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Cover image: The joy of the dog show at our parish country fête.



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The Rector on...

Hospitality and welcome

This summer we had the opportunity to spend time with Julie's family in Seattle. It's the first time we have been able to go as a family since Covid, so it was a special time for us all.

When on holiday, we like to attend a new church on Sundays. As well as providing us with an opportunity to worship, it's a great chance to see what other churches are doing, and to nick a few ideas for Kilternan. We attended Good Samaritan Episcopal Church in Issaquah and St Clare's Episcopal church in Snoqualmie. Both were very different in size and style, but what both shared was a sense of welcome.

Both had welcome teams with name badges; in fact, in one of the churches, everyone was encouraged to wear a name badge. Our children were invited to drop into the 'play area' in one of the churches and meet the children's worker. There was a staffed welcome/information desk, and we were introduced to the rector before the service began. When he discovered I was a rector he asked jokingly if I wanted to preach (I gracefully declined!). We were seated and given service sheets, and we found welcome cards on our seats. During the peace (which in one of the churches took close to 10 minutes), I think every single person in the church said 'welcome' to us. We felt embraced, comfortable, and valued. What difference a warm welcome makes in mission and ministry.

Hospitality is an ancient, integral practice of Christian faith communities. In ancient near eastern culture, where there were no hotels or motels or even restaurants, hospitality and welcoming travelers was an important and esteemed practice. In the early church, with people coming from many backgrounds, hospitality was an essential practice for growth in sharing the Good News. The church became known for offering hospitality to the poor and the sick (hence the word hospital is closely linked to hospitality).

Hospitality should be one of our values in Kilternan. Whether someone is well known to us or new to us, every person irrespective of age, nationality, colour, or creed should be welcomed with open arms. This year we are planning to introduce welcome teams and name badges, and we hope to have welcome packs. But it's the responsibility of the whole church to be a place of welcome. So, keep your eye out for those who are new, or those who look like they might be in need of a conversation. Who knows, we might be entertaining angels.

As an aside, I wonder if you attended a different church this summer? If so, what did you learn? Did you see anything that made you think, 'gosh, wouldn't it be great if we could do that in Kilternan'? If so, let me know.

Blessings
Revd Rob

Welcome poster from The Good Samaritan Episcopal Church, Issaquah





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KEEPING IN TOUCH WITH WHAT'S GOING ON

We send out a weekly email. If you don't receive the email, let us know in the office and we'll get you on the list. We are also looking at strengthening our social media.

Kiltiernan Church of Ireland has a Facebook presence, so search for us at Kiltiernan Church of Ireland and follow us for updates about what's going on in the parish. You might note that the Gathering Grounds also has a busy Facebook presence.

REGISTER

Christian burial

It was with sadness that we said goodbye to Patrick Regan. Our prayers are with his friends and family.

Baptisms

We have been delighted to welcome Brodie and Leo into the family of the church.

Marriage

It was a joy to celebrate the wedding of Vicky Sargeant and Rory Styles. We wish them God's blessings in their life together.

PATTERNS OF WORSHIP

First Sunday of the Month

9:00 Holy Communion

10:00 Sunday Morning in the Gathering Grounds

11:00 Morning Prayer

Second Sunday of the Month

9:00 Holy Communion

10:00 Sunday Morning in the Gathering Grounds

11:00 Morning Prayer

Third Sunday

9:00 Holy Communion

11:00 Holy Communion

Fourth Sunday

9:00 Holy Communion

11:00 All Together Worship (see more below)

8:00pm Sunday Night at the Gathering Grounds

Fifth Sundays will normally follow the pattern of the first and second.

Midweek Service

Every Tuesday at 11:30am there is a short communion service in the meeting room. We use the traditional rite 1 service. All are welcome.

Wednesday Prayer Service

You are warmly invited to join us to spend 25 minutes praying every Wednesday. We have been wonderfully encouraged by everyone who joins us to pray. It is a lovely way for us to 'check in' as a parish and bring the community's needs to God. You are most welcome to join us. Contact the office for meeting details.

Rota's

Church Readers: If you would like to be a reader, or even do the occasional prayers of intercession, let us know and we will get you on the reader list.

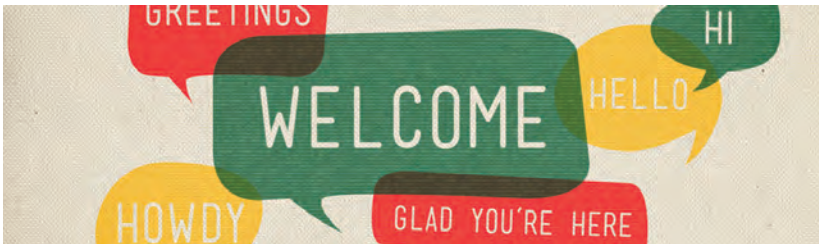
Church Flowers: Aisling O'Neill manages the flower rota. If you would like to put yourself on the list, please let us know.

Coffee and Tea: We have been offering tea and coffee after the 10am service and the 11am service. Contact Julie at gatheringgrounds@kiltiernanparish.ie if you would be willing to help.

Welcome Teams

It's important to start by saying that every member of the church is responsible for creating a welcoming church!

Have you ever walked into a store in the USA? If you did, it's very likely that someone was there to greet you. Greeters do three



things, they welcome, assist and direct. As a church we want to take our welcome seriously. Evidence shows that people make up their minds about a church within 10 minutes of leaving their car, so the persons at the door bear a weighty responsibility.

There are about 20 people now signed up as members of the welcome team. Their role is to welcome newcomers and encourage the regular. They will assist people as appropriate to a chair or pew and direct them toward anything that they might need for the service. Most importantly they will set the tone for the service.

To resource the welcome team, we will soon have a welcome pack, name badges and packs for children.

I might note that welcomers are not there to replace the church wardens who will still have a key role in assisting on a Sunday morning

There is still room for more welcomers if you would like to join the team. Let the rector know.

Harvest 2022

Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.

Galatians 6:9

Our harvest celebrations this year are the weekend of 14–16 October. On Friday the 14th we will have a ‘Big Harvest Sing’ with a celebration of all the great harvest classics. Come along and join in the harvest song at 7:30pm.

On the 16th we will have an All Together Harvest at 11:00am.

GIFT DAY 2022/2023

This Gift Day supports the Ministry and Mission of Kiltiernan Parish, Church of Ireland, as we aim to grow as disciples and make Jesus known.

We are living to make a difference, through building community, strengthening worship, and growing in service.

Giving Thanks

Kiltiernan Parish continues to thrive. As a result of your generosity this year so far, we have been able to:

- Increase the worship life of the church.
- Successfully reopen the Gathering Grounds Café
- Grow our services for families and young people
- Provide pastoral care to those in need and to maintain our giving to several charitable causes.
- Ensure that all our facilities are fit for purpose, including competing the work on the tower and installing a new church boiler.

What we're asking now

We are excited about the Parish Vision Plan for 2022–2027. In addition to our regular work and ministry, in 2023 we plan to:

- Develop a Kiltiernan All Minds Matter Programme to support each other’s mental health, care, and wellbeing
- Expand the staff and scope of the Gathering Grounds Café so we can open on Saturdays and possibly during the holiday seasons
- Strengthen our faith formation programme through Alpha and other courses.
- Create a Digital Media plan to include the development of a new website
- Improve our facilities for worship through live streaming and audio / visual equipment.
- Improve our ‘welcome’ by offering welcome packs and better publicity material.
- Develop pastoral care teams and provide additional support for

- older persons
- Re-employ a youth worker to support our young people.

We take nothing for granted as a parish. What we do is dependent on your generosity and the effective stewardship of our church leadership.

This appeal is an invitation

If you're not yet giving, perhaps you might consider doing so. To set up or amend a standing order, or donate a one-off lump sum, log in to your online banking or visit your local branch with our bank account details

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Once you have set up or amended your standing order, please email us so we can identify your gift and thank you. Please also complete a CHY form if you are eligible.

If you are giving, perhaps you might take this opportunity to revisit your giving. Are you in a position where you might be able to give a little bit more?

Finally, might you consider giving a one-off Gift Day donation.



During our harvest celebrations from 14–16 October, there is an invitation to give a one-off donation to the life of the parish. You can give a Gift Day donation in the envelope provided in church, or through electronic funds transfer. The QR code above takes you to our online donations. We welcome all

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donations big and small.

If you would like to know more about the life of the parish and how the money is spent, you can get a copy of our annual report and audited accounts from the parish office.

SUNDAY NIGHTS AT THE GATHERING GROUNDS

In June we had a fascinating conversation with Emma Rothwell on 'Conversational Virtue and Contemporary Identity Politics'. I mentioned that I would share a link to a full lecture on this topic by Emma: <https://youtu.be/UsHJELeA3ws>

We have a full schedule for the autumn season. On 25 September we will be interviewing Scott Evans. Scott will be with us as Deacon for a year, but he will be sharing about his work as chaplain in UCD and his work with young adults. On 23 October we welcome Alice Leahy, founder of the Alice Leahy Trust, a vital service for the homeless in Dublin City which the parish has supported over the last few years. On 27 November we will be joined by Kelley Bermingham. Kelley is the Community Officer with The Iveagh Trust and Saint Patrick's Cathedral. She has been significantly involved with CRiTICaLL, supporting women experiencing gender-based violence.

Sunday nights at the Gathering Grounds has been a fantastic expression of church in the life of our community. If you haven't been yet, why not come along?

MEET SCOTT EVANS

We are delighted to have Scott join us this year as our Deacon Intern.



Scott is studying part time, so we won't see him quite as much as we might like, but he will be with us most Sundays, and one session a week. I interviewed him below in preparation for his ministry here:

Hello Scott and welcome. We are looking forward to getting to know you over the next year. Tell us a little bit about yourself

My name is Scott and I've been a chaplain at University College Dublin for the last seven years. I've spent all of my adult life working in lay ministry to youth and young adults and am really excited about moving into ordained ministry. I'm Irish but I grew up in Bangladesh which explains my strange accent! I'm married to Christina who is the chaplain at East Glendalough School and we have a little boy named Daniel who is almost two.

You will be joining us as a deacon in September. What does it mean to be a deacon intern?

Our deacon internship happens at the end of our academic training and gives us a chance to apply what we have learned in principle to practical life in a parish under a leader who can guide us and teach us in a way that could never happen in a classroom. As a part-time deacon, I will be continuing my ministry to students in UCD so I won't have as much time in Kilternan as a full-time deacon would but I'm really excited about learning and growing as part of your community.

You will be with us part time while you work. Tell us a bit about the work you are doing in UCD

As UCD chaplains, we understand our work as being defined by 4 'C's: conversation, compassion, contemplation and companioning. Conversation is about creating space for people to learn from each other. Compassion is about listening to and comforting those who are suffering. Contemplation is about creating space for silence, stillness and reflection. Companioning is about journeying alongside people of all faiths and none to be proactive, sup-

portive presence in their lives. The work is incredibly varied and from one to day to the next I can find myself doing anything from one-on-one care to running a hot choc cafe to leading an interfaith gathering to debating at the Literary and Historical Society. It's never boring!

What are your passions in ministry?

My core passion in ministry is watching people grow to become more like Jesus. As a result, I love preaching but I also love leading conversations and exploring what it means to live out our faith in our world.

How are your studies going? As part of your diaconal year with us you are going to be writing a thesis. What topic have you chosen?

My studies are going better than I thought they would as I have never seen myself as academic. Turns out I'm a great big nerd at heart and loving it. My dissertation is about how the traditional church can adapt to make more space for different styles of ministry to young adults.

What will you be doing in Kilternan over the next year?

Mostly learning! I'll be helping to lead worship in Kilternan as well as helping out at some of the many amazing projects that are happening in your community.

How can we support you and your family?

I think the best way to support us would be with prayer and patience! Between our primary calling as parents, our ministries as chaplains and me writing my dissertation this year is going to be a lot but we're really excited about it!

FAREWELL TO ALAN DIAMOND

Alan has been with us for a year on the TÚS programme. He has done stellar work not only in helping clean after the Gathering Grounds, putting away the seats etc., but also in keeping on top of some of the flower beds and green areas. We will miss his presence amongst us.

We wish him every blessing as he moves on, and hopefully we'll see him for a cuppa in the Gathering Grounds.

PARISH READER NEWS



It was a joyful discovery recently that Emma Rothwell, who joined the parish just before Covid, was previously a Diocesan Reader in Meath and Kildare. Emma is a current member of the choir, but on occasion might offer her reader skills to preach and take service. She took her first service with us this summer.

MUSIC NOTES FROM KEVIN O'SULLIVAN

Music at 10am: Volunteers!

Sunday Morning at the Gathering Grounds has become a great part of our worship in Kiltiernan. Our Junior Choir has done a great job leading music for it this last year. However, development of music at the service is limited because the Music Director, Kevin, also must work for the 11am Church Service. Junior Choir will continue to sing at the 10am once a month (and 11am once a month) but it is our hope that a music group will form to lead us in song at 10.

So we are looking for people to get involved on the 1st and 2nd Sundays of the month. If you love to sing, play guitar, piano or perhaps another instrument, we'd love to hear from you.

Junior Choir

The Junior Choir have class on Tuesdays from 3–4pm in the centre for children from 2nd to 6th Class.



The Junior and Senior Choirs pictured at the Choir BBQ.

Children learn music with friends through the Voices for Life program which teaches lessons in music literacy and vocal production. The choir sings on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month; 10am on the 2nd and 11am on the 4th. Choristers enjoy both extra social events and also get to sing in choir competitions, concerts & other events.

Church Choir

The Parish Choir rehearse on Tuesdays from 7:30–9pm and sing at the 11am Sunday Services. It is a great place to make new friends and learn about music & singing through the Voices for Life program. No experience necessary and we're open to teens & adults.

For information, contact our Music Director, Kevin O'Sullivan, at music@kiltiernanparish.ie

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALISTAIR DOYLE

Even though Alistair is in Galway, he is still frequently in our thoughts and prayers. As many of you will know from Alistair's time with us as deacon in Kiltiernan, he was unsuccessful in his dissertation and had to redo it. This was quite the slog, as he juggled a new placement, family, and a move to the West.

We are delighted to say that Alistair has since completed his dissertation. In fact, I'm looking forward to reading a copy. Its on how churches responded and adapted to the challenges of Covid 19, and I believe Kiltiernan features quite highly. When he gets a quiet moment, perhaps he can tell us a bit about it.

HELPING WITH A DISSERTATION

My name is Jane Burns, I am a Deacon Intern in Taney Parish, Dublin and currently studying for a master's in theology with Trinity College Dublin through The Church of Ireland Theological Institute. I am undertaking a dissertation examining the biblical, theological, and practical foundations of a Mixed Ecology model of Church practiced in an Irish context. This research aims to examine Church practice and mission and how multiple expressions of Church can co-exist under one Parish structure.

Your Parish currently embodies varied expressions of Church happening in one geographical location. Your Rector has agreed to partake in this study. I am looking for volunteers from each congregation to participate in a small focus group (6-8 people) to discuss Church practice and mission in your local context. Participants in this discussion group will be treated anonymously for the purpose of the study. I would anticipate meeting once during October and consent forms and discussion questions will be provided in advance.

Should you wish to volunteer to participate or if you have any questions, please email me at burnsj5@tcd.ie or contact me on 086 398 8878. Thank you in advance.

LUNCH PLANS WITH CAROL BARRY

Have you ever found yourself at a loose end for lunch on Sunday?

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I have, and I'm sure many others have too. On a beautiful, sunny Sunday afternoon in late July, a few friends and I met after church to have lunch together.

The Enniskerry Inn was the chosen venue, a gastro pub in this delightful town with a good reputation and a most acceptable menu.

But the food wasn't the only reason for our gathering, it was also an opportunity to catch up with everyone and to enjoy one another's company.

The food was delicious, and the conversation and fun flowed as we drank copious amounts of tea and coffee.

There was even an opportunity for a short walk for those who felt up to it, thanks to Louise Harrison.

We all agreed that this was such a pleasant afternoon that we should arrange to do it again and to extend the invitation to others in the parish.

We hope to meet every 4–6 weeks for lunch, and you'll be informed of the dates on Rob's weekly news bulletin. If this is something that you would like to take part in, please let me know. Carol Barry – 087 636 1530

WEBSITE

This Autumn we hope to launch our new website. Lots of hard work has gone into this. A big thanks to Robbie Burns and his team who have worked solidly behind the scenes to move us forward into this important area.

PARISH BBQ

On the 17 September we will gather as a community to kick off our new term. A big thanks to Emerson, Julie, and all of the team for making this happen.

GREEN RIBBONS

The annual See Change Green Ribbon Campaign runs across the month of September. The campaign aims to spread awareness about all mental health difficulties to help end mental health stigma and dis-

crimination. This year, See Change are celebrating 10 years of the Green Ribbon campaign. Across the month of September, they will be hosting events, running social media campaigns and supporting workplaces, organisations and the general public across Ireland to start having open and honest conversations about mental health.

The MindMatters COI team are encouraging churches to promote this. We have Green Ribbons available in the church and Gathering Grounds.

Should you wish to learn more about the campaign, you can find further information here: <https://seechange.ie/green-ribbon/>

KILTERNAN CHRISTMAS CARDS

It's never too early to think about Christmas! This year at Kiltiernan we will be able to send Christmas greetings in our own special way, thanks to the wonderful work by professional photographer Paul McGovern.

The north and south sanctuary windows depict the Journey of the Magi and Announcement to Shepherds—both wonderful images created by artist Ernest Heasman at the Herbert William Bryans London studio in 1908.

Stained glass is notoriously dif-



ficult to photograph but Paul worked his magic over several days this summer. Now we will have two wonderful cards available in plenty of time to send Christmas greetings all over the world.

Above are previews of the cards, which will be available to buy from the Parish Office and in the Gathering Grounds. All monies raised by the sale of the cards will go to Parish funds.

GATHERING OUTSIDE

As many of you will know, Kiltiernan Parish owns a piece of land beside the Chapel Hill development. It's a large area of land currently agriculturally zoned. For years the land has been used for grazing and for storing scout containers. More recently we have not had regular access to the land because of the building work in Chapel Hill.

Throughout the years there has been some debate about the long-term use of the field. In the short term, it has been our ambition to see it accessible and fit for use.

In June we were delighted to be awarded a grant of €7,500 by Dun Laoghaire Rathdown to use a part of the field for community purposes, encouraging people of all ages to 'Gather Outside'.

In recent years we have become aware of the connection between getting outside and good mental and physical health. This has been highlighted by the challenges of Covid 19. Consistent with the strategic objective of Dun Laoghaire Rathdown and the 'keeping well' initiative, we seek to prioritise public health and wellbeing by encouraging outside activity.

The grant will enable us to do three things:

- Cut back the thickets etc. from the field, and prepare the ground for suitable usage
- Put a fence across the field to separate a community area (roughly a third of the space) from the rest of the field which can be used for grazing or rewilding.
- Erect a temporary open structure that can be used as a focal point, 'outdoor classroom' and a place of shelter.

This fenced off area can be used for a wide variety of purposes. It can be used for children's and family activities. We currently have a very successful Out with Toddlers (OWT) group so, having this in the field, could increase its capacity and provide families with better space for recreation and play. It can be used for youth activities, youth groups, scouts etc. It will be a great area for parish picnics, BBQs and inter-generational activities, maybe even outdoor services. It could be a resource for the local school, for sports days and treasure hunts.

In fact, with a bit of imagination, there are lots of things we can do there that will bless our local community. If the land can be suitably prepared and secured it has great future scope for development. It can be used for environmental projects, nature projects, camps etc. Who knows, it might be a suitable location in the future for a men's shed or an eco-garden. It would be a great location for outdoor yoga or fitness bootcamps before coffee and buns in the Gathering Grounds Café.

Once the builders are out of Chapel Hill this autumn, we can

start work on this. We might not get the joy of it this summer, but hopefully it will be ready for spring and summer 2023.

KILTERNAN PARISH TABLE TENNIS CLUB

The Kilternan Parish Table Tennis Club will resume Club Nights on Wednesday 28th September 2022 at the Kilternan Parish Centre, starting at 8.00pm.

We look forward to meeting up again with all existing members after the summer break. We also welcome any new members who would like to join the Table Tennis Club, we would love to hear from you.

The emphasis is very much on having fun and a social night out through the game of table tennis for adults aged 18+.

If you have any questions or would like further information, please do not hesitate to contact Irwin Johnston at email irwincjohnston@gmail.com or mobile 086 607 5357

We look forward to seeing you all on the night. *The Committee*

CLEARING THE BACK OF THE CENTRE

Over the summer you may have seen a bit of work being done in the area behind the centre (close to where John Keeley has his shed). A small area of the ground here is being levelled and fenced. It can be used by children of the Montessori and children from the Play Café. This work is being done as a result of a grant received by Treehouse

Montessori, who have also agreed to cover the cost of its maintenance.

BOOK LAUNCH

We were delighted to host a book launch in the Gathering Grounds this June on the theme of exploring mission in Ireland. This was led by Praxis Press. Praxis is a collaborative and relational network of individuals, communities and churches driven by the desire to see Gods kingdom come and to reimagine mission for ordinary people. You can find out more about them here: www.praxismovement.ie.

As well as a presentation on his new book *Hope from the Margins* by Laurence Graham, there was a Q and A panel interview with Ruth Garvey-Williams, editor of Ireland's Christian magazine, *VOX*, and Fraser Hosford, author of *Down With this Sort of Thing* and pastor in a community church based in the northwest of Dublin. (See photo below)

DISCUSSION GROUP

Time to experience the 'New Normal'? A Tuesday morning, community-based Discussion Group enters its 11th year. An opportunity for your topics of local/national/international interest to be discussed in a friendly, facilitated environment and with the tempting opportunity of a cup-of-tea and pastry to follow! At present there are 16 participants registered but we would love to accommodate new and differing perspectives! For information, contact discussiongroup2012@gmail.com or text/call Dominic at 087 434 0019.



THE GATHERING GROUNDS

By Julie Clements

GET TO KNOW YOUR BARISTA



Sara Brennan has been a very hard-working student volunteer in the Gathering Grounds and contributed greatly to this summer's operation of the café! Read below to get to know her a little more.

When did you start volunteering in the Gathering Grounds? And how often do you volunteer?

I started volunteering in the summer of 2019, working on Thursdays. I volunteered again in the summer of 2021 on Tuesdays, which is when I did my barista training. Then in November, I did a week of work experience at the Gathering Grounds. This summer, I volunteered on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays.

Why do you volunteer?

I started volunteering mainly because it gave me an excuse to leave the house, particularly after lockdown. Three months for the summer holidays is a bit ridiculous in my opinion and I found that if I didn't have something to do then I could just stay at home and do nothing, which really affected my

mental wellbeing. Volunteering allowed me to feel productive, interact with people and of course, give back to the community.

What do you like best about the Gathering Grounds?

I love the atmosphere at the Gathering Grounds. There is a real sense of community with both the other volunteers and the customers. Everyone is very friendly and kind. While making coffee, I have had loads of lovely conversations with people waiting for their order. A lot of the customers are regulars and over time you begin to feel like you know them, and they know you. The other volunteers are all incredible people and if it's a quiet day, there is always an opportunity for a good chat with them. It's a very relaxed atmosphere and I feel very comfortable there.

What were your other Transition Year (TY) experiences like?

To be honest, I don't think TY as a whole was really for me. I didn't enjoy the lack of structure and it felt very much like a doss year. My work experience at the Gathering Grounds was definitely one of the highlights. I also did two other work experiences, both of which I got through connections at the Gathering Grounds, which I think really speaks to the nature of the Gathering Grounds. In February I worked at Spirit Radio, a Christian radio station based in Bray. I wrote a lot of scripts with questions for guests and sat in the studio to hear the interviews live. It was a cool experience. In May, I did work experience at Dubray Books, where I did a lot of stock-checking. It was a quiet week in the shop, but I enjoyed it, nonetheless. Obviously, Covid had a major impact on our trips for the year, but we managed to get away in March for an 'Outdoor Pursuits' week in Achill, Co. Mayo. It was an

interesting experience, to say the least, with multiple dips in a freezing cold lake, a 25km hike through bog and forest and night camping, but I solidified many friendships and learned that I hate camping.

Tell us some of your favourite subjects in school and do know what you'd like to study further?

My favourite subject is Classical Studies. I love learning about Greek and Roman life, particularly mythology. For the Junior Cert, I had the best teacher ever. He really made the subject fun and everyone who was in my class agreed that he was amazing. I also like English, Maths and Science, especially Physics. In terms of what I would like to do in the future, I think I would like to go down the Science/Maths route but that still could easily change.

Who is in your family?

In my family, there is me, my dad, my mom and my sister. I'm the oldest child. My sister is 13 and starting in first year in September, which makes me feel very old. Both my sister and I went to primary school in Kiltiernan beside the Gathering Grounds.

What did you do over the summer? What was your last family holiday like?

I did my driver's theory test at the end of May (I passed, thankfully) and I am hoping to get my learner's permit on my birthday. It is a much more complicated process than it needs to be. I'm excited but also a bit nervous to actually be behind the wheel. I met up with my friends in Marlay Park or at Dundrum to catch up. As we talk I intend to do a Spanish course (essentially a Spanish version of the Gaeltacht) with one of my friends down in Cork for two and a half weeks. It will be the longest I have been away from home on my own.

ALPHA IN 2022

Explore Life, Meaning and Faith at the Gathering Grounds

My last family holiday was in Rust, Germany. My parents, my sister, and I were going to a theme park called Europa Park, which has all these really cool rollercoasters. Unfortunately, I tested positive for Covid on the third day, so I had to stay in the hotel room while my family got to go out and enjoy themselves. So, it ended up being a bit of a mess. I really enjoyed the time I did get though.

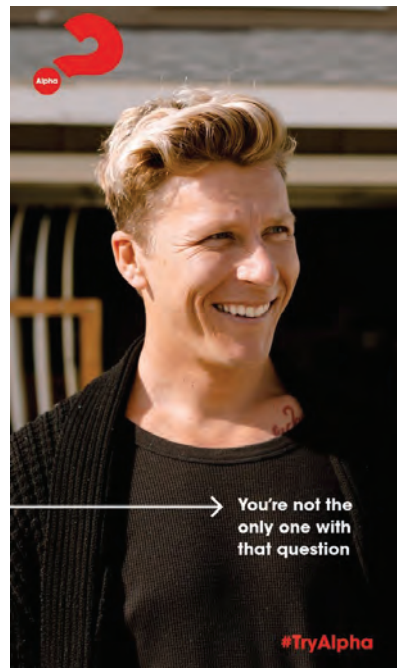
Thank you Sara for sharing with us and for your time in the Gathering Grounds. Know that you are welcome as a volunteer or customer at anytime!

THE KNITTER'S NATTER

The Knitter's Natter is an informal knitting and crochet group that meets on a Monday morning at 9am during term-time. Everyone of all ages and knitting ability are welcome to come along!

Liz Kerr always speaks so highly of her experience at The Knitter's Natter on a Monday morning and she shares her experience below:

When I saw Julie's notice in the Gathering Grounds Cafe announcing a Knit and Natter Group starting on Monday mornings from 9.30am, my first thought was a definite No, what about my lie in after a busy weekend. Thank goodness I changed my mind. I decided to give it a try and over the course of a few weeks I met a wonderful group of very talented women interested in crochet and knitting who I am now delighted to call my friends. We swap patterns, advice and chat away over the course of an hour or two. A lot of what we produce is given to family members, grandchildren or gifted to charity to raise much needed funds. It is a very relaxing environment and there is always a friendly welcome, and even better, we can have a cup of tea or coffee with one of Julie's delicious scones or other goodies homemade by members of the parish. For anyone interested in joining I can highly recommend the social benefits, I have met people I haven't seen in over a quarter of a century, and I don't miss my lie-ins at all!



This Autumn we are running our first Alpha at the Gathering Grounds from 11 September, 7.30 –9.15 pm. By the time you get this copy of *Klips*, it might be a bit late to sign up, but don't worry, we plan to run it again in 2023.

If you would like to explore your faith or would love to encourage a friend or relative to, then Alpha is for you!

Alpha is designed to spend a little time on big questions that can help you enrich and grow your understanding of life, meaning and faith in a fun and relaxed way and is for people of any denomination or faith or indeed none. It has three parts:

Firstly, there is time to share food together and get to know each other better.

Secondly, there is a talk or video exploring some of the big issues of faith such as Who is Jesus? and How can we have faith? to Why and how do I pray? and How does God guide us? Finally, there is a chance to discuss what has been said in a small and safe group where there is no such thing as a silly question, and no one will judge you. You may have a burning

question or want to say nothing at all — that's perfectly fine.

There are 10 evening sessions and one Saturday. It may seem like a big commitment, but why not come to an evening with a friend and see how you like it? Invitation cards will be available in the Gathering Grounds if you'd like to invite someone.

Have questions? Come along to the first evening, the whole course is free and there no pressure, just a place to explore life.

If you would like to watch a video of what to expect, scan this QR code or



email: rector@kilternanparish.ie if you want to find out more

We look forward to seeing you! And to exploring some of these questions and more.

- Is there more to life than this?
- Who is Jesus?
- Why did Jesus die?
- How can I have faith?
- Why and how should I read the Bible?
- Holy Spirit Day
 - Who is the Holy Spirit?
 - What does the Holy Spirit do?
 - How can I be filled with the Holy Spirit?
- How does God guide us?
- How can I resist evil?
- Why and how should I tell others?
- Does God heal today?
- What about the church?

Susan O'Toole and the Alpha Team

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COUNTRY FÊTE IN PICTURES



THE PARISH COUNTRY FÊTE

By Niamh Moutray

'Community is the bedrock on which all foundations are built.'

The Fête is like a birthday. It occurred every year until suddenly one year it didn't! After a 3-year hiatus when a decision was made to hold it on Saturday the 11th June this year it was met with much apprehension.

Would there be enough volunteers, could it all be pulled together in time, should it be on a smaller scale, and more importantly would the community feel safe in supporting it?

On that basis a slightly smaller Fête event was scheduled. Stall layout plans were drawn up, prizes bought, flyers distributed, equipment rented, volunteers drafted, cakes baked, raffle tickets printed, café menu planned, and games refurbished.

Setup and sorting commenced on Thursday morning with drop offs of Bric-a-brac, books and toys. By Friday night the Marquees were erected, and all electrical and water needs identified and put in place. Everything we could control was under control, however, it was a case of fingers crossed and a few prayers for a sunny warm Saturday. Our hopes were answered and by early Saturday morning the weather was already glorious. The parish and school grounds were alive with smiling fête volunteers full of laughter and chat and fuelled with caffeine and Danishes for the day ahead.

The crowds had started to gather early and once the gates opened a constant stream of people and dogs flowed into the fête. Everything was on course for a hugely successful day.

To really sum up the day I am going to quote Gretchen (I hope she doesn't mind):

'Dog show has really grown legs,



sizzling result for the BBQ and toys played really well.

Games broke all records, adult lucky dip was on a winning streak.

Sweets sugar coated the afternoon, Treasure trove was a gold mine.

The books turned over a new leaf and cakes rose to the challenge.

Teas brewed a fantastic result, Outdoor eating was a breath of fresh air, and Tombola was a bit of a gamble but spun a great result in the end.'

The day was a roaring success.

As I left the grounds that evening it looked like the fête had never happened. Everything had been cleaned up and packed away for another year. What an amazing bunch of energetic and supportive volunteers worked the fête this year. The event would not have been possible without you.

Though the fête is an opportunity to raise money for the school and parish, all of that is secondary to what the fête gives back to the wider community. It is a chance to volunteer, to socialise, to recon-

nect, to collaborate, to communicate and to make new connections across a wide spectrum of people. It enables all of us, regardless of age, to enjoy the simpler things in life. Sitting in the sun with coffee and cake, a book from the book stall or a bargain from the Bric-a-brac watching life go by, what's not to love?

I hope you enjoyed the summer and see you next year.

A note from the rector. *In recent years the fête has been wonderfully led by Olive Walker. Olive took a step back from fête organising this year, although she did provide us with an incredibly helpful and detailed fête organisation guide. I want to express my thanks for all of the work she has done in the fête over the years — she truly set the bar in Kiltiernan.*

INCOME

After the float payback to the Parish Bank Account, **total income** was €31,130.

Expenses amounted to €7,703
Net income to the parish and school amounted to **€23,427** (€11,713.50 each).



GROWING OUR YOUTH MINISTRY

I have been asked several times now, ‘are we going to replace Brian and get a new youth worker?’ The short answer is yes, the longer answer is that it’s not that straight forward. The most important thing is getting the right person, and that means not rushing. We want to grow our youth ministry, but we need to be patient.

We have put out an advertisement for the position over the summer, but we need to take our time and get things right. Watch this space and be assured that our



young people are not forgotten. Photo (above left) is of Brian with the Archbishop after completing his Commissioning as a Parish Reader

CONFIRMATION

We celebrate with 9 of our young people who were confirmed in Christ Church Cathedral on 4 June. In total there were 63 candidates confirmed at this service, including young people from Holy Trinity Rathmines, Kill O’ the Grange, Celbridge and Straffan with Newcastle-Lyons, Monkstown, Dun Laoghaire, St Catherine’s and St Anne’s (Photo below).

Well done to Charlie Byrne, Rachel Fisher, Meg Fitzsimons, Harry Grainger, Liam Mikisa, Kaoife

O’Shea, Abby Pennefather, Dylan Poynton and Ben Reed.

By making a public affirmation of faith these candidates take responsibility for themselves as members of Christ’s Church. When the bishop asked, ‘Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ?’ and ‘Will you seek and serve Christ in all people, loving your neighbour as yourself?’, the candidates each responded, ‘With the help of God, I will’. Keep them in your prayers as they live this out in their daily lives.

VALEDICTORY

In June we had our first in-person and indoor Valedictory since Covid. It was a pleasure to send the graduating class into the world of secondary school with our blessings. We wish them well! (Photo above)

PLAY CAFÉ GETS OWT! & BUMPS & BABES

It has been such a blessing to have had a full year of getting OWT! (Outside With Toddlers) and we are looking forward to another season to continue our valuable outreach to families of new-borns, infants and toddlers through Play Café and more recently Bumps and Babes. Both groups run side-by-side every Wednesday morning from 10am. We continue to rejoice and celebrate how Play Café grows from strength to strength with new families joining us every week,



FAMILY AND YOUTH MINISTRY

along with familiar faces. Many connections have been made this past year while parents, grandparents and minders enjoy the fun, friendships and community that Play Café Gets OWT! offers.

Play Café Gets OWT! is very much family-focussed, using the outdoors, trails, sensory and messy activities, story and singing to nurture little ones. Each session follows a theme with a familiar and regular structure with an action prayer to end our time together. Little ones can take the lead in their play and engage with the various stations at their own pace. There is always a warm welcome for everyone from the parish and wider community and, though we seem always to be fully booked through Eventbrite, invariably with last minute cancellations, we have been able to accommodate everyone. Feedback from the grown-ups who join us with their little ones has been really encouraging to hear; as is how our weekly gatherings have benefited both the grown-ups and the little ones. For many, it's been the highlight of their week which they look forward to with excitement and anticipation. Parents and caregivers welcome the structure, routine, sense of belonging and connection.

We are truly blessed with our volunteer team who share their skills, energy and time ensuring the smooth running of the group – from making playdough, dying pasta and rice, setting up, welcoming, having the chats and clearing away to serving the much needed mid-morning cuppa and babycinos. A huge thank you to Wendy Bradley, Linda MacWilliam, Andrea McLean, Sandra McQuestion, and Jade for all they contribute to making Play Café Gets OWT! what it is. And of course, we wouldn't be able to do what we do without the families who join us and all those who support and pray for the ministry. Please do keep spreading the word.

We look forward to building on some new initiatives to the Play Café Gets OWT! programme that we were able to include before the summer break with a 'Hand/Feet

Printed Keepsake Plates" fundraiser for the Red Cross Appeal for Ukraine around Mother's Day and an Easter Egg Appeal for Bray Women's Refuge, Barnardos, and Saoirse Women's Refuge in Tallaght.

We have plans to open the church doors once a month for 'Play Café Does Church' when excited children fill the pews and strollers, and babies in prams fill the aisles! We hope to have a short nursery rhyme communion, Harvest celebration and time to remember loved ones in the coming months. It is wonderful to build connections with our church and community.

A super evening was enjoyed by all those who were able to join us for our first social get together for volunteers and parents from Play Café and Bumps & Babes. Everyone enjoyed the opportunity away from the busyness of Wednesday mornings to deepen relationships while enjoying some food and chat. Details of future get togethers will appear through the usual communication channels.

Though our Wednesday sessions are suitable for everyone we are looking at running some weekend sessions for children with autism and additional needs and their families. Look out for more details as they appear through parish communications.

Our family-oriented stay and play weekly gatherings run every Wednesday from 10am–11:30am. For more information contact Lynn Storey 087 695 7061.

Bumps and Babes

If you are, or know, a new parent or parent-to-be, we invite you to relax and enjoy a cuppa in company in the Gathering Grounds on Wednesday mornings from 10am. Come and join us we would love to meet you and your bump/baby at our weekly informal get together. This group is especially for non-mobile babies and those just finding their feet. Candice Sainsbury who had her third child last summer takes the lead with this group and with its own WhatsApp the group has flourished and grown organically.

There is no need to book and there is always a warm welcome. For more information contact Julie (gatheringgrounds@kilternanparish.ie) or Lynn

MESSY CHURCH

This Autumn we are committing ourselves to running an Alpha course. This does have an impact on Messy Church which formally runs on the third Sunday of the month from 4pm–6pm. To accommodate, we have planned to run Messy Church on a Saturday just for this term. More details will follow.

GATHERING GROUNDS EXTRA

A Picnic in a Box

Before we took a four week break for the summer, we ran one last fundraiser called A Picnic in a Box. We sold close to 30 boxes at €40 each. They were brimming with several sweet treats such as vanilla melts and lemon possets and savoury items such as coronation chicken wraps and hummus bites. Many hands carefully made everything to go inside, and many hands helped to put the boxes together. A huge thank you to all involved!



CREATION LITURGIES

The Liturgical Advisory Committee (LAC) reported on a very productive year to members of General Synod.

One of the proposals was a motion from the committee on the use of liturgies for the Season of Creation. The motion calls on General Synod to recognise that the Season of Creation exists *de facto* within the liturgical calendar on the Sundays from September 1 to October 1 and therefore commend the use of the liturgies on this subject during this time and at other appropriate times.

Proposing the motion, Dean Susan Green said there had been developing growth of concern and an appreciation for the environment throughout society for the past few years and the liturgical advisory committee believed it was important to join with sister churches in the Anglican Community in having a seasonal period during which people could reflect on the issue.

'This season of creation originated within the orthodox church... This is not just another special Sunday, rather it is a set period during which parishes can choose a time to reflect on these significant issues; perhaps including their harvest thanksgiving or further widening the scope to encompass local environmental initiatives or issues as well as enabling clergy to focus on the themes of creation care and climate justice,' she stated.

We will keep a look out for suggested liturgies, and hopefully focus ourselves on this important area in autumn

RESPONDING TO THE COST-OF-LIVING CRISIS

Rising inflation, especially in the areas of food, transport, electricity and gas, and reductions in state benefits are causing increasing financial and emotional pressure for families and individuals living across the island of Ireland. To assist with the Church of Ireland's pasto-



ral response to this crisis, the Church and Society Commission has prepared a list of sources of support

Many diocesan orphan societies exist for the benefit and welfare of vulnerable children and their families in financial need. Information on how to apply for assistance from local societies can be obtained from diocesan offices. The Society of St Vincent de Paul — www.svp.ie — has a presence in all counties and the Salvation Army operates churches and centres in Dublin; a listing with contact details is available at www.salvationarmy.org.uk/ireland

Protestant Aid treats all genuine calls for help equally. Its primary activities include grants to alleviate poverty or distress; annuities for the elderly; allowances for heating/energy costs; school expenses; second-level education grants; and third-level loans. Contact details: www.protestantaid.org .

The Money Advice and Budgeting Service (MABS) provides a free and confidential service, for anyone struggling with debt. Debt advisors can be contacted on 0818 07 2000 or a call-back requested by emailing helpline@mabs.ie or texting by WhatsApp on 086 035 3141.

All of these organisations provide assistance to anyone in need regardless of religious or social background.

Grants or benefits may also be available from local authorities and social welfare officers. Examples of support have included funding for slow cooker schemes and Warm at Home packs. Diocesan Mothers' Unions have successfully applied for government funding on a cross-community basis to meet social need.

If you do find yourself struggling at this time, or know of someone who is, please contact the rector.

SENIOR ALERT SCHEME

People over 65 can get a free personal alarm if they are living alone, living with another person who is age eligible or living alone for significant periods of time during the day.

This scheme is administered through an organisation called Pobal. The grant is applied for through local community groups who are registered with Pobal, and it normally takes 10–12 weeks to obtain approval for the grant.

In the Dun Laoghaire area the relevant community group is Dun Laoghaire Neighbourhood Watch, Contact Margaret McCarthy on 01 289 7213

ARE WE PAYING ATTENTION?

An article from *Search* by Rob Clements

This article was published in the Church of Ireland journal Search. I was approached by the Search editorial team to write an 800-word article on the future of the Church of Ireland. It was published in the summer edition 2022. I thought people might like to have a look at what I wrote.

AS GODS GO, the ancient Egyptian god Osiris was serious business. He was the divine embodiment of Egyptian custom and tradition, but over time he became ossified and blind, certainly to his brother Set. Set was a schemer, unpredictable and the god of foreign things. When Osiris stops paying attention, he is accosted by Set, hacked into pieces, and spread throughout the Kingdom. His spirit is sent into the underworld; but all is not lost. Osiris has a son, Horus, often represented by the Egyptian eye. Horus pays attention and confronts Set. They battle it out and Horus wins, but not without losing one of his eyes. When Horus takes back his eye, he brings it down to the underworld and gives it to his father.

What does that all mean? Institutions are important, they are carriers of truth and wisdom, and we need them; but they tend to become ossified and blind over time, and when culture takes a turn, become impotent.

As a Church seeking to move forward, we need to begin by telling the truth about ourselves. We have not been attentive to a shifting society and have found ourselves largely cut adrift. I walked through a new development recently that will have up to 10,000 residents, and judging by the type of accommodation, many will be aged 20 to 40. Statistics tell us that few of them will engage with the church. Are we fine with that? Is it



The family of Osiris, the protagonists of the Osiris myth. Osiris is depicted on a lapis lazuli pillar in the center, flanked by Horus on the left and Isis on the right..

okay that we are fine with that? Are we paying attention? Has survival become an acceptable ambition rather than growth and renewal?

Once we tell the truth about ourselves, then we need to find where Horus is.

We need to find spiritual and social entrepreneurs. Not just find them, we need to nurture them, and resist our misguided urges to tame them. We need to find places for them to serve and grow, and that will require training and resourcing. It will involve missional centres in our dioceses, new approaches to theological education, reallocation of budgets, and fresh methods of revenue generation. It may include creative strategies for pioneering curates and clergy, maybe the reinvigoration of the diaconate, and most certainly the equipping of the laity for leadership and mission. We should be a safe place for ventures to be tried and even for mistakes to be made.

We need to find prophetic voices, and it is likely that we won't find them in the centre of our church life. We need to engage in attentive listening to those of the edges of our societies, not to try and bring them into the centre, but

because the edges tend to be where God is — (it certainly is where Jesus spent most of his time). Attentive listening is needed not only to people and groups on the edge, but to ideas also, inviting us to good public theology. Long gone is the triumphalism of Christian theology in the West. Perhaps the church of the future is a less didactic church and a community more wed to conversation and listening.

Let me return to Horus, as it is easy to miss what he does with the dismembered eye. He doesn't reclaim it as his own, celebrate his victory and in effect become the new Osiris. No, he returns the eye to his father; his mission is not to destroy the father, but to restore his father's sight.

A healthy Church of Ireland needs to embrace its Anglican axiom: we are both ancient and modern. If the Church that we love is going to be alive and thrive and carry the benefits of God to new generations, it will have to be open to renewal and re-creation, theologically, ecclesiologically, and governmentally. There is much at stake in the world today, and the Church of Ireland is uniquely placed to respond to those needs. But we need to be attentive.



THE GLORIA: SETTING THE TONE FOR WORSHIP

There are, in fact, three ‘Glorias.’ There is the Gloria Tibi, used just before the reading of the Gospel in the Service of Holy Communion — ‘Glory be to thee, O Lord.’ Then there is the Gloria Patri, which is sung or read after the reading of psalms — ‘Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.’

The third Gloria is the one with which we are concerned here, and it is this one which is generally meant when one speaks simply of ‘The Gloria.’ It is the Gloria in Excelsis, the great and one of the oldest hymns of praise which we sing or say during Holy Communion (except during Lent or Advent).

Who composed it? There is no known author, but it can be traced back all the way to the third century. This ancient Greek hymn is drawn from various sources. It begins with the greeting used by the angels at our Jesus’ birth (Luke

2:14), and then continues to expand on this theme as it relates to God the Father. The hymn concludes with a short third stanza which is renewed acclamation of praise for the Son as a part of the Holy Trinity.

The Eastern Church has used the Gloria since the fourth century. It was introduced into Western Church in the late fifth century. In the Church of England’s 1549 edition of the *Book of Common Prayer*, it was used in the same position as in the Roman Rite, just after the confession. Oddly, in the 1552 Book Cranmer moved it to the end of the service. There is no clear reason why he did this, and indeed it is one of the mysteries of the rite 1 liturgy. Perhaps it reflected the penitential emphasis of those editions of the Prayer Book. It has been returned to its traditional setting in the more modern version of the prayer book.

It is meant to represent a mighty and joyous burst of praise and adoration — it should set the tone for the service, which is why it makes sense to have it at the start. For this reason, it deserves the wholehearted participation of the worshipper, whether said or sung. It is a reminder that Sunday morning worship is a celebration. Because of the joyful nature of the Gloria and its emphasis on the incarnation and resurrection, we omit it during the penitential seasons such as Advent and Lent.

PSALM 67, A HARVEST PSALM

May the peoples praise you O God; may all the peoples praise you

Harvest is a time to sing out our thanks to God for all that he has given us. Harvest festivals in the Bible were joyful, all-age celebrations (see Deuteronomy 26:1-11) with the singing of psalms, party food, special prayers and sharing food with those in need.

Psalm 67 asks for a blessing that will make the Lord’s way known among all peoples of the earth. It starts with a benediction, *May God be gracious to us and bless us, and*

make his face shine upon us. As one commentator said, in Psalm 67, we get to eat dessert first, as God sends a blessing right away.

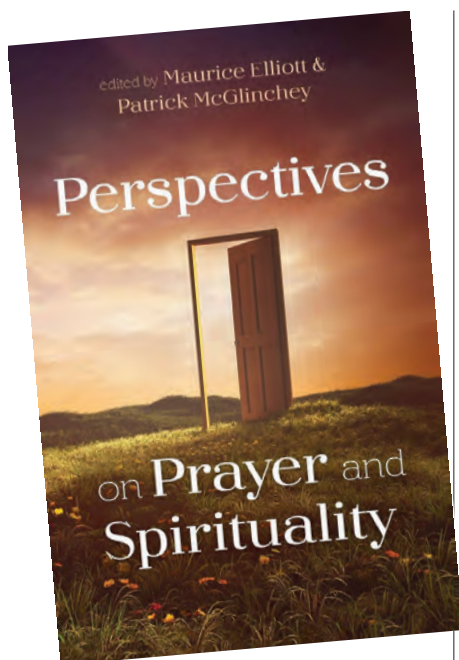
A benediction is ‘a word wishing someone well’. It’s important to remember though that this benediction isn’t just for the lucky few, but for ‘all nations.’ The blessing is signature, God’s way of communicating ‘saving power’ to ‘all nations’ (67:2). The outcome: ‘all the peoples’ praise God (67:3). God’s blessing spreads far and wide, overflowing all boundaries.

‘Harvest is a time to sing out our thanks to God for all that he has given us’

Psalm 67 is global, as is the message of harvest. Its invitation is universal, resounding in verse 3 and again in 5. ‘Let the people praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.’ Verse 4 asks ‘the nations’ to ‘be glad and sing for joy.’ The nations sing for joy because God judges the people with equity and guides the nations of earth.

Near the end of the Psalm, the reason for thanksgiving shifts to a harvest theme. ‘The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God has blessed us’ (67:6). This has led some scholars to describe this Psalm as a thanksgiving for harvest, and it certainly can be used for that specific purpose. But it ends with a more general prayer for God’s continued blessing on the worshippers (that’s ‘us’) and for ‘all the ends of the earth’ to revere God (67:7).

The story of the Psalm works like this: God’s blessing comes to Abraham and through him to all the families of Earth. God’s blessing, God’s saving mercies are not for a small group of insiders, but for all the peoples of earth. Therefore, the Psalm speaks to both the identity of God’s people and to their mission.



Perspectives on Prayer and Spirituality
Maurice Elliott and Patrick McGlinchey (eds).
ISBN 978-1-532688-06. €25.

I must confess, I have a vested interest in this book. I was invited back in 2020 to write one of the chapters on the Spirituality of All Age Worship. But beyond my short chapter, this is a book full of wonderful riches.

‘Spirituality’ has become a buzzword in our contemporary culture as individuals strive for meaning and fulfilment. Its detachment from the church and conventional definitions of religious practice highlights the seeming redundancy of what has come before. ‘Spirituality’ in this light signals a new attempt to find wholeness unencumbered by outmoded doctrines and stale rituals.

It is the conviction of this publication that the intuition behind contemporary searches for spiritual reality is a good one. It acknowledges that there must be more to life than what secular media or consumerism might tell us. The joyful message of *Perspectives on Prayer and Spirituality* is that the spiritual quest is a valid one and worth exploring. There is treasure to be found. However, the surprise is that we must rediscover what we have left behind. In the words of G.

K. Chesterton, ‘it is not that the Christian ideal has been tried and found wanting, rather it has been found difficult and left untried.’

This book offers us the tools to mine the riches of Christian spirituality and find that elusive treasure. The title, *Perspectives on Prayer and Spirituality*, alerts us to the fact that life-giving spirituality stems from relationship with a personal God who can be known.

This book is a volume of essays edited by the Director of the Church of Ireland Theological Institute, the Revd Dr Maurice Elliott, and CITI’s, Lecturer in Missiology, Dr Patrick McGlinchey. As well as the editors there are contributions from CITI staff members, Dr Bridget Nichols and the Revd Dr William Olhausen, and from others who have, in recent years, been associated with the Institute — Bishop Ken Good, Canon Christina Baxter and Adrian Chatfield. Recent students, all now in the ordained ministry, also make contributions — Rob Clements, Suzanne Cousins, Rebecca Guildea and Ian Mills — while there is an ecumenical dimension with essays from Augustinian Kieran O’Mahony OSA and Janet Unsworth of the Methodist Church. Glowing commendations from luminaries such as Craig Bartholomew, Liz Hoare, Bishop Harold Miller and Elaine Storkey suggest that this a must-read book.

To order a copy of this book please contact CITI at admin@theologicalinstitute.ie

Rob Clements

DIGITAL APP REVIEW

This *Klips* we explore a true titan in the digital world. With over ½ Billion downloads, YouVersion’s BibleApp™ is one of the world’s most downloaded apps and used by hundreds of millions of people to make God’s Word a part of their daily lives.

With that many people turning to the BibleApp™ and remarkable 4.9/ 5 star rating, it goes without saying that it is simple, easy to use and really brings the Bible to you small screen and a great way to



make it a part of even the busiest day.

There are a series of great tools to help you discover the Bible in your own time including study guides, teaching clips, trending reading plans, featured podcast and videos, verses of the day and topics. Topics is a great interactive feature that enables you to search the Bible by a wide range of topics including Love, Loss, Anger, Anxiety, Fear, Joy and Temptation.

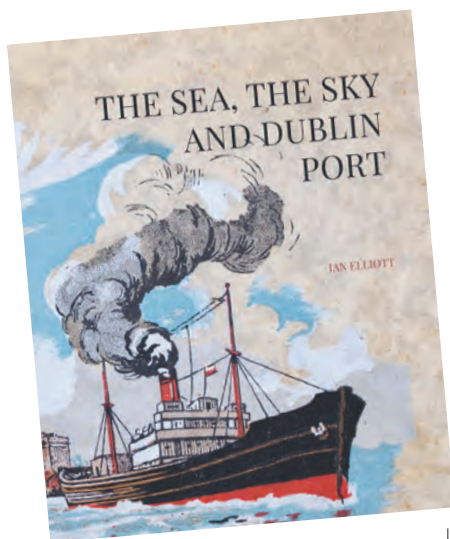
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The Sea, the Sky and Dublin Port
by Ian Elliott (edited by Peigin Doyle). ISBN 978-1-913934-75-0
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Many parishioners will fondly remember the late Dr Ian Elliott, a long term Select Vestry Secretary and occasional Church Warden. When Ian wrote this book on the development of Dublin port, his vast knowledge as a scientist and astrophysicist allowed him to set the story of the port's growth and its expansion downriver towards the sea within the context of the great scientific and technological advances of the last four centuries. Dublin was an unlikely location in which an important trading port might develop. It was tidal, with a meandering river channel, girded by dangerous sand banks at its mouth, exposed and buffeted by treacherous easterly winds.

And yet. It sat on the east coast of the country facing to the then Viking and continental worlds, close to busy trade routes on Europe's Atlantic shore. At the same time, it gave access to the heart of the country. Dublin became a trading hub for the Vikings, an administrative centre under the Anglo-Normans and English. Stone and other materials were imported to construct the new churches and buildings of the growing town. Craftspeople and other settlers followed. Through the centuries the produce of the country was traded through the port and essentials and

luxury goods imported in return. Without its port, the city could not have thrived.

Later, amid wider intellectual developments, dedicated and far-sighted port engineers drove the port's growth.

Up to the late eighteenth century, many boats made first landing at the Poolbeg peninsula where deep water at 'the Rings' End' gave sheltered berths. Cargoes and passengers were transferred to lighter boats that could travel upriver into the heart of the town where, in 1707 the first Custom House for the port was built at Wellington Quay. Quays were built to contain the river on either side creating more berths for the growing traffic. Protective sea walls snaked upriver from the sandbanks and downriver from the city.

All this time, scientists were searching for an accurate way of telling the time. This was essential to enable navigators to calculate their speed and distance travelled and, so, their location out at sea. The passage of the Sun, Moon and planets were all tracked by astronomers to measure the passing of time. Astronomers at Dunsink Observatory north of Dublin played a significant part in helping mariners at Dublin port, and the people of the city, learn the correct time.

From safer navigation came bigger ships, larger cargoes and heavier loads, requiring deeper water and more berths. The innovative engineers of the Port and Docks Board rose to the challenge, embarking on one of the most significant infrastructural developments in modern Irish history.

The advent of containerisation, where goods are carried in sealed metal containers, changed trade and shipping everywhere. From the second part of the twentieth century, only those ports that had the dynamism to expand and the space and water depth to accommodate large container ships could survive. Dublin port met and surmounted the challenges. New quays, gantries, container parks and deeper berths have replaced

the cranes, nets, warehouses and manual labour that had handled cargo for centuries.

In today's shipping, transporting cargo is enabled through the use of atomic clocks, computers and container gantries directed by satellites in medium-earth orbit.

As the port has expanded eastward, its links to the city and its people have weakened. The docks became a specialised industrial area out of sight of most of the city's population. Plans are afoot now, as part of wider infrastructural developments, that will bring the citizens of the city back into the heart of their port, for recreation, cultural activities and contact with nature.

Ian Elliott documented all these innovations, in the port, in astronomy, timekeeping and science, and turned them into a fascinating story. His deep knowledge of so many areas of science and maritime affairs was matched by a clear, authoritative and accessible writing style.

Sadly, although he put the story of Dublin Port down on paper, he did not live to see it published. He died in 2015.

It became our privilege at Wordwell to prepare his manuscript for publication. This mainly involved our editor, Peigin Doyle, bringing the narrative up to the present and explaining some scientific terms to the non-specialist. It is Ian's voice, through his clear prose, that you will hear in your mind as you read the story. If his book re-introduces Dublin's citizens to their port and its everyday importance for the city and country, and gives a deeper appreciation of the wonders of Dublin Bay – the only UNESCO Biosphere that contains, within it, a capital city — I am sure Ian would be well pleased with the results of his labours. As someone who, knew, admired, served with and learned so much from Ian as a Church Warden, I am delighted to be able to report on it here for Kiltarnan Parish.

Nick Maxwell

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REFLECTION

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE 17/04/2022

Overcast but dry as forecasted the previous evening on TV with rain from S.W. due to arrive by midday.

I left it to the 'man above' to determine whether I attended or not. If he woke me in time I'd go. Opening my eyes at 5.35 or so I got up and fearful of the consequences, opted to stay up.

Leaving the house to the dawn chorus, I passed William and Evelyn as they were edging out onto the same journey. At Barnaslingan I heard the pheasant's call and the blackbirds singing as I climbed the wide track to the Smelter Chimney. Yellow gorse shone along the way and all around the chimney area.

Too late for a programme of service which had just commenced, I listened behind William and Evelyn who were there before me.

I wasn't the last though!

A mighty throng of sixty or more had gathered as Rev. Rob led the Service of Prayers and Julie read the Gospel reading from St Luke.

Rev. Rob also sang the hymn *Lord of the Dance* while accompanying on guitar and the gathered joined in.

Mary White and Ann Walsh were there. A red setter on a lead joined in the dance pulling a young girl behind who bravely held on.

There was no sunrise to be seen, but it wasn't as cold there as experienced on previous occasions.

Patricia Farrell came over and chatted to me which I appreciated and thought it was very nice of her.

As the throng began to disperse, I crossed to Bernard Wright and reminisced about previous times including when Michael O'Connor seemed annually to light the Paschal fire for the occasion until he died some years ago. Bernard imparted that he brought up kindling for these on the previous day.

I accompanied Barbara Roe across the rough roadway down, and left her in the company of Rev. Rob temporarily until I caught up with them again.

As I drove back home, I passed a young fox standing on the footpath at Jamestown Cottages politely waiting for me to do so.

At home I fed a grey crow in the back garden. It was a pleasant start to Easter Sunday morning and thus far, the rain had kept away.

At the 9am H.C. Service some hymns were played and sung which I enjoyed, and which seemed to me to be a new addition? **WDH**


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