

THE PARISH OF ST PETER AND ST JAMES
BELFAST

PARISH NOTES

NOVEMBER 2015

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

GOD . LOVING . PEOPLE

Cavehill Community Choir

at St Peter's Church

Friday 11th December

Wine reception after

Tickets £10

**in aid of
church
funds**

RECTOR'S NOTES

THANK YOU

My wife and I would like to thank all parishioners who contributed towards our wedding gifts. You have been exceptionally generous, and we are genuinely appreciative of it. Most of all we are grateful for your prayers, particularly for good weather on our wedding day! During that week, a storm was moving across Italy, and it seemed at one point that the weather back home in Belfast would be nicer than the weather in Sorrento. But, I'm pleased to say that, after a thunderstorm during the night, the sun began to shine just moments before the ceremony began, and the rest of the day was beautiful. God must have been listening to you!

On a related note, let me say this: Being a Rector is not an easy job, but I love it because—as challenging and difficult as it may sometimes be—God has called me to do it, the Church has recognised that calling, and I have been trained academically and experientially to lead a parish. This is not the case, however, with Rector's wives! As many of you already know, Laura has her own full-time job and her own interests outside of the Church, and it would be entirely wrong for anyone to place expectations upon her simply because she has chosen to marry me. In the same way, nobody in her workplace has expectations of me involving myself in their work simply because I have chosen to marry Laura. So although it probably goes without saying, could we all please take note that my wife is not the new deputy rector, nor has she signed up to lead any ministries or organisations within the parish. Those duties, as always, belong to the people whom God alone has chosen to do them.

I do wish to affirm, however, how wonderful all of you have been towards both Laura and me during our time in the parish. You have been so friendly, welcoming, and caring, and I can honestly say it has been a real joy and privilege for us to be here with you. God willing, we will be with you for many more years to come.

MEMBERSHIP COURSE

The first of the three sessions of our short course for new and old members will be held at 11.30am on Wednesday 4th November in the Minor Hall. We will be learning about the history and traditions of the Church of Ireland, thinking particularly about why we do things the way we do them. It should last no more than one hour. This session will be repeated a couple of times before Christmas for those who cannot attend on this occasion, as I would like to encourage every regular member of our congregation to attend. If you would like to come along on 4th November please let me know in advance by emailing brianlacey@hotmail.co.uk or by phoning 90 777 053.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

After our plea last month for help with the Guides, Brownies and Rainbows, we are delighted to welcome a new leader—Suzanne Oost Lievense. We wish Suzanne a happy and fulfilling time with the Brownies and Rainbows.

However, both the Scouts (Tuesday evenings) and the Guides (Thursday evenings) still need more adult volunteers. Both organisations bring discipline and fun into the lives of youngsters, and being involved as a leader not only helps the

children, it also adds something special to your own life. It honestly doesn't matter if you have no experience with either of these organisations, as full training and support will be given by the existing leaders. So if you want to find out a bit more, then please contact either myself, or Campbell Morris (Scouts) 07967 817 250, or Lorraine Gillespie (Guides) 90 833 236.

SERVICES IN NOVEMBER

November begins with All Saints' Day. During the evening on that day, our regular service of Choral Evensong will be replaced with a service specifically tailored to enable us to reflect upon, and give thanks for, loved ones who we have lost. The names of individuals buried through the parish since last year will be read aloud, and we will all have an opportunity to light a candle in memory of our dearly departed.

Remembrance Sunday falls on the 8th November this year, and as usual we will have a solemn service at 11am with the laying of wreaths and a two minute silence. Please note that there will be no Family Service in the Halls, and instead the children will go to Sunday School to learn about the meaning of Remembrance Sunday.

There are only two Holy Days in November: All Saints' Day on Sunday 1st November, and St Andrew's Day on Monday 30th November. Another important day will be the Kingship of Christ on the 22nd November, which marks the last Sunday of the current liturgical year. During the evening of the last Sunday of the month, the 29th November, we will also have our Advent Carol Service.

HOMework CLUB



**EVERY MONDAY 3.30PM—5PM
P1—P7 EVERYONE WELCOME**

We have been delighted over this last month with all that has been going on with our families' and children's ministry. The children really enjoyed the Big Kids Adventure in Cloughfern Parish, even the parents had a great time with us. The Big Kids Adventure is a diocese-wide children's programme that is full of fun activities, craft and teaching. We had four of our kids there and two parents who helped me supervise, all in all, it was a great success.

A weekly Homework club has also been started in the halls on a Monday afternoon and has been running for four weeks now. Although we are starting small and slow, we are hopeful that it will grow and benefit the community and schools around us. Please encourage people you know with kids to bring them along to it as we have found that it really helps relieve some of the pressures of homework, for both parents and children. We would love to see more families take advantage of this.

As ever, I am available for pastoral visits so if you are a family with children please get in touch if you would like me to come along and pray with you and your children, or if you want to discuss church or other related matters. My contact details are on the inside back cover. Coming up to the Christmas period I will be visiting families that belong to St Peter's to keep up to date and to offer any support necessary.

Frank Dillon, Families' and Children's Worker

Ladies' Guild

On Sunday 8th November the Ladies' Guild will be providing after service tea and coffee. Please see Anne Stewart if you are able to help with this event.

On Tuesday 10th November at 2.30pm our speaker will be Mrs Cherry Townsend from Kilcoan Gardens, Islandmagee. Cherry will demonstrate how to make nature-inspired festive decorations for our homes. I am really looking forward to seeing some of the beautiful items that Cherry has made and also hearing more about her beautiful gardens. There will be some items for sale eg wreath making kits, ribbons etc.

As always we will be delighted to have visitors at this event. You don't have to be invited, just come along and you will be made very welcome.

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)

NOVEMBER FLOWER LIST

1ST	BARBARA GREENLEES
8TH	VALERIE GUEST IN MEMORY OF HER HUSBAND, JAMES
15TH	HEATHER AND TONY SWAN IN MEMORY OF TONY'S PARENTS
22ND	THE BELL FAMILY
29TH	JOAN WALKER

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



Special request to flower arrangers

For safety reasons the altar in the sanctuary has been moved back a few inches closer to the wall. This means that the space behind is very limited for the Rector. Because of this he has asked that in future the arrangements of flowers should be much smaller and must not overhang the little shelf. This will give him as much room as possible and avoid accidents. Thank you for your anticipated co-operation.



KEEP CALM
AND
COME TO THE
CHRISTMAS
SALE
AND
COFFEE
MORNING

SATURDAY
28TH
NOVEMBER
10.30AM-12NOON

Keeping with tradition, our annual Christmas Sale and Coffee Morning will be held on the last Saturday in November. As before, Mr and Mrs Santa Claus will be in attendance and there will be plenty of other activities as well to keep our little ones happy while you enjoy your coffee and browse around the stalls deciding on your purchases.

This is our main fund-raising event in the parish and so it is vital to have a good attendance and generous support from all our parishioners and friends.

If you have any items for the tombola please bring them to church any Sunday between now and then or to the Parish Office between 11am and 12noon any week-day morning (except the week beginning 9th November).

Set-up for the sale will be on Friday evening (27th). For details on all aspects of the sale please contact Sandra Davison—her contact details are on the inside back cover).

*Adults £3 (inc tea/coffee and cakes)
Children £2 (including a visit to Santa and entry to children's activity room)*

HARVEST THANKSGIVING AND PRESENTATION TO THE RECTOR

On Harvest Sunday we had an additional reason to celebrate as a wedding gift was presented to the Rector by Sandra Hutchman on behalf of parishioners. After the service and amidst much good humour a lunch was provided for all and, as you can see, the Rector spent a fair proportion of his time with the little ones!

As always, thanks are due to all who helped to decorate the church so splendidly for our thanksgiving and also to those who helped in the preparation and service of the lunch.

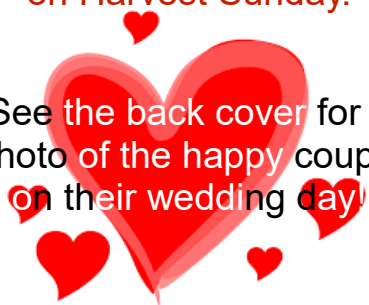
Parishioners donated a considerable quantity of food items to help others in need, and special thanks to Samuel Cromie who delivered all the gifts to the Welcome Centre for homeless people in the city.





Young and old alike
enjoyed lunch in the church
on Harvest Sunday.

See the back cover for a
photo of the happy couple
on their wedding day!



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 will soon be preparing the FWO envelopes for next year. Those of you who wish to continue using this method to subscribe need not take any action as 2016 envelopes will be automatically given to you in early December.

If, however, you wish to change to a different method (eg banker's standing order or other electronic means) please advise Noel Beattie (tel: 90 778 428 or email: noel_innisfayle@msn.com). Please do this as soon as you can and before the third week of November if at all possible.

THANK YOU

CONCERT



The Social Team has invited Cavehill Community Choir to give a concert in St Peter's 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 are £10 (in aid of church funds) and are available from members of the Social Team. There will be a complimentary wine reception after the concert.

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
1st November	Hilary Shields	Tom Campbell	The Rector
8th November	Jim Wilson	Daphne McClements	The Rector
15th November	Philip Williamson	Dora Hanna	The Rector
22nd November	Colin Bell	Wes Holmes	The Rector
29th November	Peter Coiley	Sandra Hutchman	The Rector



NORTH BELFAST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Thursday 19th November

7.45pm, Minor Hall

Speaker: The Rev'd Brian Lacey

Topic: Pompeii

Everyone welcome

Parish Notes

Don't forget 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".

AFTER CHURCH REFRESHMENT

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



CHURCH SERVICES

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>
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>
6.30pm	Advent Carol Service	<i>traditional</i>
MONDAY	30th NOVEMBER	ST ANDREW
7.30pm	Holy Communion	<i>traditional</i>
WEDNESDAY	2nd DECEMBER	MID-WEEK SERVICE
10.30am	Holy Communion	<i>modern</i>
7.30pm	Compline	<i>traditional</i>

SUNDAY 9am 11am 6.30pm	6th DECEMBER Holy Communion Holy Communion Choral Evensong	THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT <i>traditional</i> <i>modern</i> <i>traditional</i>
WEDNESDAY 10.30am 7.30pm	9th DECEMBER Holy Communion Compline	MID-WEEK SERVICE <i>modern</i> <i>traditional</i>
SUNDAY 9am 11am	13th DECEMBER Holy Communion Christingle Service	THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT <i>modern</i> <i>modern</i>
WEDNESDAY 10.30am 7.30pm	16th DECEMBER Holy Communion Compline	MID-WEEK SERVICE <i>modern</i> <i>traditional</i>
SUNDAY 9am 11am	20th DECEMBER Holy Communion Holy Communion	THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT <i>modern</i> <i>modern</i>
MONDAY 7.30pm	21st DECEMBER Nine Lessons & Carols	WEEK-DAY SERVICE <i>traditional</i>
WEDNESDAY 10.30am 7.30pm	23rd DECEMBER Holy Communion Compline	MID-WEEK SERVICE <i>modern</i> <i>traditional</i>
THURSDAY 3pm 11pm	24th DECEMBER Nativity Service Holy Communion	CHRISTMAS EVE <i>modern</i> <i>traditional</i>
FRIDAY 10.30am	25th DECEMBER Holy Communion	CHRISTMAS DAY <i>modern</i>
SUNDAY 9am 11am	27th DECEMBER Holy Communion Holy Communion	ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST <i>modern</i> <i>modern</i>
WEDNESDAY 10.30am	30th DECEMBER Holy Communion	MID-WEEK SERVICE <i>modern</i>

November Diary						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 All Saints' Day 9am Holy Communion 11am Holy Communion 6.30pm Bereavement Service	2 3pm Homework Club 7.30pm Finance Committee 8pm Badminton	3 10.30am Crafty Goodness 6pm Beavers 6.45pm Cavehill Crochet Club 7pm Cubs	4 10.30am Holy Communion and refreshments 2pm Bridge 6.30pm PhysioPilates 7.30pm Choir	5 10am Little Cherubs 6pm Rainbows 7pm Brownies 8pm Guides	6 10.30am PhysioPilates 11.30am Bible Study 4.30pm Speech and Drama	7
8 Remembrance Sunday 9am Holy Communion 11am Morning Prayer (tea/coffee)	9 3pm Homework Club 7.30pm Select Vestry 8pm Badminton	10 10.30am Crafty Goodness 2.30pm Ladies' Guild 6pm Beavers 6.45pm Cavehill Crochet Club 7pm Cubs	11 10.30am Holy Communion and refreshments 2pm Bridge 6.30pm PhysioPilates 7.30pm Choir	12 10am Little Cherubs 6pm Rainbows 7pm Brownies 7.30pm Bible Study 8pm Guides	13 10.30am PhysioPilates 4.30pm Speech and Drama	14

15 9am Holy Communion 11am Holy Communion 6.30pm Choral Evensong	16 3pm Homework Club 8pm Badminton	17 10.30am Crafty Goodness 6pm Beavers 7pm Cubs 8pm Compassionate Friends	18 10.30am Holy Communion and refreshments 11.30am Fabric Committee 2pm Bridge 6.30pm PhysioPilates 7.30pm Choir	19 10am Little Cherubs 6pm Rainbows 7pm Brownies 7.45pm Historical Society 8pm Guides	20 10.30am PhysioPilates 11.30am Bible Study 4.30pm Speech and Drama	21
22 The Kingship of Christ 9am Holy Communion 11am Morning Prayer (tea/coffee)	23 <i>Deadline for material to be with Anne for Dec/Jan Parish Notes</i> 3pm Homework Club 8pm Badminton	24 10.30am Crafty Goodness 1pm Events Committee 6pm Beavers 6.45pm Cavehill Crochet Club 7pm Cubs	25 10.30am Holy Communion and refreshments 2pm Bridge 6.30pm PhysioPilates 7.30pm Choir	26 10am Little Cherubs 6pm Rainbows 7pm Brownies 7.30pm Bible Study 8pm Guides	27 10.30am PhysioPilates 4.30pm Speech and Drama 7pm Set-up for sale	28 10.30m Christmas Sale and Coffee Morning
29 Advent Sunday 9am Holy Communion 11am Morning Prayer 2pm Speech and Drama 6.30pm Advent Carol Service	30 Saint Andrew 3pm Homework Club 7.30pm Holy Communion 8pm Badminton					

Christian Aid 70 Voices concert

**Thursday 12th November at 7.45pm
in the Ulster Hall**

**Come and join us for an uplifting musical evening of choirs and soloists
to commemorate the 70th Anniversary of Christian Aid.**



Tickets: £10 or £15 available from the Ulster Hall Box Office.

Claire McCollum, Songs of Praise presenter, will compere our evening and our Musical Director is Judith Watson.

Our performers include Una Voce, Voices Together, Lagan Seahorses Choir and Roddensvale School Choir.



If you have been involved with Christian Aid as a collector, organiser, volunteer or supporter we would love to see you join us for this very special final event in our 70th year.

Order your tickets today from the Ulster Hall website or by calling their Box Office on 028 9033 4455.

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

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

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 9TH NOVEMBER
AT 7.30PM
IN THE MINOR HALL

Holy Dusters Cleaning Rota

2nd—7th November	Group 7
9th—14th November	Group 8
16th—21st November	Group 1
23rd—28th November	Group 2
30th Nov—5th Dec	Group 3

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
8th November
during coffee time
after the
11am service**



Thank you to Quintin Mulligan for fixing the dripping tap in the top vestry! Much appreciated. *Margie Crawford*

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 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.

*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 23rd November. Thank you.*

Congratulations to the newly weds!



The Rector and his lovely wife, Laura.

**We wish them a lifetime of love and happiness
and God's blessing for their future together.**

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