

THE PARISH OF ST PETER AND ST JAMES  
BELFAST

# PARISH NOTES

NOVEMBER 2018

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

## *All Souls' Service*

*Sunday 4th November*



**GOD . LOVING . PEOPLE**

## RECTOR'S NOTES

### SERVICES IN NOVEMBER

The first Sunday of the month, the 4<sup>th</sup> November, will be celebrated as both **All Saints** (in the morning) and **All Souls** (in the evening). During the evening service, I will read aloud the names of parishioners whose funerals I have conducted in the last two years. There will also be an opportunity for you to light a candle in memory of a loved one, whether or not their funeral was in St Peter's. Some people have told me that they tend to avoid such services because it might be too difficult emotionally for them. If you feel that way, I encourage you to come to church anyway, as the entire point of such a service is to help us through the grieving process.

The second Sunday of the month, the 11<sup>th</sup> November, is **Remembrance Sunday**. As usual, we will have Acts of Remembrance at both the 9am and 11am services. In the evening, we will also have an Armistice Service, which particularly commemorates 100 years since the end of the first world war. Following both the 11am and 6.30pm services, the church bells will be rung to commemorate the end of that conflict. In doing so, we will join churches throughout the UK who are doing the same.

On the fourth Sunday of the month, the 18<sup>th</sup> November, we will have a Family Service at 11am in the church, celebrating the **Kingship of Christ**. Please note that there won't be Sunday School that day, but there still will be a creche for younger children.

## SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP

Our Sunday 9.45am discussion group continues throughout November, reading and responding to chapters from J.I. Packer's book "Concise Theology". The author has a particular theological viewpoint, and so although we have agreed with much that he writes, often some or all of us disagree with him. The question was therefore put to me "But why then read something that we don't like?". I think it's very important that we recognise there is a spectrum of beliefs in mainstream Christianity, and that we learn to critique what church leaders try to teach us. If we don't mature spiritually in this way, then we leave ourselves open either to being easily manipulated by people who push a specific brand of Christianity, or else we entrench ourselves in the blinkered mindset that there is only one way of articulating the Christian faith. I do hope that if you haven't yet joined us at 9.45am, then you will consider doing so in the coming weeks. We finish at around 10.30am. There is no requirement that you come to the 9am service beforehand, or remain for the 11am service afterwards, although you are certainly welcome and encouraged to do either. The topics for conversation this month are:

4th November "Creation: God is the Creator"

11<sup>th</sup> November "Self-Disclosure: This is My Name"

18<sup>th</sup> November "Self-Existence: God has always been"

25<sup>th</sup> November "Transcendence: God's nature is spiritual"

### **PARISH VISITORS**

I would like a few willing members of the congregation to serve as Parish Visitors. This would involve visiting (either in pairs or alone) any parishioners who are housebound or in care homes. As well as having a friendly chat with the person, you would read a short passage from the Bible, and offer prayer. (I can provide a little booklet of readings and prayers for those who would like to use it for this purpose.) I would suggest that each Parish Visitor would only make one or two visits each month, with each visit lasting perhaps 30 minutes. If you would like to volunteer for this, then let me know as soon as possible as I will organise some basic training.

### **DO YOU WANT TO PREACH?**

Have you ever listened to my sermons and thought that you could do better?! Well now you can have an opportunity to prove it! Each year the Bishop interviews candidates for the roles of either *Diocesan Lay Reader* or *Ordained Local Minister*. Both of these roles require a couple of years of part-time training, and then a license from the Bishop. The two roles are similar, but Lay Readers are limited to leading services and preaching, whereas the Ordained Local Ministers would be further authorised to baptise, absolve, bless, and preside at Holy Communion. Ideally, the Bishop will want to hear from people who feel a strong sense of calling to either Lay Readership or Ordained Local Ministry, but certainly come and talk to me if you have even the slightest inkling that this would be something you might like to do. Remember that every preacher that you've ever heard in St Peter's started out life sitting in the pews in a parish church. If they could make the leap from pew to pulpit, then what's stopping *you*?

## SERMON SUMMARY

On the *20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity* (14<sup>th</sup> October) I reflected upon how Fortwilliam Presbyterian, just down the road from us, was simultaneously holding the final service in their church building before closing for good. This is not the first Presbyterian church in the area to shut its doors. Several years ago, their sister congregation at Macrory Memorial Presbyterian, further down the Antrim Road, shut its doors and then merged with Fortwilliam. It was therefore a very sad day for Presbyterians in the area, but it is also something that should concern us. Over a decade ago, the closure of Macrory Presbyterian was mirrored by the closure of our own St James' Parish Church, which was just a stone's throw away. They both closed around the same time, and now here we are, a little up the road from Fortwilliam which is now also gone, and we therefore need to ask: will the same fate befall us here in St Peter's? Is the death of the Christian Church creeping up the Antrim Road, and are we next in line to fall?

Of course this dilemma is not just confined to north Belfast. Every Church, no matter where it is, is sensing a decline, and in response congregations which care about their future are adopting different strategies in order to slow or reverse that decline. And everyone will have an idea about what the cause of the problem is. Some say it's what the clergy are doing. Some say it's what the clergy aren't doing. Some say it's the style of worship in a church. Some say it's how churches minister to children. Some say it's because historic church buildings are too much of a financial burden, and people have more important things to spend their money on. Some say the church is being swallowed up in red tape with so much bureaucracy. Some say it's because churches don't publicise or advertise themselves enough. Some say that we should be making better use of modern technology. Some say that we

should have nothing to do with modern technology. Some say it's because people nowadays like to lie in bed on Sunday mornings. Some say it's because people need to play sport on Sunday mornings. Some say it's because many people now need to work on Sundays. But I guarantee that whatever reason you can think of, a church somewhere in the world has done something to address that problem, and yet still they are facing decline. Because the truth is, all of those problems that I've just listed, and any others that you can think of, are not the causes of decline—rather they are symptoms of the one problem facing the Church.

And that one problem is that this generation of Christians has relegated God (the creator and saviour of the world) to secondary importance. God is being treated like a “thing” that is occasionally talked about—often dismissively or even with contempt—and he has been side-lined to the fringes of our lives, with the consequence that many people (even churchgoers) don't think about him, they don't talk to him, they don't listen to him, they don't want to learn about him, they are embarrassed to mention him, and they go to church to worship him only when it suits them and there is nothing better to be doing.

We—as Christians—have allowed this generation to make a mockery of God. We don't challenge secularist and humanist ideas, and even when we do try to defend Christianity, it is often over the most ridiculous issues, such as whether or not God really made the world in six days, or whether or not we should welcome babies of same sex couples into a congregation. And then we scratch our heads, wondering “Why is the Church in decline?”.

Here's the stark reality: the Church will only survive if the people who claim to believe in God actually start to show it through how they live their lives, and—importantly—that includes making coming to church, and being involved in

church activities, an absolute priority. We must make God the centre and the focus of our lives, around which everything else fits into place, rather than relegating him to the side-lines of our lives.

If we don't do this—if we don't open our hearts fully to God, and allow him in to work through us—then it probably won't be long until this church closes its doors for the last time.

Because the day will come when I get into this pulpit to preach a wonderful, rousing sermon, and yet every person in this parish who claims to be Church of Ireland (and, according to the census, there are a lot of them) will not be in the pews listening—they'll be having a lie-in, or they'll be playing sport, or they'll be watching TV. They'll be doing anything and everything, except the one thing which is really the purpose of their lives: which is to love and worship God. The question is: how would you feel when that day comes? And more importantly: are you willing to help reverse the decline, and start putting God first in your life?

### Connor Connections

The August edition of Connor Connections is now available at the back of the church. You may be interested to read an article on page 4 written by our own Parish Reader, David Cromie. There is also an accompanying photograph of all our Parish Readers at their commissioning service last July.

### LESSON READERS AND INTERCESSORS

The following parishioners are on the reading/intercessor rota at the 11am Sunday services. If the date is unsuitable, please contact either Sandra Hutchman, tel 95 149 564 (readings), or Rosemary Johnston, tel 90 840 534 (prayers).

Nov	First Reading	Second Reading	Intercessor
4th	Philip Williamson	Anne Stewart	Dora Hanna
11th	Ashlee McCune	Forde Patterson	Colin Bell
18th	Barbara Greenlees	Brian Davison	Sandra Hutchman
25th	Tom Campbell	Marie Burrowes	Noel Beattie

## CHURCH SERVICES IN NOVEMBER

<b>SUNDAY</b> 9am 11am 6.30pm	<b>4<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER</b> Holy Communion Choral Eucharist All Souls' Service	<b>ALL SAINTS</b> (transferred) <i>traditional, Resurrection, white</i> <i>modern, Nave, white</i> <i>modern, Nave, white</i>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 10.30am	<b>7<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER</b> Holy Communion	<b>MID-WEEK</b> <i>modern, Resurrection, green</i>
<b>SUNDAY</b> 9am 11am 6.30pm	<b>11<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER</b> Holy Communion Remembrance Service Armistice Service	<b>REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY</b> <i>modern, Resurrection, green</i> <i>modern, Nave, green</i> <i>modern, St James, green</i>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 10.30am	<b>14<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER</b> Holy Communion	<b>MID-WEEK</b> <i>modern, Resurrection, green</i>
<b>SUNDAY</b> 9am 11am 6.30pm	<b>18<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER</b> Holy Communion Choral Eucharist Choral Evensong	<b>TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY</b> <i>modern, Resurrection, green</i> <i>modern, Nave, green</i> <i>traditional, Nave, green</i>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 10.30am	<b>21<sup>st</sup> NOVEMBER</b> Holy Communion	<b>MID-WEEK</b> <i>modern, Resurrection, green</i>
<b>SUNDAY</b> 9am 11am 6.30pm	<b>25<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER</b> Holy Communion Family Service Late Evening Office	<b>THE KINGSHIP OF CHRIST</b> <i>modern, Resurrection, white</i> <i>modern, Nave, white</i> <i>traditional, Nave, white</i>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 10.30am	<b>28<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER</b> Holy Communion	<b>MID-WEEK</b> <i>modern, Resurrection, green</i>
<b>THURSDAY</b> 7.30pm	<b>29<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER</b> Holy Communion	<b>ST ANDREW</b> (transferred) <i>traditional, Chancel, red</i>

## CHURCH SERVICES IN DECEMBER

<b>SUNDAY</b> 9am 11am 6.30pm	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> DECEMBER</b> Holy Communion Advent Carols Sung Compline	<b>ADVENT SUNDAY</b> <i>traditional, Resurrection, purple</i> <i>modern, Nave, purple</i> <i>traditional, Nave, purple</i>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 10.30am	<b>5<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER</b> Holy Communion	<b>MID-WEEK</b> <i>modern, Resurrection, purple</i>
<b>SUNDAY</b> 9am 11am 6.30pm	<b>9<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER</b> Holy Communion Christingle Service Compline	<b>SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b> <i>modern, Resurrection, purple</i> <i>modern, Nave, purple</i> <i>traditional, St James, purple</i>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 10.30am	<b>12<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER</b> Holy Communion	<b>MID-WEEK</b> <i>modern, Resurrection, purple</i>
<b>SUNDAY</b> 9am 11am 6.30pm	<b>16<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER</b> Holy Communion Choral Eucharist Sung Compline	<b>THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b> <i>modern, Resurrection, purple</i> <i>modern, Nave, purple</i> <i>traditional, Nave, purple</i>
<b>MONDAY</b> 7.30pm	<b>17<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER</b> Nine Lessons and Carols	<b>WEEKDAY SERVICE</b> <i>traditional, Nave, purple</i>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 10.30am	<b>19<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER</b> Holy Communion	<b>MID-WEEK</b> <i>modern, Resurrection, purple</i>
<b>SUNDAY</b> 9am 11am 6.30pm	<b>23<sup>rd</sup> DECEMBER</b> Holy Communion Nativity Service Compline	<b>THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b> <i>modern, Resurrection, purple</i> <i>modern, Nave, purple</i> <i>traditional, Nave, purple</i>
<b>MONDAY</b> 11pm	<b>24<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER</b> Choral Eucharist	<b>CHRISTMAS EVE</b> <i>traditional, Nave, white</i>
<b>TUESDAY</b> 10.30am	<b>25<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER</b> Choral Eucharist	<b>CHRISTMAS DAY</b> <i>modern, Nave, white</i>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 10.30am	<b>26<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER</b> Morning Prayer	<b>ST STEPHEN</b> <i>modern, Resurrection, white</i>
<b>SUNDAY</b> 9am 11am	<b>30<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER</b> Holy Communion Morning Prayer	<b>THE FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS</b> <i>modern, Resurrection, white</i> <i>modern, Nave, white</i>

# November Diary

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<b>1</b> <b>7.30pm</b> Thursday Fellowship <i>Half-term holiday for Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Senior Guides</i>	<b>2</b> <b>10.30am</b> PhysioPilates <b>11.30am</b> Friday Fellowship <i>Half-term holiday for Speech and Drama classes</i>	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b> <i>All Saints/All Souls</i> <b>9am</b> Holy Communion <b>9.45am</b> Sunday Fellowship <b>11am</b> Choral Eucharist and Sunday School and Creche <b>6.30pm</b> All Souls' Service	<b>5</b> <b>7pm</b> Parish Meeting <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>6pm</b> Rainbows <b>7pm</b> Brownies <b>7.30pm</b> Thursday Fellowship <b>8pm</b> Guides and Senior Guides	<b>9</b> <b>10.30am</b> PhysioPilates <b>4pm</b> Speech and Drama	<b>10</b>

<b>11 Remembrance</b> <b>9am</b> Holy Communion <b>9.45am</b> Sunday Fellowship <b>11am</b> Remembrance Service and Sunday School and Creche (tea/coffee) <b>12.15pm</b> Traidcraft <b>6.30pm</b> Armistice Service	<b>12</b> <b>8pm</b> Badminton	<b>13</b> <b>10.30am</b> Crafty Goodness <b>2.30pm</b> Ladies' Guild <b>6pm</b> Beavers <b>7pm</b> Cubs <b>7.30pm</b> Priory Singers' Rehearsal	<b>14</b> <b>10.30am</b> Holy Communion and refreshments <b>2pm</b> Bridge <b>6.30pm</b> PhysioPilates <b>7.30pm</b> Choir	<b>15</b> <b>6pm</b> Rainbows <b>7pm</b> Brownies <b>7.45pm</b> Historical Society <b>8pm</b> Guides and Senior Guides	<b>16</b> <b>10.30am</b> PhysioPilates <b>11.30am</b> Friday Fellowship <b>4pm</b> Speech and Drama	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b> <b>9am</b> Holy Communion <b>9.45am</b> Sunday Fellowship <b>11am</b> Choral Eucharist and Sunday School and Creche <b>6.30pm</b> Choral Evensong	<b>19</b> <b>10am Deadline for material to be with Anne Cromie for December/January Parish Notes</b> <b>7.30pm</b> Select Vestry <b>8pm</b> Badminton	<b>20</b> <b>10.30</b> Crafty Goodness <b>6pm</b> Beavers <b>7pm</b> Cubs <b>7.30pm</b> Priory Singers' Rehearsal	<b>21</b> <b>10.30am</b> Holy Communion and refreshments <b>2pm</b> Bridge <b>6.30pm</b> PhysioPilates <b>7.30pm</b> Choir	<b>22</b> <b>6pm</b> Rainbows <b>7pm</b> Brownies <b>7.30pm</b> Thursday Fellowship <b>8pm</b> Guides and Senior Guides	<b>23</b> <b>10.30am</b> PhysioPilates <b>4pm</b> Speech and Drama	<b>24</b>
<b>25 Kingship</b> <b>9am</b> Holy Communion <b>9.45am</b> Sunday Fellowship <b>11am</b> Family Service and Creche (tea/coffee) <b>6.30pm</b> Late Evening Office	<b>26</b> <b>8pm</b> Badminton	<b>27</b> <b>10.30</b> Crafty Goodness <b>6pm</b> Beavers <b>7pm</b> Cubs <b>7.30pm</b> Priory Singers' Rehearsal	<b>28</b> <b>10.30am</b> Holy Communion and refreshments <b>2pm</b> Bridge <b>6.30pm</b> PhysioPilates <b>7.30pm</b> Choir	<b>29 Saint Andrew</b> <b>6pm</b> Rainbows <b>7pm</b> Brownies <b>7.30pm</b> Holy Communion and Thursday Fellowship <b>8pm</b> Guides and Senior Guides	<b>30</b> <b>10.30am</b> PhysioPilates <b>4pm</b> Speech and Drama <b>8pm</b> Concert—Cavehill Community Choir	

## **Ladies' Guild**

At our meeting on Tuesday 13th November at 2.30pm our topic will be 'Smashing Icebergs'! Now what could that be about? Come along and you will find out – I promise that you won't be too cold!

A little advance notice – we will be going to Hillside Garden Centre on Tuesday 11th December. Please see me by no later than 30th November if you would like to go. It is hoped that we will be able to organise lifts for everyone to and from St Peter's.

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*

## **REQUEST FOR HELP**

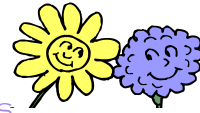
Regarding the concert advertised below, you will see that we are holding a ballot. We would be very grateful for any prizes you could donate for this, as all proceeds from the ballot will be for church funds and our supported charities. Please contact Annette Beattie or one of the Churchwardens if you can help. Thank you!



**CONCERT**  
**in St Peter's**  
**Friday 30th November . 8pm**  
***Cavehill Community Choir***

Wine and Nibbles      Tea and Coffee  
Ballot      Tel 9077 8428 for Tickets £10

## NOVEMBER FLOWER LIST



4TH THE BELL FAMILY  
11TH VALERIE GUEST IN MEMORY OF HER HUSBAND JAMES  
18TH HEATHER AND TONY SWAN IN MEMORY OF TONY'S PARENTS  
25TH JOAN WALKER

Thank you to all who give of their time and effort in beautifying the church with flowers. If possible, flowers should be in keeping with the liturgical colour of the season, particularly during Advent and Lent.

# Christmas Fayre

## Saturday 8th December

### 10.30am—12noon

This year we are asking for your ideas regarding the format of the fayre and of course for your support in the usual way, ie, attending, donating items (especially for the Tombola), advertising, etc.

We are hoping that some people may be interested in running their own bric-a-brac stall. This will work by hiring a table for £20 and selling your own bric-a-brac from it and then donating the proceeds to a charity of your choice. However, if you donate the proceeds to St Peter's the table space will be free of charge. If you are interested in doing this please contact one of the Churchwardens for advice. All help is much appreciated.

*Each year our members vote to support six charities. This year our fourth chosen charity is Guide Dogs.*

## GUIDE DOGS

### **Providing life-changing services to people with sight loss.**

Guide Dogs is a working name of The Guide Dogs for the Blind Association. The Guide Dogs story started in 1931 with two amazing British pioneers, Muriel Crooke and Rosamund Bond. These remarkable women organised the training of the first four British guide dogs from a humble lock up garage in Wallasey, Merseyside. They've come a very long way since those early days. Today Guide Dogs is the world's largest breeder and trainer of working dogs and thanks to dedicated staff and volunteers—and vital donations—the charity has helped over 29,000 people to achieve life-changing independence. When someone loses their sight, Guide Dogs Northern Ireland is there to make sure they don't lose their freedom as well by changing the way that sight loss affects people's lives. To do this, they help everyone with sight loss—and their families—through life-changing mobility services to adults, children and young people. They also work to break down barriers by campaigning alongside people living with sight loss to ensure that they can get out and about on their own terms.

### **Every hour, another person in the UK goes blind.**

In the UK today, almost two million people are living with sight loss and of those, around 180,000 rarely leave their homes alone. Guide Dogs helps solve this problem. They provide individual support that helps to overcome the emotional and physical challenges faced by people living with sight loss.

## SERVICES PROVIDED

### **Guide dogs**

A blind person with a guide dog is called a handler. Guide dogs are now also provided to people under the age of 16 and not necessarily to those who have lost all of their sight—indeed most handlers still have some vision. All the essential equipment is given free of charge and there can be help with food or veterinary costs, if necessary. The guide dog and handler are a partnership, with the handler giving commands and encouragement and telling the dog which way to go. The dog is not a miracle worker, but for some people it can offer a unique, safe and effective way of getting about independently.

### **My Guide**

My Guide is one of the fastest growing services providing sighted guiding to people with sight loss. Following an initial assessment, to ensure the service is appropriate, Guide Dogs can match a blind person with a fully trained and checked sighted guide. This volunteer will enable the person with sight loss to get out and about and do the things they want to do. The charity works with community groups, local blind societies and faith groups to train volunteers to the agreed national standard of My Guide sighted guiding, and they can also train family members and friends to guide with confidence.

### **Children and young people**

Guide Dogs' range of children and young people services sensitively supports thousands of parents and their children through engaging, enjoyable and highly beneficial activities and techniques to help blind children develop and grow to reach their full potential. From babies and toddlers through to young adults, including children with additional complex needs, they can help where it's needed most with the 'Helpline' being the first port of call. Essential skills and technology advice is also given through 'Habilitation Workers'. There is parental advice and support given at early diagnosis through their family recreation events and schools and homes can be provided with a unique range of tailored large-print reading materials via the Custom Eyes books.

### **Campaigning**

Guide Dogs campaigns for equal mobility and genuine independence for people with sight loss. They lobby and work with the government, councils and organisations to bring about real-world changes to laws, local policy, attitudes within businesses and public perceptions. Their mission is to ensure that blind and partially sighted people have the same freedom of movement as everyone else.

### **Donations**

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

If you'd like to know more about Guide Dogs, or how you can help make a difference by [volunteering](#), [fundraising](#) or [campaigning](#), they would love to hear from you. [By getting involved, you can be a life-changer](#). Find out more at [www.guidedogs.org.uk/signup](http://www.guidedogs.org.uk/signup) or ring 0345 143 0229 or email: [info@guidedogs.org.uk](mailto:info@guidedogs.org.uk)

*Peter Gray*



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Just visit [www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stpjbelfast](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stpjbelfast) and follow the simple steps to sign up. Thank you.

*Ashlee McCune, Hon Treasurer*

## North Belfast Historical Society

**Date:** Thursday 15th November  
**Time:** 7.30pm for 7.45pm  
**Where** McCollum Minor Hall  
**Speaker:** Norman Weatherall  
**Subjects:** The Golden Age of the Music Hall



Norman Weatherall, a local historian, has a great interest in various particular aspects of the history of Belfast—departmental stores, churches, cinemas, theatre, etc. Norman has also published several books and articles, particularly on South Belfast, another great interest of his.

The Golden Age of the Music Hall—1880s to the end of WW1 after which the Music Hall had to compete with the moving picture. Three theatres mainly featured at this time—Alhambra, Empire and Hippodrome—Norman also deals with many of the artists that appeared in them. There was Dane Leno, Little Titch, Florrie Forde, Vesta Tilley, Harry Lauder, etc. Norman will also be playing recordings of these artists singing the songs that they made their own.

Do come along and hear about the history of these wonderful theatres and artists. Everyone is welcome.

*Margi Crawford*

## PARISH REGISTER

### *Christian Burial*

*"At rest in the Lord."*

*Rosemary Scott*

*Cremation at Roselawn on 28th August 2018*

### *Holy Matrimony*

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

*Brian and Melania Canavan, Lisburn*

*renewal of wedding vows on 11th October 2018*

## ORGANISATIONS/HALL TIMETABLE

### Sunday

9.45am—10.30am     Sunday Fellowship  
11am—12noon:     Sunday School

### Monday

7pm     Parish Meeting (1<sup>st</sup> Monday in month)  
7.30pm     Select Vestry (3<sup>rd</sup> Monday in month)  
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

6pm—7pm:     Rainbows  
7pm—8pm:     Brownies  
7.30pm—9pm:     Thursday Fellowship (every week 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:     Friday Fellowship (1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday in month)  
4pm—8pm:     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 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”.

### Our Parish Family ...

Please let us know about any happy events and/or exciting news happening within our parish family. Good news is always worth sharing!

### PARISHIONER CONTACT DETAILS

For speed of communication and to keep our records up to date please send your email address to Anne Cromie 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.

### Holy Dusters Cleaning Rota

29th Oct—3rd Nov----- Group 3  
5th Nov—10th Nov----- Group 4  
12th Nov—17th Nov ----- Group 5  
19th Nov—24th Nov ----- Group 6  
26th Nov—1st Dec----- Group 7

*Please send material for the December/January issue of Parish Notes to:*

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Fortwilliam Drive, Belfast BT15 4EB  
*or email:* [stpeterandstjames@outlook.com](mailto:stpeterandstjames@outlook.com)  
*by Monday 19th November. Thank you.*