

THE PARISH OF ST PETER AND ST JAMES
BELFAST



PARISH NOTES

JULY/AUGUST 2013



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The Rev'd Brian Lacey (centre) at his service of Institution as Rector, pictured alongside the Right Rev'd Alan Abernethy, Bishop of Connor, who officiated, and the Rev'd Canon Walter Lewis, former Rector of St Thomas, Belfast, who preached.

From the Rector ...

May I offer **my very sincere gratitude** to all of you who have spent time and energy in the church and at the rectory in preparation for my arrival here. The service of Institution was very meaningful for me, and I certainly recognised the amount of effort put into preparing the orders of service, arranging the music, cleaning the church, arranging the flowers, preparing the refreshments, and so many other things that go on in the background for such a service of worship. Your enthusiasm in making me feel welcome and at home is deeply appreciated, and I am looking forward immensely to not only serving you as your Rector, but also becoming your friend and fellow-worker in God's Kingdom.

In addition to **visiting** the sick and housebound, I intend to visit all parishioners in our parish register in alphabetical order. The purpose of such visiting is threefold: (1) to give us the opportunity to get to know each other on a one-to-one basis, (2) to enable you to share with me in confidence any personal matters that are weighing heavily on your mind, and (3) to find some comfort and encouragement through prayer and the reading of a relevant passage of Scripture. If there is a particular reason for me to call with you sooner rather than later, then please contact me to arrange a time. Otherwise expect me to turn up unannounced on your doorstep when you least expect it! I should point out – lest I offend anyone – that I do drink plenty of tea, but would prefer not to eat any biscuits, cake, sandwiches or indeed anything else during a visit.

In my experience many people choose not to tell the clergy when they are **sick** or in **hospital**, perhaps out of a well-meaning desire not to bother us! Please be assured that it is my role as your Rector to be with you as you go through serious illness, particularly if you are admitted to hospital. In all cases, please do contact me yourself or have a relative do so, in order that I can arrange to make regular visits.

In addition to our regular service at 10:30am on Wednesdays, I intend to celebrate **Holy Communion on Holy Days** which fall on a weekday, also at 10:30am. During the coming two months, we will celebrate St Thomas (Wednesday 3rd July), St Mary Magdalene (Monday 22nd July), and the Transfiguration (Tuesday 6th August). Wednesday services will continue to use the modern-language form of Communion, whilst those services on other weekdays will use the traditional-language liturgy (Form One BCP). Please make an effort to join with the worldwide Church on these days in

commemorating the people and events which have shaped our Christian heritage.

Please note that my regular day off will be **Saturday**. Quite unlike the common perception that clergy only work Sundays, we do in fact work six days a week and therefore it is vital that we have our own day-of-rest to spend quality time with our friends and family. I would appreciate it therefore if you only contacted me on Saturdays in the case of serious pastoral emergencies.

If you use Facebook, then please go to www.facebook.com/stpeterbelfast and “like” our new parish page. This will be updated weekly with information about our services and activities. Feel free to use the site as an online notice board. You may post any information or photos relating to events in the church or the local community which you think our parishioners would be interested in.

May I say in conclusion that I am deeply honoured to have become the **third rector of the United Parish** of St Peter & St James, making me the seventh rector of St Peter’s and the eleventh rector of St James! These sorts of numbers interest me as I love to learn about the past, and you will certainly find me intrigued by any personal stories that you might have concerning the history of this parish. As well as looking backward, however, this is also a time to start looking forward! My incumbency here marks a new beginning for all of us, affording us the opportunity to rededicate both our lives and this parish to the love and service of our Lord Jesus. Please avail of this fresh start, to make a new commitment of faith, and to become regular in your church attendance, in your personal devotions, in your giving, and in your obedience to the Lord’s commandments of love and forgiveness.

ST JAMES’ DAY CELEBRATIONS



Sunday 28th July at 11am



Patronal Eucharist

You and your family and friends are encouraged to attend this special service of Holy Communion to celebrate our second patronal saint—

James the Apostle

and to join us for shortbread, wine or a soft drink after

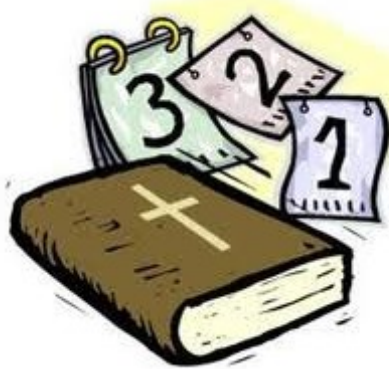
Church Services

Sunday 7th July	9.00am	Holy Communion 1
	11.00am	Parish Communion 2
Sunday 14th July	9.00am	Holy Communion 2
	11.00am	Service of the Word
Sunday 21st July	9.00am	Holy Communion 2
	11.00am	Parish Communion 2
Sunday 28th July	9.00am	Holy Communion 2
<i>St James' Day (transferred)</i>	11.00am	Parish Communion 2
Sunday 4th August	9.00am	Holy Communion 1
	11.00am	Parish Communion 2
Sunday 11th August	9.00am	Holy Communion 2
	11.00am	Service of the Word
Sunday 18th August	9.00am	Holy Communion 2
	11.00am	Parish Communion 2
Sunday 25th August	9.00am	Holy Communion 2
	11.00am	Morning Prayer

Holy Communion every Wednesday at 10.30am
and on Saints Days as below

Monday 22nd July	10.30am	Saint Mary Magdalene
Tuesday 6th August	10.30am	The Transfiguration of our Lord

There are no evening services during July and August



ROTA OF READERS

If you would like to be included on our reading rota for Sunday services at 11am please ring Anne (9077 7053) or email her at the following address: stpetersandstjames@ntlworld.com.

Readings are sent out well in advance of the service so there is plenty of time to get prepared!

Go on—you might enjoy it!

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Thank you to everyone who helped make the Institution Service such a great and happy occasion – cleaners, gardeners, caterers, greeters, readers, organist, choristers, collectors, car park attendants, flower arrangers, photographers, etc.

Hilary Shields in particular would like to thank all those who worked so hard in the kitchen on the night. Well done to all concerned!

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THURSDAY 4th JULY

2pm—4pm

5.15pm—8pm

**Cavehill Methodist
Church Hall
Cavehill Road**

SEND US YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS

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

CHRISTIAN AID 2013

This year we managed to raise £1073.10. This was achieved through (i) bread and cheese picnics, again provided by Anne and Ernie Stewart so many thanks to them once more (ii) some personal donations and (iii) door-to-door collections again carried out by a faithful band of collectors: Anne, Annette, Ernie, Harold, Hilary, Marie, Noel, Olive, Rosemary, Sandra, Thelma and Vivien—to whom a huge thank you once more.

Unfortunately we had to leave eight avenues un-collected due to lack of volunteers. The door-to-door raised a commendable £676.10—just think how much more this could have been if all our avenues had been covered, maybe next year ...

However, in the meantime many, many thanks to this year's volunteers.

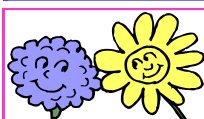
Jill Bradley

PARISH REGISTER

Holy Baptism

"Born again of water and the Holy Spirit ..."

Rory Robert John Martin, HydePark Manor
son of Darrell and Kathrine Martin
on 30th June 2013



FLOWER LIST



7TH JULY—THE HALL FAMILY IN MEMORY OF THEIR FATHER

21ST JULY—HARRIETTE SMITH

28TH JULY—THE NOBLETT FAMILY

11TH AUGUST—SANDRA HUTCHMAN IN MEMORY OF HER PARENTS

25TH AUGUST—ANNETTE BEATTIE

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

North Belfast Historical Society

The members of NBHS thank the select vestry for use of the Minor Hall for their meetings. The new season resumes in September and meetings are on the third Thursday of the month. Topics during the autumn will include the Life of Harry Ferguson and the History of the Opera House. Everyone welcome.

Holy Dusters

Cleaning Rota

1st July—6th July	Group 8
8th July—13th July	Group 1
15th July—20th July	Group 2
22nd July—27th July	Group 3
29th July—3rd August	Group 4
5th August—10th August	Group 5
12th August—17th August	Group 6
19th August—24th August	Group 7
26th August—31st August	Group 8

Our Church Family ...

Please let us know about any happy events or exciting news happening within our parish family—good news is always worth sharing!

FAMILY NEWS



A very happy birthday to
Mary Bentham who celebrates
her 90th birthday
on 3rd July
and hearty congratulations to
Rebecca Cromie and Lauren Hutton
who will be graduating
on the same day.



READINGS AND READERS FOR JULY/AUGUST

7th July	<i>The Sixth Sunday after Trinity</i> ----- Rosemary Johnston 2 Kings 5: 1-14 Luke 10: 1-11, 16-20
14th July	<i>The Seventh Sunday after Trinity</i> -----Florence Maguire Amos 7: 7-17 Luke 10: 25-37
21st July	<i>The Eighth Sunday after Trinity</i> ----- Sandra Davison Amos 8: 1-12 Luke 10: 38-42
28th July	<i>St James' Day (transferred from 25th)</i> -----Anne Roberts Acts 11: 27—12: 2 Matthew 20: 20-28
4th August	<i>The Tenth Sunday after Trinity</i> ----- Jill Bradley Hosea 11: 1-11 Luke 12: 13-21
11th August	<i>The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity</i> ----- Ruari McGowan Isaiah 1: 1, 10-20 Luke 12: 32-40
18th August	<i>The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity</i> ----- Noel Beattie Isaiah 5: 1-7 Luke 12: 49-56
25th August	<i>The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity</i> ----- Sandra Hutchman Jeremiah 1: 4-10 Luke 13: 10-17

If you are unable to read at the assigned service please switch with another person and inform Anne by telephone or email. Contact details on back page.

PASTORAL CARE

If you require any form of pastoral care, at home or in hospital, please contact the Rector (tel 9077 7053). If there is no reply please leave a message. However, if the matter is urgent please contact the Rector on his mobile phone (tel 07563 531082).

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

We hope you'll not end up in hospital, but if you do, please don't forget to let us know when you are discharged. Thank you.

*Please send material for the September issue of Parish Notes to:
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