

PUZZLE CORNER

Sudoku

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Each letter in this puzzle is represented by a number 1-26. Can you crack the code and solve the crossword? Every letter of the alphabet is used at least once. Three letters are already in place to get you started.

If you really need help, the solution is shown on Page 9

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
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PASSWORDS



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Christmas



December 2022



SERVICES



SERVICES	CLERIC
4th December 11.30 am Holy Communion	Rev Robin Moore
11th December 11.30 am Morning Prayer	Ven Barry Forde
18th December 11.30 am Carol Service at St Simon's	Ven Barry Forde
24th December (Christmas Eve) 4.00 pm Holy Communion at St Simon's	Ven Barry Forde
25th December (Christmas Day) 10.30 am Christmas Day at S Aidan's	Ven Barry Forde

CHRISTMAS WEEK IN ST MARY MAGDALENE

It is hoped that a celebration of the Holy Communion will take place in this church on one of the days during Christmas week,

This will be announced.

Wishing everyone a very happy and blessed Christmas

The Church of Ireland "Safeguarding Trust" Policy operates in this church. Panel Members are Archdeacon Barry Forde, Mr Cecil Dunwoody and Mr Peter Ainley. Notices to this effect have been placed in the church and halls.



Flower Rota ~ December



4th Dec Mrs W Stewart

11th Dec The Irvine Family—in memory of James & Agnes McCullough

18th Dec The Irvine Family—in memory of Charles & Agnes Irvine

25th Dec Mr & Mrs C Dunwoody—in memory of loved ones

FLOWER LIST 2023

The Flower List for next year will soon be open. We are always grateful to the faithful parishioners who kindly and generously contribute to our Flower Fund, usually in memory of a loved one or at times to celebrate a happier occasion like a wedding anniversary or birth of a child.

We continue to be indebted to everyone who contributes to this fund and especially to Mrs Joan Rodgers who diligently arranges the flowers so beautifully week by week.

Please see Kate as soon as possible if you would like to secure date(s) for 2023.



Christian Burial



Alan Ball
11 Oak Way

7th November 2022 (died 31st October 2022)

We offer our deepest sympathies to Tina and the entire family circle

Nunc Dimittis



for our younger readers—

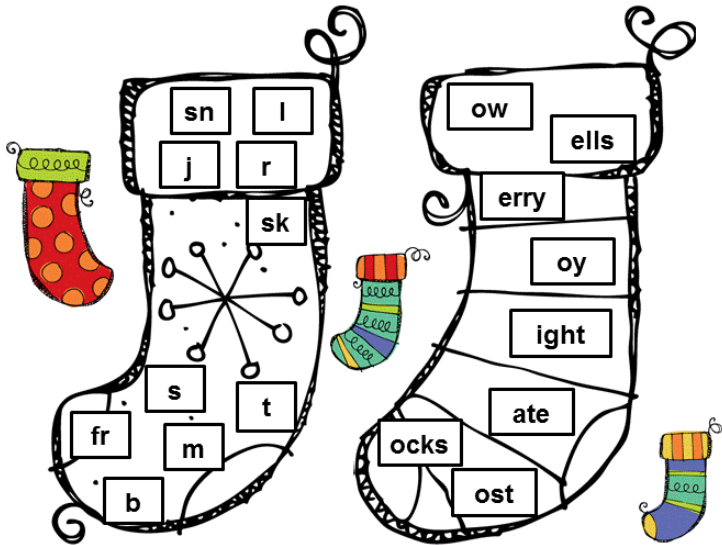
can you complete this puzzle?



Christmas Stockings word maker



Make as many words as possible by joining the letters on the first stocking to the letters on the second stocking. How many words can you make?
Turn this into a game! - See who can make the most words.



Parish update ...

Dear parishioner

Isn't it hard to believe we are approaching another Christmas? The years just seem to slip by. We always say that time goes faster as we get older but when you hear young people proclaiming this, it really must be true!

We're so pleased to be able to inform you that new minister for the joint parishes of ourselves, St Aidan's and St Simon's has now been appointed. Those of you were at the united Harvest Service will have had the pleasure of 'meeting' him when he spoke to us via a video recording with Archdeacon Barry Forde.

The Rev Ross Mungavin, originally from Northern Ireland, but now living and ministering in England will be taking up his position as minister of the three churches between Easter and Summer of 2023. He and his wife Emma, together with their three young sons will be finishing up in England and settling back to home and parish life with us. In the video, Rev Ross told us of how much he was looking forward to coming back to Northern Ireland and getting to know everyone as together we build a future within the new South Belfast Mission.



As further details and an exact date become known, you will be updated. In the meantime, we ask for your prayers for Rev Ross and family as they prepare for this new challenge.

The Select Vestry

Mary Magdalene
Christ Aidan's
Simon's



Ding Dong – Christmas is on!

The doors will be open and you will be welcome....

St Simon's Christmas Sale – Donegall Road
 Saturday 3rd December 10.30 – 12.00 noon

An Evening with The Route Singers from Ballymoney
 St Aidan's 11th December at 6.00 pm

Festival of Lessons and Carols – United Service
 St Simon's 18th December at 11.30 am
(with festive nibbles after the service)

Christmas Eve Communion
 St Simon's 24th December at 4.00 pm

Christmas Morning Celebration
 St Aidan's 25th December at 10.30 am

Advent Services in all three Parishes
 Sundays 27th November, 4th and 11th December at 11.30am



THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

"It is Christmas in the heart that puts Christmas in the air."
 — W.T. Ellis



For your diary

- Women's Group** Wednesdays 10.00-12 noon
- Baby Cafe** Thursdays 9.30-10.30
- Parent & Toddlers** Thursdays 11.00-12.00
- Christmas Services** See Page 4
- Select Vestry** Mon 12th Dec 11.00 am

There will not be a magazine produced in January 2023.



Wishing the birthday boys many happy returns at the last Select Vestry Meeting.

Page 12 Word Code solution—no peeking!

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3 November 2022

To the congregations at the Joint Harvest Service

I want to acknowledge and pass on the thanks of South Belfast Foodbank to you for your recent food donation equalling 233kgs to our vital work. This will provide approximately 555 meals to those struggling in our community. We really appreciate your generosity!

This donation will help us to continue supporting the people of South Belfast during these difficult times for our nation.

Last year there were 2,218 vouchers/ E-referrals issued by our agencies. This resulted in 4,959 people fed, of that, 3,065 were adults, and 1,894 were children.

Behind each number is a person living in food poverty. This is not right and should not be the case. As a foodbank, we want to see more people helped out of crisis and fewer people needing foodbanks in the future. But until this happens we rely on the generosity of the people in South Belfast and people like you.

With thanks and kind regards,

Bruce

Bruce Gardiner-Crehan
Project Manager South Belfast Foodbank

★Freewill Offering Envelopes 2022 ★

We have received new instructions re the receipt of FWO and Restoration Fund envelopes which we must follow. **The LAST DATE OF RECEIPT OF ENVELOPES FOR 2022 will be SUNDAY 8 JANUARY 2023.** After that date any envelopes dated for 2022 will be recorded for 2023.

Thank you for your continued and faithful giving.

Libby (Honorary Treasurer)

Family worker update

Wednesday Women's Group

Once again we are completing our "Cook it" programme focusing on making tasty meals on a small budget. We will finish the course with a Christmas dinner.

Our last week will be on Wednesday 14 December.

Thursday Baby Cafe 9.30 - 10.45 am

Baby Cafe is open to parents/carers and babies, up to 15 months old. This is a time for mums and carers to share their experiences and connect with their babies through sensory play and baby massage.

Thursday Parent and Toddlers 11 - 12.15 pm

This group is for children who are steady on their feet, it is an opportunity for parents and children to interact with each other through imaginative play.

Our last week will be on Thursday 15 December when we will have a Christmas party.

Alison



HARVEST THANKSGIVING

I think everyone will agree that the joint urban Harvest Thanksgiving with parishioners from St Aidan's and St Simon's was a great success. It was so nice having such a crowd in church and the combination of the three choirs certainly made a tuneful sound!

Thank you to everyone who generously contributed food and household items for the Food Bank. Our Family Worker Alison spoke of the work of this organization, outlining the procedure for those who need to avail of its services. The plate collection



amounted to £265.55 and this has been given to the Food Bank. A thank you letter from the Project Manager can be read on Page 8.



Afterwards everyone enjoyed a delicious lunch in the hall. Many thanks to Dawn and Libby for the soup, St Simon's for the sandwiches and St Aidan's for the traybakes—and to everyone from the three churches who helped with the dishes and all the clearing up.



MEMORIAL SERVICE

This service, held on the evening of Remembrance Sunday enabled those who had lost loved ones during the pandemic or in earlier years to come together for a time of reflection. It was led by Archdeacon Barry Forde who in speaking of all those who had died during the pandemic and became a statistic in the news, assured us they were in fact known by name to God, as they were known to us.

Those present were invited, if they wished, to light a candle in remembrance of their loved ones.

As you can imagine, there were many tears shed but everyone who attended felt grateful for this opportunity and said they came away comforted by the reflection and the Archdeacon's words.

St Aidan's kindly provided a very welcome cuppa afterwards.

A Memorial Book has now been placed on the desk at the back of the church for anyone who wishes to write a few words marking the loss of a loved one.



GIFT DAY ENVELOPE

Our annual Gift Day, marking the 182nd anniversary of our church (1st December 1839) will be celebrated on Sunday 4th December,

As the congregation and membership of St Mary Magdalene reduces each year, the Select Vestry becomes more and more concerned about the state of our property. During the last few months the kitchen and ladies' toilets have been flooded a number of times due to the ingress of water from the chimney stack at the side of the church hall. The rendering on the stack is falling off and the brick is separating from the wall of the hall. The repairs will cost in the region of £10,000. Where will this money come from? Most people would say that we should be applying for grants – we have done this but so far have not been successful. To be successful for some grants, we have to be able to cover at least half of the cost which, at present, we cannot. Next year our buildings will cost in the region of £25,000 to restore and redecorate. We have just spent almost £6,000 on the ladies' toilets and £4,000 on buildings insurance leaving very little in the Restoration account to cover any other maintenance. St Mary Magdalene is an old church and needs to be taken care of. Will you help by giving whatever you can to help us keep the church alive and in good order? Our new Minister-in-Charge, Archdeacon Barry Forde has been an inspiration and is encouraging us to look to the future. With your help St. Mary Magdalene Parish Church will still be standing in Donegall Pass for years to come.

PS If anyone can help with grant applications we would be very grateful.