

TULLOW PARISH CARRICKMINES NEWSLETTER

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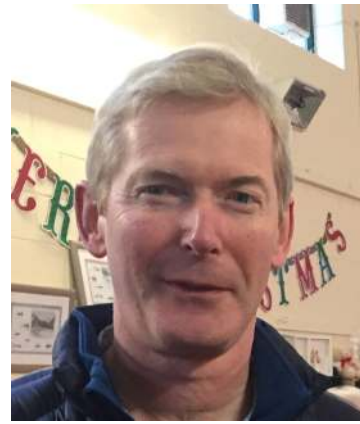
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The Rector Writes

As mentioned elsewhere in this edition of Tullow Parish Newsletter, our Harvest Thanksgiving Service is scheduled for Sunday 24th October. The later than normal scheduled date is in anticipation of the removal of most Covid-19 restrictions which should allow a comprehensive thanksgiving for the many blessings we have received during the unprecedented times we have just lived through. There is no denying that it has been difficult for the majority of people, but, if nothing else, it has proven that as human beings we are resilient and able to adapt to, and even embrace, change when we need to.

However, a true spirit of thanksgiving should provoke within us a response – as the Epistle to James 2:14-17 tells us, “What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, ‘Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill’, and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead”. Accordingly, people are encouraged to support the Bishops’ Appeal charity which seeks to offer support to those most in need in our world. Bishops’ Appeal always seeks to work with trustworthy organisations already well established in the areas needing support and therefore we can be assured that all donations go directly to the points of need. As we reflect on Harvest Thanksgiving this year, may we be moved to give generously. Bishops’ Appeal envelopes will be available in the Church, but an ordinary envelope marked ‘Bishops’ Appeal’ will suffice. Let us remember Hebrews 13:16 “Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.”



From the Registers

Holy Baptism

Sunday 26th September – Lia Valentina Walker-Navarro, daughter of Stephen Walker and Paula Navarro

Tuesday 28th September – Alexander Atmakur

May Lia and Alexander grow in the faith into which they have been baptised.

Funeral

Thursday 9th September – Dorothy Blanche Trueman. Our thoughts and prayers are with Dorothy's daughter, Heather, son Philip and their families at this time.

May all those who are bereaved find the comfort of God's love in their loss.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Harvest Thanksgiving Service
Sunday 24th October 2021
10.30am

Harvest Thanksgiving will have a special significance this year. We have a lot to be thankful for but this year we will give thanks especially for the extraordinary work carried out by all frontline workers - those who could not work from home but who kept us safe, looked after us if we weren't well, provided our food and all the many others who kept essential services going over the last 18 months.

All restrictions are due to be lifted on 22nd October so please join us in our beautifully decorated church for Harvest Thanksgiving Service at 10.30am. The

Service will be followed by a soup lunch with tea/coffee and cakes in the Parish Hall.



Christmas Fair
Saturday 27th November 2021

Last month we told you about plans for an online auction but we now feel that instead, we can hold our 'normal' very popular and fun Christmas Fair in November. There will be some differences but we will have a raffle plus cakes, deli, jewellery, bric à brac, books, good as new, teas and coffees as well as anything else we can think of! At least two stalls will be outside so that will reduce numbers in the hall.

We also have some large fantastic prizes for which we will have an online auction - but more information about that later on.

A great team of helpers is in place but **we do need prizes for the raffle** as well as things for all the above stalls so please think about what you can offer. A list of the stall holders along with contact numbers will be emailed to you all shortly.

Contact Sandra Ruttle 087 2344964 if you've any queries.

Christmas Fair fun is back!

Waiting for *Samuel Beckett*

Beckett in Foxrock - still waiting (like Godot!)

It will be well worth the wait! You'll get an email when it's ready.

PARISH ORGANISATION

We're all delighted that things are returning to a level of normality - parish organisations are resuming and activities are starting again in the Parish Hall. The very popular **Take 2 Performing Arts School**, which started in the Parish Hall in 1988, has some places available in the weekday drama classes and in the Junior Musical Theatre classes on Saturday mornings.

Check out <https://take2.ie/> or 086 3098047



Tullow Crafty Crew

Would you like to craft and chat? Tullow Crafty Crew is a new group which started last month.

Learn or share your craft and chat at the same time. Crafts such as knitting, crochet, cross stitch, colouring, painting, card making, calligraphy, patchwork, macramé, scrapbooking, decoupage, jewellery making, embroidery, tapestry would be particularly suitable. Below is an example of crafts from the first meeting.

Guest craft demonstrations will also be included from time to time.

We meet once a month on a Thursday 2.30 - 4pm in the Parish Hall. Next two sessions are 21st October and 18th November.

If you are interested and would like to know more please contact Margaret Breadon email margaretbreadon2@gmail.com or phone 087 2941078



Badminton - Parish Hall Thursdays 8.30pm

We've missed you all !

Now that you've all had a long enforced rest we look forward to seeing you making some shapes on the court. Thankfully we have all avoided the ghastly virus, so hope we can take up from where we left off and that we have full complement of members; there is even a threat of a new member!

Once everyone is happy with indoor dining and the 'new' normal is established, we'll arrange a proper get together in our usual style.

New members, of course, very welcome - just arrive along to the Parish Hall on any Thursday @ 8.30 pm. Racquets not necessary but, as repeatedly mentioned before, a sense of humour is vital!

Paddy Bowes 086 2585194



Evergreens Walking Club

Sunday 10th October 2021 to Upper Vartry Reservoir, near Roundwood

At last we can set out for an Evergreen walk without the spectre of Covid 19 hanging over our heads, well almost!

All old and new Evergreens are invited to meet outside Tullow Church at 11.30am on **Sunday 10th October**, after the morning Service. The normal treat of a cup of energising Tullow coffee has to wait for another day.

The Club is for everyone who enjoys social friendship and walking in our beautiful countryside. It is not restricted to parishioners so come along and bring your family and friends. All walks are relatively easy walking but appropriate clothing and footwear should be worn. I should be happy to offer advice on 'gear' or any other issues.

The waterworks have served Dublin since the 1860s and the upper reservoir was later constructed to provide additional reserves of water to the expanding city. The route is a fairly new track with great views of water and mountains. This walk is reasonably level but may be a little soft, i.e. muddy, in places so boots would be great. We should complete the circuit in under 2

hours.

We usually bring a light lunch of a sandwich etc and a hot or cold drink. Dogs are welcome but may require a lead. It is planned to end the walk in a local hostelry on a BYO principle.

Donald Gill

Note: Since Covid hit in February/March last year Donald has made suggestions in each month's newsletter for interesting walks within whatever restrictions we were under at the time. Those walks in different places kept many of us going and I know a lot of people really appreciated his suggestions so a big Thank You Donald!

JB

Tullow Book Club

Two books were up for discussion at the Club's first face to face meeting in September. *Hotel Du Lac* by Anita Brookner is set in a hotel on the shores of Lake Geneva. Edith arrives to the hotel alone. She was sent there "to mend her ways" and "grow up", after an affair with a married man. She gets to know fellow guests and thus begins the story.

Lying in Wait by Liz Nugent is set in Dublin in the 1980s. The plot revolves around a murder – a body buried in the back garden, and a chance meeting between the son of the murderer and the father of the murdered.

Two very different books but both enjoyed by all.

The book selected for October's meeting is *Midnight Library* by Matt Haig. Vera Tanner

Tullow Bowls Club

Great news! The bowls club is recommencing on **Tuesday 26th October** at 7.30pm.

We are very keen to welcome new members regardless of age. Experience not necessary but smooth soles on the shoes are essential.

Light refreshments are at about 9pm. Contact Joan or Jonathan if you'd like to join us.

Joan Darling 01 2855021 087 6182846

Jonathan Morton 01 2894121 085 7793250



Wednesday Coffee Morning

The Wednesday Zoom Coffee Mornings resumed online after the summer break. They will continue online during the first half of October, but we hope to move back to the Parish Hall from Wednesday 27th October. Mid-week Church Services will also recommence on that date at 10:15am so please come along to the church before coffee. The Services are quiet and reflective, allowing the opportunity to practice mindfulness by bringing your own personal thoughts and concerns into a sacred space.

Outreach - Bray Women's Refuge

This month the Parish gave a cheque of €1,000 to the Bray Women's Refuge. Huge thanks are due for all the donations at the Garden Trail organised by Jenny Sowman.

Wonderful donations of new clothes and some store cupboard dry goods were also given, thank you very much to these donors too. As we get back to church it would be great to see donations of store cupboard items like coffee, tea, biscuits etc and toiletries left in the back of the church. Also the, always needed, ladies and children's pyjamas in all sizes.

Hilary Cran

Online Church Services Coming to an End

For much of the last 18 months we haven't been able to go to Services in the church but the Rector and Alan R have ensured that we could still engage with the Church by organising weekly online Services. These Services involved a wide range of readers, in some cases from around the world, as well as singers and Paul our organist - not to mention challenging the Rector's and Alan's

technical expertise! Filming wasn't just a case of turn on a camera and point and then there's the uploading to Facebook and YouTube and emailing the links to parishioners every Saturday night but, judging by viewing figures, each Service was hugely popular.

As we expect most restrictions to be lifted on 22nd October we can have full attendance in church so **the pre-recorded online Service will be moving to a livestream format. The last pre-recorded Service to be emailed to you will be the one for Sunday 17th October.** The link for the livestream Service may be found on the parish website <https://tullow.dublin.anglican.org/>; and although the title contains the word 'live' they will be accessible for at least a week after they are posted. In other words, they will essentially be a live recording of our Sunday morning Services each week and you can access it through the website at a time that suits you.

Thanks so much to the Rector for all the work entailed in producing the online Services. Special mention has to be made of Alan who was heavily involved in the production and also the team of singers, who, along with Paul our organist, added to the Service each week. To those who provided videos and photos, who put flowers on the altar - a big Thank You to all.

Parish Gift Day

As you are aware the Gift Day forms an important part of our annual fund raising to defray the operational costs of the Parish.

May I sincerely thank the parishioners who have so generously contributed €21,475 to the current Gift Day.

Don Beck
Honorary Treasurer

Everyone has a backstory.

So many people have interesting backstories and over the next few months we hope to tell some. Do you have an interesting life experience? Contact bowesjane91@gmail.com or Jane Bowes 086 8418138 if you do.

Brigid is a member of Tullow Choir - wonderful to start with her fascinating story.

2 minute read



The Air Hostess and the Spitfire Pilot

I joined Aer Lingus as an air hostess in 1957. At that time in the late 50s it was considered a very glamorous job and I suppose it was, but also a very responsible one.

In my year 200 girls applied and out of those 12 were picked to fly that summer. You either stayed on permanently or came back after six months. After 3 months training we got our wings. Most important was our uniform - gloves and hat had to be worn until the doors of the aircraft were closed. The Chief Hostess was Miss Blake who would watch crews as they boarded the aircraft. Our uniform had to be correct - seams of our stockings had to be straight and hair had to be short or tied up. We didn't want a brown envelope waiting for us

on our return! We were responsible for the passengers in the cabin and they were served meals and of course bar service.

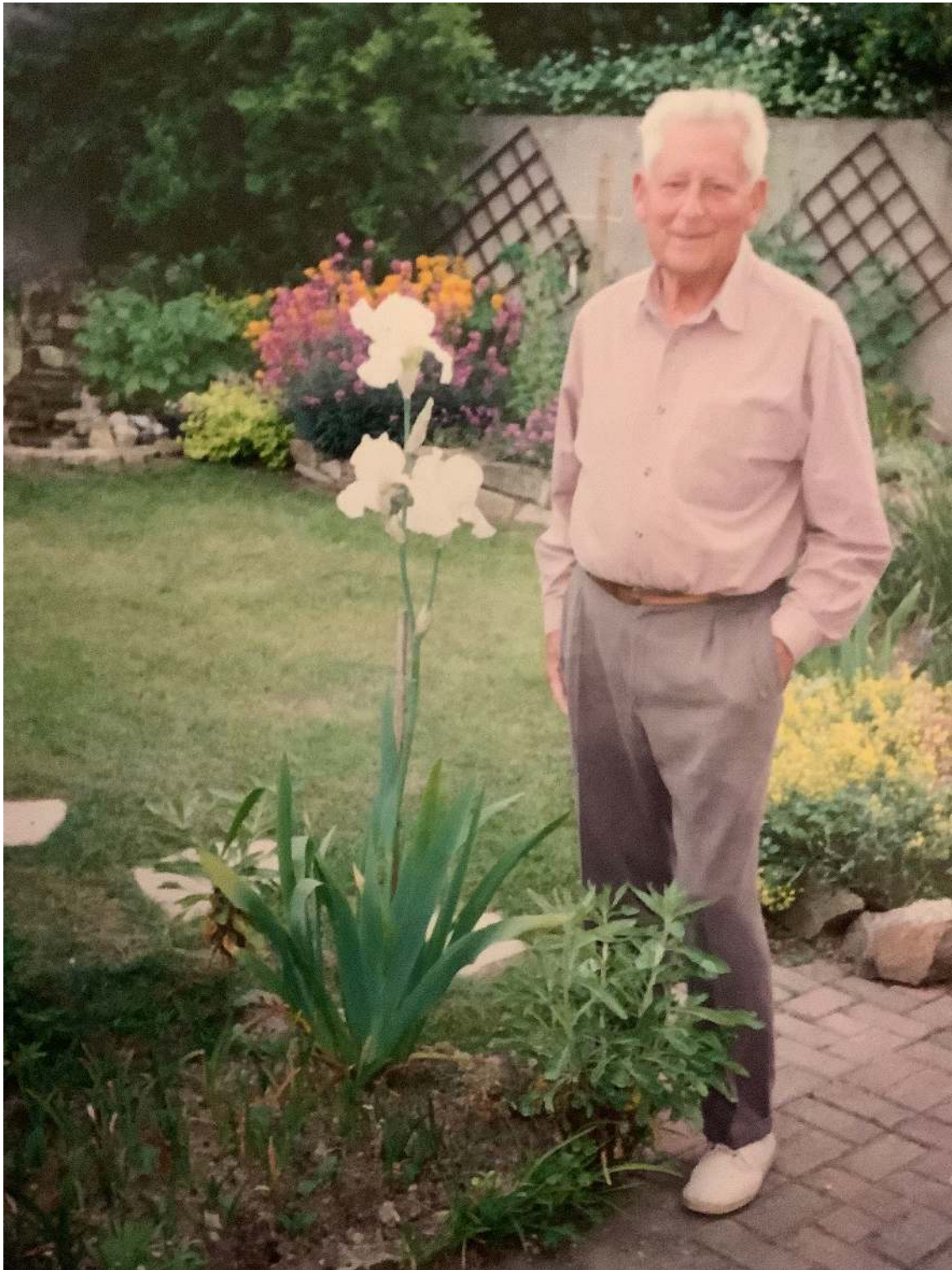
I flew on the European routes mainly on Fokker Friendships, Dakotas and Viscounts. On the long day flights we were collected in a crew car between 5.30-6.30am. Then with all preparations completed we took off at 8.30am with a stop in Manchester to pick up more passengers, mostly businessmen, to go somewhere such as Frankfurt. We eventually got back to Dublin Airport at 9.30 at night and still had some work to do!

Overnights were great fun if you were lucky enough to have a good crew. Some took us to see the sights of places like Rome while others just wanted a meal and early to bed! One memorable flight was a charter to Tel Aviv, another was a flight to Rome where, at Dublin airport prior to the flight, we were introduced to several cardinals and bishops where we had to kiss their rings. The crew consisted of two hostesses (including me), the captain and first officer - all Protestants! One one flight we had Princess Margaret and her husband Lord Snowden on board. They were visiting his mother in Birr Castle. As her bodyguard was leaving the aircraft I noticed that he has half a dozen umbrellas under his arm. I said with a smile "I hope you don't get the weather you're expecting" to which I got a blank look as he passed along. He didn't know much about Irish humour but I felt 'C'est la vie'! Prince Rainier of Monaco was another passenger - a very pleasant man.

Another time two of us were invited by Air Canada to represent Aer Lingus at the first Toronto St.Patrick's Day parade. We did it with open neck blouses and stiletto heels. It was freezing but fun. While there we appeared on TV for a fun quiz after which three girls I had been in school with in Alexandra College, and who were then living in Canada, contacted me; I'm still in touch with one of them.

I was introduced to David by a mutual friend when both of them were on a flight to London. That was in November 1960 and, following a whirlwind romance, we were married on 29th September 1961 - 60 years ago! It had taken quite a bit of detective work for him to track me down and ask me out as we were not supposed to date passengers or give them our phone numbers or addresses. David had been an RAF Spitfire pilot in World War 2 and we had many reunions in various parts of England with many stories to tell.

I made lifelong friends in Aer Lingus, my greatest friend is Jill Watson née Pickering; she was my bridesmaid and is the longest email writer - ever! It was an unforgettable time and I was very proud to be an Aer Lingus air hostess.
Brigid Ferguson née Morrow





Farewell to Dorothy Trueman
1 December 1920 - 5 September 2021

Dorothy Trueman passed away on 5th September and the Parish lost its oldest member. We paid full tribute to Dorothy in February's newsletter to mark the occasion of her 100th birthday. She looked after the altar linen for many years and was a stalwart of the bowls club. We send our sympathy to her daughter Heather, son Philip and their families.

JUST A THOUGHT

A Harvest Prayer

Almighty God, we give you thanks for your provision and goodness to us at this harvest time. We are grateful for your love that not only provides for our needs but also made a way for us to know you through Jesus Christ.

It is all too easy in difficult times to lose focus on what you have given us. We pray that today as we look to your creation, a wonderful gift, that we will learn to be thankful for our world. We thank you that you have given us everything, and even more, than we need.

Forgive us for doubting you, for worrying and for trying so hard to work everything out on our own. Help us to trust you more and banish our unbelief. Help us from our abundance to help others and to share and care as you taught us, in Jesus' name.

Amen.

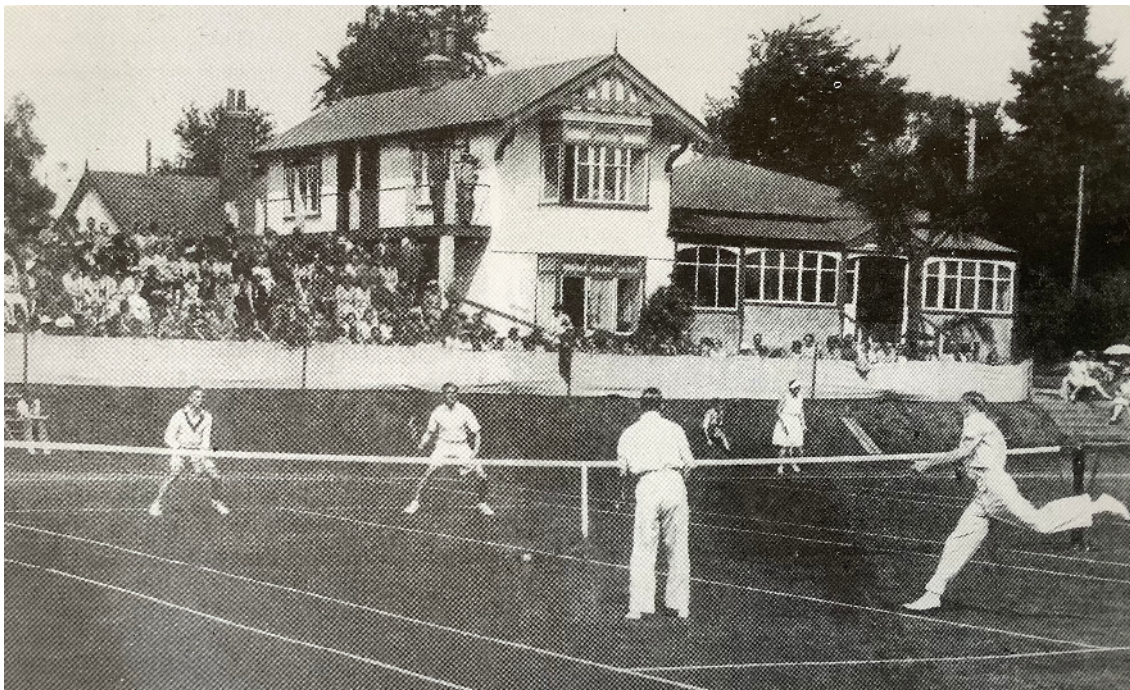


Save a Life

If someone collapsed in front of you would you know what to do? One man is alive today because two parishioners knew what to do - they performed CPR until paramedics arrived. Ray and Ashlyn - we're proud of you 👍

There is a defibrillator in the main entrance to the Parish Hall (donated by the Scouts for which we're very grateful) and if you have to use it a voice will talk you safely through each step. As soon as the Irish Heart Foundation start their CPR classes again we will organise some for the Parish Hall. They were planned for May last year! FACE will be installing a defibrillator in Foxrock Village in the coming months.

In the meantime watch this very short video - you'll remember the message and it might save a life! <https://youtu.be/i7bQaU82VMA>



Photographic Archive and Local History

Over the past 18 months when most parish activity was scaled back there was very little news to report in the newsletter but during that period each month Ken Gregory researched and wrote about a place, building or person of interest in the area. So a big Thank You Ken for introducing us to so many interesting things and for making producing the newsletter so much easier.

No more photos at the moment of parish activities but here's a photo of Findlater's (subsequently The Gables) in 1932 and the men's doubles at Carrickmines Croquet and Lawn Tennis Club in 1937.

Please have a look in albums, boxes etc and see if you have any photos of

people or places of interest to the parish.

Jane Bowes bowesjane91@gmail.com or 086 8418138 if you find any.

Extract from Minutes of Select Vestry Meeting 20th September 2021

- Treasurer reported that, thanks to the generosity of parishioners for Gift Day, the Sustentation Fund and Envelope Scheme the Parish finances are almost on budget target
 - Delays in the delivery of roof slates mean repairs to the roof probably won't take place until near year end
 - The Select Vestry thanked the Rector for his commitment and service to the Parish on the occasion of the 14th anniversary of his Institution.
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Remembrance Garden

Don't forget that the right to burial in our peaceful Remembrance Garden is available to parishioners for €1,500 and a limited number of spaces for non-parishioners are available at €2,500. Please consider telling your friends and family about this oasis of peace. Contact the Rector if you're interested.

Parish Online Services and Parish Newsletter

The church is now open for the 8.30am and 10.30am Sunday Services. Online Services will continue until 22nd October, after that the 10.30am Service will be live-streamed. If you know of anyone who is not on the Parish email list and would like to receive the newsletter and other communications from the Parish please contact

tullowdublinnewsletter@gmail.com or Jane Bowes 086 8418138. A link to the weekly online Service is emailed to everyone on the Parish list every Saturday evening (until 22nd October) but of course you can watch it whenever suits you.

Under GDPR regulations someone has to request to be put on the email list. If someone is on the Parish List and we have their email address then we are permitted to add them to the email list but we do need their email address so don't assume we already have it!

At the moment Services are also available on the Parish website

<https://tullow.dublin.anglican.org/> and also on Facebook at Tullow Parish and YouTube under Tullow Parish Carrickmines.

Website, Facebook & Instagram

The Parish website www.tullowdublin.org and our Facebook page (search for Tullow Parish) are kept up to date by Alan R and, thanks to Samm, they are widely promoted - the effectiveness of this is illustrated by the very impressive viewing figures for the online Services.

Thanks are due to all these people who help to keep Tullow an active, vibrant parish. Let the Rector know if you would like to contact any of them.

Rector: Rev John Tanner 086 3021376

Lay Minister: Alan Rhodes

Rector's Church Warden: Leslie Ruttle

People's Church Warden: Ken Gregory

Rector's Glebe Warden: Ernie Porter

People's Glebe Warden: Chris Wojnar

Pastoral Assistant: Patricia Stewart

Organist: Dr Paul McNulty

Parish Treasurer: Don Beck

Select Vestry Secretary: Jane Bowes

Readers & Coffee Rota: Barbara Cooper

Connect Group & Clevis Drivers Rota: Jennifer Sowman

Wednesday Coffee: June Hayes

Parish Newsletter: Jane Bowes

Parish Hall Bookings: Jennifer Sowman

Parish Hall Committee: Rev John Tanner, Barbara Cooper, Bob Willis, Paddy Bowes

Flower Rota: Sandra Ruttle

Bell Ringer: David Cooper

Church of Ireland Review: Jill Malcolm

Badminton: Paddy Bowes

Bowls Club: Jonathan Morton

Tullow Friends: Cleo Ellis

Tullow Book Club: Vera Tanner

Altar Linens: Vera Tanner

Welcome to the Tullow Parish newsletter. This is a very active parish so there's lots to report each month. We would really appreciate feedback - both critical and otherwise.

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