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Letter to Parishioners



THE GREAT BANQUET - LUKE 14.15-24

Have you ever made an excuse not to go somewhere or not to attend a party? I remember going football training instead of going to an evening wedding reception. Poor Janet had to go on her own. To me the thought of a wedding reception, playing party games, you ought to have known the couple, was a lot less interesting than football. I told the couple I already had 'something' in my diary which I could not get out of. Of course we all have made excuses for things. Usually our excuses are just that an excuse - not a reason for why we did not attend. We do that with people and we also, if we are honest, do it with God and the gospel. The parable this from Luke 12 deals with just that situation - making excuses for not responding to an invitation.

Jesus is at the house of a chief Pharisee, he is at a meal and in response to the statement of verse 15 he tells this parable. A man invites guests to a meal and when everything is ready he sends his servants to tell them to come. Each one makes an excuse that he cannot attend. The master of the house is understandably angry at their response. He then sends his servants out to the lanes of the city to invite the down and outs to the meal. They do so, but yet there is room. So he sends them out into the countryside to invite more to come. When the time for the meal to begin arrives he closes the door to prevent those who did not accept the invitation from coming into the feast. Would you have done anything differently? Would you not be justly annoyed and aggrieved if you had prepared a sumptuous meal, invited people to

come and then at the last moment they refuse to come and put up lame excuses? So let us look for a moment at the three excuses.

Excuse 1 I have just bought a field and I have to go and inspect it.

Well, we know that even today no one buys a piece of real estate without first looking it over. Even in the time of Jesus buying land was a long drawn out business transaction. So this is really no reason not to go to the feast. Feasts were usually held in the evenings and since they did not have electricity they would have been unable to view at night.

Excuse 2 I have just bought ten oxen and I must go and try them out. Once again no one buys a car today without test driving and in those days it would have been the same for oxen. Also you cannot drive ten oxen at once and you cannot plough at night. Again a lame reason.

Excuse 3 I have just got married and cannot come. Weddings were elaborate affairs and no surprises. This man would have known in advance about both his wedding and the feast. He should not have accepted the initial invitation if he had no intention of coming to the feast.

I want us to notice two things from these excuses:

(A) Nothing in the excuses in and of themselves make these people bad people. There is nothing wrong with buying land, oxen or getting married. In fact they are all positively good things in a person's life. The problem was these three men allowed the good to take the place of the best in their lives. They allowed secondary things to become primary. They allowed the things of man to become a barrier to the things of God.

(B) There was no second invitation to the feast. The host sent invitations elsewhere and they were accepted. After all had come into the feast the host shut the door and kept these men out forever.

In verse 16 they had been invited and in verse 17 they were reminded of the invitation. After that there was no more invitations to come.

The beggars and the lame had one reason why they might not accept the invitation - 'they were not prepared to come.' They did not have good clothes or gifts to bring the host. The poor could not buy land or oxen, the lame and the crippled never got married in the days of Jesus. They did not have the cares of the world to weigh them down.

APPLICATION

1. This parable teaches us that God has made a great provision for the souls of men. God has prepared a feast for all who would come. In John 6.35, 53 Jesus says that he is the 'bread of life' and that those who feed on him will never be hungry or thirsty again. In John 14 Jesus tells his disciples that his Father has many rooms prepared for those who love and trust in him and that he will one day come to take them to be with him there.

2. it teaches us that everyone receives an invitation. All things are now ready, nothing is lacking and nothing more needs to be done. Jesus' death and resurrection has done all that was needed to take away your sin and open the way for you to be with God in heaven. God the Father invites you to come to his feast. He invites everyone. Notice all are included the rich, the poor, the healthy, the sick, the powerful and the outcast. All is ready and the invitations are out awaiting acceptance.

3. It teaches us that many who receive the invitation to come to Jesus Christ refuse to accept it. Many of you are the three men at the very start. You are making excuses why you do not come to Jesus. What excuses are you making this morning? Are you putting your job, family, home, money in place of Jesus? Know this

these things will keep you out of heaven and send you to hell if you use them as an excuse for not coming to Jesus. When the feast had begun the door was shut and no one outside could get in. Will you be left outside? If you do not accept the invitation, at your death or the Second Coming you will be left outside the door will be shut. Just as those who refused to enter the ark with Noah and his family were shut outside, and note God closed the door of the ark, you also will be outside for all eternity.

Note the reaction of the host to the refusal to come to the feast - Anger. Know that God is angry at your sin. He is angry that you refuse to worship him and come to him through Christ. Either Jesus takes that anger on the cross on your behalf or you take God's anger on yourself when you die. God punishes sin - either Jesus takes the punishment on your behalf or you take it on yourself - but it will be punished.

4. It teaches us that God wants all men to be saved. The invitation is open to all this morning. We are without excuse - we know we must come, we know we do not need to bring anything because all has been done for us in Christ Jesus. No one is excluded, all are invited - will you come?

Please insert your own name in the space below:

God invites a sinner to come into his presence and to be with him in heaven for eternity. This invitation is personal and requires a personal response. All you need to do to accept this invitation is pray the prayer below.

Lord Jesus Christ, I know that I have sinned in my thoughts, words and actions. There are so many good things I have not done. There are so many sinful things I have done. I am sorry for my sins and turn from everything I know to be wrong. You gave your life upon the cross for me.

Gratefully now I give my life back to you. Now I ask you to come into my life. Come in as my Saviour to cleanse me.

Come in as my Lord to control me.

Come in as my Friend to be with me.

And I will serve you all the remaining years of my life in complete obedience. Amen.

yours in Christ

Rev Dr Alan McCann

Bible Study



STUDY

Parish Bible Study:

Lunchtime 1pm – 2pm

& Evenings 8pm to 9pm

Kerr Room

Parish Prayer Time – 7:30pm to 8pm in the Kerr Room

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

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 £17 per month and we encourage you to support the education of children at this school.

Please set up a standing order to 950261 00157511 please include your surname and FOL.

We realise that everyone won't be able to afford £17 per month but if you can donate a regular sum, again set up a standing order.

Finally if you cannot commit just continue to throw coins into the bucket, collectively the church should be able to sponsor some children at the school.

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

January £94.30, February £45.00, March £49.00

Please continue to donate.

Drew Buchanan MBE

Treasurer

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.



Face to Face Ladies Group

Thursdays from 8pm – “Everyone Welcome”

Programme for 2018

Date	Event
Thu 17/5/18 @ 7:15pm	A Meal Out at Ownies

Our meal out is at Ownie's on Thursday 17th May. Please see Janis for a menu and to book your meal before Sunday 6th May. Looking forward to seeing you there!

Liz & Janis

Storehouse / Social Services



There are families in our community who are really struggling and we want to make a difference.

Please help by placing a weekly donation of Non-Perishable Food or Household Products in the Red Boxes in the Church foyer.

At the end of each month we will split the items donated between these two very worthy community projects.

If you have items of unwanted furniture, Storehouse will gladly take them off your hands. To arrange a collection please speak to Donna Harrison.

Thank you for your support and prayers.

God Bless,

Donna Harrison & Elaine Gray

Holy Trinity Bowls Fellowship



We meet every Thursday evening @7:30pm in Holy Trinity.

On 31st May will be our last night of the year , again this will be marked with a trip to Jim Baker Stadium , Parkgate , meeting at Holy Trinity at 6:45 for a 7:30 start.

Thanks to all who bowled this year hope you all enjoyed the nights After the summer break we plan to start again on Thursday 4th September with our AGM and a bowls session All welcome new or old bowlers

God Bless

Vic Wootton

Trinity Tots - Toddlers Group

Thursday mornings, 10.30-12.00



Join us for play , chat and refreshments every Thursday 10.30- 12.00. We will be meeting at World of Wonder on Thursday 31st May ,10.30 for our end of season outing.

God Bless

Lisa, Carolynne and Liz

Young At Heart



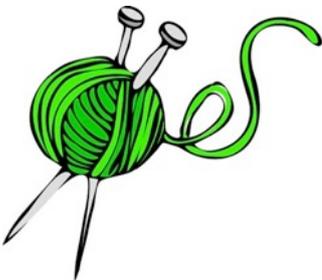
Our final meeting of the season will be on Monday 21st May at 11.30. We are looking forward to sharing a delicious lunch, chat and a lot of laughter! Hope to see all of our members before the summer break.

God Bless

Yvonne, Joan & Liz

The Crafters of Holy Trinity

Friday evenings 7pm – 9pm



A chance to sit down and continue with those craft projects i.e. those knitting or crochet projects that we start and think yes I will finished that or you can be distract by what someone else has started, and think that is nice I could do that. We even provide a cuppa to keep us going. All are welcome.

Thank you.

Helen Wootton

Seed

Sunday Evenings 7.30pm at Holy Trinity



Hi everyone,

We have really been enjoying the bible study 'Live, Grow, Know' lately and there are a number of studies in this series which will take us into the following term as well. As we get closer to exams we ask the congregation to remember the young people at this time. At YF we will have a very relaxed atmosphere to help take the stress of exams away and we pray the youth will continue to attend. In June we will be planning to paint the Bennett Room and give the room and new lease of life.

If your 1st year of secondary school and older, we would love to welcome you to Seed YF on a Sunday night from 7.30pm - 9pm. Set your homework / studying to the side for a couple of hours and enjoy fellowship with us.

Please keep all our youth organisations in your prayers and keep encouraging them as they attend church and these groups.

Many thanks and God bless

Ryan Moffett

Leader in Charge

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FellowshipCafé@ht

Thursday 11am – 1pm. *Open to all.*



The team: L – R. Jack, Hazel, Joanne, Terry, Joan, Anne & Maurice.

FellowshipCafé@ht, as with all organisations within Holy Trinity, isn't just about the two hours on a Thursday morning. It begins on Wednesday with shopping followed by setting up on Thursday morning and completed by tidying afterwards. That doesn't include the time and talents of our baking team: Joanne Hunter, Hazel Blair, Karen Buchanan, Donna Harrison, Tracey Boden, Helen Fittis and Ann Robinson.

In giving thanks to those and our frontline team, we must also include our new volunteer, Anne Howells, plus those who help on a casual basis and those who help clear up afterwards.

There's always room for more help so please speak to any of our team if you would like to join us.

If you haven't visited us before please feel free to call in any Thursday to witness Gods' hand guiding His servants in this church.

If it's in Gods' plan we will remain open over the summer months

Yours in Christ, *Maurice Langley.*

God is good † all the time

Young Peoples' Badminton

Juvenile Club meet on Saturdays 1:30pm – 4.30pm.



Another GREAT season has come to a close. Attendance throughout the year has been very encouraging. Thanks to all the young people who come along each week and who make the club so enjoyable. Our end of season tournaments and prize giving were held, with awards being presented as follows:

		Winners	RunnersUp
Junior Singles	Grade D	Grace Nelson	William Hart
	Grade C	Finn Thompson	Layla Hunter
	Grade B	Judith Gregory	Lachlan Wright
	Grade A	Matthew Hart	Philip Gregory
Junior Doubles	Grade C	Ross Wylie Grace Nelson	Matthew Burnett Layla Hunter
	Grade B	Faith Hunter Lachlan Wright	Layla Hunter Judith Gregory
	Grade A	Jake Kennedy Luke Zebedee	Emma Greenfield Evan McKeown
Richmond Cup		Judith Gregory	
Junior Player of the Year		Calum Harris	Grace Nelson
Player of the Year		Ryan Kennedy	Adam Zebedee
Senior Doubles		Donna Harrison Kyle Hutton	Pamela Cowan Graeme Hunter

Graeme Hunter, Garry Richmond, Joanne Hunter and Donna Harrison

349th Carrickfergus Girls Brigade



It is hard to believe that we are now at the end of another year of GB with our Parents Night being held on Tuesday 24th April 2018. We have had a great year and we look forward to our Summer Break, for rest and for time to refresh ourselves before a new session begins. I would like to thank everyone for their support and prayers during this year, and to my Officers and Helpers for their hard work as ever.

It is with this in mind that I am honoured and privileged to share with you that after a lot of prayerful contemplation, I will be taking on the role of GB Captain. It will be an honour and a great task to lead my girls in their walk with Christ, and I have a positive outlook for the future of the Girls Brigade within Holy Trinity Woodburn.

If anyone feels that they can give time to the Lord through the work of the GB, please contact me! We always welcome new faces, so please don't hesitate to approach me with your ideas, no matter how big or small! You'll find my number on the front of the magazine!

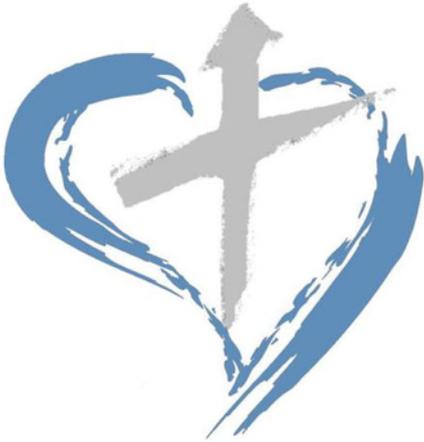
Thankyou Everyone!

Hannah Hulme

GB Captain

Prayer Team

Alison Allen, Joan Harvey, Libby Todd & Nicky Quigg



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.

Nicky Quigg

On behalf of the prayer team

Holiday Bible Club Appeal



Our annual children's outreach is not very far away. Would you think of coming on board our team this year?

If you have been a team member in the past, then thanks for your help, and please think of returning this year again and sharing the wealth of your experience with us.

If you have never been involved before, then now may be the time to try something new. No past experience of working with children is required (although it can be helpful if you have) - only a love of the Lord and obedience to his calling.

Young people, we would like to get you involved. You are required to be 17 to come as an adult leader, but if you are 15/16years old you may join us a junior helper.

Think about it. Pray about it.

Our theme this year is "God's Superheroes", and I promise it will be very exciting and enjoyable (for the team as well as the children)!!

Please add your name and details to the forms at the back of the church, or have a quiet word with me if you need further info or reassurance.

Our first planner meeting is Tuesday 29th May @ 7.30pm.

Yvonne Best

Creche Rota – May 2018

6 th May	<i>Sharon McNeill</i>	<i>Lorraine Ross</i>	<i>Joan Logan</i>
13 th May	<i>Jemma Hartley-Fittis</i>	<i>Anne Langley</i>	<i>Amy Moffett</i>
20 th May	<i>Adrienne Tasker</i>	<i>Maureen Lunn</i>	<i>Lisa McCusker</i>
27 th May	 <i>No Creché</i> 		

Hi Everyone!

If you can, please swap with someone else on the rota if you are unable to cover your day. A BIG thank you to everyone who helps and if you would like to be on the rota or wish to change your week please speak to me or ring / text me on 07791527507.

Arlene Macartney

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

Select Vestry Secretary

Counters Rota



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

Team	Dates			
1		20 th May	24 th Jun	29 th Jul
2		27 th May	1 st Jul	5 th Aug
3	29 th Apr	3 rd Jun	8 th Jul	12 th Aug
4	6 th May	10 th Jun	15 th Jul	19 th Aug
5	13 th May	17 th Jun	22 nd Jul	26 th Aug

Drew Buchanan MBE - Hon Treasurer

TEA and COFFEE after the Services

Volunteers are always needed to help with the tea and coffee after the service. If you can help, please add your name against a date on the list, or speak to Anne or either Lorraine. The list is beside the donation basket on the table. All donations are to help cover costs.

Lorraine R, Lorraine H & Anne

Avril Waller Pilates



Avril Waller
Pilates



Hello everyone,

Pilates seems to be the “buzz” word these days and if you haven’t tried it yet, then here’s your chance.

We meet every Thursday in the main hall at 10am for an hour and then some of us go upstairs to the Fellowship Cafe for a well-deserved cuppa afterwards. You are very welcome to come, whatever your ability and whatever your age, men and women.

Bring a thick mat and a small towel. Wear socks and comfortable clothes that you can move easily in.

It will be great to see you.

Classes are OPEN until the end of June.

I have other classes in Larne & Inver on Tuesdays at 6.15pm and also in Downshire School on Wednesdays at 7.00pm

If you have any worries, call me on 9335 5129 or 0777 3899905 or email me; avrilwaller@talktalk.net.

Avril Waller, Pilates

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Services – May 2018

Date	Reading Number	Reader	Title & Prayer Leader	Book	Chapter & Verses
6 May 2018	1st Reading	Wenda Gray	HC	John	Chapter 4 verses 7 - 26
	2nd Reading	Rev Alan McCann	Prayers Libby Todd	John	Chapter 4 verses 27 - 42
13 May 2018	1st Reading	_____	Testimony Sunday	_____	_____
	2nd Reading	_____	Prayers Rev Alan McCann	_____	_____
20 May 2018	1st Reading	Maurice Langley	Pentecost Sunday	Acts	Chapter 2 verses 1 - 13
	2nd Reading	Derek Burnside	Prayers Joanne Shimmon	John	Chapter 16 verses 1 - 15
27 May 2018	1st Reading	_____	Family Service Jesus and the Children	_____	_____
	2nd Reading	_____	Prayers Youth Fellowship	_____	_____

Colin McIlwaine