

THE PARISH OF ST PETER AND ST JAMES
BELFAST

PARISH NOTES

SEPTEMBER 2017

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



Harvest Thanksgiving

10th September

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RECTOR'S NOTES

PARISH FELLOWSHIP

From September onwards our Thursday evening Bible Study group will be rebranded and expanded as "Parish Fellowship". In addition to continuing to read and discuss the Scriptures on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month, we will also meet on the first Thursday of the month to explore various spiritual disciplines and to further our Christian discipleship. Although there is a dedicated core membership, all parishioners are welcome to come along as often as suits you. Our meetings are relaxed and informal, beginning with some tea/coffee, and they provide a great way to get to know other members of the congregation. Please do come along at 7.30pm on any Thursday evening. If it is a Holy Day then there will be a short celebration of Holy Communion in the church at the beginning. Remember that the Historical Society meets on the third Thursday of the month instead, but I encourage you to attend that group as well.

SUNDAY SCHOOL



The Sunday School will resume in September, and I encourage you to enrol your child in the coming weeks, either by emailing me at stpeters@connor.anglican.org or by simply coming along to church and speaking with our new Families Worker, Nathan Ervine. Some of you will already have met Nathan, who started work in July,

and who will be helping us to develop new ideas for this ministry to our children. His job is not to lead the Sunday School, but to support and assist the members of our congregation to take on this important ministry. So if you would like to help with the Sunday School, either on a regular or rota basis, working with any age group, then please let me know as soon as possible by emailing stpeters@connor.anglican.org or telephoning 90777035. It is our intention this year to have three age groups, each with its own curriculum and teaching style. All groups will meet in the Minor Hall, with supervision shared between the adult leaders present.

TELEPHONE PRAYER CHAIN

If you would like be part of the Telephone Prayer Chain team, then please remain in church after the 11am service for a very brief meeting on Sunday 24th September. Membership of the team means committing yourself to receiving one or two phone calls during the week from the team leader, and then praying in your own time, and then ringing one other member of the team to pass on the names of those to be prayed for. For more information please speak to me or to Rosemary Johnston.

SAFEGUARDING TRUST

There will be a meeting of the Safeguarding Trust Panel on Sunday 3rd September. The Panel consists of Florrie Greer, Philip Williamson, and myself. Part of our role is to receive reports from parishioners about any concerns they have about the safety of children on our premises. If you wish to

raise any such concerns with the Panel, then please contact any member of the Panel before the date of the meeting. Contact details are printed on the back cover of these Parish Notes.

CHOIR DEDICATION

Our choir will resume at 11am on Sunday 3rd September, following their well-earned summer break. At the beginning of the service we will dedicate their ministry to God's glory, and ask for his blessing upon them. Now is therefore a good time to encourage more of our parishioners to join the choir. If you would like to, then please speak either to me or to our Choir Master, Robert Thompson. In addition to 11am every Sunday, the choir sings at the 6.30pm services on the first and third Sundays of each month, and has a rehearsal each Wednesday evening at 7.30pm.

SERMON SUMMARIES

On the *10th Sunday after Trinity* (Sunday 20th August) we considered what might happen to the Church if all the clergy were to suddenly disappear. In such circumstances, some people would just naturally just fall out of the habit of being involved in the Church. But others would probably take action to keep the Church going. So in terms of worship, a Parish Reader might take it upon themselves to ensure that Sunday by Sunday, somebody was standing at the front of the church, leading Morning Prayer. The Choir as a group might get together to determine what hymns should be sung. Leading members of the Select Vestry would make sure that

the bills were paid, that repair work was done, and that general administration of the parish kept ticking over. The members of the congregation with the most compassionate hearts might recognise that parishioners in hospital need visited, and so they would arrange with each other who to comfort the sick. You might even get one or two people who felt comfortable and confident in preaching a straightforward sermon. In other words, if I and all the other clergy were suddenly wiped off the face of the earth, then given time, you would begin to take upon yourselves, and share between yourselves, the various duties that traditionally are considered to be the work of the clergy. What this shows is that the Church will survive even without clergy, and that ultimately it is God the Holy Spirit who encourages and equips individual Christians to carry out his purposes, whether or not they are wearing a dog collar.

On the *9th Sunday after Trinity* (Sunday 13th August) we read about St Peter trusting Jesus enough to walk on the water in the midst of a raging storm. That storm represents all the things that worry us: financial difficulties, ill health, problems at work, family disputes—whatever it is, I'm sure most of us have experienced such troubles in the past, and there will be no shortage of them in the future. But as Christians, we need to remember that we are not alone in facing these problems. Jesus is with us. And we must learn to trust that he will give us the strength, or the endurance, or the healing, or even a practical solution, to our problems. When we place our hopes and trust in him, he will see us through tough times in the storms of life. The image of Jesus walking on the water indicates to us that God is not fearful of the things that scare us. It indicates that God cannot drown in the problems that threaten to overwhelm us. It indicates that God can

understand and experience the difficulties which affect us, but they cannot drag him down. In the Gospel story, then, St Peter asks Jesus to let him share in that power to withstand the raging storm. And Jesus invites him, saying “come”, and so Peter steps out of the boat. And the unthinkable happens: he steps on top of the water, and starts walking over the waves, towards Jesus. He could do this because Jesus gave him the encouragement, and he trusted him. The metaphor for our own lives is clear: we will overcome the difficulties of life, if we trust in Jesus and keep our attention focussed on him and on his promises. Unfortunately, as is depicted so beautifully in our East Window, Peter “noticed the strong wind, became frightened, and began to sink.” Peter’s attention changes from focussing on Jesus to focussing on the things around him that scared him. And because he focusses more on his worries, than on the person who can support him, he begins to sink. In our own lives, when facing our own fears, we need to remember to focus on Jesus when the going gets rough; focus on his power, on his strength; put your trust and hopes in him. Keep focussed on him, and don’t let the problems of this world distract your attention away from him.

On *St James’ Day* (celebrated on Sunday 23rd July) we pondered whether or not life is fair. If life were fair then all people would be treated equally without favour or discrimination. And so clearly the answer to that question is “no”. Because although to some extent we can forge our own destiny in life, for most people—through no fault of our own, and regardless of our efforts, some will be rich, some will be poor; some will suffer debilitating illness, some will be fighting fit; some will have many friends, some will be lonely; some will look in a mirror and be happy, and some

will look in a mirror and feel sad. Some people will have, and some people will have not. Such is the unfairness built into our lives. One of our patron saints, St James, was a victim of unfairness. He was the brother of another Apostle—St John; both of them were fishermen, and both had been called by Jesus to become disciples. And both were members, alongside St Peter, of an inner circle of Jesus' closest friends. James' brother John lived a very long life—some say to over 100 years old—and he died peacefully. And because he lived a long life, he was able to share and record his experiences and opinions, particularly regarding his understanding of Christ's divinity. And we can read his thoughts in John's Gospel, and in his three Epistles in the New Testament. James, on the other hand, died in 44AD, just a decade after the Resurrection. One of the first martyrs, he was beheaded on the orders of King Herod, and so, other than a few mentions of him in the Gospels, we know very little else about his thoughts on Christianity. Is it fair, that John lived a long, productive life, whilst James was executed? Did James deserve to die, whilst John deserved to live? Was John more faithful than James? Was he more obedient? Did he pray more sincerely? Did he trust God more? Probably not. So what we're left with is an example of how sometimes life is simply not fair. And yet, did this unfairness affect St James' faith? The answer is "no", because St James didn't make fairness a condition for his faith. Likewise, did the unfairness of life affect that faith of thousands of Christians in the early church when they were being persecuted and killed? No! Because they didn't make fairness a condition for their faith. In fact, it strengthened their hope for a better world in the afterlife, because of their faith in Christ, who offered them the joys of the kingdom of heaven, where everything would be fair, and where everyone

will have eternal health and eternal happiness. We need to learn to adopt the same attitude. Life is not fair, and nowhere in the Bible, or in the teachings of Christ or the Apostles, is the promise given that it will be fair. What Christ offers us therefore is not fairness, but hope. Let that be the basis of our faith.

SERVICES IN SEPTEMBER

There are three **Saints' Days** this month. On Thursday 7th September there will be a celebration of Holy Communion to commemorate the *Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary*. On Thursday 21st we will commemorate *St Matthew*, and again on Thursday 28th we will commemorate *St Michael and All Angels*. Each of these services will be at 7.30pm in the Chancel.

Our **Harvest Thanksgiving** is at 11am on Sunday 10th September. As usual, we will be encouraging parishioners to decorate the church the day before, which is Saturday 9th. We will also be collecting food and hygiene products for the Welcome Centre, which provides meals and facilities for the homeless.

Our **evening services** resume in September, and we will continue to have one every Sunday. Normally the choir will be present on the first and third Sunday evenings, whilst the remaining services during the month will be mainly or entirely said. There will be a range of services, including Compline, the Late Evening Office, and modern and traditional forms of both Evening Prayer and Holy Communion. Each service begins at 6.30pm.

PARISH REGISTER

Holy Matrimony

*Signifying unto us the mystical union that is
between Christ and his Church.*

Karl O'Connor and Maria Dobbin

School Lane, Greenisland

on 12th August 2017

Renewal of Wedding Vows

Daniel Holding and Emma Jane Holding

Great Munden, Ware, England

18th August 2017

Christian Burial

"At rest in the Lord."

Mary Walmsley Bentham

Somerton Road

on 6th July 2017

Derek Harris Noblett

Langley Hall, Newtownabbey

on 21st July 2017

William Trevor Wicklow

Torr Road, Bridge of Weir, Scotland

on 18th August 2017

CHURCH SERVICES IN SEPTEMBER

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| SUNDAY | 3rd SEPTEMBER | THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY |
| 9am | Holy Communion | <i>traditional, said, Resurrection</i> |
| 11am | Holy Communion | <i>modern, sung, Nave</i> |
| 6.30pm | Choral Evensong | <i>traditional, sung, Nave</i> |
| WEDNESDAY | 6th SEPTEMBER | MID-WEEK SERVICE |
| 10.30am | Holy Communion | <i>modern, said, Resurrection</i> |
| THURSDAY | 7th SEPTEMBER | BIRTH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY <i>(transferred)</i> |
| 7.30pm | Holy Communion | <i>traditional, said, Chancel</i> |
| SUNDAY | 10th SEPTEMBER | HARVEST THANKSGIVING |
| 9am | Holy Communion | <i>modern, said, Resurrection</i> |
| 11am | Morning Prayer | <i>modern, sung, Nave</i> |
| 6.30pm | Evening Prayer | <i>modern, said, St James</i> |
| WEDNESDAY | 13th SEPTEMBER | MID-WEEK SERVICE |
| 10.30am | Holy Communion | <i>modern, said, Resurrection</i> |
| SUNDAY | 17th SEPTEMBER | THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY |
| 9am | Holy Communion | <i>modern, said, Resurrection</i> |
| 11am | Holy Communion | <i>modern, sung, Nave</i> |
| 6.30pm | Compline | <i>traditional, sung, Nave</i> |
| WEDNESDAY | 20th SEPTEMBER | MID-WEEK SERVICE |
| 10.30am | Holy Communion | <i>modern, said, Resurrection</i> |
| THURSDAY | 21st SEPTEMBER | ST MATTHEW |
| 7.30pm | Holy Communion | <i>traditional, said, Chancel</i> |
| SUNDAY | 24th SEPTEMBER | THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY |
| 9am | Holy Communion | <i>modern, said, Resurrection</i> |
| 11am | Morning Prayer | <i>modern, sung, Nave</i> |
| 6.30pm | Late Evening Office | <i>modern, said, St James</i> |
| WEDNESDAY | 27th SEPTEMBER | MID-WEEK SERVICE |
| 10.30am | Holy Communion | <i>modern, said, Resurrection</i> |
| THURSDAY | 28th SEPTEMBER | ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS <i>(transferred)</i> |
| 7.30pm | Holy Communion | <i>traditional, said, Chancel</i> |

CHURCH SERVICES IN OCTOBER

SUNDAY

9am
11am
6.30pm

1st OCTOBER

Holy Communion
Holy Communion
Choral Evensong

CHRIST ALONE SUNDAY

traditional, said, Resurrection
modern, sung, Nave
traditional, sung, Nave

WEDNESDAY

10.30am

4th OCTOBER

Holy Communion

MID-WEEK SERVICE

modern, said, Resurrection

SUNDAY

9am
11am
6.30pm

8th OCTOBER

Holy Communion
Morning Prayer
Evening Prayer

FAITH ALONE SUNDAY

modern, said, Resurrection
modern, sung, Nave
modern, said, St James

WEDNESDAY

10.30am

11th OCTOBER

Holy Communion

ST PHILIP THE DEACON

modern, said, Resurrection

SUNDAY

9am
11am
6.30pm

15th OCTOBER

Holy Communion
Holy Communion
Holy Communion

GRACE ALONE SUNDAY

modern, said, Resurrection
modern, sung, Nave
traditional, sung, Nave

WEDNESDAY

10.30am

18th OCTOBER

Holy Communion

ST LUKE

modern, said, Resurrection

SUNDAY

9am
11am
6.30pm

22nd OCTOBER

Holy Communion
Morning Prayer
Compline

GOD ALONE SUNDAY

modern, said, Resurrection
modern, sung, Nave
traditional, said, St James

WEDNESDAY

10.30am

25th OCTOBER

Holy Communion

MID-WEEK SERVICE

modern, said, Resurrection

THURSDAY

7.30pm

26th OCTOBER

Holy Communion

ST SIMON & ST JUDE *(transferred)*

traditional, said, Chancel

SUNDAY

9am
11am
6.30pm

29th OCTOBER

Holy Communion
Morning Prayer
Late Evening Office

SCRIPTURE ALONE SUNDAY

modern, said, Resurrection
modern, sung, Nave
modern, said, St James

September Diary

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|--|---|--|
| | | | | | 1 11.30am Bible Study 3.30pm Pilates (beginners) 5.30pm Pilates (intermediate) | 2 |
| 3 9am Holy Communion 11am Holy Communion & Sunday School (time tbc) Safe-guarding Trust Panel meeting 6.30pm Choral Evensong | 4 7.30pm Finance Committee | 5 10.30am Crafty Goodness | 6 10.30am Holy Communion and refreshments 2pm Bridge 6.30pm PhysioPilates 7.30pm Choir | 7 <i>Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> 2.30pm Parish Prayers 7.30pm Holy Communion 8pm Parish Fellowship | 8 10.30am PhysioPilates 11.30am Mission Committee 3.30pm Pilates (beginners) 5.30pm Pilates (intermediate) | 9 10am Decoration of the church for Harvest Thanksgiving |

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| 10 Harvest 9am Holy Communion 11am Morning Prayer & Sunday School (tea/coffee) Traidcraft stall 6.30pm Evening Prayer | 11 7.30pm Select Vestry 8pm Badminton | 12 10.30am Crafty Goodness 6pm Beavers 7pm Cubs | 13 10.30am Holy Communion and refreshments 2pm Bridge 6.30pm PhysioPilates 7.30pm Choir | 14 10am Little Cherubs 6pm Rainbows 7pm Brownies 7.30pm Parish Fellowship 8pm Guides | 15 10.30am PhysioPilates 11.30am Bible Study 3.30pm Pilates (beginners) 5.30pm Pilates (intermediate) | 16 |
| 17 9am Holy Communion 11am Holy Communion & Sunday School 6.30pm Compline | 18 Deadline for material to be with Anne for October Parish Notes 8pm Badminton | 19 10.30 Crafty Goodness 6pm Beavers 7pm Cubs | 20 10.30am Holy Communion and refreshments 11.30 Fabric Committee 2pm Bridge 6.30pm PhysioPilates 7.30pm Choir | 21 St Matthew 10am Little Cherubs 6pm Rainbows 7pm Brownies 7.30pm Holy Communion 7.45pm Historical Society 8pm Guides | 22 10.30am PhysioPilates 3.30pm Pilates (beginners) 5.30pm Pilates (intermediate) 4.30pm Speech and Drama | 23 |
| 24 9am Holy Communion 11am Morning Prayer & Sunday School (tea/coffee) 12 noon Telephone Prayer Chain meeting 6.30pm Late Evening Office | 25 8pm Badminton | 26 10.30 Crafty Goodness 1pm Events Committee 6pm Beavers 7pm Cubs | 27 10.30am Holy Communion and refreshments 2pm Bridge 6.30pm PhysioPilates 7.30pm Choir | 28 St Michael & All Angels 10am Little Cherubs 6pm Rainbows 7pm Brownies 7.30pm Holy Communion 8pm Parish Fellowship 8pm Guides | 29 10.30am PhysioPilates 3.30pm Pilates (beginners) 5.30pm Pilates (intermediate) 4.30pm Speech and Drama | 30 |



On Monday 3rd July, The Feast of Saint Thomas, David Cromie, Forde Patterson and Tony Swan were commissioned as Parish Readers by The Rev'd Kevin Graham.

A message to us from



"Thank you very much for your donation of £1695 for the work of Christian Aid. We really appreciate all your support over the 2017 Christian Aid Week.

This year we shared the story of Nejebar, who fled Afganistan with her children when her husband's life was threatened. After such a long journey across Asia, Nejebar's youngest son Sudai urgently needed medical help. With your support, Christian Aid was there to help this family—and many others—who have nowhere else to turn.

Nejebar's husband told us 'It is very peaceful here and it is safe. But our wish is to get out of this refugee camp. We only want a peaceful life. We want our children to have an education, to go to school. The most important thing is for our children.'

Because of your support, vulnerable people like Nejebar and her family now have a safe place to call home.

Your continuing support is really appreciated and enables us to respond both appropriately and effectively through our partners in communities of greatest need around the world."



The 57th Beavers and Cub Scouts have had a very successful year. They attended many outings and activities and gained a variety of Badges for their involvement. They are looking forward to meeting again in September when they start the new season.

The start date is Tuesday 12th September in the main hall.

Beavers age 6-8yrs: 6pm-7pm

Contact Phyllis Cooke: p.cooke063@btinternet.com

Cub Scouts age 8-10yrs: 7pm-8pm

Contact Cara Parker: cjparker502@gmail.com

Scouts age 10-14 yrs: As yet there is no leader for the Scout section and we are trying to recruit one as there are children in the Cub section who would be due to move on to Scouts. Anyone interested in becoming a Leader please contact either of the two above. Thank you.

Phyllis

LESSON READERS AND INTERCESSORS

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 | Intercessor |
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| 3rd | Alan McCracken | Tom Campbell | Daphne McClements |
| 10th | Eleanor Henderson | Dora Hanna | Quintin Mulligan |
| 17th | Caroline O'Kane | Wes Holmes | Dora Hanna |
| 24th | Marie Burrowes | Sandra Hutchman | Forde Patterson |

North Belfast Historical Society

We are a cross-community group that is interested in the history of Belfast, Northern Ireland and Ireland. We meet once a month on the third Thursday evening (Sept—May) and have a speaker and question time, with an annual outing (when we can). Our dues are £25 per annum or £4 per evening.

The Society has been going for over 35 years and we're a friendly group that greatly encourages any new speakers or topics that anyone recommends.

We would very much like to increase our numbers, hear of any new ideas and increase our knowledge and understanding of our history.

Both our Rector, Brian, and Noel Beattie have been speakers and most interesting their topics have been too.

Examples of some of the previous topics have been—Cave Hill, Cinemas around Belfast, The Wars, Big Houses around Belfast, Gobbins Pass and Lambeg Drum.

Our first meeting is on Thursday 21st September at 7.45pm in the McCollum Halls—please refer to my article further on in these notes for more details. Why not come along?

Margi Crawford

AFTER CHURCH REFRESHMENT

Light refreshments will be served after the 11am service on Sunday 10th September by members of the Finance Committee and on Sunday 24th September by members of the Parish Fellowship Group.



HARVEST DECORATION SATURDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER 10AM



This year our Harvest Thanksgiving will be held at 11am on Sunday 10th 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 9th September at 10am to lend a hand.

We also need gifts of flowers, fruit, vegetables and groceries with which to decorate the church and then these will be donated to the Welcome Centre—a charity that provides meals and facilities for the homeless. The Centre also appreciates gifts of hygiene products.

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

Our Parish Family ...

Please let us know about any happy events and/or exciting news happening within our parish family. As the Rector said in a recent sermon—good news is always worth sharing!

Congratulations

to Rebecca Delaney,
one of our choristers,
who has been awarded
a PhD in Biomedical Science,
her specialism being
chronic lung disease.



Each year our members vote to support six charities. This year our fourth chosen charity is Christians Against Poverty.

Christians Against Poverty

CAP – Christians Against Poverty's mission is to release people from a life sentence of poverty, debt, unemployment and addiction. Working with the church they bring good news, hope and freedom to people in the UK.

Here in the UK, there are thousands of people trapped in debt whose lives are being destroyed. Today, they will miss meals. Tomorrow, they will choose between heating their homes or having clean clothes. 1 in 3 even consider suicide. Anyone can see that's wrong and you can help stop it.

But hundreds of people ring their helpline every month whom they can't help because they don't live in the right place. Will you join them so we can reach more people living in the grip of poverty before it's too late?

A gift to CAP will mean that they can expand their services and open more CAP Debt Centres across the UK. Please see the information at the end of this essay.

Through their services, which are all run through local churches, they are tackling poverty head on. Their vision is to bring freedom and good news to people in every community through 1,000 CAP projects by 2021. Their head office in Bradford is home to over 250 staff who form an incredible poverty busting team.

Since they started helping people out of debt in 1996, they have helped thousands through their professional service offered by 293 CAP Debt Centres.

With a small donation and big faith, John Kirkby started Christians Against Poverty in 1996. He believed God was calling him to sacrifice his career in finance and use his knowledge of the industry to help the poor.

In his hometown of Bradford, John set off on the incredible journey of CAP. His faith adventure led him to people crippled by debt; parents who couldn't feed their children, families facing eviction and desperate people living in fear and without hope. He used his expertise to negotiate with creditors, set up budgeting systems and offer a lifeline to those trapped in debt.

John knew that people all over the country were struggling in the same way and he began looking to replicate the work across the UK. With the vital ingredients of a church to partner with, a passionate person to be trained as a debt counsellor and the faith that God would provide, four new CAP centres were opened at the end of 1998.

Since then, CAP has rapidly grown its debt centre network and expanded its services to tackle the causes of debt and poverty too. As well as CAP Debt Help, we now help people step into employment through CAP Job Clubs, help people get control of their addictions through CAP Release Groups and a brand new service, CAP Life Skills, to equip people to live well on a low income. Our vision is to bring freedom and good news to the poor in every community through 1,000 CAP projects by 2021.

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If you would like to support the parish's charitable giving to Christians Against Poverty then we encourage you to give cash, or write a cheque payable to "The Parish of St Peter and St James", and bring it to church or to the parish office in an envelope marked "CAP".

To donate online Google "Christians Against Poverty", click on the "About Us" button, click on the big red "Donate" button and follow the links. To donate by phone dial 01274 760761. Cheques should be made payable to Christians Against Poverty and sent to – Supporter Relations, North Street, BRADFORD, BD1 4EW.

If you need help with debt, whatever the reason may be, call CAP free of charge on 0800 328 0006 between 8:30am and 5pm, Monday to Friday. To find out more about Carers Week and how to pledge your support, visit the official website and join the conversation on social media using #CarersWeek.

Peter Gray

A date for your diary ...

Hallowe'en Jazz Saturday 28th October



*Martello Jazz Band
and
Glenn Tweedie*

More details next month!

SEPTEMBER FLOWER LIST

3RD DOROTHY MCCAUSLAND
10TH HARVEST THANKSGIVING
24TH JOAN WALKER



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

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

28th Aug—2nd Sept----- Group 6
4th Sept—9th Sept----- Group 7
11th Sept—16th Sept----- Group 8
18th Sept—23rd Sept ----- Group 1
25th Sept—30th Sept----- Group 2

NORTH BELFAST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

21ST SEPTEMBER 7.30PM FOR 7.45PM
MCCOLLUM MINOR HALL

Speaker: Clive Scoular

Subject: Constance Markiewicz and Hugh Lane

Something for everyone—do come along and join us, everyone is welcome.

Constance Markiewicz: revolutionary nationalist, suffragette and socialist—the first woman to be elected to the British House of Commons and the second woman to hold a cabinet position (Ireland) in the world. Constance trained as an artist and gained a reputation as a landscape artist, through this interest Constance became actively involved in nationalist politics in Ireland. Constance had a deep concern for the poor and worked tirelessly in helping to feed and distribute food among the poor.

Hugh Lane: an Irish art dealer and collector. Hugh became a successful art dealer in London as well as in Ireland and established Dublin's Municipal Gallery of Modern Art. Hugh sadly died at the young age of 39, on the RMS Lusitania.

Margi Crawford

ORGANISATIONS/HALL 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—9pm: Parish Fellowship (every Thurs except 3rd in month)

7.45pm—9.30pm: Historical Society (3rd Thursday in month)

8pm—9.30pm: Guides

Friday

10.30am—11.45am: PhysioPilates

11.30am—12.30pm: Bible Study (1st and 3rd Friday in month)

3.30pm—4.30pm: Physiotherapy led Mat Pilates (beginners)

5.30pm—6.30pm: Physiotherapy led Mat Pilates (intermediate)

4.30pm—7.30pm: Speech and Drama

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

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.

Parish Notes in colour!

There are full colour versions of
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TRAIDCRAFT
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Stall open on
Sunday 10th September
during coffee time after
the 11am service

THE NEXT MEETING OF
THE SELECT VESTRY
WILL BE ON
MONDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER
AT 7.30PM
IN THE MINOR HALL

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by Monday 18th September. Thank you.*