

THE PARISH OF ST PETER AND ST JAMES, BELFAST

PARISH NOTES

MARCH 2015

Rector: The Rev'd Brian Lacey

St Peter's Rectory, 17 Waterloo Park South, Belfast, BT15 5HX

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Mothering Sunday . 15th March . 11am

RECTOR'S NOTES

GENERAL VESTRY

There will be a meeting open to all parishioners on Sunday 22nd March in St Peter's, immediately following a shortened service of Morning Prayer at 11am. Everyone is welcome to come along. Please note that the date has changed from what was publicised in the previous Parish Notes.

At the meeting you will hear reports from the Honorary Treasurer and myself, and you will have an opportunity to ask any questions, raise concerns, or make suggestions about any matters relating to the parish.

Most importantly, the new Select Vestry will be elected for the forthcoming year. The only people who will be allowed to vote, or to stand for election, will be the 127 individuals whose names are listed on the Register of Vestrypersons. That list is printed elsewhere in these Parish Notes and on the notice board at the back of the church. If you believe that you should be entitled to vote, but your name is not listed, then please contact me as soon as possible so that we can check our facts.

All registered members will receive a voting card in the next few weeks. To speed up proceedings at the meeting, please bring the voting card and a pen with you. Do not write anything on the card until instructed to do so at the meeting.

The following officers will be elected (or appointed) at the meeting:

- 2 Churchwardens, who are the lay leaders of our congregation;
- 2 Glebewardens, who oversee the care of our buildings;
- 3 Supplemental Parochial Nominators, who will deputise the Parochial Nominators;
- 4 Sidespersons, who will assist and deputise the Churchwardens (as necessary).

We will also elect the following representatives to various committees:

- 12 members of the Select Vestry, who will manage our staff, buildings, and finances;
- 3 members of the Finance & Administration Committee;
- 3 members of the Fabric & Furnishing Committee.

Even if you are not entitled to vote, please do come along. Tea/coffee will be served, and there will be a crèche for children. Hopefully we should be home by 1pm at the very latest!

FAMILIES' & CHILDREN'S WORKER

During the last couple of months you might have noticed a new person helping with our children on Sunday mornings. That person is Frank Dillon, who has been appointed as our new Families' & Children's Worker. This part-time position is funded by the St James' Endowment Fund "for experimental ministry".

Frank's role will be primarily pastoral and liturgical in nature. He will assist me in discerning and addressing the spiritual needs of parents and children, within the context of Sunday worship, weekday parish activities, and within the home. He will also lead informal worship aimed at children in the Main Hall on the second Sunday of each month. Please note that it probably won't happen in April simply because of the date of Easter. This Family Service will take the place of Sunday School, so children should be brought as normal to the church at the beginning of the 11am service, and I will invite them to go to the Main Hall after the Introduction.

Frank has already begun to visit families at home. This will be done by arranged appointments, rather than casual pop-ins. What I want from these visits is for you and Frank to get to know each other, and for Frank to hear from you some feedback on what we're doing right in terms of developing the ministry of children and the ministry to children, and where we need to improve!

Frank will then feed that back to me, and we will try to develop these important ministries.

There are various other ideas that we will begin to implement once Frank is settled in, and I will keep you posted on what's happening. Please do give him all of your support and encouragement.

DISCIPLESHIP COURSE

After Easter I will begin offering a three-session Discipleship Course for our parishioners. (This is not an evangelistic mission designed to bring newcomers to us, as that will be our focus next year.) The intention is to bring all of our current members up to speed about basic Christian teachings, to give an overview of the history and purpose of the Church, and to provide a friendly and informal opportunity to ask questions and search for answers.

Each of the three sessions will be held at various times of day, over the course of the year. Some people might want to attend three sessions in a row in the same month; whereas others might want to attend one session every few months. As a consequence, there might be ten people at one session that you attend, but only two at the next! It doesn't matter so long as everyone comes along at some point. I'll say more about this after Easter.

CHURCH SERVICES IN MARCH

We are now into the season of **Lent**, which is a penitential season during which we reflect upon our sinfulness, but – more importantly – we remember that God will forgive all who are truly sorry. Some people like to give up something, such as chocolate. I think it would be much better for us spiritually if we all did our best to be in church every Sunday! Let that be our spiritual challenge for the coming weeks.

Our traditional services of **Choral Evensong** will be held at 6.30pm on Sunday 1st March and Sunday 15th March.

On Sunday 8th March there will be a **Family Service** in the Halls. This will take the place of Sunday School, and will be an informal gathering of children and their parents, and indeed anyone else who might prefer less formal worship. It will be led by Frank, our new Families' Worker. Everyone should congregate in the main church as usual for 11am, before being invited to go to the Halls.

Our **Easter Vestry** meeting is normally held on a weekday evening, which sometimes prohibits parishioners from attending. This year, as an experiment, we will have a shortened half-hour service of Morning Prayer at 11am on Sunday 22nd March, which will then be immediately followed by the Easter Vestry meeting. Everyone may stay for the meeting, which will be held in the church. *(In the last issue of the Parish Notes I had written that this meeting would be held on Palm Sunday, 29th March, so please take note that it has now been brought forward by a week).*

At 7.30pm on Thursday 19th March we will celebrate **St Joseph of Nazareth** using the traditional-language service.

At the very end of the month we will move into **Holy Week**. This will begin with Palm Sunday and end on Easter Day. There will be a service every day except the Saturday. During the weekdays there will be a service each evening at 7.30pm. On Fig Monday there will be Compline. On Holy Tuesday there will be Evening Prayer. On Spy Wednesday there will be a Late Evening Office. On Maundy Thursday there will be Choral Eucharist. On Good Friday there will be Tenebrae. We will also have a regular celebration of Holy Communion on Wednesday morning and a children's service on Good Friday. More information will be given in our weekly notices sheets and on our Facebook page. Many parishes have stopped having mid-week services during Holy Week because of falling attendance. We want to keep our ancient customs alive in St Peter's, so please make a special effort to come along.

CHURCH SERVICES

SUNDAY 1st MARCH	The Second Sunday in Lent	
9am	Holy Communion	<i>traditional</i>
11am	Holy Communion	<i>modern</i>
6.30pm	Choral Evensong	<i>traditional</i>
WEDNESDAY 4th MARCH	Mid-Week Service	
10.30am	Holy Communion	<i>modern</i>
SUNDAY 8th MARCH	The Third Sunday in Lent	
9am	Holy Communion	<i>modern</i>
11am	Morning Prayer	<i>modern</i>
11am	Family Service (halls)	<i>modern</i>
WEDNESDAY 11th MARCH	Mid-Week Service	
10.30am	Holy Communion	<i>modern</i>
SUNDAY 15th MARCH	Mothering Sunday/St Patrick (transferred)	
9am	Holy Communion	<i>modern</i>
11am	Holy Communion	<i>modern</i>
6.30pm	Choral Evensong	<i>traditional</i>
WEDNESDAY 18th MARCH	Mid-Week Service	
10.30am	Holy Communion	<i>modern</i>
THURSDAY 19th MARCH	St Joseph of Nazareth	
7.30pm	Holy Communion	<i>traditional</i>
SUNDAY 22nd MARCH	The Fifth Sunday in Lent	
9am	Holy Communion	<i>modern</i>
11am	Morning Prayer	<i>modern</i>
WEDNESDAY 25th MARCH	The Annunciation of our Lord	
10.30am	Holy Communion	<i>modern</i>
SUNDAY 29th MARCH	Palm Sunday	
9am	Holy Communion	<i>modern</i>
11am	Service of the Word	<i>modern</i>
MONDAY 30th MARCH	Fig Monday	
7.30pm	Compline	<i>traditional</i>

TUESDAY 31st MARCH 7.30pm	Holy Tuesday Evening Prayer	<i>modern</i>
WEDNESDAY 1st APRIL 10.30am 7.30pm	Spy Wednesday Holy Communion Late Evening Office	<i>modern</i> <i>modern</i>
THURSDAY 2nd APRIL 7.30pm	Maundy Thursday Holy Communion	<i>traditional</i>
FRIDAY 3rd APRIL 10am 7.30pm	Good Friday Children's Service Tenebrae	<i>modern</i> <i>modern</i>
SUNDAY 5th APRIL 9am 11am	Easter Day Holy Communion Holy Communion	<i>traditional</i> <i>modern</i>
WEDNESDAY 8th APRIL 10.30am	Mid-Week Service Holy Communion	<i>modern</i>
SUNDAY 12th APRIL 9am 11am	The Second Sunday of Easter Holy Communion Morning Prayer	<i>modern</i> <i>modern</i>
WEDNESDAY 15th APRIL 10.30am	Mid-Week Service Holy Communion	<i>modern</i>
SUNDAY 19th APRIL 9am 11am 6.30pm	The Third Sunday of Easter Holy Communion Holy Communion Choral Evensong	<i>modern</i> <i>modern</i> <i>traditional</i>
WEDNESDAY 22nd APRIL 10.30am	Mid-Week Service Holy Communion	<i>modern</i>
SUNDAY 26th APRIL 9am 11am	St Mark Holy Communion Morning Prayer	<i>modern</i> <i>modern</i>
WEDNESDAY 29th APRIL 10.30am	Mid-Week Service Holy Communion	<i>modern</i>

THE PARISH OF ST PETER AND ST JAMES
ANNUAL EASTER VESTRY

SUNDAY 22ND MARCH 2015

ST PETER'S CHURCH

COMMENCING WITH A SHORTENED FORM OF
MORNING PRAYER AT 11AM
AND LIGHT REFRESHMENTS

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND PLEASE LET US KNOW BY
CONTACTING THE PARISH OFFICE:

EMAIL: stpeterandstjames@outlook.com OR TEL: 9077 6706

PARISH REGISTER

Holy Matrimony

*Signifying unto us the mystical union that is
between Christ and his Church.*

*Ryan Delaney, Grange Lane, Mallusk
and*

*Rebecca Jane Cromie, Lansdowne Road
on 14th February 2015*

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
1st March	Hilary Shields	Tom Campbell	The Rector
8th March	Philip Williamson	Dora Hanna	The Rector
15th March	Eleanor Henderson	Ashlee McCune	The Rector
22nd March	Colin Bell	Sandra Hutchman	The Rector
29th March	-	-	The Rector

REGISTERED MEMBERS OF GENERAL VESTRY

The following individuals are registered as members of the General Vestry of St Peter & St James, giving them the right to vote for, and stand for election to, the Select Vestry. Names in bold were added to the register on Sunday 22nd February 2015.

Max Abbott	Joan Gallagher	William Marshall	Enid Saunderson
Hilary Adams	Peter Gallagher	Darrell Martin	Ian Scott
Annette Beattie	Maureen Ginn	Kathryn Martin	Eileen Sharpe
Noel Beattie	Billy Ginn	David Mawhinney	Norleen Sharpe
Colin Bell	Frances Gooding	Anna McAlpine	Hilary Shields
Moya Bell	Derek Graham	Pamela McCamley	Barbara Smyth
Rene Bell	Lovelle Graham	Dorothy McCausland	Colin Stark
Roy Bell	Peter Gray	Daphne McClements	Vivien Stark
Mary Bentham	Barbara Greenlees	John McCreary	Joyce Sterling
Jill Bradley	Michael Greenlees	Ashlee McCune	Anne Stewart
Norman Bradley	Florrie Greer	Beryl McDowell	Ernie Stewart
Marie Burrowes	Valerie Guest	Stanley McDowell	Tony Swan
Brian Callaghan	Oonagh Haldane	Margaret McKenna	Heather Swan
Tom Campbell	Adrian Hall	Black	Bond Syms
Vivien Clarke	Dora Hanna	Ian McManus	Jaqueline Thompson
Billy Clarke	Kathryn Hennessy	James McMaster	Brian Tweedie
Peter Coiley	Elisabeth Henry	Ivor Millar	Heather Tweedie
Michelle Cole	Rosemary Hinds	Lila Millar	Jim Tweedie
Margi Crawford	Wes Holmes	Ann Mitchell	Ruth Tweedie
Anne Cromie	Joyce Hunter	Harold Mitchell	Joan Walker
David Cromie	Sam Hunter	Edith Morrow	Adele Watt
Samuel Cromie	Sandra Hutchman	Margaret Mulligan	Clodagh Webb
Thelma Cross	Maureen Irwin	Quintin Mulligan	Peggy Weir
Dorothy Cruttenden	Harold Jacobs	David Nairn	Philip Williamson
Victor Davis	Basil Jeffers	Anne Noblett	Jim Wilson
Brian Davison	Eileen Jeffers	Derek Noblett	Olive Wright
Hannah Davison	Brian Johnston	Bertie Nulty	Norma Young
Jemma Davison	Rosemary Johnston	Caroline O'Kane	
Margaret Davison	Jane Keyes	Meta O'Neill	
Sandra Davison	Jim Knowles	Forde Patterson	
Rebecca Delaney	Janice Knowles	Karen Patterson	
Christopher Evans	Gareth Larmour	Margaret Patterson	
Betty Frazer	Joan Lawther	Paula Poulton	
George Frazer	Peggy Magill	Anne Roberts	



Women's World Day of Prayer

Our service this year will be held in St Peter's. Please join us in the McCollum Hall at 2pm on Friday 6th March. The service has been written by Christian women of The Bahamas. As our parish is hosting this event I would be particularly pleased if as many people as possible could attend. We will as always have a chance to catch up with friends when we enjoy a cup of tea after the service. Looking forward to seeing you there.

Anne Stewart

Ladies' Guild

On Tuesday 10th March at 2.30pm our guest speaker will be representing St John Ambulance. We will hear a little about the work of this great organisation and will also learn a some basic first aid. We would be delighted if you could join us.



If you need a lift, don't be shy, there are plenty of people with cars passing close to you on their way, so please just contact me on the number below.

Looking forward to seeing you there.

Anne Stewart, Hon Sec, tel 9096 6597

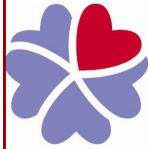
AFTER CHURCH REFRESHMENT

Thank you to members of the Badminton Club who will provide light refreshments after the 11am service on 8th March.



TRAIDCRAFT
Fighting poverty through trade

Stall open on
Sunday 8th March
during coffee time after
the 11am service



**Northern
Ireland
Hospice**



**St Peter's
Parish
Church**

Déjà Vu

an evening of fashion

Saturday 28th March at 7.30pm

in the Parish Hall

Tickets £10

Proceeds to the

*Northern Ireland Hospice for the new build of Somerton House
and to church funds*

Clothes supplied by NI Hospice Shops

HOLYWOOD PARISH CHURCH PRESENTS

MUSIC FOR A SPRING EVENING

Friday 20 March, 7.30pm

Pergolesi *Magnificat*
and music by Ola Gjeilo

featuring

Marion Jordan (soprano)

Joseph Zubier (alto)

The Parish Choir

Jubilate

Choristers and local musicians

Tickets £10 (students £5) inc refreshments

Tel 9042 3622 Mon-Fri 10am-1pm

March Diary						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9am Holy Communion 11am Holy Communion & Sunday School 6.30pm Choral Evensong	2 7.30pm Finance Committee 8pm Badminton	3 6.30pm Beaver Scouts	4 10.30am Holy Communion and refreshments 2pm Bridge 6.30pm PhysioPilates 7.30pm Choir	5 10am Little Cherubs 6pm Rainbows 7pm Brownies 8pm Guides	6 10.30am PhysioPilates 2pm Women's World Day of Prayer Service 4.30pm Speech and Drama	7 9am Aurora Dance Classes
8 9am Holy Communion 11am Morning Prayer/Family Service (tea/coffee)	9 7.30pm Select Vestry 8pm Badminton	10 2.30pm Ladies' Guild 6.30pm Beaver Scouts	11 10.30am Holy Communion and refreshments 2pm Bridge 6.30pm PhysioPilates 7.30pm Choir	12 10am Little Cherubs 6pm Rainbows 7pm Brownies 7.30pm Bible Study 8pm Guides	13 10.30am PhysioPilates 11.30 Bible Study 4.30pm Speech and Drama	14 9am Aurora Dance Classes

15 Mothering Sunday 9am Holy Communion 11am Holy Communion & Sunday School 6.30pm Choral Evensong	16 8pm Badminton	17 6.30pm Beaver Scouts 8pm Compassionate Friends	18 10.30am Holy Communion and refreshments 11.30am Fabric Committee 2pm Bridge 6.30pm PhysioPilates 7.30pm Choir	19 10am Little Cherubs 6pm Rainbows 7pm Brownies 7.30pm Holy Communion 7.45pm Historical Society 8pm Guides	20 10.30am PhysioPilates 11.30 Bible Study 4.30pm Speech and Drama	21 9am Aurora Dance Classes
22 9am Holy Communion 11am Morning Prayer & Sunday School 11.40am Easter General Vestry	23 <i>Deadline for material to be with Anne for April Parish Notes</i> 8pm Badminton	24 6.30pm Beaver Scouts	25 10.30am Holy Communion and refreshments 2pm Bridge 6.30pm PhysioPilates 7.30pm Choir	26 10am Little Cherubs 6pm Rainbows 7pm Brownies 7.30pm Bible Study 8pm Guides	27 10.30am PhysioPilates	28 9am Aurora Dance Classes 7.30pm Fashion Show
29 Palm Sunday 9am Holy Communion 11am Service of the Word & Sunday School	30 Fig Monday 7.30pm Compline 8pm Badminton	31 Holy Tuesday 7.30pm Evening Prayer				

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: Beaver 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)

7.45pm: 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

Saturday

9am—12noon: Aurora Dance Class Saturday School

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

THE NEXT MEETING OF
THE SELECT VESTRY
WILL BE ON
MONDAY
9TH MARCH
AT 7.30PM IN THE
MINOR HALL

Holy Dusters Cleaning Rota

2nd March—7th March	Group 4
9th March—14th March	Group 5
16th March—21st March	Group 6
23rd March—28th March	Group 7
30th March—4th April	Group 8

MARCH FLOWER LIST

1ST MARY AND CHRIS BENTHAM
8TH ROSEMARY HINDS IN MEMORY OF HER HUSBAND
15TH IAN MCMANUS IN MEMORY OF HIS WIFE
22ND MARIE BURROWES IN MEMORY OF HER MOTHER



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

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.

NORTH BELFAST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Thursday 19th March
7.45pm, Minor Hall

Speaker:
Sandy Smith

Topic:
CS Lewis

Everyone welcome

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 April 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 23rd March. Thank you.*