

THE PARISH OF ST PETER AND ST JAMES
BELFAST

PARISH NOTES

OCTOBER 2015

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

Bible Sunday 2015

Get it...

...Live it...

...Share it



Pass it on...

Come and celebrate Bible Sunday at St Peter's
on Sunday 25th October

GOD . LOVING . PEOPLE

RECTOR'S NOTES

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

As we grow as a church, the number of projects and activities is also increasing. This means we will need your help! Please keep an eye on the notice board in the church for various ways in which you can be involved.

LECTORS AND INTERCESSORS

The Church of Ireland, as with all denominations within the Apostolic Church, is very good at using elaborate terminology to describe the most simple of things: a “lector” is someone who reads, and within a Church context, it specifically means someone who reads the Bible to the congregation. We can even be more fancy than that, by using the word “epistoller” for someone who reads the Bible passages from the Epistles, and the “gospeller” for someone who reads from the Gospels.

The reading of the Bible during worship is one of the oldest existing ministries that a Christian can have, and those who read the Bible publicly stand in a long line of people going back thousands of years who have done the same, notably our Lord Jesus himself. Being a lector is therefore a vocation, to which a person needs to be called by God, recognised by the Church, and then trained and authorised. Within St Peter's we are very fortunate to have an excellent team of lectors, and on Bible Sunday (25th October) we will be dedicating their ministry to God's glory for the year ahead.

An “intercessor” is literally someone who “goes between”, usually pleading to someone on behalf of someone else. Within a Church context, this term refers to a person who leads the prayers during worship. As you know, most of the

prayers are led by me, but there is an opportunity at most services for a member of the congregation to lead prayers for the Church, the world, the local community, and for those in need. During Holy Communion these prayers are called "The Prayers of the People", and in Morning Prayer they are called "Occasional Prayers". At our service at 11am on Sunday, you will have noticed that increasingly a different person is asked each week to lead these prayers. I have written a standard format for the prayers, with options depending on the day, the week, the month, the liturgical season, or the type of service. In this way, they have a similar structure, but there is some variation each Sunday. I then give these prayers to the intercessor, and ask them to make changes to them to better suit their way of speaking, or to pray for issues of relevance or concern to the congregation. It is because of this that it would be difficult to have the prayers in writing for you to read on the Sunday morning. This is why it is vitally important that our intercessors speak articulately and loudly. If you would like to lead the prayers on a Sunday morning, but have not yet had an opportunity to do so, please speak with me.

VISITING CLERGY

Various clergymen will be leading our worship over the coming weeks. Each will bring their own style to our worship, and I am certain that you will give them the friendly welcome and encouragement that St Peter's is known for!

If there is a pastoral emergency, and I am unavailable, then you will hear a list of contact details for other ministers by ringing the Rectory landline. Our Churchwardens and Parish Secretary may also be able to point you in the right direction. The best thing would be for nobody to become ill! But failing that, there will always be someone who will be able to help.

The Rev'd Ken Houston will celebrate Holy Communion at 10.30am on Wednesday 30th September. Ken lives on the North Circular Road, so he is very familiar with St Peter's. A retired mathematics professor, he is the assistant minister at St Andrew's, Glencairn.

The Rev'd Trevor Kelly will celebrate Holy Communion at 11am on Sunday 4th October, and again at 10.30am on Wednesday 7th October. Trevor lives in Ballymena, and until recently was the assistant minister in the parish of Craigs (Ahoghill). He is about to take up a similar post in Randalstown. He is also a full-time teacher at Hazelwood Intergrated College on the Whitewell Road, so he too is familiar with our parish.

The Rev'd Clifford Skillen will celebrate Holy Communion at 9am on Sunday 4th October. Clifford led services in St Peter's during the vacancy, so many of you should know him. He retired a couple of years ago, having been Rector of St Polycarp's in Finaghy.

The Very Rev'd Brian Moller will celebrate Holy Communion at both 9am and 11am on Sunday 11th October. Brian perhaps needs no introduction, given his long association with our parish, and it is always our pleasure and privilege to have him return to us.

The Rev'd David Lockhart will celebrate Holy Communion at 10.30am on Wednesday 14th October. David is the Rector of Cloughfern Parish in Newtownabbey, and he is also the Rural Dean of North Belfast. Prior to my appointment, David chaired meetings of our Select Vestry, so he too knows our parish well.

PARISH REGISTER

Holy Baptism

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

Kollie Erin Shields, Linen Crescent, Bangor

daughter of Richard and Nicola Shields

on 26th July 2015

Jamie Nathan Lavery, Glandore Avenue

son of Frank and LauraLee Lavery

on 13th September 2015

Henry Albert Sobhi George, Antrim Road

son of Albert George and Ashlee McCune

on 20th September 2015



Coffee Morning in the Church in aid of the Northern Ireland Hospice

on Wednesday 21st October

after the 10.30am Holy Communion Service

(approximately 11.15am)

Do come along for a cuppa and a chat.

We'll be collecting a minimum

of £2 for every cup served.

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
4th October	Eleanor Henderson	Sandra Hutchman	Trevor Kelly
11th October	Daphne McClements	Ashlee McCune	Brian Moller
18th October	Jim Wilson	Forde Patterson	The Rector
25th October	Caroline O'Kane	Anne Roberts	The Rector

CHURCH SERVICES

SUNDAY	4th OCTOBER	THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
9am	Holy Communion	<i>traditional</i>
11am	Holy Communion	<i>modern</i>
6.30pm	Choral Evensong	<i>traditional</i>
WEDNESDAY	7th OCTOBER	MID-WEEK SERVICE
10.30am	Holy Communion	<i>modern</i>
SUNDAY	11th OCTOBER	ST PHILIP THE DEACON
9am	Holy Communion	<i>modern</i>
11am	Holy Communion	<i>modern</i>
11am	Family Service (Halls)	<i>modern</i>
WEDNESDAY	14th OCTOBER	MID-WEEK SERVICE
10.30am	Holy Communion	<i>modern</i>
SUNDAY	18th OCTOBER	ST LUKE THE EVANGELIST
9am	Holy Communion	<i>modern</i>
11am	Holy Communion	<i>modern</i>
6.30pm	Choral Evensong	<i>traditional</i>
WEDNESDAY	21st OCTOBER	MID-WEEK SERVICE
10.30am	Holy Communion	<i>modern</i>
FRIDAY	23rd OCTOBER	ST JAMES, THE BROTHER OF OUR LORD
11am	Holy Communion	<i>modern</i>
SUNDAY	25th OCTOBER	BIBLE SUNDAY
9am	Holy Communion	<i>modern</i>
11am	Morning Prayer	<i>modern</i>
WEDNESDAY	28th OCTOBER	ST SIMON & ST JUDE
10.30am	Holy Communion	<i>modern</i>

SUNDAY	1st NOVEMBER	ALL SAINTS
9am	Holy Communion	<i>traditional</i>
11am	Holy Communion	<i>modern</i>
6.30pm	Bereavement Service	<i>modern</i>
WEDNESDAY	4th NOVEMBER	MID-WEEK SERVICE
10.30am	Holy Communion	<i>modern</i>
SUNDAY	8th NOVEMBER	REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY
9am	Holy Communion	<i>modern</i>
11am	Morning Prayer	<i>modern</i>
11am	Family Service (Halls)	<i>modern</i>
WEDNESDAY	11th NOVEMBER	MID-WEEK SERVICE
10.30am	Holy Communion	<i>modern</i>
SUNDAY	15th NOVEMBER	THE SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT
9am	Holy Communion	<i>modern</i>
11am	Holy Communion	<i>modern</i>
6.30pm	Choral Evensong	<i>traditional</i>
WEDNESDAY	18th NOVEMBER	MID-WEEK SERVICE
10.30am	Holy Communion	<i>modern</i>
SUNDAY	22nd NOVEMBER	THE KINGSHIP OF CHRIST
9am	Holy Communion	<i>modern</i>
11am	Morning Prayer	<i>modern</i>
WEDNESDAY	25th NOVEMBER	MID-WEEK SERVICE
10.30am	Holy Communion	<i>modern</i>
SUNDAY	29th NOVEMBER	THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
9am	Holy Communion	<i>modern</i>
11am	Morning Prayer	<i>modern</i>
MONDAY	30th NOVEMBER	ST ANDREW
7.30pm	Holy Communion	<i>traditional</i>

October Diary

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 10am Little Cherubs 6pm Rainbows 7pm Brownies 8pm Guides	2 10.30am PhysioPilates 4.30pm Speech and Drama	3 9am Aurora Dance Classes
4 9am Holy Communion 11am Holy Communion 6.30pm Choral Evensong	5 3pm Homework Club 7.30pm Finance Committee 8pm Badminton	6 10.30am Crafty Goodness 6pm Beavers 6.45pm Cavehill Crochet Club 7pm Cubs	7 10.30am Holy Communion and refreshments 2pm Bridge 6.30pm PhysioPilates 7.30pm Choir	8 10am Little Cherubs 6pm Rainbows 7pm Brownies 8pm Guides	9 10.30am PhysioPilates 4.30pm Speech and Drama	10 9am Aurora Dance Classes

11 St Philip 9am Holy Communion 11am Holy Communion (Family Service) (tea/coffee)	12 3pm Homework Club 7.30pm Select Vestry 8pm Badminton	13 9.30am Board of Education— Diocesan Event 6pm Beavers 6.45pm Cavehill Crochet Club 7pm Cubs	14 10.30am Holy Communion and refreshments 2pm Bridge 6.30pm PhysioPilates 7.30pm Choir	15 10am Little Cherubs 6pm Rainbows 7pm Brownies 7.45pm Historical Society 8pm Guides	16 10.30am PhysioPilates 4.30pm Speech and Drama	17 9am Aurora Dance Classes
18 St Luke 9am Holy Communion 11am Holy Communion 6.30pm Choral Evensong	19 <i>Deadline for material to be with Anne for November Parish Notes</i> 3pm Homework Club 8pm Badminton	20 10.30am Crafty Goodness 1pm Events Committee 2.30pm Ladies' Guild 6pm Beavers 7pm Cubs 8pm TCFNI	21 10.30am Holy Communion and Coffee Morning 11.30am Fabric Committee 2pm Bridge 6.30pm PhysioPilates 7.30pm Choir	22 10am Little Cherubs 6pm Rainbows 7pm Brownies 7.30pm Bible Study 8pm Guides	23 St James 10.30am PhysioPilates 11am Holy Communion 12.30pm Coffee Morning 4.30pm Speech and Drama	24 9am Aurora Dance Classes
25 Bible Sunday 9am Holy Communion 11am Morning Prayer (tea/coffee)	26 3pm Homework Club 8pm Badminton	27 6pm Beavers 6.45pm Cavehill Crochet Club 7pm Cubs	28 St Simon and St Jude 10.30am Holy Communion and refreshments 2pm Bridge 6.30pm PhysioPilates 7.30pm Choir	29 10am Little Cherubs 6pm Rainbows 7pm Brownies 8pm Guides	30 10.30am PhysioPilates 4.30pm Speech and Drama	31

PLEASE TIDY UP—JUST PUT IT AWAY!

The parish has recently employed professional cleaners to come and clean our halls, kitchen and toilets every two weeks. On the week that they don't come, parish volunteers are doing their best to keep the premises clean. However, if things are left lying around it makes it very difficult for all concerned as tidying has to be done before cleaning commences and it is not always obvious who owns what and where things belong.

There is no doubt we are short of storage space but all parish organisations have their designated areas/cupboards if needed so we would ask that they are used. If they are full, perhaps it's time to de-clutter? Non-parish organisations have to take their things home with them every week! We need to keep all shelves and tables clear (and as much floor space as possible) so the cleaners can do their job effectively. If you must leave something out temporarily, it should be clearly labelled with your name otherwise it could be regarded as rubbish.

Let's all make a special effort to help keep our premises in good order.

Anne Cromie

GIRL GUIDES AT ST PETER'S Special Plea



Guiding at St Peter's is for all girls and young women, whatever their background and circumstances. We offer them fun, exciting activities and the chance to make life-long friends. However, unfortunately in this parish we are short of volunteers to assist our leaders which is putting our Guiding organisations in jeopardy. If you could possibly give an hour or so on a Thursday evening, please get in touch with Lorraine Gillespie or Lee Kennedy (their contact details are on the back page) as soon as possible. Maybe you could help out even temporarily or perhaps you would enjoy it so much you will want to stay!

Please seriously consider helping—it really can be a lot of fun!

Anne Cromie

Note for your diary ...

The Social Team is organising a Christmas concert to be given by Cavehill Community Choir on Friday 11th December. This will be an evening of music on the lighter side and should appeal to everyone. To make it a success please make a note of the date now and ask your friends and relations to do likewise. Tickets will be on sale soon. *Noel Beattie*



DISHWASHER

The Social Team has kindly presented the parish with an industrial dishwasher. Those of us who have washed cups and saucers and plates in this place for many years are jumping for joy!!! The machine will wash and dry dishes in a turnaround time of under 10 minutes per loaded tray. The machine can only be used by those appropriately trained and as such is not available for general use, however, if you consider that the use of this new facility would benefit your organisation, please contact the Parish Office and arrangements can be made.

LADIES' GUILD

Our opening service and AGM will be held on Tuesday 20th October at 2.30pm. We will meet in church. Please note the change of date. The Rector will be otherwise engaged on our normal Tuesday!! Talking of which—I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of the Ladies' Guild to wish Laura and Brian all the very best for a lovely wedding day and a very happy life together.

If you would like to know more about the Ladies' Guild but are afraid to ask, please come along and see for yourself what we are all about. I hope you won't be disappointed. We are very relaxed and informal and never stuffy. All of our meetings are open to all. We are very happy to see visitors and you will be more than welcome to join us for a cup of tea at the end of each meeting.

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.

Anne Stewart, Hon Sec (tel 9096 6597)

VISIT FROM BROTHER DAMIAN



Photo from Daphne McClements

Most of you will remember our former curate and dear friend Brother Roger Damian SSF who served here in the 1980s. Brother Damian is a Anglican Franciscan who now lives in one of the Friaries in England. He visited St Peter's on 24th August which, as it happened, is St Bartholomew's Day so he joined us for an evening celebration of Holy Communion. It was wonderful to see him again and we wish him God's blessing for the future.

Anne Cromie



**Northern
Ireland
Hospice**

COFFEE MORNING

Sandra Hutchman invites you to a

Coffee Morning

on Friday 23rd October

at 12.30pm

in the church hall.

All proceeds to the

Northern Ireland Hospice.

NORTH BELFAST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Thursday 15th October
7.45pm, Minor Hall

Speaker:
David Flynn

Topic:
Belfast Civic Trust
Everyone welcome

The North Belfast Historical Society had its first meeting on 17th September at which there was an interesting talk on The Ulster Museum at Cultra by Roger Dixon.

NBHS meets on the third Thursday of each month and details of all the meetings can be found in these notes.

In November the Rector is coming to tell us about Pompeii and in December Noel Beattie will be back with more wonderful pictures of his extensive travels. Everyone is welcome! *Daphne McClements (Chairperson)*



FAIRTRADE

Supporting Fair Trade

To all tea/coffee makers:-

as we in St Peter's promote the use of fair trade items, please let me know when tea or coffee is required in the kitchen so that I can replace it from Traidcraft.

Traidcraft Christmas catalogues are now available at the back of the church.

Jill Bradley

Church Linens

Recently Rosemary Johnston, Margie Crawford and myself spent an interesting morning sorting out all the linen belonging to the parish. The handwork on some of these cloths is wonderful and worth close inspection. If you would be interested in seeing them, just ask one of us and we will be delighted to show you.

Daphne McClements

Parish Notes

Do you know that every month there is a full colour version of Parish Notes on our parish website? Visit www.stpeters.connor.anglican.org and click on "News". AC

AFTER CHURCH REFRESHMENT

Thank you to the Beavers and Cub Scouts who will provide light refreshments after the 11am service on Sunday 11th October.



ORGANISATIONS - TIMETABLE

Sunday

11am—12noon: Sunday School

Monday

3pm—5.30pm: Homework Club

8.00pm—11.00pm: Badminton Club

Tuesday

10.30am—12.30pm: Crafty Goodness (alternate Tuesdays)

2.30pm—4.30pm: Ladies' Guild (2nd Tuesday in month)

6pm—7pm: Beaver Scouts

6.45pm—8.45pm: Cavehill Crochet Club (except 3rd Tuesday in month)

7pm—8pm: Cub Scouts

8pm—10pm: TCFNI Support for bereaved parents (3rd Tues in month)

Wednesday

2pm—4pm: Bridge Club

6.30pm—7.45pm: PhysioPilates

7.30pm—9pm: Choir

Thursday

10am—11.30am: 'Little Cherubs' Parent and Toddler Group

6pm—7pm: Rainbows

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 (1st and 3rd Friday in month)

4.30pm—7.30pm: Speech and Drama

Saturday

9am—12noon: Aurora Dance Classes

For more information on these organisations please contact the appropriate personnel listed on the back page or contact the Parish Office.

**THE NEXT MEETING OF
THE SELECT VESTRY
WILL BE ON
MONDAY 12TH OCTOBER
AT 7.30PM
IN THE MINOR HALL**

Holy Dusters Cleaning Rota

28th September—3rd October	Group 2
5th October—10th October	Group 3
12th October—17th October	Group 4
19th October—24th October	Group 5
26th October—31st October	Group 6

OCTOBER FLOWER LIST

4TH DAPHNE MCCLEMENTS IN MEMORY OF HER PARENTS
11TH ROSEMARY HINDS IN MEMORY OF HER FATHER
18TH QUINTIN MULLIGAN IN MEMORY OF HIS WIFE
25TH NOBLETT FAMILY

Thank you to all who give of their time and effort
in beautifying the church with flowers.



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.

TRAIDCRAFT

Fighting poverty through trade



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

PASTORAL CARE

If you would like to arrange for the Rector to visit you at home, whether to share your anxieties in confidence, for spiritual advice, for prayer, or for Holy Communion, then please contact him on his landline, telephone 90 777 053, or on his mobile, telephone 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 he is unavailable, there will be contact details for other clergy on the answer machine.

If you or a loved one is seriously ill, particularly if you are admitted to hospital, please inform the Rector. He often visits the hospitals but has no way of knowing who has been admitted unless he is informed. 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 November 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 19th October. Thank you.*