



# SAINTFIELD PARISH CHURCH MAGAZINE

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# A NOTE FROM THE VICAR

Dear Friends

This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all 1 John 1:5



On Wednesday March 20th @7.30pm, around 50 people joined together to pray, to light a gospel beacon and for a very special moment, sense God's Holy Spirit at work. The joining together of the Parish with 1 & 2 Saintfield Presbyterian Churches was in response to the 'Beacon' initiative of the Diocese to replicate the beacon St Patrick lit on an Easter Eve 1600 years ago, to challenge the fire the Pagan King of Ireland had lit on the Hill of Slane.. It was said, that if Patrick's fire would not go out, then the light of the Gospel would never leave Ireland.

As we met together to witness this light in action, we could see how this light not only lit the path outside the Church, but also how it lit up everyone around it. That when we meet together in Jesus' name, the Holy Spirit will always change how we see the world around us and how Christians see each other. Myself, Sam Bostock and John Torrens are convinced that our churches can allow this light to burn brighter through what we can tell of Jesus.

Next February, Rico Tice will be joining with us for a weekend of such sharing and mission. Each of our churches will be used to host events that will not just be Church Services or only listening to God speak through Rico, but to engage with God in different ways. We are planning prayer nights later in the year and we are preparing publicity that will be delivered to every house in Saintfield District. We are also planning a possible evening with Rico in the Autumn to help grow in prayer and to be equipped to be the Light of Jesus that we have been called to be.

It is exciting for our Churches to belong together in such a way. Please pray that God will start to prepare hearts for those who still live in darkness and shadows, to allow the Gospel light to bring fire into their hearts and to know of God's love for them.



# LA REDENTOR ANGLICAN CHURCH LA PAZ BOLIVIA



## LATEST UPDATE

Our update on our SAMS partner church in La Paz concerns an unfortunate collapsing of an outside wall due to flooding.

Pastor David sent through these images to show what happened at the beginning of March. The need to replace the wall is immediate to ensure protection from future flooding as well as to secure the site. The cost is \$800. We are going to send £250 to help in the rebuilding of the wall and hopefully through other partner churches, the wall can be rebuilt quickly.



Over Lent, we have been using the SAMS Ireland 40 days of prayer. This is a prayer list that can be used at any time. If you need a hard copy, there are some in the office, or can be downloaded from the Website. We are going to grow in our prayer life for La Redentor Church with 1 Sunday a month being a focus for prayer and updates.

# CHURCH SERVICES

## April

### Sunday 7th Easter 2

8.30am Holy Communion (Trad)

10.00am Family Communion

1 John 1:1 - 2:2

11.00am Easter General Vestry

### Sunday 14th Easter 3

8.30am Holy Communion (Trad)

10.00am Morning Worship

1 John 3:1-7

11.00am REFRESH

### Sunday 21st Easter 4

8.30am Holy Communion (Trad)

10.00am Morning Worship (New)

1 John 3:16 --

11.00am REFRESH

### Sunday 28th Easter 5

8.30am Holy Communion (Trad)

10.00am Morning Worship (Modern)

1 John 4:7--

11.00am REFRESH



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# CHURCH SERVICES

## May

### Sunday 5th Easter 6

8.30am Holy Communion (Trad)

10.00am Family Communion

1 John 5:1-6

### Sunday 12th Christian Aid Sunday

8.30am Holy Communion (Trad)

10.00am Morning Worship

A special service and collection for Christian Aid

11.00am REFRESH

### Sunday 19th Pentecost Sunday

8.30am Holy Communion (Trad)

10.00am Morning Worship (New)

11.00am REFRESH

### Sunday 26th Trinity Sunday

8.30am Holy Communion (Trad)

10.00am Morning Worship (Modern)

11.00am REFRESH

## **This Christian Aid Week, what will you do?**

### **Fundraise with us**

From community events to individual challenges, Christian Aid Week is seven days of fundraising fun – your way, to fund lasting change.

Take part and fundraise as part of our new 70K in May challenge, or choose your own event. However you fundraise, together we can beat extreme poverty.

[Start fundraising](#)





# Mothers' UNION

Mothers' Union is a Christian organisation that has been supporting families, communities and advocating for change worldwide for over 140 years.

In Saintfield Parish we meet on the first Tuesday of the month in the Woodrow room for some fun and fellowship. Everyone is welcome from Grandmas to first time mums and despite the name you don't even have to be a mum to be welcomed and to share in the fun.

Why not give us a try on some of our upcoming events:

**April 9** - A talk by Judith Crooks about her life and the charity she founded - [www.fireliy.org.uk](http://www.fireliy.org.uk) helping young women journeying with cancer.

**May 7** - An outing to St. Catherine's Parish Church Killead to see an exhibition of hand crafted knitted tableaux and patchworks depicting scenes from the Bible. Leaving Saintfield at 6:15.

**June 4** - A treasure hunt around Saintfield followed by tea and coffee in Tribe Café

For further information contact- Wenda Pollock 07917230631

Some photos of us connecting with one another again at a games night.





THE FEDERATION OF  
WOMEN'S INSTITUTES  
OF NORTHERN IRELAND

The local branch of the Women's Institute continues to meet on the 2nd Wednesday of the month in the Woodrow Room of Saintfield Parish Church Hall, commencing at 7.45pm

Visitors and guests are very welcome to join the meetings.

The programme for upcoming meetings includes: -

Wednesday 10th April - Film Night 'Philomena'

Wednesday 8th May - Planting Baskets & Troughs

The WI theme is 'To unite in promoting any work which makes for the betterment of our homes, and the development and improvement of rural and urban life through social and educational activities.'

There are many opportunities for members to participate in classes or one day schools.

WI is also proactive regarding many issues facing society both at home and on an international level through its sister organisation ACWW (Associated Country Women of the World)

SAINTFIELD YOUTH

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**Friday**  
**April 5th**  
**& 19th**  
**7.00 -**  
**8.00pm**



**Games**  
**Tuck**  
**Nites out**  
**Music**  
**Fun**

Saintfield Parish Upper Area  
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Come along and bring your friends

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