

See, I am doing a new thing!

**Now it springs up; do you
not perceive it?**

Isaiah 43:19



The Beacon is Lit!

As I write this it's only been a short while since over 100 fiery beacons were lit outside the 100+ church buildings in our Diocese, representing our outcry to God for the Gospel of Jesus to be kindled into flame in our land. Our own beacon overlooked the sea, all the way across to Scotland, and profoundly represented unity as those from other churches joined us too.

When we see God gathering people to pray from the heart, it's an early sign of the springtime of His Spirit, the little leaf-buds of new life ready to burst into life.

Easter greets us as we collide beautifully with the Gospel of Jesus, the Good News of His death for us and victory over death as He is made alive forever. This beacon is burning forever as Jesus is still alive now, ascended to the heavenly places where, as we say each week in the Creed, we know He will one day return make all things new. Jesus is alive right now, as we hold this Contact in our hands - at the right hand of God our Father, praying for us! "I am the Living One; I was dead, and now look, I am alive for ever and ever!" (from Revelation 1:8).

The Beacon is still Burning! And this beacon is the burning heart of Jesus Christ... "Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?" (from Romans 8:34-35) Right now at this moment He bears our names before our Father and prays that each of us might know Him. Our prayer, if it is true in any way, is His own Spirit, our great Intercessor, flowing through us! This Beacon will shine forever, the Good News that the life of Jesus blazes on brighter than ever.

Why is this the Gospel, or the Good News, for us? Because we come to God not because we are worthy, or because we are decent people, or because we go to church, or because we have done anything to earn His favour. By no means! We can't come to Jesus unless we stop thinking we can save ourselves. Instead, we come because our Good Shepherd, Jesus Christ, has with heart ablaze, come to find us, and put out His hand as we are stuck in the sinking mud of our own failure and sin, gently calling us to put all our trust in Him. He calls us to trust Him to save us, to take away our guilt by His death, and bring us from death to life by joining us to His own resurrection life. He wants His own life to flow through our veins! The Good News is that we can be joined to Jesus, as a branch to a luscious Vine, and joined into all His love and life, salvation and joy, to flow into us as living water forever!

This is why our Lord founded the Church, the people of God. This is why we celebrate at His table in bread and wine. This is why we gather, why we pray, why we sing! This is the entire reason for our existence as Groomspoint Parish Church. His heart is burning as an everlasting Beacon for us, as He invites every one of us to be set ablaze by this Living Flame!

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Sunday 9:30 am - Sunday Fun

**Sunday 7.30 pm (Fortnightly) -
Youth Pizza and Games Night**

**Wednesday 11 am - Prayer for Revival
(in Church)**

Tuesday 7 pm - Compline

Thursday 11 am - Holy Communion

**10.30 - Holy Communion at the
Chapel in Mount Stewart on the first
Wednesday of every month.**

February and March 2024

The Second Sunday of Easter

7th April

8:30 am	Holy Communion
10:30 am	Family Service
6:00 pm	Evening Prayer

Coffee in the church hall after the 10:30 am service. Hosted by Gordon and Shelly Boyd, Alan and Lettie Barton.

The Third Sunday of Easter

14th April

8:30 am	Holy Communion
10:30 am	Parish Communion
6:00 pm	Compline

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

21st April

8:30 am	Holy Communion
10:30 am	Service of the Word
6:00 pm	Evening Prayer

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

28th April

8:30 am	Holy Communion
10:30 am	Morning Prayer
6:00 pm	Holy Communion

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

5th May

8:30 am	Holy Communion
10:30 am	Family Service
6:00 pm	Evening Prayer

The Seventh Sunday of Easter The Sunday after the Ascension Day

12th May

8:30 am	Holy Communion
10:30 am	Parish Communion
6:00 pm	Compline

Coffee in the church hall after the 10:30 am service. Hosted by Colin and Joan Haddick and Rosemary and Trevor Smith.

The Day of Pentecost

19th May

8:30 am	Holy Communion
10:30 am	Service of the Word
6:00 pm	Evening Prayer

Trinity Sunday

26th May

8:30 am	Holy Communion
10:30 am	Morning Prayer
6:00 pm	Holy Communion

The First Sunday after Trinity

2nd June

8:30 am	Holy Communion
10:30 am	Family Service
6:00 pm	Evening Prayer



Celebrating 30 Years of Rev Faith Cully

On Thursday 14th March, Rev'd Faith Cully presided at our Thursday Holy Communion to celebrate 30 years since her ordination. She was part of "the Bristol 32", the first 32 women ever ordained in The Church of England, in Bristol Cathedral on that historic day of 12 March 1994.

They faced intense media attention and even billboards and protests - their pre-ordination retreat was in a secret location and on the bus journey they sang Taize chants to calm themselves and prepare as the eyes of the nation were on them. These courageous pioneers followed God's call for them and have since been used by Him to spread the Gospel of Jesus across nations... in Faith's case, this includes coming to shine a light for Jesus here to Groomsport!

Faith has collected some of the media coverage of this momentous event over the years, which you can see below - also including some more recent articles about her ministry since, including abseiling off a church tower! We also took special photos of her today to celebrate all God has done in her life, and the lives of many others as a result of the new recognition of this call of God to thousands women as of 12 March 1994.



*Please pray for
elizabeth faith cully
to be ordained
priest*

*by Barry, Bishop of Bristol
in Bristol Cathedral
on Saturday, 12th March 1994
and for the people of St. Johns, Fishponds,
where she serves, and where she will
celebrate the holy eucharist
for the first time
on Sunday, 13th March 1994*

Faith's faith leads her into a career in the priesthood

Report by Ruth Loney

A FORMER Lagan woman has made history in the Church of England as the first from Ulster to be ordained as a priest.

The 41-year-old Faith Cully, whose father John was the former vicar of St John's in Shan Street, Lurgan, took one of 32 women priests to be ordained on Saturday 12 March 1994.

She was one of the first women to be ordained in the Church of England since the 1960s when the first women were ordained as deacons.

Faith, who was born in Lurgan, has been a member of the Church of England since she was 12. She was a member of the Lagan Valley Diocese until 1988 when she moved to the Diocese of Bristol.

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London have come from all over the world for the service which is being held in the nave of the cathedral.

Msgr. John O'Connell, the bishop of Bristol, will officiate at the service which is being held in the nave of the cathedral.

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Msgr. Faith Cully pictured after her ordination as a priest in Bristol cathedral with the Very Rev. Canon Stephen Lambert, Bishop of Bristol.

A day of joy for 32 new priests

The first women priests of the Church of England were ordained at Bristol Cathedral yesterday.

The historic service took place amid a storm of controversy which erupted to rage over an issue which has divided the church and led to some Anglicans joining the Roman Catholic Church.

But for the 32 women ordained yesterday it was a day of joy and the fulfilment of a long-held dream.

From today they will be able to administer Holy Communion, grant absolution and say Masses.

The new priests are pictured with the Bishop of Bristol, the Rev Barry Rogerson.



Rev'd Faith Cully - 30 years!

Making history as one of the first 32 women ever ordained as priest, in the Church of England, on 12 Mar 1994. First presided at Holy Communion on Mothering Sunday the next day - complete with daffodils for everyone!



March 1994



March 2024

World Day of Prayer

We went to a wonderful World Day of Prayer service at Bangor Citadel Salvation Army on Friday 1st March which featured our very own Jubilate, the wonderful singing group that meets in our church building!

On the way in we were met with a beautiful table displaying items inspired by Palestine culture, olives being a big feature.



We then celebrated with our own version of the World Day of Prayer service, led by women from different churches in the area, all coming together to seek God together as one

Our table included olives, fruit and cacti inspired by our Palestinian sisters in Christ who this year prepared the prayers for our gathering of the World Day of Prayer that we were delighted to host here this evening... Such an amazing joy to join with sisters and brothers in Christ all over the world!

The Bible on the table is opened at Ephesians 4, the beautiful call to be “bearing with one another in love” - we love the way our Lord works miracles in bringing together His people from such diverse ranges of cultural, age, community, race, gender and political backgrounds. The love of God is powerful to tear through any barrier.



Jubilate



A picture from The Spectator of the Jubilate Singers who were invited to sing at the World Day of Prayer in Bangor Citadel Salvation Army.

From the Registers

Holy Baptism

17th February 2024

Poppy Scott

Holy Rest

5th February

Maureen Lightbody (Memorial service on 2nd February)

5th February

Maisie Withers

22nd March

Joan Weller (Memorial service 30th March)

February and March Vestry Minutes

At the beginning of the February meeting, Bert reiterated the need for us to ask permission at Church events to take photographs for Safeguarding reasons.

Elliot explained to the Vestry that as well as fulfilling their duties in dealing with finance, fixtures and fittings, he would like to introduce a fourth F for Future - and for the Select Vestry to take a visionary approach. He has asked Vestry members to each complete a SOAR (Strengths, Opportunities, Aspirations and Results) analysis, a variation on a SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats) exercise. Elliot explained that John McKee would lead the discussion groups at the Vestry meeting specifically arranged for analysis of the SOAR contributions, as John had experience of this kind of thing in a past life.

£550 has been given to CMS.

Sunday Fun Club is growing in popularity, the Pizza fun nights are taking a little longer to grow and need a lot of prayer. It would seem the Summer Term will hopefully see the launch of the Mum and Toddlers group on Friday mornings. William suggested mentioning the Pizza nights on the Groomsport Football Facebook page.

William is contacting the architect and is meeting with Tony to investigate the damp around some windows in the

Church and is also arranging for someone to come out about the problems with the heating in the Church. The dishwasher has as been repaired. Gordon has explained that nothing more can be done about the step at the back of the Church – we have signs, lighting and grab handles. Kate asked William to research Sensor lighting outside the hall. William and Gordon have been given up to £350 to purchase a buffer for the floor in the Canon Tyney Hall. William and Gordon are also investigating the possibility of a bigger fridge freezer for the kitchen – a decision is yet to be made by the Select Vestry. Kate has agreed to sew buttons on around 30 of the cushions in the Church.

Gordon and Ashley are impressed with the Trial Hall Management system to date.

Kate has all relevant paperwork on Safeguarding up to date. All those involved in the Men's Breakfast were thanked for their contribution to its success.

Pauline's team is taking advice on food hygiene regulations and trying to keep it as simple as possible. Mae has agreed to become our Christian Aid representative.

Permission was given for Rachel Cummings to have use of the hall on 13 February for a fundraising event linked to Uganda. Barclay Communications has been employed to upgrade the Office and

Pauline's Thursday Soup and scones has become so busy, Barry has been asked to change the opening times of the Archives on the relevant Thursdays. William agreed to look at the bookshelf situation for Jubilate.

Jim asked about the use of wine at Holy Communion, but Elliot explained he wants every single person to feel free to participate fully in both sacraments.

At the March meeting the list of Vestry Men was reviewed in preparation for the Easter Vestry on 14 April.

As Barry had decided to stand down from the Select Vestry, he was invited for Coffee so he could be thanked officially for the immense amount of work he has done on securing grants for the Parish. Bert arranged a bespoke present for him.

Elliot is looking forward to the Prayer room and to the Easter Breakfast. In May there will be an Art Exhibition and Elliot will organise a children's Art competition at the same time.

Permission has been given in principle for Maggie Townsley to start an After Schools Club as a new venture.

There was some discussion about the role of the Archivist and how it might be developed in the future. A lot more research needs to be done on this subject.

The March meeting ended with some very good news for Elliot - £2,000 was given to him by a parishioner to spend how he wishes, in whatever way he wishes on children and young people projects without having to ask permission from Select Vestry.

Heather



The Raving Micks

How fortunate we are to have members of The Raving Micks in our congregation. When Bert offered to give us a concert, we jumped at the chance. He and Trevor collected the rest of their group on Friday 2nd February and entertained us royally. From a violin to a spade, we heard a variety of musical instruments and many well known tunes. However, for many people, the highlight of the evening was the song Whiskey in the Jar, when Bert persuaded Elliot to sing with him. This caused much laughter and applauding and people are still talking about it!

Bert, Trevor and friends – we are already looking forward to the next time. Thank you for such a wonderful evening.



Mens' Breakfast

Our biennial Mens' Breakfast was held on 24 February. At 10am that morning in the Canon Tyney Hall, around seventy gentlemen gathered in eager and hungry anticipation of a deliciously hot and rewarding cooked breakfast. We weren't disappointed, and were well served by a hard working team of Parish ladies, decked out in their black waitress attire and white aprons. Our Guest Speaker was Dr. Stanton Adair who entertained us with a light-hearted account of his time as both a local GP, and abroad as an health service administrator in Saudi Arabia. But we were surprised and delighted to receive a Guest Superstar from far off Memphis, who just happened to be passing through little old Groomsport on his way to a mega gig at the village hall in downtown Tobermore, or so it was rumoured! Whatever, it was an enjoyable morning and we extended our grateful thanks to all who had made it possible.



Youth Trip to the Elite Centre!

As part of our new schedule for activities into the summer term, we had a great time axe throwing and shooting arrows on Sunday 10th March!



GROOMSPORT PARISH CHURCH

Youth Fellowship

INVITES YOU TO

SUMMER YOUTH SUNDAYS 2024



OUR SUMMER SOCIALS FOR LIGHT RELIEF THIS EXAM SEASON

SUNDAY	WHAT?	WHERE?	TIME? COST?
APR 14	Laserquest Tournament	Trigger Happy Activity Centre, Belfast, BT4 1JB	3-4pm £10 (Optional)
APR 28	Mario Kart Wii Grand Prix	Cove Bay, Groomsport (Get in touch for address!)	7:30-8:30pm Free
MAY 12	Photo Safari Competition	Meet at Maxwell Hall, 30 Main St, Groomsport	7:30-8:30pm Free
JUN 2	Axe Throwing & Archery	Elite Centre, Bloomfield Shopping Centre, Bangor	4-5pm Free
JUN 16	Paddle Boarding (TBC)	Strangford Lough Activity Centre	2-4pm £15 (Optional)

OPEN TO ALL AGE 13-18 OF **ALL** BACKGROUNDS

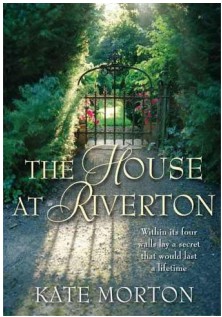
Interested in coming? Just WhatsApp or e-mail our minister Elliot at 07957 724965 or elliotgroomsport@gmail.com for more details or to RSVP

We love seeing new people so bring friends & spread the word!

Book Reviews for the Spring by Carol

At last, the days are drawing out, the sun appears more often and we are able to enjoy the fresh air with a little more comfort. More good news is that we have a date for the next Book Fair! It will be Saturday June 8th. Please start looking out books that you are ready to part with. I can only take fiction for the shelves until then, but for the fair, non-fiction contributions will be very welcome. In the meantime please leave any fiction contributions beside the shelves and I will put them away in the appropriate places. We currently have quite a few gaps on the shelves.

The House at Riverton by Kate Morton

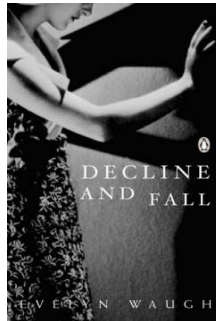


The size of this novel may seem daunting, but if you enjoy a good story don't let that put you off. Its almost six hundred pages I found riveting. The narrator is a very elderly lady coming

to the end of her life and remembering with increasing intensity her life in the house at Riverton. She was sent there by her mother at the tender age of fourteen to be a maid at the big house, as indeed her mother had been before her. This is in nineteen twenty-four and is recalled by the elderly lady in nineteen ninety-nine. The girl is Grace and to her surprise she is immediately accepted into the household

as a lowly housemaid at fifteen pounds a year. As the elderly Grace deals with her current life as best she can, she increasingly spends time reflecting on the past, encouraged by a young woman called Ursula who is making a film about the love affair which ended so dramatically and tragically at Riverton. The story is gripping, the characters very believable and the writing powerful and effective. Grace does well at the house and gradually develops a relationship with the elder daughter Hannah, most particularly when she becomes her lady's maid. I cannot recommend this book too highly.

Decline and Fall by Evelyn Waugh

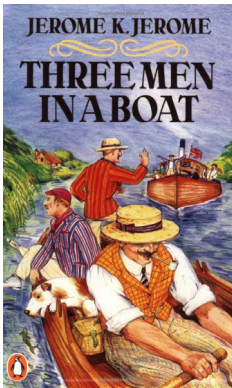


By contrast this book is relatively short and very different. Paul Pennyfeather is sent down from Oxford in disgrace for an event in which he is entirely innocent. Going to a scholastic agent he is sent for interview to Llanabba Castle, a

school which is in need of a Junior assistant master in a range of subjects, for which Paul is totally unfitted. Once there he muddles through but again ends up in disaster, only retrieved by the eccentric and hugely wealthy Margot Beste-Chetwynde, the mother of one of the pupils at the school. Published in nineteen twenty-eight it is very much of its time

and the racist language in places will cause many deep discomfort. It is not called Decline and Fall for nothing as each time Paul gets out of one catastrophe it is not long before another befalls him. Very stylishly written as might be expected of Waugh it is nevertheless a book which will not appeal to everyone.

Three Men in a Boat by Jerome K. Jerome.



Another piece of classic writing loved by thousands for its humour and style. The story begins by introducing George, Harris, Jerome (always referred to as "J."), and Jerome's dog, Montmorency.

After a relaxing evening together discussing their various imagined complaints they decide that they are overworked and need a holiday. After a variety of suggestions which are overruled for assorted humorous reasons they decide to hire a boat and take a trip up the Thames, from Kingston upon Thames to Oxford, camping each night. It immediately becomes clear that even pooling their accomplishments they are totally unsuitable for the venture.

Originally planned by Jerome as a travel guide, it contains many references to historical associations along their route, often in great detail, but these are somewhat overwhelmed by the

extremely amusing situations in which they find themselves. I doubt I am the only one who whizzed through the 'travel guide' aspects of the book in order to read what scrape they were about to get into next. The three men are different in every way but it is that the other two are dependent on him to see the project through. One always seems to sleep, one is forever dodging difficult tasks of which there are many on the river trip, J of course, as the narrator is always in the right! The dog, Montmorency is a character in its own right, often extremely funny too. Their joint attempts at arranging sleeping quarters, providing meals and maintaining the boat are all very amusing with J observing, having spent a morning tidying the boat that he now understands what women do all day in the house! Despite its age the humour of this book is enduring.

Just three books to peruse this month but I hope you find something to enjoy on the shelves.



Goodbye

On Sunday 10th March we said Goodbye to long standing and much loved parishioners, Dorothy and David McKnight. They have moved to the sunny climes of Ballymena! We are sorry to see them go and wish them health and every happiness in their new home.



Groomspoint Evangelical Presbyterian Church (EPC)

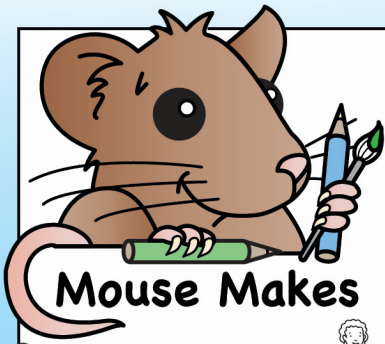
On Thursday 21 March, some of the ladies of our Parish accepted the kind invitation from The Ladies' Fellowship of EPC, to join them for an inspiring story from Jean Garland, a former missionary in Nigeria. Her talk was based on John 11, and the death of Lazarus.

She interspersed stories of her own family life with that of Lazarus, Mary and Martha. Jean recounted a very traumatic episode in her own life when she had been misdiagnosed with Motor Neurone Disease.

Afterwards we were treated to some wonderful refreshments, ranging from fresh cream sponge cake to little fruit skewers. More than enough to eat. It had been such an enjoyable and friendly evening. The EPC ladies had us all feel very special.

The next day, by odd coincidence I discovered that Jean's son Peter, had attended Queens' medical school along with my son, and they still keep in touch! Zandra





Mouse Makes

Some time after Jesus had risen a few of His disciples met together to go fishing. They fished all night but caught nothing. As the sun rose a man on the shore asked; "Have you caught anything?" "Not a thing" they answered.



He said to them "Throw your net out onto the right side of the boat and you will catch some."

So they did and they and they caught so many fish they could not pull in the net.

Then John recognised the man, "It is the Lord!"



READ

the story in **John 21**



How many times had the risen Jesus revealed himself to the disciples before this?

Read John 21:14



How many disciples were there? Who were they?

Read John 21: 11

How many fish did they catch? Read John 21: 11



DISCIPLES • TIBERIAS • SEA • SIMON PETER • THOMAS • NATHANAEL • JOHN • DAY FISHING • BOAT • NIGHT • CAUGHT • NOTHING • WATER • SHORE • FISH • CAST • NET RIGHT • FIND • HAUL • LORD • FULL • LAND • FIRE • BREAD • BREAKFAST • JESUS

Walking for Softies

Over the past two months we have been fortunate with the weather. In January we caught the train from Bangor to Carnalea. From there we walked back to Pickie Cafe. It was a pleasant walk and as ever the craic was great. Several people joined us at Pickie for coffee and scones. It was lovely to welcome them.

February saw a last minute change of plan. We had originally agreed to meet at the Crowne Plaza Hotel and walk along the Lagan Towpath. However, there was a large rugby tournament taking place near the Plaza and the car parks were full. So after some quick thinking, we opted instead to walk in Barnett's Park. We did a leisurely two laps and then proceeded to Malone House and Cafe Nosh for our coffee and scones. The staff attended us very well, considering we arrived with no booking.

March was a visit to Antrim Castle Gardens.

If anyone would like to join us, our April walk will be to the National Trust Gardens at Rowallane; May will see us at the Quoile Pondage near Downpatrick, followed by lunch at Finnebrogue Wood. We meet on the last Saturday of each month, at 10am in the car park of the chosen venue. Speak to us if you're interested.

Zandra + Ian



An Obedient Man

Acts 9, v10-19.

My name is Ananias and I live in Damascus. I have followed the teachings of Jesus for some time but have been deeply concerned at the terrible behaviour of one Saul who has been persecuting cruelly those who follow Jesus. One day I heard that Saul was approaching Damascus breathing terrible threats on all who opposed his mission. You may imagine my terror when I was confronted with the challenge to face this man. It happened this way.

I was praying at home when Jesus spoke to me in a vision telling me to go to a house in Damascus in the street called Straight, at Judas' house to look for Saul. I protested, feebly I suppose, for who can refuse a challenge from Jesus? The Lord told me that Saul too had had a vision and was expecting a man called Ananias to come to the house and lay his hands on him. I replied that I had heard from many how much evil he had done to Jesus' followers in Jerusalem and I knew that he had authority to capture all who followed Jesus. Inevitably my protests were in vain and the Lord insisted. He told me that Saul was an instrument whom Jesus had chosen to take His name further, to gentiles and kings and all the people of Israel. He also told me that He would show Saul how much he would suffer for His sake. What could I do in the face of this? I went and found the house and found Saul, a pitiful enough creature to be sure, he hadn't eaten nor drunk

since his encounter with the Lord and could not see at all. I laid my hands on him and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy spirit". Immediately I saw something fall from his eyes and his sight returned.

He got up and took refreshments and his strength returned. Shortly afterwards he started preaching in the synagogues here and everyone was amazed at what he said. They all knew him, as I had, as a persecutor of those who follow the Lord, but now he was exhorting people to do just that. I was deeply humbled to realise the part that I had played, despite my fears, in helping Saul to become the Paul he became.

Carol



Confidential Bereavement Support Group

The confidential Bereavement Support Group will run on the second Thursday of every month at 2 pm, in the Maxwell Hall.

We are so fortunate to have Muriel Cairns, one of our own parishioners, leading the group. Muriel is a retired Social Worker, working with the elderly and vulnerable adults. She has experience volunteering with Childline and Relate and is currently working as a volunteer in Belfast Trust Bereavement Team. Muriel is keen to stress that gatherings are completely confidential, and anything discussed will not leave the four walls of the Maxwell Hall.

She also wishes you to know that the group welcomes **all ages** and **all those who have lost someone important to them**.

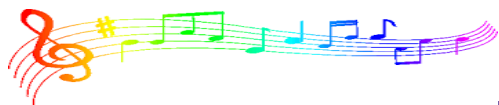
You can either just turn up or you can give Muriel a call on 07976 239 896 if you would like further details.

Sing for Fun

This is a new enterprise which Pauline Harrison and Mary Cargill have decided to try out. It is intended to bring together dementia sufferers and their carers, and anyone else interested in singing for fun for one hour each month to sing songs and enjoy a bit of a change from “normal” everyday life. Join us on the Second Tuesday of each month at 2 pm in the Canon Tyney Hall. We hope that you will support our venture so that it may become a regular event. If you want any further details, give either of us a call.

Mary- 028 9147 4098 or

Pauline- 07745 191808



GROOMSPORT PARISH CHURCH

Spring Art

EXHIBITION



2nd - 5th May 2024
in the Maxwell Halls



The exhibition preview on Thursday night will be
opened by the artist *GRAHAME BOOTH*

Opening Times:

Thursday 2nd 7.30pm - 9pm

Friday - Saturday 10am - 8pm

Sunday 12.30pm - 6pm

Admission Free

DONATIONS ACCEPTED

Contact Susan for
further information:
07867 782 395



Clubs and Activities in the Church Hall

Monday

Every week	Groomsport Art Club	1.30 pm	Contact Elaine 07791 569432
Third Monday in the month	Mothers' Union	7.30 pm	Contact Sally 07939 448402
First Monday in the month	Select Vestry meeting	7.30 pm	Contact Heather 07834 771075

Tuesday

First Tuesday in the month	The Tuesday Club	2 pm	Contact Mary 07359 373770
Second Tuesday in the month	Sing for Fun	2 pm (further details in magazine)	Contact Pauline 07745 191808 or Mary 07359 373770

Wednesday

Every week	Mojos Club	9.30 am	Contact Elaine 07791 569432
Every week	Prayer for Revival	11 am (in Church)	Contact Elliot 07957 724965
Every week	Scrabble Club	2 pm	Contact Elaine 07791 569432
Every week	Crafty Stitchers	2 pm	Contact Susan 07867 782395
Every week	Silver Spurs Line Dancing Club	8 pm	Contact Gillian 07968 225619

Mothers' UNION
Christian care for families



Thursday

First and Third Thursday in the month	Coffee, Scones and Soup	11 am	Contact Pauline 07745 191808
Second Thursday in the month	New Confidential Bereavement Group	2 pm	Contact Muriel 07976 239896
Every week	Jubilate practice in Church	2 pm	Contact Maurice 07752 569999
Every week	Thai Chi	2 pm	Contact Janet 07703 360385
Second and Fourth Thursday	Bangor Art Club	7 pm	Gordon 07583 027517
First Thursday in the month	Groomsport Masonic Lodge	7.30 pm	Contact Jonathan 07876 687517
Every week	Chess Club	7.30 pm	Brendan 07871 037506

Friday

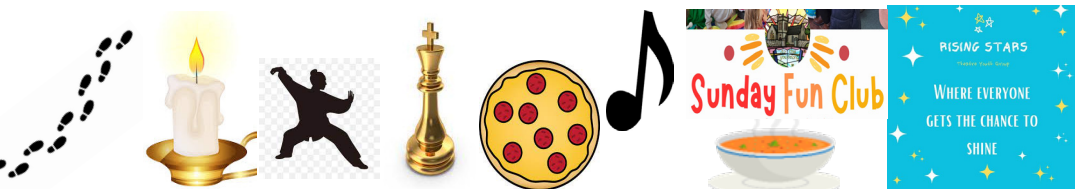
Every Week	Rising Stars Theatre Youth Group	3 pm	Contact Poppy 07711 062137
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Saturday

Last Saturday in the month	Walking for Softies	10 am	Contact Ian 07968401387 for details of location
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Sunday

Every Sunday	Sunday Fun Club	9.30 am	Contact Elliot 07957 724965
Fortnightly	Youth Pizza and Games Night	7:30 pm (in local home)	Contact Elliot 07957 724965





Sunday Fun Club

A new group for primary school children & parents/carers/grandparents (+ preschool siblings) to have fun exploring following Jesus together!

9:30-10:30am every Sunday, Church Halls



Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in
Exodus 7:14-10:29, 12:21-23, 29-33, 14:5-29

God told Pharaoh to let the Hebrew slaves leave Egypt, but he refused. God then showed his power over Egypt (and its gods)...

The Nile turned blood red (Hapi)

Frogs (Heket)

Gnats (Geb)

Swarms (Khepri)

Death of livestock (Hathor)

Boils and sores (Sekhmet)

Hail (Seth and Nut)

Locusts (Nepri)

Darkness (Ra)

.. but Pharaoh still said 'No!'

God told the Hebrews to prepare to leave, and each family to kill and cook a lamb. He told them..



Mark your house door with the lamb's blood.



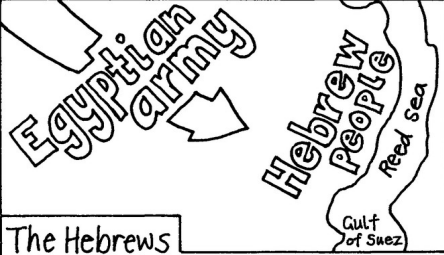
That night, in each un-marked house, the eldest son died.



The Hebrews left Egypt...



but Pharaoh followed with his army.



The Hebrews were trapped by the Red Sea..

God made a cloud to hide them from the Egyptians..



and sent a wind. By morning the sea bed was dry and they walked across..



.. but as the Egyptians followed, the water flowed back.



HARBOUR TOTS

Our new parent & toddler group

FRIDAY MORNINGS 10-11:30AM

...in our church halls, 30 Main St, Groomsport, BT19 6JR

Summer Term - Fridays weekly April 12 to June 28 (Except 3 May & 21 June)

Includes open play with toys, tunnels and ball pits, and story & song time... Free of charge and all welcome!