

THE PARISH OF ST PETER AND ST JAMES  
BELFAST

# PARISH NOTES

MARCH 2018

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



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## RECTOR'S NOTES

### SERVICES IN MARCH

There are officially quite a few Holy Days in March, some of which we will celebrate, and others—owing to the priority of Lent—will be either postponed or omitted. The feast day of **St Patrick** falls on a Saturday this year, so we will be commemorating him in church a few days earlier, at the 10.30am service on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March.

**Holy Week** begins with **Palm Sunday** on 25<sup>th</sup> March, and in addition to the regular services during that time, there will also be the special services at 7.30pm each evening, notably Holy Communion and the Stripping of the Altar on **Maundy Thursday**, and the re-telling of the Passion Story at the service of Tenebrae on **Good Friday**.

### PARISH FELLOWSHIP

Following a break of a few months, Parish Fellowship has resumed on every Thursday evening (except the third Thursday of the month when the Historical Society meets). This is the best time for new members to join, so if you've never been before please do come along. We begin at 7.30pm with a short service in the church, followed by tea/coffee, and then an informal discussion on either a passage of Scripture or a theme related to Christian beliefs and practice. This month we meet on the 1st, 8<sup>th</sup>, and 22<sup>nd</sup> March. And remember that if Thursday evenings don't suit

you, there is a small group Bible Study at 11.30am on the first and third Friday mornings of the month as well. It would be great to see you!

### **INFECTION CONTROL**

We've resumed the shaking of hands in St Peter's, but there are still plenty of germs going around, so here's some basic advice: Firstly, please do take extra care when washing your hands, and consider using the little anti-bacterial hand gels that most supermarkets now stock. Secondly, you are perfectly entitled to dip your bread in the chalice at Holy Communion, or simply to take the chalice, pause, and then hand it back. You will not be shouted at for not sipping from the cup, and certainly I would advise you not to do so if you are feeling unwell. Thirdly, there is something very noble about getting out of bed to come to church when you're feeling a bit under the weather, but if you do feel that something is working on you then don't feel bad about choosing to stay at home and getting better!

### **EASTER VESTRY**

The annual meeting of our registered members will be held on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> April, following a shortened service at 11am. Everyone is welcome to come to worship as normal on that day, and to stay for the meeting, but only those whose names appear on the list of members may vote or stand for election. One important matter to be resolved that day will be the charities which we will be supporting until Easter

2019. As in previous years, the Select Vestry has suggested twelve charities, and six of them will be selected by the registered members. The twelve charities are:

*Alzheimers Research, Friends of the City Hospital Cancer Centre, Guide Dogs, Help the Heroes, Mediciens Sans Frontieres, Public Initiatives for Prevention of Suicide and Self-harm, Christian Aid, Kids4School, Salvation Army, Jeel-Al-Amal Boys' Home in Bethany, St Vincent de Paul, and the Connor Diocese Ordination Fund.*

For the sake of clarity, let me reiterate that only six of the aforementioned charities will be supported by the parish. I've listed all twelve of them because I want to give you time over the coming weeks to consider which charities you would like to vote for.

### **RECTORY BABY**

Laura and I are very grateful for all the good wishes, cards, and gifts for the latest addition to the Rectory. Baby Amelie was born on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January (hence the last-minute cancellation of Holy Communion for the Conversion of St Paul, which falls on that date). Both Amelie and Laura are doing well, and we were particularly pleased with how well Dylan took to his little sister. It will probably be a little while yet before we all fully adjust, so please be patient with me as I juggle ordained ministry with a household of two infants, two dogs, and two cats. As it's starting to get a little bit crowded and noisy in the Rectory, you might find me spending more time in St Peter's as I try to find a quiet space to write my sermons! Again, thank you for all your support.

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## Belfast City Pensioners' Parliament

Over 60? Want to make your voice heard on issues like health and social care, community safety and the cost of living? Come along to the Belfast City Pensioners' Parliament on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2018 (10.30am—3.30pm) in Belfast City Hall. Register to attend by phoning Alison McKenna, Age Sector Platform (ASP) on tel 90 312 089. More info at [www.pensionersparliament.org](http://www.pensionersparliament.org).

SPRING  
FORWARD

on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> March

The clocks go forward one hour  
at 1am on the last Sunday in March

## Women's World Day of Prayer



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Creation is  
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A SERVICE FOR EVERYONE



Friday 2nd March  
2.30pm

Fortwilliam and Macrory Presbyterian Church

## CHURCH SERVICES IN MARCH

<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> MARCH</b>	<b>PARISH FELLOWSHIP</b>
7.30pm	Compline	<i>traditional, said, St James, purple</i>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> MARCH</b>	<b>THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT</b>
9am	Holy Communion	<i>traditional, said, Resurrection, purple</i>
11am	Holy Communion	<i>modern, sung, Nave, purple</i>
6.30pm	Choral Evensong	<i>traditional, sung, Nave, purple</i>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>7<sup>th</sup> MARCH</b>	<b>MID-WEEK</b>
10.30am	Holy Communion	<i>modern, said, Resurrection, purple</i>
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>8<sup>th</sup> MARCH</b>	<b>PARISH FELLOWSHIP</b>
7.30pm	Late Evening Office	<i>modern, said, St James, purple</i>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>11<sup>th</sup> MARCH</b>	<b>MOTHERING SUNDAY/LENT FOUR</b>
9am	Holy Communion	<i>modern, said, Resurrection, purple</i>
11am	Morning Prayer	<i>modern, sung, Nave, purple</i>
6.30pm	Evening Prayer	<i>modern, said, St James, purple</i>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>14<sup>th</sup> MARCH</b>	<b>ST PATRICK</b> (transferred)
10.30am	Holy Communion	<i>modern, said, Resurrection, white</i>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>18<sup>th</sup> MARCH</b>	<b>THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT</b>
9am	Holy Communion	<i>modern, said, Resurrection, red</i>
11am	Holy Communion	<i>modern, sung, Nave, red</i>
6.30pm	Compline	<i>traditional, sung, Nave, red</i>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>21<sup>st</sup> MARCH</b>	<b>MID-WEEK</b>
10.30am	Holy Communion	<i>modern, said, Resurrection, red</i>
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>22<sup>nd</sup> MARCH</b>	<b>PARISH FELLOWSHIP</b>
7.30pm	Late Evening Office	<i>modern, said, St James, red</i>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>25<sup>th</sup> MARCH</b>	<b>PALM SUNDAY</b>
9am	Holy Communion	<i>modern, said, Resurrection, red</i>
11am	Morning Prayer	<i>modern, sung, Nave, red</i>
6.30pm	Late Evening Office	<i>modern, said, St James, red</i>
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>26<sup>th</sup> MARCH</b>	<b>FIG MONDAY</b>
7.30pm	Evening Prayer	<i>modern, said, St James, red</i>
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>27<sup>th</sup> MARCH</b>	<b>HOLY TUESDAY</b>
7.30pm	Evening Prayer	<i>traditional, said, St James, red</i>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>28<sup>th</sup> MARCH</b>	<b>SPY WEDNESDAY</b>
10.30am	Holy Communion	<i>modern, said, Resurrection, red</i>
7.30pm	Late Evening Office	<i>modern, said, St James, red</i>
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>29<sup>th</sup> MARCH</b>	<b>MAUNDY THURSDAY</b>
7.30pm	Holy Communion	<i>traditional, sung, Nave, white</i>
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>30<sup>th</sup> MARCH</b>	<b>GOOD FRIDAY</b>
7.30pm	Tenebrae	<i>modern, sung, Nave, no colour</i>

## CHURCH SERVICES IN APRIL

### SUNDAY

9am

11am

### 1<sup>st</sup> APRIL

Holy Communion

Holy Communion

### EASTER DAY

*traditional, said, Resurrection, white*

*modern, sung, Nave, white*

### WEDNESDAY

10.30am

### 4<sup>th</sup> APRIL

Morning Prayer

### MID-WEEK

*modern, said, Resurrection, white*

### SUNDAY

9am

11am

6.30pm

### 8<sup>th</sup> APRIL

Holy Communion

Morning Prayer

Evening Prayer

### THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

*modern, said, Resurrection, white*

*modern, sung, Nave, white*

*modern, said, St James, white*

### WEDNESDAY

10.30am

### 11<sup>th</sup> APRIL

Holy Communion

### MID-WEEK

*modern, said, Resurrection, white*

### THURSDAY

7.30pm

### 12<sup>th</sup> APRIL

Late Evening Office

### PARISH FELLOWSHIP

*modern, said, St James, white*

### SUNDAY

9am

11am

6.30pm

### 15<sup>th</sup> APRIL

Holy Communion

Mission Service

Holy Communion

### THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

*modern, said, Resurrection, white*

*modern, sung, Nave, white*

*traditional, sung, Nave, white*

### WEDNESDAY

10.30am

### 18<sup>th</sup> APRIL

Holy Communion

### MID-WEEK

*modern, said, Resurrection, white*

### SUNDAY

9am

11am

6.30pm

### 22<sup>nd</sup> APRIL

Holy Communion

Morning Prayer

Compline

### THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

*modern, said, Resurrection, white*

*modern, sung, Nave, white*

*traditional, said, St James, white*

### WEDNESDAY

10.30am

### 25<sup>th</sup> APRIL

Holy Communion

### ST MARK

*modern, said, Resurrection, white*

### THURSDAY

7.30pm

### 26<sup>th</sup> APRIL

Late Evening Office

### PARISH FELLOWSHIP

*modern, said, St James, white*

### SUNDAY

9am

11am

6.30pm

### 29<sup>th</sup> APRIL

Holy Communion

Healing Service

Late Evening Office

### THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

*modern, said, Resurrection, white*

*modern, sung, Nave, white*

*modern, said, St James, white*

# March Diary

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<b>1</b> <b>10am</b> Little Cherubs <b>6pm</b> Rainbows <b>7pm</b> Brownies <b>7.30pm</b> Parish Fellowship <b>8pm</b> Guides and Senior Guides	<b>2</b> <b>10.30am</b> PhysioPilates <b>11.30am</b> Bible Study <b>3.30pm</b> Pilates (beginners) <b>4pm</b> Speech and Drama <b>5.30pm</b> Pilates (intermediate)	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b> <b>9am</b> Holy Communion <b>11am</b> Holy Communion & Sunday School <b>6.30pm</b> Choral Evensong	<b>5</b> <b>7.30pm</b> Finance Committee <b>8pm</b> Badminton	<b>6</b> <b>10.30am</b> Crafty Goodness <b>6pm</b> Beavers <b>7pm</b> Cubs <b>7.30pm</b> Priory Singers' Rehearsal	<b>7</b> <b>10.30am</b> Holy Communion and refreshments <b>2pm</b> Bridge <b>6.30pm</b> PhysioPilates <b>7.30pm</b> Choir	<b>8</b> <b>10am</b> Little Cherubs <b>6pm</b> Rainbows <b>7pm</b> Brownies <b>7.30pm</b> Parish Fellowship <b>8pm</b> Guides and Senior Guides	<b>9</b> <b>10.30am</b> PhysioPilates <b>11.30am</b> Mission Committee <b>3.30pm</b> Pilates (beginners) <b>4pm</b> Speech and Drama <b>5.30pm</b> Pilates (intermediate)	<b>10</b>



<b>11</b> 9am Holy Communion 11am Morning Prayer & Sunday School (tea/coffee) Traidcraft stall 6.30pm Evening Prayer	<b>12</b> 7.30pm Select Vestry 8pm Badminton	<b>13</b> 10.30am Crafty Goodness 2pm Ladies' Guild 6pm Beavers 7pm Cubs 7.30pm Priory Singers' Rehearsal	<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 and Senior Guides	<b>16</b> 10.30am PhysioPilates 11.30am Bible Study 3.30pm Pilates (beginners) 5.30pm Pilates (intermediate)	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b> 9am Holy Communion 11am Holy Communion & Sunday School 6.30pm Compline	<b>19</b> 8pm Badminton <i>Deadline for material to be with Anne for April Parish Notes</i>	<b>20</b> 10.30 Crafty Goodness 1pm Events Committee 6pm Beavers 7pm Cubs 7.30pm Priory Singers' Rehearsal	<b>21</b> 10.30am Holy Communion and refreshments 2pm Bridge 6.30pm PhysioPilates 7.30pm Choir	<b>22</b> 10am Little Cherubs 6pm Rainbows 7pm Brownies 7.30pm Parish Fellowship 8pm Guides and Senior Guides	<b>23</b> 10.30am PhysioPilates 3.30pm Pilates (beginners) 4pm Speech and Drama 5.30pm Pilates (intermediate)	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b> <i>Palm Sunday</i> 9am Holy Communion 11am Morning Prayer & Sunday School (tea/coffee) 6.30pm Late Evening Office	<b>26</b> <i>Fig Monday</i> 7.30pm Evening Prayer 8pm Badminton	<b>27</b> <i>Holy Tuesday</i> 10.30 Crafty Goodness 7.30pm Evening Prayer	<b>28</b> <i>Spy Wednesday</i> 10.30am Holy Communion and refreshments 11.30 Fabric Committee 6.30pm PhysioPilates 7.30pm Late Evening Office 8pm Choir	<b>29</b> <i>Maundy Thursday</i> 7.30pm Holy Communion	<b>30</b> <i>Good Friday</i> 7.30pm Tenebrae	<b>31</b>

## PLEA FOR HELP

Looking out the window as I write this, it seems that winter will never end. But the sun is rising day by day in the south (that is when we can see it!) so hopefully spring is on the way. My daffs are up (no heads yet) and the snowdrops and crocuses are in full bloom.



Last year I asked for help with the church gardens. In response, one couple and one person volunteered. During the year they all looked after their respective patch very, very well and I would publicly like to thank them for their endeavours. However, we still need more help. It involves about one hour's work every fortnight from March to early November. You make your own time. Just bring a trowel, a bucket and something to kneel on. There is a brown bin for the weeds. You will be allocated a small area to weed and remove any rubbish blown in from the Antrim Road.

I am appealing to anyone, male, female, young or old for assistance. The church is in a very prominent position on the Antrim Road and can be seen by passers-by, from cars, buses or walking. If Annette and I are working in the grounds it is amazing how many people stop and have a word and comment on the grounds so PLEASE, PLEASE volunteer to help out and lessen the load for those undertaking this work. Is one hour a fortnight too much to ask?

Please contact me on 90778428 or [noel\\_innisfayle@msn.com](mailto:noel_innisfayle@msn.com) if you can help. Many thanks and I look forward to hearing from you.

*Noel Beattie*

## Parish Notes on-line

There are full colour versions of Parish Notes on our website.  
Visit [www.stpeters.connor.anglican.org](http://www.stpeters.connor.anglican.org) and click on "Parish Notes".

## Ladies' Guild

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March at 2pm**

On Tuesday 13th March at 2.30pm our guest speaker will be Mr Brian Givans from Christians Against Poverty. As one of St Peter's chosen charities, CAP is passionate about releasing people from a life sentence of debt and poverty. Working with the Church it aims to bring good news, hope and freedom. Brian works as a CAP Debt Coach for Belfast North.

A Bring and Buy sale will be held from 2pm, the proceeds of which will be given to CAP.

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

## 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.

March	First Reading	Second Reading	Intercessor
4th	Colin Bell	Dora Hanna	Karl O'Connor
11th	Eleanor Henderson	Sandra Hutchman	Colin Bell
18th	Peter Coiley	Wes Holmes	Forde Patterson
25th	Caroline O'Kane	Ashlee McCune	David Cromie

## AFTER CHURCH REFRESHMENT

*Light refreshments will be served after the 11am service on Sunday 11th March by the Badminton Club and on Sunday 25th March by Anna McAlpine and friends.*



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## MARCH FLOWER LIST

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

11<sup>TH</sup> ROSEMARY HINDS IN MEMORY OF HER HUSBAND

18<sup>TH</sup> MARIE BURROWES IN MEMORY OF HER MOTHER

25<sup>TH</sup> CHRISTINE MARSHALL IN MEMORY OF THE BENTHAM FAMILY



## NORTH BELFAST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

THURSDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

7.30PM FOR 7.45PM

McCOLLUM MINOR HALL

**Speaker:** Rev'd Brian Lacey

**Subject:** The Destruction of Jerusalem

*Everyone is welcome.*

When we visit the city of Jerusalem today, we are amazed by the historical and well-worn places where pilgrims have ventured, hoping to walk where Jesus walked.

But in 70AD the Romans destroyed the city and scattered its population. So how do we know for certain exactly where the momentous events in the Bible took place?

Is the city today the same one built by King David 3000 years ago?

We will examine the history and archaeology and try to separate fact from established myth.

Do come along, we look forward to seeing you on the 15<sup>th</sup> March.

*Margi Crawford*



## BRIDGE DRIVE

St Peter's Church Hall

£10 per person including supper

**SATURDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> APRIL 2018**

**commencing at 7.30pm sharp**



We would like offers of sandwiches, traybakes and help on the night to serve supper please. Also the loan of cake stands!

If you can help please add your name to the sheet at the back of the church. Thank you.

*Annette Beattie*

## 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 (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—9pm: Parish Fellowship (every Thurs except 3<sup>rd</sup> in month)

7.45pm—9.30pm: Historical Society (3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday in month)

8pm—9.30pm: Guides and Senior Guides

### Friday

10.30am—11.45am: PhysioPilates

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

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

4pm—8pm: Speech and Drama

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

*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.

### 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

26th Feb—3rd Mar-----Group 8  
5th Mar—10th Mar-----Group 1  
12th Mar—17th Mar -----Group 2  
19th Mar—24th Mar -----Group 3  
26th Mar—31st Mar -----Group 4



**TRAIDCRAFT**  
Fighting poverty through trade

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

THE NEXT MEETING OF  
THE SELECT VESTRY  
WILL BE ON  
MONDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> MARCH  
AT 7.30PM  
IN THE MINOR HALL

*Please send material for the April 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 March. Thank you.*