

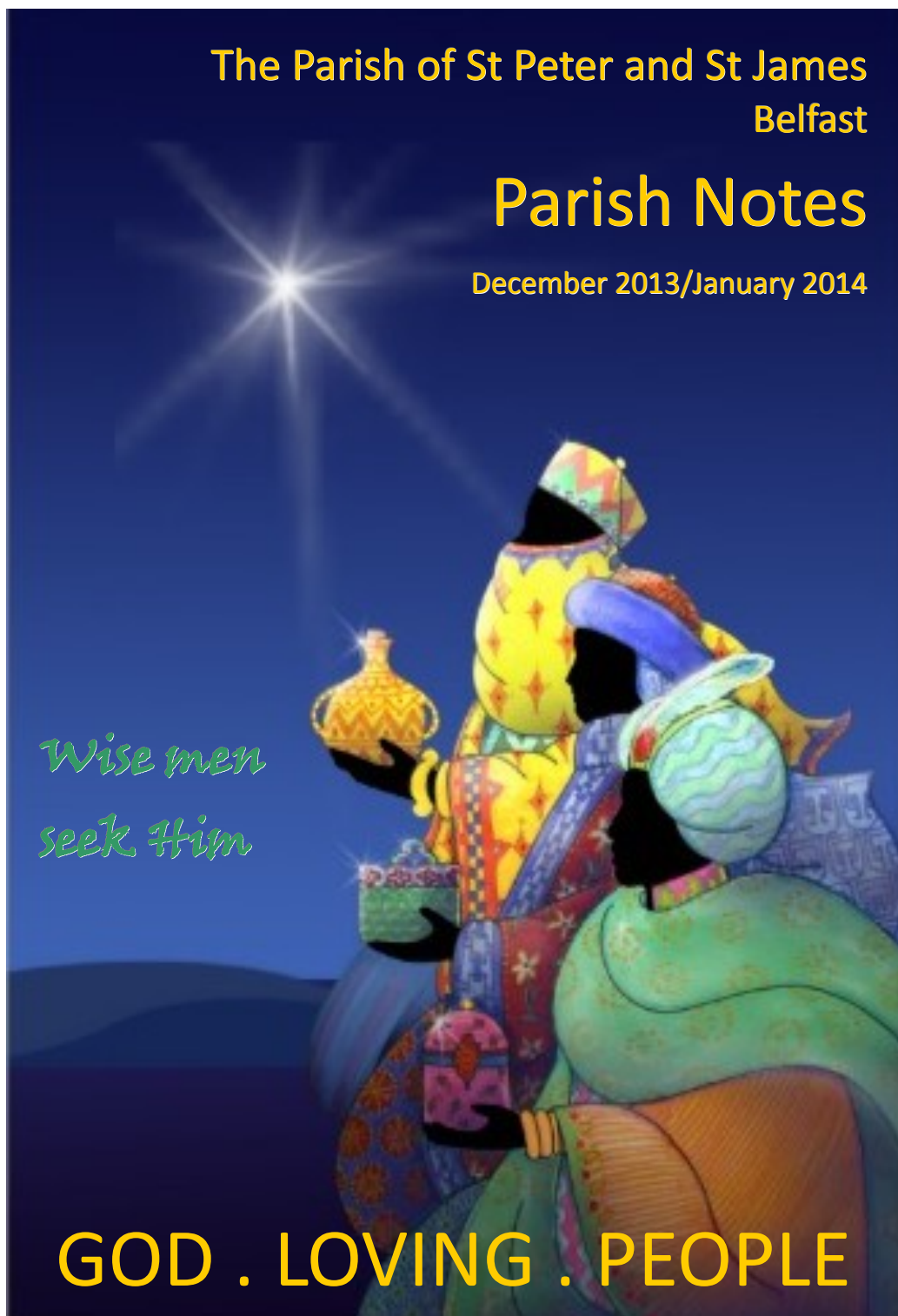
The Parish of St Peter and St James
Belfast

Parish Notes

December 2013/January 2014

*Wise men
seek Him*

GOD . LOVING . PEOPLE



St Peter's Rectory

Advent 2013

My dear friends,

Much to the despair of people who struggle with Christmas being celebrated earlier and earlier each year, I've already begun playing Christmas music in the Rectory. I acknowledge that it is desperately wrong of me to do so (liturgically speaking) but I just cannot contain my festive mood at this time of year!

Yet I recognise that for many people, the thought of Christmas brings with it a sense of dread. Some people will struggle with making ends meet, buying gifts on credit, and perhaps even having to choose between paying the utility bills or purchasing presents. Some people will feel increasingly isolated and lonely, as they see the world around talking about family and friends getting together, whilst they prepare to endure an agonising day on their own. Some people will be facing a Christmas Day without a loved one for the first time, and it will be a day of sadness and mourning for them.

But the birth of Jesus can bring us hope.

If we truly appreciated the real meaning of Christmas, then we wouldn't get so hung up on buying the latest

fads; we would reach out to neighbours and strangers around us, and ensure that nobody was alone on Christmas day; we would have peace and hope even in the midst of grief, knowing that because of Jesus, our loved ones who have died have entered into the presence of our kind and merciful God.

Christmas therefore presents us with a real challenge. Not the challenge of trying to stay in a good mood whilst navigating through crowds of slow walkers when you're in a hurry, or queuing endlessly, or resisting the temptation to eat too much. The real challenge is to focus on Jesus: not just remembering his birth, but asking ourselves what his birth means for us today. How does it affect us? How does it change our behaviour and our attitude?

The challenge is to make Christmas a time for behaving like Christ, and considering who needs practical help, who needs forgiveness, who needs mercy, and who needs a friend? This is a time for us to pledge ourselves to answering those questions with actions, always in the name of Jesus.

May you have a very peaceful Advent, Christmas and New Year!

Your brother in Christ,
Brian

RECTOR'S NOTES

WORSHIP IN ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

As well as our regular services, we will also have a short service of Compline each Wednesday evening in Advent (4th, 11th, 18th December) at 7:30pm. Each will last around twenty-five minutes, enabling Choir Practice to begin as usual at 8pm.

On Sunday 1st December we will have our Advent Carol Service at 6:30pm, and on Sunday 22nd December we will have the traditional Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols.

On Christmas Eve at 3pm there will be a short get together for children and their parents and wider family. This is being organised by our Sunday School teachers and will focus upon retelling the Nativity story.

Later that night at 11pm will be our service of "Midnight Communion" as we begin our main celebration of Jesus' birth. On the following morning, Christmas Day, there will be a service of Holy Communion at 9am, followed by a Service of the Word at 11am. This latter service will be a more relaxed Christmas Celebration aimed at all ages.

PARISH GROWTH

Nothing strikes fear into more people's hearts than the word "change"! Yet change is not only inevitable but also very necessary. For in the two thousand years that the Christian Church has existed, it has had to adapt with each successive generation to new cultures, new social needs, and new technology. As no two congregations are the same, these changes have not been uniform throughout the world, nor even within our own denomination. The Church of Ireland is a diverse community, representing a wide spectrum of

churchmanship, beliefs, customs and emphases precisely because each parish has adapted in a different way from its neighbours. However, although each parish community is unique, we are all called by God to be worshipping, learning, welcoming, active, helpful, evangelising, and obedient communities of Christians.

The time has now come for us as a parish to consider how we fulfil our vocation as a Christian Church. I am therefore initiating a Parish Vision Strategy, in order to bring new life to St Peter and St James. Naturally this will take a lot of planning, time, effort, and money. And yet if we are to be true to our calling as part of the Christian Church, then we must accept the challenge of revitalising every aspect of our worship, ministry and mission.

In this regard, it is my role as Rector always to point in the direction of God, rather than to impose my own ideas upon the parish. As such, I intend to lead us in a conversation, with God, and each other, through which we will begin to articulate God's own vision for this parish. This will not necessarily be an easy process, for there will of course be disagreements along the way, and there will be a lot of soul-searching as we seek to discern what we are doing right and what we must be prepared to change. There will be tough decisions, and there will be a challenge to step out of our comfort zone.

Over the next few years, we must ask ourselves three key questions:

1. What makes us unique as a church?
2. What is our God-given purpose?
3. What are the needs in our local community?

When we have reflected upon the questions above, and given honest answers, we will then be in a position to see a broad

vision of opportunities, and also a huge range of possible changes and innovations which, if implemented, would bring our parish into line with the will of God.

None of this should give anyone cause for concern, for this is not about throwing out over a century of tradition; rather it is about continuing to do what we do best in worship, whilst at the same time broadening our activities and reaching out to the local community.

There will be more reports through these Parish Notes as time goes on, outlining how the Parish Vision Strategy is taking shape. Throughout all of this, we must constantly pray for wisdom, courage and strength from God. Jesus Christ is the Lord of our parish of St Peter and St James, and our focus must always be upon him.

BOWLING CLUB

Being a Rector brings with it a whole host of responsibilities that you might not expect, and in this parish is means being the President of the Bowling Club! So far all that this has entailed has been the honour of throwing the first bowl at the start of the season. I'm certain that there is a much more technical word for this than "throwing" but that word adequately expresses my (lack of) technique. I'm sure the bowlers won't mind me admitting that I was surprised at how much I enjoyed the experience! Having reached the half-way mark to



seventy years of age, I'm not as energetic as I used to be, and I found bowling to be both relaxed and relaxing, despite requiring quite a high degree of skill. All my wasted years of ten-pin bowling did not prepare me for the nuanced delivery of the bowls and the team effort required. They regularly give yorkies (the chocolate, not the dogs) as prizes. Needless to say I've won nothing so far. But it is good fun and I heartily recommend it to parishioners – young and old – who want a bit of craic whilst giving an outlet to their competitive spirit.

The Club meets on Tuesday evenings from 7.15pm till 10pm, and members are always happy to see new people coming along. Why not give it a go?!

CHURCH OF IRELAND CENSUS

During the previous month, every parish in the Church of Ireland was asked to collect statistics concerning the gender-divide and age-range of their congregations. This was done by asking every person who entered our churches on three Sundays in November to fill out a very rudimentary survey.

Let me give a broad outline of the information collected:

3rd November 81 worshippers (36 men and 45 women)

10th November 100 worshippers*

17th November 66 worshippers (27 men and 39 women)

24th November 82 worshippers (32 men and 49 women)

On all of the above dates, around 85% of the congregation were in their mid-forties or older. (*No specific data was collected for Remembrance Sunday). All of the data has been sent to Church of Ireland House, and will be collated in order to present an accurate picture of how we are doing, both as an individual parish, and also as an entire denomination. It is expected that this survey will be repeated in three years time.

ORGANISTS

I would like to thank Mr Stephen Hamill for many years of service as Organist and Choir Master in St Peter's. Since 2002, he has developed the music in St Peter's to an exceptional standard, initiating the Carol Service in Advent, and the Tenebrae Service in Holy Week. As a professional organ builder, Stephen has also enhanced the organ in St Peter's so that it is now a four-manual pipe/electric hybrid. I am certain that I speak for all of us when I thank him for all he has done in and for our parish, and wish him every blessing for the future. In relation to this, we are currently advertising the position of Organist and Choir Master. The closing date is Monday 9th December, and more information about the job can be found on our parish website. I am pleased to say that already we have had several serious expressions of interest, and - God willing - we should have someone appointed in January. In the meantime we are reliant upon the assistance of a few individuals who have helped us to ensure that we have music to sing along to in our services!

Col Frank Hewitt is a friend of mine from my previous parish, who has served in the past as the Assistant Organist in Ballymena. Much to his credit, he was very quick to agree to help us, despite a sixty mile round trip!

Mr Julian Moller should be known to many in the parish, not only for his own expertise as an organist, but also as the son of a former Curate of St Peter's, the Very Rev'd Brian Moller. It's great to keep these connections going.

Dr Desmond Hunter, who was the Organist and Choir Master in St Peter's some twenty years ago, has very kindly volunteered to help as much as he can. As a result he is not only playing regularly at our services but is also conducting weekly choir practices which will also ensure that we will have our

traditional service of Nine Lessons and Carols. He is also advising us throughout the recruitment process for a new Organist.

To these three gentlemen may I express my genuine gratitude. We truly have been blessed by God through their ability and willingness to help.

FINANCES

Every parishioner should have received a letter alongside their Parish Notes, outlining the financial difficulties being faced by the parish, and urging them to consider their own free will offering to Church funds. I thank David Nairn (our Honorary Treasurer), David Cromie, Noel Beattie (our FWO Secretary), Stanley McDowell and Ernie Stewart for steering this process and producing a plethora of facts and figures.

I understand fully that money is tight for everyone, and certainly it is not the intention of the Select Vestry to place a heavy financial burden on anyone. What we are hoping for is that you will give generously and gladly to God's work in proportion to your income. This means making your financial contribution to the Church a significant part of your Christian discipleship, through which you are giving something back to God in return for all the blessings that he has poured out on you: life, love, friends, family, home, and happiness.

In addition to this increase in our free will offering, the Select Vestry has also been charged with finding new ways of increasing our parish income, and also cutting back on unnecessary spending. Over the coming months (and years!) more about this will be mentioned in the Parish Notes, including various social events and other fundraising activities.

CHURCH SERVICES

SUNDAY 1st DECEMBER

First Sunday of Advent

9am	Holy Communion*	Romans 13: 8-14	Matthew 24: 36-44
11am	Holy Communion	Romans 13: 11-14	Matthew 21: 1-13
6.30pm	Advent Carol Service		

At the main morning service, we will hear the story of Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem, and his cleansing of the Temple. In the evening, we will hear readings from the Bible which proclaim the coming of the Messiah, and the congregation will sing hymns which proclaim his imminent arrival.

WEDNESDAY 4th DECEMBER

Mid-Week Service

10.30am	Holy Communion	Isaiah 25: 6-10a	Matthew 15: 29-37
7.30pm	Compline*	Isaiah 45: 22	

SUNDAY 8th DECEMBER

Second Sunday of Advent

9am	Holy Communion	Romans 15: 4-13	Matthew 3: 1-12
11am	Christingle Service	Isaiah 11: 1-10	Matthew 3: 1-12

The main morning service is our Christingle Service, which became popular in the 1960s, and yet traces its origins back to the late 18th century. We will read about John the Baptist's prophecy that Jesus will baptise with the Holy Spirit.

WEDNESDAY 11th DECEMBER

Mid-Week Service

10.30am	Holy Communion	Isaiah 40: 25-31	Matthew 18: 12-14
7.30pm	Compline*	Isaiah 41: 10	

SUNDAY 15th DECEMBER

Third Sunday of Advent

9am	Holy Communion	James 5: 7-10	Matthew 11: 2-11
11am	Holy Communion	Isaiah 35: 1-10	Matthew 11: 2-11

We will read about Jesus acclaiming John the Baptist as the greatest prophet. Please note that there is no evening service. Instead, next Sunday evening, there will be the Christmas Carol Service.

WEDNESDAY 18th DECEMBER**Mid-Week Service**

10.30am Holy Communion
7.30pm Compline*

Genesis 49: 2, 8-10 Matthew 1: 1-17
Isaiah 64: 1-4

SUNDAY 22nd DECEMBER**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

9am Holy Communion
11am Morning Prayer
6.30pm Nine Lessons & Carols by candlelight

Romans 1: 1-7 Matthew 1: 18-25
Isaiah 7: 10-16 Matthew 1: 18-25

At our morning services we will reflect upon the meaning of Joseph's dream that Jesus is "God with us".

TUESDAY 24th DECEMBER**Christmas Eve**

3pm Children's Christmas Story at the Crib
11pm Holy Communion*

Hebrews 1: 1-12 John 1: 1-18

At the first Eucharist of Christmas (otherwise known as Midnight Communion) we will proclaim Jesus of Nazareth as God Incarnate, Saviour of the world.

**WEDNESDAY 25th DECEMBER****Christmas Day**

9am Holy Communion
10.30am Service of the Word

Isaiah 52: 7-10 Luke 2: 1-20
Titus 2: 11-14 Luke 2: 1-20

The Service of the Word will be a Christmas celebration for all ages as we hear the story of Jesus' birth unfold, sing well-known Christmas hymns and carols, and are challenged to consider how the birth of Christ affects our lives today.

SUNDAY 29th DECEMBER**First Sunday of Christmas**

9am Holy Communion
11am Morning Prayer

Hebrews 2: 10-18 Matthew 2: 13-23
Isaiah 63: 7-9 Matthew 2: 13-23

WEDNESDAY 1st JANUARY**The Circumcision of Jesus**

10.30am Holy Communion

Numbers 6: 22-27 Luke 2: 15-21

SUNDAY 5th JANUARY**The Epiphany**

9am	Holy Communion*	1 John 4: 9-16	John 1: 14-18
11am	Holy Communion	Jeremiah 31: 7-14	John 1: 1-18

Please note that there is no evening service.

WEDNESDAY 8th JANUARY**Mid-Week Service**

10.30am	Holy Communion	1 John 4 : 7-10	Mark 6: 34-44
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SUNDAY 12th JANUARY**The Baptism of our Lord**

9am	Holy Communion	Acts 10: 34-43	Matthew 3: 13-17
11am	Service of the Word	Isaiah 42: 1-9	Matthew 3: 13-17

WEDNESDAY 15th JANUARY**Mid-Week Service**

10.30am	Holy Communion	1 Samuel 3: 1-20	Mark 1: 29-39
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SUNDAY 19th JANUARY**Second Sunday after the Epiphany**

9am	Holy Communion	1 Corinthians 1: 1-9	John 1: 29-42
11am	Holy Communion	Isaiah 49: 1-7	John 1: 29-42
6.30pm	Evening Prayer*	Ezekiel 2: 1-3: 4	Galatians 1: 11-24

WEDNESDAY 22nd JANUARY**Mid-Week Service**

10.30am	Holy Communion	1 Samuel 17: 3-51	Mark 3: 1-6
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SUNDAY 26th JANUARY**Third Sunday after the Epiphany**

9am	Holy Communion	Acts 9: 1-22	Matthew 19: 27-30
11am	Morning Prayer	Isaiah 9: 1-4	Matthew 4: 12-23

At the early morning service we will be celebrating the Conversion of St Paul, transferred from Saturday 25th January.

WEDNESDAY 29th JANUARY**Mid-Week Service**

10.30am	Holy Communion	2 Samuel 7: 4 – 17	Mark 4: 1 - 20
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Any services marked with an asterisk () are traditional services derived from the Book of Common Prayer (1662). All other services are in modern language.*

Remember the Sabbath Day by keeping it holy

Christingle Service

Sunday 8th December

11am

Service for all the family
Light refreshments afterwards



ADVENT CAROL SERVICE

SUNDAY 1ST DECEMBER 6.30PM

LESSON READERS

The following parishioners are on the rota to read the first Lesson at the 11am Sunday services. If you are unable to read on your appointed Sunday, please swap with another reader and inform the Rector's Secretary.

1st December	Margaret Macbeth	Romans 13: 11-14
8th December	Sunday School	Isaiah 11: 1-10 and Matthew 3: 1-12
15th December	Darrell Martin	Isaiah 35: 1-10
22nd December	Daphne McClements	Isaiah 7: 10-16 and Matthew 1: 18-25
29th December	Colin Bell	Isaiah 63: 7-9 and Matthew 2: 13-23
5th January	David Nairn	Jeremiah 31: 7-14
12th January	Sunday School	Isaiah 42: 1-9 and Matthew 3: 13-17
19th January	Caroline O'Kane	Isaiah 49: 1-7
26th January	John McCreary	Isaiah 9: 1-4 and Matthew 4: 12-23

December Diary

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 <i>Advent Sunday</i> 9am Holy Communion 11am Holy Communion & Sunday School 6.30pm Advent Carol Service	2 7.30pm Finance Committee 8pm Badminton	3 7.15pm Indoor Bowls/Ladies' Guild Christmas Party	4 10.30am Holy Communion and light lunch 2pm Bridge 6.30pm PhysioPilates 7.30pm Compline 8pm Choir	5 10am Little Cherubs 11am Ladies' Badminton 6pm Rainbows 6.45pm Brownies 8pm Guides	6 10.30am PhysioPilates	7
8 9am Holy Communion 11am Christingle Family Service (tea/coffee)	9 7.30pm Select Vestry 8pm Badminton	10	11 10.30am Holy Communion and light lunch 2pm Bridge 6.30pm PhysioPilates 7.30pm Compline 8pm Choir	12 10am Little Cherubs Christmas Party 6pm Rainbows 6.45pm Brownies 8pm Guides	13 10.30am PhysioPilates	14
15 9am Holy Communion 11am Holy Communion & Sunday School 6.30pm Evening Prayer	16 8pm Badminton	17 8pm BRA Carol Service	18 10.30am Holy Communion and light lunch 2pm Bridge 7.30pm Compline 8pm Choir	19 11am Ladies' Badminton 7.45pm Historical Society	20	21

22 9am Holy Communion 11am Morning Prayer & Sunday School 6.30pm Nine Lessons and Carols by candlelight (mulled wine and shortbread)	23	24 <i>Christmas Eve</i> 3pm Children's Christmas Story at the Crib (juice and buns) 11pm The First Eucharist of The Nativity	25 <i>Christmas Day</i> 9am Holy Communion 10.30am Christmas Celebration	26	27	28
29 9am Holy Communion 11am Morning Prayer	30	31				

January Diary

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 10.30am Holy Communion	2 6pm Rainbows 6.45pm Brownies 8pm Guides	3	4
5 <i>The Epiphany</i> 9am Holy Communion 11am Holy Communion	6 8pm Badminton	7 7.15pm Indoor Bowls	8 10.30am Holy Communion and light lunch 2pm Bridge 6.30pm PhysioPilates 8pm Choir	9 11am Ladies' Badminton 6pm Rainbows 6.45pm Brownies 8pm Guides	10 10.30am PhysioPilates	11
12 9am Holy Communion 11am Service of Renewal of Baptism Vows & Sunday School (tea/coffee)	13 7.30pm Select Vestry 8pm Badminton	14 Ladies' Guild post-Christmas lunch 7.15pm Indoor Bowls	15 10.30am Holy Communion and light lunch 2pm Bridge 6.30pm PhysioPilates 8pm Choir	16 10am Little Cherubs 11am Ladies' Badminton 6pm Rainbows 6.45pm Brownies 7.45pm Historical Society 8pm Guides	17 10.30am PhysioPilates	18

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PRAYER FOR BELFAST

You are invited to an inter-church prayer vigil to pray for peace and reconciliation in our City at this Christmas time. The vigil will be followed by a Carol Service led by the local 174 Trust cross-community choir. Seasonal refreshments will be served.

Tuesday 10th December, 6-7pm in the Hopelink Centre, Carlisle Circus

PARISH REGISTER

Christian Burial

Thomas Evan Walker, Lisdarragh Park

22nd November 2013

"Do not let your hearts be troubled." (John 14: 1)

Evan Walker was born in Tempo, Co Fermanagh, on 18th April 1933. He attended Belfast High School and thereafter pursued a career in architecture. He married Joan 51 years ago and they faithfully attended St Peter's since the late 1980s, serving for a year on the Select Vestry. He was particularly fond of the quiet, reflective atmosphere of the 9am Sunday Holy Communion.

Evan passed away on 19th November following nearly two weeks in hospital. After a service at Ravenhill Funeral Home, the committal was held in Roselawn Crematorium on 22nd November. We extend our deepest sympathy to Joan, his brother, Raymond, and his sisters-in-law, Lola and Thelma.

Festival of Lessons and Carols
Sunday 22nd December
6.30pm

Mulled wine
and
shortbread after

Ladies' Guild

On Tuesday 3rd December at 7.15pm we will once again join the Bowling Club for our Christmas party. This is always a fun evening whatever your level of bowling experience. I can guarantee that you will be made very welcome and that you will enjoy a most delicious supper and, you never know, maybe even win a prize or two!!

On Tuesday 14th January we will meet at the Lansdowne Hotel for a post Christmas lunch. Further details will be available nearer to the date. There also will be a list at the back of the church on which you can write your name if you would like to attend.

In the meantime, I would like to wish all the members of the Ladies' Guild a very happy and healthy Christmas and New Year and I look forward to seeing you all again very soon.

Anne Stewart, Hon Sec

Thank you

You will soon see the church decorated for Christmas—thank you to all concerned for looking after this task. Also a special thank you to Meta O'Neill who has, as always, decorated the Advent Candle Stand.

Christmas Eve at 3pm Children's Christmas Story at the Crib



To assist with the catering for this event (knowing how many buns we need to bake!!!) please text Paula, our Sunday School leader, if you intend to be present—07795 264848. Thank you.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Finance Committee	Monday 2 nd December in the Rectory at 7:30pm
Select Vestry	Monday 9 th December in the Minor Hall at 7:30pm
	Monday 13 th January in the Rectory at 7:30pm
Fabric Committee	Wednesday 22 nd January in the Clergy Vestry at 11:30am

PINK JAZZ

Thank you to everyone who supported the Jazz Night. After costs we raised £387.50 and this has been divided between Action Cancer and parish funds. Photos can be viewed on our Facebook page www.facebook.com/stpeterbelfast.



The evening included a drinks reception, table quiz, dinner, ballot, dancing and, of course, jazz! Well done to all who worked hard to provide a great night's craic.

OPEN DOORS IRELAND—CAROL SERVICE

Wednesday 4th December at 7.30pm

Omagh Meeting House of The Ulster Folk and Transport Museum, Cultra
No admission charge but there will be an opportunity to support the organisation's ministry to widows and orphans this Christmas.



Thank you to all those who prayed, left messages and visited following my recent surgery. Thanks also to those who are now ferrying me around while I recover!!!!

Daphne McClements

CHRISTMAS HOUSE COMMUNION

Parishioners who are housebound may wish to receive Holy Communion during the Christmas season. If so, please contact the Rector (9077 7053).



The happiest people don't have the best of everything,
they just make the best of everything that they have.



TRAIDCRAFT
Fighting poverty through trade

Every second Sunday
of the month
during coffee time after
the 11am service.

COFFEE IN CHURCH

Thank you to Little Cherubs who will provide refreshments after the 11am service on 8th December and to members of PhysioPilates who will cover 12th January.



PASTORAL CARE

If you require any form of pastoral care please contact the Rector (tel 9077 7053). If there is no reply please leave a message. However, if the matter is urgent please do not hesitate to contact the Rector on his mobile phone (tel 07563 531082).

We hope you'll not end up in hospital, but if you do, please do let the Rector know. He makes regular visits to all our local hospitals and is always keen to know if a parishioner has been admitted. Also, please don't forget to let us know when you have been discharged.

Parishioners who are housebound or otherwise unable to attend church may receive Holy Communion at home.

ORGANISATIONS - TIMETABLE

Sunday

11am–12noon: Sunday School

Monday

8.00pm–11.00pm: Badminton Club

Tuesday

2.30pm–4.30pm: Ladies' Guild (2nd Tues in month)

7.15pm–10.30pm: Indoor Bowling Club

8pm–10pm: Compassionate Friends (3rd Tues in month)

Wednesday

2pm–4pm: Bridge Club

6.30pm–7.45pm: PhysioPilates

8pm–10pm: Choir/Junior Choir

Thursday

10am–11.30am: Little Cherubs Baby and Toddler Group

11am–1pm: Ladies' Badminton Club

6pm–7pm: Rainbow Guides

6.45pm–8pm: Brownies

8pm–9pm: Guides

7.45pm: Historical Society (3rd Thurs in month)

Friday

10.30am–11.45am: PhysioPilates

*For more information please
contact appropriate personnel
listed on back page.*

PARISHIONER CONTACT DETAILS

For speed of communication and to keep our records up to date please send your email address to Anne at stpeters@connor.anglican.org. Also please don't forget to let us know if you move house, change your telephone number or change your email address. Thank you.

NORTH BELFAST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Thursday 19th December
7.45pm in the Minor Hall
Speaker: Noel Beattie
Topic: Andalucia

Thursday 16th January
7.45pm in the Minor Hall
Speaker from Lisburn
Linen Museum
Topic: History of Linen

Everyone welcome

FLOWER LIST

8TH DEC	BARBARA JACOBS IN MEMORY OF HER PARENTS
22ND DEC	THE CHOIR
5TH JAN	THE REID FAMILY IN MEMORY OF THEIR PARENTS
12TH JAN	ETTA MCCLEERY
19TH JAN	THE GREENFIELD FAMILY

Thank you to all who contribute their time and effort to putting flowers in church.

FLOWERS IN CHURCH

Thank you to everyone who presented flowers in 2013

The Flower List for 2014 is now open for bookings and we would ask that all existing contributors contact the Parish Office (9077 7053) to confirm their usual Sunday for the coming year. Of course, as there are always some Sundays left available we appeal to new people to come forward and donate flowers, perhaps to mark a particular occasion or anniversary for them. It may be a wedding anniversary, the birth of a child or grandchild, to remember the death of a family member, or indeed as an act of thanksgiving for some notable blessing. All such donors will be acknowledged on the church notice board and in the Parish Notes.

We deeply appreciate all who contribute flowers Sunday by Sunday and also all those who devote so much time and energy in arranging them and looking after them mid-week.

Holy Dusters Cleaning Rota

	2nd December—7th December	Group 6	
	9th December—14th December	Group 7	
	16th December—21st December	Group 8	
	23rd December—28th December	Group 1	
	30th December—4th January	Group 2	
	6th January—11th January	Group 3	
	13th January—18th January	Group 4	
	20th January—25th January	Group 5	
	27th January—1st February	Group 6	

*Please send material for the February issue of Parish Notes to:
Anne Cromie, Parish Office, 17 Waterloo Park South, Belfast BT15 5HX
or email: stpeters@connor.anglican.org
by Wednesday 15th January. Thank you.*