

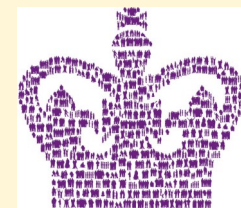
Happy Easter



*May the Light of risen Lord touch you
and Shine on you in every aspect of
your Life. May the Spirit of Joy and
Renewal bring Goodness in your Life.
Happy Easter to you and your family!*

INDEX OF CONTENTS

3. The Rector writes
5. An Interesting Article All About Healing & Some Prayers
7. Chair Devotion and Gentle Exercise (Parish Nurse)
8. Bishop's Walk Of Derry Rural Deanery
10. Some Photographs of the Bishop's Walk
12. Bible Readings
13. The Men's Group—Talk on 'The Holy Lands' by Rev Nigel
14. Church Events
15. Flower List
16. 'Come and Sing' with John Rutter
17. The Walled City Passion
18. Sexton's Cottage & Safeguarding
19. Bishop Pat Storey announces retirement
20. Mother's Day Service—15th March 2026
22. In Memoriams & Donations
23. Palm Sunday Colouring Page for Children
24. LEAH Lunch & Church Café
25. Church Catering
26. Weekly Zoom Prayer Meeting
27. Contact Information



**The King's Award
for Voluntary Service**

The MBE for volunteer groups

All Sunday Services are livestreamed to our Youtube and Facebook

The Rector writes

Thank you to everyone who supported the **Lenten Series 'Giving it Up.'** Our final 'instalment' of the series will be on Easter Day, when the title is 'Giving Up Death'. Before we reach that seasonal high point however, we continue our focus this week on Holy Week and the special services which will take place on **Holy Thursday (Communion) and Good Friday (Reflective Readings and Hymns).**



As we look towards the brighter evenings and (hopefully!) warmer weather, Hazel and Maureen begin to turn their attention to the rota for **Tourist Ministry**. The rota worked very well last year but it is quite difficult to cover all of the shifts all of the time. The whole idea is that no individual should have to carry too much of the burden, but if everyone who could help did help, then the load would be light for everyone. Therefore, if you can spare an hour, two hours, a morning or an afternoon, or if you could be a 'stand in' for holiday cover then please let Hazel and Maureen know.

Likewise, if you know any young person who needs to do some volunteering for awards such as the Duke of Edinburgh, this is an ideal way to accumulate those hours. Please consider this aspect of our presence, ministry and witness carefully.

The **Easter General Vestry** is planned for later this month – **Tuesday 14th April at 7.30pm**. Please note that due to other things happening, the General Vestry this year will take place in the church. As you know, this meeting is basically an 'AGM' covering church life.

Part of the evening is to select a new Vestry for the year ahead, and to that end I would thank all our honorary officers, wardens, and outgoing select vestry for their unstinting work in the year we are completing. Please make every effort to attend this important meeting in the life of the church.



Our usual **LEAH date** for the month of April would coincide with Easter Tuesday, and therefore we will postpone LEAH by one week. It will also now take place on **Tuesday 14th April**, with a service at 11.30am in the Church and lunch afterwards in the Canon Howe Room. Interestingly, in the month of May, we run into a similar pattern of holidays and therefore the **May LEAH** will also be one week later – **Tuesday 12th May**.

It will not be long until Bishop Andrew comes to the church to confirm our young people. **The service of confirmation takes place on 31st May**. It is very important that our candidates attend the remaining sessions to ensure everyone is adequately prepared for this service. Additionally, there will be a rehearsal before the service itself. Further details to follow.

With every blessing as we look forward in faith.

Rev'd Nigel

AN INTERESTING ARTICLE ALL ABOUT HEALING
AND SOME PRAYERS FOR HEALING TOO (CROSSWALKS)

In Jeremiah 17:14 we hear the cry "heal me Lord, and I will be healed...", and in Jeremiah 30:17 we hear God say "I will restore your health, I will heal your wounds." James 5:13 tells us "a prayer offered in faith makes a sick person well." God cares about our whole being - body, soul, spirit. Whether we are in need of physical, emotional, or spiritual healing - He knows and He cares. Let us pray in God's will that complete healing is ours. Use these prayers for healing as you seek God's strength and comfort.

Do you need God's healing in your life? God isn't just the one who healed in Bible stories. He is the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow (Hebrews 13:8). Jehovah Rapha (our Lord who Heals), from Exodus 15:26 and Jesus Christ – who healed the lame, blind, deaf, and diseased in the New Testament – is the same healing God today. He wants the redeemed to pray for their healing as an act of trust and dependence on Him and to know where our ultimate source of healing comes from. While some aspects of our being are healed immediately, others He heals over time as a way of transforming us into Christ's likeness.

A Prayer for Healing the Sick

Lord Jesus,

Thank you that you love [name of person who needs healing]. I know that you hate what their illness is doing to them/me. I ask, in the name of Jesus, that you would heal this disease, that you would have compassion and bring healing from all sickness. God, I thank you that [name of person who needs healing] belongs to you and that you are in control of everything that happens from our first breath to our last sigh. Amen (Wendy Van Eyck)

A Prayer for Healing and Grace

Dear God,

We confess our need for you today. We need your healing and your grace. We need hope restored. We need to be reminded that you work on behalf of those you love, constantly, powerfully, completely. Forgive us for trying to fix our situations all on our own. Forgive us for running all different directions and spinning our wheels to find help, when true help and healing must be found first

in You. Forgive us for forgetting how much we need you, above everyone and everything else. We come to you and bring you the places we are hurting. You see where no one else is able to fully see or understand. You know the pain we've carried. The burdens. The cares. You know where we need to be set free. We ask for your healing and grace to cover every broken place. Every wound. Every heartache. Thank you that you are Able to do far more than we could ever imagine. Thank you for your Mighty Power that acts on behalf of your children. We reach out to you, and know that you are restoring and redeeming every place of difficulty, every battle, for your greater glory. Thank you that you will never waste our pain and suffering. We love you. We need you today. In Jesus' Name, Amen. (Debbie McDaniel)

For Strength and Purpose

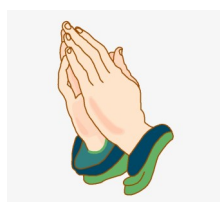
Lord Jesus,

I ask for your healing over every part of my life – physically, emotionally, mentally, and spiritually. I ask that you'd make me strong and resilient for the days ahead. I know that you have great purpose for those who believe in your name. I lean fully on you Lord, for You alone are able. I love you; I need you this day, and always. In Jesus' name, Amen. (Debbie McDaniel)

A Prayer for When You're in Pain

Father God,

We know there is pain in this fallen world. You told us there would be. And we know the enemy of our souls wants to torment us. Remind us of your truths, Lord. Let us reflect on them. And wrap ourselves up in them when we are in pain, or we feel alone. You said in Numbers 23:19, that you are not a man that you should lie. If you said something, you will do it, if you spoke it, you will make it good. Thank you for always answering us when we call. And thank you that you said in Romans 8:27 when we don't know what to pray that the Holy Spirit will pray for us. Thank you, God, that no matter what we go through, you will always be there. We pray this in Jesus' precious name. Amen. (Anne Petterson)



.....

CHAIR DEVOTION & GENTLE EXERCISE (from our Parish Nurse)

Strengthened in Body & Spirit

“I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.” – Philippians 4:1

Over the next few months, we’ll have a go at building up our movement skills – all from our chair of course. The exercises should build a little bit of strength, be good fun, and remember to think about the scripture verse as you move!

✦ How to Begin

Sit tall in a sturdy chair. Feet flat on the floor. Move gently. Breathe slowly. Repeat each movement 8–10 times (or less, depending on how you feel).

1. 🙌 Seated Praise Stretch

Move: Raise arms overhead, lower slowly.

Scripture: “Lift up your hands in the sanctuary and praise the Lord.” – Psalm 134:2

Prayer: Lord, I lift my hands and heart to You. Strengthen me today.

2. 🦶 Faithful March

Move: Gently lift one knee at a time (30 seconds).

Scripture: “For we walk by faith, not by sight.” – 2 Corinthians 5:7

Prayer: Guide my steps in faith.

3. 🛡️ Armour Shoulder Rolls

Move: Roll shoulders forward, then backward.

Scripture: “Put on the full armour of God.” – Ephesians 6:11

Prayer: Cover me with Your protection and peace.

BISHOP'S WALK OF DERRY RURAL DEANERY

Bishop Andrew Forster is closing in on the **£30,000 target** he's set for his series of fundraising walks in the diocese's seven rural deaneries in aid of our partners in the **Diocese of Kondoa in Tanzania**. Last week he undertook his fifth walk from **Culmore Parish Church to Newbuildings Church**. The local Rural Dean Canon David McBeth, a number of clergy and parishioners accompanied the Bishop along the whole of the **14 and a half mile** route, while others joined him for some or most of the six legs of the journey. Children from two local primary schools gathered with parishioners at Culmore to wish the walkers Godspeed as they went on their way. En route, the group stopped and prayed at **St Peter's Church, Saint Augustine's Church, St Columb's Cathedral, All Saints' Church, Glendermott Parish Church** before concluding with a short service in **Newbuildings Church**.



The Bishop revealed that he had clocked up **23,829 steps** – "And I have very long strides". The final walk in the series will take place in the Maghera and Kilrea Rural Deanery the week after next.

People can support Bishop Andrew's Kondoa fundraiser by clicking on the link - <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/derryraphoe-diocese>



Bishop Andrew and Rev'd Melanie Niblock passing the Peace Bridge en route to Saint Augustine's for a well-earned rest and refreshments





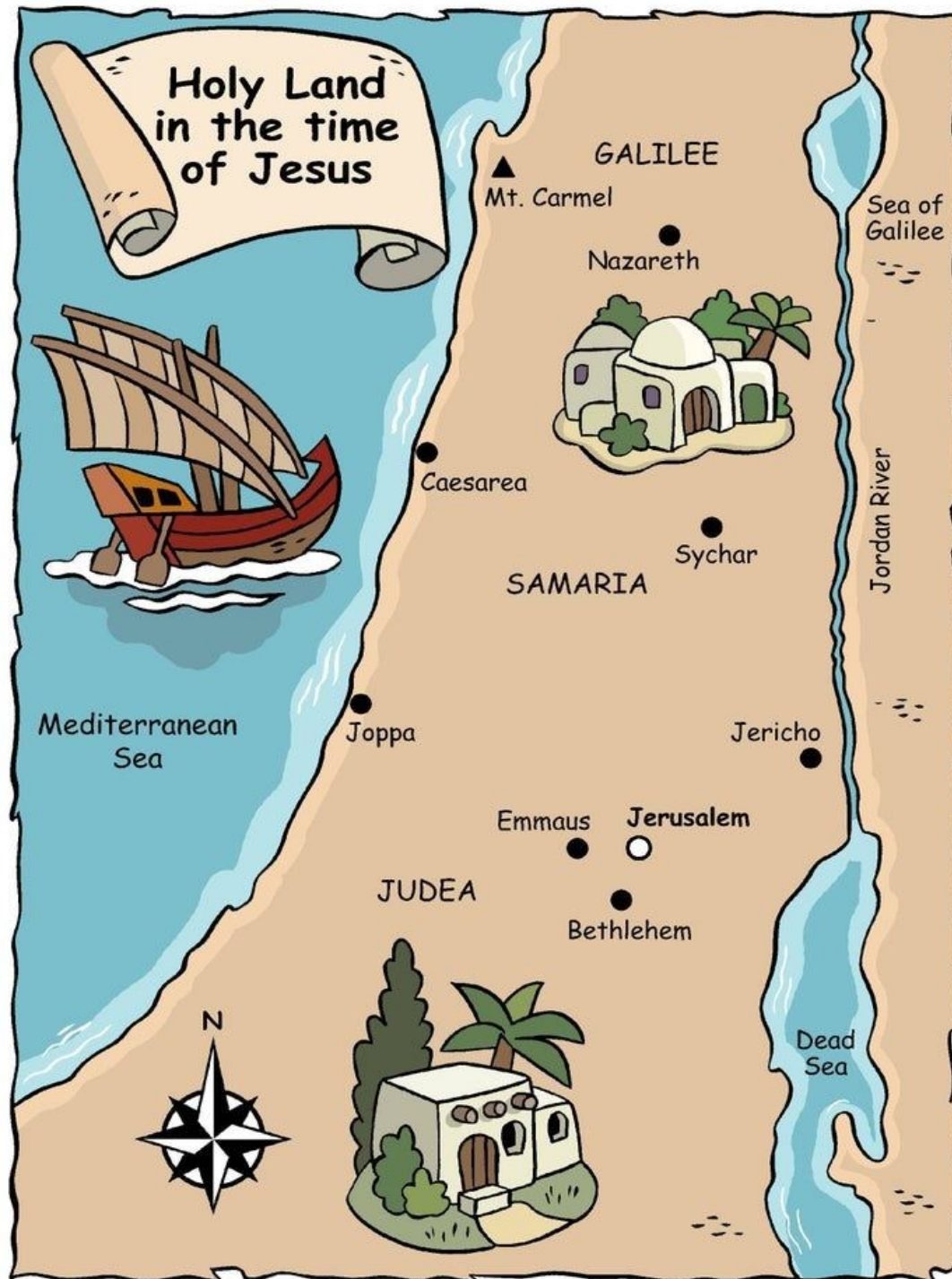
BIBLE READINGS

DATE	READING	TITLE
1 st April	Matthew 27 : 11 – 26	Your choice
2 nd April	Matthew 27 : 27 – 44	The Crucifixion
3 rd April	Matthew 27 : 45 -56	Jesus dies
4 th April	Matthew 27 : 57 – 66	Dead and buried
5 th April	Matthew 28	Risen!
6 th April	Leviticus 1	The whole of me
7 th April	Leviticus 2	The whole of today
8 th April	Leviticus 4 : 1, 2, 22 – 35	I didn't mean to
9 th April	Leviticus 5 : 1 – 13	I'm sorry, I forgot....
10 th April	Leviticus 5 : 14 – 6 : 7	Putting it right
11 th April	Leviticus 6 : 8 – 23	Pleasing to God
12 th April	Psalms 81	Will you or won't you?
13 th April	Leviticus 16 : 1 – 22, 29 – 34	A special effort
14 th April	Leviticus 19 : 1 – 18, 30 – 37	How to be holy
15 th April	Leviticus 23 : 1 – 22	Let's celebrate !
16 th April	Leviticus 23 : 23 -44	Let's keep celebrating !
17 th April	Leviticus 25 : 1 – 22	Time to rest
18 th April	Leviticus 26 : 1 – 26, 40 – 46	Ifs and buts
19 th April	Psalms 82	God who judges
20 th April	1 Timothy 1 : 1 – 11	Stay where you are
21 st April	1 Timothy 1 : 12 – 20	Point to Jesus
22 nd April	1 Timothy 2	Do you worship well ?
23 rd April	1 Timothy 3 : 1 – 7	A noble task
24 th April	1 Timothy 3 : 8 – 13	Hold on
25 th April	1 Timothy 3 : 14 – 4: 5	The key to character
26 th April	Psalms 83	Praying for our enemies
27 th April	1 Timothy 4 : 6 - 16	What is your goal ?
28 th April	1 Timothy 5 : 1 – 16	Care for the vulnerable
29 th April	1 Timothy 5 : 17 – 6 : 2	A taboo subject
30 th April	1 Timothy 6 : 3 – 10	More or less ?

'He is not here, He is risen'



The next Men's Club meeting will take place in First Derry Presbyterian Church Lecture Hall on **Thursday 16th April 2026 at 7.30pm**. Rev'd Nigel Cairns will be the guest speaker and the talk is entitled '**A recent visit to the Holy Land**'.



The Men's Club is open to all men **and ladies** in the city so please come along and bring your friends. You will all be made most welcome. Light refreshments will be served after the talk.

'He is not here, He is risen'

CHURCH EVENTS - APRIL

Thurs 2 nd April	7.00pm	Choir (Church)
	7.30pm	Maundy Thursday Holy Communion (Church)
Friday 3 rd April	7.00pm	Choir Rehearsal
	7.30pm	Good Friday Hymns & Meditations
Sunday 5th April	11.00am	Easter Day Holy Communion Order 2
Mon 6 th April		No Prayer Meeting (Easter Monday)
Tues 7 ^h April		No Holy Communion (Easter Tuesday)
Sunday 12th April	11.00am	The Second Sunday of Easter Morning Prayer 2 Kidzklub & STAY
Monday 13 th April	6.30pm	Prayer Meeting (Zoom)
Tuesday 14 th April	11.30am	Holy Communion 1 (Church) LEAH Lunch (for catering purposes, please let us know if you plan to attend)
	7.30pm	Easter General Vestry
Wed 15 th April	2.00pm	SALT (Canon Howe Room)
Saturday 18th April	tbc	First Aid Refresher Training
Sunday 19th April	11.00am	The Third Sunday of Easter Morning Prayer Kidz Klub & STAY

Monday 20 th April	6.30pm	Prayer Meeting (Zoom)
Tuesday 21 st April	10.30am	Holy Communion 1 (Canon Howe Room)
Wed 22 nd April	7.30pm	Choir Rehearsal (Canon Howe room)
Saturday 25 th April		Church Café
Sunday 26th April	11.00am	The Fourth Sunday of Easter Morning Prayer Kidzklub & STAY
Monday 27 th April	6.30pm	Prayer Meeting (Zoom)
Tuesday 28 th April	10.30am	Holy Communion 1 (Canon Howe Room)
Wed 29 th April	7.30pm	Choir Rehearsal (Canon Howe Room)
Friday 1 st May		Luminare Presents
Saturday 2 nd May		Luminare Presents

FLOWER ROTA

- 5th April - Cynthia Mills
- 12th April - The Taylor family
- 19th April - Linda Allen
- 26th April - Donna Porter



If you would like to contribute flowers please contact Elizabeth Montgomery on (02871)301432. The cost of supplying church flowers is now £30.

'COME AND SING' WITH JOHN RUTTER

The renowned conductor and composer, Sir John Rutter, is coming to Northern Ireland on **Saturday 18th April** to host his very own '**Come and Sing**' day in **St Anne's Cathedral, Belfast**. Sir John's is a household name to many people in choral and church settings, and April's visit offers a rare opportunity to work directly with one of the most celebrated choral composers of our time.



Come & Sing
with **John Rutter**

CHARLES WOOD
Festival & Summer School
CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF WOOD'S MUSICAL LEGACY

SATURDAY 18TH APRIL 2026
3PM
ST. ANNE'S CATHEDRAL, BELFAST
£20

Join us for an uplifting **Come & Sing** with John Rutter on the afternoon of Saturday 18th April, open to all singers whether you sing regularly in a choir, in church, at school, or simply enjoy singing for pleasure.

No audition or prior preparation is needed, and music will be provided on the day. Just bring your voice and enthusiasm!



TICKETS AND MORE INFORMATION:
www.charleswoodsummerschool.org/johnrutter

The event is open to singers of all ages and abilities and they will spend the day rehearsing and performing some of Sir John's best known and most popular choral works. Further details and tickets can be found at:

www.charleswoodsummerschool.org/johnrutter

NEW TWIST IN EASTER STORY AT THIS YEAR'S WALLED CITY PASSION

Walled City Passion is a modern telling of the **Easter Story** set on the famous City Walls, looking at the story, issues and themes which are still as relevant today as they were 2,000 years ago. Walled City Passion is staged as a promenade performance commencing at The Church of Ireland Diocesan Centre in London Street and culminating in the Guildhall Square. The production whilst seeking to cater for all may not be suitable for people with mobility issues.



THURSDAY 2ND FRIDAY 3RD SATURDAY 4TH

APRIL 2026

12.30 PM & 3.30 PM

Experience an immersive promenade performance on Derry-Londonderry's ancient walls, where the timeless story of *The Passion* is retold from a new perspective each year.

BOOK TICKETS:
Available via the Millennium Forum:
☎ 02871264455
🌐 millenniumforum.co.uk



STARTING POINT:
Church of Ireland Diocesan Centre
24 London Street
BT48 6RQ

This year's Walled City Passion will tell the Easter story from a whole new perspective – Judas's. Is he the most misunderstood man in history? Betrayer. Friend. Disciple. Was he a villain or something far more human? Come along to one of the twice-daily performances between **Thursday 2nd and Saturday 4th April** to see the thought-provoking way in which the production team explore the Passion story from a whole new angle.

SEXTON'S COTTAGE

You will have noticed that, week by week, more and more restorative work is taking place on the Sexton's Cottage. As the cottage is a listed building, much of the work is slow and specialised, but we are certainly edging forward in a very positive way. Site meetings are frequent, so continued thanks to Drew, Alwyn and our professional consultants for their ongoing work and impetus.



SAFEGUARDING

The Safeguarding Panel continues to meet regularly. Recently, and because of the huge remit of Safeguarding (which incorporates Health and Safety, Risk Assessment, Insurance, Fire Compliance etc), we have broadened the Safeguarding Panel. Thank you to Drew and Deirdre for coming onto the Safeguarding Panel in a more official way. Thanks also to Deirdre who will now take the lead for safeguarding amongst our church community at Saint Augustine's. If there are any safeguarding concerns, they should be shared with Mrs Deirdre Amor, Mrs Irene White, Mr Marshall Kilgore, Mr Drew White, or the Rector. There is a comprehensive suite of Safeguarding and Health & Safety Policies which are available in hard copy, upon request.

'He is not here, He is risen'

BISHOP PAT STOREY ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT

The Bishop of Meath and Kildare, the Most Rev Pat Storey, is to retire at the end of July, 12 years after she created history by becoming **the first female Anglican bishop in Ireland or Britain.**



Bishop Pat said: 'I have deeply enjoyed my twelve years of ministry in Meath and Kildare and count it as an immense privilege to have spent this time amongst you. I have decided to retire simply because it feels like the right time. I will find it very difficult to leave, but I entrust the dioceses, which are His anyway, to God. Thank you for the joy of living and working in this beautiful part of the world. I will truly miss you.'

Bishop Storey has served as President of Church of Ireland Youth Department for a number of years and also spearheaded the Church's groundbreaking mental health awareness project, MindMatters. For almost 10 years prior to her consecration, she served as Rector of Saint Augustine's.

We wish Bishop Pat every blessing for the future, and pray she enjoys a long and healthy retirement. We thank God for her caring ministry, her courageous leadership and her warm friendship.

15th MARCH 2026—MOTHER'S DAY SERVICE



Kidz Klub singing their song at the morning service



Thank you to Peter for the lovely basket of goodies for the children



Everyone hard at work preparing gifts for Mother's Day

IN MEMORIAMs

In memory of Jennifer Rankin

£100.00 from John Rankin (to Kidz Klub)

In memory of Ian McGregor

£25.00 from Elizabeth Montgomery

£40.00 from John & Linda Allen

In loving memory of parents Cecil & Jean Allen

(and remembering Cecil on his 30th Anniversary)

£500.00 from John & Linda Allen

DONATIONS

£500.00 from Peter & Wendy Atkinson (thank you for Baptism Service for Linda)

£60.00 from Isobel Lytwyn (for prayer pouches)

£100.00 from anonymous

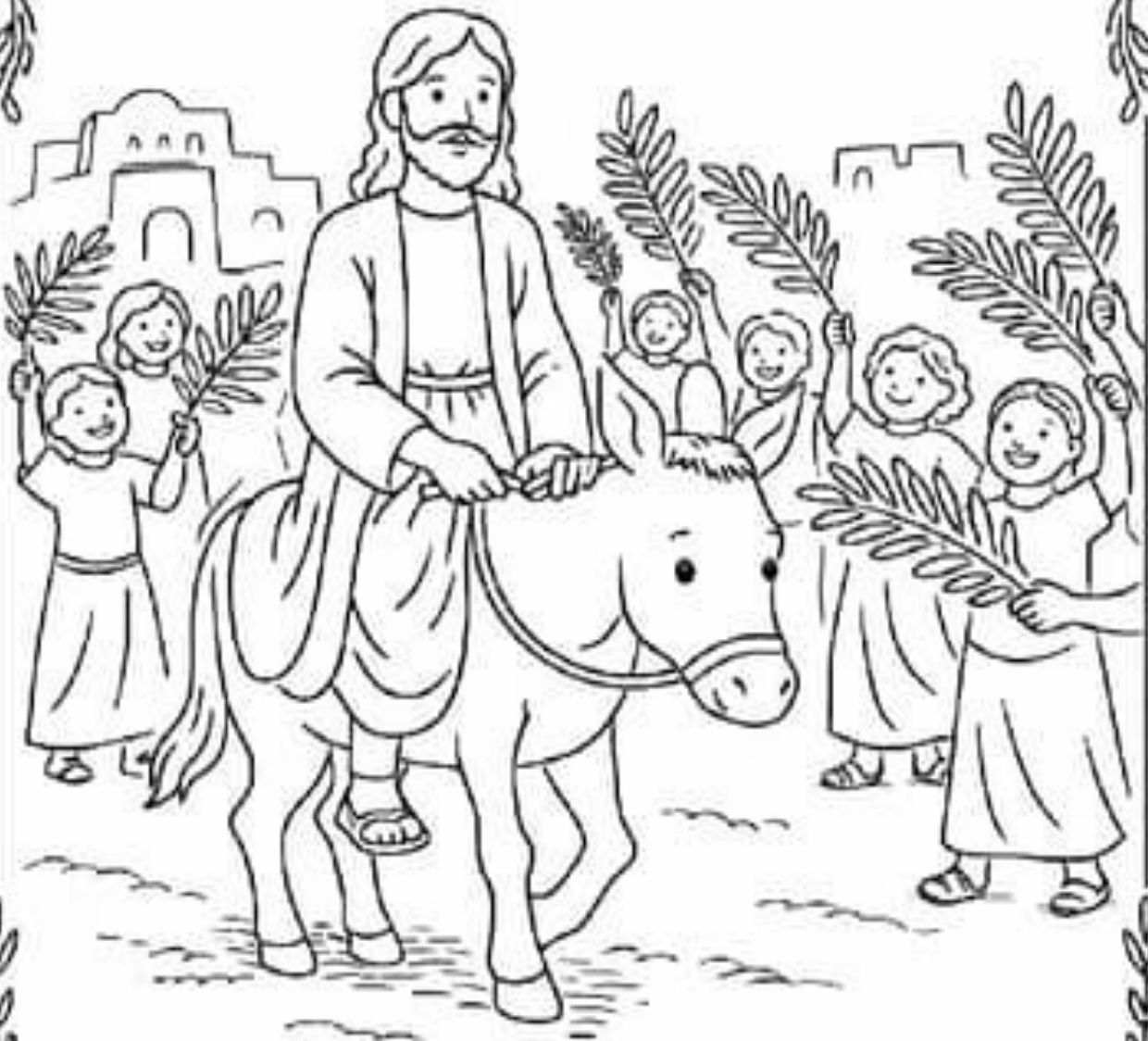
£5.00 from anonymous

£10.00 from anonymous (for Church Magazine)

£20.00 from Irish Dancing Committee (for Room Hire)

Palm Sunday

Jesus enters Jerusalem



*"Hosanna! Blessed is He who
comes in the name of the Lord."*

LEAH LUNCH—PLEASE NOTE

With the first Tuesday in April being Easter Tuesday we have decided to hold April's lunch on the following **Tuesday (14th)**. That will give everyone time to get the Easter Egg scoffing and other indulging out of the way!



As usual please let us know if you will be attending so we can have the correct numbers for catering purposes etc. The number of 'lunchees' has been a bit on the low side of late so please do try and come along and support the hard work of the LEAH group - it's not just a case of opening a tin of soup - we're at the cooker from early in the morning! Please let any of the team, Sheira or myself know that you are coming by ringing **07980667613** or chat to us if you would be interested in joining us for Communion, a chat and a chew and Fellowship.

CHURCH CAFE

April's cafe will be open as usual on the **last Saturday (25th)**. Do try to make a point of supporting another worthwhile Church project. Whether it's for breakfast, a cuppa and a scone, lunch or a bite or two of the homemade goodies from the counter - you won't be disappointed! Every penny you spend goes straight into church funds and helps to meet the ongoing expenses. We'll be up and running from 10am and look forward to seeing you.



CATERING

We were pleased to welcome Bishop Andrew and supporters to the church as a stop off point on his sponsored walk on **18th March**. His estimated time of arrival was around noon and we happily provided sustenance to help him along his way. He and his fellow walkers enjoyed a cross between a lunch and an afternoon tea.



It was very much appreciated and 'a bit more than we had expected' ... tea and a bun it certainly wasn't. In his extremely complimentary thank you speech afterwards he spoke in glowing terms about the welcome, hospitality and generosity he always receives from us. He summed it up in one simple sentence - **'The Wee Church with the Big Heart'**. It was an honour to host him and to witness first hand his walk, and it didn't take a wrinkle out of him!

WEEKLY ZOOM

PRAYER MEETING

Join us every Monday night at 6:30pm
as we pray for our church, the community,
our families and any other prayer requests.

It's a great time to draw near to God.

Just let the Rector know and he will arrange
to send you the link via email or if you would
like prayer for yourself or a friend these
requests can be included in our session.



RECTOR

Rev'd Nigel Cairns
25 Dunnwood Park, Londonderry BT47 2NN
email : weechurch@btinternet.com

RECTOR'S CHURCH WARDEN

Mrs. Maureen Neely

PEOPLE'S CHURCH WARDEN

Mrs. Sheira Peacocke

PARISH READERS

Mrs. Deirdre Amor MBE , Mrs. Alison Cairns
Mrs. Maureen Neely, Ms. Sandra McConnell
Ms. Megan Cairns, Mr. Drew White
Mr. Robert Lynch, Mr. Alan Neely

CHURCH FINANCES

Hon. Treasurer - Mr. Drew White
Hon. Secretary/ Donations Secretary - Mrs. Deirdre Amor MBE

Church Organist

Miss Lauren Duncan

Safeguarding Trust Panel

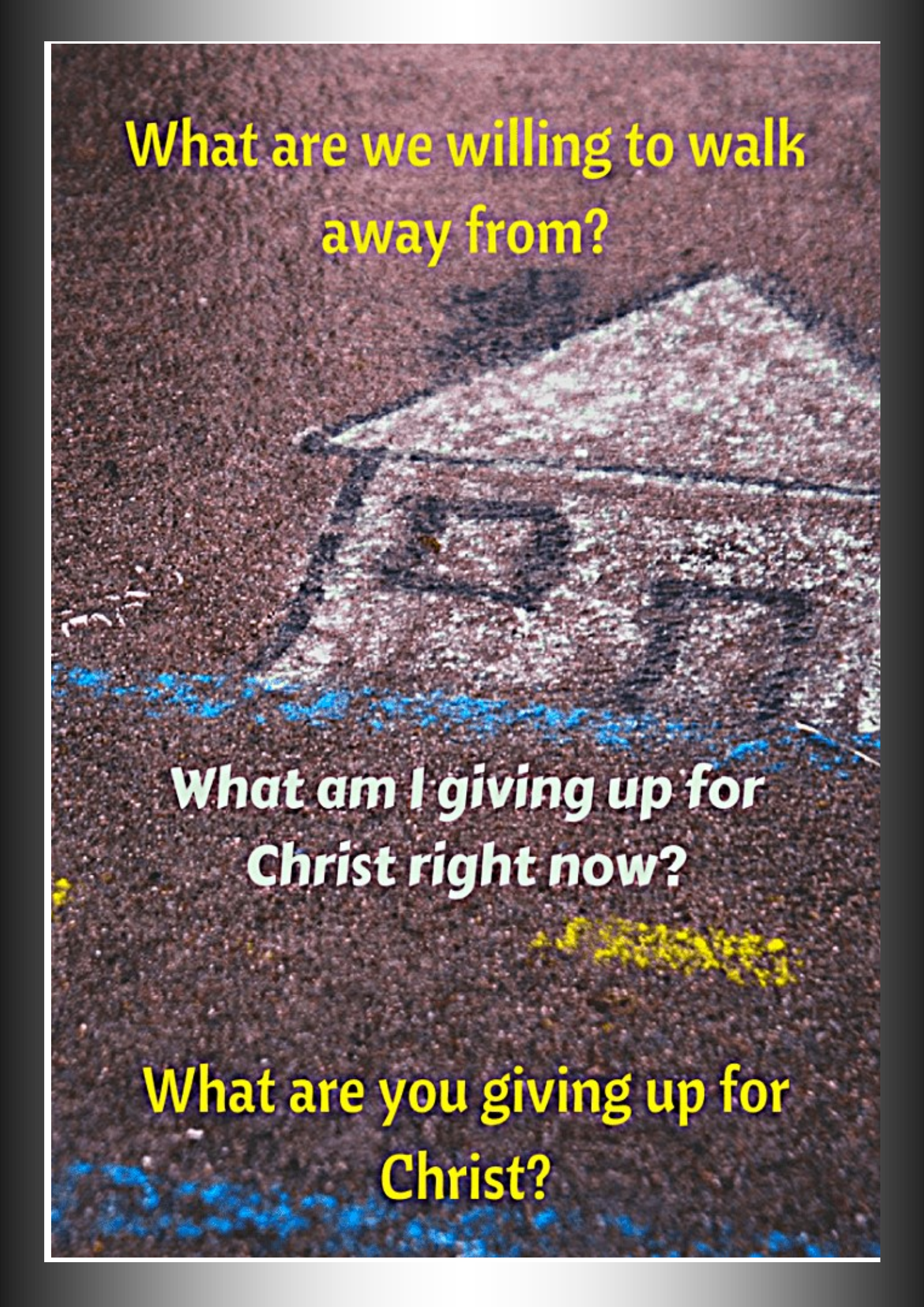
Rev'd Nigel Cairns, Mr. Marshall Kilgore MBE
Mrs. Deirdre Amor MBE, Mrs. Irene White, Mr. Drew White

Parish Nurse

Mrs. Alison Cairns

Magazine Editor

Mr. Alan Neely



**What are we willing to walk
away from?**

***What am I giving up for
Christ right now?***

**What are you giving up for
Christ?**