Holy Trinity Church

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Letter to Parishioners

Acts 2 verses 1-13



Dear Friends,
on Sunday 24th May we will celebrate Pentecost Sunday. The 50th day after the Resurrection of Jesus. It is often referred to as the birth day of the Church. I will not get in to the theological arguments that the Church exited before this date. However, it is a significant day in the life of the early Church and continues to be a significant day in the life of the Church today.

Let us look at the text above. It begins in verse 1 by telling us the time, the place and the coming of the Holy Spirit. Simple factual statements.

Then verses 2-11 we find a Church that is worshipping the Lord at the moment that the Holy Spirit comes. Verses 2-3 state this. We know from the Old Testament and the Gospels that the Holy Spirit was active in the world but Pentecost marks two fundamental changes:

The Holy Spirit would dwell ***in them*** and not just ***on them.*** Take a moment and read that again.
The presence of the Holy Spirit would be ***permanent*** and ***not temporary.*** Please read that again. Fulfilling the promise of John 14 verses 16-17.

We then have recorded three phenomena:

A Sound - ***like*** that of a violent wind blowing. Note it was not a wind but sounded like a wind. It came from above, supernatural in origin symbolising the power of God.

A Sight - tongues of fire. Once again if you read the text closely it tells us that they seemed like tongues of fire. This was an Old Testament sign of the presence of God. It separated and rested on each of them. This signified the individual and personal nature of the filling of the Holy Spirit. It also symbolised purity and cleansing (Isaiah 6 verses 6-7}).

A Strange Speech - they spoke in other languages. This part of the Day of Pentecost provokes more friction and factions in the Church than any other even of the Day. Once again can I ask you to read the text closely. Set aside your own thoughts or what you have been taught over the years. Read the text. We read that those who were present understood the disciples in their own language - verse 8. We are then given a list of the areas that people were from.

If you have a moment open your Bible at Genesis 11. What is happening here in Acts 2 is the reversal of the curse of Babel in Genesis 11. Genesis 11 God confused the languages of man and scattered them. Acts 2 God enables them to hear in their own language. Genesis 11 man was praise and it was an act of rebellion. Acts 2 God is praised and it is an act of submission.

Acts 2 verses 11 then tells us the purpose of them hearing in their own language. The assembled crowd hears the wonders of God being proclaimed. From this Peter goes on to preach and 3000 people come to believe on the Lord Jesus Christ for salvation.

The crowd had been drawn by the sound of what appeared to be a mighty wind. They heard in their own language of the wonders of God. Peter preaches and the Holy Spirit applies the Word of God and 3000 are saved. Could it be so today? God the same be true today?

God has not changed! The Holy Spirit still takes the word of God and applies it to the lives of people that they might come to know Christ and be saved. The Holy Spirit comes to us as individuals. He comes personally to lead us to Christ who leads us to the Father. The Holy Spirit applies the finished work of Calvary to our lives in order that we might be saved.

The Holy Spirit then empowers us for witness and service for the sake of the Gospel. When Peter and the other disciples are filled with the Holy Spirit their first action was to witness to the wonders of God, namely the Cross. They did not draw attention to themselves nor did they start ranking their gifts and comparing them to others. They did not use the indwelling of the Holy Spirit as some means of measuring how spiritual they were. Instead they witnessed to the Lord Jesus Christ and the wonderful work of salvation. So as we approach another Pentecost Sunday may we be open to being filled afresh with the Holy Spirit and may be emboldened and empowered to share the good news of Jesus.

I pray that we too might know the Holy Spirit working in and through us here at Holy Trinity. I pray that we too may see God move in many people's lives and that they come to a personal saving faith as we bear testimony to Christ.

God bless

Rev Dr Alan McCann

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.

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

Alan's Bible Study & Prayer Time



Bible Studies continues on Wednesday's.
Lunchtime Bible Study - We will be resuming our study in the Book of Psalms.
Evening Bible study - We begin a new series of studies - beginning with the Apostles Creed. Knowing what we confess is important - so plan to come along and learn together.

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
7.00pm-7.30pm - Prayer Time - Kerr Room
7.30pm-8.30pm - Bible Study

Everyone will be very welcome.
God bless
Rev Dr Alan McCann

Young At Heart

Our outing to Colman's garden centre is on Monday 18th May. The bus will be leaving the church car park at 11.00 so please be on time and seated on bus to allow us to leave promptly. There are a few seats left on the bus so if you would like to join us please speak to Elaine Grey. The cost is £10 and then you are free to buy lunch or just enjoy a cuppa and some retail therapy. We will return to church carpark at about 2.30.
Looking forward to a good day out.

Yvonne and her team

Trinity Tots - Toddlers Group



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

If you and your little ones are looking for some fun and fellowship please join us on Thursday mornings, 10.00-11.30am.
We play, have snacks, craft activities, singing and finish off with our bubble machines. You will be assured of a warm welcome.

God Bless
Trinity Tots 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

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

Select Vestry

If anyone wants an item raised at the Select Vestry please contact:
Elaine Wright : secretary@holytrinitycarrick.org.uk
Drew Buchanan: treasurer@holytrinitycarrick.org.uk
or any member of SV. This includes booking the church hall for any events.

Hon Secretary

Holiday Bible Club



The dates for this year are 20th-24th July. We need the following……

1. Helpers. Would you be willing and available to help out in this vital children's outreach work? You can do anything from sitting with the children, helping with craft, or taking part in the meeting itself . You tell us what you are comfortable with and we will accommodate you. And every job is important.

2. Children. Have you any Primary School age children in your family or in your street. Can you spread the word around?

3. Prayer. Nothing of spiritual value can be achieved without God at the helm. Perhaps you cannot help with the other 2 points but can I appeal to the congregation to lift us up in prayer, both before and during our week.

God bless
Yvonne Best

Holy Trinity Fundraising Event



Keep shining.

Karen H & the Trinity 'Fun-raising' Team

Scrap to Money to Crosslinks

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.

Update on the Children's Outreach Mission (C.O.M.)

Tabora, Tanzania.

As we live in a fallen and troubled world, our hope in our risen Saviour is what the world needs. No matter how dark our world seems or how we despair at the news of a world at war, we know God will settle our arguments and disputes forever. Our challenge is to wait patiently with hopeful expectancy.
Elizabeth and her team continue to encourage the next generations in this hope when all will be made right. Many children continue to be taught Bible truths and practical faith.
On 28th December, 70 children attended a thanksgiving party where regular attendance through the year was acknowledged as 40 Good News Bibles were given out to older children, some in Swahili and some in English.



The Good News Clubs continue to meet at Elizabeth's house on Saturday and Sunday afternoons where numbers remain fairly constant between 38 and 59. Elizabeth, along with leaders Gerald,

Jairos, Betterson and Mkami (with baby Dereas) teach in age related classes.
Also, as previously, schools visits continued through January into March and April with weekly repeat visits to the same schools in the Tabora area.
However, several Secondary Schools, not previously visited, have requested Elizabeth and her team to come and teach.
The really encouraging aspect to this development is that it is the older youngsters who are asking for this teaching.
Cheyo Secondary School was visited in late February where 109 youngsters were taught in the open.



Other Secondary Schools include Mihayo, New Era, Unyanyembe and the Military School.
As part of Elizabeth's involvement with Scripture Union, she organised a teachers seminar in mid-February where 35 teachers attended, each receiving teaching aids and books from S.U. As mentioned previously, this is part of S.U.'s initiative to reach into all schools and Churches in the Tabora area with Christian teaching.
Elizabeth's reputation as a gifted preacher and teacher results in requests to express her gifts in Churches and other meetings. One such request came from a neighbouring village Church, where on the

22nd March, she preached as part of a Women's Day service. Several videos show a lively, animated and joyful worship.
As in past years, several families of children who attend the Good News Clubs have been identified as in need.
There are no welfare benefits in Tanzania, hence the high crime rate.
Nuru Ezekiel has 5 children, her husband having died 5 years ago, has no job and no income.



Nora Wilson has 3 children, her husband having left 6 years ago, has no income and can't pay the rent on her one room.
Amina and Sheban, a disabled Muslim man, have 4 children and no job or income.
£300 was sent in two instalments in January, to buy 100kg of maize and 20kg of rice for these and two other families. This will last approximately 3 months. I have assured Elizabeth of our willingness to help when needed.
Further to the financial response to news of Elizabeth's robbery last year, new sliding windows have been fitted at her house to replace the mesh screens which facilitated the break in. Progress on the installation of an Electronic Security System has stalled with objections from the neighbours.

I and Elizabeth and her team, thank God for the many dedicated supporters who have upheld this Bible Mission through prayers and contributions over the years. You have consciously facilitated Gods

ongoing work of Mission amongst children and young people in the Tabora area through your concern and generosity.

Thank you so much.

Lynn Rodgers
07970 974 604

LIGHT (Sunday School)

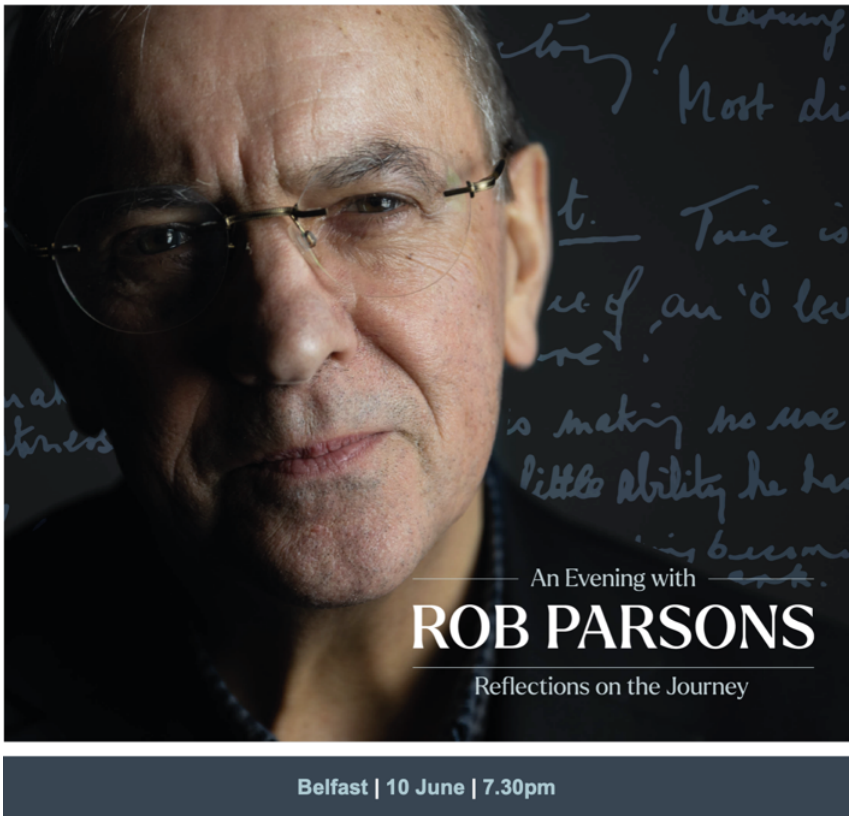
Hi everyone,
It's hard to believe we are nearing the end of another year of LIGHT. We have loved having your children/ grandchildren again this year & looking forward to welcoming any children starting P1 in September.

Our last class this year will be Sunday 14th June.

Just a heads up that prize giving this year for Light will be during the service, Sunday 21st June.

Thank-you for your continued support.
Chrissi & the team.

An Evening With Rob Parson



Hi Friend,
I'm so pleased to be bringing this popular event to BELFAST in a couple of months and I'd love for you to join me.
This event is something a little different.
It's a chance to journey with me through the moments that have shaped my life and are close to my heart.
Perhaps, like me, you've had people put expectations on you?
Struggled with fear of failure?
Or have been knocked back by disappointments?

My hope is that, during the event, you'll discover that we can all become more resilient to the obstacles we face and grow through the challenges of life.

I hope you will be able to join me.

Orangefield Presbyterian Church, Belfast.
Cost £6.

Rob

Men's Trip

Guys, regarding the proposed trip to the Ulster Aviation Society at the Maze, Lisburn. Due to heavy booking at the UAS this month, we are unable to attend. Therefore I propose to book a visit in May, possibly an evening rather that a Saturday afternoon. Feel free to talk to me with your thoughts.

Regards,
Vic

Craic and Craft

Following our short spring break, what a joy to be back amongst familiar faces, along with three new ones at our meeting on Thursday April 16th.
Lots of fun and craic was enjoyed decorating our trinket boxes.
During May, we will meet on Thursday 7th and Thursday 21st from 7pm – 9pm, when we will have our usual evening of 'bringing your own craft' as well as an organised craft for you to try.
There will, of course, be plenty of time for a cuppa and a chat.
If you've never been before, please come along for a great evening of crafting and craic. All for just £2.00.

God Bless.
Hazel, Donna and Anne

C.M.S Ireland Used Postage Stamps

Please continue to collect your used stamps and place them in my box on the church table. Don't be embarrassed if you have only a few stamps as we acknowledge that there is less post these days. Every stamp counts and brings in money towards projects that CMS are involved with in Africa.

Many thanks
Yvonne Best

Creche Rota –May 2026



3rd May	L Ross	J Hunter
10th May	H. Fittis	L. Kerr
17th May	G. Fittis	M. Lunn
24th May	NO CRECHE FAMILY SERVICE	
31st May	A. Langley	L. Kerr

Many thanks,
Laura Kerr

Tea & Coffee Rota

Team	Team Members			
1	Ann Calvert	Tracey Bowden	Joanne Hunter	
2	Arlene Macartney	Marilyn Hulme		
3	Lorraine Hagan	John Doherty	Gail Doherty	
4	Yvonne Best	Jennifer Hamilton		
5	Wenda Gray	Sue Majury	Eva Dunn	
6	Kel McDermott	Drew Buchanan	Karen Buchanan	
7	Lorraine Ross	Maureen Lunn	Adrienne Tasker	Maureen Jackson

Team	Dates				
1		10th May	28th Jun	18th Oct	6th Dec
2		17th May	6th Sept	25th Oct	13th Dec
3		24th May	13th Sept	1st Nov	20th Dec
4		31st May	20th Sept	8th Nov	27th Dec
5		7th Jun	27th Sept	15th Nov	3rd Jan 27
6	26th Apr	14th Jun	4th Oct	22nd Nov	10th Jan 27
7	3rd May	21st Jun	11th Oct	29th Nov	17th Jan 27

Karen Buchanan
Hon Secretary

Welcome Team Rota

Teams	Dates		
Jack Blair Hazel Blair		14th Jun	22nd Nov
Karen Buchanan Jenny Wightman		21st Jun	29th Nov
Liz Adair Janis Gibson		28th Jun	6th Dec
Maureen Lunn Adrienne Tasker Maureen Jackson		6th Sept	13th Dec
Karen Buchanan Drew Buchanan		13th Sept	20th Dec
Sharon McNeill Alison Moffett		20th Sept	27th Dec
Kel McDermott Maurice Langley		27th Sept	3rd Jan 27
Libby Todd Marjory Edgar	26th Apr	4th Oct	10th Jan 27
Ann Calvert Lorraine Hagan	3rd May	11th Oct	17th Jan 27
Yvonne Best Jennifer Hamilton	10th May	28th Oct	24th Jan 27
Joanne Hunter Laura Kerr	17th May	25th Oct	31st Jan 27
Arlene Macartney Wenda Gray	24th May	1st Nov	7th Feb 27
Donna Harrison Sue Majury	31st May	8th Nov	14th Feb 27
Elaine Wright Joan Cummings Linda Purvis	7th Jun	15th Nov	21st Feb 27

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 Hambleton	
Peter Moffett		Maurice Langley		

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5	31st May			



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

Sunday Services

Date	Reading Number	Reader	Title & Prayer Leader	Book	Chapter & Verses
3rd May 2026	1st Reading	Helen Annesley	**Holy Communion Peter the Fisherman**	Psalm	Psalm 31 verses 1 - 5
	2nd Reading	Rev Dr Alan McCann	Prayers Libby Todd	Luke	Chapter 5 verses 1 - 11
10th May 2026	1st Reading	Terry Shimmon	**Service of the Word Peter - Loyal Despair**	Job	Chapter 14 verses 7 - 15
	2nd Reading	David Sprott	Prayers Rev Dr Alan McCann	John	Chapter 6 verses 52 - 71
17th May 2026	1st Reading	Hannah Hulme	**Morning Prayer Peter - Walking on Water**	Psalm	Psalm 68 verses 1 - 19
	2nd Reading	Chrissi McDermott	Prayers Maurice Langley	Matthew	Chapter 14 verses 22 - 33
24th May 2026	_____	_____	**Family Service**	_____	_____
31st May 2026	1st Reading	Charlie Killow	**Trinity Sunday Service of the Word**	Isaiah	Chapter 40 verses 12 - 17
	2nd Reading	Lorraine Ross	Prayers Jack Blair	Matthew	Chapter 28 verses 16 - 20

Colin McIlwaine