



Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols Monday 16th December at 7.30pm

This beautiful service by candlelight is one of the highlights of the Christmas season.

Please make a special effort to invite your friends and family to come along. All are welcome.

Mulled wine and shortbread afterwards.

RECTOR'S NOTES



SEASON'S GREETINGS!

Over the coming weeks we will be wishing each other **Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!** I do hope to see you to exchange these greetings in person, but if not, please be assured of my prayers for a peaceful and joyful Christmas.

Christmas Communion for those who are housebound (temporarily or permanently) will commence on Monday 9th December. I have a list of those I intend to call with, but if you cannot come to St Peter's at Christmas, then it would do no harm to give me a call on 028 9077 7053 before Friday 6th December to arrange a day and time that best suits you.

SERVICES IN DECEMBER AND JANUARY

Would you please make every effort to come to St Peter's for Holy Communion on either Christmas Eve at 10.30pm or Christmas Day at 10.30am.

Throughout December and January, our morning service will continue to commence at 10.30am.

On 1st December, there will be two services: The Advent Carol Service at 10.30am, and Choral Evensong at 3.30pm, on the **First Sunday of Advent.**

On 8th December, we will be making Christingles during our Family Service on the **Second Sunday of Advent**.

On 15th December, we will celebrate Holy Communion on the **Third Sunday of Advent**, also known as Gaudete Sunday.

On Monday 16th December is our traditional service of **Nine Lessons and Carols** at 7.30pm.

On 22nd December, our Nativity Service will begin at 10.30am on the **Fourth Sunday of Advent**. Could I ask parents to bring their children to the church for no later than 10am, please.

On Tuesday 24th December, there will be a traditional language celebration of Holy Communion at 10.30pm on **Christmas Eve**.

On Wednesday 25th December, there will be a celebration of Holy Communion at 10.30am on **Christmas Day.**

On 29th December, there will be a service of Morning Prayer on the **First Sunday of Christmas**, with a reflection by our Ministry Apprentice, Robert Long.

On 5th January, there will be a celebration of Holy Communion on the **Second Sunday of Christmas**, with our guest celebrant and preacher, the Rev'd Mellissa Jeffers.

On 12th January, there will be a service of Morning Prayer at 10.30am, and then Choral Evensong at 3.30pm, on the **First Sunday after The Epiphany.**

On 19th January, there will be a celebration of Holy Communion on the **Second Sunday after The Epiphany.**

On 26th January, there will be a Service of the Word on the **Third Sunday after The Epiphany**, focusing on the renewal of our baptismal vows.

CHARITABLE GIVING

Thank you to those who have filled shoeboxes for this year's **Blythswood Care Appeal** (see picture), and to David Cromie for organising it.

On the evening of Friday 6th December, there will be a concert in St Peter's by the **Cavehill Community Choir**, raising funds for the NI Hospice, Air Ambulance NI,



Child Aid, and the North Belfast Foodbank. Tickets are £10 each, payable at the door. Thank you to Clodagh Webb and Anne Cromie for organising this. See the advert elsewhere in these Parish Notes for more information.

CHOIR SURPLICES

The word "surplice" comes from the Latin "super pellicid" through the Old French "sourpelis" which mean "over the fur". It is the long white garment worn by clergy, readers, and choristers during worship, and its history goes back to the Roman Empire when such clothing was fashionable. Understandably in colder climates such as our own, the surplice would be worn over something a little warmer, hence the reference to "fur" beneath it. We continue to wear these today, two thousand years later, both as a reminder of the Church's ancient origins, and for uniformity amongst those who serve in the chancel.

The surplices currently worn by the choir are showing the signs of decades of wear and tear, and it is time now to purchase new ones. We need twenty, each costing £115, which comes to a total of £2,300. Remembering with thanks how integral our wonderful choir is to our worship, would you please make a special donation to help cover this cost, no matter how small or large. Such donations should be placed in envelopes marked "Choir Fund"

and placed into the charity collection box at the back of the church. We will also have retiring collections at services of Choral Evensong over the coming months, which will be added to this fund. Thank you.

CHRISTIAN LEARNING

Our **Discipleship Group** meets on Thursday 5th December in the Minor Hall, from 7.30pm till 9pm. We will examine the third chapter of J. John's evangelism course, "Calling Out". Don't worry if you haven't joined us so far, as we will recap what was discussed previously. There will <u>not</u> be a meeting of this group in January.

Our **Bible Fellowship** meets in the Minor Hall from 7.30pm till 9pm on Thursday 12th December and Thursday 23rd January, continuing our study of St Paul's Letter to the Galatians.

Our monthly mid-week **Bible Study** does not meet in December; it resumes on Wednesday 29th January from 11.30am till 12.30pm in the Minor Hall.

CHRISTMAS PARTIES

There will be a **Men's Christmas Lunch** on Saturday 7th December at midday in the Main Hall. This is open to men and boys of any age. Please sign up on the sheet at the back of the church, or send me an email to let me know if you would like to attend. This is entirely free, although anonymous donations are always welcome on the day.

Our **Bible Fellowship Christmas Party** will be on Thursday 12th December at 7.30pm in the Minor Hall.

Our **Mid-Week Holy Communion Christmas Party** will be on Wednesday 18th December at 11.15am.

Our **Parish Christmas Lunch** is on Sunday 22^{nd} December at 11.45am in the Lansdowne Hotel, following our Nativity Service earlier that morning. This is open to all members of our congregation and any friends and family they'd like to invite. We are asking for donations per adult of at least £5 for a buffet lunch, to be paid on the day. Children eat for free! (The actual cost is £12.50 per person.) In order to give the Lansdowne an idea of how many people to expect, please sign up on the sheet at the back of the church, or else inform one of the Churchwardens as soon as possible.

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

As we celebrate the 125th anniversary of St Peter's Parish and St Peter's Church throughout 2025, I have invited clergy who have a recent or historic connection to St Peter's to preach over the course of the year. We will also be mindful of the important occasions which have shaped our Christian community, and at the very least these will be reflected upon in our prayers of intercession on the Sundays closest to their dates below:

- 1st January 1944, when St Katharine's Parish was separated from St Peter's.
- 8th February 1900, when the Diocesan Council voted to create St Peter's Parish.
- 27th March 1900, when the Rev'd Henry Brett was appointed the first Rector.
- 29th March 1996, when the Rev'd Charles McCollum was instituted as the fifth Rector.
- 1st April 1900, when St Peter's Parish was formed.
- 19th April 1935, when the choir stalls were dedicated.
- 7th May 2000, when the south transept was renamed the Chapel of the Resurrection.
- 14th May 1926, when the Rev'd Richard Breene was instituted as the second Rector.
- 28th May 1898, when the foundation stone of the church was laid.

- 17th June 2013, when I was instituted as the seventh Rector.
- 22nd June 2009, when the Rev'd Adrian Dorrian was instituted as the sixth Rector.
- 29th June 1900, when St Peter's Church was consecrated.
- 2nd July 1933, when St Peter's was re-opened following the extension of the nave.
- 19th July 2016, when the north aisle was renamed the St James' Chapel.
- 13th August 1890, when a committee was established to consider the formation of a new parish in the Cavehill area of north Belfast.
- 1st October 2005, when the grouped parishes of St Peter and St James were united.
- 18th October 1989, when the church was rededicated following work to repair extensive damage from the bombing of the Lansdowne Hotel.
- 1st November 1896, when the first service of worship was held in the newly formed District of St Peter, meeting at Skegoneill National School.
- 7th November 1996, when the parishes of St Peter and St James were grouped.
- 9th November 1990, when the Rev'd Stephen McBride was instituted as the fourth Rector.
- 12th December 1895, when the decision was made to name the parish in honour of St Peter.
- 18th December 1963, when the Rev'd Will Harris was instituted as the third Rector.

POST-SERVICE PRAYER AND REFRESHMENTS

Thank you to all who have been providing refreshments following our Sunday morning services. (On our front cover are Judith Cowan and Lucas Todd receiving tea and coffee from Jim Wilson and Kathryn Hennessy.) It has been much appreciated by our regular members, but perhaps even more so by the visitors who

have joined us over recent months. It has been lovely to give people space to chat and get to know each other.

I am also pleased with the response to our ongoing offer of private prayer in the side chapel during the post-service refreshments. Could I encourage you to come forward for prayer if there is anything that requires God's guidance and strength, or for which you would like to give thanks.

WHAT DO WE WANT FROM GOD?

Especially in parts of America, there's a strand of theological thinking known as the Prosperity Gospel. It's one of the underlying notions in the teaching of a lot of televangelists - the megastar celebrity preachers who have their own private jets and live in luxury mansions. It is the idea that God will reward you with health and wealth in abundance if you are faithful, and – more importantly – if you donate a lot of your income to these celebrity preachers. Many of the people who are sold this idea are very poor, and so it's quite enticing for them to hear someone saying, "look at how good a Christian I am, and look at how rich I am – and you could be too if only you were as good a Christian, and the way to be a really good Christian is to put more money on the collection plate."

If I sound cynical, it's because I am. At best, the Prosperity Gospel is a very ill-informed, misguided, and unchristian idea. At worst, it is financial abuse and exploitation of the most vulnerable people in society. And yet, the idea that faithful people will be rewarded by God is Biblical. You'll find it expressed in certain passages in the Old Testament. Take for example Proverbs 10:22, "The blessing of the Lord makes a person rich." It's also the central meaning of Joshua 14, in which Caleb was rewarded with land and wealth because of his faithfulness to God during the conquest of Canaan following the Exodus from Egypt.

By the time of Jesus, one of the central beliefs of the Sadducees

(whom we often hear about in the gospels) was that God rewarded his faithful servants in this earthly life – and that there was no afterlife. So in their eyes, the richest Jews were also the most faithful, because – if their bank balances were anything to go by – they must have done something right to please God. Now, that wasn't a belief shared by the other main schools of thought in Judaism – namely the Pharisees and the Essenes. In fact, that latter group – the Essenes, were largely disinterested in material wealth. A bit like John the Baptist, and a bit like Christian monks centuries later – the Essenes believed that ridding yourself of luxury, and living a simple life, was the best way to become close to God.

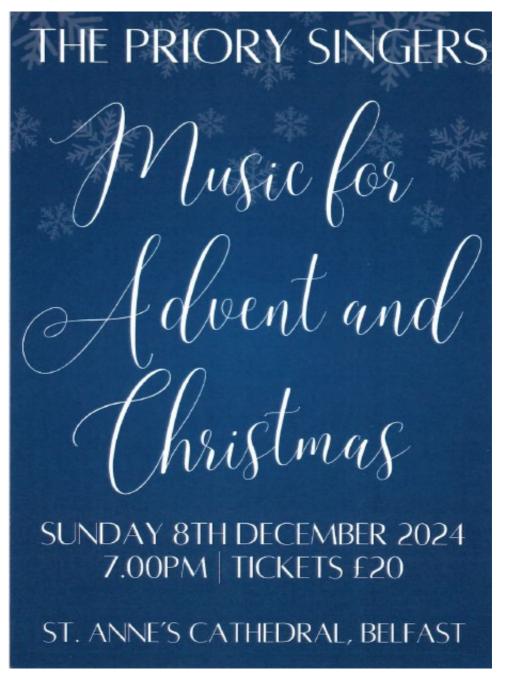
You could argue that Jesus thought along the same lines. He said things like, "Do not store up treasure on earth where moth and rust consume, but store up for yourselves treasure in heaven" and "Sell all your possessions and give the money to the poor, and then come and follow me." Clearly, Jesus did not care about wealth in this world, and he never once promised wealth to his followers, no matter how faithful they were. Instead, his focus is on how faithfulness in this world, despite the suffering we face, being rewarded in heaven. Think about the criminal hanging next to Jesus at Calvary. When he professes faith in who and what Jesus is, Jesus doesn't promise that people will come and rescue the criminal, take him down from the cross, and set him free. He says instead, "Today you will be with me in paradise."

That idea is repeated by others in the New Testament. Take St Paul for example, writing to Timothy. He says, "From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that day." (2 Timothy 4:8) Other translations say, "the crown of righteousness with which the Lord will reward me on that day." Our faithfulness in this world, will be rewarded in the next. Indeed, St Paul tends to express the idea throughout his letters, that suffering in this world is not just something to be endured, but that it is actually something to be welcomed, as it serves to focus and shape and

strengthen our faith. It prepares us for a closer relationship with God in heaven, by making us more dependent, more reliant upon him here on earth.

Now, for someone who is in physical pain, or who is experiencing mental anguish, telling them that "it's ok, you'll get your reward in heaven" seems like a bit of a cop-out. Because naturally if God is going to do something good for us, we would like it today, please, rather than after we die. But even if God does not give us the reward of health or wealth that we would like during this lifetime, the fact that he will reward us in the afterlife does still achieve something for us in this world: and that is, it gives us hope.

We hear that word in the Book of the Prophet Isaiah: "And in his name, the gentiles will hope." That's a reference to the Messiah, the Saviour of the World (which of course we associate with Jesus) but what's interesting about that prophecy is that it does not express the idea of the Messiah coming along and dominating the world and stamping out evil. Instead, we are presented with a Messiah who will – essentially – not even break the branch of a tree. He will come in peace and humility. Until, as we read, "he will bring justice to victory." The meaning is that at some point in the future, Jesus will intervene in the world in order to put an end to pain and suffering. We call that the Second Coming, or Judgement Day. But until then, we continue to live in a broken world – and although we would, I'm sure, love a perfect life here and now, we have instead been given hope for a better world. And it is that hope which makes the suffering of this world bearable. It is the light at the end of the tunnel. It is the finish line coming into view on the racetrack. It is the knowledge that no matter how awful the world is today, God has a better life in store for us. That knowledge, that hope, is a tremendous gift from God. Accept it, and let it take your eyes off the immediate problems that this world constantly bombards us with, and remember that through faith in Christ, one day, all will be made well.



Tickets for this concert are available from Anne Cromie, tel 07808 578775, or at the door.

GAZETTE

If you are interested in receiving the Church of Ireland Gazette please contact Ashlee McCune or Anne Cromie. There are

historical as well as up-to-date articles, discussions, news, etc, and you will receive ten gazettes over the year for an annual subscription of £45.



I want to say a very big thank you to my family in St Peter's who have been so thoughtful, generous and kind, bringing me food, sending cards and ringing up to enquire about me ever since my vertebrae collapsed. Special thanks to the children who visited with their hand written cards and cake! A really big thank you to you all.

Daphne McClements



Parish Christmas Lunch Sunday 22nd December at 11.45pm Lansdowne Hotel

Donations towards the cost appreciated. Further details in the *Rector's Notes*.

SERVICE SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER							
SERVICE	OFFICIANT	LECTOR	PREACHER	INTERCESSOR			
Sunday 1st December—The First Sunday of Advent (Purple)							
10.30am Advent Carols	Rector	-	-	-			
3.30pm Choral Evensong	David Cromie	Nigel Macauley	-	David Cromie*			
Wednesday 4th December—Advent (Purple)							
10.30am Holy Communion							
SUNDAY 8	SUNDAY 8TH DECEMBER—THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (PURPLE)						
10.30am Christingle Family Service	Rector/ David Cromie	-	Rector	David Cromie			
Wednesday 11th December—Advent (Purple)							
10.30am Holy Communion	Rector	-	Rector	Quintin Mulligan			
St	INDAY 15TH DE	CEMBER—GAUDET	e Sunday (Pub	RPLE)			
10.30am Choral Eucharist	Rector	Nigel Macauley	Rector	Dora Hanna			
	Monday 161	гн December—Аг	VENT (PURPLE))			
7.30pm Nine Lessons and Carols	Rector	-	-	Rector*			
	WEDNESDAY 1	8th December—A	ADVENT (PURPL	E)			
10.30am Holy Communion	Rector	-	Rector	Daphne McClements			
SUNDAY 22ND DECEMBER—THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (PURPLE)							
10.30am Nativity Service	Rector	-	-	Rector*			
Tuesday 24th December—Christmas Eve (White)							
10.30pm Christmas Eucharist 1662	Rector	David Cromie	Rector	David Cromie*			
Wednesday 25th December—Christmas Day (White)							
10.30am Christmas Eucharist	Rector	Rector	-	Rector*			
Sunday 29th January—The First Sunday of Christmas (White)							
10.30am Morning Prayer	Robert Long	Daphne McClements	Robert Long	Robert Long			

SERVICE SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY							
SERVICE	OFFICIANT			INTERCESSOR			
Wednesday 1st January—The Naming of Jesus (White)							
10.30am Morning Prayer	Dora Hanna	Jim Wilson	-	Rosemary Johnston			
SUNDAY 5TH JANUARY—THE SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS (WHITE)							
10.30am Holy Communion	Rev Mellissa Jeffers	Rosemary Johnston	Rev Mellissa Jeffers	Dora Hanna			
Wednesday 8th January (White)							
10.30am Holy Communion	Rev'd Andrew Irwin	-	Rev'd Andrew Irwin	Rev'd Andrew Irwin*			
SUNDAY 12TH JANUARY—THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY (WHITE)							
10.30am Choral Matins	David Cromie	Sandra Hutchman	Rector	David Cromie			
Wednesday 15th January (White)							
10.30am Holy Communion	Rector	-	Rector	Daphne McClements			
SUNDAY 19TH JANUARY—THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY (WHITE)							
10.30am Choral Eucharist	Rector	Robert Long	Rector	Robert Long			
Wednesday 22nd January (White)							
10.30am Holy Communion	Rector	-	Rector	Jim Wilson			
Sunday 26th January—The Third Sunday after The Epiphany (White)							
10.30am Service of the Word	Rector	Rector	Rev'd Clifford Skillen	Ashlee McCune			
Wednesday 29th January (White)							
10.30am Holy Communion 1662	Rector	Robert Long	-	Robert Long*			

If you would like to support the worship, mission, and ministries of St Peter's, please deposit your FWO envelope or loose money in the box at the back of the church. If you prefer to donate by Apple Pay, Google Pay, PayPal or by credit/debit card, please scan this QR code on your phone. Thank you.



Altar Guild Rota for December						
Date	Time	Set-up	Wine Cruet	Wine Chalice	Colour	Location
Wednesday 4th	10.30am	Margaret McK Black	Margaret McK Black	Robert Long	Purple	Resurrection
Wednesday 11th	10.30am	Robert Long	Robert Long	Margaret McK Black	Purple	Resurrection
Sunday 15th	10.30am	Dora Hanna	Dora Hanna	David Cromie	Purple	Chancel
Wednesday 18th	10.30am	Rosemary Johnston	Rosemary Johnston	Robert Long	Purple	Resurrection
Tuesday 24th	10.30pm	Rector	Dora Hanna	David Cromie	White	Chancel
Wednesday 25th	10.30am	Rector	David Cromie	Dora Hanna	White	Chancel

Altar Guild Rota for January						
Date	Time	Set-up	Wine Cruet	Wine Chalice	Colour	Location
Sunday 5th	10.30am	Rosemary Johnston	Dora Hanna	Rosemary Johnston	White	Chancel
Wednesday 8th	10.30am	Jim Wilson	Margaret McK Black	Rosemary Johnston	White	Resurrection
Wednesday 15th	10.30am	Kathryn Hennessy	Dora Hanna	Robert Long	White	Resurrection
Sunday 19th	10.30am	Robert Long	David Cromie	Robert Long	White	Chancel
Wednesday 22nd	10.30am	Rosemary Johnston	Robert Long	Margaret McK Black	White	Resurrection
Wednesday 29th	10.30am	Robert Long	Dora Hanna	Robert Long	White	St James

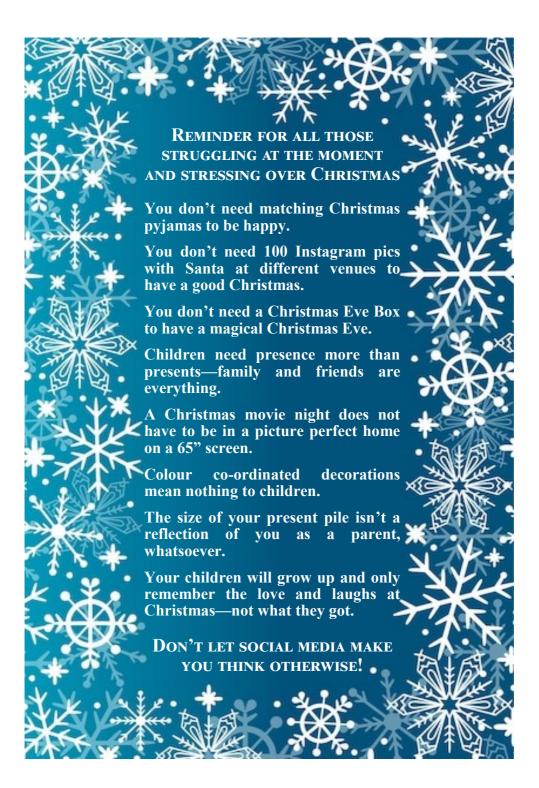
CONCERT

St Peter's Parish Church Choir Monday 2nd December at 7.30pm St John's Church, Donegore

Our Church Family

Please let us know about any happy events or exciting news within our parish family.

Good news is always worth sharing!



PAUSE FOR THOUGHT AND PRAYER

by Rosemary Johnston

"Love came down at Christmas"

Yes, Christmas is almost upon us once again with all the frantic activity associated with it. We rush around (or some of us do) worrying about all the apparently necessary things we have to do—did we get X, have we remembered Y, how can we fit it

all in? Of course there are those marvellous, well-organised people who never seem to be in a worry and for whom everything seems to be calm and smooth, but, and it is a big 'but' - what is all this fuss about? It is meant to be about the birth of a baby in far off Bethlehem 2,000 years ago and this miraculous fact can get lost amid all our distractions. Jesus said to Martha, who was coping on her own looking after the guests, that Mary had chosen the right way by sitting, listening to him. Yes, we want to prepare a lovely Christmas feast, to have all the cards posted and so on. I know if I really try to get things done in good time I too can be calm and listen to Jesus. And we can leave behind the hustle and bustle of the world when we step inside the church door for the Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols and know we are celebrating something so special because God cared so much about us by sending us Jesus, his beloved Son. Then we celebrate Holy Communion at midnight on Christmas Eve which has its own special atmosphere as we think about the baby born to save us all. On Christmas morning we think again about this precious gift, more quietly this time, but with as much thanksgiving. Speaking only for myself, I cannot think of anywhere I want/need to be other than in St Peter's with my St Peter's and St James' family around me.

But, sadly, for too many people, Christmas can be a time for remembering unbearable loss, and the thought of all that jollity, whether in the shops with the fairy lights, the incessant Christmas 'musack' and even the Carol Service are just too much. If you feel you could come to Midnight Holy Communion or the quieter service on Christmas morning you will be assured of a warm welcome. Sometimes when I feel overwhelmed by life I think of Psalm 17: 6,8—'O God, ... hide me under the shadow of thy wings' and feel God's comforting love surrounding me. May it surround you too. Yes, Love did come down at Christmas ... and stayed.

Heavenly Father: In all the destruction and horror of war, and in all the personal pain and loss, we feel the presence of God comforting and supporting us. May we never take your gift for granted. Amen.

DO YOU HAVE A FOOD ALLERGY?

When refreshments are being served at church, if you have a food allergy or a special dietary requirement, please inform a member of the hospitality team.



TIMETABLE

Sunday

10.30am: Sunday Service and Sunday School

Monday

10.30am: Walking Group

6pm: Glandore Dog Training Club
7.30pm: Select Vestry (3rd Monday in month)

Tuesday

10.30am: Crafty Goodness 7.30pm: Priory Singers

Wednesday

10.30am: Holy Communion

11.30am: Bible Study (last Wednesday in month)

2pm: Bridge Club
5pm: Unislim
6.30pm: PhysioPilates
7.45pm: Choir Practice

Thursday

9am: Baby Sensory 10am: Chair PhysioPilates

6pm: Rainbows 7pm: Brownies

7.30pm Discipleship Group (1st Thursday in month)
7.30pm: Bible Fellowship (2nd & 4th Thursdays in month)
7.30pm: Historical Society (3rd Thursday in month)

8pm: Guides and Senior Guides

Friday

10.30am: PhysioPilates
4pm: Speech and Drama

For more information on the parish organisations (including start back dates for the new season) please contact the appropriate personnel listed on the back page.

Please note the dates for the following meetings:

Senior Officers

Friday 20th December

at 11.30am in the Rectory.

Select Vestry

Monday 20th January

at 7.30pm in the church.

NOTES FROM THE CONSOLE

by Robert Thompson

At the start of this term we decided to move the time of Choral Evensong to 3.30pm and it has proved to be a great success. On behalf of myself and the choir I really want to thank those of you who have been coming to the services ... on Remembrance Sunday afternoon we had a congregation of 20 ... something of an all time record! It's great that so many stay behind for the sherry and shortbread and the craic. It also gives us all a chance to get to know each other better and to welcome along any visitors ... such as the lovely folk from neighbouring parishes who have been at several services with us recently.

As we enter one of the busiest times of the year for the Parish Choir, I hope as many of you as possible will come along to our special services where there will be a lot of lovely music to delight your ears. We have Choral Evensong on Advent Sunday (December 1st) at 3.30pm and our Nine Lessons and Carols on Monday December 16th at 7.30pm. Also if you are free it would be great to see you at St John's, Donegore, where we are giving a recital of Christmas music and readings on Monday December 2nd at 7.30pm. This is always a lovely evening in a very pretty and atmospheric church ... and they serve the most AMAZING supper!!

Speaking of going places, members of the Parish Choir have two very exciting trips to look forward to in 2025. On the first weekend in March, when we will be joined by some musical friends and travelling under the banner of The St Peter's Consort, we will be singing the services in Durham Cathedral. Then at the start of May we will be singing in St Mark's Worsley (near Manchester) ... St Mark's is the home church of our own Jillian Collinson who has been with us regularly in the choir when she's in Northern Ireland. Exciting times ahead!

DECEMBER FLOWER LIST

1ST THE BELL FAMILY
15TH THE CHOIR

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

FLOWERS IN CHURCH

Thank you to everyone who presented flowers in 2024

The Flower List for 2025 is now open for bookings and we would ask that all existing contributors contact the Parish Office to confirm their usual Sunday for the coming year. As there are always some Sundays left available we are appealing for others to come forward and donate flowers, perhaps to mark a particular occasion or anniversary. It may be a wedding anniversary, the birth of a child or grandchild, to remember the death of a family member, or indeed as an act of thanksgiving for some notable blessing. All such donors will be acknowledged on the church notice board and in the Parish Notes.

We really appreciate all who contribute flowers and also those who devote time and energy in arranging them and looking after them midweek. If you need any help regarding floral displays please contact Sandra Davison, our co-ordinator for flowers, tel 07738 403667.

AFTER CHURCH REFRESHMENT—Thank you to all who provide light refreshments after services—it is much appreciated. If you would like to help sometimes

much appreciated. If you would like to help sometimes please contact Sandra Hutchman.



North Belfast Historical Society

19th December at 7.30pm

Speaker: Matthew Warwick

Subject: The History of the Lambeg Drum

Our annual subscription is £15

Non-member £4 to attend a meeting.

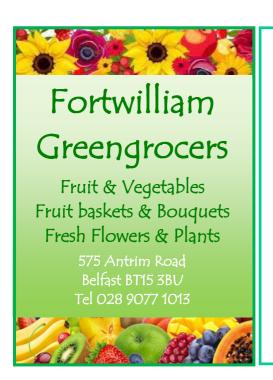
We look forward to seeing you.



Daphne McClements (Chairman)

PARISHIONER CONTACT DETAILS

For speed of communication and to keep our records up to date, please send your email address to the Parish Office at: **annecromie@stpeterbelfast.org**Also, please don't forget to let us know if you move house, change any of your telephone numbers, or your email addresses. Thank you.





Organist: Tristan Russcher

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

to those with birthdays in December:
Robert Thompson and Noel Beattie
and to Amelie Lacey whose birthday is in January.
May the Lord bless you and keep you.

If you would like to add your name to our birthday board, you'll find it on the notice board at the back of the church, alternatively, you can ask Anne, our Parish Administrator, to add it for you. No years mentioned!

Prayer

If you would like your name added to our prayer list, please get in touch with Rosemary Johnston, tel 028 90 840 534, or go to www.stpeterbelfast.org/prayer and fill out the form.

If your business would like to advertise in our Parish Notes please contact the Parish Administrator,
Anne Cromie.

Contact details on back cover.



COURTYARD CAFÉ isn't just about great food and drinks—it's about creating a community. Our bright, open courtyard is the perfect space to relax, connect, and share moments with friends old and new. Whether you're catching up after a workout, taking a break from your routine, or simply enjoying some quiet time, our café offers a welcoming environment.

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