

# Parish Mirror

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## From the Rector

It seems strange to be writing what is in effect a farewell column in the Parish Mirror, and it does not seem to be just over thirty years since we arrived. It may have seemed longer to some of you reading it!

I want to outline some of the very positive things that have happened in those years. The parish has changed, and so too has Malahide. We have become much more cosmopolitan and international, and we have been increasingly joined by new members who are playing a role in our affairs and leadership. We have, in fact, adapted to the new Ireland, and we have strengthened our ecumenical involvement and fellowship within the wider community. Today, our common witness as Christians in an increasingly cynical society is of vital importance in preserving social stability, and as Anglicans we are able to show a balance which is often lacking in the past, between enthusiasm and inclusiveness.

While buildings are not the ultimate purpose of any Christian community, they provide a base for witness and worship, and in the thirty years past, we have greatly improved our Churches and other facilities. St Doulagh's is in better order than it has been since its restoration in the 1860s, and St Andrew's has been completely renovated, culminating with roof repairs and renewal of the lighting last year, and St Marnock's Chapel provides a flexible worship and gathering space which is the envy of most parishes. Our Parish

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## *The draw for the Christmas Raffle. Featuring: The Masked Fund-raisers of Malahide Parish*

They're quick on the draw, and they raised over €5,000!

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## *2020 SPAB John Betjeman Award*

We have just received official confirmation that the conservation work at St Doulagh's Church has been awarded the prestigious 2020 SPAB John Betjeman Award.

Established in 1990 and named in honour of writer, conservation campaigner and SPAB Committee member (1952-1977) Sir John Betjeman, this award celebrates excellence in the repair of places of worship of all denominations and faiths.

It is confirmation that the professionals we engaged were of the highest calibre.

The granting of this award will help to raise our profile in heritage terms, which will indirectly increase our chances for future grants etc.

*Ken McAllister*

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## Parish Registers

### Christian Burial

3rd December, in St Andrew's Churchyard after service in church, **William Tyndall Heath**, 98 Seapark, Malahide

Willie Heath was a very longstanding and faithful member of the parish. He will be remembered for many things, as a regular attender in St Andrew's, for the faith he demonstrated over twenty years ago during the long illness of his beloved wife, Lorna; for many years organising with Anne Taplin a parish social society which among other things visited Belfast on a freezing cold winter's day for, among other things, an open top tour of the city, a visit to Wicklow Gaol and one to Hillsborough Castle, and a series of visits to the Theatre in Rush, and for his own personal travels which continued into his late eighties to places including Slovakia, Hungary, Australia where he had a number of relatives, and to South-East Asia. These were individual explorations, not undertaken in the luxury of conducted tours. Until a few years ago when his health began to fail, and he had to move to a nursing home in Bray near his daughter, Gillian, Willie was one of those people who never seemed to age, and always adapted to the changes of society.

Sadly, for someone who seemed to make friends of all he met, Willie died in the pandemic, and otherwise the church would have been packed to overflowing rather than simply with his close family only present. The Rector was assisted by Rev Trevor Stephenson, Chaplain in Crinken which he attended from the nursing home while he was at all able. We offer our sympathy to Gillian (Bray) and his son, Lloyd (Clondalkin) and their families in their deep loss of one who played a unique role in so many lives, wherever he went.

31st December 2020, **Mabel Alexandra Moody**, 30 Galtrim Grange, Malahide. Cremated at Dardistown following service in St Andrew's Church.

Mabel died after a short illness in Beaumont Hospital. Originally from the south side, she had been a parishioner for many years. Until a few weeks ago, she was often to be found on a Sunday morning in the back gallery of St Andrew's Church and if not, in Wicklow where her daughter Amanda lived. We offer our sympathy to all the family in their great loss. Her funeral service was conducted by Rev Jack Kinkead, Rector of Wicklow, and her ashes will be interred with those of her husband, Liam.

### Vacancy Arrangements

During the vacancy in the parish, Rev. Lesley Robinson, Rural Dean of Fingal, will act as priest in charge. She will be available for emergencies at email [revlesleyrobinson@gmail.com](mailto:revlesleyrobinson@gmail.com) or mobile no. 0879091561

The ministry team in Clontarf will primarily be looking after the services during the vacancy.

A service rota for Jan/ Feb is outlined on page 7 of this edition of the Mirror.

However, under the current Covid 19 restrictions all services will be live-streamed until further notice. Arrangements for this have not been finalised at the time of going to press. Details of the streaming arrangements will be published on the parish website (<http://malahide.dublin.anglican.org/>) and in the weekly email to parishioners.

As you will see, there will be no early Holy Communion Service in Malahide for the time being, and Sunday services in St. Doulagh's and St. Andrew's will continue at their usual service times, but both will be Holy Communion or Service of the Word.

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## Three parishioners elected to the General Synod

Our three lay representatives at Diocesan Synod, **Patricia Barker**, **Claire Craig** and **Lucy Michael** have achieved a rare feat: all three of them have been elected to the General Synod of the Church for 2021-23 as representatives of our Diocese, and we congratulate them on this remarkable achievement, all the greater since all three were new members of Diocesan Synod, and that Synod was held virtually by Zoom! Provided Covid-19 is on the way out, the next meeting of Synod will be held in Armagh next May and all three are looking forward to the experience!

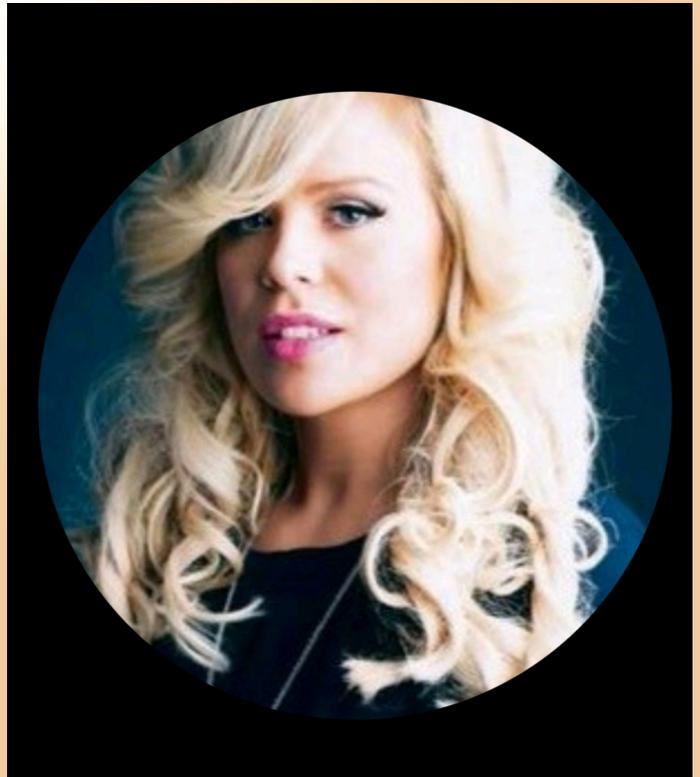
*Brian Brown*



**Lucy Michael**



**Patricia Barker**



**Claire Craig**

## Picking the winning Raffle Ticket.



## Raffle Winners for Christmas Raffle 2020.

Jaipur voucher:

Shelbourne Hotel voucher:

Smyth's Butchers voucher:

Champagne & Glasses:

Toy Shop voucher:

Picnic Basket:

Orla Cluff

Margaret Harte

Tom Healy

Nancy O'Regan

Pat Barker

Harper Nagle

Luxurious Hamper:

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Tony Byrne's menswear voucher:

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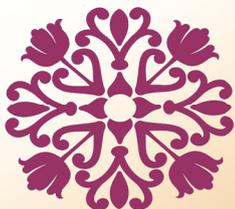
Ken McAlister

Douglas Goodwin

Ian Crampton

Bert Bailey

Wanda Ludgate



## Poppy Day Appeal

The annual Poppy Day appeal took place on Sunday 8th November.

This year there were no Church collections because of Covid 19 restrictions and individual donations were the sole source of contributions.

The total amount collected was €225, compared with 2019 figure of €550. Individual donations increased by €95 over the preceding year figure.

Many thanks to those who contributed so generously to the collection this year and in previous years.

*Norman Adams  
Organiser*

## Where does our comfort come from?

The following article, written by Chris Thompson who lives in Waringstown and works for Youth for Christ Northern Ireland, is reproduced from the Contemporary Christianity website.

Please note that the statements and views expressed in this article are those of the author and do not necessarily represent those of Contemporary Christianity.

You could describe 2020 in lots of ways; disastrous, tragic, or calamitous, maybe shocking, surprising, or unexpected. It's certainly been unusual, never mind historic and, of course, that word that is thrown about all too often, unprecedented.

If I was summing up the past year, I might say that 2020 has been a year of discomfort. Why might I say that?

All the things that might give one comfort - certainty (or at least the illusion of it), support of family and friends, routine, space to be an extrovert or an introvert (rather than enforced isolation or company), active involvement in a church family - have been radically altered.

'WAIT!' I hear you say. Haven't we ditched the morning commute? Haven't we been exchanging our shirts and ties for 'working from home' alternatives like tracksuits and pyjamas? (some retailers announcing a 700% increase in sales of loungewear - including from me!) Haven't we been able to avoid awkward small talk, or parties you don't want to be at, or family gatherings with distant relations? In many ways, some of you may say, this has been a year of great comfort. For many, the legitimate response to the 'Stay at Home' guidance was to spend more time on their sofas! It's been a 'comfortable' time!

Of course, I'm not talking about physical comfort. And it's just as well. After all, for every family who have been able to work from home and stay safe, there's another who have had no choice but to head out to work, or for whom the threat of financial ruin has made this a most dreadful year. No, I'm not talking about physical discomfort. Rather, I'm referring to another kind. Maybe an emotional kind of discomfort, perhaps even a spiritual kind of discomfort!

I recently read Jesus' words to his disciples in Matthew 14 and it knocked me for six. The disciples are in distress because of the storm and they see Jesus walking towards them on the water. Matthew tells us that Jesus was quick to comfort them (v27, MSG). Wow! How amazing that Jesus was quick to comfort them.

Last week my 6-year-old son got upset - a brief summary of which would include telling you that I may have been the cause of his tears! I pulled him in tight and gave him all the comfort I could muster. That's what any good parent would do. There's no delay. I didn't finish the dishes before I hugged him tight and dried his tears. Thankfully, God is a much better Father than I am, and since Jesus is the visible image of an invisible God and in Him we glimpse the heart of the Father - we can count on

the fact that God is a God who is quick to comfort - that's good news!

Whatever your year has gone like, if you're anything like me, then you feel a deep need for the comfort of Jesus.

Might this help us as we step over the starting line of another new year? Notice what happens next in v27: 'Courage, it's me. Don't be afraid'

It seems like the kind of comfort Jesus brings might just lead us into courage. Not the fluffy, positive thinking kind of courage, nor the macho, hard man, indestructible kind of courage. Real courage. It's real because Jesus gives it - Courage, it's me. I love this! We can have courage because of the nearness of Jesus.

This last year has been a rollercoaster. Next year has every indication that it might be just as much of a ride, even with some obvious vaccine-related reasons to tend towards hopefulness.

However you might describe your 2020, we can agree that it's changed everything. According to some fashion folk, this work-from-home year has permanently changed our sense of dress - we're more physically comfortable and some might say there's no going back. I'm more interested in letting Jesus take care of whatever Spiritual Discomfort the year ahead holds. If it's true that we can have courage because of the nearness of Jesus, then I think that's where I want to be found in 2021; near to Jesus... even if I have to go back to wearing proper clothes!

Chris Thompson

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## Vacancy help

We would like to thank those who have offered to help with some of the 'day to day' things which have been undertaken by the Rector. Sally-Anne Edwards and Karen Brown will be assisting Vicki with the various Church Magazines, Church Review, Church of Ireland Gazette and our own Parish Mirror, collecting them from the distribution points, and getting them to parishioners.

The important task of maintaining the rota of lesson readers during the vacancy has been undertaken by William Flynn (St Andrew's) (086-996 5831) and John Chambers (St Doulagh's) (086-076 4933) They will be sending readings out in advance, and it is very important that if for some reason, you are not available to take your turn that you tell them immediately. Those taking services will not necessarily know our way of doing things, and we want them to see that we are well organised!

Norman

## From the Rector

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Centre has proved a boon to the parish and the whole community, and St Andrew's School has had two major extensions since 1990, and is now one of the most up-to-date Church of Ireland schools in the country.

And Malahide has changed: for those who loved the village atmosphere, growth may have seemed a loss, but we must live with the times and the challenge of the future will be to share the good news within all our boundaries, which stretch as far as Clongriffin and Northern Cross. To do this, we must be generous in our welcome, strong in our faith and our love, and energetic and innovative.

In the present crisis, I was very worried about how we were going to get through this, but we have done so with considerable success. I have seen the generosity with which the parish as a whole rallied around to help fill the gaps which arose in our finances, but also to keep the 'togetherness' of the parish intact, keeping people in touch even when we have not been able to be together in a physical, actual way

Susan and I leave in strange times, but they will not last for ever, and a 'normal normality' will return when social life will resume without fear, when we can visit each other's homes without a second thought, and fill our churches with bodies and song as we were able to do.

We will not be going far, but it is important that the Parochial Nominators are able to do their task with a free hand. They will do so prayerfully, and they are all people who know the essence of the Church of Ireland, quiet, strong faith, and a feeling of being a family under God. Pray for them and support them in every way. The Rural Dean will have the duty of supplying priests to lead our worship on a temporary basis during the vacancy. They cannot know the church and may well do things differently to what you are used to: be supportive and helpful to whoever comes and be faithful in your worship: rest assured that they will be doing their best!

And at the end of the process, and a new Rector is appointed, avoid trying to trump their style. They will have their way of doing things. Let them, for we live in a world that needs change. Only God knows who will succeed me, but while I hope that they will build on all that is good, a clone of me is probably the last thing a parish needs!

Susan and I thank you for thirty enjoyable years, for many friendships that will last, especially as we will still be living in the parish, but do understand if we do not want to talk shop when we meet, for it is important that the next Rector makes his or her own mark on the long history of the United Parishes, and assist them in whatever needs doing for the glory of God.

Yours in the Lord,

Norman

## Malahide Mothers' Union



'BUILDING HOPE AND CONFIDENCE'

I hope all members are keeping well. To keep you up to date, the following has been happening in the MU.

The Committee organised another delivery to Trust in November and many thanks to all those who donated items. The Staff at Alice Leahy Trust were delighted to receive this delivery and asked us to convey their thanks to the Branch.

This year due to Covid 19, Darndale Crèche asked for gifts in a different form and Andrea delivered our gifts of selection boxes, toys and gift bags. To cover the cost of these items a small donation would be appreciated but please only when we all meet up again whenever that will be, in the New Year.

Home Start Project. 47 gift boxes from MU branches in the Diocese were distributed in the Mulhuddart area. Malahide Branch donated three gift boxes.

Items of knitting are still being taken in for hospitals.

Karen Nelson, Diocesan President, has been keeping us up to date with MU events, etc. Many thanks to her for her support during the past long months. Karen will be retiring in 2021.

The 16 days of Activism Diaries were distributed by the Committee and also Christmas cards and Annual Prayer Diaries.

By the time you read this our Rector will have retired. On behalf of our Mothers' Union Branch, we would like to wish Norman and Susan a long and happy retirement and thank them for all they have contributed to the Branch and their support over the last thirty years. However, it will not be goodbye as Norman and Susan will only be moving a short distance away and we look forward to seeing Susan at MU Branch meetings and events. We wish them every happiness in the next chapter of their lives.

A very happy and healthy New Year to all members and hopefully we will meet up again at a Branch Meeting in the not too distant future.

Olive Haynes



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## Church Services

Due to the current Level 5 restrictions, attendance at church services is not permitted. Until further notice, all services will be livestreamed, at times to be determined.

When full services are permitted, the schedules below will apply.

## Church Services –

January

### St. Andrew's Church, Malahide: Sunday Services

10th	Epiphany 1	11.30 am	Holy Communion	Lesley Robinson
17th	Epiphany 2	11.30 am	Service of the Word	Mark Acheson
24th	Epiphany 3	11.30 am	Holy Communion	Anne Lodge
31st	Epiphany 4	11.30 am	Service of the Word	Lesley Robinson

No weekday Services

### St. Doulagh's Church, Balgriffin

10th	Epiphany 1	10.00 am	Holy Communion	Lesley Robinson
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## Church Services –

February

### St. Andrew's Church, Malahide: Sunday Services

7th	2 Before Lent	11.30am	Service of the Word	Mark Acheson
14th	1 Before Lent	11.30am	Holy Communion	Lesley Robinson
21st	Lent 1	11.30am	Service of the Word	Mark Acheson
28th	Lent 2	11.30am	Holy Communion	Anne Lodge

No weekday Services

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## Website Donation

Under current Irish Government legislation, church buildings have had to close their doors for normal congregational activities. In the space of a few short months, our churches, St. Andrew's and St. Doulagh's, have had to reinvent the way we worship and the way Clergy provide pastoral care imaginatively and appropriately while working from home. While our Church buildings may be closed, the Church is very much open and doing all it can in these challenging times.

We continue to need your help



Contributions to the running and upkeep of our churches, and to support our annual contributions to essential charities, can be made at any time through our web-site:

<https://malahide.dublin.anglican.org/>.

## St. Andrew's Recipe

### CARROT CAKE

#### Ingredients:

- 25g (4oz) Coarse Wholemeal
- 125g (4oz) Cream Flour
- 175g (6oz) Caster Sugar
- 150ml (5flox) Vegetable Oil
- 350g Carrots Grated
- 50g (2oz) Sultanas
- 2 tsp Baking Powder
- 1 tsp Cinnamon
- 1 tsp Salt
- 4 Beaten Eggs
- 50g (2oz) Walnuts



#### Method:

1. Sieve together flour, baking powder, cinnamon and salt, and mix in the Wholemeal
2. In another bowl beat the sugar, vegetable oil and eggs
3. Fold in the dry ingredients and beat well, then stir in the carrots, nuts and sultanas
4. Pour mixture into prepared 8" square cake tin
5. Bake in preheated oven 350°F, 180°C, Gas 4 for 1 – 1 ½ hours or until cocktail stick inserted into cake comes out clean!
6. Cool thoroughly

#### Cream Cheese Icing

- 100g (4oz) Cream Cheese
- 225g (8oz) Icing Sugar (sifted)
- Grated Carrot
- 50g (2oz) Butter melted
- 1tsp Vanilla Essence
- 1 tsp Lemon Juice

#### Method:

1. Beat cream cheese until soft and creamy
2. Slowly mix together cream cheese and melted butter
3. Fold in icing sugar until mixture is smooth enough for spreading, Beat in the vanilla essence and lemon juice use to cover cake and top with carrot.

#### Enjoy!

## Great Response to St. Andrew's Restoration Programme Appeal

As a result of the very generous response by parishioners and friends, together with the receipt of grants from two organisations towards the overall cost of the work, the parish has finished out the year with a positive cash position.

This is no mean feat, considering we began 2020 with borrowings of almost €20k and did not envisage the substantial loss of income on many fronts as a result of the impact of the Covid 19 pandemic throughout the year.

We received a grant of €7k from the Marshal Beresford Fund. This fund, managed by the RCB, awards grants twice yearly to parishes for major projects involving the building or repair of churches or chapels.

## Dear Fellow Parishioners & Friends,

Your support and contributions have made the 2020 Christmas Raffle a great success. Thank you all so much. It is vital that we ensure that our Church Community and Churches are maintained. The €5,000 plus raised by the raffle contributed greatly to that 2020 goal. Despite the challenge faced by Covid 19 restrictions you sold tickets and donated prizes, we really appreciate you all.

We would like to wish you a Happy & Safe 2021.

Best wishes,

*The Fundraising Team*



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