with determination and generosity, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Philippians 4:6-7 6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. 7 And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*

### ***Prayers with children***

Thank you God that you are with me wherever I go. Your presence gives me the confidence to be strong and courageous. Help me not to be worried or discouraged, but to remember that you are with me. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Thank you, God, for being like a shepherd. Thank you for giving me everything I need. Please refresh my soul. I trust you to guide me along the right paths. Even when I am afraid and worried, I know that I don't have to fear evil, because you are with me, comforting and protecting me. In Jesus' name, Amen.

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL RESOURCES - FOR USE AT HOME**

### **Useful Website List**

**Let Their Light Shine!** (<https://lettheirlightshine.com/>) Bible stories, craft and creative ideas for toddler groups, children's ministry and families. The Kitchen Table Project (<https://kitchentable.org.uk/>)

**The Kitchen Table Project** aims to help parents become more confident in discussing faith at home. They provide simple ideas and pointers in how to make this part of everyday life.

**Free Bible Image** (<http://freebibleimages.org/>) This website produces free Bible images that can be used as PowerPoint slides and in worship material. There are photographs, cartoons and drawings.

**Illustrated Ministry** (<https://www.illustratedministry.com/>) Illustrated ministry produce the most amazing and beautiful illustrations that can be purchased and printed off to make wonderful works of art.

**Roots on the Web** (<https://www.rootsontheweb.com/>) Roots provide weekly material to help enhance worship. This includes Sunday School material. You have to sign up for and pay for the material but it is excellent. You can access some free material.

### **PRAYER WARRIOR**

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

If so, contact the Rector who will be willing to help.

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

**Telephone: 028 9263 8218**

## **MOTHERS' UNION**

Unfortunately, many of the recent and upcoming events normally hosted by the Mothers' Union have had to be cancelled to ensure the health and safety of MU members, visitors & friends. For example the Ballynahinch Area Service which was to be held in Saintfield in September will not now take place,

The most urgent work which our organisation undertakes still continues in the background through direct action, where possible, and the provision of funding. Over recent days each Mothers' Union member will have received a pack containing a new publication "MU Today" (Mothers' Union in the Diocese of Down and Dromore), the latest edition of "Focus Magazine" and a "Letter from the Diocesan President, Roberta." We would urge you to read this correspondence carefully and we guarantee that you will be proud of the hard work and commitment of Mothers' Union members to a wide range of very worthwhile projects both at home and overseas.

In the meantime, we wish you all a very safe and sunny summer.

Beth and Esme      Avril and Ann



## All-Ireland Mothers' Union Poetry Competition

You don't have to be Emily Dickinson or Christina Rossetti,  
just someone who loves the gift of words.

### Theme : Covid Times

*You can write about absolutely any aspect of the current pandemic in whatever format you wish - silly or serious, rhyming or non-rhyming - it's up to you!*

All we ask is that you please keep poems to 24 lines, maximum. Feel free to write less but whatever your rhyme or reason, we want to read your poetry!

**Eligibility** This Poetry Competition is open to **current** Mothers' Union members.

Entries must be your own original work.

Entries must not be previously published or have won a prize in any other competition.

You may submit more than one poem.

**Entry implies acceptance of all the guidelines.**

**Closing Date** *31<sup>st</sup> August 2020*

Poems will be judged anonymously, so please submit your name, address and diocese on a separate sheet or file. Send entries to Jacqui

Armstrong at 32 Clooney Park Gardens, Derry/Londonderry BT47 6NU  
or to [jacquelin.armstrong.donegal@outlook.com](mailto:jacquelin.armstrong.donegal@outlook.com)

**Length** Poetry: 24 lines max. No minimum length.  
Title, dedications, and lines between text / stanzas are not counted.

**Judging** A published poet will judge, and the judge's decision is final.

**Copyright** Copyright of each entry remains with the author, but Mothers' Union reserves unrestricted rights to publish the winning and commended poems.

**Results & awards** The results and awards will be announced and posted on our website [www.mothersunion.ie](http://www.mothersunion.ie) in Autumn 2020.

*"When I write I can shake off all my cares. My sorrow disappears,  
my spirits are revived!"* Anne Frank

## Mothers' Union - Midday Prayers– July 2020:

Monday: **Songs of hope**

**Lord of all hopefulness, we will rejoice with songs of hope to gladden our hearts and bring praise to your name.**

We will give thanks to you, Lord, with all our hearts;

We will tell of all your wonderful deeds.

**We will be glad and rejoice in you;**

**We will sing the praises of your name, O Most High.**

He rules the world in righteousness and judges the peoples with equity.

**The Lord is a refuge for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble. Those who know your name trust in you, for you, Lord, have never forsaken those who seek you.** Sing the praises of the Lord, enthroned in Zion; proclaim among the nations what he has done. **Amen.** *Psalm 9: 2, 8-11*

Tuesday: **God is good**

They celebrate your abundant goodness and joyfully sing of your righteousness.

**The Lord is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love.**

The Lord is good to all; he has compassion on all he has made. *Psalm 145:7-9*

**Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good! His love is everlasting and extends to all creation.**

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good! Bringing wholeness and peace beyond understanding.

**Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good! His arms open wide welcoming home the prodigals.**

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good! His promises are sure His kingdom shall last forever.

**Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good! Amen.**

Wednesday: **God is faithful**

**Lord of all faithfulness we will rejoice with songs of hope to gladden our hearts and bring praise to your name.**

Sing joyfully to the Lord, you righteous;

it is fitting for the upright to praise him.

**Sing to him a new song;**

**play skilfully, and shout for joy.**

The word of the Lord is right and true;

he is faithful in all he does.

**The Lord loves righteousness and justice;  
the earth is full of his unfailing love.**

We wait in hope for the Lord;  
he is our help and our shield.

**In him our hearts rejoice,  
for we trust in his holy name.**

May your unfailing love be with us, Lord,  
even as we put our hope in you. **Amen** *Psalm 33:1, 3-5, 20-22*

Thursday: **God is love**

**I will sing of the Lord's great love for ever;  
with my mouth I will make your faithfulness known  
through all generations.**

I will declare that your love stands firm for ever,  
that you have established your faithfulness in heaven itself.  
*Psalm 89:1-2*

**To you, O Lord, we lift up our souls.  
You are our God—we trust in You alone.**

Look upon us with mercy and love—  
the same steadfast mercy and love You have shown  
toward your people throughout history.

**Make your ways known to us;  
guide us into your truth.  
Show us the way we should go.**

For you are the God of our salvation,  
full of compassion and steadfast love,  
and those who wait on you will never be put to shame.  
**Amen**

Friday: **God is attentive**

**Lord of all attentiveness,  
we will rejoice with songs of hope  
to gladden our hearts  
and bring praise to your name.**

I lift up my eyes to the mountains –  
where does my help come from?

**My help comes from the Lord,  
the Maker of heaven and earth.  
He will not let your foot slip –  
he who watches over you will not slumber.**

Indeed, he who watches over Israel  
will neither slumber nor sleep.

**The Lord watches over you –  
the Lord is your shade at your right hand;  
the sun will not harm you by day,  
nor the moon by night.**

The Lord will keep you from all harm –  
he will watch over your life;  
the Lord will watch over your coming and going  
both now and for evermore.

**Amen** *Psalm 121*

Saturday: **Songs of hope**

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.  
Worship the Lord with gladness;  
come before him with joyful songs.

**Know that the Lord is God.  
It is he who made us, and we are his;  
we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.**

Enter his gates with thanksgiving  
and his courts with praise;  
give thanks to him and praise his name.

**For the Lord is good and his love endures forever;  
his faithfulness continues through all generations.**

*Psalm 100*

Whatever today may hold,  
whatever tomorrow might bring,  
the future is secure,

**for Christ is with us,  
the same yesterday, today and forever.**

Live each moment with him

in quiet confidence and joyful celebration,

**for he is ours  
and we are his  
for all eternity.  
Amen**

## **Midday Prayers - August 2020**

Monday: **Hope and confidence worldwide**

Everyone will share the story of your  
wonderful goodness;  
they will sing with joy about your  
righteousness.

*Psalm 145:7 (NLT)*

**Let all the world, in every corner sing, My God and King!  
We join hands across the world  
to celebrate our hope and confidence in Christ.**

We join in celebration  
with our worldwide family of God;  
one in heart, to glorify your name.  
Together we bring our worship,  
together we bring our praise.

As children of God from all nations  
we share each other's joy in your  
abundant blessings of grace;  
We rejoice with those who rejoice  
and together praise our heavenly Father.

**As the family of Mothers' Union  
we are united in hope and confidence.  
We glorify our heavenly Father  
with thankful hearts.  
Amen**

Tuesday: **Sharing love and service**

My children, our love should not be just words and talk;  
it must be true love, which shows itself in action.

*1 John 3:18 (GNT)*

**Loving Lord,  
we give thanks for the privilege of service  
as Mothers' Union worldwide.**

We pray for our members throughout the world  
as they build hope and confidence in others  
through their witness and their work.

We give thanks for signs of transformation  
in families and communities worldwide  
as we reach out in love and service.

We pray for the flourishing of Mothers' Union  
as we adapt for the needs of this present time  
and entrust ourselves to God to lead us forward.

**Unite us together in hope and confidence  
to continue to reach out as your hands  
across the world.**

**Amen**

Wednesday: **Sharing prayer and worship**

Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence,  
so that we may receive mercy and find grace  
to help us in our time of need.

*Hebrews 4:16*

***Almighty Lord, we thank you that we are united in prayer and worship through our  
hope and confidence in Christ.***

We thank you for the joy  
of coming together into your presence  
to petition and praise,  
united in faith across the world.

**In steadfast hope and confidence  
we bring our prayers and worship to God.**

We thank you for the joy  
of finding our numbers are swelled  
by the company of the Holy Spirit,  
who shows us how to pray  
and adds his prayers to ours.

**In steadfast hope and confidence  
we bring our prayers and worship to God.  
Amen**

Thursday: **Sharing faith for change**

We keep on praying for you,  
asking our God to enable you to live a life worthy of his call.  
May he give you the power to accomplish all the good things  
your faith prompts you to do.  
*2 Thessalonians 1:11 (NLT)*

Almighty God  
who has called us to serve by grace through Jesus Christ,  
we pray you give us a good sense of listening patiently to people  
who have never been heard, and give our time for them.

May you give us sight and insight to observe carefully,  
in order to act responsibly to meet the needs of all  
in our immediate community.

**Make Mothers' Union your instrument of change  
in the world of confusion  
to bring hope, confidence and re-creation.  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen!**

*Rev. Can. Adakuru Alice Bayo: Diocese of Arua*

Friday: **Sharing fellowship worldwide**

We can't help but thank God for you, because your faith  
is flourishing and your love for one another is growing.  
*2 Thessalonians 1:3 (NLT)*

**Lord of all,  
we bring to you our praise for the precious fellowship  
we share as Mothers' Union worldwide.**

We thank you for the blessing  
of being united in Christ.  
Bind us together in hope and confidence  
as we uphold one another in prayer.

Knit our hearts in deep communion  
as we commit ourselves to your purposes,  
that we may serve you in hope and confidence  
as a family worldwide.

**Draw us close together wherever we may live.  
Encourage us and lead us,  
Shelter us and strengthen us  
that our unity worldwide may radiate your glory.  
Amen**

Saturday: **Hope and confidence worldwide**

You are the light of the world...  
Let your light shine before others, that they may see  
your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.  
*Matthew 5:14, 16*

**Jesus Christ, light of life,  
unite us together across the world  
as we seek to build hope and confidence  
to those you call us to serve.**

Jesus Christ, light of the world,  
by the power of your word  
and through your actions of love,  
call us to be your disciples.

Enable us to shine in the darkness,  
to stand up for justice and peace  
and reflect your love for all.

God of grace, enable your servants  
to build hope and confidence  
through the work of Mothers' Union worldwide.

**We reach out in hope and confidence  
as your hands across the world.  
Amen**

## **Bishop's Bible Week, 1 – 4 September 2020**

### **The Bishop, the Rt Revd David McClay writes:**

'I am very excited to announce that Peter Lynas, Evangelical Alliance UK Director, will be the speaker at this year's diocesan Bible Week. Peter is an able Bible teacher and scholar who studied theology at Regent College Vancouver. As we emerge as a diocese from lockdown into the challenges and opportunities ahead, I can think of no one better equipped to help us think biblically about the future'.

**Bible Week will take place in St Anne's Cathedral on the original dates of Tuesday 1 - Friday 4 September and will be live-streamed.**

The diocese will observe the guidelines around gathering indoors for worship so please keep an eye on the Diocesan website and social media channels for further details.



### **Peter Lynas**

Peter Lynas became UK Director in December 2019 following eight years as NI Director.

Originally trained as a lawyer, Peter worked as a barrister in Belfast for five years, before studying theology at Regent College in Vancouver where he remains a board member. He has previously worked for the Relationships Foundation pursuing a biblically inspired vision for a better society and taught on faith at work and ethics at Belfast Bible College. Peter has also worked as executive pastor for his church, Causeway Coast Vineyard, and with the Lynas Foodservice business.

During his time as NI director Peter has become a significant media commentator in Northern Ireland, bringing insight on legal, cultural and political issues. Peter was a leading commentator throughout the Ashers bakery court case, and he is a familiar figure at the Northern Ireland Assembly at Stormont.

In his current role, Peter continues to speak on behalf of the Evangelical Alliance and passionately advocate for the place and value of faith in public life.

## **Magherahamlet Parochial Hall Cleaning**

The 'spring clean' of the Parochial Hall would normally be arranged at this time of year but we believe that it should be postponed until we feel more confident that the coronavirus is under control. We hope to arrange the work day sometime later in the year when it is safe to gather to work together.

## **LISBURN FOODBANK**

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

During the present government ordered restrictions it is not possible to leave items for the Foodbank at Church. However, if parishioners would like to continue to donate at this time, and it is hoped that many will, they may wish to know that the collection points at the two supermarkets, Tesco and Sainsbury's, are permanent points and will allow people to continue to remember those who rely on the Foodbank in a very practical way.

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

Toiletries  
Small boxes of washing powder  
Cleaning Supplies  
Toilet rolls (2 or 4)  
Baby wipes  
Nappies  
Diluted juice  
Coffee

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.

**YOUR HELP WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED.**

## **Parish Website: [AnnahiltAndMagherahamlet.org](http://AnnahiltAndMagherahamlet.org)**

Parishioners are reminded that the website [annahiltandmagherahamlet.org](http://annahiltandmagherahamlet.org) has been created to provide information on church related activities and organisations for parishioners and the wider community. Since lockdown began in March, the website has hosted 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](mailto:admin@annahiltandmagherahamlet.org).

## **Clergy Emergency Cover**

During the period when the Rector is on holiday, please contact one of the following who will advise you of the Clergy person answering emergency calls:

Graham Galbraith (Rector's Churchwarden, Annahilt)	028 9268 8063
Prof Aileen Stockdale (People's Churchwarden, Annahilt)	028 9263 8862
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## **Freewill Offering**

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