

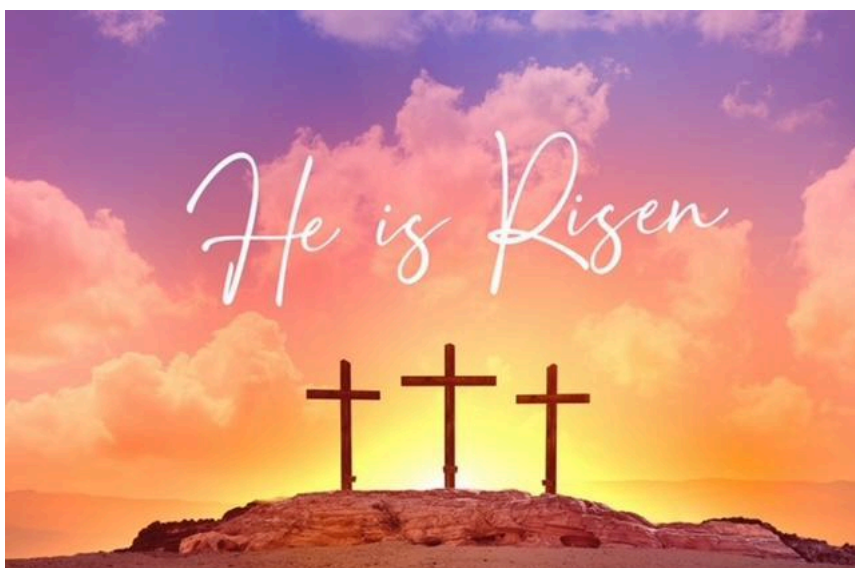
News from the Parishes

Church of the Ascension, Annahilt

Magherahamlet Parish Church



April & May 2025



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The Rector writes.....

My dear Parishioners

When I was a very young child, I thought the best part of Easter was to receive a chocolate Easter egg but I knew very little of the significance of Easter.

Throughout March in our Collective Worship in Church we have observed Ash Wednesday and the penitential season of Lent. During this month of April, we share the events of Holy Week, from Palm Sunday (13 April) through Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, leading to Easter Day (20 April). However hard we try to understand the Easter story it's almost beyond our comprehension that Jesus, the Son of God, should sacrifice himself to such a cruel death on the cross so that we can come forgiven into the presence of God. It is a story we need to share, not just with our children or our families and communities, but with the people of our world who are in desperate need of God's love and compassion in their lives.

When Jesus was put to death on Good Friday, his disciples were devastated. Every day for the last three years they had chosen to follow Jesus, sharing his ministry, drawing closer to God, but still not fully understanding his message. Now they hid for fear of their lives, very unsure of what to do next. For them Jesus was dead and all hope for the future was gone. Just imagine their joy when the risen Jesus appeared to them. From fear and deep despair, they now had hope. Only in the resurrection power of Jesus did the disciples find hope and purpose for the future and that same resurrection power is available to us today.

There are too many people in the world who are living in fear and oppression without experiencing the love of another human being. Jesus brings hope into lives through the love and obedience of people like you and me. Easter is so much more than just chocolate Easter eggs, as delicious as they are. It is about a loving God whose love is far greater than anything we can imagine. It is only through his love that we are truly able to love others.

May you know and also share the fullness of his love this Easter.

Your sincere friend and Rector

Robert Howard

Congratulations...

....to Mr & Mrs Nicholas Robinette on the birth of their son, Theo William Robinette on 24 February 2025

....to William McCoubrey, Magherahamlet on the recent celebration of his 90th birthday

Parish of Annahilt – Easter General Vestry Meeting – Monday 31 March 2025

In his remarks from the Chair, the Rector reported that in 2024 the Parish's official membership (those households who are subscribers) stood at 109 family units. However, there are additional households who have called on the Rector's ministrations although they have no formal link with the Parish. There was one baptism, and there were six funerals.

Each of the following parochial activities implemented the advancement of religion in our community.

Worship and prayer were paramount during 2024 which contributed to the spiritual well-being of participants and the reinforcement of Christian values.

Special services in Church included one on 6 June to mark the 80th Anniversary of D Day. The traditional Harvest Festival Services were held on the last Sunday in September. The Rector presided and preached at the Morning Service. The preacher was the Rector of Rossory, the Revd Stephen McWhirter. The preacher at the Evening Service was our former Bishop, the Rt Revd Harold Miller, after which the traditional Harvest Supper was held in the Parochial Hall. It was great to have so many present to welcome him and Mrs Miller back amongst us on their first official visit to the Parish since his retirement in 2019. The annual Christmas Carol Service took place on 15 December. The long-standing Christmas / New Year reciprocal arrangement between our Parish and Legacurry Presbyterian Church was not possible this year on account of the ministerial vacancy at Legacurry. However, the First Communion of Christmas went ahead in the Parish Church on Christmas Eve. A Crib Service took place on the Sunday before Christmas, 23 December. The Baillie's' Mills Band again joined us and facilitated us with both congregational carols and other seasonal music. It was a unique and very special event.

The Parochial Hall is a very useful facility which has again more than proved its worth in advancing Christian activity in our parish. Its use will no doubt continue to develop in a post-covid situation. Sunday School was revamped into The Jesus And Me (JAM) Group which now meets on the first Sunday in each month during the Church Service. The Parish Indoor Bowling Club ran its normal schedule of activity. Meetings of The Mothers' Union Branch also took place. One Sunday each month (from September to June) following the Church Service, light refreshments were served in the Parochial Hall in support of 'Christian Aid'.

The traditional Christmas Fair at the end of November took place which was both a great social and financial success. The monthly collection of items for the local food-bank continued and proved to be of immense benefit for those in our community who are less fortunate than others.

The Report following the 2019 Quinquennial Inspection of the Church and Rectory was on the agenda of the Select Vestry and its recommendations continue to be acted upon. The routine maintenance of the Parochial Hall and the Rectory continued

throughout the year. The Select Vestry remain committed to the upkeep and development of all parochial property and assets for the future benefit of the Parish and the public.

Various steps were taken throughout the year to ensure that the Parish is compliant with new GDPR regulations.

Drawing his remarks to a close the Rector thanked all those who contributed to Parish Life throughout the year, During the meeting the Trustees Annual Report was presented by the Honorary Treasurer, Miss Patricia Halliday, the annual elections were held and light refreshments were served.

Parish of Annahilt

Easter General Vestry Elections 2025

Rector's Churchwarden
People's Churchwarden
Rector's Glebewarden
People's Glebewarden
Simpson

Colin Hassard
Stephen Chapman
Ivan Bradford
Gareth

In addition to the above Officers, the following were elected to the Select Vestry:

D Brown
Hassard
Mrs E Crawford
Miss P Halliday
T Gibson

Mrs L

Mrs S Wilson
G Spence

Independent Evaluator

Kenneth Watterson

Honorary Secretary
Honorary Treasurer
Honorary FWO Treasurer
Health& Safety Officer
Parochial Insurance
Graveyard Secretary

Colin Hassard
Miss Patricia Halliday
Trevor Hill
Roger Maxwell
Aubrey Campbell
Ivan Bradford

Parish of Magherahamlet - Easter General Vestry Meeting, Wednesday 2 April 2025

In his opening remarks, the Rector reported that in 2024 the Parish's official membership (those households who are subscribers) stood at 65 family units. However, there are additional households who have called on the Rector's ministrations, especially during illness, on occasions of bereavement or at various times of crisis although they have no formal link with the Parish.

Each of the following parochial activities implemented the advancement of religion in our community.

We celebrated the 40th Anniversary of the Rector's Ordination with a special Service on 17 June in Church followed by a Picnic at Larchfield Estate (by kind permission). The traditional Harvest Festival Services were held on the fourth Sunday in October. The Rector presided and Canon Nigel Baylor preached at the Morning Service. Canon Katharine Poulton preached at the evening service, after which a Harvest Supper was served in the Parochial Hall and was very well supported. In December it was wonderful to continue the traditional United Carol Service in the community, last year held in Magherahamlet Presbyterian Church. This was the second time the event was held since the pandemic restrictions were lifted and was very well attended.

The Parochial Hall is a very useful facility which has again more than proved its worth in advancing Christian activity in our parish. Its use will no doubt continue to develop in a post-Covid situation. Sunday School continued to meet on Sunday, prior to the Church Service. The Parish Badminton Club also ran its normal schedule of activity. Meetings of The Mothers' Union Branch also took place.

The Report following the 2019 Quinquennial Inspection of the Church and Rectory was on the agenda of the Select Vestry and its recommendations continue to be acted upon. The routine maintenance of the Parochial Hall and the Rectory continued throughout the year. The Select Vestry remain committed to the upkeep and development of all parochial property and assets for the future benefit of the Parish and the public.

Various steps were taken throughout the year to ensure that the Parish is compliant with new GDPR regulations.

The Rector thanked all who served in Parish life over the year,

During the meeting, the Trustees Report for 2024 was presented by the Honorary Treasurer, Ms Abbie Stanford. The annual elections were held. Light refreshments were served.

Parish of Magherahamlet**Easter General Vestry Elections 2025**

Rector's Churchwarden
People's Churchwarden
Rector's Glebewarden
Hughes
People's Glebewarden

Ms Abbie Stanford
Mrs Avril Burrows
Norman

George Jennings

In addition to the above Officers the following were elected to the Select Vestry

Miss V Begley
W Chambre
McCurry
W Kelly
L Fryers
Vladeanu M Vladeanu

Mrs F Magorrian
G

Mrs S McCurry
Mrs L

Independent Examiner

Mrs Carol Shields

Honorary Secretary
Magorrian
Ms Abbie Stanford
Mrs Sally McCurry
Assistant FWO Treasurer
Burrows
Health & Safety Officers
Chambre

Mrs Frances
Honorary Treasurer
Honorary FWO Treasurer

Mrs Avril

Mrs Linda Vladeanu & William

Church Services in the Parishes of Annahilt and Magherahamlet

'I was glad when they said to me: "Let us go to the house of the Lord"' Psalm 122 v1

Sunday 6 April

Lent V

10.00

Parish Communion

Annahilt

12.00

Parish Communion

Magherahamlet

HOLY WEEK

Sunday 13 April

Palm Sunday

10.00

'The Cross of Christ'

Annahilt

Service Sheets

A Holy Week Devotional of Readings, Anthems & Hymns

12.00

'The Cross of Christ'

Magherahamlet

Service Sheets

A Holy Week Devotional of Readings, Anthems & Hymns

Throughout Holy Week, Monday 14 April to Good Friday 18 April there will be a series of addresses 'The Evidence of Jesus' given by the Rector.

Monday

8.00 pm

Evening Service

Magherahamlet

Service Sheets

John 18 vv 1-13

Tuesday

8.00 pm

Evening Service

Annahilt

Service Sheets

John 18 vv 12-27

Wednesday

8.00 pm

Evening Service

Magherahamlet

Service Sheets

John 18 vv 28-40

Maundy Thursday

Commemoration of the Institution of the Lord's Supper

8.00 pm

Holy Communion

Annahilt

Service Sheets

John 19 vv 1-16

followed by light refreshments in the Parochial Hall

Good Friday

8.00 pm

Tenebrae Service

Magherahamlet

Service Sheets

John 19 vv 17-42

Sunday 20 April

Easter Day

8.30	Holy Communion	Annahilt
10.00	Parish Communion	Annahilt <i>Service Sheets</i>
12.00	Parish Communion	Magherahamlet <i>Service Sheets</i>

Sunday 27 April

Easter II

10.00	‘Risen with Christ’	Annahilt	<i>Service Sheets</i> <i>An Easter Devotional of Readings, Anthems & Hymns</i>
12.00	‘Risen with Christ’	Magherahamlet	<i>Service Sheets</i> <i>An Easter Devotional of Readings, Anthems & Hymns</i>

Sunday 4 May

Easter III

10.00	Parish Communion	Annahilt
12.00	Parish Communion	Magherahamlet

Wednesday 7 May

Eve of VE Day

7.30	Service of Thanksgiving to mark 80 th Anniversary of VE Day <i>Service Sheets</i> with Choir of Anahilt Primary School and Baillies Mills Accordion Band <i>Celebratory Supper afterwards in the Parochial Hall</i>	
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Sunday 11 May

Easter IV

Launch of Christian Aid Week

10.00	Family Service	Annahilt	<i>followed by Light Refreshments in the Parochial Hall</i>
12.00	Family Service	Magherahamlet	

Sunday 18 May	Easter V	
10.00	Parish Communion	Annahilt
12.00	Morning Prayer	Magherahamlet

Sunday 25 May	Easter VI (Rogation Sunday)	
10.00	Morning Prayer	Annahilt
12.00	Morning Prayer	Magherahamlet

Thursday 29 May	Ascension Day	
7.30 pm	Holy Communion	Annahilt

Sunday 1 June	Sunday after Ascension Day	
10.00	Parish Communion	Annahilt
12.00	Morning Prayer	Magherahamlet

Sunday 8 June	Pentecost	
10.00	Parish Communion	Annahilt
12.00	Parish Communion	Magherahamlet

Decoration of the Churches for Easter

Decoration of the Churches for Easter will take place Saturday on 19 April 2025, in Annahilt at 9.30am and in Magherahamlet at 2.00pm
Annahilt - 9.30 am

Gifts of flowers and greenery together with assistance with the decoration will be very gratefully received.

PRAYER WARRIOR

Do you have a concern or problem and would like someone to pray for you?

If so, contact the Rector who will be willing to help.

This is completely confidential and no details will be passed on to anyone else unless you want them to.



028 9263 8218



Christian Aid Week 11th – 17th May

Christian Aid Week this year will focus on the cost-of-living crisis faced by many people around the world, particularly in areas of Africa, Asia, the Middle East and Latin America and the Caribbean.

Christian Aid is on a journey to build a world free from poverty and based on dignity, equality, justice and love. 783 million people around the world will not have a meal today and according to the United Nations Organisation, hunger is currently the leading cause of death in the world. While the world's farmers should be able to grow enough food to feed everyone on the planet, the overlapping crises of conflict, climate change and economic inequality have created a cycle that has undermined food security worldwide.

Even here in Northern Ireland we have experienced some of the effects of conflict as the war in Ukraine has triggered a global increase in food and fuel prices.

Donations from Christian Aid can help transform lives, like those of Aurelia and those who she knows and loves. They were born in Guatemala. Once their lives were a constant struggle, but are now much better with help funded by Christian Aid

Every donation to Christian Aid can help make a difference and transform lives just like Aurelia's.

If you would like to make a donation towards Christian Aid's work, you may use the envelope enclosed. Envelopes may be returned at any of the church services in May. Alternatively, there will be a coffee morning in favour of Christian Aid Week, after our church service in Annahilt on Sunday 11th May and we would love to see you there.

Christian Aid Envelopes are included with this Parish Magazine and may be returned to Church at Services on any of the following Sundays 11, 18 & 25 May.

Alternatively, donations may be made directly to either of the Parochial Treasurers, Patricia Halliday (Annahilt) or Abbie Stanford (Magherahamlet).

Flowers for the Churches

Annahilt

Magherahamlet



April

6		Mr G Jennings
13	Mrs Alison Harrison-Mitchell	
20	Easter	Easter
27		

May

4	Miss S Anderson	Mrs M Keown
11	Mrs B Oliver	Mrs F Magorrian
18	Mrs B Oliver	
25	The Rector	The Rector

June

1	The Rector	The Rector
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Church Cleaning, Annahilt

Month

April

4-5	Mrs S Chapman
11-12	Mrs H Hill
18-19	Mrs S Chapman
25-26	Mrs A Maxwell



Mrs S Chapman
Mr T Hill
Mrs S Chapman
Mr R Maxwell

May

2-3	Mrs S Chapman
9-10	Mrs L McCambley
16-17	Mrs S Chapman
23-24	Mrs E Crawford
30-31	Mrs S Chapman

Mrs S Chapman
Mrs E Harrison
Mr S Chapman
Mr S Chapman

June

6-7	Mrs H Hill
13-14	Mrs S Chapman
20-21	Mrs J Guiney
27-28	Mrs S Chapman

Mr T Hill
Mr S Chapman
Mrs H Cardosi
Mr S Chapman

80th Anniversary of Victory in Europe Day 1945 – 2025



Thursday 8 May 2025 marks the 80th Anniversary of the historic Victory in Europe (VE) Day. On that day and in the days leading up to it, families and communities will come together to celebrate 80 years of peace since the end of the Second World War in Europe; peace that so many millions paid the ultimate sacrifice to achieve.

VE Day is not only a tribute to those who fought for the freedom we all enjoy today, but also a powerful reminder of the resilience and unity that have defined our country ever since.

We are all encouraged to take part and gather in public and also at home, and be part of this anniversary providing some days of joy and celebration, as part of the Commonwealth's 2.4 billion people, reaffirming our commitment to world peace, ensuring future generations understand and cherish its value.

The following events are taking place in our localities to mark the VE Day Anniversary.

Parish of Magherahamlet
VE DAY CELEBRATION FOR ALL THE FAMILY
TUESDAY 6 MAY 2025
7.00 – 9.00pm
MAGHERAHAMLET PARIOCHIAL HALL AND GROUNDS
Vintage Tea Party, Children's Games
ALL WELCOME

Parish of Annahilt
VE DAY SERVICE
Of
REMEMBRANCE & THANKSGIVING
With Baillies Mills Accordion Band and Annahilt Primary School Choir
WEDNESDAY 7 MAY 2025
At 7.30pm
In
The Church of the Ascension, Annahilt
Followed by
CELEBRATORY SUPPER
In the Parochial Hall
ALL WELCOME



Dear Mothers' Union Members and Friends,

At our February meeting in Annahilt, we were delighted to assemble Toiletry Bags for donation to hospital patients and refugees. These have since been delivered to Claire Stewart of MU Action and Outreach. Claire will ensure that they go where they are needed most. Plans for the Branch's activities over the coming months were also discussed. It was decided not to make any firm decisions until there was a fuller attendance at a subsequent meeting.

At our March meeting Elaine Finney shared with us her insights into the writings of one of her favourite poets, William Butler Yeats. Some were unfamiliar with Yeats's poems. Others hadn't heard them read for a long time. It was an interesting and refreshing evening for everyone present.

MU members are invited to the Maundy Thursday Holy Week Service in the Church of the Ascension, Annahilt on 17 April at 8.00 pm. All members of the Congregation are invited to Light Refreshments in the Parochial Hall afterwards.

Please contact Esme at esmeogle@gmail.com or 07748736622 if you have any further queries.

Magherahamlet members are invited to the mid-week Service in the Parish Church on Wednesday 16 April at 8.00 pm.

At Magherahamlet, our Beetle Drive on 21 March in the Parochial Hall was a great success, both socially and financially. We thank all those of every age who supported the event. £200 was raised.

Both Branches were represented at the Diocesan Festival Service in Bandridge on 2 April.

The Diocesan MU Indoor Members' Holy Communion Service & Tea Party afterwards will be held this year in St Ignatius's Church, Carryduff on Thursday 15 May. Time to be confirmed. Indoor and Senior members are encouraged to take up this opportunity of an enjoyable and very pleasant day out. If anyone requires transport, please contact Esme or Sally.

With kind regards to everyone and best wishes for a blessed Easter

Beth	Avril
Esme	Sally
Elaine	Frances
	Virginia

Mothers' Union Midday Wave of Prayers – April 2025

1 April: Toamasina in Madagascar; Mukono in Uganda; Ikwerre C Ife East in Nigeria; Down & Dromore in All Ireland and Delhi in India

2-4 April: Umzimvubu in South Africa; Lweru in Tanzania; On the Niger in Nigeria; Cape Coast in Ghana; Ontario in Canada and Limerick & Killaloe in All Ireland 6-8 April: Cueibet in South Sudan; Gahini in Rwanda; Wusasa & Ibadan in Nigeria and Christchurch in New Zealand

9-11 April: Nord Kivu in DR Congo; Kigali in Rwanda; Kiteto & Kubwa in Nigeria; Perth in Australia and Kuranagala in Sri Lanka

13-15 April: Yirol in South Sudan; Ruvuma in Tanzania; Nike & Benin in Nigeria; Canberra C Goulburn in Australia and Dogura in Papua New Guinea

16-18 April: Kindu in DR Congo; Mount Kenya West in Kenya; Egbu in Nigeria; Te Pihopatanga O Aotearoa in New Zealand; Cork, Cloyne C Ross in All Ireland and Eastern Himalayas in India

20-22 April: Kinshasa in DR Congo; Victoria Nyanza in Tanzania; Ahoada & Warri in Nigeria; Oxford in England and Port Moresby in Papua New Guinea

23-25 April: Kisangani in DR Congo; Kagera in Tanzania; Awka in Nigeria; Sunyani in Ghana; Manchester in England and Popondota in Papua New Guinea

27-29 April: Port Sudan in Sudan; Muhabura in Uganda; Niger Delta West C Yewa in Nigeria; The Northern Territory in Australia and Chennai in India

30 April: Aru in DR Congo; Kigezi in Uganda; Ikeduru in Nigeria; Ho in Ghana; Guyana C Suriname in Guyana and York in England.

Annahilt Wednesday Club

**Informal gatherings for all Seniors and
Retirees in the locality**

**30th April
21st May, 18th June**

**11am-12.30pm
in Annahilt Parish Hall, Glebe Road**

**Light refreshments
Different activity/speaker each month
All welcome**

**Voluntary donation towards expenses welcome
Further information
Patricia on 07713 257691**

Annahilt Wednesday Club

This continues to be a popular event for seniors and retirees in the local community. In February, local raconteur Brian Johnston regaled those present with yarns, stories and music. In March Trevor Hill (Annahilt Parishioner) gave us a very interesting presentation on the Hillsborough Fort Guard. Trevor and twelve other locals relatively recently joined the Fort Guard to bring numbers back up to the original complement of twenty warders under the command of the 9th (present) Marquis of Downshire. The new warders will receive their warrants on 31st May 2025. Trevor's late father-in-law, Gerald Silcock was for many years the bugler in the Fort Guard and Trevor is the 5th member and 4th generation of the wider family to hold a position in the Fort Guard.

Annahilt Wednesday Club has been financially supported November 2024-March 2025 by Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council Good Relations funding.

Future dates of Annahilt Wednesday Club are: April 30th, May 21st and June 18th.

On 30th April our speaker will be Mr Gordon Galloway speaking on local suffragette, Lillian Metge. The speaker on 21st May will be Councillor Andrew Gowan, former Mayor LCCC and on 18th June we will have an "End of Season Tea Party". Names will be required for catering purposes.

Walks in HRP Hillsborough Castle Gardens.

Larchfield Community Association has kindly invited anyone who is interested in joining their walks during the spring and summer.

Wednesday 9th April; Thursday 24th April; Thursday 22nd May and Wednesday 11th June. Meet at 11am at the Weston Pavillion off the A1.

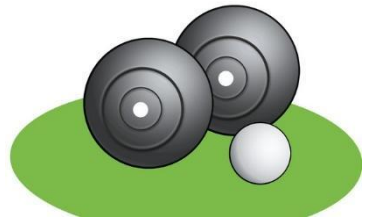
Please contact Patricia on 07713 257691 to register your interest.

This is a wonderful opportunity to see the gardens in all their glory and have some gentle exercise at no financial cost, followed of course by a coffee or snack (optional!).

All welcome.

Annahilt Bowling Club

Shortly before the end of the season Annahilt Parish Bowling Club won their way through several matches to reach the finals of the Zone Charity Competition Rosebowl. Unfortunately, St Colman's Lambeg were just too good for us on the evening, so the Club came home with the Runner up Rosebowl.



Annahilt Parish Club Captain Patricia Halliday receiving the Runners up Rosebowl from Lisburn Zone officials.

The season concluded at the end of March with a fun night and supper and the annual dinner and prize distribution will be held shortly.



Lunch Club

The next time we meet will be Friday 25 April in the Pheasant at the usual time of 12.30pm.

Subsequent Lunch Club meetings will take place on the following dates:

30 May

27 June

The Lunch Club is a very relaxed and enjoyable occasion, giving retired and semi-retired members an opportunity to connect with each other. If you would like the opportunity of enjoying a lunchtime meal in the company of established friends or perhaps some new ones, do come along. Please contact Violet Swarbrigg (Telephone 07866914651) for further information.

Financial matters - Annahilt



“Giving in Grace” – Update

In the Autumn of 2023, the Select Vestry and Finance committee in Annahilt launched the “Giving in Grace” Financial Campaign aimed at increasing income to cover anticipated expenditure for 2024-2027 in order to sustain the ministry and mission in our Parish.

Approximately 23% of Parishioners replied, indicating an increase in the region of £7500 per annum. While this figure was only 29% of the financial increase we were aiming for, we were very grateful for the £10K increase in giving in the 2024 year.

We thank all those who were in a position to increase their giving however we do need to retain that increase and additional funds to meet our current commitments.

While we do have “Restricted Funds” reserves, these cannot be used for the day-to-day running of the Parish but can and will be used towards specific projects.

If you did not reply at the time of the Giving in Grace campaign, we would invite you to respond now to the Treasurer. If you would like to have envelopes, complete a Standing Order and/or a Gift Aid Declaration, please contact Patricia on 07713 257691.

“But since you excel in everything.....see that you also excel in this grace of giving”.

Annahilt Annual Report for 2024

The 2024 Trustees Annual Report is now available on the Parish website.

If you would like a paper copy please contact Patricia on 07713 257691 or info@annahiltandmagherahamlet.org

PA System for Annahilt Parish Hall

A new PA system has been installed in the Parish Hall as a result of the diligence of our Treasurer who secured a 50% grant from the Dept of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs, Rural Micro Capital Grant Tranche 2.

This will benefit members of organisations and groups using the hall facilities and especially benefit those with hearing impairment. There is also a “loop” system installed and anyone who uses a hearing aid is advised to use the “T” setting when in the hall and the PA system is in use.

We are indebted to Mr Alan Currie of Audio Promotions for supplying the equipment and installing the system and his continued servicing of the Church PA system as required.

Recent collections Annahilt

Christian Aid Coffee January	£88.00
Christian Aid Coffee February	£110.00
CMS Coffee morning March	£133.65

CMS boxes are available to collect from the table at the church entrance for anyone who would like an outlet for their “small change” during Lent or throughout the year.

Magazine available online

With the further price increase of postage with effect from 7th April 2025 and increased costs of printing, we are again appealing for anyone who would be willing to read their magazine online rather than by post to contact Patricia on 07713 257691 or info@annahiltandmagherahamlet.org

Contact details

While we try to keep contact details up to date, sometimes parishioners move house and we don't have your new address.

Some no longer have or use landline telephone numbers and only use mobile numbers. It would be helpful if your details have changed, if you could contact Patricia (Annahilt) on 028 92665310, Mobile 07713 257 691, email patriciaapc@btinternet.com or Abbie (Magherahamlet) on 07753 746940, email abigailstanford@btinternet.com with up to date details. The vast majority of contact numbers we hold are landline numbers.

To comply with the **General Data Protection Act 2018** we need to hold **correct** and **up-to-date details** of parishioners. Your contact details are only used for Parish purposes.

Gift Aid

If you are a UK taxpayer, you can boost the amount of every donation you make by giving through “Gift Aid”. This is an Income Tax relief scheme created to help charities like our church get the most out of funds that they receive. Gift Aid enables the church to recover the base rate of tax on your donation. The scheme adds 25 pence on each £1.00 you give at no extra cost to you.

We would ask all taxpayers who give to parish funds to give through “Gift Aid”. All that is required is the completion of a “Gift Aid Declaration” form. If you have recently stopped paying tax then any existing Gift Aid declaration needs to be cancelled. Please contact Abbie or Patricia should you require a “Gift Aid Declaration” form or need to update/amend an existing Gift Aid Declaration.

LISBURN FOODBANK

The Lisburn Foodbank is providing an essential service to those within our community who are experiencing difficult times, often due to circumstances beyond their control.

The Foodbank provides emergency food and support to local people in crisis in the Lisburn area.

Parishioners may leave items for the Foodbank in the basket in Annahilt Church Porch, on the FIRST and SECOND Sunday of each month.

A particular request from the Foodbank this month is for cleaning items such as:

- Fairy Liquid
- small packs of toilet roll
- large nappies (sizes 6 and 7)
- baby wipes
- shower gel
- soaps
- washing powder

YOUR HELP WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED.

Parish Website: AnnahiltAndMagherahamlet.org

Parishioners are reminded that the website annahiltandmagherahamlet.org has been created to provide information on church related activities and organisations for parishioners and the wider community. The website also continues to host online services each Sunday. In addition, the website contains a list of upcoming church services and news from our group of parishes, as well as downloadable versions of the parish magazine. The site will be continually developed, so if you have any submissions, suggestions or requests relating to the website, these can be sent to admin@annahiltandmagherahamlet.org.



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Parish Magazine

Any contributions for the next edition of the Parish Magazine should be left with the Rector or Roger Maxwell (roger.maxwell1@btinternet.com) by Sunday 18 May 2025.

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