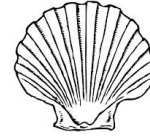


THE PARISH OF ST PETER AND ST JAMES  
BELFAST



PARISH NOTES



SEPTEMBER 2014

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## RECTOR'S NOTES

### SELECT VESTRY

The first meeting of the Select Vestry following the summer break will be held on Monday 8th September. As this is the date of the feast day of the Birth of the Virgin Mary, the meeting will begin with a celebration of Holy Communion at 7.30pm sharp in the church.

A very conscientious member of our Select Vestry, Ms Margaret Macbeth, passed away during August following almost five months in hospital. Margaret was an active member of St James' congregation, and continued to be involved following their merger with St Peter's. She was a very scholarly and insightful lady, and I will greatly miss her both personally and professionally.

Another long-standing member of our Select Vestry, Mr Stanley McDowell, has decided to stand down from the committee for health reasons. Whilst I have urged him repeatedly to reconsider, he feels that the time has come for him to bow out gracefully! A former Honorary Treasurer of the parish, Stanley is a faithful and dedicated member of our parish community, and no doubt he will find himself still called upon to give advice and encouragement whenever necessary! May I offer the gratitude of the whole parish to Stanley for his many years of ongoing loyal service.

### BENEVOLENT FUND

In response to a young man who contacted me over the summer seeking assistance with emergency accommodation and food, I was challenged to give serious consideration to how we as a Christian community help such people. In that particular case, the young man had access to no belongings other than the clothes he was wearing, and had been sleeping under a motorway bridge for about a week. He was genuinely embarrassed by the need to ask for help, but was becoming increasingly desperate, cold, and hungry.

Over the course of nearly three weeks I helped him with the cost of accommodation and gave him a minimal amount of cash that would enable him to purchase food, water, hygiene products, and even a new

pair of socks. The single most expensive cost was £170 which was spent on five nights in a B&B because all of the hostels (either for the homeless or for backpackers) were fully booked. On speaking to a member of staff at the Homeless Persons' Drop-In Centre, I discovered that more people than ever are living rough this year, and every night many people are turned away from homeless shelters. There are simply not enough beds for every homeless person, meaning that tonight whilst we sleep in our beds, many people will be outside trying to find a sheltered spot in a park or under a bridge.

Given the location of St Peter's in the leafy suburbs, it is unlikely that our parish will ever be inundated with requests for help. But even if it happens rarely, it will inevitably happen. Therefore I want to ensure that we have a system in place that enables us to respond quickly and decisively when someone presents themselves to us in genuine need of food and shelter.

To that end, I propose two things. Firstly, I will recommend to anyone requesting a baptism in St Peter's that their voluntary donation to the church be put into a Benevolent Fund used for the purposes of helping genuine people who come to us with basic, temporary, and verifiable needs. As the Church is a caring organisation, I think that it is entirely appropriate that the first act of a baptised person (or their parents on their behalf) is to help the needy. Of course, donations from anyone else would be welcome! Secondly, I will form a small committee to oversee the safekeeping of this fund, and to authorise expenditure from it on a case by case basis. I would suggest that it should consist of me and perhaps two or three other members of our congregation. If you feel that you would like to be involved in this ministry then please let me know.

I do hope that you will see the immense value of doing this. And, ironic as it may sound, please pray that we could live in a world where nobody would ever need to avail of such a fund.

### **PARISH OFFICE**

The Parish Office has now been relocated to the basement of the Church Halls. This can be accessed from the exterior of the building, via the gate at the far end of the car park beside the Main Hall.

The basement was originally designed to accommodate an office, but without regular use in the last seven years it had fallen into a poor state. I am very pleased to say that it has now been transformed into a clean and comfortable space. This office will serve as our administrative centre, and will be managed by Anne Cromie in her role as Parish Secretary. Correspondence intended for the Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer or other officers or staff, should be sent to the office.

The postal address is **Parish Office, St Peter's Church, Fortwilliam Drive, Belfast, BT15 4EB.**

Although the builders have done all of the hard work, I have enjoyed spending some time over the summer dismantling desks, shifting furniture, changing locks, choosing flooring, and liaising with joiners, painters and electricians. (There are sadly not many opportunities in ordained ministry to do something really practical!) As my own study has been moved from a spare bedroom to the former office, it has also given me a chance to reorganise my many books. You might wrongly think that I'm very smart if you see them all.

Please note that although I will often pop down to the Parish Office, I will still continue to work from the Rectory, and therefore you should continue to contact me there directly using the email **stpeters@connor.anglican.org** or the existing telephone number **90 777 053.**

On the other hand, if you need to contact Anne specifically concerning matters for which she is directly responsible, then please email her using **stpeterandstjames@outlook.com** or use the new telephone number **90 776 706.** If you're unsure about which of us to speak to, pick one of us at random and we'll let you know!

The new office will normally be open on weekdays from mid morning to early afternoon. Although nothing of value will be kept in the premises, there is an intercom to the left of the door for security purposes. In any event, it would probably be best to ring ahead to ensure that the office is open before you call down.

## CHURCH KEYS

During September an additional lock will be added to both of the main doors into St Peter's. This need has arisen due to a proliferation of keys cut without authorisation during the last decade. Often this was done for the best of intentions, but without a record of who has these extra keys and even how many there are, we can never feel entirely safe that the building and its contents are secure.

The new lock will be used in conjunction with the current lock, meaning that in the future two keys will be necessary to open the door. The new key will be of the sort that needs special authorisation before it can be duplicated. A key will be given to individuals who have a regular need for access into the church. If you need into the church for a particular reason but do not have a key, then please borrow one from the new Parish Office. Naturally this will mean coming to St Peter's when the office is open.

Hopefully this new arrangement does not cause any undue hassle for anyone who legitimately needs into the church. Bearing in mind the spate of attacks on both the interior and exterior of churches during the last few years, it is imperative that we protect what generations of Christians have worked hard to provide and care for.

In light of all of this, if you have (or know of) any church keys that you no longer need, then please return them for safekeeping to Anne Cromie. Thank you.

## CHOIR

Our Choir will resume duties at 11am on Sunday 14th September, with the first Choir Practice held at 8pm on Wednesday 10th September.

For health reasons, Leonard Woods has decided to stand down from the Choir, at least temporarily. For those of you who do not know him, Leonard sits in the back row of the Choir Stalls nearest me. Until earlier this year he was often accompanied by his son, Mark. Leonard is a lovely man, and he has a great voice, meaning his retirement from the Choir will affect us both personally and musically. Please do pray for his health and his family.

With the summer coming to an end, now is the time for you to join the Choir! We particularly need male voices, although women will of course be very welcome! You do not need to have been formerly trained! All you need is a love of praising God through choral music, and a willingness to attend regularly at both worship and rehearsal. If you are interested, then please speak to either me or our Choir Master, Robert Thompson.

### **SERVICES IN SEPTEMBER**

There will be no evening service on Sunday 7th September. Evening services will resume at 6.30pm on Sunday 21st September, and thereafter will be held on the first and third Sunday of each month.

On Sunday 7th September the celebrant and preacher will be the Very Rev'd Brian Moller, former Curate Assistant of St Peter's. As our own organist is away off duty that Sunday, Dean Moller's son Julian will preside at the organ.

Both of these gentlemen have a long connection with St Peter's and individually they have been with us at various times throughout this year. It is marvellous that they can carry out their ministries together on this occasion.

On Monday 8th September at 7.30pm there will be a celebration of Holy Communion for the feast day of the Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This service will be held in the Chancel, with the congregation invited to sit in the Choir Stalls. All members of the Select Vestry are expected to attend this service, which will be followed immediately by our first meeting after the summer break.

In addition to the feast day of the Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary, there will be two other holy days during the month. On Sunday 21st September we will celebrate St Matthew, and on Monday 29th September we will celebrate St Michael and All Angels.

Our schedule of services in September will follow the established pattern of Holy Communion on the first and third Sundays, and Morning Prayer on the second and fourth Sundays.

# PARISH REGISTER

## *Holy Matrimony*

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

**Richard Campbell and Sarah Stewart**, Shortheath Road, Farnham

on 9th August 2014

## *Holy Baptism*

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

**Michael Paul Patterson-Morrison**

son of Alan Patterson and Holly Morrison on 3rd August 2014

**Harvey James Logan**

son of James Logan and Stephanie Hill on 17th August 2014

## *Christian Burial*

*"At rest in the Lord."*

**Margaret Elizabeth Macbeth**, Collinbridge Drive

Carnmoney Cemetery on 25th August 2014

Margaret Macbeth was born and raised on the Antrim Road, with her formative education at Skegoneill Primary School and Belfast Royal Academy. She excelled in Mathematics, which she later read at Queen's University, winning several medals, and receiving high honours. After graduation she taught in Princess Gardens in south Belfast, the Rainey Endowed School in Magherafelt, then Ashleigh House School where she was promoted to Vice-Principal. At the relatively young age of 36 Margaret was appointed as Head Mistress of a highly reputable grammar school, the High School for Girls in Dungannon. Serving in that role for 18 years, Margaret was then appointed as Vice-Principal (and later Deputy Head) of the Royal School in Dungannon, with which the High School was amalgamated. Outside of education, Margaret was interested in arts and crafts, and flower arranging, both for pleasure and for use by the various organisations she was involved with. She was tremendously dextrous, and was equally capable of making curtains for her home as she was at making items for sale at fundraising events. For many years she cared for one of her brothers and her sister, both of whom predeceased her. Margaret was a stalwart of the church community in St James', and subsequently in St Peter's following the union of the two parishes. She served faithfully on the Select Vestry and Safeguarding Trust Panel, was a member of the Holy Dusters, and was a Sacristan for the early morning service. She will be sorely missed by her friends in this parish, for her wisdom and loyalty. Although she did not marry, and had no children, we remember her close friends from her long career, and her three nieces in Australia - Amanda, Fiona and Julia.



## CHURCH SERVICES

*Any services marked with an asterisk (\*) are traditional services derived from the Book of Common Prayer (1662). All other services are in modern language.*

### **WEDNESDAY 3rd SEPTEMBER      Mid-Week Service**

10.30am    Holy Communion      Luke 4: 38-44

*"Demons came out of many, shouting, 'You are the Son of God!'"*

### **SUNDAY 7th SEPTEMBER      The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity**

9am      Holy Communion\*      Mark 7: 31-37

11am      Holy Communion      Matthew 18: 15-20

*"Where two or three are gathered together in my name, I am there among them."*

### **MONDAY 8th SEPTEMBER      The Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

7.30pm    Holy communion\*      Luke 1: 46-55

*"My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour."*

### **WEDNESDAY 10th SEPTEMBER      Mid-Week Service**

10.30am    Holy Communion      Luke 6: 20-26

*"Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man."*

### **SUNDAY 14th SEPTEMBER      The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity**

9am      Holy Communion      Matthew 18: 21-35

11am      Morning Prayer      Matthew 18: 21-35

*"Out of pity for the man, the Lord of that slave released him and forgave him his debt."*

### **WEDNESDAY 17th SEPTEMBER      Mid-Week Service**

10.30am    Holy communion      Luke 7: 31-35

*"To what then will I compare the people of this generation?"*

### **SUNDAY 21st SEPTEMBER      Saint Matthew**

9am      Holy Communion      Matthew 9: 9-13

11am      Holy Communion      Matthew 9: 9-13

6.30pm    Choral Evensong\*      Matthew 19: 16-30

*"As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, 'Follow me'."*



**WEDNESDAY 24th SEPTEMBER Mid-Week Service**

10.30am Holy Communion Luke 9: 1-6

*"Jesus called the twelve together and gave them power and authority over all demons and to cure diseases, and he sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal."*

**SUNDAY 28th SEPTEMBER The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity**

9am Holy Communion Matthew 21: 23-32

11am Morning Prayer Matthew 21: 23-32

*"The tax-collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you."*

**MONDAY 29th SEPTEMBER Saint Michael and All Angels**

7.30pm Holy Communion\* Matthew 18: 1-10

*"See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven."*

**LESSON READERS FOR SEPTEMBER**

The following parishioners are on the rota to read at the 11am Sunday services. If you are unable to read on your appointed Sunday, please swap with another reader and inform the Parish Secretary, Anne Cromie.

Date	First Reading	Second Reading	Third Reading
7th September	Peter Coiley	Ashlee McCune	Dean Brian Moller
14th September	Dora Hanna	Tom Campbell	Sandra Hutchman
21st September	Wes Holmes	Anne Roberts	The Rector
28th September	Hilary Shields	Forde Patterson	Sandra Hutchman



**Northern Ireland Hospice Coffee Morning  
in the Church**

*on Wednesday 24th September  
after the mid-week service (approximately 11am)  
Do come along for a cuppa and a chat.  
We'll be collecting £2 for every cup served.*



**HARVEST THANKSGIVING**  
**Advance Notice**  
**Sunday 5th October at 11am**



September Diary						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> 8pm Badminton	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 10.30am Holy Communion followed by light refreshments 2pm Bridge	<b>4</b> 10am Little Cherubs 11am Ladies' Badminton 6pm Rainbows 7pm Brownies 8pm Guides	<b>5</b> 10.30am PhysioPilates 4.30pm Speech and Drama	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> 9am Holy Communion 11am Holy Communion & Sunday School	<b>8</b> <i>The Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> 7.30pm Holy Communion followed by Meeting of the Select Vestry 8pm Badminton	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 10.30am Holy Communion followed by light refreshments 2pm Bridge 8pm Choir Practice	<b>11</b> 10am Little Cherubs 11am Ladies' Badminton 6pm Rainbows 7pm Brownies 7.30pm Bible Study 8pm Guides	<b>12</b> 10.30am PhysioPilates 4.30pm Speech and Drama	<b>13</b>

<b>14</b> 9am Holy Communion 11am Morning Prayer & Sunday School (tea/coffee)	<b>15</b> 8pm Badminton	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 10.30am Holy Communion followed by light refreshments 11.30am Fabric Committee 2pm Bridge 6.30pm PhysioPilates 8pm Choir Practice	<b>18</b> 10am Little Cherubs 11am Ladies' Badminton 6pm Rainbows 7pm Brownies 7.45pm Historical Society 8pm Guides	<b>19</b> 10.30am PhysioPilates 4.30pm Speech and Drama	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> 9am Holy Communion 11am Holy Communion & Sunday School 6.30pm Choral Evensong	<b>22</b> 8pm Badminton	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 10.30am Holy Communion followed by light refreshments 2pm Bridge 6.30pm PhysioPilates 8pm Choir Practice	<b>25</b> 10am Little Cherubs 11am Ladies' Badminton 6pm Rainbows 7pm Brownies 7.30pm Bible Study 8pm Guides	<b>26</b> 10.30am PhysioPilates 7.30pm Fashion Show	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> 9am Holy Communion 11am Morning Prayer & Sunday School	<b>29</b> <i>Saint Michael and All Angels</i> 7.30pm Holy Communion 8pm Badminton	<b>30</b>				

*Our Little Cherubs Group invites you to a*

# *Fashion and Beauty Evening*

*Friday 26th September at 7.30pm  
in the church hall*



CAMEO

Fashion by  
Cameo Lifestyle Boutique,  
Ballyclare

Beauty by  
Molton Brown and Estée Lauder



ESTÉE LAUDER

Light refreshments

*In aid of Church Funds and the Children's Hospice*

Tickets £10 available from  
Norleen Sharpe—tel 90 776 131  
Eleanor Henderson—tel 93 462 444  
Parish Office—tel 90 776 706

### COFFEE IN CHURCH

Thank you to members of the Charities' Action Group who will provide refreshments after the 11am service on 14th September.



### PARISH CALENDAR CAPTION COMPETITION

The theme for **September** is—another question—What do you call the black and white parts of the organ which you can see in the picture?.

To make your entry simply write your caption on a piece of paper and give it to a churchwarden or email it to the parish office.

Remember to include your name!

Entries should be with us by the last day of the month. There will be a small prize awarded each month. Good luck!!



**TRAIDCRAFT**  
Fighting poverty through trade

**Sunday 14th September**  
during coffee time after  
the 11am service.

Another event for your diary ...  
... a family evening

**HARVEST MOON  
HOEDOWN  
Saturday  
8th November**



More details to follow

## ORGANISATIONS - TIMETABLE

### Sunday

11am–12noon: Sunday School

### Monday

8.00pm–11.00pm: Badminton Club

### Tuesday

2.30pm–4.30pm: Ladies' Guild (2<sup>nd</sup> Tues in month)

7.15pm–10.30pm: Indoor Bowling Club

8pm–10pm: Compassionate Friends (3<sup>rd</sup> Tues in month)

### Wednesday

2pm–4pm: Bridge Club

6.30pm–7.45pm: PhysioPilates

8pm–10pm: Choir

### Thursday

10am–11.30am: Little Cherubs Baby and Toddler Group

11am–1pm: Ladies' Badminton Club

6pm–7pm: Rainbow Guides

7pm–8pm: Brownies

7.30pm Bible Study (2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thurs in month)

7.30pm Theology Group (1<sup>st</sup> Thurs in month from October)

7.45pm Historical Society (3<sup>rd</sup> Thurs in month)

8pm–9.30pm: Guides

### Friday

10.30am–11.45am: PhysioPilates

4.30pm–7.30pm Speech and Drama

**BADMINTON CLUB** — new members are always very welcome—further information from Harold Jacobs (contact details back page) or just turn up on the night!



## PLEASE HELP ...

We have a vacant cleaning group—if you and a friend would like to fill it please get in touch with the Parish Office or Noel Beattie—it only takes a commitment of about 1-2 hours every 8 weeks.

## Holy Dusters Cleaning Rota

1st September—6th September	Group 7
8th September—13th September	Group 8
15th September—20th September	Group 1
22nd September—27th September	Group 2
29th September—4th October	Group 3

## SEPTEMBER FLOWER LIST

7TH  
21ST

DOROTHY MCCAUSLAND  
JOAN WALKER



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

### 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](mailto: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.

### Our Church Family

Please let us know about any happy events or exciting news happening within our parish family—good news is always worth sharing!

THE NEXT MEETING  
OF THE SELECT  
VESTRY  
WILL BE ON  
MONDAY 8th SEPT  
BEGINNING WITH A  
SERVICE OF  
HOLY COMMUNION  
AT 7.30PM SHARP IN  
THE CHURCH

### NORTH BELFAST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Thursday 18th September  
7.45pm, Minor Hall

#### Speaker:

Edward McCamley

Topic: First World War

Everyone welcome.

### PASTORAL CARE

If you would like to arrange for the Rector to visit you at home, whether to share your anxieties in confidence, or for spiritual advice, or for prayer, or for Holy Communion, then please contact him on his landline (90 777 053) or on his mobile (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 you or a loved one is seriously ill, particularly if you are admitted to hospital, then please inform the Rector. He often visits the hospitals but has no way of knowing who has been admitted unless you tell him. 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 October issue of Parish Notes to:*

Anne Cromie, Parish Office, St Peter's Church,  
Fortwilliam Drive, Belfast BT15 4EB

*or email: [stpeterandstjames@outlook.com](mailto:stpeterandstjames@outlook.com)*

*by Friday 19th September. Thank you.*