

Parish News

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Weekly Events

Sunday Services	10.30am	Family Communion (1st Sunday)
	10.30am	Service of the Word (2nd Sunday)
	9:00am	Holy Communion (3 rd Sunday)
	10.30am	All Age Worship (3rd Sunday)
	10.30am	Morning Prayer (4th Sunday)
	10.30am	Service of the Word (5th Sunday)
	7.00pm	Evening Service (2 nd & 4 th Sundays)
Monday	7.00pm	Bowls in Parish Hall
Tuesday	10.00am	Tuesday Tots
	7.30pm	Bible Study in Parish Hall
Wednesday	2.00pm	Knitting Group—Crafty Ladies
	7.00pm	Sewing Group (every 2 nd week))
Thursday	2.00pm	Ladies in Faith Together (L.I.F.T. every 1 st & 3 rd)
	7.30pm	Prayer available in church
	7.30pm	Select Vestry (3 rd Thursday)

Email: Greenislandparish@hotmail.co.uk

Services are currently streamed and can be found at
<https://www.facebook.com/greenislandparish>



PASTORAL VISITS

If you or a loved one need pastoral care, please get in touch with Rector, Rev'd Dr Isobel Hawthorne-Steele (07788553376) of our Lay Pastoral Care Team, led by Roger Martin (07884182838).

It is important that you let us know if you or a loved one has been admitted to hospital, as visiting those who are seriously ill is one of the main priorities of any minister's pastoral work.

THURSDAY EVENING OPEN FOR PRAY

Please remember that the Church is Open for Prayer every Thursday evening from 7.30pm. Everyone is most welcome to drop in for prayer, led by Tony Jones, either for yourself or someone who would appreciate prayers on their behalf.



As many of you are aware, we have been collecting supplies to support the work of Baby Basics. From knitters making sweaters and blankets to generous

donations of clothes, nappies and sanitary products, the cot at the back of the church is perpetually full of supplies to complete Moses baskets for new babies.

Karen and the Baby Basics Belfast Team include a card with each basket, that says "I will praise you for I am fearfully and wonderfully made."



Ps. 34:18 The LORD is close to the broken-hearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.

Helen Anne Leonne Wallace
4th August 2022

Our thoughts and prayers are with Helen’s family

FLOWER ROTA



Our Flower Rota is fully operational after a few stops and starts during COVID. The list can be found at the back of the church, or talk to a Church warden. It is a lovely way to remember a specific date during the year and can be done by either donating money or flowers, whichever you prefer.

L.I.F.T Schedule

Date	Topic	Speaker
Oct 6	Baby Basics	
Oct 20	Alcoholics Anonymous	Stewart Morton
Nov 3	Trip to RUC Memorial Gardens	
Nov 17	Baking for Christmas	Anna McCartney
Dec 8	Ministry of Healing	Brother David Jardine
Dec 22	Christmas Lunch	Root Soup/ David Branagh Curry

Thank-you father for forgiving us, even though we have hurt you, ignored you and turned away from you.
Thank-you for taking us back and giving us another chance.
Help us not to waste this opportunity as we have done in the past. Amen.

The Rev Writes



The words are very poignant as they describe the impressions that non-church goers in that era had of those who attended church. Some of the expressions may still ring true for you if you are sitting at home each Sunday, perhaps thinking about coming along to church, and then some negative thoughts creep through your mind. Thoughts about how people in church may 'dress to impress', may look down their nose at newcomers. You may feel intimidated by strange rituals not knowing when to stand up or sit down, and you would be frightened to do something to draw attention to yourself.

Why some people won't go to Church

Some of you may have heard of or indeed you may well remember one of Ulster's great entertainers, James Young. He brought a lot of humour to audiences 'across the barricade' during the height of the troubles. One of the tracks on this album (pictured on the left), is a monologue about 'why some people go to church'.

Perhaps it's the thought of singing, songs that are unfamiliar and you might go off key. You may have memories of drab sermons that go on forever.

Then you have to face the music with the minister on the way out, who might highlight the fact that you rarely if ever attend, well, except for baptisms, weddings or funerals. But then, we are only half way through the words of James Young's monologue, he cleverly brings about the real reason why we go to church. It's to worship God to find spiritual refreshment and share our burdens with each other, seeking friendship and prayer support.

Some negative comments I have heard in my time:

It's boring – well so are the school holidays so we do something about it! It's only boring because you are not there to bring your sparkle and your ideas and your God given talents.

Reading the Bible is boring – It is far from boring- it depends on how you look at it - as a 'rule book' or 'to do list' then it will be boring. On the other hand, it so exciting, it is the world's No. One bestseller of all time with approx. 5 billion copies distributed. No one is obliged to buy it, you see it has everything; history, excitement, suspense, poetry, songs, humour, archaeological interest, cultural diversity, I could go on and on but more importantly it IS God's breathed word to each of us. You might want to try different versions such as the more modern by Eugene Patterson 'The Message' which contained more up to date more easily understood language.

It's exclusive– I agree the saving grace given by Jesus is exclusive to YOU.

People in the church are all a bunch of hypocrites –

I agree and I include myself, that's what church is - a bunch of human fallible hypocrites, striving to become more like Jesus, trying to be less hypocritical. This is exactly the behaviour modification advice we follow stated in Matthew 7:5 'wipe that ugly sneer off your own face, and you might be fit to offer a washcloth to your neighbour'.

The church just wants your money- of course we do, but we want you to give it because you want to, and give it with a joyful heart not begrudgingly. It is purely voluntary just as we read in Luke 21:1-4, the widow gave her last money willingly and joyfully.

It a load of rubbish not based on fact God does not exist – I disagree here, there has to be a great designer of the human body, the universe in which we live and move and have our being, the intricacy of parts of the human body such as the eye or DNA.

Not to mention the animals and creatures and nature of this vast world. Then there is our individual relationship with God. Anyone who has experienced being cut low in life through broken relationship, separation through death of a loved one, or illness, and has knowledge and understanding about faith in God, know the touch of his son Jesus who enfolds us in his loving arms and weeps with us in our times of great sorrow, bringing us through with “strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow”. (hymn: Great is thy faithfulness). If you are staying away from church because you feel you are not good enough to go, or if you feel like your problems are beyond the scope of the church to help don't let discouragement keep you away. Don't give in to the enticing voice of satan telling you 'church is for someone else not you', 'you need to work', 'clean the house', 'take the children out', 'make the dinner', 'visit someone', 'have a deserved lie in', 'you need space time for you'. Do NOT listen, satan loves to get alongside you when you are at your lowest ebb, he will only make things worse for you. Church is the last place satan wants you to go, as he knows you will be touched by the presence of God and be lifted high. So, go on, make the effort, and believe me it doesn't matter what you wear, how you hair is etc, you will find a warm welcome here. You may come in as a stranger, but you will go out as a friend.

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Rev Isy



Remembrance Sunday Service

13th November 2022

Join us as we remember the service and sacrifice of all those that have defended our freedoms and protected our way of life.



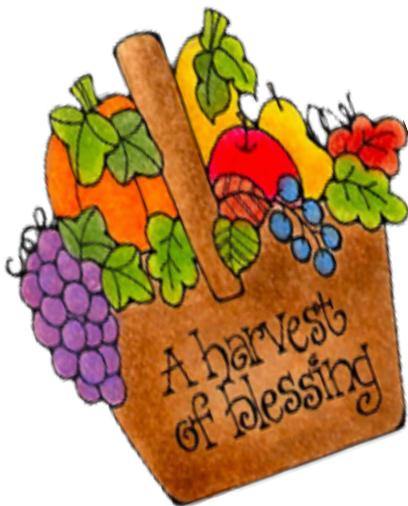
DO YOU LOVE TO SING?

Then we would love to have you join our Community Choir. Please talk to Rev Isy for more information.



10.30am every Sunday morning – open to all school aged kids

Youth Group
First meeting Sunday 9th Oct 2pm
See Lorna for details



Harvest Service
23rd October
Morning service 10.30am
Evening service 7.00pm

We shall be decorating the church on Saturday morning 10am 22nd Oct (all welcome)

We are also trying to give as much non-perishable goods to the local foodbank (please bring your food donations to the church)



CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

- 11th Dec – 10.30am Secret Santa
 11th Dec – 7.00pm Nine Lessons & Carols by Candlelight
 18th December – 6.00pm Christingle Service
 24th December – Christmas Holy Communion
 25th December – Christmas Day Service



**Bring all new and nearly new Toys to our
 Bring & Buy Toy Fair
 Saturday 26th November!!**

Greenisland Community Carol Service Thursday 1st December 7-8pm
 Join in for the annual Community Christmas Carol Service at the
 Greenisland Community Centre.

SANTA will be arriving at our
 church on the 11th Dec. He will be
 collecting gifts for children who are in
 need.

Please bring a gift (unwrapped)
 Ages 0 to 18yrs old.

Let's fill Santa's sack



OUR MISSION STATEMENT

We are a church family who are welcoming, friendly, Christ centred, Bible focused and prayerful.

OUR VISION STATEMENT

We aspire to:
Transform lives for Christ
Love God and our neighbours more
be: **C**ommunity orientated

Activities

- Bowls
- Bible Study
- Art & Craft
- Knitting
- Sewing
- Tuesday Tots
- Prayer Night
- Tea after Service
- L.I.F.T
- Sunday Creche/Club



pastoral

- Prayer Teams
- Parish Visits
- Hospital visits
- Baptisms
- Weddings
- Funerals



misc

- Shop
- PBNI
- Flower Rota
- Cleaning
- Meals
- Hall Hire
- WWW / FB/ Youtube/
- Stream



There are plenty of activities that you and your family can get involved in. If you have any ideas for new groups please let us know.

Kids @ Church - HARVEST



Christian Harvest Word Search

Church	K	M	I	V	C	Y	L	W	F	C	R	O	P	S	I	E	D	A	Feast
Wheat	H	I	F	E	H	G	X	E	C	D	K	Q	A	G	M	L	D	Turkey	
Harvest	U	C	A	E	U	A	R	T	S	I	W	H	E	A	T	O	A	E	Worship
Crops	T	H	R	M	R	A	P	T	F	E	A	S	T	M	U	M	S	Platter	
Farmer	U	A	M	Y	C	V	P	L	I	W	O	R	S	H	I	P	M	S	Plough
Lammastide	R	E	E	X	H	E	A	V	P	V	A	E	D	H	S	A	E	Bakewell	
Michaelmas	K	L	R	P	B	S	T	A	J	L	P	P	J	E	W	S	R	Swede	
Festival	E	M	T	H	D	T	T	L	V	U	O	N	P	B	E	T	T	Apple	
Combine	Y	A	X	J	G	T	E	U	A	G	S	U	J	L	D	I	G	Autumn	
Dessert	Y	S	U	N	C	S	Y	R	E	I	Y	G	G	B	E	D	Q	Grapes	
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Nine lessons & Carols by candlelight

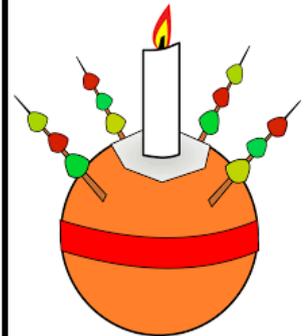
11th December 6pm

Join us after the service for shortbread & mince pies

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE SUNDAY 18th DECEMBER 6.00PM

Christingle means 'Christ's Light' and it is a symbol of the Christian faith. Lots of churches hold Christingle services around Christmas time. The custom of giving out lighted candles in these services began in Germany in 1747 but it wasn't introduced to the Anglican Church in England until 1968.

Christingles are made up of different parts, each one being there to remind us of



The **orange** represents the world.

The **candle** reminds Christians of Jesus who they believe to be the light of the world.

The **red ribbon** goes all round the 'world' and being the colour of blood, reminds Christians that Jesus died.

The **four cocktail sticks** could have either of two meanings; the four seasons or the four corners of the world.

The **sweets** (or sometimes dried fruit) remind Christians of God's gifts to the world including kindness and love.

Why not give indoor bowls a go? We meet on Monday evenings 7- 9pm
 Why? Well because it's "Great craic" "friendly folk" "lovely cup of tea".....



Our Holy Communion Service will begin at 11.30pm
 24th December

Minted Lamb Chops

Serves: 4 | Preparation Time: 2 hours | Cooking Time: 6 minutes

Ingredients

4 tbsp natural yoghurt, plus extra to serve
 2 tbsp mint leaves, chopped
 1 tbsp Dijon mustard
 1 lemon, zest finely grated
 2 tbsp olive oil
 8 lamb chops, French-trimmed mint leaves and lemon wedges to serve

Preparation Method

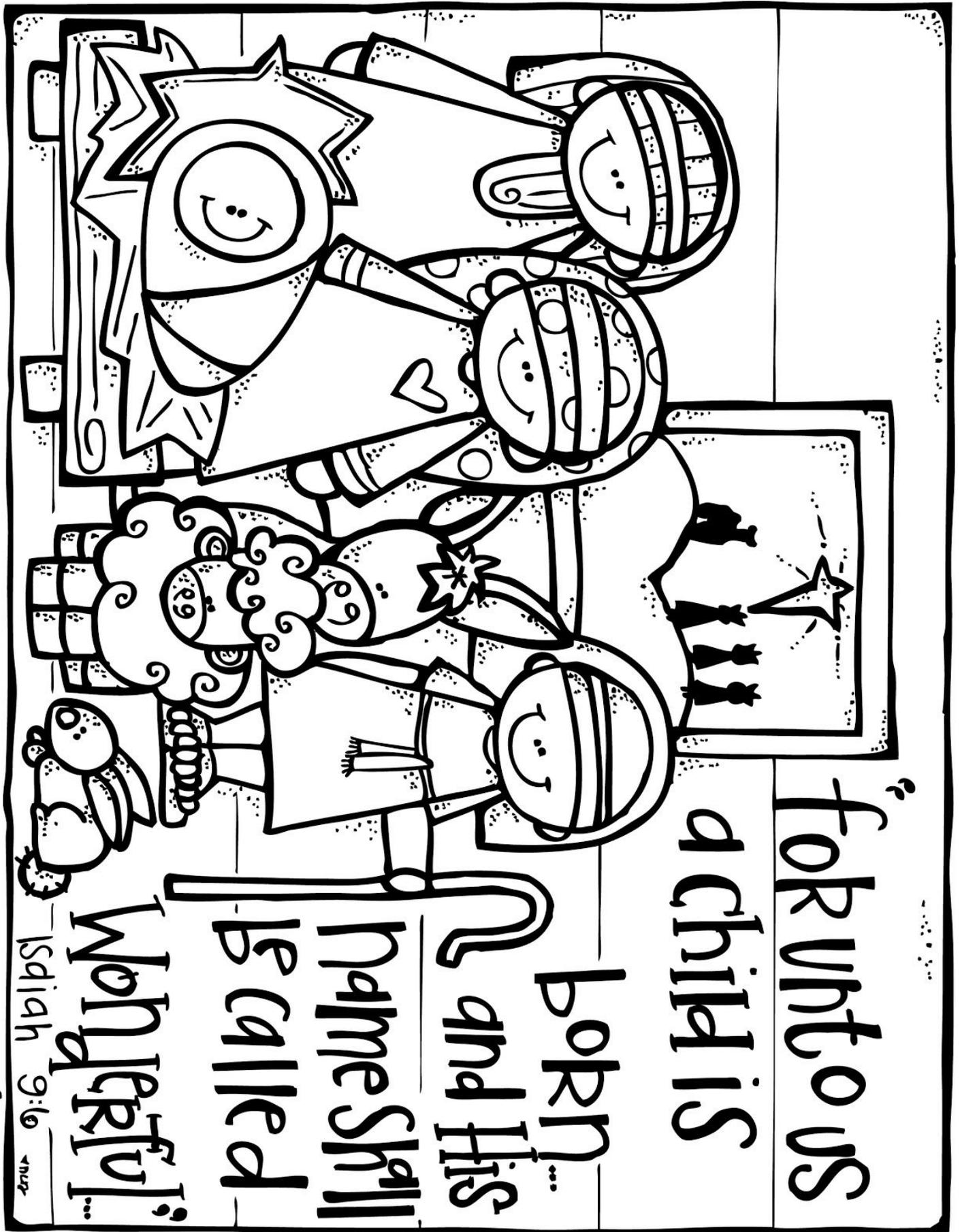
Mix the yoghurt with the mint, mustard, lemon zest and oil, then brush it over the lamb and leave to marinate for 2 hours.

Preheat the grill to its highest setting.

Grill the chops for 3 minutes on each side or until nicely browned, then serve garnished with mint leaves and lemon wedges.

When Jesus takes your hand, He keeps you tight
 When Jesus keeps you tight, He leads you through life
 When Jesus leads you through life, He brings you safely

KIDS @ CHURCH



Andy's Thoughts on Weddings



Herself says we're invited to the wedding of another of her cousin's offspring. "Deep joy" I muttered.

The same cousin who told me at last year's wedding, in alarming detail, about the differences between Massey Ferguson and John Deere gearboxes.

"The 14th of May" she announced brightly.

"What?" I muttered. "On F.A. Cup Final day? What kind of fool gets married on Cup Final Day?"



Of course, weddings have little to do with the men anyway. OK, the groom and his team turn up, on time, and do as they are told, but who remembers anything else about the men, apart from the usual ol Uncle who drinks too much and makes an eejit of himself?

Here come the Bridesmaids.

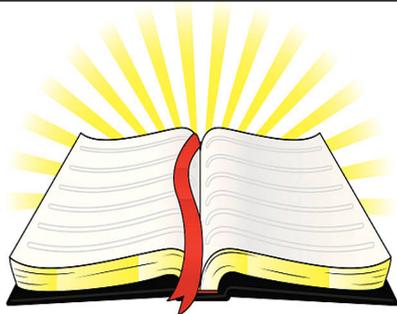
Usually about six of them, slow marching up the aisle a hundred yards apart, clutching their sheaf of artfully arranged sun dried flowers, straw and weeds, to the tune of Beyonce's Crazy in Love. But all the attention is on the Bride and The Dress. Oohs and aahs. Sharp intakes of breath. Tears will flow. That sort of thing.

Then there is the wonderful spectacle of the Mother of the Bride and the Mother of the Groom dresses plus their awesome hats, usually big enough to shelter the whole family, never mind the lady glaring out from under it.

The attempts by the wedding photographer to organise everyone into various groups and family poses ends up like trying to herd cats. The guests are worse than primary school children let loose in the playground on the last day of term.

Next the speeches, thankfully before dinner and hopefully short. Gone are the days when the Father of the Bride, Best Man and Groom stumbled through a few words before the Minister took the microphone off them before the spuds got cold or the Best Man said anything too dodgy. Nowadays you must have a dozen speeches, a poem by the flower girl or page boy and even a video presentation if you're unlucky.

Time for the spuds! It used to be that the dinner was either chicken or beef. If you were vegetarian, just scrape the meat to one side or swap it for more carrots and peas with that big lad across the table. Finally, the First Dance. Something tuneless by Ed Sheeran probably. In my day you slithered round the floor to When a Man Loves a Woman and that was it. After that, the usual chaos. Congo, anyone? I wonder if the Cup Final will be on in the wee side bar?



BIBLE STUDY
 Tuesday's 7.30- 9pm

A friend is one who reaches for your hand but touches your heart

The shortest distance between a problem and a solution is the distance

Best of all:
 Psalm 41:10 BE STILL AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD

The one who kneels by the Lord can stand up to anything

WISE WORDS

A picture paints a thousand words.

This adage originates from an old Chinese proverb. How true this has become for each of us as we watched or listened these past days to the unfolding events of Queen Elizabeth's death. We have been saturated with pictures and soundbites of the Royal family as we shared in their grief. The pictures portray a lifetime of unwavering devotion, unselfish service, stoic determination to carry on through all of life's adversities. Many of the pictures shown or described, convey the compassion and deep understanding the Queen had towards the vulnerable, marginalised and the hurting. Above all, the Queen confirmed in her own words, to have "a deep lived out faith in Christ".



She was a true example of a servant leader, practising the great commandment given by Christ that we read in Matthew 22:36-40

"love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind and... love your neighbour as yourself." There are many more adjectives that can be named to give character witness to the Queen's great and powerful leadership.



To us she was the head of our monarchy, yet to those of her closest family she was much more. It was especially moving to see or hear described, the pain of loss etched on the face of her son who has now become our King as he spoke soon after his mother died saying, “I have been dreading this day all my life”.

The weight of a son’s sorrow mingled with obvious fear of the enormous responsibility to fill his mother’s shoes as head of the monarchy, was almost palpable. As we then followed the journey of the state funeral and were part of the outpouring of grief and admiration of a such a servant Queen by millions around the world, we can only imagine how much more her closest family felt the weight of loss.

Many of us have sadly experienced the pain of death of loved ones in our lives, and it is often the day after the farewell service, that we tumble into a deep sense of disbelief loneliness and emptiness and dread of what the future will hold. It is in these times we need the love and prayers of others to support us. In these aftermath days of the Queen’s death,

we can be in no doubt of the picture she has painted for us of how we can and should live out the Christian faith.

It is now our duty as Christians and loyal subjects to His Majesty King Charles III, to unite in the prayer that he will claim the legacy he has inherited and carry the baton of a Christ-centered monarch.

Rev Isy

DATE	TIME	SERVICE
2 nd October	10.30am	Holy Communion
9 th October	10.30am 7.00pm	All-age Service with Baptism Evening Worship
16 th October	9.00am 10.30am	Holy Communion Service of the Word
23 rd October	10.30am 7.00pm	Harvest Service Evening Harvest Celebration
30 th October	10.30am	Morning Prayer
6 th November	10.30am	Holy Communion
13 th November	10.30am 7.00pm	Remembrance Service Evening Worship
20 th November	9.00am 10.30am	Holy Communion All-age Family Service
27 th November	10.30am	Advent Service
4 th December	10.30am	Holy Communion
11 th December	10.30am 7.00pm	Secret Santa Nine Lessons & Carols by Candlelight
18 th December	9.00am 10.30am 6.00pm	Holy Communion All-Age Family Service Christingle Service
24 th December	11.30pm	Christmas Holy Communion
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