

THE PARISH OF ST PETER AND ST JAMES
BELFAST

PARISH NOTES

NOVEMBER 2014

Rector: The Rev'd Brian Lacey
St Peter's Rectory, 17 Waterloo Park South, Belfast, BT15 5HX

Remembrance Sunday

9th November

11am

GOD . LOVING . PEOPLE

RECTOR'S NOTES

PASTORAL CARE IN HOSPITALS

Each month these Parish Notes always contain a little message asking parishioners to contact me if they or a loved one is ill at home or in hospital. I pray that you will not need to do this, but if you do, please make sure to contact me directly on:

90 777 053 (landline) or 07563 531 082 (mobile)

If you simply want to keep me up-to-date with a loved one's progress and would prefer to email me, then the appropriate address is:

stpeters@connor.anglican.org

Please be aware that parochial clergy no longer have access to hospital lists! This means that unless you tell me, I will not know that you have been admitted! If you inform a nurse that you are Church of Ireland, they should contact a Hospital Chaplain, and they in turn should come to visit you, and then send me an email to let me know. However, I know from experience that sometimes patients are not asked about their church affiliation, and even if they have been, sometimes the information is wrongly recorded, or even not recorded at all. In addition, Hospital Chaplains do not do ward rounds every day, meaning that you might not encounter them if you are only in for a short stay. Even if you do speak with a Chaplain, mistakes can happen. Recently I was asked to go up to Antrim Hospital to visit a very poorly gentleman, but who—as it turned out—happens to belong to St James' (Roman Catholic) parish in Whiteabbey! So please don't rely on information getting through to me unless you have told me yourself. Speaking to me directly is always the best way!

ST JAMES' BANNER

At the beginning of this year, Ms Margaret Macbeth presented me with a banner that she had found in her garage, which was amongst some bits and bobs that had come from St James' bell tower when it was being cleared out several years ago. Her understanding was that this banner was one of seven which had once been displayed in St James, awarded as prizes by the Diocesan Board of Religious Education. She believed that the parish which came top of the Sunday School examinations could keep a banner for a year, but if the same parish won the banner three years in a row, then it was allowed to keep it for ever. As St James' is purported to have had seven banners, this would suggest that they won the examination at least twenty-one times! Whatever the truth about how the banner came to be in St James', we do know that it was on display in the church, as two such banners are seen in a drawing of the chancel in 1934. That picture is now on display in the corridor between our church and halls. When the chancel and nave of St James' were destroyed during the Belfast Blitz in 1941, many of the banners would have been extensively damaged. However, at least one survived, and whether it was done at the time or years later, that surviving banner was placed in the bell tower for safekeeping. When Margaret Macbeth gave me the banner, I gave it to Ms Daphne McClements (Rector's Church Warden) and very skilfully she has sought to repair and preserve it. Mr Tony Swan then hooked it onto the wall in the North Aisle of St Peter's, and young Daniel George unveiled it for us on Children's Day in October. The banner is a lovely reminder of the history of our parish, particularly from the perspective of St James' church, and the role of children within it. It is of course so sad that Margaret

passed away just a few months ago, before she was able to see the banner in place.

SERVICES IN NOVEMBER

The evenings are getting darker, the weather is getting wetter and windier and colder, and there is that gently nagging sensation at the back of our minds that Christmas is just around the corner. It could only be November! This month marks the end of our liturgical year and the beginning of a new one on the First Sunday of Advent, 30th November. If you regularly read the Bible in church, please take note that from that date we will begin to use **Year B** readings from the Lectionary (which is printed on page 27 and onwards in your Book of Common Prayer). With our Bereavement Service and Remembrance Sunday Service, and with the preparation for the seasons of Advent and Christmas, the month of November provides us with the chance to reflect on the past as well as looking to the future.

- Our **Bereavement Service** will be held at 6:30pm on 2nd November, at which we will commemorate our loved ones who have died. This service will be an amended form of Choral Evensong, at which all in attendance will be offered the opportunity of lighting a candle in memory of their loved ones. The names of those who have been buried through the parish in the past twelve months will be read out.
- Our **Remembrance Sunday Service** will be held at 11am on 9th November, at which we will commemorate those who have died in the World Wars and all subsequent conflicts, as well as praying for peace on earth between all people and nations. As is customary there will be a procession with flags, the laying of wreaths, and a two minute silence. The silence will take place during the service rather than at the beginning, but—as always—it would be appropriate for members of the congregation to observe quietness for

reflection at around 11am before the service begins.

- Please note that there will be **no evening service** on 16th November. Instead there will be one on 30th November.
- At 6:30pm on 30th November will be our **Advent Carol Service**. There will be congregation carols, and pieces sung by our Choir, linked by appropriate readings from the Bible.

CLUB CLOSURES

During the last month both the Indoor Bowling Club and the Ladies Badminton Club have decided to close. The membership of both organisations had declined steadily in recent years, and with much regret, the remaining members decided that it would be too difficult on a practical level to continue. This is particularly sad for the Bowling Club, which was formed 54 years ago, and whose members have played an active role in St Peter's for over half a century. The Hooton Mitchell Cup has been presented to Mr Harold Mitchell, the son of one of the founding members after whom the cup was named. A second award, the Tom Johnston Cup, has been given to the Select Vestry for use by another organisation. May I pay tribute to the leaders and members of both clubs who strove so hard to sustain their organisations.

THEOLOGY GROUP

The Theology Group is open to any parishioner who wants to have a bit of an informal chat about anything and everything to do with Christianity. Last month we discussed angels, by examining where they are mentioned in Bible, and what we can learn about them. This month, following on from Hallowe'en, we will be discussing the devil, demons, and the powers of darkness! I'll try not to make it too scary though! We'll meet at 7.30pm on 6th November in the Minor Hall.

CHURCH SERVICES

SUNDAY 2nd NOVEMBER

9am Holy Communion
11am Holy Communion
6.30pm Bereavement Service

All Saints

Traditional Matthew 5: 1—12
Modern Matthew 5: 1—12
Traditional John 14: 1—9b

Jesus said, "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God."

WEDNESDAY 5th NOVEMBER

10.30am Holy Communion

Mid-Week Service

Modern Luke 14: 25—33

Jesus said, "Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple."

SUNDAY 9th NOVEMBER

9am Holy Communion
11am Remembrance Service

Remembrance Sunday

Modern Matthew 25: 1—13
Modern Matthew 5: 43—48

Jesus said, "Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven."

WEDNESDAY 12th NOVEMBER

10.30am Holy Communion

Mid-Week Service

Modern Luke 17: 11—19

Jesus said, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

SUNDAY 16th NOVEMBER

9am Holy Communion
11am Holy Communion

The Second Sunday before Advent

Modern Matthew 25: 14—30
Modern Matthew 25: 14—30

Jesus said, "To all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away."

WEDNESDAY 19th NOVEMBER

10.30am Holy Communion

Mid-Week Service

Modern Luke 19: 11—28

Jesus said, "To all those who have, more will be given; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away."

SUNDAY 23rd NOVEMBER

9am Holy Communion

The Kingship of Christ

Modern Matthew 25: 31—46

11am Morning Prayer

Modern Matthew 25: 31—46

Jesus said, "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world."

WEDNESDAY 26th NOVEMBER

10.30am Holy Communion

Mid-Week Service

Modern Luke 21: 10—19

Jesus said, "You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name."

SUNDAY 30th NOVEMBER

9am Holy Communion

The First Sunday of Advent

Modern Mark 13: 24—37

11am Holy Communion

Modern Mark 13: 24—37

6.30pm Advent Carol Service

Modern

Jesus said, "Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away."

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
2nd November	Colin Bell	Ashlee McCune	The Rector
9th November	Peter Coiley	Forde Patterson	The Rector
16th November	Eleanor Henderson	Anne Roberts	The Rector
23rd November	Florence Maguire	Tom Campbell	The Rector
30th November	Daphne McClements	Dora Hanna	The Rector

LOOKING AHEAD TO DECEMBER...

MONDAY 1st 7.30pm Holy Communion	St Andrew
WEDNESDAY 3rd 10.30am Holy Communion	Mid-Week Service
SUNDAY 7th 9am Holy Communion	The Second Sunday of Advent 11am Holy Communion 6.30pm Choral Evensong
WEDNESDAY 10th 10.30am Holy Communion	Mid-Week Service
SUNDAY 14th 9am Holy Communion	The Third Sunday of Advent 11am Morning Prayer
WEDNESDAY 17th 10.30am Holy Communion	Mid-Week Service 11am Holy Communion
SUNDAY 21st 9am Holy Communion	The Fourth Sunday of Advent 10.30am Morning Prayer 7.30pm Nine Lessons & Carols
WEDNESDAY 24th 3pm Children's Service	Christmas Eve 11pm Holy Communion
THURSDAY 25th 10.30am	Christmas Day Holy Communion
SUNDAY 28th 9am Holy Communion	The Holy Innocents 11am Holy Communion

St Peter's Social Committee invites you to

HARVEST MOON

Saturday 8th November 2014

7-11pm

Tickets £12 include meal and glass of wine
(no charge for children under 11years)

Music from 7.30pm

Ballot

Prizes for best cowboy and cowgirl!!

Annual Sale and Coffee Morning

Saturday 29th 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 the evening of Friday 28th November 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. Items may also be left in the Parish Office.

AFTER CHURCH REFRESHMENT

Thank you to members of the Ladies' Guild who will provide light refreshments after the 11am service on Remembrance Sunday.



CHARITY ACTION GROUP

On Sunday 12th October, the Charities Action group announced to the congregation that it had sent £2,250 to our link charity Child Aid for the following purposes:

- £750 to help the most needy families on Chita, Russia.
- £750 to help build the second phase of the House of Light in Mukachevo, Ukraine, a project designed to help young people coming out of state care homes, which helps them acquire skills needed to get jobs and avoid many of the pitfalls which do so much damage to many such persons.
- £750 towards the EUREKA Appeal which is trying to get emergency supplies for children into areas which have been severely damaged in the recent violence in Eastern Ukraine. Many of these areas are still under “rebel” control where often larger agencies cannot get access to help.

In many ways this was a most interesting choice, as our help has gone to the poorest on both sides of the conflict and to those caught in the middle. All of the group members wish to record their thanks to the Select Vestry and the congregation for their support in raising this money.

The group has now been asked to consider how the parish might evolve its strategy to help the poor and needy, not least those closer to home ... more anon.

Sandra, Peter, Wes, David

PARISH REGISTER

Christian Burial

"At rest in the Lord."

Louie Jamison—16.8.21–28.9.14

Louie Jamison hailed from Ballymena, but through marriage ended up living in north Belfast, where she attended St James' church. For many years she cared for the elderly in her own private nursing home. She is remembered as a very compassionate and kindly woman, who would always help in whatever way she could, even in the most untimely and difficult of situations. As she became increasingly frail herself, she moved into Adelaide House on the Lisburn Road in south Belfast. Although she had become bedbound, she was very mentally astute, and spent a lot of time reading newspapers and magazines. She was visited several times by the Rector, most recently just the week before she died; she had been feeling a little poorly, but was otherwise in good spirits. Her funeral service was held in Melville & Co Funeral Home on the Ballysillan Road, followed by interment with her husband at their plot in Ballymena Cemetery. We remember her son Uel, and his family, in our prayers.

CAN WE USE YOUR TALENT?

We all have talent, some evident, others hidden—would you use yours to help fundraise for the parish? Can you have a dinner party, tea party, bridge party or garden party (subject to weather!)?

Maybe you can sew, mend, make fancy cushions or quilts, bake celebration cakes, arrange flowers for special occasions, garden, paint or be a handyman/woman? Just whatever you can think of. All monies collected for use of your talent would go to church funds.

We could have a talent table on the second Sunday of the month to display our talents and to take bookings during coffee time.

Think about it and let me know. Not only will you be helping raise money for church funds but also building relationships within our church family. *Daphne McClements*



KEYS

We are currently carrying out a stock take of keys for both the church and the halls. If you have any keys for our parish premises please call into the Parish Office to make sure that our records coincide with reality! You will be asked to sign a form listing the keys you hold and giving an undertaking not to make unauthorised copies of keys.

It may be the case that you are in possession of copied keys or perhaps have mislaid keys issued in the past: it is important that we have a record of these so it will be a sort of key amnesty and nothing to worry about. This is not an exercise to take away keys that you use, we just need to know who's got what! Thank you for your anticipated cooperation.

LADIES' GUILD

On **9th November** coffee will be provided by the Ladies' Guild.

On **11th November** at 2.30pm our topic will be '**My War**'. As this year we remember that it is now 70 years since the D Day landing, and 100 years since the beginning of WWI, I would like the ladies to bring with them a few of their own wartime memories. I look forward to seeing some photographs as we walk down memory lane. I would love to hear what you can remember about wartime food, entertainment, school and the many other areas of your life affected by war. If, like me, you weren't old enough to remember the war you can instead tell some of the stories passed down by your family. Your Ladies' Guild needs you ...

A little advance notice...

On **9th December** at 2.30pm we will be joined by Barbara Long from **Blonging Creations**. Barbara is a local designer who specializes in one of a kind jewellery pieces for the discerning woman. She tells me that she will give us a little talk on her work and we will then have a chance to buy some of her lovely jewellery and scarves. She will also have some items that are suitable for children. Bring your pennies with you and you never know you might just be able to find the gift that you have been looking for. You may even like to treat yourself! If you keep your noses very clean we might have some Christmas goodies for afters!

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.

Looking forward to seeing you.

Anne Stewart, Hon Sec (tel 9096 6597)

PARISH CALENDAR CAPTION COMPETITION

The theme for **November** is—'a bible verse which reflects the theme of this window'.

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!!



TRAIDCRAFT
Fighting poverty through trade

Sunday 9th November
during coffee time after
the 11am service

November Diary

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 All Saints 9am Holy Communion 11am Holy Communion & Sunday School 6.30pm Bereavement Service	3 8pm Badminton	4	5 10.30am Holy Communion and refreshments 2pm Bridge 6.30pm PhysioPilates 7.30pm Choir	6 10am Little Cherubs 6pm Rainbows 7pm Brownies 7.30pm Theology Group 8pm Guides	7 10.30am PhysioPilates 4.30pm Speech and Drama	8 7pm Harvest Moon
9 Remembrance Sunday 9am Holy Communion 11am Remembrance Service & Sunday School (tea/coffee)	10 7.30pm Select Vestry 8pm Badminton	11 2.30pm Ladies' Guild	12 10.30am Holy Communion and refreshments 2pm Bridge 6.30pm PhysioPilates 7.30pm Choir	13 10am Little Cherubs 6pm Rainbows 7pm Brownies 7.30pm Bible Study 8pm Guides	14 10.30am PhysioPilates 4.30pm Speech and Drama	15

16 9am Holy Communion 11am Holy Communion & Sunday School	17 8pm Badminton	18	19 10.30am Holy Communion and refreshments 11.30am Fabric Committee 2pm Bridge 6.30pm PhysioPilates 7.30pm Choir	20 10am Little Cherubs 6pm Rainbows 7pm Brownies 7.45pm Historical Society 8pm Guides	21 10.30am PhysioPilates 4.30pm Speech and Drama	22
23 9am Holy Communion 11am Morning Prayer & Sunday School	24 <i>Deadline for material to be with Anne for December/January Parish Notes</i> 8pm Badminton	25	26 10.30am Holy Communion and refreshments 2pm Bridge 6.30pm PhysioPilates 7.30pm Choir	27 10am Little Cherubs 6pm Rainbows 7pm Brownies 7.30pm Bible Study 8pm Guides	28 10.30am PhysioPilates 4.30pm Speech and Drama 7.30pm Sale set-up	29 10.30am Parish Sale and Coffee Morning
30 9am Holy Communion 11am Holy Communion & Sunday School 6.30pm Advent Carol Service						

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)

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

7.30pm Theology Group (1st Thurs in month)

7.45pm Historical Society (3rd Thurs in month)

8pm–9.30pm: Guides

Friday

10.30am–11.45am: PhysioPilates

4.30pm–7.30pm Speech and Drama

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

PLEASE HELP ...

Cleaning Group 5 is still vacant. If you (or you and a friend) would like to fill it then please get in touch with either the Parish Office (tel 90 776 706) or Noel Beattie (tel 90 778 428)—it only takes a commitment of about 1-2 hours every 8 weeks. Please?

THE NEXT MEETING OF
THE SELECT VESTRY
WILL BE ON MONDAY 10TH NOVEMBER
AT 7.30PM IN THE MINOR HALL

Holy Dusters Cleaning Rota

27th October—1st November	Group 8
3rd November—8th November	Group 1
10th November—15th November	Group 2
17th November—22nd November	Group 3
24th November—29th November	Group 4

NOVEMBER FLOWER LIST



2ND BARBARA GREENLEES
9TH VALERIE GUEST IN MEMORY OF HER HUSBAND JAMES
16TH HEATHER AND TONY SWAN IN MEMORY OF TONY'S PARENTS
23RD THE BELL FAMILY
30TH JOAN WALKER

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 20th November
7.45pm, Minor Hall

Speaker:

Paul Clements

Topic:

Richard Hayward:
his music and writing
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 December/January 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 24th November. Thank you.*