



# News for You

October 2021

## Dear Parishioners

This is not a trick question: how many trees do you see in the foreground of this picture?



Unless you have been to Pretoria or Zimbabwe or Lesotho you may have counted about 13 tree trunks. The actual number exceed this however as every clump of red foliage is the canopy of the Erythrina Zeyheri also known as the 'plough breaker' and this 2nd photo explains why!!! What a force the roots are! No wonder some have survive in African countries for 13,000 years or more! The trunk and roots of these trees form underground forests to protect the tree from scorching heat, fires, grazing animals, drought and disease. The ecosystem it supports is tremendous. Church life is like that too - most of the growth and nurture happens in the more quiet, deep, sheltered space of our devotional lives which can then nourish the more outward expressions of love in action when we come together to worship our God and when we care about our God given world and when we teach and encourage one another in the faith and become more "rooted and grounded" in love and in our faith. Let's harvest now what grew in our spirits during the quietness of the past months and display welcome and witness to those needing to be nurtured by a deep faith ecosystem.

*Canon Adrienne*

## Schedule of services for October 2021 (with attendance subject to continuing restrictions)

Thankfully all services have resumed in the church and, unless otherwise instructed, will continue even if numbers permitted are restricted. The 10.30am service every Sunday continues to be live-streamed and up to 50 parishioners can attend in person. The schedule for October is as follows:

### Each Thursday

10.30am Holy Communion service in Church, or via Zoom at 01-6533897, or via computer meeting id. 4038917003.



### Each Sunday

8am and 12 noon Holy Communion 1

Sunday 3rd 10.30am Morning Prayer

Sunday 10th 10.30am Harvest Festival



Sunday 17th 10.30am Holy Baptism with Baps & Butties service for all ages and faith stages

Sunday 24th 10.30am Holy Communion

Sunday 31st 10.30am Holy Baptism with Holy Communion

As well as in-person in Church, the 10.30am service will continue to be live-streamed every Sunday and will also be available (after 24 hours) on the Parish YouTube channel at



[www.youtube.com/channel/UCso-NPjtC4skX-mIKICJ-JA](http://www.youtube.com/channel/UCso-NPjtC4skX-mIKICJ-JA).

[www.rathfarnham.dublin.anglican.org](http://www.rathfarnham.dublin.anglican.org)

## Congratulations Rev. Martin Steele

We congratulate Rev. Martin Steele on his ordination to the Diaconate which took place on 12th September in Killala Cathedral, Co. Mayo.

We very much enjoyed his time with us on placement and offer him our prayerful support as he begins ordained ministry and also completes his thesis this year.



## Organ Refurbishment Fund Launched



Our 3-year Organ Refurbishment project was launched at the 10.30am service on Sunday September 19th.

The congregation heard 3 short presentations from Committee Chair David Whyte and Members Gillian Perdue and Stuart Ruttie. Luckily the fine day ensured that the new marquee was christened with tea, coffee and lots of delicious bakes, courtesy of the Choir, after the service.

You can find out more about the project on the parish website as well as details about how to donate. There are information leaflets available in the church and also application forms for our Adopt-A-Pipe Scheme.

Many thanks for your support so far and please check out our website page for further information and updates.

# Harvest Drive-Thru Food Appeal 2021

**Saturday 9th October 10.00am - 1pm**



Rathfarnham Parish  
CHURCH OF IRELAND

To tie in with our **Harvest Service on Sunday October 10th** we are holding a **Harvest Drive-Thru Food Drive** in the church grounds on **Saturday October 9th** when donations of food items can be dropped off.

This format has proven really successful in the past year or so - just drive in the first gate at the church, hand over your goodies to one of our friendly helpers, and drive out the second gate. Your donations will be distributed through organisations the Parish supports that work with families in need and the homeless:



We ask that you avoid perishable goods please and instead we suggest items such as:

tea bags **hot chocolate** breakfast cereal **fruit juice** biscuits/snacks  
**tinned items** (fruit, rice pudding, baked beans, soup, tuna, sweetcorn, tomatoes)  
**dried pasta** pasta sauces (jar/sachet) **rice** jam/preserves

*Thank you in advance – Linda & Catherine*



Would you have a few hours to spare during the month of November? **Team Hope's Annual Shoebox Appeal** is getting back to normal this year, and we would love any help you might be able to give us with sorting and packing filled shoeboxes ready to distribute to children across Africa and Eastern Europe. If this is you, give **Linda** a buzz on **087 6383844** for details.

## Parish News Round-up

### Sunday Club

Sunday Club got off to a flying start on September 12th with our very first Muddy Church outing (see photos on next page).



Families Wondered and Wandered around the beautiful Rathfarnham Castle Park following a series of QR codes. Each code revealed a number of thought-provoking, wondering questions on God in Nature. Afterwards we had a short reflection time, and then of course some refreshments, which went down very well indeed! It was such a joy to be able to meet up at last - let's hope this is the beginning of the end.

#### Sunday Club dates:

**October 3rd** Sunday Club outdoors, 2.30pm

**October 31st** Sunday Club on Zoom, morning (time TBC)

If you would like your child to join us in Sunday Club, please get in touch with, **Linda O'Connor**: 087 638 3844, linda.f.oconnor@gmail.com

### Good News Club

Our plans to return on the 21st Sept in Bushy Park with 3rd & 4th class discovering the underground forest and other nature inspired wonders had to wait a further week.



We may not yet have found Zacchaeus up our sycamore tree or had a bad hair day like Absalom's tresses, but we are looking forward to link Bible stories with our God given surroundings this month.

Our provisional plans are:

**28th Sept 5th & 6th classes** Dodder Dipping

**5th Oct 3rd & 4th classes** Dodder Dipping

**12th Oct 5th & 6th classes** Exploring Trees

**19th Oct 3rd & 4th classes** Dog Walk and hot dogs

**2nd Nov 5th & 6th classes** Dog Walk and hot dogs

**9th Nov 3rd & 4th classes** Animal rescue vet talk

**16th Nov 5th & 6th classes** Animal rescue vet talk

**23rd Nov 3rd & 4th classes** Mini winter olympics

**30th Nov 5th & 6th classes** Christians in sport today.

We will need some parents to help on various nights, please. Thanks very much.

**Corinna, Peter, Callum, Nicola, Rebecca, Adrienne**

### Crèche, Toddlerzone and WLDO?

are just some of the Parish organisations who hope to be back when we hear how restrictions lift after 22nd October.

### Flower Rota

We are delighted to be joined by new members who are sharing their skills in flower arranging with us and the world as their creations are on display. If this is an area of ministry you would like to be a part of please send us an email to [rathfarnhamparish@gmail.com](mailto:rathfarnhamparish@gmail.com) and we will forward it to **June** and **Carol**. Thank you.



### 100th Birthday Congratulations

100 years young on the 25th September we offer huge congratulations to **Mrs. Phoebe Paxton** on reaching this amazing milestone.

Classes for candidates considering Confirmation are held usually after the October mid-term break and this year I plan to start them on **Sunday 14th Nov at 6.30pm**.



Rathfarnham Parish  
**CONFIRMATION  
PREPARATION**

Please would intending candidates contact me via e mail ([adriennegalligan@gmail.com](mailto:adriennegalligan@gmail.com)) before 11th November to register your interest and receive the enrolment form.

### Garden of Remembrance

Gordon and the sub committee have sent out tender documents and we await the outcome of this process before we can make any real progress. We will keep you updated.



**Gordon Wright**: 087 8341277, **Linda O'Connor**: 087 6383844  
**Roger White**: 086 8170617

### Wednesday Club

Dear Friends,  
Due to Restrictions, we were unable to hold our September meeting but hope that life will return to normal, as soon as possible.



We are keeping the situation under review and hope to return to our usual meetings on the last Wednesday of the month, as soon as we are advised that it will be safe for us all to do so. In the meantime, we hope to be able to meet on **Wednesday, 27th October, at 2.30 pm**. Perhaps just for tea and chat! Looking forward to seeing you all soon!

**David Whyte** 087 7826054

### Peter Pan Jnr. Musical

Peter Pan Jnr is still a very live venture with plans to stage portions of it in the autumn. Keep an eye out for more details in the coming weeks via the parish weekly email.



Thank you to the **Bewley Foundation** who gave us a generous donation towards the purchase of a marquee which is proving invaluable as we seek to continue with ministry in various forms under covid restrictions - hospitality, Sunday Club, rehearsals and outreach. We are blessed.

## From The Registers

### Funerals

The entire parish were deeply saddened by the death of **Linda Gillis** on the 25th August at home in the loving care of her mum **Beryl**. To Beryl, Linda's brother **John**, sister-in-law **Janet**, niece **Rosie**, nephew **Matthew** and all Linda's family, we offer our heartfelt condolences.

### Weddings

Photographs of the weddings of **Jennifer Tutty** and **John Andreucetti** (right, 24th July) and **Dave Flower** and **Gabrielle Hand** (below, 20th August) didn't get to us in time for last month's NFY so we are happy to include them here now. Congratulations to both happy couples.



## Diocesan and Synod Events

**Diocesan Synod** will be held on the **6th October** via Zoom with the Synod Eucharist at 4pm. The Parish synod members are **Joan Forsdyke**, **Philip Middleton** and **David Whyte**.

**General Synod** of the Church of Ireland takes place (via Zoom this year again) from **30th September - 2nd October**. Please do remember in your prayers the decisions and debates which will be taking place.

The book of reports for this year's synod can be accessed at [www.ireland.anglican.org/synod/2021/book-of-reports](http://www.ireland.anglican.org/synod/2021/book-of-reports)

## Select Vestry

We hope to meet in person soon but even by Zoom the work and decision-making continues apace.

Did you notice the newly painted doors on the church and parish centre? The newly painted parish centre main room? The uncluttering of church space?

## Parish Contacts

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**Hon Treasurer** Jonathan Mills 01 494 3605

**Churchwardens (Rector's)** Ross Shorten 087 225 3805  
**(People's)** John Deacon 087 126 5325

## Kwasa Link

**Rev. Sharron Dinnie** has sent the update of buildings refurbished in the school and chapel and how the school community are coping with various waves of the pandemic. Parishioners who support this work will have received the photos and newsletter from **Joan Forsdyke**. If more parishioners would like to read more please see the Rathfarnham parish website.

## Rathfarnham Parish National School

The pupils and staff back are delighted to be back in action again. The first few assemblies were held outdoors which was wonderful. Over the summer new toilets were installed which everyone approves of! We welcome **Jenny** who is the new school secretary and wish her well as she settles into a new and lively environment. Thank you to the Parents' Association for much valued fundraising, every cent of which contributes to a specific project and does not go into general day to day school expenditure.

<b>Glebewardens (Rector's)</b>	George James	087 988 8754
<b>(People's)</b>	Alan McMillan	087 260 1799
<b>Stewardship</b>	Beryl Dawson	01 493 3203
<b>Crèche</b>	Kim Bardon	085 147 3112
<b>Toddlerzone</b>	Heather Wilkinson	01 494 7930
<b>Sunday Club</b>	Linda O'Connor	087 638 3844
<b>Good News Club</b>	Corinna O'Dwyer	087 666 3594
<b>WLTD0?</b>	Lynn Storey	087 695 7061
	Robert Hilliard	087 618 7058
<b>National School</b>	Principal Joyce Perdue	01 494 3470
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