



HOLY TRINITY CHURCH



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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



Dear parishioners,

If you have access to the internet search for “The Shadow of Death.” It is a painting by Holman Hunt, who was the leader of the Pre-Raphaelite Brotherhood. The painting depicts Jesus in the carpenter’s shop in Nazareth. Jesus

is stretching his arms above his head and the shadow cast on the wall behind him is that of the cross, with his tool rack looking like the cross beam of a cross. The tools on the rack are there to remind us of the hammer and nails that were used to nail him to the cross on that first Good Friday.

In the left foreground there is a woman kneeling amongst the wood shavings. We do not get to see her face because she has averted her gaze from the shadow on the wall. From the gifts of the Magi held in her hands it is obvious that the figure is Mary, the mother of Jesus. Though this scene comes from Hunt’s imagination, it is nevertheless theologically correct. From His birth the cross cast a shadow over the life of Christ. His death on the cross was the divine mission since before the world was created. The cross has, and always should be, central to the mission of the church and the life of a believer. We never leave the cross and we never go beyond the cross in the Christian life. Sadly, we too often get distracted by other “experiences” or “gifts” in the church and the cross gets moved from its central and core position. Easter is always a good time to reset our hearts, minds and souls on the cross.

***We need afresh to sing:
When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of glory died
My richest gain I count but loss
And pour contempt on all my pride.***

*Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast
Save in the cross of Christ my God;
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.*

Do you really count everything of this world a loss for the sake of the cross of Christ? Do you boast in the cross of Christ alone? Do you really sacrifice everything for the cross of Christ? Can you faithfully say that your Christian faith is summed up in the words: “the faith of Christ crucified?”

Of all the symbols the first century church could have taken to represent faith in Christ they choose the cross. A simple plain cross. The crucifix (a cross to which the figure of Christ is attached) was not used before the sixth century. The early church wished to commemorate as central to their understanding of Jesus His death, His crucifixion. Nothing has changed in two millennia. The cross is still the symbol of the christian faith and at the heart, the foundation, of an understanding of who Jesus is and why He came.

Take a moment now and reflect on the Cross of Christ. Quietly, in your own heart and mind ask yourself the questions from earlier in this letter. Quietly in your heart and mind lift your voice and praise Christ for the cross at Calvary. Without the cross our faith makes no sense and has no meaning but with the cross it has eternal meaning, eternal significance and offers eternal life. Praise Christ for Calvary.

God bless
Rev Dr Alan McCann

Holy Week 2023 – Mission Carrickfergus

We will once again be holding joint Holy Week Services with the other churches in the town. The guest speaker this year is Pastor Philip McCallister (Nazarene).

Main Theme - THAT YOU MAY BELIEVE

Sub Title - Meeting Jesus in John's Gospel

Monday 3rd April - The Big Picture - Christ Church Oakfield

Tuesday 4th April - Many Voices - North Street Presbyterian

Wednesday 5th April - The Way In - Methodist Church

Maundy Thursday 6th April - Time Out - Nazarene Church - Holy Communion

Good Friday 7th April - All In - Holy Trinity

Easter Day - 7am Dawn Service at the Castle Car Park and then breakfast in the Methodist Church

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

Easter Vestry 2023/4

The Easter Vestry was held on Wednesday 22nd March at 7.30pm. In addition to the reading of the yearly accounts and the Rector's address the following elections took place.

Churchwardens:

Rector's Churchwarden Richard Hambleton

People's Churchwarden Karen Hambleton

Glebewardens:

Rector's Glebewarden Elaine Wright

People's Glebewarden Fred Shasko

Select Vestry:

Marjory Edgar (Honorary Secretary)

Drew Buchanan (Honorary Treasurer)

Karen Buchanan

Joan Cummings

Louise Hanley

Donna Harrison

Hannah Hulme

Kel McDermott

Sharon McNeill

Alison Moffett

Fiona Shasko

Vic Wootton

Diocesan Synod Members:

Gary Richmond

Hannah Hulme

Vic Wootton

Supplemental:

Drew Buchanan

Kel McDermott

John Fittis (Jnr)

Parochial Nominators:

Drew Buchanan

Janice Gibson

Kel McDermott

Libby Todd

Supplemental:

Louise Hanley

Jack Blair

Ryan Moffett

Marjory Edgar

Marjory Edgar
Hon Secretary

Alan's Bible Study & Prayer Time

Bible Study continues on Wednesday's 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

Young At Heart

Hello everyone, we hope you have all been practising your armchair aerobics since our last meeting!

Our next meeting will be on Monday 3rd April at 11.00. We will be making some Easter craft items- nothing too difficult. If you have any felt pens it would be great if you could bring them.

Looking forward to the cuppa and chat too.

God Bless

Yvonne and her team

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.

Holy Trinity Bowls Fellowship



Bowls fellowship meet on a Thursday evening at 7:30pm. All level's welcome (novice to world champion). Tea and light eats and craic available every evening.

So if you want to try a new activity or restart your bowling career. Come along and join the craic.

God bless
Vic Wooton

Trinity Tots - Toddlers Group

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



We have had a very busy few weeks making Mother's Day flowers and lovely Easter bunnies and chicks. Of course we have also enjoyed our toys, singing and- most of all-our snacks!

We will be having a little break for Easter so there will be no meetings on 6th and 13th April.

We hope all of our babies, toddlers and their families have a lovely Easter celebration and look forward to seeing them again on 20th April 10.00-11.30

God Bless
Trinity Tots Team

Holy Trinity Church

Holiday Bible Club Special

Friday 7th April 2023

10.30am - 12noon

All Primary School age children welcome



Fun, Craft, Bible Teaching,

Games, Refreshments

Don't Miss It!!!

Places limited. Online registration only:

holytrinitycarrick.org.uk

I would very much appreciate your prayers for this outreach.. it is so important that our children are taught the truths about the Easter Story, as it is at the centre of our whole Christian belief.

I am always looking for helpers with this work.. if you have completed the necessary safeguarding requirements.

God Bless

Yvonne Best

Fellowship Café at Holy Trinity



**Every Thursday
10.30am – 12.30pm**

Please note our new opening hours.

On April 10th 2014 we opened our doors with a staff of just 3 people. On Thursday April 13th 2023 we will open café number 360 with a team of 16 incredible people, (who work on a rota basis) along with 9 other members of our congregation who provide refreshments (again, on a rota basis) .

In September we will welcome two more members to our team. We look forward to God's plan for us in the future.

Thanks to God's Love, Grace and Mercy we have travelled a joyful journey during the past nine years, as well as being self-sufficient from day one. For those who haven't yet visited us, we don't charge for our refreshments. Instead, we offer the opportunity to voluntarily donate or to accept it as a gift from us. All our profits are passed to local, national and international worthy causes.

If you haven't yet visited us, please call in any Thursday, even if it's just to see what we do. A warm welcome is guaranteed.

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

From the Treasurer



A very big thank you to everyone who continues to donate to the Church via envelopes and standing orders. Here are the bank details if you wish to change to standing order. Just drop an email to: treasurer@holytrinitycarrick.org.uk advising of the change.

Name	Sort	Account No
General Account	950261	21217674
Building Fund	950261	41229923
Mission Fund	950261	00157511

Bucket So Far This Year

January	£56.60
February	£90.62

Gift Aid

Please advise the treasurer at treasurer@holytrinitycarrick.org.uk if you

- leave work,
- stop paying tax
- move house.

If is very important that the treasurer has your correct information when making a claim.

Every Blessing
Drew Buchanan MBE
Treasurer.

Rosie's Trust

Carrickfergus! We need YOU...



We are in urgent need of Canine Support Volunteers in the Carrick area, with a waiting list of amazing dogs and their people ready to be matched!

You can register to volunteer with us here: <https://volunteer.rosiestrust.org/su/su0.php>

If you are over 18, love dogs and have a few spare hours each week - this is the pawfect volunteering opportunity for you!

You'll be joining a committed team of amazing volunteers, and provided with fantastic support and guidance from our Volunteer Support Officer, Sandra 🐾



Warm Room



**WARM
room**

Holy Trinity Church
Prospect Road
Carrickfergus



Every Wednesday 10am till 1pm
Starts 4th Jan, till 29th March 2023

Enjoy our warm living room, pleasant
company and free refreshments.

You'll be made very welcome!

Holy Trinity will open its doors and provide a warm space every Wednesday starting 4th January until Wednesday 29th March between 10am and 1pm.

Can you help please speak with Drew in the office as we need two people each week.

What Are Safe Warm Well-come centres? Safe Warm Well-come Centres should be free to use, warm, safe places where residents of Carrickfergus can expect a friendly and inclusive welcome. People can come along on their own, or with a friend, and talk to others over a hot drink or a hot meal and be encouraged to stay as long as they like. There can be activities provided, and those attending can get information packs with practical tips and advice on saving energy costs and keeping safe and warm at home as well.

WE will start with providing, tea and toast, newspapers, and games. Depending on numbers we might provide more food as the weeks progress.

Please pray for this new initiative.

Drew Buchanan

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

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.

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		30 th Apr	18 th Jun
2		7 th May	25 th Jun
3	26 th Mar	14 th May	
4	2 nd April	21 st May	
5	9 th April	28 th May	
6	16 th Apr	4 th Jun	
7	23 rd Apr	11 th Jun	

Karen Buchanan

Welcome Team Rota

Teams	Dates	
Drew Buchanan Karen Buchanan		30 th April
Jack Blair Hazel Blair		7 th May
Liz Adair Janis Gibson		14 th May
Maureen Lunn Adrienne Tasker		21 st May
Eva Dunn Eleanor Steele		28 th May
Sharon McNeill Alison Moffett		4 th June
Helen McQuitty Libby Todd		11 th June
Arlene Macartney Wenda Gray		18 th June
Ann Calvert Lorraine Hagan		25 th June
Joanne Hunter Laura Kerr	26 th March	2 nd July
Yvonne Best Jennifer Hamilton Gwen Wilson	2 nd April	9 th July
Kel McDermott Maurice Langley	9 th April	16 th July
Donna Harrison Sue Majury	16 th April	23 rd July
Elaine Wright Joan Cummings	23 rd April	30 th July

Karen Buchanan

Holy Trinity Chair Rota – April 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		2 nd Apr	7 th May	4 th June
2		9 th Apr	14 th May	11 th June
3		16 th Apr	21 st May	18 th June
4	26 th Mar	23 rd Apr	28 th May	25 th June
5		30 th Apr		



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 –April 2023



2 nd April	Liz Spence	Helen Fittis
9 th April	Carolynne Lafferty	Jenny Whiteman
16 th April	Amy Moffett	Lauren Baird
23 rd April	NO CRECHE Family Service	
30 th April	Gemma Fittis	Laura Kerr

Many thanks,
Laura Kerr

C.M.S Ireland Used Postage Stamps



Busy! Busy! Busy! So many things to do! It seems that even with the help of technology our To Do Lists never get any shorter. So that is why CMS Ireland really appreciate the time you take to remove your stamps from their envelopes and donate them. As you know, the money raised from the purchase of them helps fund various projects they run in Africa. Remember to leave a border of envelope around the stamps, and you will find the stamp box in its' usual place on the church table.

Many thanks,
Yvonne Best

Sunday Services

Date	Reading Number	Reader	Title & Prayer Leader	Book	Chapter & Verses
2nd April 2023	_____	_____	Palm Sunday	_____	_____
	_____	_____	Holy Week - Mission Carrick	_____	_____
9th April 2023	_____	_____	Easter Day	_____	_____
	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
16th April 2023	_____	_____	Crosslinks: Richard Palmer	_____	_____
	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
23rd April 2023	_____	_____	Family Service	_____	_____
	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
30th April 2023	1st Reading	Colin McIlwaine	MP Naboth - a commoner who upset a king	1 Kings	Chapter 21 verses 1 - 16
	2nd Reading	Helen Fittis	Prayers Janis Gibson	1 Kings	Chapter 21 verses 17 - 24

Colin McIlwaine