

THE PARISH OF ST PETER AND ST JAMES
BELFAST



PARISH NOTES

NOVEMBER 2013



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**Remembrance Sunday
10th November**

RECTOR'S NOTES

FINANCE

David Nairn, our Honorary Treasurer, and David Cromie, a member of our Select Vestry who is also the Diocesan Accountant, have been pouring over our accounts in great detail in order to present a financial report to the Select Vestry. As soon as we are able, a simplified version of their findings will be communicated to parishioners. Our parish might *appear* to be doing well: we have a beautiful church, a welcoming congregation, and organisations aimed at people of various ages. The problem is that our expenditure is not matched by our regular income, meaning that as each month goes by, we come closer and closer to the day on which our money will simply run out. That day is very much closer than you might expect! However, with a bit of strategic planning, with increased generosity of existing parishioners, and by bringing new members into the church, we *will* be able to turn this situation around. It is not my intention to say anything more on this matter at this stage, as our Honorary Treasurer and the Select Vestry need to examine the issue in greater detail and formulate a plan of action. However, I would ask you to pray that God would give the Select Vestry wisdom and discernment so that we will be able to understand and implement his vision for this parish.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

If you regularly use the Halls then you will have noticed that the foyer and the Minor Hall have all been recently painted. In order to keep the walls in good condition, the Select Vestry has agreed to put up noticeboards. Some of these will be used for parish information, but there will be some space assigned for general or public notices. In any case, if you would like to put up a poster then please speak to myself, or my Secretary Anne Cromie, or one of the Glebe Wardens.

A small team of volunteers is currently painting the Clergy Vestry. This task was last done some twenty years ago so I very much appreciate it! In the last few months this room has been used as a meeting space for small groups of not more than six people. It is also the room in which I (or any visiting members of the clergy, including the Bishop) prepare for

services in St Peter's. It is only fitting then that this room be kept clean, tidy and well maintained in order to make sure that all who enter it see St Peter's in excellent condition. Those of you who have been in the Vestry over the years will know that there are many photos on the walls, primarily of clergy who have had some connection with St Peter's. It is my intention to continue to hang photos of any Rectors and Curates from the last 113 years. There is also a plan underway to scan and reproduce these photos in a common size so that these duplicates can be hung along the corridor connecting the Halls and the Church. I offer my sincere thanks to all who are involved in any way in all of this work.

During the past month, two dead trees in the church grounds were felled by Mr Michael Reid. Our thanks go to him for carrying out this necessary and arduous task and also to Noel Beattie, Brian Callaghan, Peter Cooley and Philip Williamson who assisted.

DIOCESAN SYNOD

Our parish is just one of many which makes up the Diocese of Connor, which covers approximately the same geographical area as County Antrim. Each year, every parish in the diocese sends both clergy and lay representatives to a meeting chaired by the Bishop, at which the business of the diocese is discussed. This meeting is called the Diocesan Synod, and this year it met on Thursday 3rd October in the Parish Halls at St Patrick's, Ballymoney. The guest speaker this year was the Rev'd Canon Phil Potter, who is the Director of Pioneering Ministry in Liverpool Diocese. Canon Potter spoke to the assembled representatives of the need for our congregations to get out of the church buildings and into the local community. He talked about various "fresh expressions of church", which challenge us to reconsider what the purpose of the church is, and how best we can fulfil that purpose. Over the coming years we will be developing our own parish vision strategy. There will be much more said about this in future issues of Parish Notes.

Finance Committee Monday 4th November at 19:30 in the Clergy Vestry

Select Vestry Monday 11th November at 19:30 in the Rectory

Fabric Committee Wednesday 20th November at 11:30 in the Clergy Vestry

CHURCH SERVICES

Any services marked with an asterisk () are traditional services derived from the Book of Common Prayer (1662). All other services are in modern language.*

SUNDAY 3rd November

9am Holy Communion*
11am Holy Communion
6.30pm Service of the Word

All Saints' Sunday

Ephesians 1: 11-23 Luke 6: 20-31
Daniel 7: 1-18 Luke 6: 20-31
Isaiah 40: 27-31 Hebrews 11: 32 – 12: 2

At our morning services we will hear Jesus' blessings upon all who live a godly life. We will reflect upon what it means to be "a saint".

Our evening service will focus on remembering our loved ones who have died, with prayers offered for the bereaved.

WEDNESDAY 6th November

10.30am Holy Communion

Mid-Week Service

Romans 13: 8–10 Luke 14: 25-33

SUNDAY 10th November

9am Holy Communion
11am Service of the Word

Remembrance Sunday

2 Thess 2: 1-17 Luke 20: 27-38
Revelation 12: 1-11 John 15: 5-17

Our main morning service at 11am will be a formal Act of Remembrance, structured according to guidelines issued by the Royal British Legion. This service will include wreath laying and a two minute silence.

Would parents please note that there will be Sunday School for any children present.

WEDNESDAY 13th November

10.30am Holy Communion

Mid-Week Service

Titus 3: 1–7 Luke 17: 11-19

SUNDAY 17th November

9am Holy Communion
11am Holy Communion
6.30pm Evening Prayer*

2nd Sunday before Advent

2 Thess 3: 6–13 Luke 21: 5–19
Isaiah 65: 17–25 Luke 21: 5–19
Daniel 6 Matthew 13: 1-23

At our morning services we will consider how arduous it can be to live a Christian life, and how important it is to work hard in our efforts to live according to Jesus' commandments.

WEDNESDAY 20th November

10.30am Holy Communion

Mid-Week Service

Revelation 4: 1–11 Luke 19: 11-28

SUNDAY 24th November

9am Holy Communion
11am Morning Prayer

The Kingship of Christ

Colossians 1: 11–20 Luke 23: 33–43
Jeremiah 23: 1–6 Luke 23: 33–43

We will hear about Jesus being crucified with the words “The King of the Jews” written above his head. We will consider what it means for Jesus to be enthroned on the Cross, and what his kingship indicates about the nature of God.

WEDNESDAY 27th November**Mid-Week Service**

10.30am Holy Communion Daniel 2: 5–28 Luke 21: 10–19

The souls of the righteous are in the hands of God
Service of Remembrance of the Faithful Departed

Sunday 3rd November at 6.30pm

At this service, we will give thanks to God for all those known to us who have left this mortal life. It is hoped that all who attend will find comfort in the Christian hope and the remembrance of their loved ones.



REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

10TH NOVEMBER AT 11AM

ACT OF REMEMBRANCE



Light refreshments after the service provided by the Ladies' Guild

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.

3 rd November	Sandra Hutchman	Daniel 7: 1 - 18
10 th November	Brian Tweedie	Revelation 12: 1-11 and John 15: 5-17
17 th November	Moya Bell	Isaiah 65: 17 - 25
24 th November	Jim Wilson	Jeremiah 23: 1 – 6 and Luke 23: 33 - 43

CMS IRELAND

CMS Ireland is a Christian Mission Agency, which works in partnership with the Church to share the Gospel throughout the world — in word and deed. As part of the global CMS family they have been working to see our world transformed by the message and love of Christ for over 200 years. They currently work in 14 countries across Africa, Asia and Europe. Through a network of Global Partners, Mission Partners, volunteers and churches they seek to build links that support and nurture the Church as it plays its part in God's mission. This means that the sending and receiving of people, the sharing of resources, a commitment to prayer and encouraging opportunities for discipleship form the core of what they do. They believe that God's mission is the task of the church and try to find ways of resourcing local Christians as they live out the transformational message of Christ. It is their hope and prayer that you would consider engaging in God's mission with them.

CMS Ireland is committed to seeing the world transformed by the love of Christ.

They believe that they are called to:

- ◆ help God's people rediscover mission at the heart of Church life
- ◆ provide opportunities for mission-focused discipleship
- ◆ release people into God's-mission—globally and locally
- ◆ encourage and resource local Christians in living out the Good News of Jesus
- ◆ support their partners as they make practical responses to the needs of the communities in which they live
- ◆ pioneer new opportunities for mission

CMS Ireland is committed to the Church in both its traditional and less structured expressions — and they remain committed to their existing partners. However they recognise that to be true to our mission calling they also need to find new ways of responding to the unique cultural and spiritual circumstances that we find ourselves in today.

They do this:

- by establishing meaningful links between churches in Ireland and partners around the world
- by supporting the local church as it engages in cross-cultural mission initiatives
- by helping resource the worldwide church in mission
- by providing opportunities for people to engage in mission throughout the world

Cheques should be made payable to CMS Ireland and sent to 33 Dargan Road, Belfast, BT1 5 5FP. To donate on line, please visit www.cmsireland.org/getinvolved/donate.

Peter Gray

the new **Pink**
Jazz
EVENING

Saturday 2nd November

We will begin at 7pm with a drinks reception in the minor hall where you will receive your FREE glass of wine. At 7.30pm we will move to the main hall where a guest question master will host a fun family table quiz with lots of prizes for those with wrong answers as well as those with correct answers! At 8pm dinner will be served and this year the main course is being provided by Prestige Catering a well-known local business. Dessert and coffee will be followed by a ballot, auction and the presentation of the quiz prizes and then the remainder of the evening is for chatting, jazz and—for those with good hips—dancing!



Proceeds to Parish Funds and Action Cancer

Adult £15 (Please speak to a committee member regarding family tickets)

PhysioPilates

PhysioPilates is now welcoming gentlemen to the classes on Wednesdays 6.30-7.45pm and on Fridays 10.30-11.45am. The classes are fun (no leaping about) and the exercises are graded to accommodate everyone's ability. Be brave gents—the ladies won't bite: but please wear a track suit, rather than a leotard! Please phone Sandra on 90314150 if you have any queries.

November Diary

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 All Saints' Sunday 9am Holy Communion 11am Holy Communion 6.30pm Service of the Faithful Departed	4 7.30pm Finance Committee 8pm Badminton	5 7.15pm Indoor Bowls	6 10.30am Holy Communion and light lunch 2pm Bridge 6.30pm PhysioPilates	7 10am Little Cherubs 11am Ladies' Badminton 6pm Rainbows 6.45pm Brownies 8pm Guides	8 10.30am PhysioPilates	2 7pm Pink Jazz
10 Remembrance Sunday 9am Holy Communion 11am Service with Act of Remembrance (tea/coffee)	11 7.30pm Select Vestry 8pm Badminton	12 2.30pm Ladies' Guild 7.15pm Indoor Bowls	13 10.30am Holy Communion and light lunch 2pm Bridge 6.30pm PhysioPilates	14 10am Little Cherubs 11am Ladies' Badminton 6pm Rainbows 6.45pm Brownies 8pm Guides	15 10.30am PhysioPilates	16

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24 9am Holy Communion 11am Morning Prayer	25 8pm Badminton	26 7.15pm Indoor Bowls	27 10.30am Holy Communion and light lunch 2pm Bridge 6.30pm PhysioPilates	28 10am Little Cherubs 11am Ladies' Badminton 6pm Rainbows 6.45pm Brownies 8pm Guides	29 10.30am PhysioPilates 7pm Sale preparation	30 10.30am Parish Sale and Coffee Morning

LADIES' GUILD

On Sunday 10th November coffee will be provided by the Ladies' Guild.

On Tuesday 12th November the hall will be open from 2.00pm. This is to allow us to set up the 'bring and buy sale' to raise some money towards our funds. This would be the perfect opportunity for you to have a pre-Christmas clear out.

After you have had your lunch of fruit salad, or rhubarb and custard but still have the munchies why don't you come to the Ladies' Guild at 2.30pm? We will make sure the plate of biscuits is pastille you so that you can chews your favourite. I hope that this gave you a little ripple of laughter or a snicker or two. I will leave it up to you to guess the topic for the afternoon (the smarties among you will already have worked this out) but I promise you I will have one or two twix up my sleeve.

You don't need to bring anything except your sweet tooth (or should it be teeth?).

It would be très bon-bon to see you there. I will revel in your company.

Looking forward to seeing your cherry lips.

Anne (calorific) Stewart (tel 9084 2374)



PLEASE HELP TO MAKE OUR Annual Sale and Coffee Morning A SUCCESS

Saturday 30th November 10.30am—12noon

All parishioners and friends are invited to support this, our main fund-raiser for the parish. You can do so by:



- ◆ supporting the various stalls by giving articles;
- ◆ attending the sale and making purchases;
- ◆ offering to become a stall holder;
- ◆ subscription to the Parish.

Help will be needed on Friday 29th November from 7pm to set up stalls and if you have items to bring, this is the best time to do it. All help will be much appreciated. However, items may be brought to church any Sunday between now and then and in fact we would encourage you to bring items for the Tombola as soon as possible. Thank you.

THANK YOU

Last month, Peter Coiley and Philip Williamson “volunteered” to help clear away the branches and debris left behind after the felling of trees in the church grounds. Peter, with his chainsaw, made the stacking of branches etc into the trailer much easier for Philip and myself. We removed 5 loads off to the civic amenity centre.

Thank you to Peter and Philip for giving up their Saturday afternoon to carry out this work. Won’t Noel—currently ‘Down Under’—be ever so pleased!! *Brian Callaghan*



The late
Mr John Baker
(centre) at work
on the stone
carving in our
sanctuary c 1899.

JOHN BAKER
Architectural Carver
66 RITHERDON ROAD
UPPER TOOTING, S.W.
LONDON

Parish Calendar 2014

We are still taking orders for our unique and limited edition 2014 calendar. An almost complete draft of the calendar is available for you to view at the back of the church. Please place your orders as soon as possible. The calendar will make a great Christmas gift at only £8. All profits from the calendar will be used for the work of the parish. The final date for ordering your parish calendar is Sunday 17th November. Calendars will be available from 25th November.



PARISH REGISTER

Holy Baptism

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

Myla Kate Henderson, Wesleydale, Ballyrobert
daughter of Gareth and Eleanor Henderson
on 27th October 2013

Our Church Family ...

Please let us know about any happy events or exciting news happening within our church family.

Good news is always worth sharing!

CHURCH OF IRELAND CENSUS

The Church of Ireland is undertaking a census of all those who attend services on three Sundays in November.

This Census is to be completed anonymously by every member of the congregation at services on 3rd, 17th and 24th November (not on Remembrance Sunday).

The information gained will be computerised for future research and comparison.

See elsewhere in these
Notes how you can support
this fund raising event.

Annual Parish
Sale
and Coffee Morning

SATURDAY 30TH NOVEMBER

10.30am—12 noon in the church hall



*in aid of
church funds*

**Please come along
and bring your
friends and
family too**

- Ballot
- Tombola
- Books
- Traidcraft
- Cakes
- Wine
- Bric-a-brac
(please, no clothes
or electrical goods)



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 21st November
7.45pm in the Minor Hall

Speaker: George Templeton
Topic: The Life and Times of
Harry Ferguson
Everyone welcome

Holy Dusters Cleaning Rota

28th October—2nd November	Group 1
4th November—9th November	Group 2
11th November—16th November	Group 3
18th November—23rd November	Group 4
25th November—30th November	Group 5

NOVEMBER FLOWER LIST

- 10TH VALERIE GUEST IN MEMORY OF HER HUSBAND
JAMES
17TH HEATHER & TONY SWAN IN MEMORY OF TONY'S
PARENTS
24TH THE BELL FAMILY

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



TRAIDCRAFT
Fighting poverty through trade

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

COFFEE IN CHURCH

Thank you to members of the Ladies' Guild who will provide refreshments after the 11am service on 10th November.



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.

*Please send material for the December/January issue of Parish Notes to:
Anne Cromie, Parish Office, 17 Waterloo Park South, Belfast BT15 5HX
or email: stpeters@connor.anglican.org
by Wednesday 20th November. Thank you.*