



THE PARISH OF ST PETER AND ST JAMES

BELFAST

PARISH NOTES

DECEMBER 2014 AND JANUARY 2015

Rector: The Rev'd Brian Lacey
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NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS

BY CANDLELIGHT

MONDAY 22ND DECEMBER

7.30PM

mulled wine
and shortbread after

GOD . LOVING . PEOPLE

RECTOR'S NOTES

SEASONS GREETINGS

As I look back over this year I am filled with immense gratitude that God called me to such a wonderful parish. The clergy and people of other parishes are no doubt totally fed up hearing me tell them how friendly our congregation is, how Anglican our worship is, how beautiful our building is, and how much potential there is for us to grow as disciples and reach out to the world. Don't get me wrong: everyday has not been a picnic! But knowing the strength and character of our congregation, I have absolute faith that with God's help we will endure and overcome every challenge that comes our way. God is transforming us, and he will use us to transform our local community. This is such an exciting prospect, and I am so glad to be your Rector at this time in the history of St Peter & St James: there is much to be thankful for, and there is much to be done!

Please use the season of Advent to prepare yourselves spiritually; use Christmas as a time to give genuine thanks to God for coming to us as Jesus; and use the New Year to rededicate your lives to him.

On behalf of myself and the Select Vestry, may I wish all of you a very happy Christmas and peaceful New Year!

CHURCH SERVICES IN DECEMBER AND JANUARY

The last weekend of November marks the end of the season of Ordinary Time and the beginning of the season of Advent. Ordinary Time after Trinity Sunday is so-called because historically each Sunday follows a numerical sequence—that is, they are Sundays *in order* starting from Proper 7 right through to Proper 29. In modern

liturgical parlance we have moved away from “Propers” and now we count the Sundays from Trinity 1 to Trinity 18 and then 5 Advent to 1 Advent. Useful knowledge for a pub quiz, but probably little else!

The season of Advent is so-called because the Latin word “Adventus” means “coming to”, which of course refers both to Jesus coming to us in the past, and also his coming to us in the future on the Day of Judgement.

We then of course have the short seasons of Christmas at the end of December, and the Epiphany in January. Christmas—as you are all very well aware—is the time when we celebrate the birth of Christ. The Epiphany, a Greek word meaning “Manifestation”, is the time when we celebrate the Son of God manifesting himself as human on earth. Both Christmas and the Epiphany therefore naturally overlap in celebration and meaning.

As you might expect, there are quite a few Holy Days over the coming two months. Within our regular Sunday worship we will celebrate the Holy Innocents on 28th December, the Epiphany on 4th January, and the Conversion of St Paul on 25th January.

On weekdays we will celebrate Holy Communion for St Andrew at 7.30pm on Monday 1st December, Christmas Eve at 11pm on Wednesday 24th December, Christmas Day at 10.30am on Thursday 25th December, and New Year’s Eve at 10.30am on Wednesday 31st December.

We will have short services of Compline on Wednesday evenings during Advent, at 7.30pm on 3rd, 10th, and 17th December.

There will also be two carol services: The Advent Carol Service at 6.30pm on Sunday 30th November, and the Service of Nine Lessons and Carols at 7.30pm on Monday 22nd December.

At 11am on Sunday 14th December we will have our Christingle Service. During this service of Morning Prayer, the children and

Sunday School teachers will prepare Christingles for everyone in the congregation.

On Christmas Eve at 3pm we will have our Nativity Service in which the children will be told the story of Jesus' birth. This is a lovely and informal service, and I encourage all parents and grandparents to come along.

BIBLE READINGS

You might have noticed that over the last few months we have begun to have three readings from the Bible at our main morning service. This change can only be good for our spiritual formation, as we now have a weekly opportunity to hear readings from the Old Testament, from the Epistles, and from the Gospels.

As the Bible was written by different authors at different times in different places and for different reasons, there is a wide variety of ways in which the Bible should be read aloud. For example, a Gospel narrative account of Jesus performing a compassionate miracle should be read very differently from one of Paul's Letters admonishing his readers for their behaviour. Likewise, a reading from one of the prophetic books in which God declares his anger at his people, cannot be read in a similar way to the joy expressed in the stories of the birth of Christ.

None of this requires a reading to be performed in an overtly dramatic way, but there should always be subtle indications in a reader's voice about the emotions which underpin the reading. Therefore when it comes to appointing members of the congregation to read from the Bible in church, we must try—as far as possible—to select those people whose voice lends itself to bringing out the meaning of the reading. For example, some people will be better suited to reading stories, whilst others will be better suited to reading letters. No style of reading is better than another, and indeed only by having a range of readers with

different styles week by week, will we be able to tap into the sentiment of Scripture as well as its words.

In order to help me to develop this ministry of reading in church, I have appointed Forde Patterson as the Warden of Readers. It is his responsibility to prepare the rota of readers each month, and to assist me with the selection and training of readers as may be required.

Please note that if you are on the rota of readers and you cannot be in St Peter's on your assigned Sunday then please contact Forde Patterson before doing anything else. His number is 93 365 900.

WORSHIP

Over the course of this year and the next, we are experimenting with our worship in order to make it meaningful and appealing within the modern world, whilst at the same time maintaining the choral and liturgical traditions of Anglicanism. Next year we will focus on how to enable our children and teenagers to understand and participate in Anglican worship, but this year we have primarily experimented with how *adults* worship.

At the annual meeting of the General Vestry in April, I asked those in attendance to share with me their views as to how we should worship. The overwhelming response was that the churchmanship in St Peter's should remain broad-to-high, with a choir to lead the congregation in worship. Please note that this does not mean that anyone wants us to be boring! What it does mean is that we need to take what is best about Anglican worship and find new ways to make it resonate with adults, whether young or old. Ideally, every member of the congregation should go home on Sunday mornings having sung hymns that enabled them to praise God rather than worrying about how to sing them; they should have a firm grasp of the theme of the Bible readings, and what the preacher was talking about; they should feel

strengthened, equipped, and encouraged to go about their daily lives as disciples of Jesus; and they should feel a little bit closer to God and to other members of the congregation.

Of course, no one who comes to St Peter's will feel completely spiritually satisfied and refreshed every single time they come to church! Sometimes the readings and prayers will resonate with us, but sometimes they won't. Sometimes the sermon will be thoroughly engrossing, and at other times we might switch off completely. Sometimes the hymns will be our favourites, whilst at other times we might fumble our way through a series of hymns we've never heard of. Sometimes we will be sociable and outgoing, and at other times we'll not want to say much to anyone. Such is life! But we will know that our worship is on the right track if *most of the congregation* finds it meaningful and engaging *most of the time*!

FINANCES

Over the last twelve months the Select Vestry has been wrestling with how to sustain our parish financially, given that each month we spend about £2,500 more than we raise through Free Will Offerings and other sources of income. To begin tackling this shortfall, we appealed to all parishioners last December to consider increasing what they give. That request still stands, and we would encourage every member of the church to give serious consideration to what they contribute. The Biblical principle is that we should give gladly and generously as an act of faith. On a practical level, each of us should examine our finances and see how much we spend on luxuries (broadband, TV, furniture, gadgets, magazines, beauty products, dining out, sweets, gym, etc) and then compare that expenditure with how much of our income we give back to God as our thank-offering. Only then can we see if we put God first in our lives, or if we treat him as an after-thought.

In October of this year, I divided the members of the Select Vestry into five groups who, assisted by some other members of our congregation, were challenged to find other ways to increasing our income. The first group examined whether or not there were grant awarding bodies which could fund church repairs. The second group looked at how we could better publicise our worship and how to encourage visitors to become regular members of our congregation. The third group considered how much we should encourage individual parishioners to give as Free Will Offerings. The fourth group came up with a series of possible fundraising events and activities. The fifth group considered how much our parish should give to charities at home and abroad, and how we should choose which charities to support. Throughout next year we will implement some of the many excellent ideas that the five groups came up with.

I must admit that although I am excited to see the Select Vestry tackling our financial deficit, I am never comfortable about discussing money within a Church context. I understand that times are tough, and we must all make our resources stretch a little further. Nevertheless, if we all take our Free Will Offering seriously, and if we explore all opportunities for raising money, then our parish will be financially secure and finally enabled to concentrate wholly on our ministries and mission as disciples of Jesus.

If you subscribe financially to the parish then you will soon receive a receipt for your Free Will Offering so far this year. In a few months' time we will publish the Annual Report, which will indicate how much you have given throughout the entire year. We should not think of this as money that we have given *to* the Church. Remember that we *are* the Church! Rather, think about it as money that we are sharing with each other in order to build up the Kingdom of God.

CHURCH SERVICES

MONDAY 1st DECEMBER

St Andrew

7.30pm Holy Communion Traditional Matthew 4: 18—22

Jesus said, "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people."

WEDNESDAY 3rd DECEMBER

Mid-Week Service

10.30am Holy Communion Modern Matthew 15: 29—37

7.30pm Compline Traditional Matthew 21: 23—32

Jesus took the seven loaves and the fish; and after giving thanks he broke them and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds.

SUNDAY 7th DECEMBER

The Second Sunday of Advent

9am Holy Communion Traditional Luke 21: 25—33

11am Holy Communion Modern Mark 1: 1—18

6.30pm Choral Evensong Traditional Matthew 11: 2—11

Jesus said, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

WEDNESDAY 10th DECEMBER

Mid-Week Service

10.30am Holy Communion Modern Matthew 11: 28—30

7.30pm Compline Traditional Matthew 23: 1—12

Jesus said, "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest."

SUNDAY 14th DECEMBER

The Third Sunday of Advent

9am Holy Communion Modern John 1: 6—8, 19—28

11am Christingle Service Modern John 1: 6—8, 19—28

John the Baptist said, "I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Make straight the way of the Lord'."

WEDNESDAY 17th DECEMBER

Mid-Week Service

10.30am Holy Communion Modern Matthew 1: 1—17

7.30pm Compline Traditional Mark 9: 9—13

So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations; and from David to the deportation to Babylon, fourteen generations; and from the deportation to Babylon to the Messiah, fourteen generations.

SUNDAY 21st DECEMBER

9am Holy Communion

11am Holy Communion

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth.

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

Modern Luke 1: 26—38

Modern Luke 1: 26—38

MONDAY 22nd DECEMBER

7.30pm Nine Lessons and Carols

Week-Day Service

Traditional

WEDNESDAY 24th DECEMBER

3pm Children's Nativity

11pm Midnight Holy Communion Traditional John 1: 1—14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

Christmas Eve

Modern

THURSDAY 25th DECEMBER

10.30am Holy Communion

There were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night.

Christmas Day

Modern Luke 2: 8—20

SUNDAY 28th DECEMBER

9am Holy Communion

11am Holy Communion

When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children.

The Holy Innocents

Modern Matthew 2: 13—18

Modern Matthew 2: 13—18

WEDNESDAY 31st DECEMBER

10.30am Holy Communion

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

New Year's Eve

Modern John 1: 1—18

SUNDAY 4th JANUARY

9am Holy Communion

11am Holy Communion

The Prophet wrote: "And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel."

The Epiphany

Traditional John 1: 43—51

Modern Matthew 2: 1—12

WEDNESDAY 7th JANUARY Mid-Week Service

10.30am Holy Communion Modern Matthew 4: 12—17, 23—25
The Prophet wrote: “the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light.”

SUNDAY 11th JANUARY The Sunday after the Epiphany

9am Holy Communion Modern Mark 1: 4—11
11am Morning Prayer Modern Mark 1: 4—11
John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

WEDNESDAY 14th JANUARY Mid-Week Service

10.30am Holy Communion Modern Mark 1: 29—39
Jesus cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

SUNDAY 18th JANUARY The Second Sunday after the Epiphany

9am Holy Communion Modern John 1: 43—51
11am Holy Communion Modern John 1: 43—51
6.30pm Choral Evensong Traditional Matthew 8: 5—13
Philip found Nathanael and told him, “We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.”

WEDNESDAY 21st JANUARY Mid-Week Service

10.30am Holy Communion Modern Mark 3: 1—6
Jesus asked, “Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the Sabbath, to save life or to kill?”

SUNDAY 25th JANUARY The Conversion of St Paul

9am Holy Communion Modern Matthew 19: 27—30
11am Morning Prayer Modern Matthew 19: 27—30
Jesus said, “Many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

WEDNESDAY 28th JANUARY Mid-Week Service

10.30am Holy Communion Modern Mark 4: 1—20
Jesus said to them, “Do you not understand this parable? Then how will you understand all the parables?”

SOME PARISH NOTES FROM 70 YEARS AGO (DEC 1944 – JAN 1945)

WRITTEN BY THE RECTOR, THE RE'VD CHANCELLOR BREENE

The services in the Chapel of the Resurrection will be discontinued from the end of November. Date of re-opening will be announced. Our warm thanks are due to the Clergy, Organists and Choirs of the several Parish Churches who helped during the year, which was one of the most successful since the re-opening of the Chapel. Attendances and Collections have both been excellent. The bell in the Chapel has been repaired and will in future be rung for every service.

Youth Communion. Attention is directed to our early morning services for young people and their friends on the first Sunday of each month. Join our circle. We shall be glad to make you welcome. 8 am.

Attention is, also, drawn to the fact that we are mainly dependent, in the matter of paying our way, on the voluntary offerings, in collections and subscriptions, of worshippers in our Church. Are you a subscriber to the Church Expense's Fund. If you are, is your subscription really what it ought to be?

Choirmaster. We offer a cordial welcome to our new Organist and Choirmaster, Mr Lister Wood ARCM, Lecturer in Music at Stranmillis Training College. He comes to us with an excellent record and excellent recommendation. He has had very wide experience. We hope that parishioners will quickly make him and his wife and family feel that in St Peter's they are amongst friends.

War Service. The Rector has sent a personal letter of greeting and the Parish Christmas Card to all St Peter's parishioners serving overseas. To other parishioners in the Forces, serving in the United Kingdom, a letter of greeting from the Vestry, with the Christmas Card, will go out in December.

Memorial Windows. For historical purposes we note that a handsome stained-glass window has been placed in the West End of the Church as a memorial to the late Mr Denis Cyril Stanley Megaw. It is the Gift of his parents. The subject is St Patrick. The work was carried out by Messrs Clokey, Belfast. The matching windows on either side of the Ewart Screen greatly enhance the beauty of the West End interior. The Taylor Memorial Window, in the Baptistry, will, it is hoped, be dedicated early in December.

The Parishioners of St Peter's learned with satisfaction that the Rt Rev'd Dr King Irwin has elected to remain in the Diocese of Connor, and consequently, of course, at Bishop's House, Antrim Road.

Sympathy. We tender our warm sympathy to Mr and Mrs Reay, of Donegall Park Avenue, whose two sons have now been presumed killed in action. Also to Mrs Crozier, Somerton Park, who has received similar notification about her husband.



HALL HEATING

Note to hall-users:

Please let Noel Beattie know when you will be taking your Christmas holidays so as the halls are not heated unnecessarily. Noel may be contacted on tel 90 778 428 or by emailing noel_innisfayle@msn.com. Thank you.

HALL USAGE

Anyone planning to use the parish halls, for any reason at all, is asked to call at the Parish Office beforehand to complete a simple booking form.
Thank you.

Ladies' Guild

On Tuesday 9th December at 2.30pm our guest speaker will be Mrs Barbara Long from Blonging Creations. Barbara was a missionary midwife in Zambia for many years. She will bring with her some of the lovely jewellery and scarves that she sells to raise money for medicine in the hospital where she worked. To enjoy an opportunity to do some Christmas shopping please bring only cash or cheques.

We will also have some Christmas goodies to enjoy.

Looking forward to seeing you.

A very Happy Christmas to all my ladies.



On Tuesday 13th January 2015 we will meet at Belfast Castle for afternoon tea. Further details will be provided.



Even if you are not a member of the Ladies' Guild we would still be delighted if you could join us at one of our meetings. If you would like to attend but don't have transport please speak to one of our members and we will happily arrange transport for you.

Anne Stewart Hon Sec—tel 9096 6597

PARISH REGISTER

Christian Burial

"At rest in the Lord."

Myrtle Joan Black

9th April 1924 – 21st October 2014

Myrtle Joan Black (nee Darling) was born in Belfast in 1924 and attended Belfast Royal Academy. In 1947 she married David, and raised two children: Paul and Heather. Her main career, which she began once her two children had reached grammar school age, was as practice manager at Salisbury Medical Centre. Originally living on the Cliftonville Road, Myrtle moved with her family to the Antrim House, only a stone's throw from St Peter's. More recently she moved into Lansdowne Care Home on the Somerton Road. She was a friendly and sociable lady, an avid reader, and accordingly very wise. In the last few weeks of her life she began to deteriorate quickly. She passed away on 21st October, within a few hours of prayers for preparation for death offered by the Rector, accompanied by Myrtle's daughter Heather. Her funeral was held in St Peter's Church, followed by the Committal at Roselawn, on 27th October, allowing time for Myrtle's son Paul to return home from abroad. We remember both of her children, and the wider family, in our prayers.

AFTER CHURCH REFRESHMENT

Thank you to members of Little Cherubs who will provide light refreshments after the 11am service on 14th December and to members of the Select Vestry who will look after us on 11th January.



PARISH CALENDAR CAPTION COMPETITION

The theme for **December** is—'a verse from your favourite Christmas carol'.

To make your entry simply write your caption on a piece of paper and give it to a churchwarden or email it to the parish office.

Remember to include your name!

Entries should be with us by the last day of the month. There will be a small prize awarded each month. Good luck!!

CONGRATULATIONS

We have joint winners for the October calendar competition! Well done to Frances Gooding and to Ashlee McCune—their stunning prizes are available for them to collect at the back of the church!





FLOWERS IN CHURCH

Thank you to everyone who presented flowers in 2014

The Flower List for 2015 is now open for bookings and we would ask that all existing contributors contact the Parish Office (90 776 706) 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.

Brown Bin

We have now acquired a brown recycling bin. When removing church flowers please use this bin rather than the bin in the Church. It usually can be found near the Parish Office.

Thank you for your cooperation.



TRAIDCRAFT
Fighting poverty through trade

Sundays 14th December
and 11th January
during coffee time after
the 11am service

NORTH BELFAST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

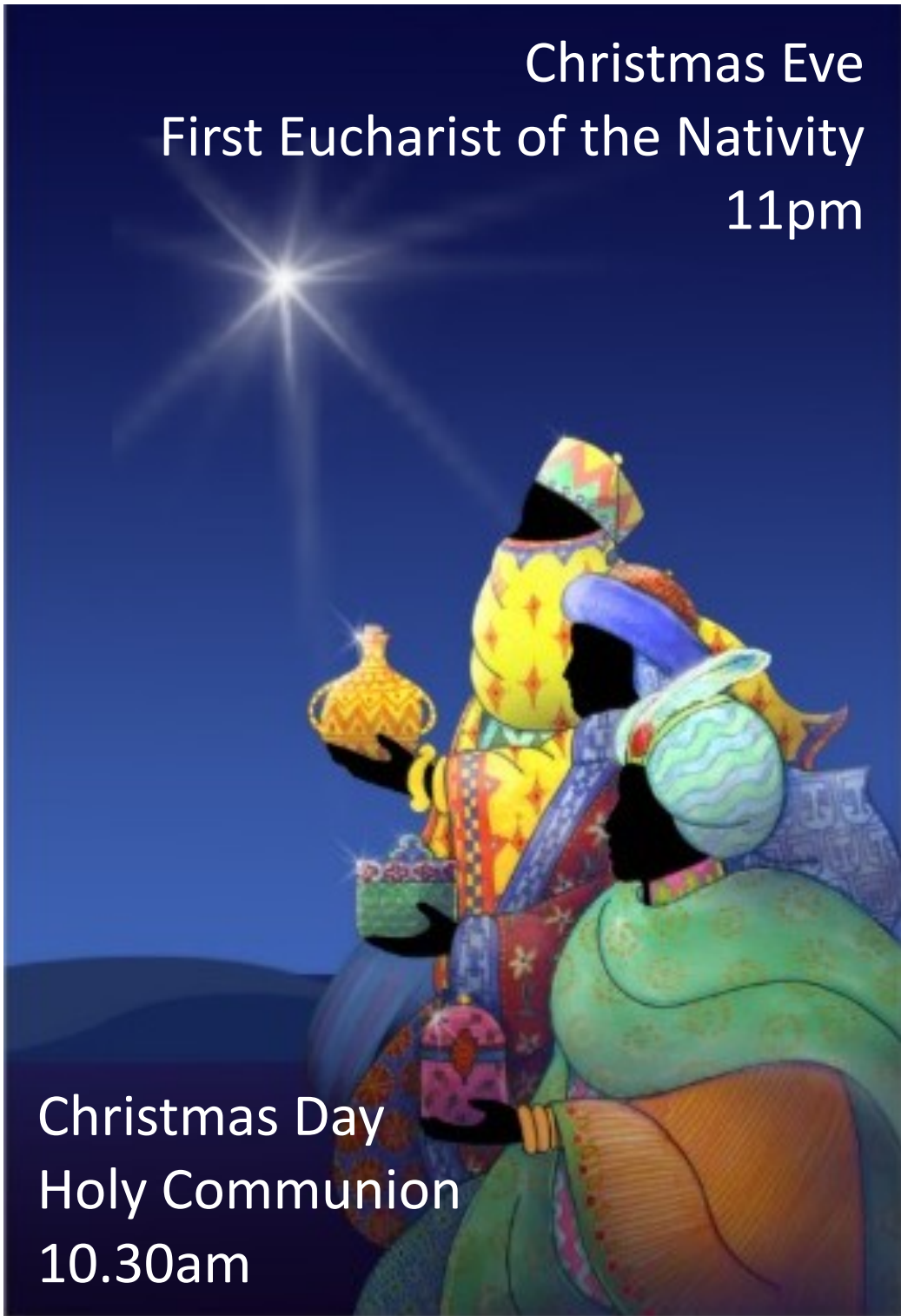
Thursday 18th December
7.45pm in the Minor Hall
Speaker: Noel Beattie
Topic: Travels in Vietnam et alia

Thursday 15th January
7.45pm in the Minor Hall
Speaker: Rosemary Johnston
Topic: From the Vikings onward

Everyone welcome

Christmas Eve
First Eucharist of the Nativity
11pm

Christmas Day
Holy Communion
10.30am



Christingle Service
Sunday 14th December
11am

Service for all the family

Light refreshments afterwards



Christmas
Carol Service

Monday
22nd December
7.30pm

mulled wine and shortbread after



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).



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



                	Holy Dusters Cleaning Rota		
	1st December—6th December	Group 6	
	8th December—13th December	Group 7	
	15th December—20th December	Group 8	
	22nd December—27th December	Group 1	
	29th December—3rd January	Group 2	
	5th January—10th January	Group 3	
	12th January—17th January	Group 4	
	19th January—24th January	Group 6	
	26th January—31st January	Group 7	
                			

December Diary

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 7.30pm Holy Communion 8pm Finance Committee 8pm Badminton	2 6.30pm Cub Scouts	3 10.30am Holy Communion and refreshments 2pm Bridge 6.30pm PhysioPilates 7.30pm Compline 8pm Choir	4 10am Little Cherubs 6pm Rainbows 7pm Brownies 7.30pm Theology Group 8pm Guides	5 10.30am PhysioPilates 4.30pm Speech and Drama	6
7 9am Holy Communion 11am Holy Communion & Sunday School 2pm Speech and Drama Parents' afternoon 6.30pm Choral Evensong	8 7.30pm Select Vestry 8pm Badminton	9 2.30pm Ladies' Guild 6.30pm Cub Scouts	10 10.30am Holy Communion and refreshments 2pm Bridge 6.30pm PhysioPilates 7.30pm Compline 8pm Choir	11 10am Little Cherubs 6pm Rainbows 7pm Brownies 7.30pm Bible Study 8pm Guides	12 10.30am PhysioPilates 11.30am Bible Study	13

14 9am Holy Communion 11am Christingle Service & Sunday School (tea/coffee)	15 8pm Badminton	16 6.30pm Cub Scouts 8pm BRA Carol Service	17 10.30am Holy Communion and refreshments 2pm Bridge 7.30pm Compline 8pm Choir	18 10am Little Cherubs 7.45pm Historical Society	19 11.30am Bible Study	20
21 9am Holy Communion 11am Holy Communion & Sunday School	22 7.30pm Christmas Carol Service followed by mulled wine and shortbread 8pm Badminton	23	24 <i>Christmas Eve</i> 3pm Children's Christmas Story at the crib 11pm Holy Communion	25 <i>Christmas Day</i> 10.30am Holy Communion	26	27
28 9am Holy Communion 11am Holy Communion	29	30	31 <i>New Year's Eve</i> 10.30am Holy Communion and refreshments			

January Diary						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 <i>New Year's Day</i>	2	3
4 9am Holy Communion 11am Holy Communion	5 8pm Badminton	6 6.30pm Cub Scouts	7 10.30am Holy Communion and refreshments 2pm Bridge 6.30pm PhysioPilates 7.30pm Choir	8 10am Little Cherubs 6pm Rainbows 7pm Brownies 8pm Guides	9 10.30am PhysioPilates 4.30pm Speech and Drama	10

11 9am Holy Communion 11am Morning Prayer & Sunday School (tea/coffee)	12 7.30pm Select Vestry 8pm Badminton	13 2.30pm Ladies' Guild 6.30pm Cub Scouts	14 10.30am Holy Communion and refreshments 11.30am Fabric Committee 2pm Bridge 6.30pm PhysioPilates 7.30pm Choir	15 10am Little Cherubs 6pm Rainbows 7pm Brownies 7.45pm Historical Society 8pm Guides	16 10.30am PhysioPilates 11.30am Bible Study 4.30pm Speech and Drama	17
18 9am Holy Communion 11am Holy Communion & Sunday School 6.30pm Choral Evensong	19 8pm Badminton <i>Deadline for material to be with Anne for February Parish Notes</i>	20 6.30pm Cub Scouts 8pm Compassionate Friends	21 10.30am Holy Communion and refreshments 11.30am Fabric Committee 2pm Bridge 6.30pm PhysioPilates 7.30pm Choir	22 10am Little Cherubs 6pm Rainbows 7pm Brownies 7.30pm Bible Study 8pm Guides	23 10.30am PhysioPilates 4.30pm Speech and Drama	24
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ORGANISATIONS - TIMETABLE

Sunday

11am—12noon: Sunday School

Monday

8.00pm—11.00pm: Badminton Club

Tuesday

2.30pm—4.30pm: Ladies' Guild (2nd Tuesday in month)

6.30pm—7.30pm: Cub Scouts

8pm—10pm: Compassionate Friends (3rd Tuesday in month)

Wednesday

2pm—4pm: Bridge Club

6.30pm—7.45pm: PhysioPilates

7.30pm—9pm: Choir

Thursday

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

6pm—7pm: Rainbow Guides

7pm—8pm: Brownies

7.30pm: Bible Study (2nd and 4th Thursday in month)

7.30pm: Theology Group (1st Thursday in month)

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

8pm—9.30pm: Guides

Friday

10.30am—11.45am: PhysioPilates

11.30am: Bible Study (2nd and 3rd Friday in month)

4.30pm—7.30pm: Speech and Drama

For more information about term times etc please contact appropriate personnel listed on back page.

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
7th December	John McCreary	Wes Holmes	The Rector
14th December	Caroline O'Kane	Sandra Hutchman	The Rector
21st December	Hilary Shields	Ashlee McCune	The Rector
28th December	Philip Williamson	Forde Patterson	Dean Moller
4th January	Jim Wilson	Anne Roberts	Dean Moller
11th January	Colin Bell	Tom Campbell	The Rector
18th January	Peter Coiley	Dora Hanna	The Rector
25th January	Eleanor Henderson	Wes Holmes	The Rector

DECEMBER FLOWER LIST

7TH BARBARA JACOBS IN MEMORY OF HER PARENTS
21ST THE CHOIR

JANUARY FLOWER LIST

4TH THE REID FAMILY IN MEMORY OF THEIR PARENTS
11TH ETTA MCCLEERY
18TH THE GREENFIELD FAMILY IN MEMORY OF THEIR FATHER

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



THE NEXT MEETINGS OF
THE SELECT VESTRY
WILL BE ON
8TH DEC & 12TH JAN
AT 7.30PM
IN THE MINOR HALL

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. Also please don't forget to let us know if you move house, change your telephone number or change your email address. Thank you.

PASTORAL CARE

If you would like to arrange for the Rector to visit you at home, whether to share your anxieties in confidence, or for spiritual advice, or for prayer, or for Holy Communion, then please contact him on his landline (90 777 053) or on his mobile (07563 531 082). This is an essential part of his ministry and he will be pleased to visit you and help in whatever way he can.

If you or a loved one is seriously ill, particularly if you are admitted to hospital, then please inform the Rector. He often visits the hospitals but has no way of knowing who has been admitted unless you tell him. 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.

*Please send material for the February issue of Parish Notes to:
Anne Cromie, Parish Office, St Peter's Church,
Fortwilliam Drive, Belfast BT15 4EB
or email: stpeterandstjames@outlook.com
by Monday 19th January. Thank you.*