

THE PARISH OF ST PETER AND ST JAMES  
BELFAST

# PARISH NOTES

SEPTEMBER 2016

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

Family Night

HARVEST JAZZ

Saturday 17th September 7pm

Service of

HARVEST THANKSGIVING

Sunday 18th September 11am

GOD . LOVING . PEOPLE

## **RECTOR'S NOTES**

### **STUDENT READER**

Bishop Alan has asked us to welcome Mr Alan McCracken into our church family for about half a year in the role of Student Reader. Alan went to the Selection Conference earlier this year (where candidates are selected for ordained ministry) and, God willing, he will commence his training in September 2017. Prior to that, the Bishop has asked Alan to join us on Sundays in order to gain some experience of leading worship and preaching. Every clergyman has to start somewhere, so let's do our best to give Alan great memories of his time in St Peter's. Alan is a parishioner of St John's Whitehouse, where he has served as Churchwarden, and already has had some opportunities to be involved in leading services. As Alan's training for ministry will not begin properly until he attends the Theological Institute next year, we won't be demanding too much from him, but I will give him various roles during our worship to give him as broad an experience as possible. Please make every effort to befriend Alan and his wife, Karen, and to make them feel very welcome in St Peter's.

### **SON OF THE RECTORY**

Laura and I were overjoyed on 1<sup>st</sup> August when our little son was born. We have named him Dylan, which is an allusion to Laura's maiden name: Dillon. After all the angst that every expectant parent will naturally have, we were delighted and relieved that he is healthy and happy! In order to enable me to have a whole month to spend time with our little son, services were covered by the Very Rev'd Brian Moller, the Rev'd Canon Stuart Lloyd, the Rev'd Prof Ken Houston, the Rev'd Dr Ron Elsdon, the

Rev'd Canon Nigel Baylor, the Rev'd Clifford Skillen, and our own parishioner Mr Tony Swan. I am very grateful to each of them for being willing to help at such an important time for me. Laura and I would also like to thank the many parishioners who have sent cards, presents, and good wishes.

### **CHILDREN IN CHURCH**

There are two almost opposing forces at work during our worship: the need to maintain peace and order so that we can focus on encountering God, and the need to ensure that our children and young people feel included and experience Anglican liturgy. In recent years, the children have left for Sunday School within minutes of the service starting, occasionally returning to the church, but often remaining in the Halls. However, over the coming months we will aim to have the children with their parents in the church for longer, perhaps up until the gradual hymn. This is the hymn that comes between the second reading and the gospel. At this point, we will effectively separate for the purposes of receiving Christian instruction appropriate to our age. They will then return to their parents at the beginning of the last hymn. We will also bring the children in for a blessing during Holy Communion on some occasions.

### **LEADERSHIP TEAM REPORT**

Members of our Leadership Team met several months ago in order to determine a basic strategy for growing our parish. A report of the discussion and suggestions is available at the back of the church. Please take and read a copy. The Leadership Team, which consists of parishioners from all areas of parish life, will meet every year towards the start of the summer.

## SERVICES IN SEPTEMBER

The **Choir** starts back on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> September. There will be an act of dedication for the Choir during the 11am service the following week on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September. If you would like to join, then now is the most opportune time. In addition to singing at the 11am service every Sunday, the Choir sings fortnightly at 6.30pm on Sundays, and rehearses each week at 7.30pm on Wednesdays. Speak to Robert Thompson (Choir Master) or me for more information.

The Harvest Full Moon this year falls in the middle of this month, so our **Harvest Thanksgiving** will be on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September. The church will be decorated on the morning of Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> September. As always we will be asking for donations of flowers, fruit, vegetables, and non-perishable food, which will be donated to the Welcome Centre for homeless people.

**Bible Sunday** will be held on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September. At the beginning of this service, we will offer prayers of dedication for all those who read the Bible during our services. If you are on the list of readers, then please do your best to attend the 11am service that day. It is at this time of year that Forde Patterson (Warden of Readers) and I make changes to the list of readers. If you would like your name added or removed from the list, then please speak to either of us in the coming weeks.

There are three **Holy Days** this month: The Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be commemorated at 7.30pm on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September. St Matthew will be commemorated at 10.30am on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September. St Michael & All Angels will be commemorated at 7.30pm on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September.

### HONORARY SECRETARY'S REPORT

I have asked Gareth Larmour, our Honorary Secretary, to write a monthly report outlining the general issues being dealt with by the Select Vestry. Some matters are necessarily confidential, but wherever possible Gareth will aim to keep parishioners informed of important issues relating to the management of our resources. His first Select Vestry Bulletin is printed elsewhere in these Parish Notes.

## PARISH REGISTER

### *Christian Burial*

*"At rest in the Lord."*

#### **Leonard Woods**

Although a Presbyterian by birth, Leonard found his spirituality best nourished by the choral form of traditional Anglican liturgy. He joined the choir in St Peter's, and was a very talented and dedicated member until his health began to deteriorate. Despite his ill-health, Leonard continued to attend services as much as he was able, and we were pleased to see him, particularly when accompanied by his family. He will be sorely missed, both as a singer, and as a kind and gentlemanly member of our parish family. We offer our condolences to his wife Hilary, daughter Carol, and sons Simon and Mark. Leonard's funeral was held on 8<sup>th</sup> July in St Peter's, followed by the committal at Roselawn Crematorium.

#### **Brian Tweedie**

Brian was a longstanding member of St Peter's, serving in several capacities throughout his long life. With a background in the military, Brian was regularly called upon each year to lay one of the wreaths on Remembrance Sunday in St Peter's. It is in this capacity that our church family will most notice his absence. Having been active during the Second World War, he was the physical embodiment of the past that we remembered and honoured each November. We will certainly remember him, and we offer our condolences to his wife Heather, their children Jenny, Caroline, Susie, and Philip, and the wider family. Brian's funeral was held on 20<sup>th</sup> July in St Peter's, followed by interment at Dunluce Parish Graveyard.



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## CHURCH SERVICES

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<b>SUNDAY</b> 9am 11am 6.30pm	<b>4<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER</b> Holy Communion Holy Communion Holy Communion	<b>THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY</b> <i>traditional, said, Chapel of the Resurrection</i> <i>modern, sung, Nave</i> <i>traditional, sung, Nave</i>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 10.30am	<b>7<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER</b> Holy Communion	<b>MID-WEEK SERVICE</b> <i>modern, said, Chapel of the Resurrection</i>
<b>THURSDAY</b> 7.30pm	<b>8<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER</b> Holy Communion	<b>THE BIRTH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</b> <i>traditional, said, Chancel</i>
<b>SUNDAY</b> 9am 11am	<b>11<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER</b> Holy Communion Morning Prayer	<b>THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY</b> <i>modern, said, Chapel of the Resurrection</i> <i>modern, sung, Nave</i>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 10.30am	<b>14<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER</b> Holy Communion	<b>MID-WEEK SERVICE</b> <i>modern, said, Chapel of the Resurrection</i>
<b>SUNDAY</b> 9am 11am 6.30pm	<b>18<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER</b> Holy Communion Holy Communion Choral Evensong	<b>HARVEST THANKSGIVING</b> <i>modern, said, Chapel of the Resurrection</i> <i>modern, sung, Nave</i> <i>traditional, sung, Nave</i>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 10.30am	<b>21<sup>st</sup> SEPTEMBER</b> Holy Communion	<b>ST MATTHEW</b> <i>modern, said, Chapel of the Resurrection</i>
<b>SUNDAY</b> 9am 11am	<b>25<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER</b> Holy Communion Morning Prayer	<b>BIBLE SUNDAY</b> <i>modern, said, Chapel of the Resurrection</i> <i>modern, sung, Nave</i>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 10.30am	<b>28<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER</b> Holy Communion	<b>MID-WEEK SERVICE</b> <i>modern, said, Chapel of the Resurrection</i>
<b>THURSDAY</b> 7.30pm	<b>29<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER</b> Holy Communion	<b>ST MICHAEL &amp; ALL ANGELS</b> <i>traditional, said, Chancel</i>

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> OCTOBER</b>	<b>THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY</b>
9am	Holy Communion	<i>traditional, said, Chapel of the Resurrection</i>
11am	Holy Communion	<i>modern, sung, Nave</i>
6.30pm	Choral Evensong	<i>traditional, sung, Nave</i>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER</b>	<b>MID-WEEK SERVICE</b>
10.30am	Holy Communion	<i>modern, said, Chapel of the Resurrection</i>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>9<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER</b>	<b>THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY</b>
9am	Holy Communion	<i>modern, said, Chapel of the Resurrection</i>
11am	Morning Prayer	<i>modern, sung, Nave</i>
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>11<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER</b>	<b>ST PHILIP THE DEACON</b>
7.30pm	Holy Communion	<i>traditional, said, Chancel</i>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>12<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER</b>	<b>MID-WEEK SERVICE</b>
10.30am	Holy Communion	<i>modern, said, Chapel of the Resurrection</i>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>16<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER</b>	<b>THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY</b>
9am	Holy Communion	<i>modern, said, Chapel of the Resurrection</i>
11am	Holy Communion	<i>modern, sung, Nave</i>
6.30pm	Compline	<i>traditional, sung, Nave</i>
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>18<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER</b>	<b>ST LUKE</b>
7.30pm	Holy Communion	<i>traditional, said, Chancel</i>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>19<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER</b>	<b>MID-WEEK SERVICE</b>
10.30am	Holy Communion	<i>modern, said, Chapel of the Resurrection</i>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>23<sup>rd</sup> OCTOBER</b>	<b>ST JAMES, THE BROTHER OF OUR LORD</b>
9am	Holy Communion	<i>modern, said, Chapel of the Resurrection</i>
11am	Holy Communion	<i>modern, sung, Nave</i>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>26<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER</b>	<b>MID-WEEK SERVICE</b>
10.30am	Holy Communion	<i>modern, said, Chapel of the Resurrection</i>
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>28<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER</b>	<b>ST SIMON &amp; ST JUDE</b>
11am	Holy Communion	<i>modern, said, Chapel of the Resurrection</i>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>30<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER</b>	<b>ALL SAINTS</b>
9am	Holy Communion	<i>modern, said, Chapel of the Resurrection</i>
11am	Holy Communion	<i>traditional, sung, Nave</i>

# Family Night HARVEST JAZZ

Saturday 17th September 7pm



*Back by popular demand—The Martello Jazz Band*

Please make a note of this event in your diaries now and plan to come along on 17th September. This event is open to all, but we would especially encourage you to bring along your children, hence the early start time. If you would like to bring along friends and relatives please feel free to do so. If you intend to be present, please add your name, as soon as possible, to the sheet at the back of the church. This will give us a guide to numbers for catering purposes.

There will be a ballot on the evening and if you would like to donate items please give them to the Church Wardens.

Tickets £12 (family ticket £25) include a hot supper, dessert and a glass of wine/soft drink.

Tickets are available from Dora Hanna, Sandra Hutchman, Daphne McClements and Sandra Davison.

Hope to see you there.

*Social Team*



## HARVEST DECORATION

This year our Harvest Thanksgiving will be held on Sunday 18th September. As always, we need volunteers, both men and women, to help with the decoration of the church. We hope that as many people as possible will come along on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> September at 10am to lend a hand. Children are invited to



come along at 11am to do decorating with our Sunday School teachers.

We also need gifts of flowers, fruit, vegetables and non-perishable food which will then be donated to the Welcome Centre for homeless people, as last year.

Don't just read this—please come along and help!

Anne Cromie

## GIRL GUIDES AT ST PETER'S



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

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

Anne Cromie

# September Diary

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 11.30am Bible Study	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b> 9am Holy Communion 11am Holy Communion 6.30pm Holy Communion	<b>5</b> 7.30pm Finance Committee	<b>6</b> 10.30am Crafty Goodness	<b>7</b> 10.30am Holy Communion and refreshments 11.30am Mission Committee 2pm Bridge 7.30pm Choir	<b>8</b> <i>The Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> 10am Little Cherubs 6pm Rainbows 7pm Brownies 7.30pm Holy Communion 8pm Bible Study 8pm Guides	<b>9</b> 10.30am PhysioPilates	<b>10</b>

<b>11</b> 9am Holy Communion 11am Morning Prayer and Sunday School (tea/coffee after)	<b>12</b> 7.30pm Select Vestry 8pm Badminton	<b>13</b> 10.30am Crafty Goodness 6pm Beavers 7pm Cubs	<b>14</b> 10.30am Holy Communion and refreshments 2pm Bridge 6.30pm PhysioPilates 7.30pm Choir	<b>15</b> 10am Little Cherubs 6pm Rainbows 7pm Brownies 7.45pm Historical Society 8pm Guides	<b>16</b> 10.30am PhysioPilates 11.30am Bible Study	<b>17</b> 10am Decoration of church for Harvest 7pm Harvest Jazz
<b>18</b> <b>Harvest Thanksgiving</b> 9am Holy Communion 11am Holy Communion and Sunday School 6.30pm Choral Evensong	<b>19</b> <i>Deadline for material to be with Anne for October Parish Notes</i> 8pm Badminton	<b>20</b> 10.30am Crafty Goodness 6pm Beavers 7pm Cubs	<b>21</b> <b>St Matthew</b> 10.30am Holy Communion and refreshments 11.30am Fabric Committee 2pm Bridge 6.30pm PhysioPilates 7.30pm Choir	<b>22</b> 10am Little Cherubs 6pm Rainbows 7pm Brownies 7.30pm Bible Study 8pm Guides	<b>23</b> 10.30am PhysioPilates 4.30pm Speech and Drama	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b> <b>Bible Sunday</b> 9am Holy Communion 11am Morning Prayer and Sunday School (tea/coffee after)	<b>26</b> 8pm Badminton	<b>27</b> 10.30am Crafty Goodness 1pm Events Committee 6pm Beavers 7pm Cubs	<b>28</b> 10.30am Holy Communion and refreshments 2pm Bridge 6.30pm PhysioPilates 7.30pm Choir	<b>29</b> <b>St Michael and all angels</b> 10am Little Cherubs 6pm Rainbows 7pm Brownies 7.30pm Holy Communion	<b>30</b> 10.30am PhysioPilates 4.30pm Speech and Drama	

# HOLIDAY BIBLE CLUB



We had an amazing time with our children at our Holiday Bible Club. The theme of the week was around our emotions and how God is in everything, even when we may be feeling down or angry. Each day was given an emotion and we had great fun exploring them together through prayer, art, song and our talks. On the Thursday we had a special guest, Cheryl, who came and conducted a workshop in expressive art and we had great fun making a complete mess expressing ourselves and what we were feeling at the time. Over the week, over 20 children came and went, this felt like 40 at times, but we would like to thank all those who gave up their time outside work to come and help! Here are some photos from the week for you all to have a laugh at!

Frank Dillon  
Families' and Children's Worker









## PHYSIOPILATES

In order to help retain our healthy bodies, PhysioPilates classes will resume on:

*Friday 9th September at 10.30am, and  
Wednesday 14th September at 6.30pm.*



Everyone is welcome (unless your doctor says otherwise) and the exercises are adapted specifically for you.

Come and enjoy the craic, congenial company and soothing music.

If you want more details, please phone me on 9514 9564 or email me at [sehutchman@hotmail.com](mailto:sehutchman@hotmail.com).

*Sandra Hutchman*



### **AFTER CHURCH REFRESHMENT**

*Light refreshments will be served after the 11am services on Sunday 11th and Sunday 25th September.*



### **SELECT VESTRY BULLETIN**

Our tenants in the former St James' church have now vacated the church building and have moved into a room in the adjoining halls. A process is now underway to ensure new tenants move into the church as soon as possible, so that St James continues to be a place of Christian worship. This will hopefully be sorted shortly, with the Rector and Victor Davis (Rector's Glebewarden) overseeing the work, and the Select Vestry hoping to make a decision in its September meeting.

Recent months have seen a range of work undertaken to ensure that our buildings are maintained and kept in good order. The recent repair work to the church roof over the south aisle has now been completed, and Victor Davis did a great job liaising with the builders throughout this period. Parishioners also volunteered their time and efforts on several Wednesday evenings over the summer to give our buildings a thorough clean. The window sills were dusted, the windows cleaned, the woodwork polished, the brass eagle cleaned, and various bits of DIY were done here and there. The summer cleaning group will meet every year from now on. This often menial - but very important - work ensures that St Peter's continues to be a wonderful place in which to worship and encounter God.

Finally, as to the matter of finances, we are currently running a higher deficit this year than we did last year due to a number of essential repairs and increased utility costs, but in good news, we have just paid over £10,000 in roof repairs which was completely covered by the first tranche of the grant we received from the Listed Places of Worship Roof Repair Grant Scheme, and we look forward to generating rental income from the former St James' church soon. Our expenses need to be paid out of our income generated from Free Will Offerings. Would all parishioners please give generously and regularly to our funds.

*Gareth Larmour  
Hon Sec to Select Vestry*



## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Heartiest congratulations to Derek and Anne Noblett who celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary with members of their family on 17th July.



## 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.

Sept	First Reading	Second Reading	Third Reading	Intercessor
4th	Eleanor Henderson	Dora Hanna	The Rector	Rector
11th	Daphne McClements	Wes Holmes	The Rector	David Cromie
18th	Marie Burrowes	Sandra Hutchman	The Rector	TBC
25th	Caroline O'Kane	Ashlee McCune	The Rector	Forde Patterson

## NORTH BELFAST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

**Thursday 15th September**  
7.45pm in the Minor Hall  
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](http://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 (2<sup>nd</sup> 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 (2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday in month)

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

8pm—9.30pm: Guides

### **Friday**

10.30am—11.45am: PhysioPilates

11.30am: Bible Study (1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](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.

### **Holy Dusters Cleaning Rota**

29th Aug—3rd Sept	Group 2
5th Sept—10th Sept	Group 3
12th Sept—17th Sept	Group 4
19th Sept—24th Sept	Group 5
26th Sept—1st Oct	Group 6



## SEPTEMBER FLOWER LIST

4TH SEPTEMBER DOROTHY MCCAUSLAND  
11TH SEPTEMBER JAMES HUNTER (VANCOUVER) IN MEMORY  
OF HIS MOTHER, RENE  
18TH SEPTEMBER HARVEST THANKSGIVING  
25TH SEPTEMBER JOAN WALKER

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  
12TH SEPTEMBER  
AT 7.30PM  
IN THE MINOR HALL



**TRAIDCRAFT**  
Fighting poverty through trade

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

*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 Monday 19th September. Thank you.*