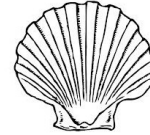


THE PARISH OF ST PETER AND ST JAMES
BELFAST



PARISH NOTES

SEPTEMBER 2013



Rector:

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the beauty of holiness: let the
whole earth stand in awe of him.

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Rector's Notes

Select Vestry

The ***Select Vestry*** is the management committee of the parish, with responsibility for our buildings, finances and staff. Normally the Rector chairs its meetings, but during the vacancy this became the responsibility of the Rural Dean: firstly the Rev'd Canon Nigel Baylor, and subsequently the Rev'd David Lockhart. I would like to express our gratitude to both of those gentlemen for overseeing the ongoing administration of this parish in addition to that of their own parishes. In order to accommodate them, the time of our meetings was changed. This, however, will now revert back to the traditional time of 7:30pm on the first Monday of each month.

In order to steer and inform the work of the Select Vestry, I have formed two subcommittees to help manage various aspects of the Vestry's work. These are the ***Finance Committee*** (which will assist our Honorary Treasurer in administering our financial resources) and the ***Fabric Committee*** (which will assist the Glebewardens with the maintenance and development of our buildings).

Church and Grounds

St Peter's is easily one of the most beautiful churches that I have ever been in! It is a building of which all parishioners should be rightly proud. As such, we have a clear duty to keep it in excellent condition and ensure that our congregation feels that they have entered into a truly sacred space. In this regard, I sincerely thank the ***"Holy Dusters"*** for their pivotal role in keeping the building clean and tidy. On a related note, you might have noticed that some of the chairs have been removed, making the place look less cluttered and providing us with more social space within the church. Consequently there were some ***kneelers*** left unused, and we have begun to display these as a feature of the church. If there are any that are personal to you that you would like to use during worship, please simply take them from the side aisle and use them.

The grounds surrounding St Peter's are kept in excellent condition by a small team of volunteers, comprising primarily of Noel and Annette Beattie, and Jim Wilson. One quite time consuming task is tending to the **flower beds**, but as with all things: many hands make light work. So if you would like to volunteer to tend to a particular section of flowerbed please do speak to Noel. This would be one very simple and satisfying way of playing a practical role in caring for your church.

Worship and Children

The second service of each month will continue to be a Service of the Word, which is a less formal service whilst still being recognisably Anglican. I am never keen on calling it a "Family Service", as families are always welcome at every one of our services throughout the month. However, during the Service of the Word, children will be encouraged to remain in the church throughout the service, and – depending on how many of them there are – the sermon will take the form of a simple, hopefully child-friendly, explanation of the Bible story of the day. If you have children or grandchildren who can come to church, then please bring them along to experience this form of worship.

As a new initiative, with the exception of the second Sunday, I intend to keep the children in the church until after the Confession and Absolution. At that point, I will invite them to the front for either a prayer or a short children's talk, after which they will go to Sunday School in the Halls. On the first Sunday only, they will then return to their parents in the church during the Offertory Hymn, enabling the Sunday School leaders to receive Holy Communion whilst the children receive a blessing.

In terms of children's ministry, my two main concerns are to enable them to feel that they belong to St Peter's (and by extension to the worldwide Church) and to prepare them for a life of Christian discipleship. Whilst these are certainly noble aspirations, it will take time to make that a reality. I would ask all parents to be patient and supportive as we go on this journey of making St Peter's a church in which people of all ages can come to feel spiritually nourished.

Church Services

Sunday 1st September	9.00am	Holy Communion
<i>Invited preacher and celebrant:</i> <i>The Rev'd Trevor Kelly</i>	11.00am	Holy Communion
Sunday 8th September	9.00am	Holy Communion
	11.00am	Service of the Word
Sunday 15th September	9.00am	Holy Communion
	11.00am	Holy Communion
	6.30pm	Choral Evensong
Sunday 22nd September	9.00am	Holy Communion
	11.00am	Morning Prayer
Sunday 29th September	9.00am	Holy Communion
	11.00am	Choral Matins

Holy Communion every **Wednesday** at 10.30am
and on Saints Days as below

There are three Holy Days in September, for which there will be a celebration of Holy Communion at the 9am service. Please do come along to mark these special occasions in the Church's year.

Sunday 8 th September	The Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Sunday 22 nd September	Saint Matthew
Sunday 29 th September	Saint Michael and all Angels

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!!!!



SUNDAY SERVICES SUMMARY

Sunday 1st September Trinity 14

Jesus said: "All who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted..." (from Luke 14: 1, 7 – 14)

We will consider God's concern (perhaps even his preference) for people who are humble and lowly, in contrast to our human predisposition to honour the rich and powerful, whilst despising or ignoring the plight of the poor.

Sunday 8th September Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Mary said: "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant." (from Luke 1: 46 – 55)

Continuing the theme of God's preference for the poor and lowly, we will apply this to the life of Mary, mother of our Lord Jesus.

Sunday 15th September Trinity 16

Jesus said: "There is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents." (from Luke 15: 1 – 10)

Again we continue with the theme of God associating himself with the lowly and weak, and in this case with sinful humanity in general. We will reflect upon what it means to be sinful, and God's response to our sin.

Sunday 22nd September Trinity 17

Jesus said: "You cannot serve God and wealth." (from Luke 16: 1 – 13)

In our modern culture we need money to survive, and the Church needs money to carry out its activities. We will consider if our need for money has turned into a love of money.

Sunday 29th September Saint Michael and all Angels

Jesus said: "You will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man." (from John 1: 47 – 51)

We will turn our attention away from earthly matters and instead focus on the spiritual world, learning a little bit about Angels and their role within God's creation.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Sunday School will start back on Sunday 15th September at 11am. This is open to all children from nursery school age. Children will normally remain in church with their parents at the start of each service before leaving for Sunday School.

From 8th September onwards, the second Sunday of each month will be a less formal service of worship with children remaining in church throughout and refreshments afterwards.

Pink
Jazz
EVENING

Saturday 2nd November

The
Martello
Jazz Band



October is Breast Awareness Month—all proceeds from this event go towards parish funds and Action Cancer.

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE SELECT VESTRY
WILL BE ON MONDAY 2nd SEPTEMBER
AT 7.30PM IN THE MINOR HALL

THE VESTRY TABLE

The mahogany table in the clergy vestry was made in the late 1800's and was gifted to Father Fergus Jordan by a member of his family for use in the Presbytery in Ballymena where he was curate from 1973-1982.

When Father Jordan died suddenly in 1982, aged only 44 years, the table was given to his brother Maurice who had it shipped to Hertfordshire where he was living with his family and there he used it as a dining room table.

Maurice and his family returned to live in Northern Ireland in 1985 and the table was stored in their North Belfast home.

In 2011 the Jordan family presented the table to Daphne McClements, Rector's Churchwarden, for use in St Peter's church.

RAINBOWS . BROWNIES . GUIDES

Our uniformed organisations recommence for the new season on Thursday 12th September:



Rainbows at 6pm-7pm

Brownies at 6.45pm-8pm

Guides 8pm-9.30pm



If you would like further information please contact either Lee Kennedy or Lorraine Gillespie and **even more importantly, if you could offer help to Lorraine with running the Guides** please ring her as soon as you can—it is so

MISSING ITEMS

If you know the whereabouts of a heavy, brown, leather-look vase or a small red watering can please inform the churchwardens. The vase was last seen in the church hall at supper time after the Service of Institution.

COMMUNICATIONS

NEW EMAIL ADDRESS

Please note our new email address for the Parish Office:

stpeters@connor.anglican.org

Also, do you know we have our own website?

Please visit us—www.stpeters.connor.anglican.org

and don't forget about our Facebook page

www.facebook.com/stpeterbelfast

LOTS OF WAYS TO KEEP IN TOUCH AND
TO FIND OUT WHAT'S HAPPENING IN YOUR PARISH!

MEN'S BREAKFAST



We are in the process of organising another Men's Breakfast to take place towards the end of October/ beginning of November. The invited speaker will be Mark Simpson, Ireland Correspondent for the BBC.

Mark Simpson originally began his journalistic career for a series of Northern Irish newspapers — *The News Letter*, *The Irish News*, and *The Belfast Telegraph* — after graduating in 1988 from Queens University with a degree in History and Politics. He joined the BBC in 1998 as a political correspondent. He was nominated as Television News Broadcaster of the Year at the BT UK Regional Press and Broadcast Awards 2000. In 2005 he moved to Leeds to the position of North of England Correspondent, where he reported for the national BBC News, including Shannon Matthews' disappearance and later discovery.

In 2008, he then returned to Belfast where he attained the position of Ireland Correspondent, taking over from Denis Murray.

Mark, who was born in Helen's Bay, now lives in Hollywood with his family.

Watch this space!

HARVEST THANKSGIVING

Advance Notice

Sunday 13th October at 11am



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 Charities Action Group who will provide refreshments after the 11am service on 8th September.



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)

7.30pm–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

Please contact appropriate personnel listed on back page for recommencement dates for the new season and more information.

Indoor Bowling Club

The Bowling Club re-opens on Tuesday 1st October at 7.15pm in the main church hall. Please come early so that you do not miss our new Rector and Club President delivering the first bowl of the season.

New members will be most welcome.

The annual subscription for church members and non-church members is only £12 plus 50p per night – excellent value for a fun night out and much better than watching TV. Why not give it a try? The club can provide you with bowls FOC!!

If you are interested please just come along on 1st October. If you would like more information about the club please contact John McCreary (Chairman) tel 9028 8581 or Stanley McDowell (Hon Sec) tel 9077 7223.

PARISH REGISTER

Holy Matrimony

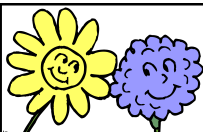
*"... signifying unto us the mystical union
that is betwixt Christ and his Church"*

Tom Campbell, Lenamore Avenue, Jordanstown &
Jenny McKeague, Springfield Avenue, Bangor
on 14th August 2013

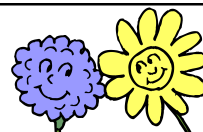


FAMILY NEWS

Rory Martin, pictured here with his family and the Rector, was baptised at the end of June.



FLOWER LIST



1ST SEPTEMBER—DAVID AND DOROTHY MCCAUSLAND

22ND SEPTEMBER—JOAN WALKER

Thank you to all who contribute their time and effort to putting flowers in church.

NOTICE TO FLOWER ARRANGERS

You have probably noticed that the cupboards in the south porch where we have been storing flower oasis and such like have become covered in mould and as a result very smelly. These cupboards have now had the mould removed, been washed out and sprayed with anti-mould solution. From now on it is important that no damp oasis, or in fact anything damp, is stored there. Instead please store any used oasis (damp or not) in the box provided in the upper vestry thus ensuring that only new oasis is stored in the south porch. Thank you.

WARM HOMES SCHEME

Think! Now is the time to insulate

If you own your home or privately rent your home and you receive benefits or tax credits, you may be entitled to free loft insulation, cavity wall insulation and hot water tank jacket. Loft top-ups are also available for houses that haven't been insulated in last ten years.

To apply for the scheme, call 0800 988 0559 or visit www.warm-homes.com.

READINGS AND READERS FOR SEPTEMBER

- 1st September** *The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity* ----- Marie Burrowes
Proverbs 25: 6-7 & Luke 14: 1, 7-14
- 8th September** *The Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary*-----Pippa Knowles
Luke 1: 46-55
- 15th September** *The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity*----- Tom Campbell
Exodus 32: 7-14 & Luke 15: 1-10
- 22nd September** *The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity* ----- Peter Coiley
Amos 8: 4-7 & Luke 16: 1-13
- 29th September** *The Feast of Saint Michael and all Angels* ---- David Cromie
Revelation 12: 7-12 & John 1: 47-51

If you are unable to read at the assigned service please switch with another person and inform Anne by telephone or email. Contact details on back page.

North Belfast Historical Society

Thursday 19th September

7.45pm in the Minor Hall

Topic: Reminiscences

New members always welcome.

Further information from

Daphne McClements 9077 7246

Holy Dusters Cleaning Rota

2nd—7th September Group 1

9th—14th September Group 2

16th—21st September Group 3

23rd—28th September Group 4

30th Sept—5th October Group 5

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 October issue of Parish Notes to:
Anne Cromie, Parish Office, 17 Waterloo Park South, Belfast BT15 5HX
or email: stpeters@connor.anglican.org
by Wednesday 18th September. Thank you.*