

News from the Parishes

Church of the Ascension, Annahilt

Magherahamlet Parish Church



October/November 2026



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The Rector writes....

My dear Parishioners

I believe that it's fair to say that our experiences of Harvest will vary according to our geography and background, and that our understanding of Harvest has changed over time. Any person brought up in the rural countryside, Harvest traditionally was and is still is a time of hard work bringing in the crops which had been carefully tended throughout the summer, followed by the opportunity to celebrate the fruits of those labours with a church service and a Harvest supper. For those or who work in agriculture, and to an extent those who grow produce in their gardens or allotments, Harvest will continue to mean much the same. Growing produce is not easy and those who live and work on the land very much know the delicate balance of the right weather, good soil and careful timing which results in a successful crop. A bountiful Harvest is a true cause for celebration and thanksgiving, for both the work of the farmers and the providence of our good God.

But those of us less connected to how our food is grown and produced will experience Harvest differently. Food is generally bought in a shop, with little real knowledge of those whose energies have gone into producing it. With the ability to ship produce across the globe, we are not always bound by what crops are in season and whether the weather has been kind this year.

Some have argued that Harvest Festivals are less relevant these days. However, I respectfully disagree. Being disconnected from the origins of our food, it's very important to consciously take time to pause and give thanks for the food we so often take for granted and those who have laboured to produce it.

Our Harvest Festivals may have evolved quite a bit in recent years, with an emphasis on bringing non-perishable packets and tinned goods rather than the fat marrows, potatoes and cauliflowers of yesteryear, but the principle remains the same: to give thanks for our food, for those who have worked to produce it and for God's goodness in providing it. And of course, our proper response to God's generosity to us is to be generous to others. Traditional Harvest Festivals have always included sharing and this year with the cost of living, this is even more critical.

Next month it will be November, and we will be observing a season of Remembrance. This year, our act of Remembrance again takes place against the backdrop not only of the ongoing conflict in Ukraine, but also a catastrophic war in the Holy Land, which has now become a severe humanitarian crisis. Amid this crisis, how, as Christians, might we remember the past in a way that fosters peace in the present?

The history of Israel and Palestine is the history of two traumatised peoples. The story of the modern state of Israel is entwined with the collective trauma of the Jewish

people in Europe—the dark and shameful history of antisemitism, culminating in the horrors of the Holocaust—which motivated a desire for a safe homeland. Meanwhile, the Palestinian people remember the trauma of mass displacement—called in Arabic the ‘Nakba’, the Catastrophe—when in 1948 Palestinians were forcibly expelled from their homes and land. Their families remain refugees to this day, with many living under Israeli occupation.

When we listen to the ways people are talking about recent atrocities – the slaughter of Israeli civilians by Hamas, and the siege and indiscriminate bombing of the people of Gaza – we can hear how memories of historical trauma shape our perspective on the present. We are witnessing a re-traumatisation of Israelis and Palestinians, present in the comparisons of Hamas attacks to antisemitic pogroms, and in Palestinian fears of a ‘second Nakba’. Old wounds are being re-opened, as new wounds are inflicted.

So, in Israel and Palestine, the act of remembrance is far from a politically neutral act. The way we choose to talk about the past – the things we remember, and the things we forget – shapes our understanding of right and wrong, of justice and injustice. Alongside the conflict over land and borders lies a conflict between two radically different accounts of history. In the Holy Land, remembrance has become a matter of life and death.

I bring all this to our own act of remembrance this November, as we remember the wars in which our own nation has been involved. But we come to Remembrance Sunday not only as British and Irish people, but as Christians. What does Christianity have to teach us about remembering? As it turns out, rather a lot. Every time we gather for Holy Communion, we are involved in act of remembrance: ‘do this in remembrance of me...’. In the Eucharist, we gather to remember the foundational trauma of our people: the crucifixion of Jesus—a persecuted Jewish rabbi, unjustly executed by the Roman occupying force in first-century Palestine, with the participation of the religious and political elite in his society. Yet, in his cry of forgiveness on the cross, Jesus refuses to let his death be an occasion for further violence, another tragic death to be added to a long list of historical grievances. Then, in the resurrection, we are shown a version of justice built not upon revenge and destruction, but upon the triumph of love over oppression, light over darkness, the side of the victimised and oppressed, wherever we find them. Jesus dies in solidarity with all the traumatised peoples of the world, and opens up the way towards healing and hope.

So, whenever we remember the death and resurrection of Christ, we stand alongside all those who suffer with him, and cry out for peace. In this season, may our act of remembrance lead us into a deeper commitment to God’s peaceable Kingdom, as we cry out for justice and mercy in the Holy Land and across the world.

Now that all our parochial organisations are up and running again, we hope that you will find something that might be of encouragement to you during the autumn. Maybe you would enjoy the fellowship and company at activities like Bowls or Badminton. Maybe you have children or grandchildren who might enjoy the Jesus and Me Group or Sunday School. Ladies might enjoy the Mothers’ Union. Senior parishioners and other such friends in the wider community might consider coming to the Wednesday

Club. There are many opportunities of becoming connected. Hopefully you will find something to get involved in.

I'm always grateful to those who lead our activities with such enthusiasm and passion and hold up the very best of what our church can offer to the wider community through giving of themselves with love and grace.

With love, prayers and blessings

Your sincere friend and Rector

Robert Howard

Congratulations....

..... to Mrs Kathleen Kingston on the recent celebration of her 96th Birthday. The Rector was delighted to visit the wife of our late Rector, Canon Eric Kingston, to mark the occasion. In the photograph below Mrs Kingston is seated holding a floral arrangement presented on behalf of both Annahilt and Magherahamlet to mark her special day.



Recent Bequest to Annahilt Parish

The Parish of Annahilt has been bequeathed a substantial legacy by two parishioners, Bert and Ruth Carlisle.

Bert and Ruth left a significant sum of £214,000.00, to be disposed of at the absolute discretion of the Select Vestry.

We are deeply grateful that Bert and Ruth remembered the Parish in this way. Such a generous legacy reflects how much our Church and Parish meant to them and will be of enormous benefit to us.

Thank you....

..... to all who contributed to the Annahilt Harvest Appeal in support of Missionary Societies. To date the loose collections at services and the Appeal Envelopes have raised £1038.00.

HM The King's Accession Day

The fourth 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 6 September.

On Sunday 13 September we remembered all who suffered life changing injuries and bereavement following the terrorist atrocities in the United States 25 years ago 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 27 September. Following a summer of glorious weather, this year's harvest yields were really bountiful. As a result, the twin themes of celebration and thanksgiving were 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, we are now able to resume donating such items to the Northern Ireland Hospice. Other parishioners continued the more recent practice of giving non-perishable foods which were later donated to the Food bank.



There was a lovely atmosphere of worship on Harvest Sunday. In the morning, a

Celebration of the Holy Communion was presided over by the Rector. The visiting preacher Canon Myrtle Morrison. Rector of Newcastle. The special music featured an anthem 'O taste and see how gracious the Lord is', sung by a united Choir of both Annahilt and Magherahamlet, accompanied by our Choir Leader, Mr Tim Howe, who presided at both the Organ and Piano. There was also a musical setting of the 'Gloria in excelsis' and a sung version of The Lord's Prayer.



In the evening, an uplifting Service of Evening Prayer was conducted by the Rector. The special preacher was the Revd Bobby Liddle who was making his first official visit to our Church since his retirement. Again, Tim accompanied the united Choir from Annahilt and Magherahamlet who sang 'The Lord of Harvest', in addition to the morning anthem. On this return visit to the Parish, The Lurgan Salvation Army Band participated by playing before, during and following the Service. They also led the congregational singing in very familiar Harvest hymns. It was wonderful that the Harvest Supper afterwards was so well supported with most of the congregation, which included parishioners from Magherahamlet and visitors from other neighbouring churches, going across to the Parochial Hall afterwards.



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 the Organist Mr Tim Howe and of the role of The Salvation Army Band in creating such a magnificent sound. The Revd Bobby Liddle suitably replied and thanked the Choir and Select Vestry for providing and distributing

the Supper. The Rector then brought the proceedings to a formal close in prayer.

Decoration of Magherahamlet Church for Harvest

Saturday 24 October

From **2.00 pm**

Your assistance with the decoration will be greatly valued

Gifts of flowers, greenery, corn, fruit, vegetables and other foodstuffs will be very gratefully received

Magherahamlet Harvest Appeal

Harvest Thank Offering envelopes are currently being distributed. 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

With great pleasure, the Harvest Supper will take place in the Parochial Hall following the Evening Service on Sunday 25 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 past lockdown periods.

Children's Harvest Offerings

The younger members of the congregation are asked to bring a non-perishable item of food (e.g. 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.

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.

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"'

Sunday 4 October

Trinity XIX

10.00	Parish Communion	Annahilt
12.00	Parish Communion	Magherahamlet

Sunday 11 October

Feast of St Philip the Deacon

10.00	Family Service	Annahilt	<i>Service Sheets</i>
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Followed by light refreshments in the Parochial Hall in support of Christian Aid

12.00	Family Service	Magherahamlet	<i>Service Sheets</i>
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*Breakfast will be served in the Parochial Hall **BEFORE** the Service **from 11am***

Sunday 18 October

St Luke's Day

10.00	Parish Communion	Annahilt
12.00	Morning Prayer	Magherahamlet

Sunday 25 October

V Sunday before Advent

10.00	Morning Prayer	Annahilt
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Magherahamlet Harvest Festival

Sunday 25 October 2026

12.00 noon Harvest Parish Communion *Service Sheets*

Preacher: The Revd David Bowles
Rector of Whitechurch (Dublin)

7.00 pm Evening Service *Service Sheets*

Preacher: The Rt Revd George Davison

Bishop of Connor

with The Baillies Mills Accordion Band

Supper afterwards in the Parochial Hall

Sunday 1 November **All Saints' Day**

10.00 Parish Communion Annahilt

12.00 Morning Prayer Magherahamlet

Sunday 8 November **Remembrance Sunday**

10.00 Morning Prayer & Act of Remembrance Annahilt *Service Sheets*
followed by Light Refreshments in the Parochial Hall in support of Christian Aid

12.00 Morning Prayer & Act of Remembrance Magherahamlet *Service Sheets*

Sunday 15 November **II Sunday before Advent**

10.00 Parish Communion Annahilt

12.00 Parish Communion Magherahamlet

Sunday 22 November **Sunday before Advent**

Feast of Christ the King

10.00	Morning Prayer	Annahilt
12.00	Morning Prayer	Magherahamlet

Sunday 29 November **Advent I**

10.00	Advent Carol Service	Annahilt	<i>Service Sheets</i>
12.00	Advent Carol Service	Magherahamlet	<i>Service Sheets</i>

Sunday 6 December **Advent II**

Bible Sunday

10.00	Parish Communion	Annahilt
12.00	Parish Communion	Magherahamlet



On 7 May 2026 the General Synod agreed to implement a new Child Safeguarding policy to replace Safeguarding Trust, with immediate effect.

The Child Safeguarding Policy is available on the Church of Ireland website <https://safeguarding.ireland.anglican.org/child-safeguarding/>. This website contains the policy and all associated guidance. A link can be found on our Parish website.

One of the major changes in this policy is the reporting procedures. All suspicions, concerns, knowledge or allegations no longer go to the Parish Panel but are instead referred to the RCB Casework Team, who will then make the referral if the information meets the threshold for reporting, before passing this information to the Diocese, by informing the Bishop and Diocesan Safeguarding Panel. For Northern Ireland the Casework Team will be Gillian Taylor and Anthony Russell, who can be contacted between 9.30am and 5pm Monday to Friday on 02897441245 or by email on safeguarding@rcbcoi.org.

Emergency and Out of Hours - If you are concerned about immediate risk to any child or adult, contact the PSNI on 999. If you require Social Services advice and support out of hours in regards to a potential safeguarding concern for any child or adult, contact 028 9504 9999.

Updated online training on the Child Safeguarding policy for staff, volunteers and Parish Panel members is being made available within the Diocese.

The Diocese has arranged for online training on the following date:

Monday 26 October 7.30pm

Access to the online Child Safeguarding Training is through the link below to the diocesan website:

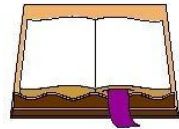
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It is **essential** that staff, volunteers and Parish Panel members avail of this training.

From the Parish Registers

Christian Marriage

'What God has joined together let no one put asunder



Church of the Ascension, Annahilt

12 September 2026

Aaron Harrison and Beth Wilson

We congratulate Aaron and Beth and wish them every happiness in their married life.

Christian Burials

'In Christ shall all be made alive'

28 September 2026

Hugh David Winston Brown

Following a Service in the Church of the Ascension, Annahilt burial took place in adjoining Churchyard

Winston Brown was born 1 October 1941 to parents Hugh and Freda Brown. He was one of three siblings which included a sister Shirley & a brother Freddie.

Winston began his education at Annahilt Primary School and, then went to Ballynahinch Tech.

Winston met Marjorie in 1959 they were married on 13 July 1965. They had a family of three, a daughter, Alison, and two sons, David and Noel. Winston and Marjorie were further blessed with five grandchildren, Ross, Katie, Faith, Ella and Lila.

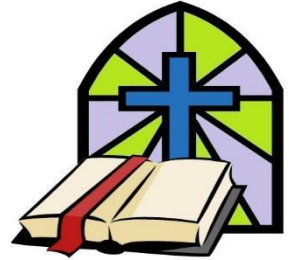
Winston lived at Church Hill Gardens for 54 years.

Over the years Winston loved his holidays to many places including Malta, Bulgaria, Spain, Portugal and the Isle of Man. He also thoroughly enjoyed watching sports especially boxing, Formula 1, snooker, darts and motorbikes.

He will be sadly missed and always lovingly remembered especially by his wife, children, grandchildren and his siblings and to whom we extend our deepest sympathy.

In Memoriam

On Remembrance Sunday (8 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.



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, 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.





SUNDAY SCHOOL IS BACK!

WHEN?

Annahilt from 10.00 am until 11.15 am on 1st Sunday of each month in Parochial Hall, JAM (Jesus and Me) our revamped Sunday School.

Family Service in Church on 2nd Sunday of month in Church.

Magherahamlet at 11.00 am Every Sunday in Parochial Hall (except 2nd Sunday of month when Family Service is held in Church).

WHERE? Annahilt Parochial Hall

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

Festival of Remembrance 2026



Remembrance

The Royal British Legion believes that the poppy and Remembrance are, and always have been, unifiers of all people and communities across the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth since the First World War, supporting and recognising the contributions of the Armed Forces from these nations in times of conflict and rebuilding society. Members have remembered this contribution to the freedoms we enjoy today for over a century and will continue to do so through their work.

They are a non-partisan and non-sectarian organisation focused on the experiences of those who serve or have served in the military, and those affected by their service, without considering the politics of conflict.

The Legion recognises the service and sacrifices of all those who have served or are serving in His Majesty's British Armed Forces, including members of the Commonwealth in the Royal Navy, British Army and Royal Air Force, from 1914 to the present day. This includes both living and deceased personnel, regardless of the length of their service.

They recognise the service and sacrifice of civilian individuals, communities, services,

and organisations from Great Britain and the Commonwealth during times of conflict or acts of terror. They are committed to acknowledging their contributions in Remembrance, such as the support of emergency services and the Merchant Navy.

Also recognised are the families of British and Commonwealth Armed Forces personnel; this includes those who have been bereaved.

Acts of Remembrance

Although it may be bookended by formal and/or religious ceremonies, the Act of Remembrance at its core is simple, brief, and non-religious. The organiser may assemble whatever readings, music or other elements to accompany the Act of Remembrance so that it is relevant for the particular community attending.

The RBL has no objection to wreaths of non-red poppies or other flowers being laid at war memorials or in Remembrance services alongside red poppy wreaths and the RBL respects the rights and freedoms of groups and individuals to make their own decisions on how to observe Remembrance.

However, red poppy wreaths are inclusive of all people and communities.

The Two Minute Silence, observed on Remembrance Sunday (second Sunday in November) and Armistice Day (11 November), is a time for the nation to honour the sacrifices of those who have served in the British and Commonwealth Armed Forces. It's an opportunity for personal reflection and remembrance, whether observed publicly or privately. While participation is voluntary, it's important to respect those who choose to pause and reflect.

The Poppy

The poppy is a universally recognised symbol of Remembrance and hope for a peaceful future. since it was first worn as an act of Remembrance and to raise funds for the British Legion more than 100 years ago.

It unites us in remembering all those from the British and Commonwealth Armed Forces who have served and sacrificed; and do so today, to defend democracy and freedom

The poppy also acknowledges the wider impact of conflict.

It represents the contribution of civilian services and uniformed emergency services that contribute to national security in times of war, conflict or terrorism and acknowledges innocent civilians who have lost their lives at such times.

Wearing a poppy

There is no right or wrong way to wear a poppy.

The poppy can be worn throughout the year whenever you wish to show your support for the British and Commonwealth Armed Forces, past and/or present.

The decision to wear a poppy is voluntary.

The red poppy also raises funds to support veterans from the British and Commonwealth Armed Forces and their families at times of need. There is no contradiction in wearing other emblems alongside the red poppy and the RBL respect the rights of any individual to express their views within the law.

In 2025, The Royal British Legion continue their commemoration of the theme of 'Service' and 'Service Not Self' in the Festival of Remembrance at the Royal Albert Hall in London, broadcast each year on national television.

Through personal testimony and storytelling, through music and ceremony, the Festival will express the core values of Service which maintain the admiration and esteem the public holds for the Armed Forces and civil society. Values such as placing others before themselves, devotion to duty and unfailing reliability.

The Festival will commemorate the above values through both the lived experience of our Armed Forces community by honouring veterans who lost their lives or were injured in service and actively serving personnel. It will further honour their families, descendants and representatives.

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.**

Flowers for the Churches

Annahilt



Magherahamlet

October

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11

Ms S Anderson

Mrs F Magorrian

18

Mrs S McCurry

25

Harvest

November

1

8

Remembrance Sunday

Remembrance Sunday

15

22

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Church Cleaning, Annahilt

Month

October

2-3

Mrs S Chapman

Mr S Chapman



9-10	Mrs L McCambley	Mrs E Harrison
16-17	Mrs S Chapman	Mr S Chapman
23-24	Mrs H Hill	Mr T Hill
30-31	Mrs S Chapman	Mr S Chapman

November

6-7	Mrs J Guiney	Mrs H Cardosi
13-14	Mrs S Chapman	Mr S Chapman
20-21	Mrs E Finney	Mr P Finney
27-28	Mrs S Chapman	Mr S Chapman

December

4-5	Mrs E Crawford	
11-12	Mrs S Chapman	Mr S Chapman
18-19	Mrs A Maxwell	Mr R Maxwell
23-24	Mrs S Chapman	Mr S Chapman

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)



Hello everyone

The meeting on 21st September in Annahilt took the form of a fundraising "Pudding Party", was very well attended by members and friends.

We all enjoyed tasting a variety of cakes and desserts and also the chance to socialise and catch up with friends.

We were very pleased to welcome particularly those members from Magherahamlet branch who came to support our evening.

The splendid sum of £500 was raised for Church Funds.

Great fun was had with the cake and pudding quiz, with most people guessing the pictures correctly.

We look forward to our next meeting on 19th October when we will pack toilet bags for patients admitted to hospital at short notice.

Magherahamlet Branch met on 21 September and put together a Programme for the coming months. Our next meeting will be on 21 October when we plan to create flower arrangements for the Harvest decorations.

On November 18 at 8.00 pm in Magherahamlet Parochial Hall there will be a Christmas evening of flowers and decorations led by Mrs Sally McCurry. All are welcome.

150 years of Mothers' Union will be celebrated with a Concert on Saturday 21 October. Further details will be announced in due course.

The Diocesan Mothers' Union Carol Service will take place on Tuesday 1 December in Ballyholme Parish Church. Time to be confirmed.

Susan

Frances

Wave of Prayer

1-3 October: Nzara in South Sudan; North Kigezi in Uganda; Kivu in Rwanda; Damataru in Nigeria; Auckland in New Zealand and Vanuatu and New Caledonia in

Vanuatu.

5-7 October: Mbhashe in South Africa; Kitgum in Uganda; Ukwu & Ilesa South West in Nigeria; Tasmania in Australia and Central Melanesia in Solomon Islands.

8-10 October: Ethiopia; Zanzibar in Tanzania; Awgu/Aninri in Nigeria; Freetown in Sierra Leone; Monmouth in Wales and Malaïta in Solomon Islands.

12-14 October: Ezo in South Sudan; Thika in Kenya; Jos & Akoto in Nigeria; in Europe and Uniao de Mulheres Episcopais Anglicanas do Brasil (UMEAB) in Brazil.

15-17 October: Terekeka in South Sudan; Nairobi in Kenya; Maiduguri & Osun North in Nigeria; Edinburgh in Scotland and Calcutta in India.

18-21 October: High Veld in South Africa; Nambale in Kenya; Niger-Delta in Nigeria; in Guinea; Blackburn in England and Bhopal in India.

22-24 October: Kimberley and Kuruman in South Africa; Kitui in Kenya; Kano & Kwara in Nigeria; Armidale in Australia and Myitkyina in Myanmar.

26-28 October: Malakal in South Sudan; All Saints Cathedral in Kenya; Kontagora & Osun North East in Nigeria; Glasgow & Galloway in Scotland and Pune in India.

29-31 October: Luapula in Zambia; Nakuru in Kenya; South Rwenzori in Uganda; Ibadan-North in Nigeria; Connor in All Ireland

Annahilt Wednesday Club

The next Wednesday Club is on 21st October, when the speaker will be Stephen Wood from "Tools for Solidarity".

This organisation recycles small tools and sewing machines and ships them to Africa for various projects or uses them locally for practical projects in deprived areas and with asylum seekers. Coffee and craic from 11am.

All Seniors and Retirees welcome and this time around if you have any small tools you no longer use, please bring them along to donate to Stephen for their work.

CHRISTMAS IN THE BARN with the Kinnairds

Monday 2 November (10.00 am – 8.00 pm) & Tuesday 3 November (10.00 am – 5.00 pm) Thank you to Larchfield Estate for donating the venue & their time

Bailliesmills Road, BT27 6XJ

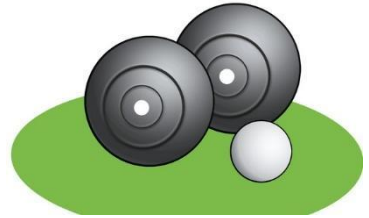
Donations at door in aid of NIPANC

WORKING TO IMPROVE THE OUTCOMES OF PANCREATIC CANCER AND
PROVIDE SUPPORT FOR PATIENTS AND FAMILIES

Annahilt Parish Bowling Club

The Bowling Club continues each week and participates in the Lisburn & District League. Matches can be any night Monday to Friday with home matches on a Wednesday evening.

There is also practice and friendly play on some Saturday evenings. Contact Patricia 07713 257691 or Trevor on 07890 552930.



Lunch Club

The next time we meet will be Friday 30 October in the Pheasant at the usual time of 12.30pm.

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

27 November

29 January 2027

26 February

26 March

30 April

28 May

25 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.



Parish of Annahilt

is holding a

Christmas Fair

Friday 27 November 2026

7.00 pm – 9.00 pm

Parochial Hall

All welcome



Annahilt Parish is in its third year of a three year commitment in supporting Water Drops Partnership Ltd with a donation of £500 per annum.

Water Drops works in partnership with rural and remote communities across Kenya to improve access to clean and safe drinking water. Through collaboration with the Anglican Diocese of Kajiado, under the leadership of The Rt Revd Dr Gaddiel Lenini and the Diocesan Development Office,

projects are developed alongside community members, church leaders, and local government to ensure sustainability and long-term impact.

The Boma Tank initiative is an exciting programme established by Water Drops Partnership. “Boma” is a Swahili word meaning a small village or settlement, typically made up of three or four related families, often totalling between 30 and 40 people living together.

As part of this project, each selected Boma received a 3,000-litre plastic water tank. These tanks were installed on a solid concrete base to ensure stability, protect the structure and make it easier for families to draw water. Each tank was fitted with a lockable tap to promote safe and controlled access, and carefully positioned beside a home so that gutters and a downpipe could be connected to harvest rainwater effectively.

This simple but thoughtful design provides each Boma with secure water storage and the ability to collect and store rainwater during the rainy season. As a result, families no longer need to spend as much time searching for water, freeing up valuable time for other daily activities and responsibilities.

Each family receiving a tank (total cost approx £500) also plays an active part in its installation. Every recipient provides the stones for the hardcore foundation, the building sand for the base, and the water required during the installation process. This shared contribution is a deliberate and important part of how the project works. It gives each household a genuine stake in the tank from the outset, and building the project on partnership rather than provision is key to ensuring the installations are valued, maintained and sustained for the long term.

The need for this support in Piliwa is significant and the team were able to install thirteen tanks there in July 2026.

The main organising directors of Water Drops are Ronnie & Maggie Briggs who previously served for forty years with CMSI in Kenya. Ronnie’s family when he was a young boy belonged to Annahilt Parish prior to moving from the immediate area.

Ronnie & Maggie have visited the Parish on several occasions representing CMSI and more recently spoke at the Mothers' Union.

Financial matters

Gift Aid

Many more people are now once again paying Income Tax since the Personal Allowance has been frozen for a number of years.

If you are now paying Income Tax or Capital Gains Tax and have not already completed a Gift Aid Declaration in favour of Annahilt or Magherahamlet Parish Church you can do so by contacting **Patricia or Abbie**. This does not cost you anything but currently means that the respective Parish will benefit by being able to claim a tax refund equal to 25% of your giving.

At this time when many Parishes have financial challenges this additional income is highly valuable.

If anyone wishes to contribute all/part of the FWO giving via Bankers Standing Order; wish to replace envelopes with a Standing Order; or wishes to have envelopes, please contact Patricia or Abbie.

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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 the following items:

- Tinned fruit
- Bags for life
- Salt and pepper
- Super noodles
- Red and brown sauce
- Unisex / Male deodorant

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 each Sunday. 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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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 22 November 2026.