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**A Bible in their hands
A Saviour in their hearts
A Purpose in their lives**

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Letter to Parishioners

Reading: Ruth 2 verses 3-4



Dear Friends,

As you may know by now I will be entering hospital on the 15th June to have my left hip replaced. I know I am too young to have such surgery but the consultant surgeon assures me I am not and that it needs replaced. Too many years playing football for Portadown FC and Glenavon FC I fear have taken their toll. I would appreciate your prayers for the surgery itself and for quick and full recovery. Also, pray for Taylor and Janet as I am assured on past history I do not make a good patient. The pile of books for reading is slowly growing.

During the past few weeks in my morning bible readings I have been reading again the book of Ruth, with the help of a study guide by Alistair Begg (one of my heroes). The verses above he has given the title: The Tapestry of God's Providence. I loved his opening line:

What often appears to us to be a mess of knots is just the back view of the tapestry God is weaving.

How often do you, do I, look at life and genuinely come to the conclusion this is one unholy mess? I know I often fail to understand what has happened, what is happening and why it is happening. The older I grow the more life sometimes seems to be both unjust and without sense. I am sure we could all recall occasions when life made no sense. Maybe the suffering or the death of a loved one or something we just witnessed on the television news.

Whilst reading Ruth I realised that for Ruth and Naomi life really was a mess of knots. Naomi had lost a husband and two sons. Ruth had lost her

husband and had left her homeland to travel with her mother-in-law to a strange land. Yet the story of Ruth and Boaz is quite an amazing story. Arriving widowed and penniless in Israel they both had reason to despair at the frayed threads of their lives. They both faced a perilous situation with no “family males” to protect them or provide for them and yet, if you know the story, God in His providence was about to do an amazing thing. He was already weaving the threads of Boaz’ life and the life of Ruth together. They would meet when Ruth was gleaning corn in his field. Gleaning was laid down in the Law of God but it was not always followed by landowners. However, in the providence of God Boaz did follow the Law of God.

In the providence of God Ruth happened to glean in the field of Boaz, who was a distant relative of Naomi. In the providence of God Boaz happened to turn up to the field the day Ruth was gleaning. In the providence of God the closer male relative who could redeem Ruth from this situation did not wish to do so. In the providence of God Boaz marries Ruth. If you look at the genealogy of Jesus Christ in Matthew chapter 1 you will see that Boaz and Ruth were the father of Jesse, who was the father of king David and if you follow the lineage you come to Jesus Christ. In the providence of God the frayed threads woven by god lead to the saviour of the world being born in Bethlehem, the village that Boaz was from.

What appears to be a mess of untied, untidy, frayed knots turns out to be the weaving of God’s plan of redeeming, not just Ruth from a desperate situation, but the whole world from sin and death.

So, in my own life, I look at this moment of going in to hospital, something I would rather not do, as God weaving His providence in my life for His glory and my good. Let me encourage you today: No matter the situation that you find yourself in God is still in control and He is weaving His threads in your life to form you more like Christ than you were yesterday and for His glory. I think with that in mind I can face each

day with hope and confidence despite the frayed threads when I look at life from my perspective.

God bless
Rev Dr Alan McCann

Pastoral cover whilst the rector is in hospital and recovering:

Date	Pastoral Cover	Telephone
14 th June – 28 th June	Rev Canon Derek Kerr	028 9447 2561
29 th June – 3 rd July	Rev Peter Jones	07921 835 012
4 th July – 14 th July	Rev Canon Derek Kerr	028 9447 2561
15 th July – 22 nd July	Rev Nathan Ervine	028 9336 0061
23 rd July – 31 st Aug	Rev Canon Derek Kerr	028 9447 2561

Alan's Bible Study & Prayer Time



Bible Study continues on Wednesday's at 1.00pm **finishing on Wed 14th June 2023**. We will continue our study in the Psalms.

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

Wednesday's

- 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

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

C.M.S Ireland Used Postage Stamps

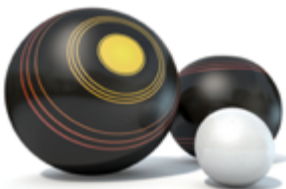


Holidays may be approaching but please continue to save your used postage stamps (including a small envelope border) for Church Missionary Society work in Africa. Money obtained from their sale will help fund various projects involving education, industry, irrigation, agriculture, health and church ministry. You will find the stamps box in its' usual place on the church table.

Many thanks,

Yvonne Best

Holy Trinity Bowls Fellowship



Thanks to all who have attended this year, it has been a wonder fun year, your company is very much appreciated. Looking forward to starting back in September, hoping to see you all back after the summer and hopefully welcoming many new members.

God bless

Vic Wooton

Holiday Bible Club



Young At Heart

Hello everyone,

Our outing is on Monday 5th June to Hillmount Garden Centre. Please be at church carpark to board the bus at 10.00am.

God Bless

Yvonne and her team

Young at
Heart

Mission Carrick

A FARTHER SHORE
By David Campton

A play about the life of Simon Peter

Saturday 17th June 2023 at 7pm
Holy Trinity Woodburn, Carrickfergus
Retiring offering at the door
Mission Carrick Event

 **BRIGHT UMBRELLA**



A Farther Shore retells the well-known story of Peter the Apostle, a fisherman by family trade who becomes a disciple of the Jewish preacher Jesus of Nazareth. It follows the journey of the man who harvests the Sea of Galilee, showing great faith and much weaker faith as he becomes a “fisher of men”. After Jesus’ death, Peter becomes a leader of the early Christian Church. That much is familiar.

Glenn McGivern takes on playwright David Campton’s hour-long monologue in which Peter reflects on his life. You can almost smell the salt and the fish guts from the set that is strewn with nets, pots, ropes and bright plastic buoys. Peter may have lived two thousand years ago, but the modern-day setting (and Ulster Scots accent) suggests a more universal and contemporary truth in Campton’s writing. Lesser-known details are woven into the story, keeping even the most Biblically literate audience members on their toes.

McGivern demonstrates both a mastery of the weighty script and his adept understanding of the characterisation. Trevor Gills’ direction elevates the patterns that run through Peter’s thinking. Campton relishes the foreshadowing and parallels between the prophet Jonah (also the name given to Peter’s father in this play) and Jesus, as well as highlighting the parallels of seagoing and levels of adherence to heavenly commands between Jonah and Peter.

Trinity Tots - Toddlers Group

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



Babies, toddlers and their carers assured of a warm welcome.

God Bless
Trinity Tots Team

Fellowship Café at Holy Trinity



**Every Thursday
10.30am – 12.30pm**

Please note our new opening hours.

Over the past nine years we have reached many milestones during our journey. Some have been encouraging, some not so.

We have now reached one of the better ones. As you know, we pass all our profits to local, national and international worthy causes. During May our donations reached the amazing total of **£25,000**. It is a fitting tribute that the donation which helped reach that total was to support our sponsor daughter, Emily, in Uganda, whom we have supported since 2015.

This milestone has been reached with just two hours of fellowship café each week, over the past nine years, with nearly two of those years lost due to the Coronavirus Pandemic.

We pass on our sincere thanks to those who have generously supported us over the years. More importantly we give thanks to our Lord and Saviour for blessing us every week. It is with His love, grace and mercy we have reached this moment.

Our thanks must also go to our awesome team of volunteers, all who give, or have given, of their time and talents to further glorify Gods Holy name in this place.

Our frontline team is: Anne and Maurice Langley, Hazel and Jack Blair, Karen and Drew Buchanan, Anne and Garry Richmond, Joanne and Terry Shimmon, Chrissi McDermott, Maureen Lunn, Laura Kerr, Anne Howells, Joan Cummings, Jenny Wightman, Charlie Killow and Jim McNerlan, plus our befrienders Fiona and Fred Shasko.

We must also pass on our thanks to our refreshment providing team: Janis Gibson, Joanne Hunter, Fiona Shasko, Hazel Blair, Karen Buchanan, Anne Langley, Tracey Bowden, Wenda Gray,

Marjory Edgar, Helen Fittis, Valerie Killow, and Donna Harrison.
Without their contributions, and those of all our volunteers, we wouldn't have reached this target so quickly. Thank you.
We pray that everyone will continue with this calling for the foreseeable future.

We will be closing for our summer break at the end of June so you still have plenty of time to visit us.
If you have never had the opportunity to call in, please do so. You are guaranteed a warm and friendly welcome, along with a huge selection of refreshments as well as unlimited teas/coffees/soft drinks, all in a safe environment.

Some fellowship café trivia:
We opened on Thursday April 10th 2014 with a staff of just 3 members of our congregation.
One of our first visitors was Celia Semple who still calls in.
We have been supported since day one by our friends at Twinings Tea.
At the end of June we will have opened 371 times.
We have donated to 80 different worthy causes.
Our biggest donation has been to MacMillan Nurses.

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

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

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.

Bucket appeal

**Sponsor a child in Abura Nursery and Primary school, Gulu
Northern Uganda**

Child sponsorship provides a quality education and is the catalyst for real and lasting change.

The cost is £24 per month, and we encourage you to support the education of children at this school.

If you wish to sponsor a child, please set up a standing order to 950261 00157511 and include your surname and FOL so we know what the money is for.

We realise that everyone will not be able to afford £24 per month but if you can donate a regular sum for a lesser amount, again set up a standing order.

Finally, if you cannot commit to regular payments, just continue to throw coins into the bucket. The church will use this money to sponsor children at the school.

I am delighted to say the following amounts have been donated via the bucket:

January	£56.60
February	£90.62
March	£24.81
April	£91.35

Please continue to donate.

Drew Buchanan MBE
Honourable Treasurer

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		18 th Jun
2		25 th Jun
3		
4		
5	28 th May	
6	4 th Jun	
7	11 th Jun	

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	
Drew Buchanan Karen Buchanan		6 th Aug
Jack Blair Hazel Blair		13 th Aug
Liz Adair Janis Gibson		20 th Aug
Maureen Lunn Adrienne Tasker		27 th Aug
Eva Dunn Eleanor Steele	28 th May	3 rd Sept
Sharon McNeill Alison Moffett	4 th June	10 th Sept
Helen McQuitty Libby Todd	11 th June	17 th Sept
Arlene Macartney Wenda Gray	18 th June	24 th Sept
Ann Calvert Lorraine Hagan	25 th June	1 st Oct
Joanne Hunter Laura Kerr	2 nd July	1 st Oct
Yvonne Best Jennifer Hamilton Gwen Wilson	9 th July	8 th Oct
Kel McDermott Maurice Langley	16 th July	15 th Oct
Donna Harrison Sue Majury	23 rd July	22 nd Oct
Elaine Wright Joan Cummings	30 th July	29 th Oct

Karen Buchanan

Holy Trinity Chair Rota – June 2023

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		4 th June	2 nd July	5 th Aug
2		11 th June	9 th July	13 th Aug
3		18 th June	16 th July	20 th Aug
4	28 th May	25 th June	23 rd July	27 th Aug
5			30 th July	



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 –June 2023



4 th June	Laura Kerr	Jenny Whiteman
11 th June	Helen Fittis	Maureen Lunn
18 th June	NO CRECHE - Family Service	
25 th June	Amy Moffett	Lauren Baird

Many thanks,
Laura Kerr

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

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The Uplift Team

Sunday Services

Date	Reading Number	Reader	Title & Prayer Leader	Book	Chapter & Verses
4th June 2023	1st Reading	Colin McIlwaine	HC Jehoiachin - in prison for 30 years	2 Kings	Chapter 24 verses 8- 17
	2nd Reading	Rev Alan McCann	Prayers Kel McDermott	2 Kings	Chapter 25 verses 27 - 30
11th June 2023	1st Reading	Wenda Gray	Service of the Word Jack Blair	Matthew	Chapter 11 verses 2 - 11
	2nd Reading	Alison Moffett	Prayers Jack Blair	Luke	Chapter 1 verses 5 - 17
18th June 2023	1st Reading	Derek Burnside	Service of the Word Jack Blair	Acts	Chapter 12 verses 11 - 18
	2nd Reading	David Sprott	Prayers Libby Todd	Acts	Chapter 15 verses 36 - 41
25th June 2023	_____	_____	Family Service HT - Big Picnic	_____	_____

Colin McIlwaine