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

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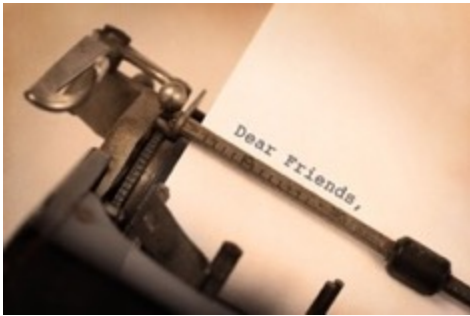
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Letter to Parishioners

Reading: Psalm 46.10



To those in Christ Jesus at Holy Trinity Woodburn,

I am writing this letter on the 2nd July 2024 for the September 2024 magazine (DV). It seems strange to be writing such a letter almost two months before it will be read. Just

last night I emailed the sermon series readings for September till December to all who need them to choose readers, select the worship songs and hymns and for the poster which goes up in the foyer. We all plan ahead at times. Usually for holidays, meal planners, school timetables and social events. No doubt somewhere in all of this work gets scheduled in as well. Let me ask you one question: Do you plan your time with God? It is so easy for time with God in His word, prayer and fellowship with other believers to be squeezed out by our busy lives. God often gets the left overs and we end up with a deep sense of guilt.

Take a moment now and sit in a quiet place. Open your Bible at the verse above. Read it slowly and read it a second time. Now read it a third time, slowly. Did you take in what it says? Look at the latter part of the verse: “and know that I am God.” Now look at the opening part of the verse: “Be still...” Did you catch that? We are commanded by God to be still in order that we might know that He is God. It is not an option or maybe a suggestion but a command. We are commanded to “be still” and the outcome of “being still” will be that we will know that He is God. God wants us to know Him, why else would He send His Son? He wants us to know Him personally and not just as some distant figment of imagination or religious teaching. No, He wants us to still our hearts, to come aside from the busy noisy world we inhabit and to know that He is God. Why? The answer is found in His Word - because He loves us and created us to be in a relationship with Him.

John 3.16, probably the most well known verse in the Bible tells us four things. I am not going to tell you those four things but here are four questions to help you figure them out:

How does God feel about me?

What has God done for me?

What does God want from me?

What will be His response to this?

If you cannot get the answers then come and ask me. I will gladly share the answers with you. Why would I not give you the answers in this letter? Surely, I am failing as a pastor to teach you if I do not give you the answers. Actually, the opposite is true. I am failing you as a pastor if I give you the answers. You see, in order to find the answers to those four questions you have to stop what you are doing. You have to open your Bible at John 3.16, read it, think about the questions and formulate the answers. What you have down is to “be still and know God.”

You have obeyed the command of Psalm 46.10. It wasn't that difficult and I pray it has blessed you as you did so. Now you know how easy it is to obey this command the challenge is to obey it each day. Take time each day to be still and know God. There are lots of wonderful daily bible notes to help you do just that. Look online at thegoodbook.co.uk - they have really good bible based daily readings for all ages and abilities. I personally use Explore. An alternative is Truth for Life Daily Devotions (365 bible readings), it is about £15 on Amazon and that is for a year's readings. There are two volumes and I can recommend both. There are other devotional books out there but my only advice is make sure it is Biblical, that is based on the text of Scripture, and not just the writers thoughts.

So, the challenge for us all as we begins a new terms work is that we be still and know that He is God. Let us not allow the work of Holy Trinity

take us away from being still and knowing God. Our primary relationship is with God. He has provided a way for us to know Him in and through the life, death, resurrection and ascension of his only son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. In John 3.16 He has told us how we can know Him and in Psalm 46.10 He has commanded us to be still and to know He is God. What else do we need to do but to obey?

God bless
Rev Dr Alan McCann

Access NI Registration

AccessNI registration will be first Wednesday 28th August 7-8pm. All leaders need to go to the church of Ireland website and complete the Northern Ireland Safeguarding Trust form PRIOR to bringing it with the appropriate ID that evening for me to sign and send off for them to be AccessNI checked. This is a legal requirement every three years and the last check was September 2021.

Rev Dr Alan McCann

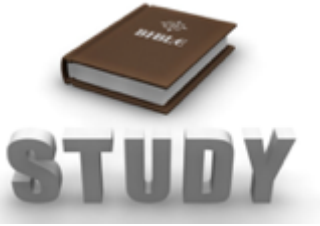
8th Carrickfergus Boys Brigade



BB registration is at 7pm on the first Monday 2nd September with start date Monday 9th September. Anchor Boys meet at 6.00pm till 7.00pm each week. Junior and Company Section meet 7.00pm-8.30pm each week.

Rev Dr Alan McCann

Alan's Bible Study & Prayer Time



Bible Study resumes on Wednesday 4th September 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 I hope you have not forgotten about the support work Church

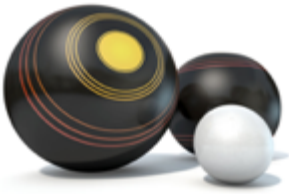
Missionary Society Ireland is involved with in

Africa. We are much blessed in that most of us have been enjoying holidays, get away days and treats this summer. But now more than ever, our brothers and sisters in third world countries are struggling to survive. Hence the Church is needed as much as ever to provide help. So we still need those stamps, which provide a small, but important, means of support. You will find the stamp box on the table in the entrance foyer. (Don't forget to leave a paper margin around the stamp)

Thanks again, every stamp helps.

Yvonne Best

Holy Trinity Bowls Fellowship



Your Invitation to join us

Where do we meet: Holy Trinity Church – Prospect Road

When: Every Thursday - 7.30 pm

Why should you come??

Our emphasis is on - FRIENDLINESS

Do we play league matches ? - No

No pressure to play matches at home or away

Never played before? - We will show you how

No bowls? - No Problem – we have some

Age Limit? - Yes - Over 18 please (except – see below)

(15-17 – must be accompanied by a parent at all times)

Ask for - Vic or Jack (when you arrive)

Interested? We resume on Thursday 5th Sept at 7.30pm

God bless

Vic Wooton

Holy Trinity Girls' Brigade



GB is back!

We are delighted to share that we will be back for a new session for 2024/25!

Our Annual Registration evening will be held on Tuesday 3rd September 2024 from 6.30pm-7.30pm, and you will be made very welcome!

Please pray that existing members of GB will return and that we will also welcome some new faces too! If you have any queries please don't hesitate to contact me using the number on the front cover.

Holy Trinity Woodburn
Girls' Brigade

JOIN US

ARE YOU 3 years old+?
DO YOU ENJOY...

Bible Stories

Fun & Games

Singing Songs

Arts & Crafts

Memory Verses

Learn about JESUS

Come along & Register!
Tuesday 3rd September 2024- 6.30pm
Holy Trinity Woodburn, Carrickfergus

Thank-you all
Hannah

LIGHT (Sunday School)



Hello,
Light registration will take place on Sunday 1st September. Please ensure as parent/guardian you complete the form (front & back), sign & date & give to a Light leader on the day if possible.

However, you can complete one on 8th September if you're not in church on the 1st.

We are looking forward to welcoming your children (P2 to P7) back AND any children starting P1 September 2024. Our first class will be Sunday 8th Sept, during the service.

Thank you for your continued support.

Chrissi McDermott & the team.

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 27th October 2024.



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.

Any **scrap metal** such as; kitchen utensils, car parts, unwanted trampolines, garden gates, tools of any kind, central heating boilers, etc, etc, collected and redeemed for cash, proceeds to **Crosslinks Missionary Society**.

Contact : Lynn Rodgers, 07970974604.

Christians Against Poverty



Carrick Vineyard Church has partnered with charity Christians Against Poverty (CAP) to provide expert financial education in the local community.

Money Coach, Gina Adams who will be leading the new course, says, ‘With the soaring cost of living over the last few years, we’ve seen how important it is that people know how to successfully manage their money, whatever their income. It’s vital that we know how to balance what we have, save for emergencies and stay out of debt.

Our money coaching course is here to equip people in Carrickfergus to do that. We'll look at things like building and balancing a household budget, prioritising spending and keeping our finances stable into the future.

‘Money coaching isn't just about getting to grips with money practically – it's about helping people find the freedom that comes with being in control of their finances. It can impact mental health, physical health, relationships, work life and self-belief.

‘Plus, there's an amazing sense of achievement when you reach a goal, like finally being able to buy something you've been saving up for. Managing money well can be so rewarding!’

Gina adds, ‘The course is completely free and will run over four weeks at Carrickfergus Vineyard Church. There's something for everyone to learn – from those who have never used a budget before to those who simply want to re-evaluate their financial situation. All are welcome!’

Money coaching will start on Tuesday 6 February at 7:30pm for 4 weekly sessions. Sign up at <https://capuk.org/get-help/get-to-grips-with-your-finances?step-two=show&find=money-course&postcode=BT38+8QB>

Session dates

Tuesday 6 February 2024 at 7:30pm

Tuesday 13 February 2024 at 7:30pm

Tuesday 20 February 2024 at 7:30pm

Tuesday 27 February 2024 at 7:30pm

29 Lancasterian Street
Carrickfergus
Bt38 7AB

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

Fields of Life

Thanks to your support, Fields of Life have been training communities on how to set up village savings groups. These microfinance groups allow members to access small loans which help them to break the cycle of poverty, provide for their families and expand their businesses.

Seven communities in Kole District, Northern Uganda, recently completed this training and are now reaping the benefits.



Esther, a mother of three boys and three girls, shared with us how she is now able to support her children's education.

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“I get money seasonally from harvesting and selling the crops I have grown, but sometimes a school term begins when I do not have any money to pay for my children’s school fees.

Before the savings group started, it was challenging to meet the needs of my children at the start of each new school term. However, once I joined the group, I started saving and I have now saved for six months in advance. **I was able to take a loan last term to pay the school fees that were due for my six children. Because of this, they were not sent away from school.**

I am happy and my plan is to continue saving. I am even hoping to buy chickens, which will help sustain our family.”



Deborah from Obubu also shared how she used a loan from her savings group to start another business to supplement her income from farming.

“I used to rely only on farming, which is seasonal. Sometimes crops would yield less due to bad weather. I did not have an income source that would help support me on a day-to-day basis.

After saving for some time in my savings group, I took a loan, and **I was able to start a business selling snacks.** I run it in the afternoon and evening after working in my garden.

This has really helped with supporting our family. We can buy soap and medicine, among covering other needs. I encourage my fellow women to join the saving groups so that they too will be able to begin their businesses and thrive.”

Trinity Tots - Toddlers Group



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

We are looking forward to restarting our group for babies, toddlers and their carers at 10.00-11.30 on Thursday 12th September.
Please join us for play, singing, snacks and craft.

God Bless

Liz, Carolynne, Sandra and Claire

Young At Heart



Hello everyone, we hope you have all enjoyed the summer break and are looking forward to joining us on the first Monday of each month at 11.00 for fellowship and a cuppa. We have planned a varied of speakers and activities. Our first

meeting will be on Monday 2nd September. Please feel free to join us, you will be assured of a warm welcome.

God Bless

Yvonne and her team

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.

Fellowship Café at Holy Trinity



Every Thursday
10.30am – 12.30pm

WE'RE BACK!!!!

After being totally relaxed and refreshed during the glorious summer (It was Tuesday a couple of weeks ago between 11am and 1pm!!!!)

We re-open on Thursday 5th September so please call in, anytime between 10.30am and 12.30pm, for good food, unlimited tea/coffee/juice and great craic, all in a safe and friendly environment....AND it's all free, unless you choose to donate.

All our profits are passed to local, national and international worthy causes.

To date we have donated £28,800 to 90 organisations and worthy causes.

If you've never visited us then please use this opportunity to call in, any Thursday morning and walk with us on this incredible path along which God is guiding us.

Please don't be put off because it's too noisy. Yes, our main room does get noisy but we have separate areas for that quiet cuppa or to relax and read a book.

Please, also, don't think it's just for ladies, we have many guys visit us, plus we have men in our team

just ready to sit and chat with you.

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

Creche Rota –September 2024



1 st Sept	Helen Fittis	Gemma Fittis
8 th Sept	Lorraine Ross	Maureen Lunn
15 th Sept	Laura Kerr	Joanne Hunter
22 nd Sept	NO CRECHE FAMILY SERVICE	
29 th Sept	Carolynne Lafferty	Lauren Baird

Many thanks,
Laura Kerr

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.

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		22 nd Sept
2		29 th Sept
3		6 th Oct
4		13 th Oct
5	1 st Sept	20 th Oct
6	8 th Sept	27 th Oct
7	15 th Sept	3 rd Nov

Karen Buchanan

Welcome Team Rota

Teams	Dates	
Jenny Wightman Karen Buchanan	1 st Sept	8 th Dec
Jack Blair Hazel Blair	8 th Sept	15 th Dec
Liz Adair Janis Gibson	15 th Sept	22 nd Dec
Maureen Lunn Adrienne Tasker	22 nd Sept	29 th Dec
Eva Dunn Eleanor Steele	29 th Sept	5 th Jan 2025
Sharon McNeill Alison Moffett	6 th Oct	12 th Jan
Libby Todd Marjory Edgar	13 th Oct	19 th Jan
Arlene Macartney Wenda Gray	20 th Oct	26 th Jan
Ann Calvert Lorraine Hagan	27 th Oct	2 nd Feb
Joanne Hunter Laura Kerr	3 rd Nov	9 th Feb
Yvonne Best Jennifer Hamilton Gwen Wilson	10 th Nov	16 th Feb
Kel McDermott Maurice Langley	17 th Nov	23 rd Feb
Donna Harrison Sue Majury	24 th Nov	2 nd Mar
Elaine Wright Joan Cummings	1 st Dec	9 th Mar

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	Phil Moody	Bert Macartney	Richard Hambleson	
Peter Moffett		Maurice Langley		

Team	Dates			
1	1 st Sept	6 th Oct	3 rd Nov	1 st Dec
2	8 th Sept	13 th Oct	10 th Nov	8 th Dec
3	15 th Sept	20 th Oct	17 th Nov	15 th Dec
4	22 nd Sept	27 th Oct	24 th Nov	22 nd Dec
5	29 th Sept			29 th 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

Uplift



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AND THE
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Music by Alan Menken
Lyrics by Howard Ashman & Tim Rice
Book by Linda Woolverton

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2.30pm & 7.30pm
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The Uplift Team

Sunday Services

Date	Reading Number	Reader	Title & Prayer Leader	Book	Chapter & Verses
1st September 2024	1st Reading	Wenda Grey	HC	1 Thessalonians	Chapter 1 verses 1 - 6
	2nd Reading	Rev Alan McCann	Prayers Janis Gibson	John	Chapter 17 verses 6 - 11
8th September 2024	1st Reading	Emily Hanley	Service of the Word	1 Thessalonians	Chapter 1 verses 7 - 10
	2nd Reading	Alison Moffett	Prayers Rev Alan McCann	Matthew	Chapter 25 verses 31 - 40
15th September 2024	1st Reading	David Sprott	MP	1 Thessalonians	Chapter 2 verses 1 - 12
	2nd Reading	Hannah Hulme	Prayers Maurice Langley	Matthew	Chapter 12 verses 33 - 37
22nd September 2024	_____	_____	Family Service	_____	_____
	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
29th September 2024	1st Reading	Jenna Macartney	Service of the Word	1 Thessalonians	Chapter 2 verses 13 - 20
	2nd Reading	Charlie Killow	Prayers Drew Buchanan	2 Timothy	Chapter 3 verses 10 - 17

Colin McIlwaine