



THE PARISH OF ST PETER AND ST JAMES  
BELFAST

# PARISH NOTES

APRIL 2016

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**HE LIVES**  
**Happy Easter!**

**GOD . LOVING . PEOPLE**

## RECTOR'S NOTES

### PASTORAL VISITS

People always tell me that Christmas must be the busiest time of year for the clergy, but I have found that the month leading up to Easter is always the most hectic. In addition to my normal routine, I had to write my Annual Report, organise our Annual Meeting, complete the Parochial Returns, and prepare for the five extra services during Holy Week. Each of these things takes time, and consequently there has been less time in the last few weeks for general visiting. After Easter, there will once again be an opportunity to spend more time with parishioners discussing matters of faith, and I am very much looking forward to doing so.

Since the start of the year, I have been writing to the members of our worshipping community in order to arrange a pastoral visit, as the old system of turning up unannounced on people's doorsteps wasn't really working. Every regular member of our congregation will eventually receive such a letter, if they have not already done so. If you are reading this and you do not worship in St Peter's at least once a month, then I would ask you to contact me if you would like a visit. Or if you are a regular member of our congregation and you have some particularly urgent reason why you would appreciate a pastoral visit, then please take the initiative and let me know, whether in person, by telephone, or by email. It is important that all parishioners understand that the purpose of such a visit is to discuss our lives within the context of the Christian faith.

## SERMON SUMMARIES

On the **Second Sunday in Lent** (28<sup>th</sup> February), we heard how Jesus had discussed the deaths of two groups of men, and whether or not those men had been responsible for their own fate. One group had been murdered by Roman soldiers, whilst the others died as the result of an unfortunate accident. Jesus asked the question: “were those men worse sinners than others?” The answer, which he himself gave, was “no”. And yet, he warned the crowds that if they did not change their ways then they would suffer as those men did. Jesus was saying that the men who died were not responsible for their suffering, and yet the crowds would suffer like them if they did not repent. There is an apparent contradiction here concerning whether or not our actions have consequences for us. This can be resolved, however, if Jesus was contrasting earthly suffering with eternal suffering. What he was telling the crowd was that there is suffering in this world, through accidents, natural disasters, or through the actions of other people, and all of us will likely suffer, despite having done nothing to deserve it, and having little or no control over it. However, in the world to come, there will be suffering for those who do not accept the gracious love of God. That potential for suffering is something that we *do* have control over. We can choose our fate in the afterlife, by accepting or rejecting Christ.

On **Mission Sunday** (13<sup>th</sup> March), we thought about the various ways in which people would be celebrating St Patrick’s Day. For many people, it would be an excuse to have an alcohol-fuelled party, whilst for others it would be a reason to promote Irish nationalism. Neither of those does justice to what

St Patrick came to Ireland to achieve. He arrived on this island with one clear purpose: to teach people about Jesus, and to encourage them to follow the way of life that he taught us. Even with the Church, we seem to have forgotten that knowing, loving, and obeying Jesus is our entire reason for being. If we are to revive the Church, and if we are to see transformation in our lives, then we need to place Jesus, rightfully, at the centre of everything we do.

On **Palm Sunday** (20<sup>th</sup> March), we thought about Jesus entering into Jerusalem, surrounded by the crowds who were acclaiming him joyfully as king. We thought about how Jesus would have felt, knowing that in a few short days he would be betrayed, arrested, tried, mocked, and killed. Clearly, the expectations of the crowd were wrong. Yes, there would be a victory for God, but it would not come in the way that the people expected. It is the same with us today. God saves and heals us in ways that we neither understand nor expect. For some people, this can lead to doubts or even loss of faith. But we must recognise that when it comes to God, we must expect the unexpected: He does things in His own way, in His own time, and for His own reasons.

### **LAY PASTORAL MINISTER**

As an ordained minister, my own ministerial duties and responsibilities are written down in the Constitution, the Canons, and the Ordinal. But every member of the Church is called to serve others in some form of Christian ministry, whether they are ordained or not. Even if it is making tea, or being an attentive listener, or helping in practical ways, or praying for someone, or taking a leading role in worship, or in

any other way edifying the faithful, every lay person is a minister.

In order to develop and coordinate the ministries of the lay members of the Church, I intend to develop the practice of appointing leading members of our parish community to serve on a voluntary basis as Lay Ministers, who will serve in partnership with me, and who will use their recognised spiritual gifts for the benefit of the parish community. Their role will include advising and assisting me, being an example to others of lay ministry in practice, and encouraging and supporting parishioners who wish to discern and develop their own spiritual gifts and ministries.

To begin with, I am delighted to announce that I have appointed **Rosemary Johnston** as our first Lay Pastoral Minister. In addition to working with me on the development of lay ministries generally, Rosemary will have a specific responsibility for prayer ministry. Her role will initially involve assisting me with reviewing the prayers used during worship, helping to develop a monthly prayer team, and coordinating a telephone prayer line.

Many of you will know Rosemary well. She is a member of our Choir, and until the Easter Vestry meeting had been our Honorary Secretary for many years. She regularly attends our services throughout the week, is a member of our Evening Bible Study group, and assists Jill Bradley at the Traidcraft stall. She is respected by many in the parish for her devout faith, her humility, her gentleness, and her commitment to the Church. Please pray for her, that her new role within the parish will be personally fulfilling, and that it will be a blessing for all of us.

### ST COLUMBA'S, KNOCK

The original portion of St Peter's was designed by Samuel Patrick Close, who was also the architect responsible for St Columba's, Knock, in east Belfast. With St Columba's being the older of the two by only a few years, there are remarkable similarities between our buildings. Aside from slight differences in the shape of the windows, St Peter's and St Columba's are essentially twin sisters. Next time you find





yourself on the King's Road near Ballyhackamore, stop at the church and have a look. You will notice that St Columba's is St Peter's in reverse: where our porch is on the right of the building (looking from the front) theirs is on the left.



Most noticeable is the short tower in St Columba's. Bell towers had originally been envisaged for both churches, but they were very expensive to build. As a result, plans for St Peter's were permanently put on hold, whilst St Columba's raised only enough for the lower portion of a tower. Although our church would have looked thoroughly magnificent with a bell tower (which would have been situated above our font) they have proven to be a financial burden to parishes that have them, and so for that reason we are fortunate not to have one. There is a picture in the corridor in the Halls of what St Peter's would have looked like if a bell tower had been erected.

Internally, St Columba's is very different from St Peter's. Where we have bare stone walls, the walls are painted in St Columba's. Where we have tiled floors, they have carpet. Where we have intricate stone carvings in our sanctuary, they have wood. Conversely, they have a stone pulpit where we have a wooden one. Nevertheless, it is clear to see how both churches are built along the same lines, which goes to show how different congregations can take similar buildings and furnish them in contrasting ways according to their own style.

Undoubtedly Samuel Patrick Close designed other churches, and I'd be very interested to know if you have seen any others that share striking similarities with St Peter's.

### **OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES**

It was very good to see so many parishioners at our **Easter Vestry** meeting on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> March. In addition to hearing an excellent report from our Honorary Treasurer, Ashlee McCune, the members present had an opportunity to elect our Officers and Representatives for the year ahead.

I am honoured to appoint Daphne McClements as my **Rector's Churchwarden** for yet another year. She will be joined this year by Sandra Hutchman, who is no stranger to the role of **People's Churchwarden**. I wish to pay tribute to Ian McManus, who stepped down from the latter position. Ian is a longstanding member of our congregation, and has been very keen to help in whatever way he can. In light of his enthusiasm and abilities, I have appointed him as one of my two Sidespersons, and in this way he will continue to serve the parish whenever needed.



Victor Davis and Quintin Mulligan will continue to serve as **Rector's Glebewardens** and **People's Glebewardens**. With repair work to the South Aisle roof due to begin in the coming months, and with a plethora of important maintenance tasks to be dealt with, it is comforting to know that these two dedicated and able gentlemen have got matters under control.

In addition to myself, the two Churchwardens, and the two Glebewardens, there are twelve other elected members of the **Select Vestry**, which is the management committee of the parish. The representatives are: Adrian Hall, Anna McAlpine, Ashlee McCune, Brian Davison, Brian Johnston, David Cromie, Karl O'Connor, Noel Beattie, Paula Poulton, Rosemary Johnston, Tom Campbell, and Tony Swan. At the first meeting of the Select Vestry, Ashlee McCune was re-appointed as Honorary Treasurer. Rosemary Johnston decided to stand down from the role of Honorary Secretary in order to concentrate on her new role as Lay Pastoral Minister; In her place, the Select Vestry has appointed Gareth Larmour as Honorary Secretary, and he has thereby been co-opted onto the Select Vestry.

I am very pleased that there are now five new members of the Select Vestry, each of whom will bring their own skills and interests. However, for new people to be involved, others have to take a back seat. I wish to put on record our appreciation for the work of the former members of the Select Vestry who stood down this year, whether permanently or temporarily: Brian Callaghan, Peter Coiley, Sandra Davison and Ian McManus.

The **Finance & Administration Committee** now consists of Gareth Larmour (Secretary), Ashlee McCune (Treasurer), Adrian

Hall, David Cromie, Victor Davis, and myself. Rosemary Johnston has come off the Committee, having been succeeded as Honorary Secretary by Gareth Larmour, but otherwise the membership remains the same as last year.

The **Fabric & Furnishings Committee** now consists of Victor Davis and Quintin Mulligan (Glebewardens), Anna McAlpine, Daphne McClements, Paula Poulton, and myself. Noel Beattie and Sandra Hutchman have come off the Committee, to be replaced by Anna McAlpine and Paula Poulton.

The **Events & Organisations Committee** now consists of Daphne McClements and Sandra Hutchman (Churchwardens), Annette Beattie, Sandra Davison, Paula Poulton, and myself. Ian McManus has come off the Committee, to be replaced by Annette Beattie, but otherwise the membership is the same.

Assisting the Churchwardens will be our four **Sidespersons**. Two of them are former Churchwardens: Ian McManus and Hilary Shields. The other two are relative newcomers to the parish, and this role will enable them to get to know people better, and to learn the logistics of worship: Karl O'Connor and Gareth Larmour.

### **LEADERSHIP TEAM**

Although the Annual Report and these Parish Notes enable our members to gain an insight into my opinions, and the Easter Vestry allows members to influence who is involved in the management of the parish, and the Select Vestry and its subcommittees deal with worldly concerns, there is very little opportunity for parishioners to come together to discuss

spiritual concerns, that is: the worship, mission, and ministries of our Christian community.

In order to rectify this anomaly, I intend to develop the collective role of the people who hold leadership positions within the parish, namely: the eighteen members of the Select Vestry, the four additional members of the Select Vestry's subcommittees, our two Diocesan Synodsmen, our four Parochial Nominators, our Free Will Offering Secretary, our Senior Sacristan, our Senior Crucifer, our two Eucharistic Assistants, our Sunday School Superintendent, our Warden of Readers, our four Sidespersons, our Lay Pastoral Minister, our Parish Secretary, our Organist & Choir Master, and our Families' Worker. This makes a total of 43 parishioners in designated leadership roles, but in reality there are fewer because some individuals hold more than one of the above positions. Over time, new leadership roles will be added as we become more focussed on Christian ministries. It is my prayerful hope that this Leadership Team will become the driving force behind the pursuit of spiritual growth of our parish.

In many ways, this new development might be something of a culture shock, as for many years we have perpetuated the fallacy that the lay people in the pews have no insight into the spiritual needs of the parish, and that such things should be left to the clergy. I want to put an end to this untruth, and encourage our lay people to reflect upon and share their thoughts on how to fulfil the mission and ministries of the Christian Church. To this end, I intend to convene a meeting of the Leadership Team at least once a year, with the inaugural meeting held before the summer.

## CHARITY ALLOCATIONS

It is the duty and privilege of every congregation to financially support other organisations which seek to bring hope and healing both at home and abroad. We should not think about such giving as a financial burden, but rather as an opportunity to use our resources to help others to make the world a better place. Last year we raised just under £6,000 for charity, which was approximately one tenth of our income from Free Will Offerings and loose plate collections. Despite doing so, our finances actually improved last year, and I for one believe that the more we give as a Christian community, the more we will be blessed by God. Conversely, I believe that if we were to become more tight-fisted, we would find ourselves running into financial difficulties.

At the start of 2016, each member of the Select Vestry had an opportunity to suggest ten charities that they would like the parish to support financially this year. All those suggestions were compiled, and the Select Vestry then voted to select six Christian charities and six secular charities to recommend to the Easter Vestry. As it happened, some of the Christian charities received the same number of votes, and so eight of them were recommended. These eight Christian charities and six secular charities were then presented to our registered members at the Easter Vestry meeting, and they voted by secret ballot for three Christian charities and three secular charities to support this year.

Each of the following charities will consequently receive a donation from parish funds: **Christian Aid**, the **Mission to Seafarers**, the **Red Cross**, **Alzheimers Research**, **MacMillan**, and the **NI Hospice**. Congratulations to those charities!

Whenever possible, we will invite a representative from them to collect their cheque during a service of worship.

If you would like to organise a fundraising event in order to donate to a charity which is not listed above, please contact me or another member of the Events Committee. Already, in the last month, a Bridge Drive raised money for the NI Hospice and the Lighthouse Charity. There is further information about that event elsewhere in these Parish Notes.

### SERVICES IN APRIL

After a plethora of special services last month, April brings with it a welcome return to normality. Each Sunday is counted in relation to Easter, and the readings are concerned with the appearances of the Resurrected Jesus to his disciples, and some of his teachings concerning messiahship and the nature of discipleship.

There are two Holy Days. **The Annunciation of our Lord** will be celebrated on Monday 4<sup>th</sup>, and **St Mark's Day** will be celebrated on Monday 25<sup>th</sup>, both at 7.30pm. Such evening celebrations of Holy Communion nearly always follow the order of service for Holy Communion (Form One), which is the traditional language form. These services generally have small congregations of perhaps five or six people. This is an opportunity to take some time out of a busy day in order to reflect upon our faith. If you are able to attend either or both of those evening services, then I heartily encourage you to do so.

Instead of our Family Service in the Halls, there will be a **Youth Service** in the church on the second Sunday of the month (10<sup>th</sup> April). The Scouts and Guides have been invited, and their members will be involved in various ways.

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# CHURCH SERVICES

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<b>SUNDAY</b> 9am 11am	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> APRIL</b> Holy Communion Holy Communion	<b>THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER</b> <i>traditional</i> <i>modern</i>
<b>MONDAY</b> 7.30pm	<b>4<sup>th</sup> APRIL</b> Holy Communion	<b>THE ANNUNCIATION OF OUR LORD</b> <i>traditional</i>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 10.30am	<b>6<sup>th</sup> APRIL</b> Holy Communion	<b>MID-WEEK SERVICE</b> <i>modern</i>
<b>SUNDAY</b> 9am 11am	<b>10<sup>th</sup> APRIL</b> Holy Communion Youth Service	<b>THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER</b> <i>modern</i> <i>modern</i>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 10.30am	<b>13<sup>th</sup> APRIL</b> Holy Communion	<b>MID-WEEK SERVICE</b> <i>modern</i>
<b>SUNDAY</b> 9am 11am 6.30pm	<b>17<sup>th</sup> APRIL</b> Holy Communion Holy Communion Choral Evensong	<b>THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b> <i>modern</i> <i>modern</i> <i>traditional</i>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 10.30am	<b>20<sup>th</sup> APRIL</b> Holy Communion	<b>MID-WEEK SERVICE</b> <i>modern</i>
<b>SUNDAY</b> 9am 11am	<b>24<sup>th</sup> APRIL</b> Holy Communion Morning Prayer	<b>THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b> <i>modern</i> <i>modern</i>
<b>MONDAY</b> 7.30pm	<b>25<sup>th</sup> APRIL</b> Holy Communion	<b>ST MARK</b> <i>traditional</i>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 10.30am	<b>27<sup>th</sup> APRIL</b> Holy Communion	<b>MID-WEEK SERVICE</b> <i>modern</i>



<b>SUNDAY</b> 9am 11am 6.30pm	<b>1<sup>st</sup> MAY</b> Holy Communion Holy Communion Choral Evensong	<b>ROGATION SUNDAY</b> <i>traditional</i> <i>modern</i> <i>traditional</i>
<b>MONDAY</b> 7.30pm	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> MAY</b> Holy Communion	<b>ST PHILIP AND ST JUDE</b> <i>traditional</i>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 10.30am	<b>4<sup>th</sup> MAY</b> Holy Communion	<b>MID-WEEK SERVICE</b> <i>modern</i>
<b>THURSDAY</b> 7.30pm	<b>5<sup>th</sup> MAY</b> Holy Communion	<b>ASCENSION DAY</b> <i>traditional</i>
<b>SUNDAY</b> 9am 11am	<b>8<sup>th</sup> MAY</b> Holy Communion Morning Prayer	<b>SUNDAY AFTER THE ASCENSION</b> <i>modern</i> <i>modern</i>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 10.30am	<b>11<sup>th</sup> MAY</b> Holy Communion	<b>MID-WEEK SERVICE</b> <i>modern</i>
<b>SUNDAY</b> 9am 11am 6.30pm	<b>15<sup>th</sup> MAY</b> Holy Communion Holy Communion Choral Evensong	<b>PENTECOST</b> <i>modern</i> <i>modern</i> <i>traditional</i>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 10.30am	<b>18<sup>th</sup> MAY</b> Holy Communion	<b>MID-WEEK SERVICE</b> <i>modern</i>
<b>SUNDAY</b> 9am 11am	<b>22<sup>nd</sup> MAY</b> Holy Communion Holy Communion	<b>TRINITY SUNDAY</b> <i>modern</i> <i>traditional</i>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 10.30am	<b>25<sup>th</sup> MAY</b> Holy Communion	<b>MID-WEEK SERVICE</b> <i>modern</i>
<b>SUNDAY</b> 9am 11am	<b>29<sup>th</sup> MAY</b> Holy Communion Morning Prayer	<b>THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY</b> <i>modern</i> <i>modern</i>
<b>TUESDAY</b> 7.30pm	<b>31<sup>st</sup> MAY</b> Holy Communion	<b>THE VISITATION OF MARY</b> <i>traditional</i>

April Diary						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<b>1</b> <b>10.30am</b> PhysioPilates	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b> 9am Holy Communion 11am Holy Communion	<b>4</b> <i>The Annunciation of our Lord</i> 7.30pm Holy Communion 8pm Finance Committee 8pm Badminton	<b>5</b> <b>10.30am</b> Crafty Goodness	<b>6</b> <b>10.30am</b> Holy Communion and refreshments <b>2pm</b> Bridge <b>7.30pm</b> Choir	<b>7</b> <b>10am</b> Little Cherubs <b>6pm</b> Rainbows <b>7pm</b> Brownies <b>8pm</b> Guides	<b>8</b> <b>4.30pm</b> Speech and Drama	<b>9</b>

<b>10</b> 9am Holy Communion 11am Youth Service (tea/coffee)	<b>11</b> 7.30pm Select Vestry 8pm Badminton	<b>12</b> 10.30am Crafty Goodness 2.30pm Treasure Hunt 6pm Beavers 7pm Cubs	<b>13</b> 10.30am Holy Communion and refreshments 2pm Bridge 7.30pm Choir	<b>14</b> 10am Little Cherubs 6pm Rainbows 7pm Brownies 7.30pm Bible Study 8pm Guides	<b>15</b> 11.30am Bible Study 4.30pm Speech and Drama	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> 9am Holy Communion 11am Holy Communion & Sunday School 6.30pm Choral Evensong	<b>18</b> <i>Deadline for material to be with Anne for May Parish Notes</i> 8pm Badminton	<b>19</b> 10.30 Crafty Goodness 6pm Beavers 7pm Cubs 8pm Compassionate Friends	<b>20</b> 10.30am Holy Communion and refreshments 11.30am Fabric Committee 2pm Bridge 7.30pm Choir	<b>21</b> 10am Little Cherubs 6pm Rainbows 7pm Brownies 7.45pm Historical Society 8pm Guides	<b>22</b> 4.30pm Speech and Drama	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> 9am Holy Communion 11am Morning Prayer & Sunday School (tea/coffee)	<b>25</b> <i>St Mark's Day</i> 7.30pm Holy Communion 8pm Badminton	<b>26</b> 10.30 Crafty Goodness 6pm Beavers 7pm Cubs	<b>27</b> 10.30am Holy Communion and refreshments 2pm Bridge 6.30pm PhysioPilates 7.30pm Choir	<b>28</b> 10am Little Cherubs 6pm Rainbows 7pm Brownies 8pm Guides	<b>29</b> 10.30am PhysioPilates 4.30pm Speech and Drama	<b>30</b>

## BRIDGE DRIVE

The Bridge Drive held in St Peter's on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March generated £1,300! Thanks go to the organising committee Sandra Hutchman, Sandra Davidson, Annette Beattie and Daphne Mc Clements for a very successful event. Also to Rosemary Johnston, Thelma Cross, Anna McAlpine, Anne Fitzpatrick, and Pamela McCamley who came along and helped out during the evening to serve the supper and wash up afterwards. Our new dishwasher worked well and more than came into its own. Over 300 pieces of crockery washed and put away in less than 30 minutes. But above all, thanks go to Florrie Greer who masterminded the whole exercise. Thanks also to those who supplied cakes and sandwiches. As well as benefitting the NI Hospice and Lighthouse charity we opened our Church to the local community and those as far away as Bangor and Lisburn. Comments made after the event make you proud to belong to St Peter's.

*Annette Beattie*



*From left: Florrie Greer, Annette Beattie, Sandra Hutchman and Sandra Davison*





# Know Your Church

Tuesday 12th April 2.30pm

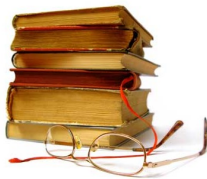
This is a fun, fund-raising event organised by the Ladies' Guild and open to everyone in the parish.

**Treasure Hunt**—follow the clues and find out more about your church. Ten simple clues will lead you to the answers. There will be a prize for the overall winner. (The hunt is suitable for all as it only involves walking around the main church building). Hunt as a team or an individual.



**Church Linens**—we see these wonderful linens and falls at a distance every week, but take this opportunity to get up close and personal with them under the guidance of our resident expert, Daphne.

**Archives**—a couple of years ago, several books of archives were found, some of which date back to the construction of the church. Now you can have a close look at these—a chance to view them at your leisure.



**Bring & Buy Sale**—there will be a small table sale in the main hall so bring a few extra pennies and bag a bargain.

**Tea & Treats**—it would not be a church event without a cuppa!



**Admission £5 at the door**  
*Come along and bring a friend*



## LESSON READERS

The following parishioners are on the rota to read at the 11am Sunday services. If you are unable to read on your appointed Sunday, please contact the Warden of Readers, Forde Patterson, tel 93 365 900.

Date	First Reading	Second Reading	Third Reading
3rd April	Marie Burrowes	Tom Campbell	The Rector
10th April	Caroline O'Kane	Dora Hanna	The Rector
17th April	Hilary Shields	Wes Holmes	Dean Moller
24th April	Philip Williamson	Ashlee McCune	The Rector

## AFTER CHURCH REFRESHMENT

*Light refreshments will be served by the Girl Guides after the 11am service on Sunday 10th April and by Quintin Mulligan and friends on Sunday 24th April.*



## PhysioPilates

There will be no PhysioPilates classes from 6th—22nd April inclusive—3 weeks cancelled altogether. Classes will run as usual on 30th March and 1st April and then resume for the summer on Wednesday 27th and Friday 29th April. *Sandra Hutchman*

## LADIES' GUILD

*Some advance notice about what's happening next month:*

On Tuesday 10th May we are having an outing to the Tudor Cinema in Comber. This is a small independently-owned cinema in which we will have our own private viewing of Brooklyn (based on the book by Colm Toibin).

The film was released in 2015 and tells the story of a young woman who emigrated from Ireland to New York in the 1950s. It is a 'beautiful period drama both sharply observed and gently nostalgic'. Featuring stars such as Julie Walters and Jim Broadbent it has been highly recommended.

The cost of our outing is £15 per person to include the bus, the film and light refreshments. Even if you are not a member of the Ladies' Guild you are very welcome to come along. Please let me have your name and payment by no later than Sunday 24th April. The bus will leave from St Peter's at 1.30pm and should return no later than 5pm.

## NORTH BELFAST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Thursday 21st April  
7.45pm in the Minor Hall  
Speaker: Feargal McCluskey  
Topic: Belfast and the Easter Rising  
Everyone welcome

## Parish Notes in colour!

There are full colour versions of  
Parish Notes on our website.

Visit

[www.stpeters.connor.anglican.org](http://www.stpeters.connor.anglican.org)  
and click on "News".

## ORGANISATIONS - TIMETABLE

### Sunday

11am—12noon: Sunday School

### Monday

8pm—11pm: Badminton Club

### Tuesday

10.30am—12.30pm: Crafty Goodness

2.30pm—4.30pm: Ladies' Guild (2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday in month)

6pm—7pm: Beaver Scouts

7pm—8pm: Cub Scouts

8pm—10pm: TCFNI Support for bereaved parents (3<sup>rd</sup> Tues in month)

### Wednesday

2pm—4pm: Bridge Club

6.30pm—7.45pm: PhysioPilates

7.30pm—9pm: Choir

### Thursday

10am—11.30am: 'Little Cherubs' Parent and Toddler Group

6pm—7pm: Rainbows

7pm—8pm: Brownies

7.30pm: Bible Study (2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday in month)

7.45pm: Historical Society (3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday in month)

8pm—9.30pm: Guides

### Friday

10.30am—11.45am: PhysioPilates

11.30am: Bible Study (1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday in month)

4.30pm—7.30pm: Speech and Drama

*For more information on these organisations (including term dates) please contact the appropriate personnel listed on the back page or the Parish Office.*

### PARISHIONER CONTACT DETAILS

For speed of communication and to keep our records up to date please send your email address to Anne at [stpeterandstjames@outlook.com](mailto:stpeterandstjames@outlook.com). Also please don't forget to let us know if you move house, change your telephone number or change your email address. Thank you.

## TRAIDCRAFT

Fighting poverty through trade



**Stall open on  
Sunday  
10th April  
during coffee time  
after the  
11am service**

## APRIL FLOWER LIST

3RD IAN MCMANUS IN MEMORY OF HIS WIFE, WILMA  
10TH HEATHER AND TONY SWAN IN MEMORY OF  
HEATHER'S PARENTS  
24TH JOAN WALKER

Thank you to all who give of their time and effort  
in beautifying the church with flowers.



## PASTORAL CARE

If you would like to arrange for the Rector to visit you at home, whether to share your anxieties in confidence, for spiritual advice, for prayer, or for Holy Communion, then please contact him on 90 777 053. This is an essential part of his ministry and he will be pleased to visit you and help in whatever way he can.

If the Rector is unavailable, there will be contact details for other clergy on the answer machine.

If you or a loved one is seriously ill, particularly if you are admitted to hospital, please inform the Rector. He often visits the hospitals but has no way of knowing who has been admitted unless he is informed. If you are visited by a hospital chaplain and they ask if you would like your Rector to visit, please say "yes" and he will gladly come to see you.

THE NEXT MEETING OF  
THE SELECT VESTRY  
WILL BE ON  
MONDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> APRIL  
AT 7.30PM  
IN THE MINOR HALL

## Holy Dusters Cleaning Rota

28th March—2nd April	Group 4
4th April—9th April	Group 5
11th April—16th April	Group 6
18th April—23rd April	Group 7
25th April—30th April	Group 8

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by Monday 18th April. Thank you.*