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Rector's Hour

Please note that the Rector will be available in the Vestry office on Tuesdays from 6.00pm – 7.00pm, for short meetings to sign passports, driving licence documents etc., or to arrange a lengthier meeting for another time.

Rector's Recess

Whilst our Rector is always available to his congregation at all hours of every day, it is hoped that, where possible, the period between lunchtime Friday and Sunday Services may be void of contact so as to allow him family time, quiet reflection and preparation for the week ahead; emergency requirements and visits excepted.



From the Rector

Albert Einstein, he of the general theory of relativity, observed that insanity, madness, could be defined as carrying out the same action time after time after time, and each time expecting a different result. By such a definition I (and most ministers of whatever denomination) am completely cuckoo! This will be my thirty-sixth Advent as an ordained minister, my thirty-sixth Christmas Carol Service, thirty-sixth Christingle, thirty-sixth Christmas Day. Every year I go through all the actions that you might expect of a minister and every year I for one hope for a different result to last year. "This will be the year," I think, "when the Church will be packed with strangers, newcomers. This will be the year when our Church will be revived and renewed. This will be the year..."

According to Einstein, I am mad and by any measurable outcome I should be terribly disappointed. After all, numbers attending while up, are not through the roof; we are not having to build an extension to our Church building; mid-week activities, all those things we planned in response to Mission 2015, are hardly catching fire (except Bible Study, our mid-week services and Chattering Needles); in fact, an argument can be made for same old, same old. Nothing has changed, or changed much. Why? Is it me, is it us? Are we getting things so terribly wrong?

Well, no! I've just been listening to a broadcast of Choral Evensong, live from Durham Cathedral. Choral Evensong has been broadcast live by the BBC since

1926, the longest running outside broadcast programme. It is a landmark in my week, in my life. I have been listening to the broadcast, off and on, for more than forty years. Week by week, service by service, I am reminded of something peculiarly Anglican. The words and music of evening prayer take me, us, out of time and for a short forty five minutes or so we are given a glimpse of heaven. And those glimpses of heaven, seen through such broadcasts, are something I need, the Church needs.

Advent and Christmas, with their familiar readings, prayers and music, are similar landmarks in our Church life, in our Christian pilgrimage. Of course I would love the Church to be packed and I would love to see more people committing themselves publicly to a living faith in Christ, especially younger people and children. But I believe that our ministry involves and bears repetition; that people not associated with the Church, people who have no intention of ever darkening our doors, find some kind of solace, ascertain a glimpse of heaven, simply by hearing the Church bell, seeing the lights dazzling through stained glass windows and knowing that there are others inside the building praying for those outside.

For thirty six years I have been involved in refreshing these landmark moments in our lives. I am not mad or insane. Indeed I consider myself richly blessed. And in any case, Deuteronomy 27:17 suggests that tampering with landmarks is not a good idea!

Duncan



Church Services November

Sunday 4 November – The Fourth Sunday before Advent

Welcome Team: Trevor and Jenny Craythorne
Reader: Mae Burke

8.30am	Holy Communion
10.30am	A Family Service with Baptism*
2.45pm	The Village Service and Act of Remembrance at Groomsport War Memorial
6.00pm	A Service for the Commemoration of the Faithful Departed; All Souls. During this service we will be remembering those of our Parish who have died during the past year, as well as remembering those we have loved who have died in years gone by.

* Coffee after 10.30am service in Church Hall. All welcome! Hosts June Walker, Helen Hall, Pauline Herrison, Maggie Townsley & Marian Cinnamon

Note:

The Office of Compline is said every Tuesday at 7.30pm

Holy Communion is celebrated every Thursday at 11.00am

Holy Communion is celebrated on the first Wednesday of the month at 10.30am in the Chapel at Mt Stewart House.

Sunday 11 November – The Third before Advent
Remembrance Sunday

Welcome Team: Trevor and Rosemary Smith
Reader: Carol Walters

8.30am	Holy Communion
10.30am	Parish Communion, with a simple Act of Remembrance
6.00pm	Compline.

Sunday 18 November – The Second before Advent

Welcome Team: Trevor and Rosemary Smith
Reader: Barry Greenaway

8.30am	Holy Communion
10.30am	Service of the Word
6.00pm	Evening Prayer (sung)

Sunday 25 November – The Next before Advent,
The Kingship of Christ

Welcome Team: Jim and Pat Love
Reader: Charlotte Cully

8.30am	Holy Communion
10.30am	Morning Prayer
6.00pm	Holy Communion

Please note the Church Hall is open every day for private prayer and meditation.



Sunday 2 December - Advent Sunday

before Advent

Welcome Team: Andy and Anne Craig

Reader: TBC

8.30am	Holy Communion
10.30am	A Service of Thanksgiving and Re-Dedication for the Refurbishment of Groomsport Parish Church. We Welcome our Bishop, Parish friends and Guests to join us for this especial Service.
6.00pm	Choral Evensong for Advent Sunday. We continue the theme of Thanksgiving with a special service led by the Choir of Cregagh Presbyterian Church

Announcements

Advance Notice

FRIDAY 25th JANUARY THIS IS "THEIR" LIFE!



An evening not to be missed. Two very different life stories of two remarkable men, ensuring there will be tears of sadness and tears of joy. Includes a sit-down meal. Further details in next month's Contact or contact Heather on 07834 771075. Cost £10

Annual Shopping Trip

Groomsport Parish Church Community Annual Shopping Trip to Newbridge Silver Outlet and Kildare Village Outlet

Saturday 2 February 2019

This successful annual event is designed for parishioners, villagers, family and friends and seats are allocated on a first come first served basis.

The trip will take place on Saturday 2 February 2019 and the bus has been booked with McAvoy's (toilet on board)

The bus will leave Groomsport Parish Halls

at 8.00am and will return at approximately 8.00pm. We will stop en route for a quick coffee break at Apple Green and will then stop at Newbridge Silver Outlet for lunch and some shopping. From there we shall spend the afternoon at Kildare Village Outlet.

Cost is £22 per person. To reserve a place, please put your money in a sealed envelope with your name and telephone number and give to myself or to the Church Wardens. For further details or to arrange payment, contact me on 07834 771075.

Heather Pentland



Walking for Softies

Our walk in October was in the beautiful setting of Antrim Castle Gardens.

Our next walk will be on Saturday 24 November along the Lagan, meeting at Shaw's Bridge car park at 10.30am, and afterwards at the nearby Lock Keeper's Inn for coffee/tea and scones. Everyone is welcome. Enjoy the fresh air and craic!

Ian and Zandra 028 91457092



The Evergreens

Last Thursday (25th) the Evergreens Club invited several other over 50s Clubs in the Borough to their Halloween Extravaganza, with over 100 people attending in the Parish Hall. Entertainment was by Martin 'Elvis' Rice, who was brilliant. It was difficult at times to distinguish between Martin and the real thing 'Elvis'. Martin was a big hit with all the ladies although the men enjoyed it too. After the tea was served,

Happy Birthday was sung to Geraldine Moore and Duncan Pollack followed by the drawing of the ballot. 'Elvis' then sang a few more hit songs before closing the enjoyable afternoon.

Our thanks for Austen Lennon for Compering for the afternoon

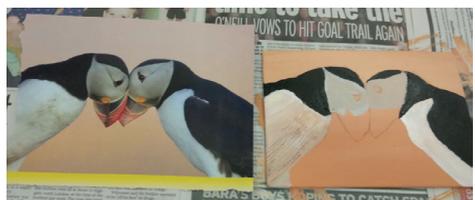
Jackalyn Vaughan
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Art Class

The Art Class is held on Thursdays 2-6pm in the hall. We are all at various stages of artistic abilities and Stuart tries to keep us on the right track!!! Here are some of our efforts in different stages of development./ The Art Class is open for anyone, however much experience you have, or not.

Elaine



How many of our husbands set the table for dinner and fold the napkins? Well, Canon Ronnie Nesbitt from Bangor Abbey does. No, he does not just fold them into a simple triangle. He chooses a range of themes, from 'The Bishop's Hat, the 'GI Cap', 'The Water Lily', 'The Pin Wheel' or 'The Shirt'. Ronnie was the special guest at our October meeting and if anyone thought they might be bored, and did not attend, well you missed a great evening. After the demonstrations, we were all given chance to try our hand at folding – and the winner with the most authentic and attractive 'Shirt' napkin was Hester, guided gently by Heather.

Again, although some of our members were missing through illness or other commitments, it was delightful to see a number of ladies who are not members, just dropping in for a taster. We hope you enjoyed your evening, and will join our lively bunch next year.

Dates for your Diary

Branch Dinner. Thursday 8th November at 7 for 7.30pm. Royal Ulster Yacht Club, Bangor. If you have not already submitted your name, please contact either Mae or Valerie and if you need a lift that will be provided.

Bangor Area Service. 19th November at 7.30pm in our recently restored

Church, followed by supper in the Hall. The service will be led by our rector, Duncan and the guest speaker is Baroness May Blood.

Christmas Party. 3rd December 8pm in the Hall – a relaxing evening with entertainment by Inge and supper

Annual Subscriptions.

Finally, a reminder that the MU year now runs from January to December, so annual subscriptions will be collected in January 2019.

Mae

Magazine Sponsorship

Many thanks for all those who have given and continue to give to the magazine we are so very grateful.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS TO THE MAGAZINE IS 17TH OF EACH MONTH. THANK YOU

taranm@hotmail.co.uk or gpcoffice@btinternet.com or zandrasloan@hotmail.com or via any of the Parish Officials.

Tara Brown



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Vestry Notes October 2018

The drain broken by Phoenix Gas when gas was being brought into the Church Yard six years ago, is still to be fixed. Despite drawing the breakage to the attention of both Northern Ireland Water and Phoenix Gas, no response has as yet been forthcoming.

Dorothy Anne is happy with her discussions with Walter Burke and Barry about shelving for flowers in the renovated church.

The Rector thanked everyone for supporting the Day of Prayer, which he felt had been very rewarding. Heather was asked to write a letter of thanks to Lady Rose.

The Rector was suggesting our Christmas Appeal might support a school in Ethiopia which is having financial difficulties.

The Rector and the Select Vestry agreed that when we are moving items from storage back to the church, decisions should be made about what is fit for purpose. He asked Vestry members to keep time available to help once the builders have moved out.

Plans are well underway for the Service of Rededication and Lunch on 2 December. Heather was thanked for her work to date. Wesley will check the numbers insured on our entertainment licence. Cregagh Church choir will be coming to sing at the Evening Service that day.

The leaves have been cleared away from the Church Halls. William is to examine the fence at the back of the hall. Rectory rental arrangements are working out well. The agent has carried out the first three monthly check. The Rector, William and Bert will liaise about the cutting of the hedges at the Rectory.

“Mr and Mrs” Evening, organised by Mothers’ Union was a great success. The next two events are the Book Fair and the Christmas Fair.

The Rector briefed the Vestry further on the necessary action to be taken to comply with GDPR regulations. He informed the Vestry that guidance from Dublin was excellent but needed a lot of attention. Letters will be sent to every parishioner requesting their consent to hold a record of their data. An individual will be appointed as Data Controller.

The Vestry agreed that the Avril Morley room and the Maxwell Hall can be used for changing purposes on Groomspout Remembrance Day.

Barry asked for numbers attending events in the last six months for his Heritage Lottery fund Completion Report, which will be submitted as soon as possible after the refurbishment has been completed.

Dorothy Anne asked for volunteers to distribute Harvest produce the day after the Service.

Events Update



'Mr and Mrs' Fundraising Evening

This was a fun-packed evening, and thanks to each and every one of you who contributed to its success. Our three couples, William and Florence, John and Helen and Chris and Lorna allowed us to discover what they knew about each other, and what they thought about each other – all in a light-hearted manner. The musical interlude with the ever popular Raven Micks was much appreciated. Thank you also to Peter, my assistant. Special thanks must go to Sean William who surprised everyone by piping our couples into the hall and also for entertaining us while the ladies served supper. As ever, the hall was beautifully decorated by Dorothy Anne and Pearl. We are delighted to report that we raised £1500 for the Church Building Fund





Planned Events 2018

Save the Date!

DEC 02 Rededication Service

DEC 08 Christmas Fair

The following are the Planned Events so far for 2019

JAN 25 This is "Their" Life!

FEB 02 Kildare Shopping Trip

FEB 16 Ladies Breakfast

MAR 05 Pancake Party

MAR 15 Bangor Grammar Orchestra

ALL proceeds from the above events will contribute to the Renovation Project.



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Groomsport Parish Christmas Fair



**Saturday 8th December Doors open 1.30pm – 3.30
Entrance £2.50 including refreshments. Children free**

This is the final opportunity in the monthly Contact to provide you with full details about our forthcoming Christmas Fair, which we hope you will help make bigger and better than ever. Your donations last year were incredible.

This is the biggest fundraiser of the year, but its success is only possible because of YOUR support – whether by donating to the Fair or by supporting it with your presence and encouraging the attendance of as many family and friends as possible.



**DONATIONS ARE REQUIRED
FOR THE FOLLOWING
STALLS PLEASE:**

Craft – you have set the bar very high
over the last two years!

Cakes – as many home -made as
possible please!

Jams and Chutneys (INCLUDING
HOMEMADE SWEETS)

Tombola

Silver and White

Unused Gifts

Jewellery

Toys – in pristine condition please

(Your response has been overwhelming –
no more teddies are required for the new
stall – thank you)



Donations should be left in the hall 11.00am – 1.00pm or 6.00pm – 8.00pm Thursday 6 December and Friday 7 December to allow for pricing and preparation of stalls. Any perishable goods which cannot be left at those times should be left between 9.00am and 10.00am the morning of the Fair.

As last year, all helpers will be wearing Helper badges and will be the only people allowed in the hall prior to the opening of the Fair.

**STALL HOLDERS HAVE BEEN ASKED NOT TO SELL ANY ITEMS
PRIOR TO 1.30PM**

Hall Usage - November

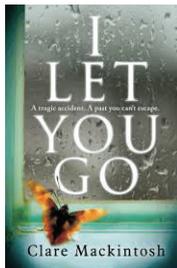
Sunday		
Every Sunday	10.30am	Sunday School Contact: Maggie Townsley & Helen Carter Mob. 07748 208649
Monday		
1st Monday of the month	7.30pm	Select Vestry Meeting Contact: Heather Pentland Mob. 07834 771075
2nd & 4th Mondays of the month	7.30pm	Chattering Needles Chattering Needles is a craft group whose interests include knitting, crochet, cross stitch card making etc. If you want to learn come along. £2 includes supper. For more info please contact me. Jenny 07748580541
3rd Monday of the month	8.00pm	Mothers Union (Maxwell Hall) Contact: Mae Burke Mob. 07810 440492
Tuesday		
2nd Tuesday of the month	8.00pm	Groomsport & District Gardening Club Contact: Yvonne McIlmail Tel: 02891 469420 E. y.mcilmail@sky.com
Every Tuesday	10.15am	Tai Chi for Health 10.15am - 11.15am Contact: Janet Wilson Tel: 028 91077948 Mob: 07703360385 Beginners
Wednesday		
Every Wednesday	9.30am	You can with Ann Motivation & Exercise class Contact: Ann Parker Mob. 07854 787121
Every Wednesday	10.30am	Keep Fit Exercise Class Contact: Ann Parker Mob. 07854 787121
Every Wednesday	2.00pm	Scrabble Contact: Elaine Lester Mob. 07791 569432 E. elliewag57@yahoo.com
Every Wednesday	3pm-4pm	Tai Chi For Health Contact: Janet Wilson Tel: 028 91077948 Mob: 07703360385 Improvers

Every Wednesday	5.30pm	You can with Ann Motivation & Exercise class Contact: Ann Parker Mob. 07854 787121
Every Wednesday	6.30pm	Keep Fit Exercise Class Contact: Ann Parker Mob. 07854 787121
Every Wednesday	7.30pm	Bible Study (Avril Morley Room)
3rd Wednesday of the month	7.30pm	Cookery Club Contact: Heather Magill E. mag16ill@hotmail.co.uk
Thursday		
Every Thursday	2.00pm	Evergreens Open to all over fifty year olds and new members always welcome. Contact: Jackalyn Vaughan Mob. 07803 081064
Every Thursday	2pm- 5pm	Groomsport Parish Art Class Continues to meet on Thursday afternoons. All welcome. Further information Stuart Tanner: 07411178230 or Carol Barbosa: 02891456971
Every Thursday except 1st of the month	7.30pm	Table Tennis Club This is a game for everyone whatever your age so please join us. Contact: John Hand Tel. 028 9146 8061 Mob. 07540 375785
Every Thursday	7.30pm	Chess Club Further information Mark Seidman: 028 91467950 mark@patientendurance.co.uk
Saturday		
4th Saturday of the month	10.00am	Walking for Softies Venues vary. Meeting at 10.00am at chosen location. Contact: Ian and Zandra Sloan Tel. 028 91457092

Book Stall for November

I May I take this opportunity to thank all those who have left books recently; we have had some fascinating contributions. However I cannot use recordings, cassette tapes, DVDs and the like, all of which have been left! I try to maintain the main shelves in alphabetical order of author, so if you leave books, it is really helpful if you do not place them on the shelves but leave them beside the bookcase. This is particularly useful to me as it gives me an opportunity to scan through them for books for my next article for Contact, or to place them in the appropriate shelf.

I Let I Let You Go by Clare Mackintosh

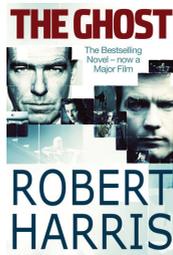


I Let I Let You Go by Clare Mackintosh. A compelling story written in the immediate aftermath of a tragic hit and run of a five year old boy, walking home from school with his mother. The story then takes us to rural Wales

with a distressed and disturbed woman trying to put the past behind her and build a completely new world where no-one knows her. Trying to keep it that way proves increasingly difficult and the reader is drawn in to the process of healing which is slowly working on her. "Compelling" is often used about a good story, but in this case it is well deserved and to add to the satisfaction of the reader, there is a tremendous twist at the end.

The Ghost by Robert Harris

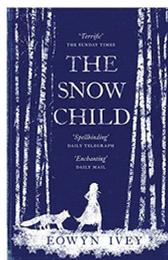
The Ghost by Robert Harris. I read this book some time ago, very conscious



that it was not my kind of book, as I believed. As it was chosen by my reading group I reluctantly settled down to read it. I was wrong! The story is gripping, fast paced and intriguing.

The title refers to the role of the Ghost Writer, much used by footballers and politicians who feel that the world needs to read their life story, but they either have not got the time, or the ability to do it themselves. Beginning with the death of a man, missing from a ferry taking him to Martha's Vineyard, and who is engaged by a former British Prime Minister to assist him in writing his memoirs the story tells us of a writer engaged to replace that late "ghost writer". If you read this it will not take you long to decide that you know exactly who that ex-Prime Minister is! It is at once thrilling, cynical, reflective and wonderfully observant of the vanities of power.

The Snow Child by Eowyn Ivey

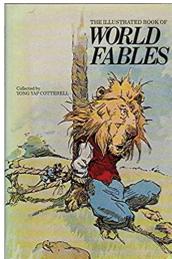


The Snow Child by Eowyn Ivey. Jack and Mabel are a young couple coping with the aftermath of losing a baby. They move to a remote part of Alaska where nothing will remind Mabel of babies

and children. The landscape, wildness and silence of the white world in which they now live are wonderfully depicted. The harsh beauty and cruelty of the place lends itself to the mystery and magic of the story which evolves. The

lifestyle of the young couple is minutely imagined and takes the reader into a very different world from our own. This story is tragic but so beautifully told without ever reducing the reader to utter hopelessness and ultimately it becomes uplifting with its depiction of the power of love. If like me you are all too aware of how close you are to the end of a book I should warn you that there are sixty five pages of stories, acknowledgments, reading group questions and a short story by Arthur Ransome at the end of the book.

World Fables Collected by Yong Yap Cotterell.

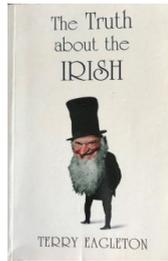


The Illustrated Book of World Fables Collected by Yong Yap Cotterell.

I found this volume recently amongst some new contributions to the book stall. Fables interest many of us, adults and children alike, illustrating as they do universal wisdom in an easily palatable form. The contents page categorise the fables in an interesting way: - Comedy, Tragedy, Justice, Wit, Wisdom, Mystery, Families and so on. Each chapter contains several stories illustrating that element with some being a short paragraph long and others several pages. I would recommend this as a wonderful book to share with a child.

The Truth About the Irish by Terry Eagleton

The Truth About the Irish by Terry Eagleton. After the sadness of some of the books reviewed earlier in this article I thought a dose of humour might be in order. I hope it is acceptable for an Englishwoman to recommend a book



which pokes fun at the Irish! Described as a guide for anyone who has set foot in Ireland, this small book “throws the book at the myths about the Irish”. The format is an alphabetical romp through all that is

often promulgated about Ireland. From your arrival in Dublin Airport to the Zoo in Dublin, encompassing Computers, God, Northern Ireland and Sport along the way, myths are debunked, truths revealed and witty observations made. His observations on Northern Ireland begin with the advice that “There is nothing you can say on this topic which won’t instantly alienate a few million people. So here goes.” I hope you enjoy this light hearted but well informed set of observations. As a Professor of Cultural Theory and a leading literary critic he is well placed to write on the subject. He is of Irish family background although born in England and he lectures as a visiting professor at Trinity College Dublin. I say all this in case anyone is unhappy with the book!

As always, I hope you find something to enjoy, if not in the suggestions above, then in the bookshelves. As always, I would really welcome a contribution from one or two of you who have read a book and are prepared to donate it to the shelves. Otherwise, you are simply stuck with my observations, which may well differ enormously from your own thoughts!

Carol

Thoughts of a Blow In...

Well, it hasn't been our regular autumn weather this September and October. These months can be where we get our compensation for a washout of a summer, but thankfully we did get more than our fair share of sunshine in June and July to see us through the winter.

Not that it has been uniformly awful, but we really have had four seasons in one day! From August onwards, the temperature seemed to go straight from summer to winter and (briefly) back again, and now we have had Storm Callum blowing away all the cobwebs. Hopefully, not all the colourful autumn leaves will be swept away from the trees before we've had time to admire them!

As is usual for term time, I have only spotted the little ones next door briefly as they have traipsed up the front steps on their way home from school in the afternoons. However, the other day, my doorbell went, and I opened the door to find a very animated Emma on my doorstep.

She was obviously bursting to tell me the exciting news that she had found, of all things, a fish lying on the path that runs along between our houses. I showed suitable

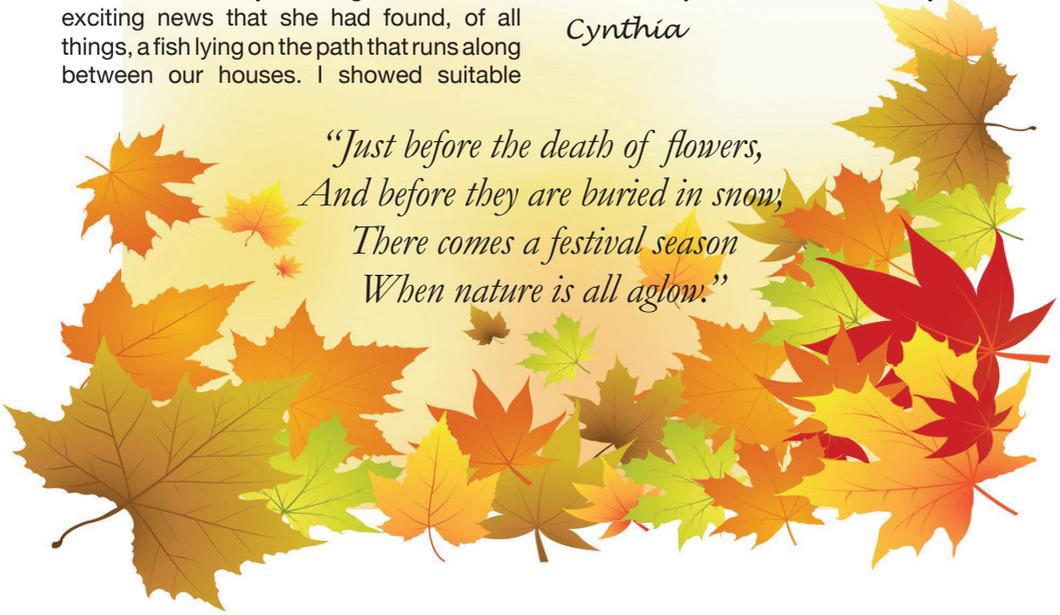
astonishment at this announcement. We agreed that it must have been a very greedy seagull that had dropped it while trying to fly over the roof and then Emma scampered off again.

A few minutes after that, my doorbell went again and there were a giggling Emma and Leo (wearing his oldest sister's rather too big sparkly wellies) complete with a fishing net and the somewhat deceased looking fish at the bottom of it, evidently needing my admiration. We briefly discussed how this was absolutely not going to be taken into their house, but with mummy's help, taken over the road and reunited with the sea.

A little later, I was in the porch and heard a stern parental voice in the passageway outside. I looked up to see a disembodied fishing rod, net swaying proudly, still holding its fishy prize. I really had to stifle my own giggles!

Thinking of those vibrant autumn leaves, I thought this poem by an unknown author was a lovely verse for this time of year.

Cynthia



*“Just before the death of flowers,
And before they are buried in snow,
There comes a festival season
When nature is all aglow.”*

Prayer Room

There are still a few prayers left from last year's fishing net to share:-

Lord, help each and every one of us to see that spark of the divine in each person that we encounter.



Let understanding, tolerance and acceptance start with us and spread throughout the world.



Dear Father, I pray for my sister that you would speak to her, comfort her and show her that she is not alone – she just needs to ask. Amen.



Loving Father of us all, I commend our sister in Christ, Rita, into your care. May her new life be blessed by your presence, and may she find peace and joy there.



Dear Lord, protect all peoples affected by war, especially the little children, the innocents.



Remember those debilitated by chronic sickness and weakness.

It is, I think, valuable to look at what others are praying for. It may jolt us into thinking differently about our prayers.

Amen

Carol

*In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.*

*We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.*

*Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.*

Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae, 1915



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