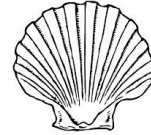


THE PARISH OF ST PETER AND ST JAMES
BELFAST



PARISH NOTES

OCTOBER 2013



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GOD . LOVING . PEOPLE

Harvest Thanksgiving



Sunday 13th October at 11am

St Peter's Rectory
Autumn 2013

My dear friends,

We're getting to that part of the year when we are invited to give thanks: celebrating what we have (Harvest), and remembering with gratitude what we have lost (Remembrance Sunday and All Saints').

But we ought to give thanks to God every day because everything that is good in our lives comes ultimately from him: He has breathed life into our bodies. He is the source of the love which binds our relationships together. He gives us the strength to endure all things if we rely upon him. Truly, everything that is good comes from him.

We all know how nice it is to be thanked for what we do. How much more then should we thank our loving God for all that he has done for us! Our Lord Jesus remembered to thank our heavenly Father when praying, so let's follow his lead, and incorporate saying "Thank you, Lord God" into our daily routine.

So please remember to thank God for every blessing you receive: If you get a new job, if you do well at work, if you are successful at sport, if you make a new friend, if you hear from an old friend, if you find peace of mind in a difficult situation – whatever it might be, no matter how big or small, remember to thank our loving God for all the blessings he has given you. On a personal level, I am immensely thankful to God for all the support and encouragement that you have given me since coming to the parish!

Your brother in Christ, Brian

RECTOR'S NOTES

FAMILY SERVICE

I was very pleased to see so many families come to church for our Service of the Word on the second Sunday in September. Many of the children are quite young, which means that unfortunately they might not quite understand what is going on, but on a positive note it also means that if we successfully involve them then they will be regular members of our parish for many years throughout their childhood and beyond. Over time as they come forward week by week to the front of the church for their little talk or prayer, hopefully they will get to know me better and so can engage with the theme of the day. From my experience in other churches, children can often pick up and express the finer points of Christian theology much quicker than the adults! Our next Service of the Word is our Harvest Celebration on the 13th October.

I am fully committed to working with parents to ensure that the children feel safe and loved in St Peter's. Don't worry though: I am still very aware of the spiritual needs of our older parishioners too, and I hope that everyone will support our endeavours to make St Peter's a vibrant place full of people of all ages! I would really appreciate it if you could pray for growth in our congregation, and particularly for God's blessing upon our young families and also for me personally as I try to help the children understand and embrace the Christian faith.

DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS

Over the coming months I will be rolling out a programme of discipleship courses. These will include straightforward Bible studies, some teaching on Christian beliefs and practices, and some guidance concerning how to pray alone and with other people. Each meeting will last only about an hour and will be fairly relaxed and informal. I love it when parishioners have plenty of opinions to share and questions to ask, so don't be backward about coming along and having a bit of banter whilst we grow together as Christian disciples! Further information will be given out at church when more concrete plans are made.

MIDWEEK COMMUNION

Our celebration of Holy Communion at 10:30 on Wednesday mornings continues to be well supported by over a dozen people each week. We have begun serving tea, biscuits and sandwiches afterwards around a table in the south aisle. The simple goal of this is to provide an opportunity for parishioners to get to know each other a little bit better. It also means that we can show hospitality to visitors who come along. If you are aware of any of your friends, family or neighbours who are not busy on Wednesday mornings and who might appreciate some spiritual and physical nourishment, then please tell them about our service! You'll find invitations printed on yellow cards at the back of the church: please take one and encourage a friend to come along! Everyone is welcome in our church!

BUILDINGS

I want to express my sincere gratitude to Jim Wilson for his hard work constructing, varnishing and installing the two displays of kneelers in the church. Assisted by Noel Beattie, Jim has done a tremendous job, and the displays fit perfectly with the style of our church, and add a bit of warmth and colour.

Our two Glebewardens, Ernie Stewart and Victor Davis, have been hard at work overseeing repair work in the church and halls following an inspection carried out during the summer. Both of these gentlemen are tireless in their efforts, and I am extremely thankful to them for their dedication. Much of their work, which they do entirely voluntarily, probably goes unnoticed by most parishioners, but I assure you that without them we would not have such beautiful and well-maintained premises. One thing that you will definitely have noticed was the scaffolding up at the main doors, as the west windows were repaired and covered by perspex for protection against future vandalism. Less obvious will be the electrical tests and stonework repairs. Please pray for both Ernie and Victor that they would continue to be blessed in the work that they do on behalf of all of us.

Select Vestry	Monday 14 th October at 7:30pm in the Minor Hall
Fabric Committee	Wednesday 23 rd October at 11:30am in the Clergy Vestry
Finance Committee	Monday 7 th October at 7:30pm 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.*

WEDNESDAY 2nd October

Mid-Week Service

10:30am Holy Communion

Nehemiah 2: 1-8

Luke 9: 57-62

SUNDAY 6th October

19th Sunday after Trinity

9am Holy Communion*

2 Timothy 1: 1-14

Luke 17: 5-10

11am Holy Communion

Habakkuk 1: 1-4; 2: 1-4

Luke 17: 5-10

6:30pm Choral Evensong*

Nehemiah 5: 1-13

John 9

In our morning services we will hear Jesus' response to his disciples' request that he increase their faith. We will then reflect upon whether we do good in the hope of reward, or if we do good simply for the sake of doing good.

WEDNESDAY 9th October

Mid-Week Service

10:30am Holy Communion

Jonah 4: 1-11

Luke 11: 1-4

FRIDAY 11th October

Feast Day of St Philip the Deacon

10:30am Holy Communion*

Acts 8: 26-40

Matthew 13: 47-52

SUNDAY 13th October

Harvest Thanksgiving

9am Holy Communion

2 Timothy 2: 8-15

Luke 17: 11-19

11am Service of the Word

Joel 2: 21-27

Luke 17: 11-19

Remembering the context of celebrating the Harvest, we will hear Jesus' sadness and anger that people he had healed had not praised God. We will consider whether or not we thank God enough for the blessings he has given us.

Parents please note that children will stay in the church throughout this service.

WEDNESDAY 16th October

Mid-Week Service

10:30am Holy Communion

Romans 2: 1-11

Luke 11: 42-46

FRIDAY 18th October

Feast Day of St Luke the Physician

10:30am Holy Communion*

2 Timothy 4: 5-17

Luke 10: 1-7a

SUNDAY 20th October

9am Holy Communion
 11am Holy Communion
 6:30pm Choral Evensong*

21st Sunday after Trinity

2 Timothy 3: 14 – 4: 5
 Genesis 32: 22-31
 Nehemiah 8: 9–18

Luke 18: 1-8
 Luke 18: 1-8
 John 16: 1-11

In our morning services we will hear Jesus assuring people that God will grant justice to all who cry out to him. We will then ponder how much we trust that God is helping us throughout our lives.

WEDNESDAY 23rd October

10:30am Holy Communion

Feast of St James the Brother of our Lord

Acts 15: 12–22a
 Matthew 13: 54-58

SUNDAY 27th October

9 am Holy Communion
 11 am Holy Baptism

5th Sunday before Advent

2 Timothy 4: 6–18
 Jeremiah 14: 7-10, 19–22

Luke 18: 9-14
 Luke 18: 9–14

We will hear Jesus explaining that “all who humble themselves will be exalted”. We will then reflect upon the difference between “good living” and living a life full of grace and love. There will be a baptism in the context of Morning Prayer.

MONDAY 28th October

10:30am Holy Communion*

Feast Day of Saint Simon and Saint Jude

Jude 1–8
 John 15: 17-27

WEDNESDAY 30th October

10:30am Holy Communion

Mid-Week Service

Romans 8: 26–30
 Luke 13: 22-30

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 swap with another reader and inform the Rector’s Secretary.

6th October **Barbara Greenlees** Habakkuk 1: 1-4; 2: 1-4

13th October **Paula Poulton** Joel 2: 21-27 and Luke 17: 11-19

20th October **Dora Hanna** Genesis 32: 22-31

27th October **Wes Holmes** Jeremiah 14: 7-10, 19-22 and Luke 18: 9–14

the new **Pink**
Jazz
EVENING

Saturday 2nd November

Martello
Jazz Band

drinks reception, ballots, table quiz,
food and dancing



The proceeds from this event go towards
Parish funds and Action Cancer

Evening to include

Welcome drinks and nibbles

Fun quiz Free glass of wine

Meal provided by Prestige Catering

Tombola and auction Jazz and dancing

Tickets £15 from Social Committee members



PARISH REGISTER

Christian Burial



Caroline Jane Esther (Cornett) Cameron, Switzerland

25th September 2013

“Do not let your hearts be troubled.” (John 14: 1)

Jane (Cornett) Cameron was born and raised in the parish with her sister Ruth, by their parents James and Barbara. She was baptised in St Peter's Church on 16th January 1966, and was involved in a number of church activities, notably as a leader of the Brownies. She attended Ben Madigan Preparatory School before moving to Belfast Royal Academy, where she became Head Girl. Jane had always wanted to be a teacher, and so upon leaving school she trained at Stranmillis Teacher Training College. She travelled extensively throughout the world for both business and pleasure. In recent years she had settled in Switzerland where she worked as a teacher at the International School at Geneva. She was a passionate and erudite teacher who was well respected by her students. She passed away in her sleep on Monday 16th September, aged 48 years old. Her funeral service was held in St Peter's Church, followed by the committal at Roselawn Crematorium on Wednesday 25th September. We pray for her family and friends during this difficult time, particularly her mother Barbara, and her sister Ruth.

David Edwin McCausland, Slievetoye Park

27th September 2013

“We are more than conquerors through him who loved us.” (Romans 8: 37)

David McCausland's father was in the British Army, and so David spent his childhood years in Egypt, Hong Kong and India before returning to the UK in 1939. Four years later he joined the Royal Air Force. Upon completing his training he was sent to join the Capetown Castle in Glasgow, and then the South African Air Force, flying 39 missions. He left the RAF in 1947 and joined the Northern Ireland Civil Service in the Ministry of Agriculture. Subsequently he worked in the Ballymena Advisory Office, and then the Ministry of Labour in Magherafelt. He then returned to the Ministry of Agriculture, becoming head of the Education & Press Division. In 1959 he met Dorothy, whom he would marry soon after. Together they have six children: Clifford, Alan, Kenneth, Michael, Anne, and Tricia, and eight grandchildren. He was a regular worshipper at St Peter's, and will be sorely missed by all those in the congregation who knew him. David died suddenly and unexpectedly at home on Monday 23rd September, aged 88 years old. His funeral service was held in St Peter's, followed by the committal at Roselawn Crematorium on Friday 27th September. We remember Dorothy and all the family in our prayers.

BADMINTON CLUB

The Badminton Club meets on Monday evenings from 8-11pm—new members will be very welcome—further information from Harold Jacobs (contact details on back page) or just turn up on the night!



BANNED!!

You may have noticed that there has been a smell of paint around the church. The reason is that the minor hall and the entrance to the halls have been re-decorated. The need to paint came about partly because of general wear and tear, partly because of a slight leak from the roof but mainly because of blu-tack and sellotape being used on the walls.

We will be putting up new notice boards in the entrance area, in the minor hall and also in the main church. If you feel that you need more space please speak to one of the wardens and we will see what we can do.

THE BAN!! The use of blu-tack and sellotape is now banned and must not be used on any painted walls. (Also please do not stick drawing pins in the wooden doors.)

THE PUNISHMENT!! We will be very cross indeed!

Thank you for your anticipated co-operation.

Ernie Stewart

Parish Calendar 2014

For the first time we will be producing a Limited Edition Parish Calendar. It will have one page per month and each page will show a unique and interesting view of the parish or parish life. Samples will be available very soon and the finished product will be available in plenty of time for Christmas. Please support this parish fund raiser—check your present list and see who would appreciate this unique gift—don't buy a calendar anywhere else!!!!





Come, ye thankful people, come

Harvest Thanksgiving

Sunday 13th October at 11am

Officiant and preacher: The Rector

*A service for all the family. Light refreshments
afterwards provided by the Guides and Brownies*

PLEASE HELP

As always, we need volunteers, men and women, to help prepare and decorate the church for Harvest. Please come along on Saturday 12th October at 10am to lend a hand. We also need, please, gifts of flowers, fruit, vegetables and groceries—thank you.

Free Will Offering Envelopes

The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Corinthians 9: 6-7

We know that 2014 is still quite far away but we need to plan ahead. If you currently subscribe using FWO envelopes and wish to continue to do so in 2014, there is nothing for you to do at this time; next year's envelopes will be forwarded to you towards the end of 2013.

If you currently use FWO envelopes and wish to change to another form of giving for 2014, eg, monthly Banker's Standing Order, please contact Noel Beattie—tel 9077 8428 or email noel_innisfayle@msn.com.

If you do not currently use FWO envelopes and wish to commence using this form of giving from 2014, again please contact Noel Beattie.

THANK YOU

MEN'S BREAKFAST

SATURDAY 19TH OCTOBER

9am at Murphy Brown's, 186 Cavehill Road
and afterwards from 10-11am in the Minor Hall



The invited speaker will be Mark Simpson, Ireland Correspondent for the BBC. Please see last month's Parish Notes for more information on Mark.

If you would like to attend this event please contact Anne Cromie—either telephone 9077 7053 or email stpeters@connor.anglican.org by Wednesday 16th Oct.

Typical breakfast at Murphy Brown's costs £7 and includes small fry with tea and toast but this can be varied (and cost varied accordingly) on the morning.



LADIES' GUILD

Our opening service will be held on Tuesday 8th October at 2.30pm. We will meet in church. We would love you to stay afterwards for a cup of tea and a chat in the hall when we will be able to welcome our new Rector to his very first 'encounter' with the Ladies' Guild.



If you would like to attend but don't have transport please contact me or one of our members and we will be happy to arrange transport for you.

Looking forward to seeing you all again.

Anne Stewart, Hon Sec

Taizé Prayer

You are invited to Taizé Prayer around the Cross on the last Friday of every month in Holy Family Church. An hour of quiet prayer and music, followed by supper. All are most welcome and Holy Family parishioners look forward to welcoming and seeing some new faces from neighbouring churches. Further information from Mark Mooney: mooney_16mark@yahoo.co.uk.

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!

Sunday School

Sunday School is open to all children from nursery school age. Children will normally remain in church with their parents at the start of each 11am service before leaving for Sunday School.

The second Sunday of each month will be a less formal service of worship with children remaining in church throughout and refreshments afterwards.

More information is available from Paula Poulton or the Rector.

FAMILY NEWS

Congratulations to Anne Stewart!

In a recent initiative, the Department for Social Development, where Anne works, launched an awards scheme entitled Celebrating Our People 2013.

In one of the categories, staff in the department were asked to nominate colleagues who they felt deserved special recognition. Seven members of staff nominated Anne for the 'People Award'. All nominations were considered and those short listed were invited to attend an awards ceremony and lunch in the Spires Centre, Belfast. Anne was announced as the overall winner receiving her certificate from the head of the Northern Ireland Civil Service.

In a personal letter from Brian Doherty, a director in the department, he commented:-

"I know from your nomination that you are held in very high esteem by your colleagues and peers and to receive such an accolade shows how inspirational you are to those around you and beyond. There can be little doubt that you have not only impacted the lives of our customers through your commitment, passion and professionalism but also, through those traits, made a very positive impact on those with whom you work. Such positive attitude and behaviour is what makes a good organisation great, and I would like to thank you for making a difference."

Let us also, as members of her church family, take this opportunity to thank God for Anne, as we too have benefitted from her positive attitude and inspirational leadership both in the choir and in the Ladies' Guild — Anne C

Congratulations also to Ruari McGowan, another St Peter's chorister, on his excellent GCSE results—well done Ruari!!



**Exam
genius!**

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: Women's 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: Women's 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 17th October
7.45pm in the Minor Hall

Speaker: Aine Dolan
Topic: History of the Opera House

Everyone welcome

Holy Dusters Cleaning Rota

30th September—5th October Group 5

7th October—12th October Group 6

14th October—19th October Group 7

21st October—26th October Group 8

28th October—2nd November Group 1

OCTOBER FLOWER LIST

6TH ROSEMARY HINDS IN MEMORY OF HER FATHER
13TH DAPHNE MCCLEMENTS IN MEMORY OF HER PARENTS
20TH THE NOBLETT FAMILY
27TH BARBARA GREENLEES

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 Guides and Brownies who will provide refreshments after the 11am service on 13th September.



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 November issue of Parish Notes to:
Anne Cromie, Parish Office, 17 Waterloo Park South, Belfast BT15 5HX
or email: stpeters@connor.anglican.org
by Wednesday 16th October. Thank you.*