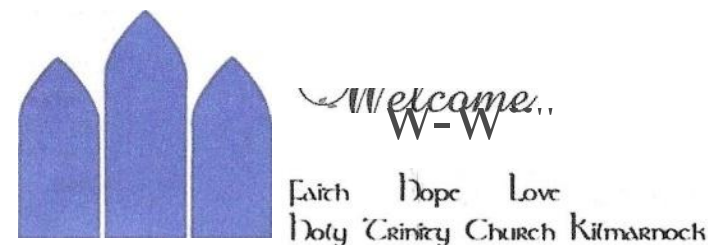


NOTICES

Assistant Priest: Rev. Tony Clapham
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Please note Tony's day off is Saturday.

- v **Morning Prayer is on Tuesday at 9.30am.**
- v The **Movement to Music** class is on Thursday at 10am. It involves standing and sitting exercises suitable for all abilities, All are welcome
- v **Midweek Service** takes place on **Wednesday at 12.45pm**. Please feel free to come along from 12.30pm onwards for short lunch time service which is open to all. On every second Wednesday of the month we will be having Communion with Reserved Sacrament Prof Ian Arbon will be presiding.
- v **Healing Service:** The monthly Healing Service in Holy Trinity will be held on the **second Sunday of each month at 6.00pm** and last for approximately 45 minutes. For more Information please contact **Rev Liz Kirby**.
- v **8 Saturday March 28th at 10am** - Big Church Spring Clean! Please come down and help us get stuck in to all those nooks and crannies, and give the building a proper good clear out and deep clean, Hot rolls and plenty of tea and coffee too!
- v Anyone wishing to receive an email copy of the Shennon (when available) should email Tony on rev.tony.clapham@mail.com so he can add their name to the list
- v If you wish to direct link to the **Sunday Service** on YouTube please put your email down at the sheet at the back of the church or contact Paul
- v **Number 1 Hit** music quiz night. **17th April** for £10 per head including meal, tea, coffee etc, BYOB Proceeds to cover cost of Easter eggs and egg hunt, and future children's activities. **Prize for 8 raffle gratefully received**
- v **2 April Maundy Thursday**
- v There will be two **Maundy Thursday Services** one at the Salvation Army at 6.30pm which will include the Lord's Supper - the service at HTK afterwards will be at 7.30pm which will comprise of Compline followed by stripping of the Altar, noting that Communion will already have been had at the Salvation Army service.
- 3 April Good Friday**
- A Walk of Witness** will be held around the town centre, with stops for Bible readings, prayers and hymns. If you wish to participate, please gather at the Salvation Army at 10.45 a.m. The walk will arrive at New Lough Kirk in time for the **Good Friday Vigil** from 12 noon to 3 p.m. Ministers will conduct short reflections at 15 minutes intervals. Those who attend can come and go in between each section of the Vigil.



Fifth Sunday of Lent

Sunday 22nd March 2026

Our Assistant Priest Rev. Tony Clapham will be presiding

Collect

Merciful God, look upon your family as we travel to the foot of the cross: and, by your great goodness, guide us in body; that, by your protection, we may also be preserved in heart and mind; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. **Amen**

Hymns

Processional	224	God of Freedom
Gradua	476	O Breath of Life
Offertory	61	Spirit of God
Communion	34	Breathe on me breath of God
Communion	66	Be still and know
Recessional	662	There's a widening in God's mercy

Communion

Everyone is welcome to receive Communion. We offer both bread and wine sipped from the common cup. We no longer offer intinction. Receiving in one kind is also a complete Communion, if you prefer this option, simply come forward to receive the bread then return to your seat. If you wish to receive a blessing from the priest, please indicate this by placing your hands on your chest. If you wish to receive Communion in your pew or require gluten-free bread please inform one of the welcome team. During the offertory hymn the collection will be taken at the pew. If you wish to donate to the church by another means, or to gift aid your donation please contact Ian, the Treasurer or Doreen. Thank you for your generosity.

OLD TESTAMENT - Ezekiel 37:1 - 14

¹The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. ²He led me all round them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. ³He said to me, 'Mortal, can these bones live?' I answered, 'O Lord God, YOU KNOW.' ⁴Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the WORD of the Lord. ⁶Thus SayS the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter YOU, and YOU shall live. ^BI will lay sinews on YOU, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and YOU shall know that I am the Lord.' ⁷SO I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ^BI looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. 'Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath; Thus says the Lord God; Came from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.' ¹⁰I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude, ¹¹Then he said to me, 'Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, "Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely," ¹²Therefore prophesy, and say to them , Thus sayS the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. ¹³And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act, says the Lord,'

EPISTLE - Romans 8:6 - 11

⁶To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷FOR this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law - indeed it cannot. ⁸and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. ⁹But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit. since

the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

GOSPEL - John 11:1 - 45

¹Now a certain man **was** ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ²Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. ³So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, 'Lord, he whom you love is ill,' ⁴But when Jesus heard it, he said, 'This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.' & Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, because he had heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. ⁷Then after this he said to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judea again.' ^BThe disciples said to him, 'Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?' ¹Jesus answered, 'Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. ¹⁰But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them.' ¹¹After saying this, he told them, 'Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him,' ¹²**The** disciples said to him, 'Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right.' ¹³Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. ¹⁴Then Jesus told them plainly, 'Lazarus is dead, ¹¹For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.' ¹⁶Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow-disciples, 'Let us also go, that we may die with him.' When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. ¹⁵Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, ¹⁹and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. ²⁰When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. ²¹Martha said to Jesus, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²²But even

now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.' ²³Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.' ²⁴Martha said to him, 'I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.' ²⁵Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, ²⁶and **everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?**' ²⁷She said to him, 'Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.' ²⁸When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, 'The Teacher is here and is calling for you.' ²⁰And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him, ³¹The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary got up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. ³²When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died,' ³³When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved, ³⁴He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They told him, 'Lord, come and see.' ³⁵Jesus began to weep. ³⁶So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' ³⁷But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?' ³⁸Then Jesus said, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live. ³⁹Whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' ⁴⁰She said to him, 'Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.' ²⁸When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, 'The Teacher is here and is calling for you.' ²⁰And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him, ³¹The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary got up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. ³²When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died,' ³³When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved, ³⁴He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They told him, 'Lord, come and see.' ³⁵Jesus began to weep. ³⁶So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' ³⁷But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?' ³⁸Then Jesus said, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live. ³⁹Whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' ⁴⁰She said to him, 'Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.' ²⁸When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, 'The Teacher is here and is calling for you.' ²⁰And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him, ³¹The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary got up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. ³²When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died,' ³³When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved, ³⁴He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They told him, 'Lord, come and see.' ³⁵Jesus began to weep. ³⁶So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' ³⁷But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?' ³⁸Then Jesus said, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live. ³⁹Whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' ⁴⁰She said to him, 'Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.'