

THE PARISH OF ST PETER AND ST JAMES
BELFAST

PARISH NOTES

NOVEMBER 2016

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

CHRISTMAS FAYRE AND COFFEE MORNING

SATURDAY
26TH NOVEMBER
10.30AM—12NOON

GOD . LOVING . PEOPLE



RECTOR'S NOTES

Church Census

I strongly encourage all parishioners to join us for worship in St Peter's as often as possible during the month of November. Let me explain why: In 2013 a census was carried out in every parish in the Church of Ireland. You might recall that throughout the month of November that year, anyone who came to church was asked to indicate anonymously whether they were a man or woman, and to which age range they belonged, by ticking the appropriate boxes on a card handed out at the beginning of each service. Three years later, the central authorities of the Church now intend to carry out this census again. The data derived from this exercise will enable them to determine where the Church is strongest, where it is weakest, where it is growing, and where it is declining. This information could well be used to identify struggling parishes which should be grouped or united with neighbouring parishes, and it could even indicate which church buildings should be closed. Although there are clear signs that St Peter's is currently growing, I urge you to make every effort to worship with us frequently during November, so that this growth can be reflected in the statistics. If our worshipping community and beautiful building are important to you, then please express this with your presence in St Peter's.

Student Reader

In last month's Parish Notes you were introduced to Alan McCracken, who is with us for a six month placement before he begins his ordination training in Dublin next September. As the saying goes: you don't see a student for ages and then two come along at once! We now also have Emma Carson with us for a shorter placement of around nine weeks. Emma is in her first year of training in the Church of Ireland Theological Institute, and her placement with us is intended to give her hands-on experience of leading worship. This will include leading the Choir Prayer before the service, introducing the service, introducing the hymns and readers, reading the lessons, preaching, leading the prayers, receiving the collection, administering the collection, saying the dismissal, etc. The time spent with us is an opportunity for Emma to make mistakes that she can learn from, and most dauntingly she will preach her first sermon to us. We need to be entirely supportive and encouraging. Please make a point of introducing yourself to Emma in the coming weeks, and do your best to make her feel welcome and at ease.

Evening Services

From November onwards there will be a service every Sunday evening in St Peter's at 6.30pm. The choir will continue to lead the singing once a fortnight, with the remainder of the services being either partially or

entirely said. Could I urge you please, if you are unable to attend the morning services on either a temporary or ongoing basis, to give serious consideration to worshipping with us in the evening. It is a much quieter, more reflective form of worship that can give a little bit of peace before the busy week ahead.

Bible Studies

The morning group will meet from 11.30am until 1pm on both Friday 4th and Friday 18th November, and will continue to read the Gospel according to St John. The evening group will meet from 7.30pm until 9pm on Thursday 10th and Thursday 24th November and will read the Book of Proverbs. Tea and coffee is served at both groups. They normally meet in the Clergy Vestry, which is beside the font on the left side of the church, accessed through the main entrance to the building. You are very welcome to join us.

Sermon Summaries

On the **19th Sunday after Trinity** (2nd October) I explained that 2500 years ago the Jews were attacked and conquered by the Babylonian Empire. Many people were murdered, and their cities, including Jerusalem, were destroyed. Some of the wealthiest, educated, and powerful people were marched nearly 1000 miles east to Babylon, where they were re-settled. It was there that the Jews sat by the rivers of

Babylon and wept when they remembered Zion, the hill on which Jerusalem was built. As a broken and despondent people, the Jews had to make a decision: did they forget their ancient religion and blend themselves into Babylonian society, or did they preserve and cherish the religion of their forefathers? We then thought about how the Church today is in a similar situation: it is no longer the powerful and influential institution that it once was, and increasingly people prefer to blend into the secular ways of the western world, rather than to preserve and cherish the Christian faith.

On the **20th Sunday after Trinity** (9th October) we thought more about the ancient Jews in exile in Babylon. The prophet Jeremiah sent a letter to them, in which he declared that God had ordered them to build houses and start families in Babylon, and to pray for the Babylonians. I pondered whether or not this would have been a very bitter pill for the Jews to swallow. It must have been difficult for them to hear that God wanted them not only to live alongside the people who had murdered their families and wrecked their homeland, but moreover he wanted them to pray for their welfare. I suggested that these instructions resonate with what our Lord Jesus said five hundred years later: "love your enemies ... and pray for those who persecute you." When we find ourselves in difficult circumstances, particularly when they are caused by other people, our Lord's instructions are clear: don't lose heart, and don't fight fire with fire.

On the **21st Sunday after Trinity** (16th October) we thought about how the earliest Christians called themselves “followers of the Way”. That way of life, personified by our Lord Jesus, leads us to cultivate what St Paul called “the fruits of the Holy Spirit”: love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. We reflected on how these virtues must be seen to grow in the behaviour of anyone who claims to follow Jesus.

Prayer Group

In October a small group of us prayed for every member of our congregation by name, with particular prayers for those who live in nursing/residential homes, and for the recently bereaved. We also prayed for those parishioners and non-parishioners for whom prayers were requested. We will do this at 2.30pm on the first Thursday of each month from now on. The next such prayer meeting will therefore be on Thursday 3rd November. If you would like to join the monthly prayer group, then please contact me.

Alternatively, if you would like to request a specific prayer to be made on your behalf when we come to your name in the list, or if you would like us to pray for a loved one, then please contact either me (brianlacey@hotmail.co.uk or 90777053) or our Lay Minister for Prayer, Mrs Rosemary Johnston (90840534).

Tea/Coffee after 11am Sunday Service

Instead of our usual routine, there will be tea/coffee provided after the services on the first and third Sundays of November. On the first Sunday, this will take the form of a fundraising coffee morning in the Halls in aid of the Cancer Fund for Children. On the third Sunday we will return to having tea/coffee in the church. The Traidcraft stall will be open on the third Sunday.

Services in November

I have needed to re-jig the services rota in November in order to accommodate various events that are happening. Instead of the normal pattern of alternating Holy Communion and Morning Prayer, there will be Morning Prayer on the first three Sundays of the month, and then Holy Communion on the fourth Sunday. These changes only apply to this month.

Remembrance Sunday this year will be on the 13th November. As always, there will be an act of remembrance at both the 9am and 11am services.

The penitential season of **Advent** begins on Sunday 27th November. Our annual Advent Carol Service will be held that evening at 6.30pm. Throughout the season, which lasts until Christmas Eve, there will be a service of Compline on Wednesday evenings at 7.30pm.

Just like last year, I will invite different parishioners to give a short reflection each week.

There is only one Holy Day during the month: the feast day of **St Andrew** on Wednesday 30th November. There will be the regular mid-week celebration of Holy Communion at 10.30am that morning, and the first of our four services of Advent Compline at 7.30pm later that day.

PARISH REGISTER

Holy Baptism

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

Dylan James Brian Lacey

son of Brian and Laura Lacey, St Peter's Rectory

on 16th October 2016.

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.

Nov	First Reading	Second Reading	Third Reading	Intercessor
6th	Marie Burrowes	Tom Campbell	The Rector	Alan McCracken
13th	Daphne McClements	Alan McCracken	Emma Carson	Emma Carson
20th	Caroline O'Kane	Dora Hanna	Emma Carson	Marie Burrowes
27th	Hilary Shields	Wes Holmes	The Rector	Quintin Mulligan

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED
DURING THE WEEK BEGINNING 7TH NOVEMBER.**

Date for your diary ...

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

SATURDAY 26TH NOVEMBER

10.30am—12noon

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

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

If you have any items for the tombola please bring them to church any Sunday between now and then or to the Parish Office between 11am and 12noon any week-day morning (except the week beginning 7th November).

Set-up for the sale will be on Friday evening (25th). For details on all aspects of the sale please contact Annette Beattie—9077 8428).

Adults £3 (inc tea/coffee and cakes)

Children £2 (including a visit to Santa and entry to children's activity room)



CHURCH SERVICES

WEDNESDAY
10.30am

2nd NOVEMBER
Holy Communion

MID-WEEK SERVICE
modern, said, Resurrection

SUNDAY
9am
11am
6.30pm

6th NOVEMBER
Holy Communion
Morning Prayer
Sung Compline

THE 3rd SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT
traditional, said, Resurrection
modern, sung, Nave
traditional, sung, Nave

WEDNESDAY
10.30am

9th NOVEMBER
Holy Communion

MID-WEEK SERVICE
modern, said, Resurrection

SUNDAY
9am
11am
6.30pm

13th NOVEMBER
Holy Communion
Morning Prayer
Evening Prayer

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

WEDNESDAY
10.30am

16th NOVEMBER
Holy Communion

MID-WEEK SERVICE
modern, said, Resurrection

SUNDAY
9am
11am
6.30pm

20th NOVEMBER
Holy Communion
Morning Prayer
Late Evening Office

THE KINGSHIP OF CHRIST
modern, said, Resurrection
modern, sung, Nave
traditional, sung, St James

WEDNESDAY
10.30am

23rd NOVEMBER
Holy Communion

MID-WEEK SERVICE
modern, said, Resurrection

SUNDAY
9am
11am
6.30pm

27th NOVEMBER
Holy Communion
Holy Communion
Advent Carol Service

THE 1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT
modern, said, Resurrection
traditional, sung, Nave
modern, sung, Nave

WEDNESDAY
10.30am
7.30pm

30th NOVEMBER
Holy Communion
Compline

ST ANDREW
modern, said, Resurrection
traditional, said, St James

SUNDAY

9am
11am
6.30pm

4th DECEMBER

Holy Communion
Holy Communion
Holy Communion

THE 2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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

WEDNESDAY

10.30am
7.30pm

7th DECEMBER

Holy Communion
Compline

MID-WEEK SERVICE

modern, said, Resurrection
traditional, said, St James

SUNDAY

9am
11am
6.30pm

11th DECEMBER

Holy Communion
Christingle Service
Evening Prayer

THE 3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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

WEDNESDAY

10.30am
7.30pm

14th DECEMBER

Holy Communion
Compline

MID-WEEK SERVICE

modern, said, Resurrection
traditional, said, St James

SUNDAY

9am
11am
6.30pm

18th DECEMBER

Holy Communion
Little Christmas
Late Evening Office

THE 4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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

MONDAY

7.30pm

19th DECEMBER

Nine Lessons & Carols

WEEKDAY SERVICE

traditional, sung, Nave

WEDNESDAY

10.30am
7.30pm

21st DECEMBER

Holy Communion
Compline

MID-WEEK SERVICE

modern, said, Resurrection
traditional, said, St James

SATURDAY

3pm
11pm

24th DECEMBER

Nativity Service
Holy Communion

CHRISTMAS EVE

modern, sung, Nave
traditional, sung, Nave

SUNDAY

11am

25th DECEMBER

Holy Communion

CHRISTMAS DAY

modern, sung, Nave

WEDNESDAY

10.30am

30th DECEMBER

Holy Communion

MID-WEEK SERVICE

modern, said, Resurrection

November Diary

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 10.30am Crafty Goodness 6pm Beavers 7pm Cubs	2 10.30am Holy Communion and refreshments 11.30am Mission Committee 2pm Bridge 6.30pm PhysioPilates 7.30pm Choir	3 10am Little Cherubs 2.30pm Prayer Group 6pm Rainbows 7pm Brownies 8pm Guides	4 10.30am PhysioPilates 11.30am Bible Study 4.30pm Speech and Drama	5
6 9am Holy Communion 11am Morning Prayer and Sunday School followed by Cancer Fund for Children Coffee Morning 6.30pm Sung Compline	7 7.30pm Finance Committee 8pm Badminton	8 10.30am Crafty Goodness 2.30pm Ladies' Guild 6pm Beavers 7pm Cubs	9 10.30am Holy Communion and refreshments 2pm Bridge 6.30pm PhysioPilates 7.30pm Choir	10 10am Little Cherubs 6pm Rainbows 7pm Brownies 7.30pm Bible Study 8pm Guides	11 10.30am PhysioPilates 4.30pm Speech and Drama	12

13 Remembrance Sunday 9am Holy Communion 11am Morning Prayer and Sunday School 6.30pm Evening Prayer	14 7.30pm Select Vestry 8pm Badminton	15 10.30am Crafty Goodness 6pm Beavers 7pm Cubs	16 10.30am Holy Communion and refreshments 2pm Bridge 6.30pm PhysioPilates 7.30pm Choir	17 10am Little Cherubs 6pm Rainbows 7pm Brownies 7.45pm Historical Society 8pm Guides	18 10.30am PhysioPilates 11.30am Bible Study 4.30pm Speech and Drama	19
20 9am Holy Communion 11am Morning Prayer and Sunday School (tea/coffee and Traidcraft after) 6.30pm Late Evening Office	21 <i>Deadline for material to be with Anne for December/January Parish Notes</i> 8pm Badminton	22 10.30am Crafty Goodness 6pm Beavers 7pm Cubs	23 10.30am Holy Communion and refreshments 11.30am Fabric Committee 2pm Bridge 6.30pm PhysioPilates 7.30pm Choir	24 10am Little Cherubs 6pm Rainbows 7pm Brownies 7.30pm Bible Study 8pm Guides	25 10.30am PhysioPilates 4.30pm Speech and Dram 7.30pm Sale set-up	26 10.30am Christmas Fayre and Coffee Morning
27 Advent Sunday 9am Holy Communion 11am Holy Communion and Sunday School 6.30pm Advent Carol Service	28 8pm Badminton	29 10.30am Crafty Goodness 1pm Events Committee 6pm Beavers 7pm Cubs	30 St Andrew 10.30am Holy Communion and refreshments 2pm Bridge 6.30pm PhysioPilates 7.30pm Choir			

Advent Reflections

Last year, each Wednesday evening during Advent, we had a service of Compline in the North Aisle of St Peter's, during which some of our parishioners spoke to us about their Christian faith. Here is David Cromie's Advent Reflection.

In What Ways am I a Follower of Jesus?

The Rector has asked four people to talk about Jesus. He gave us five optional headings and I have chosen this one. I think I have chosen it because it represents a challenge. Not just the obvious challenge to someone who has no experience of talking about faith in public, but because trying to answer it has forced me to think it through. We all have to ask ourselves this question—and produce answers.



I am a weekly worshipper in St Peter's, I love the place, pretty well everything about it, but I only spend a couple of hours a week here. In worship I am fulfilling a little part of my Christian responsibilities and expectations. Like you I always leave the church a little better than I entered it—but for how long does that inner contentment last? Until the first cyclist slows me down on the way home? Until my secretary reminds me the auditors are coming in first thing tomorrow? Or until somebody really irritates me at a meeting? Following Jesus in today's busy life provides plenty of challenges for me, here are a few of them.

The first thing I would say is that Jesus sets a moral compass against which to measure my behaviour towards others. In St Luke's gospel I am reminded to love God with all my being and to love my neighbour as myself. So how do I love my neighbour? Generosity and politeness are not answers in themselves, nor is mealy-mouthed timidity, so I try to make my relationships with others positive, direct and friendly, I might even try to walk the second mile. I suspect I don't always succeed and, in

this litigious society where one can imagine every word seems calculated to trip-wire a lawyer, being direct and honest can be a dangerous act, especially when dealing with money or disputes—but that is precisely the example Jesus set. He had no fear of the lawyers of his time, but I have a duty to obey the law and protect the interests of my employer. But whilst I may have to take a slightly different tack, I can still use the moral compass he gave me and stick as closely as possible to the right course.

The second point I would make is that to follow Jesus is to find oneself in precisely the paradoxical situation he had to deal with: living a Godly life in a society where true Godliness of itself was, and still is, often misunderstood, ignored as irrelevant or, worse, deemed unacceptable by many in society.

The statement “Render unto Caesar what is Caesar’s and unto God what is God’s” is fundamental to my working life, as I manage funds for the church. The statement covers more than dividing the things of this world from those of the next, in a way that would be straightforward enough, but it becomes paradoxical when the two worlds collide, which they do frequently in my line of business. What should the church do with its capital funds, should it have them at all? How ruthless should the church be in growing capital? How much of total returns on investments should be paid back to parishes? What ethical rules should one apply to investment opportunities? All these are constant issues, subject to widely divergent opinion and, in my case, deeply subjective: for example, I drink alcohol and support the right of nations to defend their people—but I don’t invest in either sector for the church as they are deemed by some to be un-Christian. I note that Jesus didn’t tell the publicans to stop selling alcohol or the centurion to give up his army career, equally he doesn’t tell me what my ethical stance has to be, he expects me to work that one out for myself. So I may have a moral code, but Jesus makes it my responsibility to deal with the paradoxes of life.

This leads to my third point. How do I interact with the world as an economic entity whilst trying to follow Jesus? Temptation and greed stare us all in the face. Yet however interesting it might be to debate the unequal division of wealth in society in general, Jesus is really only interested in what I do with my own resources and what value I place on my possessions. I have always found the story of the rich young man

who gave away his soul to keep hold of his wealth particularly worrisome, not because I possess great wealth—I am not even young any more—but because of how easy it is to miss out on the chances in life to do the right thing. I have come to believe that all things belong to God, so what I have, I have on trust and will be held accountable for it—the more I am given, the greater the responsibility to God. A Christian friend of mine who works in the City put it rather well, he said “I don’t care how much a banker earns, it is what he does with the money that matters”. I believe this applies to all that I have.

Point number four: every succeeding day represents a passage of time and opportunity to grow in faith and do what Jesus would have me do. I have always been a little haunted by a quotation from Shakespeare’s “Julius Caesar” which my Dad frequently uses “there is a tide in the affairs of man, which, taken on the flood, leads on to fortune. Omitted all the voyage of their life is bound in shallows and miseries”. It reminds me that opportunities have to be taken—and, in the context of this little talk, that the time to do Jesus’ bidding in this world is short, so I need to get on with it.

Finally, following Jesus is direct, personal and not always easy. Right at the end of John’s gospel a fascinating scene is revealed: following breakfast on the shore, Jesus has asked Peter three times if he loves him, ordered him to feed his sheep and then told him that he will die for the faith. Jesus has laid the mantle of the church on him but Peter still manages to irritate Jesus by asking what fate awaits the apostle John. Jesus snaps back “...what business is that of yours, you concentrate on following me yourself”. I always feel a little sad for Peter, because I am just like him, Jesus has pointed me in the right direction for years, given me a moral compass and watched me miss the point and make a mess of things, ask the wrong questions. In the quieter moments, I realise how much I have let him down.

So in what ways am I a follower of Jesus? The answer is that I am always challenged, frequently confused, stubborn and likely to miss the obvious. But I do try to live as he would want me to, and have grown to accept that getting it wrong is ok, so long as I learn from it. I bore him with my self-doubt and daily struggles, but he never leaves me and I shall never leave him either.

Cavehill Community Choir
at St Peter's Church
Friday 9th December
Wine reception after
Tickets £10
in aid of
church
funds



**NORTH BELFAST
HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

Thursday 17th November
7.45pm in the Minor Hall

Speaker: Wesley Bonner

Topic: Old Glengormley

**Wesley is the warden of Sentry Hill
and he has some, as yet, unseen photos
of Glengormley village.**

Everyone welcome

Parish Notes in colour!



There are full colour versions of
Parish Notes on our website.

Visit

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and click on "News".

AFTER CHURCH REFRESHMENT

*Thank you to members of the Ladies' Guild who will
provide light refreshments after the 11am service on
20th November.*



Ladies' Guild

On Tuesday 8th November at 2.30pm our guest speaker will be Lyn Palmer—the Community Fund-Raising Officer for the Royal British Legion. Lyn will describe for us her work with the Poppy Appeal and will also talk about the founding of the Royal British Legion and its function in our society today. Our meetings are open to everyone. If you would like to attend but don't have transport please contact me or speak to one of our members after church and we will be happy to arrange a lift for you.

Looking forward to seeing you.

Anne Stewart, Hon Sec (tel: 9096 6597)

Free Will Offering Envelopes

The one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

2 Corinthians 9: 6-7

We will soon be preparing the Free Will Offering (FWO) envelopes for next year. Those who wish to continue using this method to subscribe need not take any action as the 2017 envelopes will be automatically given to you in early December.

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

If you are a new parishioner and would like to use FWO envelopes please contact Noel Beattie as above.

Thank you.

COFFEE MORNING

Sunday 6th November after the 11am service



Serena and Alyssia McAnee (granddaughters of Heather and Tony Swan) are holding a coffee morning in the church hall after the 11am service on Sunday 6th November in order to raise funds to trek the Inca Trail in aid of Cancer Fund for Children.

Tea and coffee and juice will be offered along with a selection of delicious baked goods. They are also holding a raffle and games will be provided for the children. Do please come along and enjoy yourselves and at the same time support this wonderful charity.

Cancer Fund for Children is Northern Ireland's leading children's cancer charity. They provide practical, emotional and financial support to children and young people aged 0-24 affected by cancer and their families.



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

31st Oct—5th Nov ----- Group 3
7th Nov—12th Nov ----- Group 4
14th Nov—19th Nov ----- Group 5
21st Nov—26th Nov ----- Group 6
28th Nov—3rd Dec ----- Group 7

NOVEMBER FLOWER LIST

6TH THE BELL FAMILY
13TH VALERIE GUEST IN MEMORY OF HER HUSBAND JAMES
20TH HEATHER AND TONY SWAN IN MEMORY OF TONY'S PARENTS
27TH JOAN WALKER

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

Just a little reminder that the space behind the altar is very limited for the Rector. Because of this he has asked that arrangements of flowers should not overhang the shelf. This will give him as much room as possible and avoid accidents. Thank you for your anticipated co-operation.



SELECT VESTRY BULLETIN

This past month we celebrated some good news as Frank Dillon, our Families Worker, got married to Bethan. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the Dillons on behalf of the Select Vestry, and we all wish them a happy and fulfilling future together.

Work around the church is always ongoing. Of note, the new courtyard light is now fully functional and the roof over the main hall foyer has been repaired. We can only pray that over the coming winter months, no more major work needs carried out on the premises.

Beyond that, Ashlee, our Honorary Treasurer, has kindly sent out cheques and letters to the all six charities that were voted for by our registered members at the last Easter Vestry meeting. Donations of £500 have been sent to the NI Hospice, Christian Aid, Mission to Seafarers, the Red Cross, Alzheimer's Research, and Macmillan. As a Christian community, such charitable giving is a duty and a blessing, and we can be certain these organisations will put this money to good use in alleviating the burdens and hardships of the most vulnerable in our society.

St Peters has also been very lucky to have some new faces around the church in recent months, with two student readers joining us. I am sure everyone has made Alan McCracken and Emma Carson feel very welcome among us. The Select Vestry is currently looking at ways in which to encourage trainee ministers to join us for placements in the future. Not only would we have the benefit of their assistance and help, but it would help to promote our own traditions and forms of worship, which are all too often lacking in the wider church.

Gareth Larmour, Hon Sec to Select Vestry



Gareth Larmour

THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU

The Social Team would like to thank all those who attended and supported in any way the Harvest Jazz night. £357 profit was made.

Daphne would like to thank all those parishioners who were very thoughtful and understanding during the time of her recent eye problems.

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 (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

2.30pm—3.30pm: Parish Prayers (1st Thursday in month)

6pm—7pm: Rainbows

7pm—8pm: Brownies

7.30pm: Bible Study (2nd & 4th Thursday in month)

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

8pm—9.30pm: Guides

Friday

10.30am—11.45am: PhysioPilates

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

4.30pm—7.30pm: Speech and Drama

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

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
14TH NOVEMBER
AT 7.30PM
IN THE MINOR HALL



TRAIDCRAFT
Fighting poverty through trade

Stall open on
Sunday 20th October
during coffee time after
the 11am service

*Please send material for the December/January issue of Parish Notes to:
Anne Cromie, Parish Office, St Peter's Church,
Fortwilliam Drive, Belfast BT15 4EB
or email: stpeterandstjames@outlook.com
by Monday 21st November. Thank you.*