

NEWS — from the — PEWS

The Space Monster in the shed
“I’d give that a wide birth!” the Glebe Warden chuckled as he flicked the switch on the Space Heater which stood in the centre of the Parish Shed last Friday morning. We marvelled as the bright red rocket-like

cylinder sprang to life, roaring out its blazing waves of heat, a good one-meter distance in front of itself. There was a distinct pause in the conversation as we looked on with a type of fearful respect for the monster on the floor. There was no doubt that this machine could bring heat to the church and little doubt that the church would remain intact as a result.

In my mind I considered the flammability of the elegant foliage due to arrive in the church the following morning for a wedding taking place at 2pm, not to mention the flammable nature of the bride’s attire and combined this with the heady fumes of diesel already filling the shed. We glanced at each other. This was not going to be the solution!



The heating system in St. Patrick’s Church had failed several weeks ago and every effort made to secure an expert to diagnose the ailment, but to no avail. We had thanked God for the milder weather of the previous month which had added a touch of warmth through the open doors of our ventilated church. Then



things had taken a downward turn temperature-wise and, suddenly, a wedding was upon us!

Apologies were graciously received by the bride who had begun to organise blankets for the guests for the 40-minute wedding ceremony until, at the rehearsal on the Friday

evening, a helpful member of the wedding party took the whole matter in hand and organised propane blow heaters (not unlike the Shed Rocket) which were put in place at 11:30 on the Saturday. There wasn't a fume to be inhaled and the church with its elaborate foliage remained warmly intact. By the time 2pm arrived the heaters had been turned off and one door opened to allow access. As the guests sat snugly in their pews, the Groom and I stood in a perishing high wind outside the church door. As he prayed for the safe delivery of his betrothed, I prayed for her prompt arrival before the church had time to cool again! The Wedding went without a hitch and our congratulations to go Andrea Beaumont and William Marsden with every blessing for their new life together.



Congratulations too to the groomsman who organised and heaters and even more so to Ric Pasquali our Glebe Warden for his valiant efforts in resurrecting the Monster in the Shed.

All Age Family Service

St. Patrick's Powerscourt

Sunday 12th December at
11.30 a.m.

All are very welcome

Watching for the Light

For three consecutive Wednesdays through Advent, beginning on 1st of Dec, St. Patrick's Church opens its doors from 7pm-8pm for a quiet reflective time of music and prayer. Opportunity will be provided to light a candle for a loved one during this time or to come for a blessing or prayer with Rev. Cathy.

1st December

8th December 7pm – 8pm

15th December



Powerscourt with Kilbride
Christmas Services 2021
Sunday, 19th December
Short Service of Holy Communion
(Kilbride 9:45am/Powerscourt 11:30am)
Outside Carols by Candlelight
(Powerscourt 7pm)
Christmas Eve
Service of Holy Communion
(Powerscourt at 9pm)
Christmas Day
Holy Communion 2 (Powerscourt at 8:30am)
Family Service (Kilbride at 10am)
Family Service (Powerscourt at 11:30am)
St. Stephen's Day
Short Said Service of Holy Communion
(Kilbride at 11am)



Christmas in St. Brigid's, Kilbride *Sundays at 9:45am*

28 th November	Advent 1	Service of the Word
5 th December	Advent 2	Holy Communion 1
12 th December	Advent 3	Morning Prayer 2
19 th December	Advent 4	Short Said Holy Communion 2
		Joint Parishes Outdoor Carols by Candlelight (7pm Powerscourt)
24 th December	Christmas Eve	Joint-Parishes Holy Communion (9pm Powerscourt)
25 th December	Christmas Day	All Age Family Worship
26 th December	St. Stephen's Day	Joint-Parishes 'Short Said H. Communion' (11am Kilbride)



If you would like to receive Holy Communion at home, please email the parish office or send Rev. Cathy a text on 086 358 3104 to arrange a visit.



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<http://www.cm.ireland.anglican.org/advent-and-christmas-newsletter-2021/>

St Patrick's Powerscourt Church Outside

**Weather permitting, we hope to hold
our Church Services in the Church Grounds
so that we can come together safely and sing!**

Wrap up Warmly!



Sundays at 11:30am

Tea and Coffee Rota for Winter 2021



12th December

Tim and Gay Weldon

We need more Volunteers – If you think you can help, please contact Marjorie Mold on 087 647 2668 or 01 2863499

FLOWER GUILD VOLUNTEERS WANTED



WE are looking for some new names on the Sunday Flower Arrangers List.

It normally needs about 3 bunches of flowers plus greenery but of course it's great if you have garden flowers

Volunteering is required about 3 times per year.

If you are interested to get involved, please contact Marjorie Mold 087 647 2668 or 01 2863499



Wanderers through the graveyard may have wondered who lies beneath this handsome red cross. It is set flat within a stone kerb which spans two rows. There is no inscription visible, but there may be names incised on the kerbs almost entirely covered with moss. Researchers are discouraged from too much digging, as inscriptions are often better protected underground from the weather.

The burial index records a family of four people here. The Reverend Robert Willoughby Lefroy, his wife Ethel Lefroy (born Spaight), and Ethel's mother and aunt, Ellen Spaight, and Isabel Crowe. Robert and Ethel lived in King Edward Road, Bray, in a house named Cambrae. The original Huguenot Lefroy family came to Ireland from Cambrai in Belgium. Ethel's great grandfather was William Hume of Humewood, a casualty of the 1798 rebellion. The Lefroy family home, however, was Aubrey in Shankill, and they were parishioners of Crinken Church.

The Diocesan Succession List records the Reverend Robert Willoughby as curate of Christchurch Bray from 1907 to 1915, and Hon. Vicar Choral of Christ Church Cathedral in 1915. It is silent on his subsequent clerical career, if any. However, the British Army record in Kew, reports that a Lt Robert Willoughby Lefroy served in the Army Service Corps from 1918-1921. The father's name is given as a Captain Lefroy of the 97th Regiment. No address appears in that record, but Captain Robert Telford Lefroy of the 97th Regiment, father of our Reverend, lived at Aubrey in Shankill. In 1918, Robert Willoughby would have been 41, rather late to join the Army perhaps, and for such a short time. He died in Howth aged 75 in 1952.

These Lefroys are a branch of the same family as Lord Chief Justice Thomas Langlois Lefroy, 1776-1869, famous Irish judge, who once had an affection for Jane Austen. Attempting to find out exactly how they are related led to a severe episode of brain fog on the part of the writer.

Robert Telford Lefroy, the father of the Reverend Robert Willoughby, is of interest to our parish because he married in 1890, as his second wife, Sarah Mary Hackett, daughter of John Winthorp Hackett, first Chaplain of Crinken Church. Sarah features often in Rev Ernest Whelans diary of the 1870s. She was five years his senior, and he obviously has a high opinion of her talents and abilities. They were to be good companions as young people in all the social events of the two parishes.



Sarah and her husband had no children, but the captain had several, the Rev Robert among them, 13 years old when Sarah became his stepmother. The couple served the parish of Crinken handsomely all their lives. They are fondly remembered on two large brass plaques in that Church which bear witness to their work. The Captain, who, "in conjunction with his wife, Sarah M. Lefroy, laboured earnestly for many years for the improvement and welfare of this church", died in 1907. Sarah was "a devoted member of (Crinken's) congregation from childhood, an

ardent worker for Home and Foreign Missions, Diocesan President of the Girls' Friendly Society for 32 years"; she "used her noble and varied gifts of heart and hand to influence countless lives for Christ". She died in April 1923, and the memorial was "erected in the church she loved by those to whom her memory is dear".

Both are buried in a Lefroy family grave in Mount Jerome.

Kindly submitted by Judy Cameron

The joint parishes of Powerscourt with
Kilbride operate within the Policies and

