

NEWS — from the — PEWS

Recently, I've been doing a little research on Angels. It's amazing where parts of my ministry can lead and of course, angels are entirely biblical. I think we should constantly challenge ourselves to step outside the understandings we have in place and at least look at what others are saying. I listened to a most interesting man who spoke of guardian angels (apparently everyone has at least one!) who are just waiting to act on our behalf but we must ask! He fully admitted that some didn't believe at all; some believed but few ever ASKED for anything. He recommended that we give it a try and I was quick to oblige. He advised that we ask for the '*most benevolent outcome*' to whatever request we made and not to forget to say '*thank you!*' with confidence at the end of it. Although recommended, I ignored the urge to ask for the obvious 'parking space' and only two nights later found myself awake worrying about a particular issue in the parish. So! There in the kitchen, over a milky cup of tea, I

challenged my angel for the '*most benevolent outcome*'. At 8:10am the following morning I received a phone call to tell me that further progress had been made regarding the issue and things were moving quickly!

Last Sunday, walking down the aisle of St. Brigid's Kilbride, I became sharpness to the setting of a ring I wear on my right hand. It is my engagement ring and one of my most precious possessions. I am the people who spent the next 30 minutes bent double scanning floors, surplices and vestries in order to recover the little gem. Sitting at the during the readings I wryly thought to myself 'well Guardian Angel! Have YOU today! And asked for the *most benevolent outcome* to the recovery. Following an outdoor service in St. Patrick's later that morning, I returned searched carefully; I returned to the Rectory as the image of my brown used to carry service sheets flashed into my mind. I ignored it. I

kitchen and my office as my gaze was drawn same bag propped up against the couch. Finally I uttered a 'all right then!' in the direction of the invisible and took the bag into my office where I began to carefully dismantle its contents onto my desk. Up came the strongest thought into my head – as clear as the clearest voice – 'turn it upside DOWN!' it urged. And so I did. And out fell a pen, a tissue and a diamond!



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Whether you think me mad or not, here's a sensible question for you! How much of our thoughts are ourselves and how much are God? If God does communicate with us (and I firmly believe he does) how do we decipher his voice from the voice of our mind? It is certainly my prayer for the past few weeks in particular and even more now, that God teaches me how to decipher the guidance and communication he gives from my own thoughts.

One last comment the 'Angel gentleman' made was to explain the abundance of requests available to us thus: "If you can imagine a warehouse full of stacks of paper, each an individual page and individual request form. There are millions in the place – far more than you could ever use in a lifetime and yet, no matter how many requests you make, the piles never seem to reduce! It's a lovely thought isn't it?!"

Whether you believe or not is up to you but don't forget, if you do pray for assistance, to ask for the 'Most Benevolent Outcome!!'

We were delighted to welcome Artists from the Schoolhouse of Art last Sunday morning who painted beautifully to the sound of some of our greatest hymns played through the speaker at the Outdoor Service in Powerscourt

'on behalf of our little group of artists wanted to thank you so much for allowing us to paint and sketch on the grounds last Sunday.

None of us painted the church in the end but you will see from our mini exhibition at the schoolhouse afterwards, we all had an individual take on our surroundings..

Some of us had the added bonus of the service music !

Serena Kitt



Back to School Family Service and Picnic



Plans are afoot to hold a 'Back to School' outdoor Service followed by a Pic-Nic on Sunday 30th August in the Lower Carpark of St. Patrick's, Powerscourt. We encourage all musicians to step forward on the day and join in as we sing some favourite hymns and praise God in the open air. Spaces for picnics will be clearly marked out and we ask that each family bring their own packed lunches and picnic blanket. (We will continue to pray that umbrellas will not be required!)

We are delighted to announce that the music following our service will be provided by Celtic Grace and our thanks to Tom Dalton for organising this. Please do join us on **Sunday 30th August next at 11:30.**



NOTICE OF ON-COMING EASTER GENERAL VESTRY MEETINGS

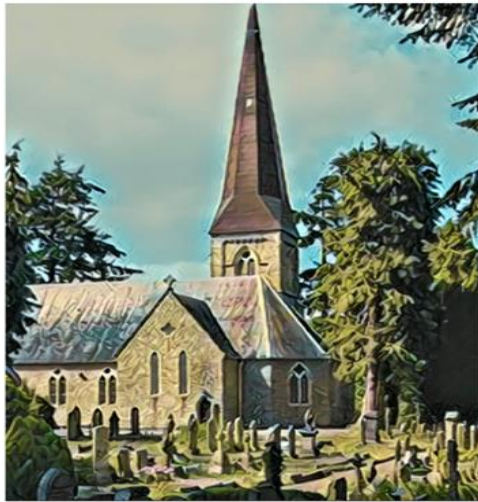
Due to Covid19 Restrictions, this year's Easter General Vestry will be incorporated within a Short Service of Worship on

Sunday 6th September 2020

*St. Brigid's Church
at 10am*

St. Brigid's Kilbride
**Short Service of Worship
&
Easter General Vestry Meeting**





ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, POWERSCOURT

SHORT SERVICE OF WORSHIP & EASTER GENERAL VESTRY MEETING

SUNDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER
ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, POWERSCOURT
AT 11:30AM

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A Helping Hand

We are both proud and delighted to announce that some of our young people have stepped forward and offered their help with shopping or gardening for anyone at home at this time. Please contact Cathy Hallissey (086 3583104) if you require an extra helping hand.



Keep an Eye on WHAT'S HAPPENING..

Embracing all Forms
of Church

Our Sunday Services

Beneath the Eaves (in-Church)
St. Brigid's Kilbride - 10am
St. Patrick's Powerscourt - 11:30am

Beneath the Boughs (Online)

 **The Grouped Parishes of
Powerscourt with Kilbride**

Our Parish Website
<http://www.powerscourt.glendalough.anglican.org/parishgroups.html>





SERVICES FOR SEPTEMBER 2020

Sunday 6th September 2020
A Celebration of the Holy Eucharist

Sunday 13th September 2020
A Short Service of Morning Worship

Sunday 20th September 2020
A Celebration of the Holy Eucharist

Sunday 27th September 2020
A Short Service of Morning Worship

SERVICE TIMES:

ST. BRIGID'S, KILBRIDE – 10AM

ST. PATRICK'S, POWERSCOURT – 11:30AM