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A Saviour in their hearts
A Purpose in their lives

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Letter to Parishioners

Reading: Philippians 4 verses 11-12



Dear friends,
Happy New Year! If you turn to the back page of this magazine you will see the readings for services of public worship for the month ahead. The reading for 7th January 2024 includes the two verses above. As I write this letter (on the

11th December 2023) I have not written the sermon for the first Sunday of the New Year, though I have thought long and hard about what we should begin the year with. The word phrase “contented in Christ” keeps resonating in my heart, soul and mind.

We live in a world filled with discontent. All the advertisements on television, social media and billboards feed that discontent in society. No sooner is Christmas over than the New Year Sales begin and then we move in to the whole campaign for Valentine’s Day and so it continues. Discontent is never satisfied, it is always hungry for more.

The real issue is not so much those trying to sell us things nor even the state of the society in which we live. The real issue is the state of our hearts and minds.

When I read the verse above I really wonder how Paul could not only be content but say he could be content in every situation? What did he know that I, we, do not know? My only conclusion is that Paul’s identity, being and life was founded on and grounded on Christ Jesus. Paul faced beatings, shipwrecks and opposition everywhere he went and yet he was able to say he was content with life. Why? How?

When I read Paul’s letters to the early church I have come to realise that for Paul his heart and mind was bowed to the will of God in his life. No matter what he faced he surrendered and submitted to the will of God. Only by knowing God is in control could he write Romans 8.28-29. Here is one key element for contentment in our lives - knowing, believing and trusting that God is in control of every situation.

Paul, was a normal man like you and I. He knew what it was to have plenty and he knew what it was to be in need. He had walked in poverty as well as abundance. Yet through it all his contentment was not in material things but in Christ and his living relationship with Christ. As we begin 2024 I believe this is the call of God to us as individuals and as a congregation - to be content in Christ. To set aside all ambition except belonging to Christ. To submit and surrender to His will for our lives. To offer ourselves totally to His service in Holy Trinity, in this community and, if He calls, further afield.

The challenge is, as the hymn says, to find in Christ our all in all, more precious than silver, more costly than gold, more beautiful than diamonds, and that not nothing you have compares to Him.

So in 2024 - seek to follow Paul's example and be content in Christ. Learn to trust God and to surrender to God in every situation of life in 2024. Learn to be content in the knowledge of the salvation of Christ. Work at it, pray for it and strive to be content and to learn to be content in all things.

God bless

Rev Dr Alan McCann

Alan's Bible Study & Prayer Time



Bible Study resumes on Wednesday 10th January at 1.00pm. We will continue our study in the Psalms.

Please note the following day and times for prayer times and bible study:

Wednesday's

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| 1.00pm-2.00pm | - Lunch time Bible Study in the Bennett Room |
| 7.30pm-8.00pm | - Prayer Time - Kerr Room |
| 8.00pm-9.00pm | - Bible Study |

Everyone will be very welcome.

God bless

Rev Dr Alan McCann

Select Vestry

If anyone wants an item raised at the Select Vestry please contact:

Marjory Edgar: secretary@holytrinitycarrick.org.uk

Drew Buchanan: treasurer@holytrinitycarrick.org.uk

or any member of SV. This includes booking the church hall for any events.

Marjory Edgar

Hon Secretary

Young At Heart



Hello everyone, we hope you all enjoyed Christmas and we are looking forward to your company in 2024.

We start off with our first meeting on Monday 8th January at 11.00am. We are looking forward to

being creative with Karen Buchanan who will be helping us to make bottle lights to brighten up our homes now that our Christmas decorations have been put away. Please remember to bring a clear glass bottle or jam jar and £3 to pay for the mini lights. We will also be having our annual Bring and Buy sale, so don't forget to bring an item or two to sell and some money to buy something else to take home! All monies raised will be donated to a charity- more details on the day.

God Bless

Yvonne and her team

Storehouse



Storehouse continue to help those in need within our community. Please contact me if you have items of unwanted furniture and I will gladly arrange a collection.

Thank you for your support.

Donna Harrison

Trinity Tots - Toddlers Group

Thursday mornings, 10.00am - 11.30am
for play, chat, snacks, singing and lots of fun.



Happy New Year everyone! We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas.

We are looking forward to seeing you all again on Thursday 18th January, 10.00-11.30am for play, snacks, singing and craft.

Our number of children attending has continued to grow so we really would welcome some new helpers too. Please speak to Liz Adair if you could even help on one or two Thursdays a month-old it really is great fun!

God Bless
Trinity Tots Team

C.M.S Ireland Used Postage Stamps



In the next week or two you will be recovering from all the busyness of Christmas and thinking about taking down your decorations and cards.

I hope you have remembered to keep me your postage stamps. Please place them in my special Christmas box on the church table. No doubt, especially over this festive time, you have seen on the media requests for financial help for poor and vulnerable people. CMSIreland will use the revenue from the sale of these stamps to give such help to the various projects they are involved with in Africa. (Please remember to leave a border of envelope around the stamps).

Many thanks,
Yvonne Best

Holy Trinity Bowls Fellowship



We meet at 7:30 pm on a Thursday evening , all levels of of bowler welcome from beginner to superstar. We will restarting Thursday 11/01/24.

I wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy new year and look forward to seeing all back in

January.

God bless
Vic Wooton

8th Carrickfergus BB Company



BB resumes on Monday 8th January at the usual times.

God bless
Rev Dr Alan McCann
Captain

Carrickfergus Food Bank (JVC Church)

Please place non-perishable donations into the 2 black bins in the entrance hall. The food is delivered monthly.

Thank you for the continued support which is very much appreciated.

Fellowship Café at Holy Trinity



**Every Thursday
10.30am – 12.30pm**

After a short break over Christmas
we will re-open on **Thursday January 4th**.

During 2024 we will celebrate our 10th anniversary and we look forward to how God will use us during these coming 12 months.

2023 proved to be the most financially testing year since we started but God has richly blessed us with very generous visitors and supporters, allowing us to donate just under £2000 to worthy causes. This brings the total of donations to £26,200, supporting 83 different local, national and international causes.

Please lift our fellowship café in your prayers, asking God to continue to bless us with visitors, that those visitors will be made welcome and they will feel God's presence

through our team's words and deeds.

Please, pray for our team. We are all volunteers who devote our time and talents to serve the living God in this place.

If you are free any Thursday morning please call in for a cuppa and a chat. You can keep up to date by following us on facebook at:

“Holy Trinity Fellowship Café”

Yours in Christ's service,

Maurice Langley

God is good † all the time

Aluka Secondary School

in Zombo district in North Eastern Uganda

The select vestry donated £10,000 to this new build in Uganda. The 2017 team had raised over £50,000 for their trip and the £10,000 has been sitting in the church accounts ever since as it was not required during the two week visit.

The girls' dormitory at Aluka Secondary School in Zombo district in North Eastern Uganda. We are so thankful to all within the Holy Trinity Carrick family for their support towards this much needed project. Thank you personally to you Drew for being such a wonderful and faithful advocate for Fields of Life and the precious children and young people we serve.

The existing dormitory structure at the school can accommodate 40 girls but the conditions are cramped and unhygienic. The new dormitory will provide a safe, clean and dignified space for over 80 girls! This is only possible thanks to your amazing generosity and partnership – thank you!



Monica Amos from Fields of Life East Africa shared the incredible impact this dormitory will have on the young girls at the school.

“The new dormitory will ensure that the girls currently staying in the

boarding section have enough space and their standard of living will greatly improve. They will no longer have to live in such a congested way and be vulnerable to illness such as urinary tract infections. This will impact their performance in their studies as they no longer miss class due to illness. The new dormitory will also be equipped with electricity and therefore the girls will be able to study in the evening which will help them perform even better academically.”



We are very excited that the contractors have completed 55% of the work and are on track to have the dormitory finished before Christmas – how amazing is that!!

To date, the dormitory is at ring beam level and soon, the contractors will complete the roof. The next step after that will be commencing work internally and constructing the washrooms and toilet blocks for the girls.



Monica shared: *“The girls and indeed the whole school community, are very excited to see the progress of the dormitory and cannot wait for the completion of it. For these young girls to have a spacious,*

healthy and safe home while at school will give them hope for the future. They are so happy seeing the progress of this life changing project.”

Monica also captured some quotes from the wider school community and you can see excitement is building already for this new building!



“Thank you for making this dormitory a reality for our girls. The construction of this dormitory will encourage and attract more girls from neighbouring communities to come to Aluka Secondary School especially now that the dormitory will be even bigger. This project will help promote the rights of the girl child and help each girl attend school, stay in school and complete their education.” Charles Kumakech Deputy Headteacher

“The construction of this new dormitory will be very good for us because we will now be comfortable and safe in our new boarding section. This will also help us with our studies as we can now revise in the evenings. Thank you for not forgetting about us.” Treasure, a student at Aluka Secondary School

Thank you so much for standing with these precious young girls and giving them the opportunity to stay in school, to flourish and to complete their education.

I look forward to updating you with more information as we get closer to completion!

Prayer Team

Alison Allen, Joan Harvey & Libby Todd



Two members of the Prayer Team will be meeting in the Prayer Room on Sundays after the service to lift your prayer slips. Two members will also be available at the front of the church to pray with you at this time each week. We will rotate in these roles so you will see different faces from week to week. Please do ask if you

would prefer prayer in the privacy of the prayer room. The slips will continue to be lifted weekly and on 4 occasions as previously (usually over 4 weeks but may be over a longer period). Therefore, please do continue to make use of our prayer request box situated in the front hall of the church. As always, be assured that information on the slips remains confidential. We would encourage you to complete a prayer slip after you have attended for prayer so that we can continue to pray for your situation when we meet together.

If you would be interested in being part of the prayer team we ask that you consider this and know that we would dearly love to have your support. Please do approach one of us.

On behalf of the prayer team

Tea & Coffee Rota

Team	Team Members			
1	Ann Calvert	Tracey Bowden	Joanne Hunter	
2	Arlene Macartney	Hannah Hulme	Marilyn Hulme	
3	Lorraine Hagan	John Doherty	Gail Doherty	
4	Yvonne Best	Jennifer Hamilton	Gwen Wilson	Jean Jamison
5	Wenda Gray	Sue Majury	Eva Dunn	
6	Kel McDermott	Drew Buchanan	Karen Buchanan	
7	Lorraine Ross	Maureen Lunn	Adrienne Tasker	

Team	Dates	
1		14 th Jan
2		21 st Jan
3		28 th Jan
4		4 th Feb
5	24 th Dec	11 th Feb
6	31 st Dec	18 th Feb
7	7 th Jan 24	25 th Feb

Karen Buchanan

Carrickfergus Baby Bank

We thank you for the support and ask for donations of nappies, new baby grows, wipes, lotions, baby bath shampoo etc. Please place the items into the bin provided. The contents are delivered each month.

Welcome Team Rota

Teams	Dates	
Jenny Wightman Karen Buchanan		18 th Feb
Jack Blair Hazel Blair		25 th Feb
Liz Adair Janis Gibson		3 rd Mar
Maureen Lunn Adrienne Tasker		10 th Mar
Eva Dunn Eleanor Steele		17 th Mar
Sharon McNeill Alison Moffett		24 th Mar
Libby Todd		31 st Mar
Arlene Macartney Wenda Gray	31 st Dec	7 th Apr
Ann Calvert Lorraine Hagan	7 th Jan 24	14 th Apr
Joanne Hunter Laura Kerr	14 th Jan	21 st Apr
Yvonne Best Jennifer Hamilton Gwen Wilson	21 st Jan	28 th Apr
Kel McDermott Maurice Langley	28 th Jan	5 th May
Donna Harrison Sue Majury	4 th Feb	12 th May
Elaine Wright Joan Cummings	11 th Feb	19 th May

Karen Buchanan

Holy Trinity Chair Rota

Team 1	Team 2	Team 3	Team 4	Team 5
Kel McDermott	Dougie Hempton	Graeme Hunter	David Sprott	John Fittis
Colin McIlwaine	Simon McDonald	Jim McNerlan	Charlie Killow	Daniel Lafferty
Garry Richmond		Bert Macartney	Richard Hambleson	
Peter Moffett		Maurice Langley		

Team	Dates			
1		7 th Jan 24	4 th Feb	3 rd Mar
2		14 th Jan	11 th Feb	10 th Mar
3		21 st Jan	18 th Feb	17 th Mar
4	24 th Dec	28 th Jan	25 th Feb	24 th Mar
5	31 st Dec			31 st Mar



Please note: Some teams need additional help. If you think you can help, please contact Simon.

Please take note of church announcements regarding organisations using the church and possible need to put out and put away chairs each week. If possible, please liaise with the others in your group.

Thank you
Simon McDonald

Creche Rota –January 2024



7 th January	Laura Kerr	Maureen Lunn
14 th January	Anne Langley	Helen Fittis
21 st January	NO CRECHE FAMILY SERVICE	
28 th January	Lorraine Ross	Carolynne Lafferty

Many thanks,
Laura Kerr

LIGHT (Sunday School)

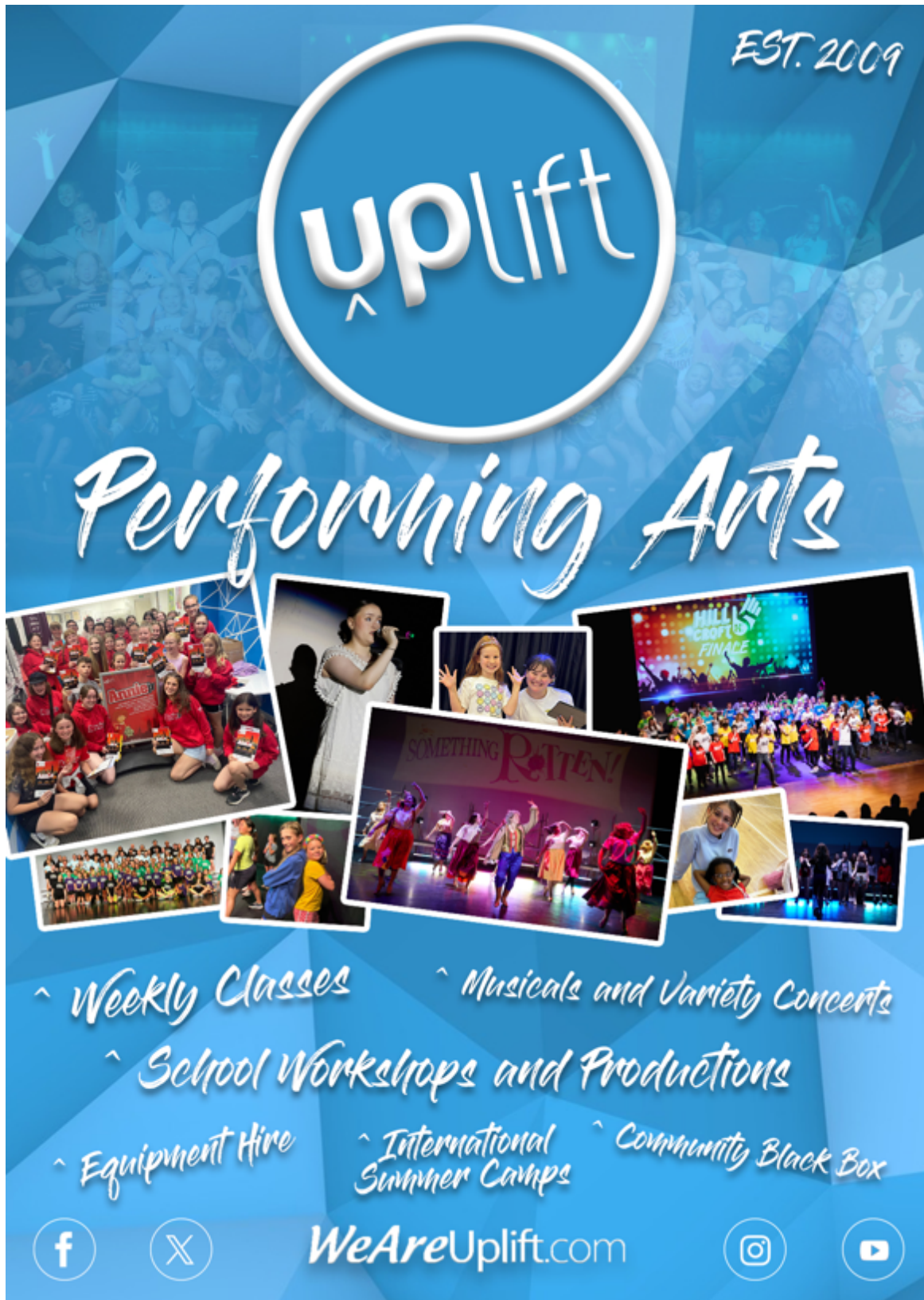


Thank you for all your lovely comments about the Light Christmas presentation and a Happy New Year to you all!

We are back on Sunday 7th January - looking forward to welcoming back our lovely children to learn more about God.

God Bless
Chrissi & the Team

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Performing Arts

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~ School Workshops and Productions

~ Equipment Hire ~ International Summer Camps ~ Community Black Box

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The poster features a blue geometric background with a large white circle containing the word 'uplift' in a stylized font. Below the circle, the words 'Performing Arts' are written in a large, white, cursive font. A collage of eight photographs shows various performing arts activities: a group of children in red shirts, a girl singing into a microphone, two girls waving, a stage performance with a 'HILL CROFT FINALE' sign, a group of children in a circle, a group of children in a line, a stage performance with 'SOMETHING ROTTEN!' signs, and a group of children in a circle. At the bottom, there are social media icons for Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and YouTube, along with the website 'WeAreUplift.com'.

Classes recommence Saturday 6th January 2024.

Thank you for supporting the local arts.

The Uplift Team

Sunday Services

Date	Reading Number	Reader	Title & Prayer Leader	Book	Chapter & Verses
7th January 2024	1st Reading	Terry Shimmon	HC New Beginnings: Contentment	Philippians	Chapter 4 verses 1 - 9
	2nd Reading	Rev Alan McCann	Prayers Drew Buchanan	Philippians	Chapter 4 verses 10 - 20
14th January 2024	1st Reading	Lorraine Ross	Man at Bethsaida	Isaiah	Chapter 42 verses 1 - 9
	2nd Reading	Wenda Gray	Prayers Rev Alan McCann	Mark	Chapter 8 verses 22 - 26
21st January 2024	1st Reading	_____	Why Give?	_____	_____
	2nd Reading	_____	Prayers Janis Gibson	_____	_____
28th January 2024	1st Reading	_____	Family Service	_____	_____
	2nd Reading	_____	_____	_____	_____

Colin McIlwaine