



# 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

Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:7



Dear Friends,

Let me begin by saying thank you to you all for your prayers and good wishes over these last few months as I have recovered from hip replacement surgery. As I write this letter it is

week five after the operation and it is going well, at least I think it is going well. As you can imagine sitting around doing very little is a test of character for me and the patience shown by Janet and Taylor has to be admired.

Thank you especially to Jack and all the different people who stepped in to preach over these few months. I have really missed being with you all on a Sunday morning. Hence the verse above.

If you disappeared from Holy Trinity who would notice? If you were absent for an extended period of time, what would Holy Trinity miss?

Paul in this chapter in Corinthians tells us that God has given every believer, every please note, at least one gift for the good of His body, the church, Holy Trinity. Therefore we should be missed when we are absent, because God has gifted you in a particular and specific way at this precise moment in time to uniquely useful in Holy Trinity.

The tragedy is that so many Christians sit on the sidelines in church and believe they have nothing to contribute or are content to sit back and allow others to minister to them. The teaching of the Bible is very clear throughout - God ministers through us. Yes, every single one of us, not just Jack and I at the front or the music team or those who lead prayers and read the Scriptures to us, or who teaching LIGHT each Sunday. We should always be ready to receive ministry from others as they exercise their God-given gifts for the building up of the body of Christ at Holy

Trinity. Yet, our default position should be to give, not only or primarily to receive. Even the youngest in faith or age has something to give.

When you and I exercise our God-given gifts in Holy Trinity we manifest the Holy Spirit in the presence of God's people. Gifts such as hospitality, kindness, prayer, a helping hand, an arm around the shoulder, tears and many others we don't consider "spiritual" are key to a living, thriving, growing church. To such gifts people respond. Words of comfort, sympathy, concern and encouragement have an impact long after they are spoken and often sustain us in the darkest of moments.

You have something to contribute that is unique and that is essential for the life for Holy Trinity. So, assured that to each is given a gift, by God's Spirit, for the good of us all, be encouraged to pour yourself out rather than holding yourself back this term in Holy Trinity. Holy Trinity needs what you, through God's Spirit, have to offer. As the children's chorus says

"There's a work for Jesus none but you can do."

Question: What is God asking of you this term in Holy Trinity?

God bless

*Rev Dr Alan McCann*

## Storehouse

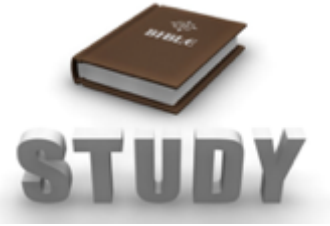


Storehouse continue to help those in need within our community. Please contact me if you have items of unwanted furniture and I will gladly arrange a collection.

Thank you for your support.

*Donna Harrison*

## Alan's Bible Study & Prayer Time



There will be a Prayer Evening on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm.

Bible Study resumes on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> Sept 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

- |               |  |
|---------------|--|
| 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*

## C.M.S Ireland Used Postage Stamps



Hello everyone. I hope you had an enjoyable and restful summer and have dried out from all our liquid sunshine. I also hope that you have not forgotten about the support work that CMS

Ireland is still involved with in Africa. As you know we are all facing the reality of bills that are continuing to increase, no less so than our poorer brothers and sisters in Africa. But I am not asking for your money, just for those used stamps that come through your door or arrive in your workplace. They provide a small but important means of revenue when sold on to a stamp dealer. Please remember to leave a paper border around those stamps. You will find the stamp box on the table in the entrance foyer.

Many thanks,  
*Yvonne Best*

## From the Treasurer



2023 has been a year of rising prices, inflation at it's highest for years. Interest rates on the increase all causing each of us some financial burden.

Holy Trinity has not been exempted from this as we are also seeing higher costs, oil, electricity, getting the bins emptied, salary costs to name a few. Add in that our income is going down and when the gap between income and expenditure increases the treasurer must make comment.

I am delighted that so many have opted to donate to the parish by standing order but now is the time to prayerfully consider your donation in time for the new year. The number of increases to the amount originally donated by individuals since the set up of the standing order is very low. In other words, once it's set up it very rarely changes. I am sure those contributing by envelope, if they think about it would agree the amount donated does not change.

In November as I prepare for the 2024 budget, I would be delighted to know that as a congregation we are thinking and praying about what we give back to God via our offering.

2023 general account (running the Church) will be balanced by using some of our reserves but we cannot do that forever.

Going forward with our other accounts (Building & Mission) we are in a healthy position, but that money is either restricted or designated so it can only be used for a specific purpose.

Thank you for your support during my time as treasurer.

Every blessing  
***Drew Buchanan***  
Honorary Treasurer



## Matthew Edgar

Matthew, a man of many talents, left us at the end of August to take up a teaching appointment in Benenden Boarding School in Kent, England. We wish Matthew well and trust that God will bless him in his new school. We will miss his musical ability here at Holy Trinity.

## Bowls Fellowship



Bowls Fellowship will restart on Thursday 7th September 2023 @ 7:30 pm.

All standards and experience welcome. Tea and goodies supplied, Good craic and banter freely supplied.

Hope to see all then,

God bless  
*Vic Wooton*

## LIGHT (Sunday School)



Light welcomes you back to enjoy activities and learn about God. Light is for children who are P1 (from this September 2023) to P7. Light takes place during Sunday Services. We look forward to welcoming you back & meeting new members.

Registration will take place in the foyer on Sunday 27th August and Light will begin the following week, Sunday 3rd September.

God Bless  
*Christine (Chrissi) McDermott & the Team*

## 8<sup>th</sup> Carrickfergus Boys Brigade



REGISTRATION NIGHT FOR

# 8TH CARRICKFERGUS BOYS' BRIGADE

Holy Trinity Church, Woodburn Road

Monday 11th September at 7pm

**ANCHORS (P1 - P4) 6:00PM TO 7:00PM**

**JUNIORS (P5 - P7) 7:15PM TO 8:15PM**

**COMPANY (YEAR 8 & UP) 7:15 TO 8:30PM**

Come and explore the Christian faith along with food, fun and games.

For more information find us on Facebook  
@8thCarrickfergus Boys' Brigade



## Young At Heart



Our first meeting of the new season is on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September at 11.00 for a cuppa, chat and discuss our programme for the year. We are looking forward to seeing past members and also some new faces too. If you know of any ladies who

would like to join us on the first Monday of each month for chat, fellowship and a variety of interesting speakers and activities, please do invite them to join us.

God Bless

*Yvonne and her team*

## Trinity Tots - Toddlers Group

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



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

Our new autumn term resumes on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September -hope to see you there!

God Bless

*Trinity Tots Team*

## Fellowship Café at Holy Trinity



**Every Thursday  
10.30am – 12.30pm**

After a refreshing “summer” break ( we use the term loosely ) we will re-open our doors on **Thursday September 7<sup>th</sup>**.

We are overjoyed to welcome new members to our team: the return of Joanne and Terry Shimmon along with ‘newbies’ Joanne and Graeme Hunter. Please be gentle with them!!!!

Everyone is welcome to our café and we look forward to seeing, once again, all the familiar faces whom we have missed over the break. We would love to see many more people visit us, especially those within our church family and their friends

We are not a typical business type café in as much as we don’t have luxury coffee making machines and expensive menus. **ALL** we have to offer is: a warm welcome, a safe place, great home-baked or locally purchased food, unlimited tea/coffee/cold drinks, comfy seating areas, a quiet area, and amazing craic. We don’t charge for our refreshments, instead we offer visitors the opportunity to donate or to simply accept it as a gift from us. Any profits we make are passed to local, national and international worthy causes. To date we have helped over 75 different worthy causes with over £25,000. See you on the 7<sup>th</sup>.

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.

## September Magazine Samaritans Purse Christmas Boxes

### - Operation Christmas Child.



DEAR FRIEND,

We give God the glory as we celebrate a historic Operation Christmas Child milestone: 200 million shoebox gifts packed since 1993. I am thankful to God for all the boys and girls around the world who have had an opportunity to hear the Good News that “whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved” (Romans 10:13).

Every shoebox prayerfully packed in Jesus’ Name is special. We have seen time and time again how God places just the right gift into the hands of a specific child. This gift is a tangible expression of God’s love for a child in desperate need.

God is using Operation Christmas Child and our discipleship programme, The Greatest Journey, to open doors for the Gospel in places where people have never heard about Jesus. As boys and girls receive Jesus as their Saviour, many begin sharing their faith with family and friends. Their witness is transforming entire villages and leading to new churches being started.

Thank you for your prayers and your service. We couldn’t do this project without you. May God bless you.

Sincerely,

Franklin Graham President, Samaritan’s Purse

**Please take a box and fill it and return it before 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023.**



### TOYS

A football and pump, cuddly toys, dolls, toy cars, small musical instruments, yo-yos, skipping ropes, balls, small puzzles etc.



## SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Pens, pencils & sharpeners, crayons or felt pens, stamps & ink pad sets, writing pads or notebooks, solar calculators, colouring & picture books etc.



## HYGIENE ITEMS

Toothbrush, bars of wrapped soap, comb or hairbrush, flannel.



## OTHER ITEMS

Hat, gloves, scarf, sunglasses, cap, socks, T-shirt, flip-flops, hair accessories, jewellery set, watch, wind-up torch etc.



## DO NOT INCLUDE

**Toothpaste, sweets, lotions and liquids;** used or damaged items; war-related items; seeds, gum, chocolate or food items; religious or political literature; medicines, aerosol cans, sharp or fragile items.

Items packed from this list will be removed from shoeboxes.

## Fields of Life



### Could you Volunteer with Fields of Life?

1. We are currently in the process of opening a new charity shop in Ballyhackamore, East Belfast (where Corries Butchers use to be and beside Pizza Express / Café Nero.) We would love to have as many of the Fields of Life family from Holy Trinity Woodburn either pop in to say hi, support us in prayer in this new venture or if anyone has the time and interested, to maybe give a few hours a week and volunteer in the shop.
2. Secondly, we would love to have 2 interns join the Fields of Life office for the year ahead. This is an opportunity for someone to gain a minimum of 6 months experience working within an international charity, while at the same time being able to make a positive impact on children and young people in the areas we serve.
3. Finally, we are always looking for people who passionate about our projects in East Africa, and those we serve, and so would love for anyone that is interested in getting involved as a church speaker / representative on behalf of Fields of Life to get in touch.



Celebrating  
**30**  
YEARS

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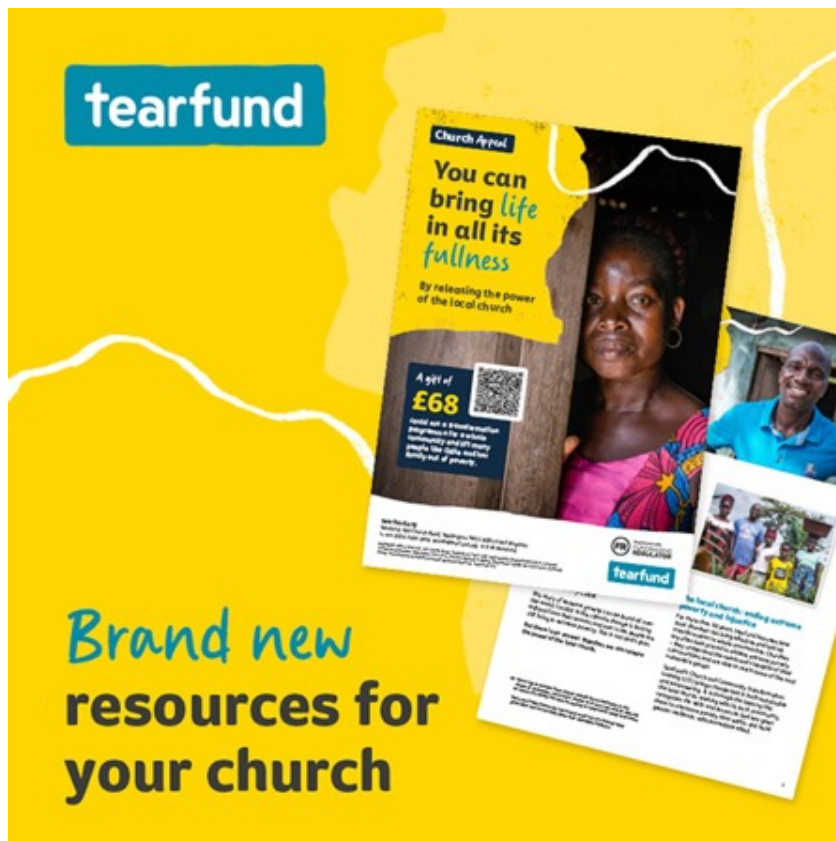
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## Tearfund



## Crosslinks



**Please remember our link missionaries in your prayers**

***Drew Buchanan MBE***  
Honourable Treasurer

## **Carrickfergus Child Care Centre**



**Could you spare a few hours a month to  
assist us on**

**Wednesday 2.30pm – 4.30pm**

**Thursday 4pm – 6pm**

**Saturday 10am -12pm or 1pm – 3pm**

**For more information, informal chat or  
application form, please drop in or email**

**[contact@carrickccc.co.uk](mailto:contact@carrickccc.co.uk)**



**Child  
Contact  
Centre**

Carrickfergus & Larne

Are you looking for a meaningful way to give back to the community? Could you spare a few hours a month to make a difference in the lives of children and families in need? If so, we would love to hear from you! 😊 Carrickfergus Centre, located at 13 West Street, is in need of compassionate individuals who can offer their time and support. By volunteering with them, you'll have the opportunity to positively impact children's lives and help create a safe and nurturing environment for their growth.

No special qualifications are required – all you need is a kind heart and a willingness to make a positive impact. Whether you're a student, a retiree, or anyone with a few free hours each month, your contribution will be invaluable!

If you're interested in becoming a volunteer, or if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to Carrickfergus and Larne Child Contact Centre. You drop by the centre or simply send them a message on facebook. They would be more than happy to have a chat with you and provide all the information you need.

Let's work together to make a difference in the lives of children and families in Carrickfergus! 🌈

I would like to thank you in advance, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Kindest regards

**Emma Barclay**  
*Interim Manager*

## Select Vestry

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

Marjory Edgar: [secretary@holytrinitycarrick.org.uk](mailto:secretary@holytrinitycarrick.org.uk)

Drew Buchanan: [treasurer@holytrinitycarrick.org.uk](mailto:treasurer@holytrinitycarrick.org.uk)

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

**Marjory Edgar**  
Hon Secretary

## 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		8 <sup>th</sup> Oct
2		15 <sup>th</sup> Oct
3	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sept	22 <sup>nd</sup> Oct
4	10 <sup>th</sup> Sept	29 <sup>th</sup> Oct
5	17 <sup>th</sup> Sept	5 <sup>th</sup> Nov
6	24 <sup>th</sup> Sept	12 <sup>th</sup> Nov
7	1 <sup>st</sup> Oct	19 <sup>th</sup> Nov

***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		12 <sup>th</sup> Nov
Jack Blair Hazel Blair		19 <sup>th</sup> Nov
Liz Adair Janis Gibson		26 <sup>th</sup> Nov
Maureen Lunn Adrienne Tasker		3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec
Eva Dunn Eleanor Steele	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sept	10 <sup>th</sup> Dec
Sharon McNeill Alison Moffett	10 <sup>th</sup> Sept	17 <sup>th</sup> Dec
Helen McQuitty Libby Todd	17 <sup>th</sup> Sept	24 <sup>th</sup> Dec
Arlene Macartney Wenda Gray	24 <sup>th</sup> Sept	31 <sup>st</sup> Dec
Ann Calvert Lorraine Hagan	1 <sup>st</sup> Oct	7 <sup>th</sup> Jan 24
Joanne Hunter Laura Kerr	8 <sup>th</sup> Oct	14 <sup>th</sup> Jan
Yvonne Best Jennifer Hamilton Gwen Wilson	15 <sup>th</sup> Oct	21 <sup>st</sup> Jan
Kel McDermott Maurice Langley	22 <sup>nd</sup> Oct	28 <sup>th</sup> Jan
Donna Harrison Sue Majury	29 <sup>th</sup> Oct	4 <sup>th</sup> Feb
Elaine Wright Joan Cummings	5 <sup>th</sup> Nov	11 <sup>th</sup> Feb

***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	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sept	1 <sup>st</sup> Oct	5 <sup>th</sup> Nov	3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec
2	10 <sup>th</sup> Sept	8 <sup>th</sup> Oct	12 <sup>th</sup> Nov	10 <sup>th</sup> Dec
3	17 <sup>th</sup> Sept	15 <sup>th</sup> Oct	19 <sup>th</sup> Nov	17 <sup>th</sup> Dec
4	24 <sup>th</sup> Sept	22 <sup>nd</sup> Oct	26 <sup>th</sup> Nov	24 <sup>th</sup> Dec
5		29 <sup>th</sup> Oct		31 <sup>st</sup> Dec



**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 –Sept 2023



3 <sup>rd</sup> Sept	Laura Kerr	Ann Langley
10 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Carolynne Lafferty	Gemma Fittis
17 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Lauren Baird	Amy Moffett
24 <sup>th</sup> Sept	NO CRECHE - Family Service	

Many thanks,  
***Laura Kerr***

# Uplift



Thank you for supporting the local arts.

*The Uplift Team*

# East Antrim Battalion Heritage Society



Sing-a-long with Third Carrickfergus Band

**It's Beginning to  
Sound A Lot  
Like Christmas**

**Christmas Carol Concert**

**TICKETS £10 | REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED**

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**Friday 1st December 2023**  
**Holy Trinity Church**  
Prospect Road, Carrickfergus

**DOORS 7PM | START 7.30PM**

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 In aid of  
**East Antrim Battalion  
Heritage Society**  
Registered with the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland NIC109612 

# Sunday Services

Date	Reading Number	Reader	Title & Prayer Leader	Book	Chapter & Verses
3rd September 2023	1st Reading	Terry Shimmon	<b>HC</b> <b>Eliashib - Who put God First</b>	Nemehiah	Chapter 1 verses 1 - 11
	2nd Reading	Rev Alan McCann	Prayers Maurice Langley	Nemehiah	Chapter 3 verses 1 - 5
10th September 2023	1st Reading	Colin McIlwaine	<b>MP</b> <b>Adonijah - coronation</b> <b>guest run away</b>	Jeremiah	Chapter 36 verses 1 - 8
	2nd Reading	Andrew Hanley	Prayers Rev Alan McCann	Jeremiah	Chapter 36 verses 20 - 26
17th September 2023	1st Reading	Lorraine Ross	<b>Service of the Word</b>	1 Kings	Chapter 1 verses 45 - 50
	2nd Reading	Gail Doherty	Prayers Daniel Lafferty	1 Kings	Chapter 1 verses 51 - 53
24th September 2023	_____	_____	<b>Family Service</b> <b>Armour of God</b>	_____	_____
	_____	_____	Prayers Yvonne Best	_____	_____

*Colin McIlwaine*