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

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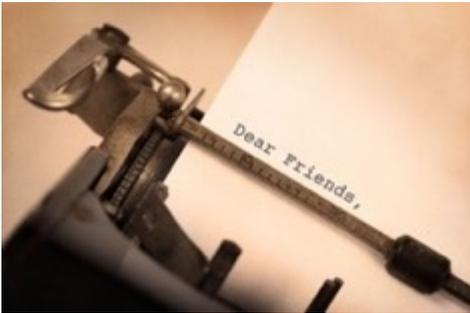
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Letter to Parishioners



Dear friends,
Welcome to 2020 (DV). I am writing this letter on the 9th December, hence the DV after the date. It may be a long time since you have seen DV after a date. It used to very common on all church notices, posters and announcements.

DV stands for “Deo volente” in Latin. This is translated “God willing.” This was standard practice in Church circles as Christians were conscious of the fact that God was in control of all things, even the future. Deo volente came in to my mind when I received the email from Mark asking for January’s magazine letter. I wasn’t being morbid but I thought “I could write this letter and never see January 1st or the Lord Jesus could return and no one would see January 1st and so I am following that train of thought.

Take a moment and read Psalm 139 verses 7-18. Some of these verses are on our church birthday card that we distribute each week. David, in this Psalm, tells us that God has knit us together in our mother’s womb and written every day of our lives before one has come to pass. I find that a great comfort and reassurance, especially in painful, dark and difficult days. God had this planned for me for His glory and for my good. That takes a moment to get your head around. How can something painful be good for me? Think for a moment about childbirth itself. Never having been present at the birth of a child, nor am I likely to be, I am assured by those who have gone through the experience that it is a very painful experience but that the pain is almost forgotten when the newborn baby is placed in mum’s arms. Or think for a moment of the pain involved in physical training but then the muscles grow. I once had a t-shirt which had the following words printed on it “No gain without pain!” I think that is very true generally in life and specifically in the Christian life. Think

of our Saviour - the pain of Gethsemane and Calvary that brings us salvation.

So, I am comforted and reassured that whatever comes in 2020 is in God's sovereign will for my life, for His glory and for my good.

Now turn to Proverbs 16 verse 33. A small verse which we could easily overlook the significance of. Read it again. Do you understand the significance of this for your life in 2020. If God is in control of the fall of a dice and determines which number turns up then life is not a series of random incidents, nor fate, nor determined by luck. Deo volente - means that God is in control of even the minutest detail of what happens to us and on this earth. God is not absent from our world and He is not disinterested in our world. The very opposite is true. He is actively involved and wants us to know Him and to understand His will for our lives.

Final verse to read - Matthew 10 verse 29. When I read this verse in the context of the two readings already mentioned I realise just how much God loves me and is concerned for my wellbeing. I rarely, if ever, give a sparrow a second thought but God knows when one falls to the earth. How true if He is concerned for the sparrow then He will be concerned about us who are made in His image and for whom His Son died on the cross. God is concerned about my life and so I can look forward to whatever comes in 2020, allowing for the fact that this is December and (DV) I see January 2020.

I look forward (DV) to serving Christ with you all in 2020.

yours in Christ
Rev Dr Alan McCann

From the Treasurer



Happy New year to everyone. By the time you are reading this you should have received your FWO envelopes for 2020 or a letter thanking you for donating by standing order and reminding you of your number.

A special thank you to those people who have changed to standing order during 2019 and even if you have been issued envelopes for 2020 you can still

change at any time.

If you have not received envelopes and would like a set please speak to Karen or Drew.

At the start of a new year could I ask everyone to look again at their giving with a view to increasing your donation?

I think it's important that our income increases in line with expenditure so if you don't automatically increase your offering in your envelope or standing order could I ask that you prayerfully consider this.

E-mail address.

If you have not given us your e-mail address or if you have changed it during 2019 please e-mail office@holytrinitycarrick.org.uk.

Collecting e-mail addresses will assist our communication with everyone.

Database

If you have moved home recently or intend doing so within the next couple of months please e-mail office@holytrinitycarrick.org.uk or drop a note into the collection plate with your new address and phone number. Thank you as this will keep the database as up to date as possible.

Drew Buchanan MBE
Honorary Treasurer

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

Secretary

Vestry Half-Hour

Wednesday 6:30pm – 7:00pm

Vestry Half Hour recommences on Wed 8th Jan 2020. If you ever need to speak or pray privately with the rector, Vestry Half-Hour is time set aside by the Rector on a Wednesday evening in the Kerr Room for just this purpose. Please feel free to call in if you have any issues, problems or just want to talk.

Trinity Tots - Toddlers Group

Thursday mornings, 10.30am-12.00pm

We meet again on 9th January and are looking forward to lots of play, craft, singing and our yummy snacks! 10.30-12.00 on Thursdays.



God Bless

Lisa,Carolynne and Liz

Face to Face Ladies Group

Thursdays from 8pm – “Everyone Welcome”

Spring Programme for 2020

Date	Event
16 th Jan 2020	An Evening with Rosemary Fee
20 th Feb 2020	No Meeting
March 2020	Ladies Service (date to be confirmed)
April 2020	No Meeting
21 st May 2020	Ladies Meal (venue to be confirmed)

Liz & Janis

Holy Trinity Bowls Fellowship



It was a great year in 2019 at the bowls fellowship so let's try and make 2020 even better.

We restart on Thursday 9th January at 7:30pm, come along and enjoy the bowling, fellowship and the craic (we throw in tea and goodies every evening).

All standards are welcome, if you are world class or never bowled before just pop in, help and advice are always available and freely given.

God Bless
Vic Wootton

Living Christianity

- following Jesus in every area of life



Starting on Ash Wednesday 26th February until Wednesday 1st April at 7-30pm, we plan DV, to come together as a church for prayer, worship and study.

On the first night we will hold an Ash Wednesday service and we will follow a

five week course as outlined.

1. Concern for society
2. Christians and the world
3. Christians and work
4. Life, gender, marriage and family
5. Christian as citizens

We look forward to seeing a full congregation and this Easter instead of giving up something for lent commit to this for 6 weeks.

Drew Buchanan

Holy Trinity Youth Club

HTYC

Having FUN, Sharing FAITH and making FRIENDS. Please note that the Youth Club reopens on Fri 11th Jan 2020 at 7pm. This is 1 week later than previously advertised. Please keep our youth club in your prayers.

Pray for all our ministries that are seeking to share the gospel of Christ with our young people today.

God bless

Jim McNerlan

Alan's Bible Study

Parish Bible Study: Wednesday

Lunchtime 1pm – 2pm

& Evenings 8pm to 9pm

Kerr Room

Parish Prayer Time – 7:30pm to 8pm

Kerr Room



STUDY

Bible Study will recommence on Wed 8th

Jan 2020.

Bible Study is for everyone – so do not exclude yourself. Come along and enjoy the fellowship together. Come along and be blessed by God as we sit under His Word together and as He fulfils His promise to be present where two or three meet together in His Name.

God bless

Rev Dr Alan McCann

Social Services

Please continue to place donations of **unopened** non-perishable food, household and personal products in the red boxes in the church foyer. Social Services will distribute donated items to those in need within our community.

Thank you for your continued support.

Elaine Gray

349th Carrickfergus Girls Brigade



Happy New Year to you all! May I wish you all health and happiness for this New Year of 2020.

I hope you spent some precious time with family and friends, even if we have all over indulged, it was a lovely opportunity to primarily give thanks for Christ's amazing birth don't you agree?!

As the image illustrates let us embrace this New Year and enjoy the faithful blessings that God delights in giving us!

GB Starts back **Tuesday 7th January 2020** at the normal times of 6.00pm and 7.15pm. One important thing to note is that there will be NO GB on **Tuesday 28th January 2020** for the girls as we are hosting

the Inter-District PE Competition, therefore only leaders need attend to mark uniform and be hosts for the evening. Please pray that this goes well, as we offer our Church premises to host many other companies from around Northern Ireland.

I ask that you faithfully continue to pray for the GB Company in this Church, YOUR GB Company, and let us continue to Seek Serve and Follow Christ.

God Bless you all,
Hannah Hulme
GB Captain



Lauren's Blog from Uganda

Hello everyone,

I arrived in Uganda just over a month ago, thank you for the prayers for a safe journey. It has been a busy month and I've met lots of people who work and serve at the hospital. The boys have settled in well at school and we have been enjoying getting to know each other. They are great bakers, so Friday afternoons are my favourite when we bake something tasty! Of course, we must test it with a cup of tea afterwards!



Upside down pineapple cake was a big hit!



Ziplining through the Mabira forest!

Joyce and Emilie are medical students from Holland, who I have enjoyed living with and going on weekend trips. So surreal to be kayaking on the river Nile just as the sun was starting to set. We also went ziplining through the Mabira forest and visited the craft markets in Kampala. The food in Uganda has been amazing so far! Winnie and Rose kindly have our lunch ready for us just as I arrive back from school. Home from home! One afternoon they gave us a Ugandan cooking class where we learned how to make our favourite dishes so far! Chickpea curry and chapati!



Winne, our lovely housekeeper



Home cooked chapati – yum!

As it is around 27 degrees during the day, most people have a rest in the afternoon which gives me lots of time for reading and working on my embroidery! This weekend I am heading to Kampala with the Parks for a little holiday as Joel turns 11 on Friday! Looking forward to a city break with lots of lovely food and maybe even a wee swim! So thankful that the Parks have welcomed me into their family.

Thank you again for your prayers, emails and encouragement. Being so far from home at Christmas time has been harder than I imagined but I know that there are lots of people praying for me and I will have a lovely time with the people I have met here. Looking forward to sharing my African Christmas with you next month.



One of my first boda rides through Kampala (eek!)



A little friend I made on the long journey to Kampala

Praying for Holy Trinity and all the different ministries going on.

With love,
Lauren

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FellowshipCafé@ht

Following our week off for Christmas
we will re-open on Thursday January 2nd

If you are free, please join us for good food, unlimited tea and coffee along with guaranteed fellowship.

We are open every Thursday between 11am and 1pm.

If you find the atmosphere too noisy or you just want to sit in peace and read, please still come along. We can accommodate you in our quieter area.

Fellowship Café is not about money but, as you know, we give our profits to worthy causes. A generous donation from the Ladies trip to Marktethill boosted our donations for 2019 to £3300, bringing our overall total to £19500.

As we enter another year we look forward to seeing how God will use us, both as a team, and as a venture. Everything is left in His hands.



2020 also sees the launch of our polo shirts bearing the new logo, along with the Holy Trinity logo



Please follow us on facebook: “Holy Trinity Fellowship Café”. Please continue to support us, both practically and prayerfully.

Yours in Christ
Maurice Langley

God is good † all the time

C.M.S Ireland Used Postage Stamps



Did you remember to save me those postage stamps from all those many cards you received this Christmas? Well done! Have

you already placed them in my stamp box?

Extra well done!! If you are intending to do so shortly- super!

But if you forgot all about it - don't worry , we continue to collect them all year round.

Remember the money raised from their sale helps finance projects in Africa. And please remember to leave a small border around each stamp.

Many thanks.

Yvonne Best

Announcements



If you have any information you wish to pass to the congregation via the data projector, please e-mail it to Marjory Edgar at:

announcements@holytrinitycarrick.org.uk

by the **Friday** afternoon of each week.

Carrickfergus Baby Bank

The Church has been asked to support the baby bank and the select vestry agreed at its April meeting.

The Charity is looking for nappies, new baby grows, wipes, lotions, baby bath, shampoo etc.

Please leave your donation in the box provided as you come into Church.

You can find out more here www.opendoorcentre.org/babybank.

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.

Libby Todd

On behalf of the prayer 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

Young At Heart



Our first meeting of 2020 is on Monday 6th January at 11.30am when we will be having a talk from our local Community Policing Team. Please join us for a cuppa and a chat and do feel free to invite any of your friends

or neighbours who might like to join our group.

God Bless

Yvonne, Joan, Violet & Liz

Creche Rota – Jan 2020

5th January	Carolynne Lafferty	Helen Fittis
12th January	Laura Kerr	Maureen Lunn
19th January	Amy Moffett	Jemma Fittis
26th January	No Creche	



We are looking for new people to add to the list of creche duty as this would really help. Can anyone interested please speak to anyone on the creche team.

Many thanks,
Laura Kerr

Meet & Greet Team Rota Jan 2020



05 Jan 20	Eva Dunn	Eleanor Steele	Yvonne Best	Gwen Wilson
12 Jan 20	Joanne Hunter	Donna Harrison	Laura Kerr	
19 Jan 20	Liz Adair	Carol Marshall	Helen McQuitty	
26 Jan 20	Maureen Lunn	Sue Majury	Sharon McNeill	

Karen Buchanan

Counters Rota



Team 1	Team 2	Team 3	Team 4	Team 5	Team 6
Simon McDonald	Peter Moffett	Mark Edgar	David Sprott	Karen Buchanan	Carol Ervine
Ann Richmond	Alison Moffett	Elaine Gray	Helen Wootton	Sharon McNeil	Drew Buchanan
Ann McDonald	Arlene Macartney	Marjory Edgar	Margaret Addley	Joanne Shimmon	
		Graeme Hunter			

Team	Dates			
1	5 th Jan	16 th Feb	29 th Mar	10 th May
2	12 th Jan	23 rd Feb	5 th Apr	17 th May
3	19 th Jan	1 st Mar	12 th Apr	24 th May
4	26 th Jan	8 th Mar	19 th Apr	31 st May
5	2 nd Feb	15 th Mar	26 th Apr	7 th Jun
6	9 th Feb	22 nd Mar	3 rd May	14 th Jun

Drew Buchanan MBE - Hon Treasurer

Tea & Coffee Rota Jan 2020



05 Jan 2020	Ann Calvert	Carol Marshall	Laura Kerr	
12 Jan 2020	Wenda Gray	Lorraine Hagan	Adrienne Tasker	
19 Jan 2020	Andrew Hanley	John Doherty	Gail Doherty	
26 Jan 2020	Gwen Wilson	Jennifer Hamilton	Eva Dunn	Yvonne Best

Anne Calvert

Holy Trinity Chair Rota – Jan 2020

Team 1	Team 2	Team 3	Team 4	Team 5
James Beattie	Dougie Hempton	Graeme Hunter	Phil Moody	John Fittis
Kel McDermott	Bill Lunney	Jim McNerlan	Eddie Orr	Daniel Lafferty
Colin McIlwaine	Fred Shasko	Bert Macartney	David Sprott	Peter Moffett
Garry Richmond	Simon McDonald	Maurice Langley		Mark Taylor
				John Fittis Jr

Team	Dates			
1	5 th Jan	2 nd Feb	1 st Mar	5 th Apr
2	12 th Jan	9 th Feb	8 th Mar	12 th Apr
3	19 th Jan	16 th Feb	15 th Mar	19 th Apr
4	26 th Jan	23 rd Feb	22 nd Mar	26 th Apr
5			29 th Mar	



Please note: if you are unable to meet your commitment, please change with a member of another team. Please be there for 9.30 am and set out the chairs and set out the Sanctuary. After the service, put the chairs away and tidy the hall.

Thank you
Simon McDonal

Avril Waller Pilates



Hello everyone,

I hope you enjoyed your Christmas and wish you all a very happy and healthy New Year for 2020.

As I am now semi-retired, I have decided to take an extra-long break BUT classes will resume again from Thursday 6th February 2020 at 10am. Everybody welcome, male or female, beginners or experienced, young or old!

Take good care of yourself until then.

Best Wishes,

Avril Waller, Pilates

Groan Jokes

Q: How much did the pirate pay for his peg and hook?

A: An arm and a leg.

I visited the Air and Space Museum...Nothing was there.

Q: Why should you sit in a corner when you get cold?

A: Because most corners are 90 degrees.

I used to work for an origami company until it folded.

When my friend's wife was in labor, he would tell jokes to keep her mind off the pain, but this didn't amuse her much. I guess it was the delivery.

I remember how embarrassed I was when I couldn't pay my electric bill. It was the darkest day of my life.

Q: Sometimes I tuck my knees into my chest and lean forward.

A: That's just how I roll.

Q: Erin, spell mouse.

A: M O U S.

Q: Yes—and what's on the end of it?

A: A tail?

I quit my job at the helium factory today. I refuse to be spoken to in that tone of voice

Q: Why are teddy bears never hungry?

A: Because they're always stuffed.

Q: Which side of a duck has the most feathers?

A: The outside.

Q: Where do beef burgers go to dance?

A: The meatball.

Q: What did the red light say to the green light?

A: Don't look, I'm changing.

Q: Where do Volkswagens go when they get old?

A: The old Volks home.

Q: What do you call a T-Rex that's been beaten up?

A: Dino-sore.

Q: Why can't your nose be 12 inches long?

A: Because then it'd be a foot.

Q: Why did the pig get hired by the restaurant?

A: He was really good at bacon.

Q: What do you call a baby monkey?

A: A chimp off the old block.

Two fish are in a tank. One says to the other, "Do you know how to drive this thing?"

Laugh a little smile a lot

Vic Wootton

Services – January 2020

Date	Reading Number	Reader	Title & Prayer Leader	Book	Chapter & Verses
5 January 2020	1st Reading	Carol Marshall	HC	Jeremiah	Chapter 31 verses 7 - 14
	2nd Reading	Rev Alan McCann	Prayers Drew Buchanan	Ephesians	Chapter 1 verses 3 - 14
12 January 2020	1st Reading	Andrew Hanley	MP Baptism of Jesus	Isaiah	Chapter 42 verses 1 - 9
	2nd Reading	Helen Wootton	Prayers Rev Alan McCann	Matthew	Chapter 3 verses 13 - 17
19 January 2020	1st Reading	Louise McClean	MP	Isaiah	Chapter 49 verses 1 - 7
	2nd Reading	David Sprott	Prayers Daniel Lafferty	John	Chapter 1 verses 29 - 42
26 January 2020	1st Reading	_____	Family Service	_____	_____
	2nd Reading	_____	Prayers Fellowship Cafe	_____	_____

Colin McIlwaine