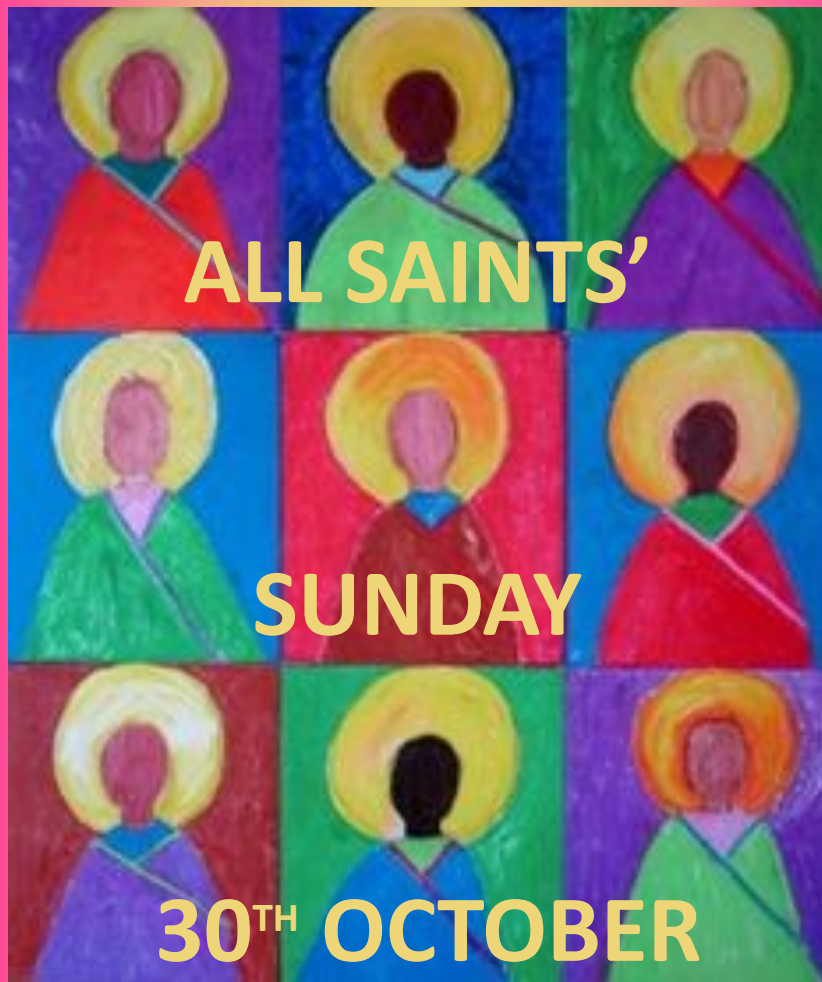


THE PARISH OF ST PETER AND ST JAMES
BELFAST

PARISH NOTES

OCTOBER 2016

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



ALL SAINTS'

SUNDAY

30TH OCTOBER

GOD . LOVING . PEOPLE

RECTOR'S NOTES

MONTHLY PRAYER MEETING

The first of our monthly prayer meetings will be held at 2.30pm on Thursday 13th October. It will last for no more than an hour, and like our Bible Studies we will aim to keep it informal. Naturally, some people get anxious about even speaking in front of other people, let alone praying in front of them, but there is no reason at all to worry. At the beginning of the prayer meeting, we will think about what it means to pray with other people, and we will use some very simple techniques to encourage people to be involved. Of course, if you want to come and pray in silence, you will be most welcome to do so. Our focus is on God, not on what anyone else is doing or not doing, and so nobody will be pressured to do or say anything that makes them feel uncomfortable. You can be involved as much or as little as you prefer. The purpose of the prayer meeting is to pray for the needs of the parish, the local community, the world, and for ourselves and those who have requested prayer. I do hope that you can join us.

TEA & COFFEE AFTER CHURCH

The ministry of hospitality is the fancy name that we give to an exceptionally important part of church life, and yet it involves nothing more difficult than making sure that people feel welcome and included within the life of the parish. One of the most obvious expressions of this particular ministry is the tea/coffee which we serve in church every week after the Sunday 9am and Wednesday 10.30am services, and every fortnight after the Sunday 11am service.

We need members of the congregation to volunteer to help with the tea/coffee after the Sunday 11am service. Specifically we need people to volunteer: to set up two tables; to set out the cups; to fill the kettles; to serve the tea/coffee/juice; to remove the tables afterwards; to brush up any biscuit crumbs and to mop up any spillages; to clean up any utensils. You would be doing us all a great service if you volunteered to do even one of those jobs on a regular basis, perhaps even four times a year on a rota. Please speak to me or to Daphne or Sandra, our Churchwardens, so that we can make a list of anyone who is willing to help in any way.

ST JAMES' FURNISHINGS

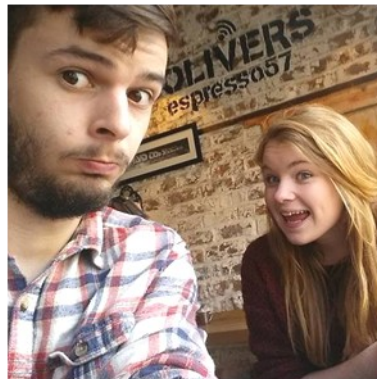
When St James' was closed as a place of Anglican worship, several of its furnishings were removed from that church. Some of those items were placed directly into St Peter's, whilst others were stored in either the crypt or the rectory garage. Some important items remained in St James' but were stored away out of sight, because they had no liturgical function for the Orthodox community which worshipped there. Over the last year, I have consolidated these items into the furnishings within St Peter's, to the extent that nearly everything in the north side aisle (to the left of the building) and the baptistery are from St James'. For this reason, we have named the north aisle as the St James' Side Chapel, to be used for



non-sacramental services with a small congregation. This is important to me as a successor to the Rectors of St James', that the holy objects that once adorned that fine church building remain in the use of Anglicans who will cherish them. If you know of any former St James' parishioners, please invite and encourage them to join us for worship in St Peter's, and to see once again these beautiful pieces of craftsmanship.

FRANK'S WEDDING

As some of you may know, our Families' Worker, Frank Dillon, is shortly to be married to his fiancée, Bethan Millar. The wedding will be held in early October in Ahoghill Parish, where Bethan's father is the Rector. Please keep Frank and Bethan in your prayers. Pray especially that Frank and Bethan will have no anxiety as the big day approaches, and that the day itself would be relaxed and enjoyable, and that the rest of their life together would be fulfilling and harmonious.



HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

The Rev'd David Humphries, presently Rector of Stormont, but soon to move to Kilbride Parish in this diocese, is organising a pilgrimage to the Holy Land on 29th May – 8th June 2017. This is an annual event, with usually around 20 people from various parishes and denominations heading away to visit Israel. It is an awe-inspiring journey, which will completely change the way you

read the Bible. You will visit many areas of Jerusalem, Bethlehem, the River Jordan where John the Baptist preached, the Dead Sea, the Masada Fortress where the Jews made a valiant last stand against the Romans, Caesarea Philippae where Jesus called St Peter “the Rock”, all the many little villages around the Sea of Galilee, including Capernaum where several of the disciples came lived, and many other fascinating places around Israel. It is really not a holiday; it is a once-in-a-lifetime, life-changing experience. Several people have already signed up on the sheet at the back of the church, indicating that they might be interested. If you would like to go with David’s group then please either contact him directly, or else speak with me. He has offered to come and give a talk about the experience to any parishioners who are considering it. Please note that this does happen every year, and so if 2017 does not suit you, then there is always 2018!

SERMON SUMMARIES

On **Sea Sunday** (10th July) I spoke about how the ocean can be a very dangerous place for all who travel on it. Whether as a result of storms, pirates, or accidents, many things can go wrong at sea. When something untoward does happen, people can find themselves bobbing along in the cold water, exposed to the elements, and with a million nasty creatures lurking in the depths below. I then used this as an analogy of how we tend to sail through life. But when something awful happens, we can find ourselves drifting, struggling to keep afloat, and terrified of every possible danger around us. It’s at times like that, that our troubles threaten to overwhelm us and drag us under. And yet, there is a lifeboat waiting on the horizon. That lifeboat is the love of God, offered freely and gladly to us through his son, Jesus Christ. It is Jesus who is constantly reaching out to us, offering us his protection from the evils of this world.

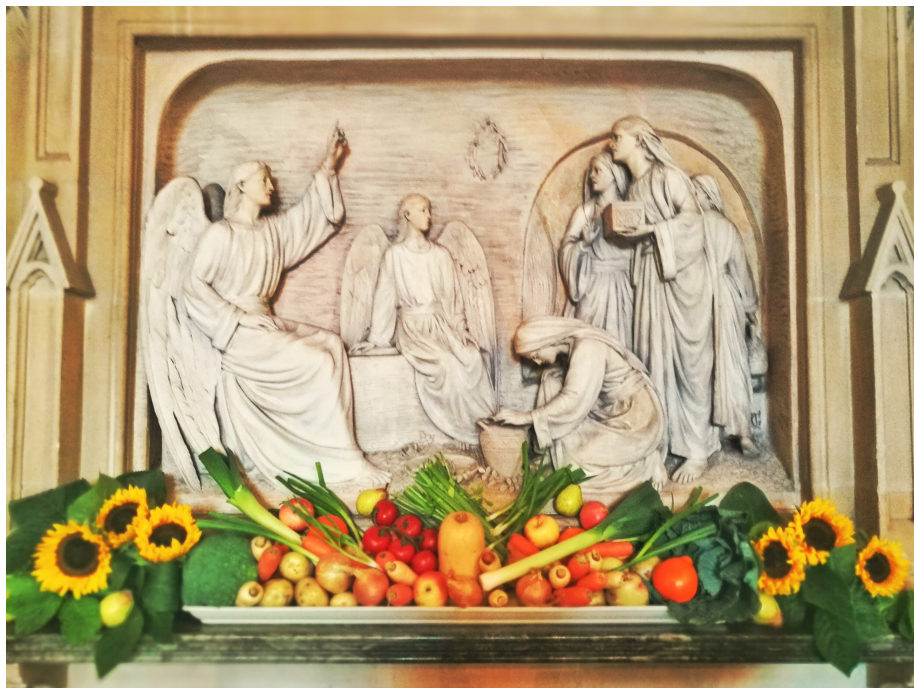
On the **Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity** (11th September) we thought about how the Houses of Parliament in Westminster are in desperate need of refurbishment. The stonework is crumbling, the electrics and plumbing need replaced, and in total the repairs should cost £4 billion, and take around five years to complete. And yet, despite the scale of the problems, there will undoubtedly be some Members of Parliament who would prefer to stay in the building as it is, because the alternative is that they need to find other, less grand, accommodation for those five years. In many ways, this attitude is common to all of us. We prefer the comfort of something imperfect that we know and love, even if there is something better to be gained by a little bit of sacrifice and effort. This is particularly true about our own personalities. We tend to overlook our negative character flaws because we have become so accustomed to them, and they have become a part of our identity. However, as disciples of Jesus Christ, we need to be prepared to undergo a major overhaul of our personality. God wants to refurbish us, and make us fit for purpose as his children. The question is: will we let him change us, or are we more happy to be imperfect because we wrongly think that's all that we can be?

At our **Harvest Thanksgiving** (18th September) I informed the congregation that there was a new word in my vocabulary: "hangry", which is a fusion of "hungry" and "angry". This is the perfect description of anyone who feels irritable and annoyed because they haven't had anything to eat for a while. We then thought of how it is possible to be spiritually hangry. This spiritual hanger is caused when we do not allow God's love to nourish our souls. Without that love, we can feel empty inside, just like having an empty stomach when we have had nothing to eat. When we feel spiritually empty, we end up getting irritable, angry, and bitter, and sometimes we look for all manner of diversions and perversions to make the emptiness go away. But our Lord Jesus told us that he himself is the "bread of life", and that anyone who came to him would never be hungry.

By believing in Jesus, trusting in him, and living as he taught us to live, then he can nourish us, and satisfy the longings of our souls.

HARVEST THANKSGIVING

Some churches hold their Harvest Thanksgiving on a particular Sunday, year after year, and often this is done in order to fit in with their other local churches. However, I think it is more appropriate to keep the date as close as possible to the Harvest full moon, which is when it would have been celebrated in olden days. This means that, like this year, the next few Harvest Thanksgivings will fall in the month of September. One parishioner remarked to me that this is a good thing as there are more summer flowers available, and the weather is more likely to be sunnier, than if we were to leave it until later in the year.



Once again the church was beautifully decorated. A new and very welcome addition were the large sunflowers which adorned the pulpit and the entrance to the nave! Thank you to all who donated flowers, fruit, vegetables, and food items, which we are not just for decoration, but which will be given to the Welcome Centre for the homeless. I would particularly like to thank the children and their Sunday School teachers for decorating their own little corner of the church, and for bringing up an offering of our first fruits during the opening hymn.

PARISH CHOIR

It is wonderful to see our choir stalls so full on a Sunday! For a suburban parish church like St Peter's, it is a significant achievement to have 18 adult choristers. Their God-given musical gifts are a tremendous aid and encouragement to the congregation, and I want to express our immense gratitude to Anne C., Anne S., Annette, Barbara, Clodagh, Ernie, Gareth, Glenn, Hilary, Jill, Mark, Noel, Peggy, Quintin, Rebecca, Rosemary H., Rosemary J., and Sandra. Two of these members have joined in recent months. We heartily welcome Glenn Tweedie, and we are so pleased to see the return of Mark Woods. Even a few extra voices make such a positive difference, and I thank God that he is inspiring people to find a new home in our choir.



Last, but certainly not least, I am grateful to Robert Thompson, for his excellence as both an organist and as a choir master. He is certainly one of the most important reasons for the survival and growth of our choir, and we are very fortunate to have him.

EUCCHARISTIC ASSISTANTS

Each year the Bishop gives permission to members of the congregation to administer the chalice during Holy Communion. I am pleased to report that I have applied for, and received, the Bishop's permission for Marie Burrowes and David Cromie to continue in this important role. In addition, Alan McCracken is also permitted to administer the chalice as part of his role as Student Reader with us over the next six months or so.

SOCIAL AND FUNDRAISING EVENTS

The Events & Organisations Committee would like to hear from parishioners who have ideas for social or fundraising events. Although all ideas will be welcomed, we have a particular need to organise activities that would appeal to people in their 30s and 40s.

In all our activities, our intention is to bring people together for friendship and fun, and even wherever possible to raise a little bit of money for parish projects. If you can think of something that you would like to organise, or even if you would just like to suggest an idea that other people might run with, then please contact me.

EVENING SERVICES

Many years ago, I recall finishing my Sunday dinner, and thinking that I would go to a church near to the house that I had recently moved into. But alas - it was shut! It only opened on the first Sunday evening of each month. And so I went to a church a little further up the road, and within a few short years I had made that other church my spiritual home. Now, imagine someone in our local area considering coming to St Peter's, and yet they are confronted with a locked door for well over half of the Sunday evenings each year. And then we bemoan the fact that we can't build up a decent congregation on Sunday evenings! In order to remedy this, I am going to experiment with a service at 6.30pm every Sunday in November and December. There will be no choir at these additional services, and with the congregation expected to be fairly small, we will meet in the north aisle of the church, which we have renamed as the St James' Side Chapel. Services will be said versions of Evening Prayer, Compline, and the Late Evening Office. In such an intimate setting, there will be a greater focus on Biblical exposition, prayer, and quiet reflection. I am telling you this now, a month in advance, so that you have a chance to think about whether or not you would like to support this new venture yourselves, or even to mention it to anyone you know who might prefer to worship in the evenings.

DIOCESAN SYNOD

The annual Diocesan Synod takes place this year on Wednesday 28th September. As in recent years, the Synod has met in Carrickfergus, for Holy Communion in St Nicholas', and then a meeting in the adjacent Methodist Church. The Synod provides the Bishop with an opportunity to share his thoughts with the gathered clerical and lay representatives, as well as dealing with practical and financial business. The Synod also elects members

of the Diocesan Council and various committees, although this is primarily done through postal vote prior to the meeting. Parish clergy are automatically members of the Synod, but every three years each parish also elects two lay representatives per cleric. Currently our delegates are Jim Tweedie and Wes Holmes. Parishes can also send an additional parishioner so long as they are aged under 44 years. We do not presently use this right, but we hope to do so next Easter, when we have the opportunity to elect the representatives for the next three years.

BENEVOLENT FUND

The family of anyone newly baptised in St Peter's is encouraged to make a donation to our Benevolent Fund, which is intended to be used to help parishioners who find themselves in financial difficulties. A small grant (or loan, if the recipient prefers) of up to around £50 is available per person on each occasion. Naturally, in difficult circumstances, the same parishioner can ask for help more than once. This money is to be used primarily for practical assistance: to put food on the table, or to ensure that they have heating, or even to put a roof over their head. Sadly, our funds are not exhaustive, and so only in very pressing cases can we give beyond the limit of £50. If you would like to avail of this, please be assured that you will be dealt with in strict confidentiality, and if appropriate, we will certainly do everything we can to help. On the other hand, if you would like to make a donation to the Benevolent Fund, then please write a cheque payable to "St Peter & St James, Belfast", with "Benevolent Fund" written on the back, or make a cash contribution in an envelope marked "Benevolent Fund", and give it to myself or our Treasurer, Ashlee McCune.

HARVEST JAZZ

On Saturday 17th September, we had our Harvest Jazz social event. There were nearly 100 people in attendance, including many non-parishioners, and we dined on delicious Irish Stew and Apple Pie. For our entertainment, in addition to the excellent Martello Jazz Band, we were very fortunate to have our very own parishioner and chorister, Glenn Tweedie, regale us with a superb solo performance of operatic and traditional music. It was a thoroughly enjoyable evening, and on behalf of all present, I thank the group of ladies who organised it: Annette Beattie, Daphne McClements, Sandra Hutchman, Dora Hanna, and their helpers on the night. Thank you, as well, to all who came along, and in the process of having a great evening, also raised funds for the parish.

ALL SAINTS' DAY

As a departure from previous years, we will not have an evening service on All Saints' Day. In recent years, this was an opportunity for us to light candles and remember our loved ones, particularly those now deceased. Despite tinkering in the last three years with the style and content of that service, I am still not convinced about how helpful it is to those who attend. So instead—at least for this year—I will continue to light candles for each person buried through the parish in the last two years, and read aloud their name, but this will be done at the beginning of the 11am service instead. Hopefully this context will give us a more positive experience in which to remember the faithful departed, than the sombreness that the evening service tends to invoke. I will, as always, be pleased to receive constructive feedback and suggestions about how best we can appropriately honour the memory of our loved ones in church in future.

SERVICES IN OCTOBER

There are five **Holy Days** in the next month. We will commemorate the life and witness of **St Philip the Deacon** at 7.30pm on Tuesday 11th October. **St Luke** the Evangelist will be commemorated at 7.30pm one week later on Tuesday 18th October. We will then commemorate **St James, the Brother of our Lord**, at our services on Sunday 23rd October. Then at 11am on Friday 28th October we will commemorate **St Simon and St Jude**. To make sure that no saint is forgotten, we celebrate **All Saints' Day** on Sunday 30th October. Properly this latter Holy Day falls on the 1st November, but for parish worship it is appropriate to transfer it to the nearest Sunday.

PARISH REGISTER

Christian Burial

"At rest in the Lord."

John Mitchell

*Funeral Service in St Peter's Church on 5th September 2016
followed by cremation at Roselawn.*

Cyril Maltman

*Funeral Service in Houston and Williamson Funeral Home
on 15th September 2016 followed by burial at the City Cemetery.*

Adult Holy Baptism

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

Charlie Porter

Somerton Park

on 14th September 2016.

CHURCH SERVICES

SUNDAY 9am 11am 6.30pm	2nd OCTOBER Holy Communion Holy Communion Choral Evensong	THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY <i>traditional, said, Chapel of the Resurrection</i> <i>modern, sung, Nave</i> <i>traditional, sung, Nave</i>
WEDNESDAY 10.30am	5th OCTOBER Holy Communion	MID-WEEK SERVICE <i>modern, said, Chapel of the Resurrection</i>
SUNDAY 9am 11am	9th OCTOBER Holy Communion Morning Prayer	THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY <i>modern, said, Chapel of the Resurrection</i> <i>modern, sung, Nave</i>
TUESDAY 7.30pm	11th OCTOBER Holy Communion	ST PHILIP THE DEACON <i>traditional, said, Chancel</i>
WEDNESDAY 10.30am	12th OCTOBER Holy Communion	MID-WEEK SERVICE <i>modern, said, Chapel of the Resurrection</i>
SUNDAY 9am 11am 6.30pm	16th OCTOBER Holy Communion Holy Communion Compline	THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY <i>modern, said, Chapel of the Resurrection</i> <i>modern, sung, Nave</i> <i>traditional, sung, Nave</i>
TUESDAY 7.30pm	18th OCTOBER Holy Communion	ST LUKE <i>traditional, said, Chancel</i>
WEDNESDAY 10.30am	19th OCTOBER Holy Communion	MID-WEEK SERVICE <i>modern, said, Chapel of the Resurrection</i>
SUNDAY 9am 11am	23rd OCTOBER Holy Communion Holy Communion	ST JAMES, THE BROTHER OF OUR LORD <i>modern, said, Chapel of the Resurrection</i> <i>modern, sung, Nave</i>
WEDNESDAY 10.30am	26th OCTOBER Holy Communion	MID-WEEK SERVICE <i>modern, said, Chapel of the Resurrection</i>
FRIDAY 11am	28th OCTOBER Holy Communion	ST SIMON & ST JUDE <i>modern, said, Chapel of the Resurrection</i>

SUNDAY 9am 11am	30th OCTOBER Holy Communion Holy Communion	ALL SAINTS <i>modern, said, Chapel of the Resurrection</i> <i>traditional, sung, Nave</i>
WEDNESDAY 10.30am	2nd NOVEMBER Holy Communion	MID-WEEK SERVICE <i>modern, said, Resurrection</i>
SUNDAY 9am 11am 6.30pm	6th NOVEMBER Holy Communion Holy Communion Choral Evensong	THE THIRD SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT <i>traditional, said, Resurrection</i> <i>modern, sung, Nave</i> <i>traditional, sung, Nave</i>
WEDNESDAY 10.30am	9th NOVEMBER Holy Communion	MID-WEEK SERVICE <i>modern, said, Resurrection</i>
SUNDAY 9am 11am 6.30pm	13th NOVEMBER Holy Communion Morning Prayer Evening Prayer	REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY <i>modern, said, Resurrection</i> <i>modern, sung, Nave</i> <i>modern, said, St James' side chapel</i>
WEDNESDAY 10.30am	16th NOVEMBER Holy Communion	MID-WEEK SERVICE <i>modern, said, Resurrection</i>
SUNDAY 9am 11am 6.30pm	20th NOVEMBER Holy Communion Holy Communion Compline	THE KINGSHIP OF CHRIST <i>modern, said, Resurrection</i> <i>modern, sung, Nave</i> <i>traditional, sung, Nave</i>
WEDNESDAY 10.30am	23rd NOVEMBER Holy Communion	MID-WEEK SERVICE <i>modern, said, Resurrection</i>
SUNDAY 9am 11am 6.30pm	27th NOVEMBER Holy Communion Morning Prayer Advent Carol Service	THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT <i>modern, said, Resurrection</i> <i>modern, sung, Nave</i> <i>modern, sung, Nave</i>
WEDNESDAY 10.30am 7.30pm	30th NOVEMBER Holy Communion Compline	ST ANDREW <i>modern, said, Resurrection</i> <i>traditional, said, St James' side chapel</i>

October Diary

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 9am Holy Communion 11am Holy Communion and Sunday School 6.30pm Choral Evensong	3 7.30pm Finance Committee 8pm Badminton	4 10.30am Crafty Goodness 6pm Beavers 7pm Cubs	5 10.30am Holy Communion and refreshments 11.30am Mission Committee 2pm Bridge 6.30pm PhysioPilates 7.30pm Choir	6 10am Little Cherubs 6pm Rainbows 7pm Brownies 8pm Guides	7 10.30am PhysioPilates 11.30am Bible Study 4.30pm Speech and Drama	1
9 9am Holy Communion 11am Morning Prayer and Sunday School (tea/coffee after)	10 7.30pm Select Vestry 8pm Badminton	11 <i>St Philip the Deacon</i> 10.30am Crafty Goodness 2.30pm Ladies' Guild 6pm Beavers 7pm Cubs 7.30pm Holy Communion	12 10.30am Holy Communion and refreshments 2pm Bridge 6.30pm PhysioPilates 7.30pm Choir	13 10am Little Cherubs 2.30pm Prayer Meeting 6pm Rainbows 7pm Brownies 7.30pm Bible Study 8pm Guides	14 10.30am PhysioPilates 4.30pm Speech and Drama	15

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23 St James, the brother of our Lord 9am Holy Communion 11am Holy Communion and Sunday School (tea/coffee after)	24 Deadline for material to be with Anne for November Parish Notes 8pm Badminton	25 10.30am Crafty Goodness 1pm Events Committee 6pm Beavers 7pm Cubs	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 St Simon and St Jude 10.30am PhysioPilates 11am Holy Communion 4.30pm Speech and Drama	29
30 All Saints 9am Holy Communion 11am Holy Communion and Sunday School	31 8pm Badminton					

STUDENT READER

Let me introduce myself. My name is Alan McCracken. I am married to Karen. My wife and I are parishioners of St John's, Whitehouse, where I served as people's churchwarden. My journey of vocation has been exciting and challenging, completing the Church Of Ireland Foundation course and going to the Bishops' Selection Conference this year where I have been selected for Ordained Ministry. My training at the Church of Ireland Theological College, God willing, will start in September 2017.

The Bishop has given me a placement here in St Peter's for six months and within that time frame I hope to preach and gain experience in leading morning and evening prayer. This in turn will help my development and give me the opportunity to acquire new learning skills for ministry. I am looking forward to the next six months especially to my growth within the church. I am a serving member of the 2nd Battalion, The Royal Irish Regiment. I also work for the Armed Forces Charity SSAFA that helps serving personnel and veterans in their time of need.

In my spare time I like to read and run, especially half marathon distance, and I like to raise money for charities through my running. My work colleagues call me the running preacher so if you see me running in your area please stop and say hello. My wife and I would like to thank the Rector and all parishioners for welcoming us to St Peter's and we look forward to being part of your Church Family.

Thank you.



BIG COFFEE BREAK 2016



**Northern
Ireland
Hospice**

Sandra Hutchman invites you to the
Big Coffee Break
on Friday 21st October at 12.15pm
(after PhysioPilates)
in the Minor Hall.

Contributions of money, cakes and
biscuits will all be welcome.

The Northern Ireland Hospice really
appreciates your support.

Ladies' Guild

Our opening service and AGM will be held on Tuesday 11th October at 2.30pm. We will meet in church. Following our service we will continue in the hall to discuss our calendar of events for the incoming year.

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)

HARVEST JAZZ



*Master Dylan Lacey attends
his first parish social!*





A great night was had by all ...



*... and, as always, a big
thank you to our Social and
Fundraising Team for
organising the whole event.*



MUMS and DADS

Do you have an interest
or a skill which you could
pass on to your son,
daughter or their friends?



Do you feel you could make a difference
and inspire them?

If so, come along and enjoy the fun and adventure
of Scouting!

Help us deliver **FUN, CHALLENGE** and
EVERYDAY ADVENTURE



To help with Beaver Scouts at
St Peter's please contact the
District Commissioner:

Phyllis Cooke

tel 9084 2711

email p.cooke063@btinternet.com

Beaver Scouts are aged 6-8 years

*The Priory Singers
30th Anniversary Concert
Friday 21st October
St Molua's Belfast
Tickets available from Anne Cromie or Robert Thompson*

PLEASE TIDY UP

As you know the parish employs a professional cleaner to come and clean our halls, kitchen and toilets every two weeks. On the week that he isn't here, 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. Please note that if things are left around they may be regarded as rubbish and thrown out.

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

Note for your diary ...

The Social Team is organising a Christmas concert to be given by Cavehill Community Choir on Friday 9th December. This proved to be very popular last year so do please make a note of the date now and ask your friends and relations to do likewise. Tickets will be on sale soon.



AFTER CHURCH REFRESHMENT

Light refreshments will be served after the 11am services on Sunday 9th and Sunday 23rd October.



SELECT VESTRY BULLETIN

The Select Vestry continues to work diligently in conserving our architecture, and we have had the benefit of seeing more beautiful furnishings and items from St James' Church move into St Peter's.

Unfortunately, work does not always go smoothly, and we can find ourselves in a constant battle with both the elements and time. We have recently had problems with the metal grills protecting the windows, and hope to have these replaced with polycarbonate glazing. While this would be a long term project, and an expensive one at that, it would provide for better protection while removing obstructions to the light entering the church. Given the great affection we all feel for the stained glass (never mind the high repair cost!), I am sure you would all be very supportive of these moves.

Other work is ongoing. Due to a gap in the lead flashing in the roof over the hall foyer, water damage has resulted, and discussions are now ongoing with the original builders. Work has also been ongoing with the electricians. Not only may you have spotted fire alarms throughout the building, but I am sure many will be pleased to know that a security light has been installed above the entrance to the halls. This should make visits in the coming winter nights much more comfortable.

The Select Vestry is also looking at obtaining a defibrillator, and we are exploring where it should be situated, and who should be trained in using it. God willing, it is never necessary, but it is best to be prepared for all eventualities.

This necessary work all requires money, and the Select Vestry would continue to encourage all parishioners to give generously.

*Gareth Larmour
Hon Sec to Select Vestry*



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 90 364 183.

Oct	First Reading	Second Reading	Third Reading	Intercessor
2nd	Hilary Shields	Forde Patterson	The Rector	David Cromie
9th	Philip Williamson	Anne Roberts	The Rector	Daphne McClements
16th	Colin Bell	Tom Campbell	The Rector	Karl O'Connor
23rd	Peter Coiley	Dora Hanna	The Rector	David Cromie
30th	Eleanor Henderson	Wes Holmes	The Rector	Rector

NORTH BELFAST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Thursday 20th October

7.45pm in the Minor Hall

Speaker: Alister Bell

Topic: The Gobbins

Alister has been involved in the updating of the historic Gobbins path. He has a vast knowledge of the history of Islandmagee.
Everyone welcome

Parish Notes in colour!



There are full colour versions of Parish Notes on our website.

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www.stpeters.connor.anglican.org
and click on "News".

ORGANISATIONS - TIMETABLE

Sunday

11am—12noon: Sunday School

Monday

8pm—11pm: Badminton Club

Tuesday

10.30am—12.30pm: Crafty Goodness

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

6pm—7pm: Beaver Scouts

7pm—8pm: Cub Scouts

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

*For more information on these organisations (including term dates)
please contact the appropriate personnel listed on the back page
or the Parish Office.*

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.

Holy Dusters Cleaning Rota

26th Sept—1st Oct ----- Group 6

3rd Oct—8th Oct ----- Group 7

10th Oct—15th Oct ----- Group 8

17th Oct—22nd Oct ----- Group 1

24th Oct—29th Oct ----- Group 2

31st Oct—5th Nov ----- Group 3

OCTOBER FLOWER LIST

2ND DAPHNE MCCLEMENTS IN MEMORY OF HER PARENTS
9TH ROSEMARY HINDS IN MEMORY OF HER FATHER
16TH QUINTIN MULLIGAN IN MEMORY OF HIS WIFE
23RD THE NOBLETT FAMILY
30TH BARBARA GREENLEES

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



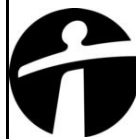
PASTORAL CARE

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 90 777 053. This is an essential part of his ministry and he will be pleased to visit you and help in whatever way he can.

If the Rector 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.

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



TRAIIDCRAFT
Fighting poverty through trade

Stall open on
Sunday 9th October
during coffee time after
the 11am service

*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 24th October. Thank you.*